



# White River Township Fire Department

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Dear White River Township Citizen,

The White River Township Fire Department recently completed construction on a new fire station at State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road. This fire station will replace a fire station built in 1956 located at 1086 S. Runyon Road. The construction of this station is one component of a large strategic plan designed by the Senior Staff of the fire department intended to address the tremendous growth in this community.

There were several reasons to replace the station on Runyon Road with a new fire station. Since the station's original construction in 1956, it has undergone several major remodel projects. Despite the remodeling and routine maintenance, maintenance costs have continued to rise. The department and the community have outgrown the original fire station. We have four personnel stationed at that station 24 hours per day. Each year we realize the need to add additional personnel on duty to handle additional emergency calls. A new station will provide us with the living quarters to accommodate growth.

The final major reason for a new fire station is to place stations strategically throughout White River Township to best cover the needs of the community. A study was done to determine the best fire station locations for White River Township. This study used data from 2001-2003 to plot run responses. Using this data along with national response time standards, it was determined that we can best cover the entire community with fire stations located in the four corners of the township. The location at State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road fits into that model.

In summary here are the overall benefits of the new fire station:

- Reduced maintenance costs
- Room for future growth
- Improved emergency response coverage for the community
- Additional community and training facilities
- Better access to major roads

The people that live close to the old fire station on Runyon Road will continue to receive excellent fire protection from all three fire stations in White River Township. The primary response will be from Station 53 approximately 2 miles away at Smith Valley Road and State Road 37. We have a fire engine with a paramedic staffed in that fire station 24 hours per day. I am confident that the level of service will improve with the addition of this new fire station. If you have questions you are welcome to call me personally at our administrative offices.

Respectfully,

Chief Jeremy A. Pell  
White River Township Fire Department