

# New Fire Station Project

## Frequently Asked Questions



<p><b>Q. What is the New Fire Station Project?</b></p>	<p><b>A. The Fire Station Project is the construction of an updated facility located on Lewis Street. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2023. The project is meant to create a new building that allows safe and efficient operations of our Fire Department. This building is meant to solve issues found with the current facility during a Comprehensive Analysis on the Fire Department done in 2021.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. Why is a new Fire Station important/necessary?</b></p>	<p><b>A. In 2021 the current Fire Station was reviewed for its ability to meet the needs of the Fire Department with providing service to the public. It was found that the Fire Station was well overdue for improvements as problem areas included: overall building integrity, equipment storage, building layout, gear storage, and accommodations for firefighter wellness. This new Fire Station will not only address these issues but allow for future growth of the Fire Department.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. How will the new building resolve issues with the current Fire Station?</b></p>	<p><b>A. The new Fire Station will address all previously mentioned issues. Starting with an increased apparatus bay to adequately house all fire apparatus and proper equipment storage space. Improvements concerning wellness and growth are resolved with the creation of a decontamination area for firefighters returning from response calls and living spaces for future full-time firefighters. Other problems addressed are making the building compliant to code and ADA expectations along with implementing energy efficient practices within construction.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. What will happen to the existing building?</b></p>	<p><b>A. Depending on offers, the current building will either be sold or leased out to potential businesses or individuals.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. How will the project be financed?</b></p>	<p><b>A. A majority of financing for the project will be covered by the recent passing of the Omnibus appropriations package, totaling \$7 million from federal funding. Additional funds will be provided by the City of Platteville and the surrounding townships who will all gain from the upgraded services.</b></p>

<p><b>Q. How will the City pay for its contribution to the project?</b></p>	<p><b>A. The City will pay for its contribution through a combination of bond purchases, potential grants, and donations received for the new Fire Station.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. Why can't the new Fire Station be put at the Armory location?</b></p>	<p><b>A. The Armory location would provide both easy access to Water Street for response along with allowing much room for on-site training. Reasoning for the project not being located on Water Street is the list of cons. Which included space restraints on Apparatus bay and parking; potential challenges with pedestrian traffic; but most importantly no room for future growth.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. How will the new Fire Station's furnishings and equipment be paid for?</b></p>	<p><b>A. Similar to the contribution from the City, furnishing the new Fire Station will be paid for through primarily donations, grants, and bond purchases if necessary.</b></p> <p><b>If interested in making a donation, please contact Fire Chief Ryan Simmons at (608) 348-7826 or <a href="mailto:firechief@platteville.org">firechief@platteville.org</a>.</b></p>
<p><b>Q. What is the timeline for the project?</b></p>	<p><b>A. Construction of the new Fire Station is meant to be completed in Summer of 2024. The timeline expects several months with design development and construction documents. Followed by approximately a year of construction.</b></p>

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