

Open house for new fire station on July 27

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha Fire Department is proud to announce the nearing completion of Kenosha Fire Station No. 1, located at 2210 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.

An open house will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. A short dedication ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. Please be advised that parking is very limited near the Station. A shuttle will run between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. from the parking lot of the Municipal Building (625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street) to transport additional visitors.

The new Fire Station was built with the ability to protect and serve the central city, and was designed to be able to adapt within the community as the needs of the community change. This project was the result of a cooperative, multi-government effort to replace aging fire stations with new, state-of-the-art facilities. Station No. 3 (2121 Roosevelt Road) and Station No. 5 (2125 Washington Road) will be vacated and repurposed by the City.

Through a HUD Section #108 loan, the City was able to procure the property of the old Bain Elementary School and build a Fire Station that will house equipment able to mitigate fire suppression, provide advance level emergency medical services, and support a secondary training facility to augment the department's current facilities.

The architecture of the new Station was designed in tribute to Bain School. The original Bain School capstone from 1906 was saved during the demolition project and placed over the main entrance of the Station. The corner-stone from 1953 was also saved and is placed near the entry of the Station. Several other items were either reused in construction or will be on display throughout the building.

Fire Station No. 1 will be staffed and operational on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

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