

Pownal Fire & Rescue Department

List of Station Deficiencies

05/01/2022

Center Station:

- Parking Across Busy Road
 - Responders in danger crossing busy road
 - Vendor access – sometimes has to park on ramp, blocking apparatus
 - Customer parking – children and the elderly crossing busy road
- ADA Compliance
 - No ADA compliant entrance into station
 - No ADA access to second floor
- Apparatus Bay
 - Unable to open compartment doors all the way to remove equipment during monthly checks
 - Compartment doors banging into walls
 - Tight clearances walking around apparatus
 - Donning fire gear next to apparatus – trucks could be running or moving
 - Narrow space between Eng.2 and stairs
 - Short apparatus bay length and height – Need to specify shorter trucks when ordering new. More costly.
 - Washing trucks causes water to splash on electrical box, fire alarm panel and phone service
 - SCBA filling station in apparatus bay – Should be in clean separate room with sound proofing
 - Gear Storage – Firefighter's turnout gear stored in bay next to truck exhaust filled w/carcinogens
 - When backing in or pulling out of the station there is 1 inch of space between the mirrors and the door frames
 - No place to dry wet hose after a fire – We either have to lay it on the floor and run it up the stairs, or place out on the ramp where it is unsecured.
 - The walls in the bay weep during heavy rain putting water on the floor near the stairs
- Front Ramp
 - Not enough room to completely pull out of the station – Trucks into travel lane of road or halfway in station
 - Dangerous on equipment check night or whenever we wash the trucks outside.
- Meeting Space
 - Meeting space is too small when entire roster is at the station
 - Lack of room to host trainings for mutual aid partners, or Mutual Aid Chief's meetings
 - No place to house responders during storm coverage situations
- Office Space
 - Chief's office too small and doubles as a storage closet
 - No windows
 - No security for personnel information including medical, disciplinary, legal and other records
 - Not enough room for a private conversation or to conduct interviews
 - No office space for the Deputy Chief
 - Security for EMS records
- Training Space
 - No space around the station for outside training
 - No room inside station for hands on training
- Decon Room
 - On second floor – requires contaminated personnel to walk through entire building to get to the shower or washing machine

North Station:

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- Parking
 - No designated parking space for responders – park on side of rd. or in Mr. Bradstreet's lot
- ADA Compliance
 - No ADA compliant entrance to the building
 - Large step down into the building at side door
 - Door will not open all the way due to Tank 4 being parked there
- No Running Water
 - No bathroom facilities
 - No way to wash hands
 - No way to flush eyes in case of an emergency
 - No way to wash trucks efficiently – currently we use a well pump connected to a portable tank in the back of the station, which needs to be filled up periodically using Squad 3. Then S3 needs to go fill its tank somewhere else.
- Apparatus Bay
 - No drains in the floor causes water to collect – slipping hazard
 - When trucks are washed – splashing around electrical panel, fire alarm panel, radio system and other components
- No Telephone
- Front Ramp
 - Not enough room to completely pull out of the station – Trucks into travel lane of road or halfway in station
 - Dangerous on equipment check night or whenever we wash the trucks outside.
- Office Space
 - No place to do paperwork
 - No place to take a break
- Back-up Power Supply
 - No back up power for building
 - Radio system on battery back-up – lasts 8-12 hours with minimal radio traffic
 - Need to send someone to start portable generator a few hours in to an emergency or we lose all communications

Operational Considerations:

- Responding
 - Responding to one location will work out better operationally to appropriately staff apparatus
- Mutual Aid
 - Mutual Aid partners will be able to cover our town from our station, rather than theirs – up to 20 minutes away
- No room for expansion
 - No room to expand or extend either station
 - No room to add future needed equipment