

ERIE FPD ADDITION POSSIBLE WITH ILLINOIS FIRST GRANT



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The Erie Fire Protection District located in Erie, Illinois recently completed the construction of a new addition to their fire station. The 8400 sq. ft. addition and the remodeling of 1000 sq. ft. of the existing station was completed and an open house was held on April 24, 2005. The addition took several years of planning by members of the department and the board of trustees. The building was constructed by Phalen Steel of Mendota, Illinois. The new addition will better serve the needs of the district for the demands of today's fire and EMS service. The station upgrades include:

- Larger meeting room for training of firefighters and EMS personnel, public meetings.
- Office space for fire chiefs and ambulance directors & trustees
- Accommodations to make the fire station handicap accessible.
- Ambulance storage room
- Ambulance living quarters
- Locker room and shower
- 6 new truck bays
- Expanded communications room
- Larger kitchen

The project was financed by Old Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Erie. We also thank Illinois State Representative Mike Boland who secured an Illinois First grant of \$20,000 to get the project started. The total cost of the project was approximately \$ 853,000.

The Fire and Ambulance departments are very grateful to the residents of the district and community for their support on this project. We are also very proud to serve these wonderful people.

Erie Fire Protection District is located in Whiteside and Henry counties. The district is approximately 110 sq. miles.

District leadership is provided by Chief Jim Melton, Ambulance Director Jane Keag and District Trustees Bob Medema, President; Mike Winckler, Treasurer; and Bob Slaymaker, Secretary.

Erie FPD responds to approximately 100 Fire calls and 250 Ambulance calls each year. We have 26 firefighters and 25 EMT's currently serving the district.

We operate 2 Pumpers, 1 Tanker, 1 Brush Truck, 1 Rescue, 1 6x6 Brush & Rescue, 1 Rescue Boat & 2 Ambulances. ■