



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

Fourth Fire Station Opens in Mount Prospect

Mount Prospect Fire Department begins operations at Station 11

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The Mount Prospect Fire Department's fourth fire station, Station 11, is fully operational as of this morning. The newly renovated station at 1415 Algonquin Road serves the southernmost parts of Mount Prospect and the unincorporated areas along I-90 that were formerly part of the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District.

The Village of Mount Prospect acquired Station 11 as part of an agreement designating Mount Prospect as the primary fire and emergency medical service (EMS) provider to residents and businesses in the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District, which stopped service in October 2023. The Mount Prospect Fire Department now operates two stations south of the UP/Metra railroad tracks and two stations north of the tracks, each equipped with an ambulance and fire suppression vehicle.

"This significant enhancement in our emergency services is the direct result of years of hard work and planning," said Mount Prospect Fire Chief John Dolan. "Station 11 gives us the ability to continue serving the residents of the unincorporated areas who lost their fire and EMS protection last year while also enhancing services to all of Mount Prospect. Thanks to the support of the Village Board and the hard work of our Public Works Department, we have a beautiful firehouse that has everything we need to serve the community safely and effectively."

Fire Station 11 is fully staffed with a lieutenant and four firefighters who are all licensed paramedics, just like the Department's three other stations. What is unique to Station 11 is a 2000-gallon tanker truck. Tender 11 is a mobile water source built to quickly provide water for fire suppression to the unincorporated areas currently without fire hydrants.

South Mount Prospect has historically generated the most calls for fire and emergency medical services. The addition of a fourth fire station located south of the tracks allows the Mount Prospect Fire Department to evenly distribute its resources, improve overall response time, and decrease its mutual aid requests by over 50%. Dolan states that "[Station 11's] location plus added staffing allows [the Fire Department] to place additional resources where they are needed most."

This transition allowed the Mount Prospect Fire Department to adjust its emergency response plan, which was configured to accommodate three fire stations over 50 years ago. Fire Chief John Dolan and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Wang presented the Department's new response plan at the June 11 Neighborhood Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting. To view the COW presentation, visit the Village's online [transparency portal](#).

The opening of Station 11 represents a momentous first in Mount Prospect's history and an opportunity to continue enhancing fire and emergency medical services. Since 2023, nine new firefighter positions were approved by the Village Board. Additionally, Mount Prospect is one of only three suburban communities in the area with four ambulances in service. As the Fire Department addresses an increase in call volume, an aging population, and new development, they are well equipped to meet the growing needs of the community.

"The Village continues to invest in South Mount Prospect to ensure the delivery of excellent life safety services for all residents," stated Village Manager Michael Cassady. "The cost of \$1.7 million is a real value for the land and station renovation, and the net result is improved fire and paramedic response times for the entire Village. We will continue to seek out these win-win opportunities in life-safety and economic development initiatives in the Village of Mount Prospect."

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