

PROPOSED NEW STAFFORD FIRE DEPT. NO. 1



SINCE 1934 the Stafford Fire Dept. No. 1 has stood at 9 Colburn Road in Staffordville, CT serving the Stafford and Staffordville communities. Stafford is the 3rd largest town in the state covering a total of 58 square miles. In 1999, when the town closed the Stafford Springs Fire Department and added several square miles to our responsibilities, the Department teamed up with the

West Stafford FD to meet the needs of our community. Over the last 75 years, the town has grown immensely with a population now of 12,000. Each year technology advances and the department and its members strive to stay as educated as possible with the changes in tools and machinery, as well as with life saving and rescue standards. The current firehouse, although structurally sound, is extremely out-dated in terms of safety and function.

In addition to its primary role for fire prevention and safety our station has always been actively used as a community building as well as for meetings, birthdays, weddings, Bingo and fund raising events. The time has come to build a new firehouse in order to better serve our town and allow us to keep our friends, family and neighbors safe. Our new facility will benefit the entire community.

TOWN MEETING
Wednesday
July 23
7:00pm
Senior Center

REFERENDUM
Thursday
July 31
12 Noon - 8pm
Stafford Senior Center

VOTE YES • SUPPORT THE STAFFORD FIRE DEPT. NO. 1 • VOTE YES

- The station will be handicapped accessible, and ADA compliant.
- The meeting room will meet the needs of the community and fire department.
- The building makes a very serious commitment to facilitate ongoing training of the firefighters, including a mezzanine training wall & hatch that allow ladder evolutions, rappelling, emergency escape practice and confined space extrication. These exercises can mean the difference between life and death for residents

and firefighters.

- Proper office space is provided to meet mandated record keeping, operational planning and training preparation.
- The Fire Department makes an average of 600 calls per year. Every feature of the apparatus bay is configured to enhance response time.
- The apparatus bays are sized to meet current and future equipment needs, with adequate room for maintenance.
- Our present firehouse, located on

Colburn Road will be sold, with the revenue (approx. \$200,000) being turned back to the town.

- The new facility will be located at 273 East St., property currently owned by the department, which will then be given to the town. (approx. value of property is \$240,000).

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Chief Neil Sedlak at 684-4465 or Asst. Chief Rick Hartenstein at 684-9334.

Design and Construction Costs	\$4,305,000
Legal, financing & Administrative fees	\$295,000
TOTAL PROJECT	\$4,600,000

NOTE: The effect of this building is averaged out to 0.37 mils over a 20 year bond issue. The first year you would see the effect of the building is 2011 and the mil impact would be 0.14 mils. Year 2012 it would raise your tax bill 0.54 mils., declining steadily each year over the next 18 years. Keep in mind, the schools that were bonded in 1990 and 1991 will be dropping from the towns bond list, perhaps not affecting your own personal taxes at all.