

# MOVIN' ON UP!

## GLENSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WINS FIRE CHIEF MAGAZINE'S STATION STYLE AWARD FOR RENOVATION PROJECT



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**O**n Wednesday, December 14, the Glenside Fire Station received the Silver Award for the Renovated Fire Station Category of the 2004 Station Style Awards. PRIMEDIA's *Fire Chief* magazine recognizes outstanding architecture and design within fire departments nationwide.

The renovation, designed by FGM Architects Engineers, was completed in early 2004 to properly serve the current and future needs of the community. "Because it (the new Glenside F.P.D. headquarters station) is built so well, it truly will last a century. This whole building is made up of not just one person's input, but the whole district. It's been truly a group effort by all our members" said Chief Don Markowski of the Glenside Fire Protection District.

The newly renovated station is better equipped to serve the needs of the community, and the demands of today's Fire/EMS service. Station upgrades include:

- Updated and expanded living quarters that can accommodate up to ten male and female firefighters/paramedics 24 hours a day.

- Larger meeting rooms for firefighter/paramedic training classes, public education classes, and public meetings.
- Expanded office space for administrative and fire prevention personnel.
- Accommodations that will make the fire station handicapped accessible.

The 25,000 square foot renovation included a complete update to the façade that exudes safety and strength and stands as a beacon to the community. The key driver for this renovation design was Retired Chief Blust's desire to have a state of the art building that would last a good many years. They waited a long time to see this dream come to fruition. He knew that this was his one and only chance to give something nice back to the community.

The Glenside Fire Protection District is a single-station fire protection district that serves the Village of Glendale Heights. ■