



# VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

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From the Chief:

Why replace Station 4.....

Station 4 has outlived its' life expectancy.

The bays don't meet the standards of today's industry, and are too small for the apparatus of today. With that being said, it creates an issue for firefighter safety. Many pinch points as responders try and enter the station. Not enough, or in some cases, no room to safely walk around apparatus in front or back. There is limited space to get the apparatus safely back into the building. The current building is approximately 8800 square feet, going to a building concentrating on bay space to 15,000 square feet.

The new building will have isolated space for decontaminating gear from particulates as membership returns from a call. The gear is stored away from the living space, making the building safer for the membership.

The tax implications and what it cost you, as a tax payer. There is NO additional cost to the current, or future tax base to pay for this project. The Fire Department has built not only this project, but other key components to the infrastructure of the Fire Department into their 5/20-year capital plan, to include apparatus replacement, updates to other stations and preparing for the future. The cost of five dollars per hundred-thousand is already being built into the taxes, eventually getting to a point where the we can pay cash for all purchases. Saving the town tax payers close to three million dollars in the life of the plan.

We encourage anyone with questions, to please reach out to us. We will be having a Public Informational Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at the current Station 4, 3341 Vestal Pkwy E. Due to COVID restrictions we are only going to be able to allow 26 people to attend the meeting in person. We are also working on adding zoom to the meeting.

We have set up an email address for questions if you are unable to attend and /or just have questions in regards to the project. The email can be found on our Fire Department website. Any and all questions can be directed there. The email is [sta4replace@vestalfire.com](mailto:sta4replace@vestalfire.com).

The vote for the referendum will be January 25<sup>th</sup>, at Vestal Station 1 from Noon till 9.

I want to thank you for your time, and your continued support. The Vestal Fire Department offers a great service to the residents of the Town!! We are always looking for people to come out and help us. Is there fire in you?? Stop by your closest station on any given Monday night, and we would be happy to show you around.

Chief- Vestal Fire Department

John Paffie