

Capital Campaign Goal

The membership of the Brownsville Fire Company has voted to proceed with a capital campaign with a goal of raising \$3,100,000 to build a new fire station. This fire station will be 16,000 sq ft and be able to house our six apparatus with drive through bays. The fire company will have a building that will easily be able to serve the community and outlying fire district for many, many years.

Campaign Gift Scale

Pledge at Least	To Become
\$ 500	Member
\$ 1,000	Supporter
\$ 2,500	Contributor
\$ 5,000	Sponsor
\$ 10,000	Benefactor
\$ 25,000	Charter

Contributors over \$1,000 will be honored on a Wall of Fame at the new fire house. Pledges can be paid over a three-year term.

For additional details and information on the Brownsville Fire Company's Capital Campaign or the Fire Company itself, please contact:

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Mission

We, the members of the Brownsville Fire Company, dedicate our efforts to provide the community with fire prevention, fire suppression and Emergency Medical Service through response, training and public education.

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*The Brownsville Fire Company
 thanks you for your support !!!*

Yours for a safer community

BROWNSVILLE FIRE COMPANY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*Building into the Future
 "EVERY DROP IN THE BUCKET COUNTS"*



History

For over 125 years, since 1891, the Brownsville Fire Company (BFC) has been protecting the Village of Brownsville and the Townships of Lomira, LeRoy and Byron from fire while also providing basic EMS through our First Responders. The fire company is made up of strictly volunteers—men and women who undergo rigorous training so they can be the ones running in when everyone else is running away from danger. A typical year usually sees our fire company responding to 175 calls, including structure fires, car fires, traffic accidents and medical emergencies. We also provide automatic mutual aid to assist other area departments such as Knowles, Lomira and Oakfield Today, the 22 active firefighters protect 36 square miles and operate six pieces of apparatus. The Emergency Medical Responder Unit consists of 15 active members that protect 60 square miles.

All of our firefighters and EMS take great pride in serving their community by providing the services and care to help those in some of their worst times.

Need

Our current Fire Station was built 57 years ago, in 1963. Firefighting has changed much in the past 56 years, and the community needs have grown to the point where we need a new Fire Station in Brownsville. The existing Fire Station does not meet current regulations standards necessary to keep the public safe and lacks the space required to make emergency calls safely and efficiently. Many newer pieces of fire apparatus will no longer fit into the bays of the current fire station,

which will continue to be an issue as the need to replace old trucks arises in the coming years. The current facility does not meet OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and has numerous other safety issues. The current proximity to fire apparatus of both the firefighter turn-out gear and the Cascade system to refill SCBA (oxygen tanks) is not safe. The current fire station lacks a decontamination area and adequate parking for members when they respond calls. The building lacks enough truck bays to make it emergency efficient, since trucks need to be moved around when responding to MABAS (mutual aid) and other calls that only require certain apparatus. This wastes precious response time. There is also a pedestrian sidewalk located directly outside of the truck bays, which dangerously forces pedestrians to walk in the street when the fire station is in use. Since there is not enough area outside to wash trucks, that sidewalk area must also be used when cleaning our fire apparatus.

Solution

We have been developing and analyzing plans for a new fire station that will be able to provide improved fire and EMS service to our community for the next several decades. We wish to position ourselves as a hub with the facilities that could withstand any changes to fire service that may occur in the coming years. **Pat and Mary Sue Michels helped jump start our project, as they very graciously donated a parcel of land for our new fire station on Oaklane Road just north of the gas station.** That first hurdle—where to put the building—has already been cleared! Our proposed fire station plans will solve our current issues including the following:

- OSHA and ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant.
- Energy efficient utilities.
- Space for indoor and outdoor personnel training. Meeting areas for private and group discussion.
- Higher ceilings will allow admittance of taller apparatus and indoor truck maintenance.
- Office space for incident report completion and other administrative tasks.
- Additional space for a possible UTV/trailer to respond to wild land fires/ snowmobile accidents.
- Safer access for members entering and exiting responding to calls.
- Ample current storage and space for future expansion if ever necessary.
- Decontamination areas for laundry/showers.
- Community space for meetings

Project Cost Estimates

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$2,265,975
SITE WORK	\$103,500
MECHANICAL/HVAC	\$300,600
PLUMBING	\$109,350
ELECTRICAL	\$302,400
TOTAL ESTIMATE	\$3,108,825