

Whitestown Fire Department 2019 Annual Report



Joshua Westrich
Chief of the Department

The year 2019 proved to be another busy year for the Whitestown Fire Department, reaching several milestones along the way.

This year the WFD officially became a full-time fire department in August. We would have never been able to reach this goal without the supreme dedication of our part-time employees over the years with their help of supplementing our full-time staff. To say the least, it was a bitter-sweet accomplishment.

In 2019 our family also grew! We hired 3 lateral firefighters to replace vacancies, 6 newly added firefighters, and 3 Battalion Chiefs. The Battalion Chief position is a new position for our department, and in short time has already proven its wealth of benefits to the department.

As you read through this report, you will see our accomplishments highlighted for all of our services provided, from Fire Suppression, EMS, Rescue, Prevention, and Community Outreach and Education. No matter the amount of successes, there always will continue to be challenges as we continue to keep the pace with the community of Whitestown and its epic development. We appreciate all the support that keeps us going! On behalf of the Whitestown Fire Department, I would like to thank the citizens, elected officials, town management, and the stakeholders of this community for your support of our department.

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2019 annual report and share in our sense of pride and accomplishment the past year.

If you would like more information on this report, or just have an interest in following our fire department's endeavors, please visit our website, wfdfire.org, or follow us on FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Westrich".

Mission Statement

The Whitestown Fire Department is devoted to protecting lives and property by providing professional emergency services for our community, its visitors and neighbors, with compassion, courtesy and integrity.

Core Values

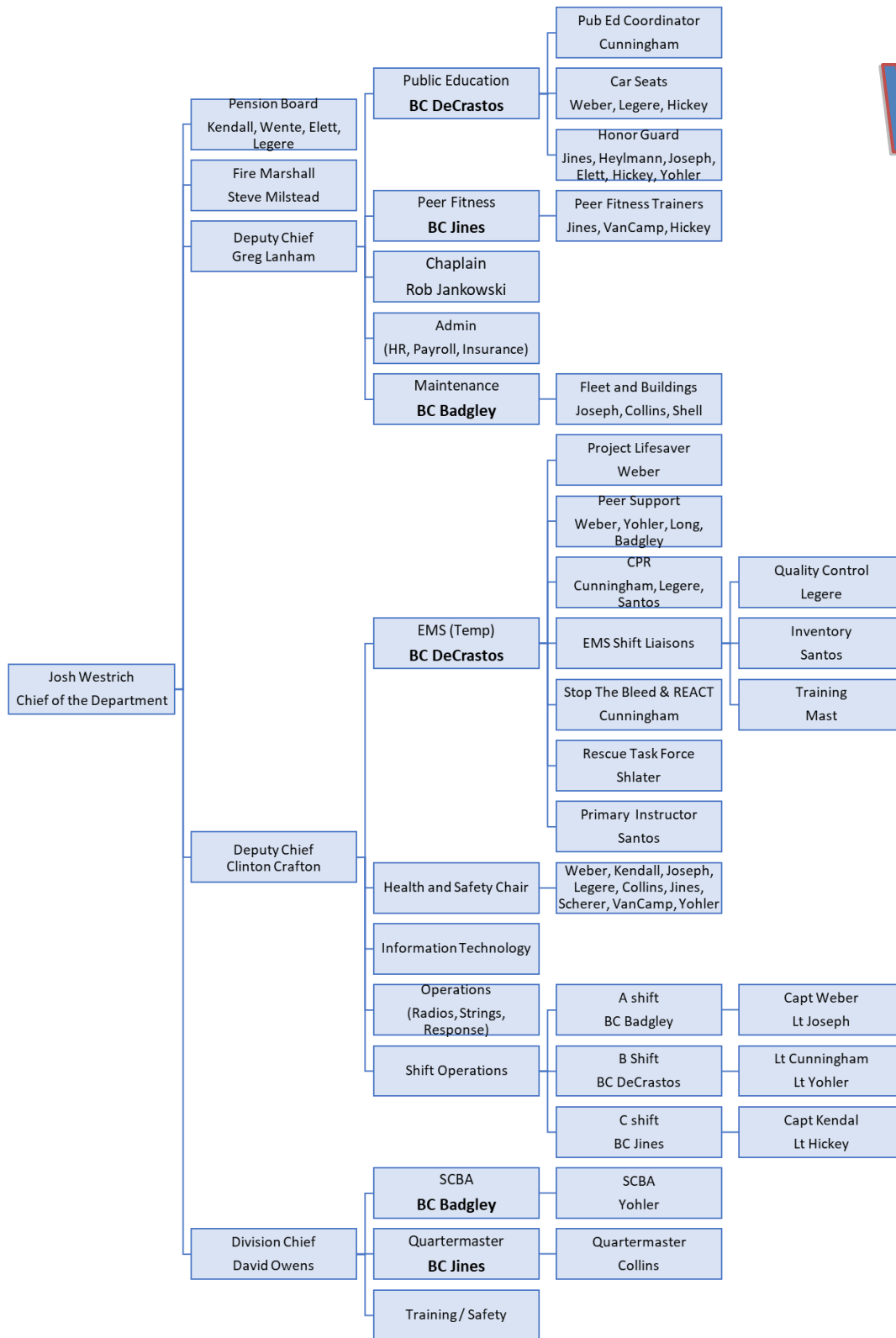
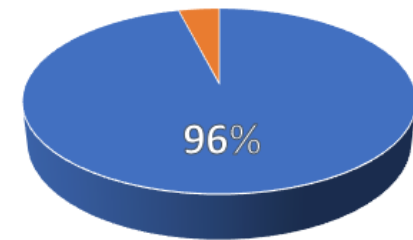


Vision Statement

The Whitestown Fire Department is dedicated to remaining a progressive and innovative fire department that ensures a safe community through public education, fire prevention, training, and service

WFD 2019 Org Chart

In 2019, 96% of the employees at WFD stepped up to be involved in a specialty, function, or board that was beyond the scope of their job description. This type of investment in the department by our personnel is what makes WFD a leader in the industry in so many ways!



Administration



Dep Chief Greg Lanham

2019 Budget

\$5,702,971

Personal Services	Other Services, \$691,600.00	Personal Services
	Capitla Outlay, \$375,000.00	Supplies
	Supplies, \$245,000.00	Other Services
		Capitla Outlay
Personal Services, \$4,391,371.00		

2019 was a continuation of 2018 in many ways. In 2018, the Whitestown Fire Department started the processes of building new Ladder 272 with Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus, WFD purchased the property to build new fire station 272, and we completed the ISO audit. As we end 2019, Ladder 272 is almost complete. The apparatus committee will be traveling back to Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus in Minnesota for the midway inspection. The ladder is on track to be completed by early April 2020. Rosenbauer is planning on using new Ladder 272 as a "Showcase" ladder for their booth at FDIC at the end of April and we will be able to take possession of the ladder after FDIC. Staffing at WFD continued to grow in 2019. We hired 3 lateral firefighters, 6 entry level firefighters and 3 Battalion Chiefs. At the end of 2019 we competed a promotional process with 6 firefighters competing in the process. At this time WFD does not have a promotable position, but this promotional process will generate a list that lasts for 2 years. In mid-2019, the WFD was informed that we had increased from a 4/4X ISO rating to a 2/2X ISO rating, putting us in the top 3% of all fire departments in the nation. In December of 2019 we also began the next hiring process to hire 4 firefighters. This hiring process marks another first for WFD in that the firefighters we hire will not be required to have firefighting experience. We plan to put on our own firefighting academy to train the new firefighters in firefighting, EMS, and hazmat. The WFD is very excited to see what 2020 has in store for us. The completion of Ladder 272 and new station 272 guarantee to make 2020 another fantastic year for the Whitestown Fire Department.

Operations

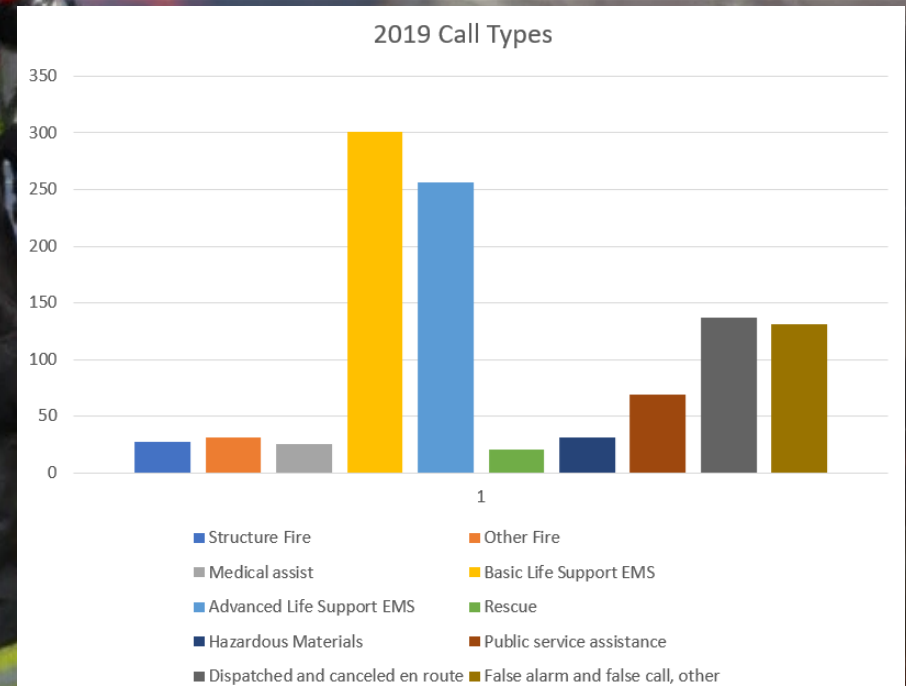


Dep Chief Clinton Crafton

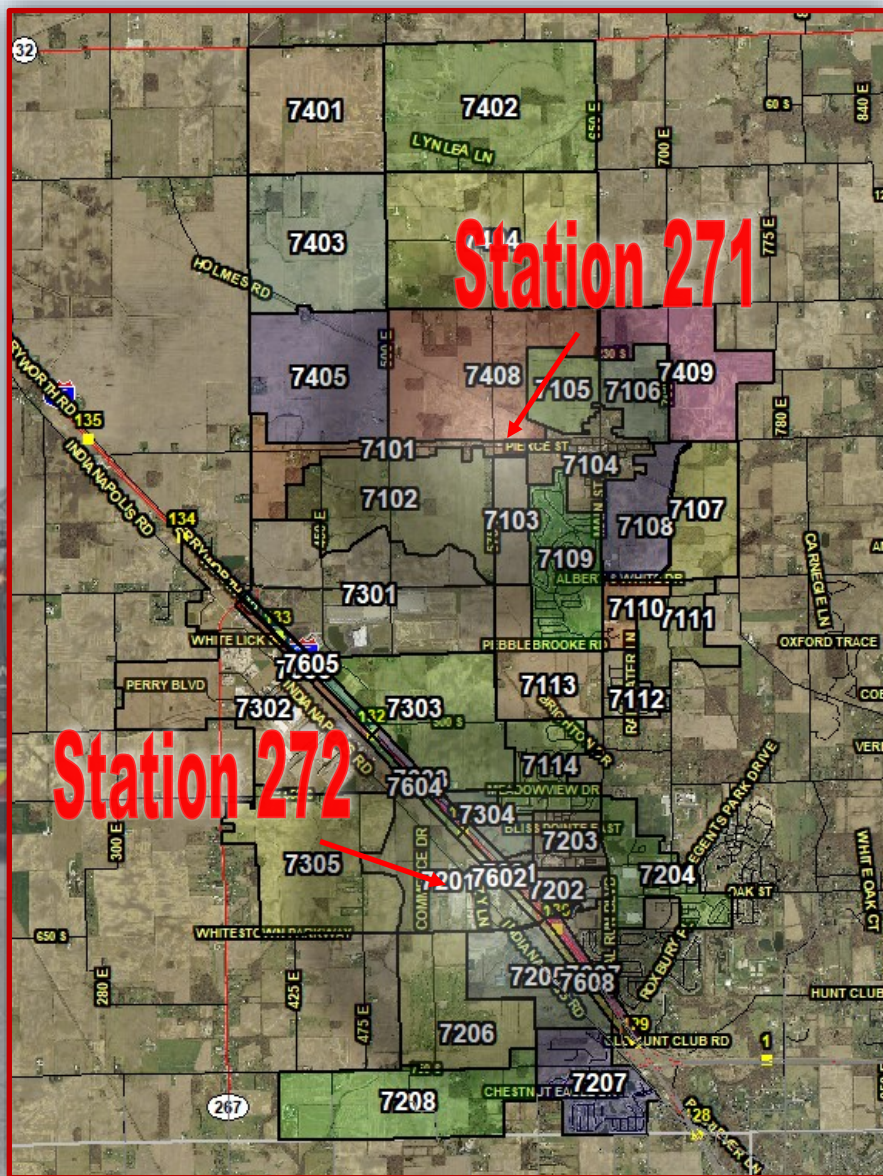
Again, the WFD continues to grow, with a 10% increase in call volume for 2019. Our partnerships with neighboring departments allow us to all respond together in a seamless fashion, regardless of what the call is. In 2019 we formalized a system of mutual response procedures that will allow every fire response to be handled in a similar fashion, regardless of the agencies responding. Along the same lines, we placed Battalion 207 in service and hired three new Battalion Chiefs. Drawing over 90 years of experience from Carmel, Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis Fire Department, these three chiefs will provide an unmatched element of leadership and safety for all of our responses.

In addition to the 3 BCs, we were also able to hire 9 new firefighters. Three of these were lateral transfers, bringing much desired experience from other fire departments. By completing this hiring, we have become a 100% career fire department. The part time firefighters, particularly those that stayed until the bitter end, were an integral part of the foundation of growth for this agency. We were sad to lose that but focused on the future and the goal of keeping pace with the growth of the district.

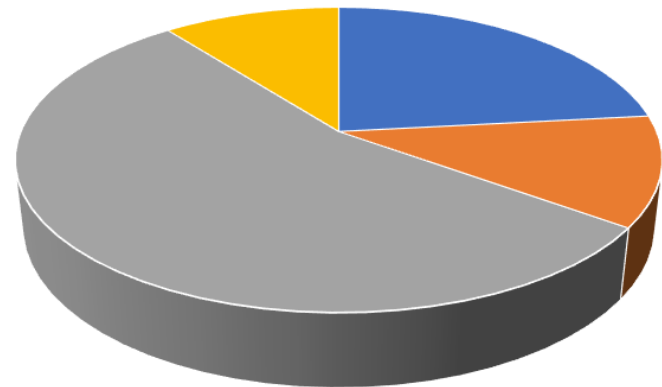
As with every year, 2020 is already shaping up to be one of expansion and improvement. Very few fire departments in the nation face the immense growth and diversity of construction that we see here at WFD. As our mission demands, we will keep pace and continue to provide the very best service to the residents and visitors of our community.



2019 Response

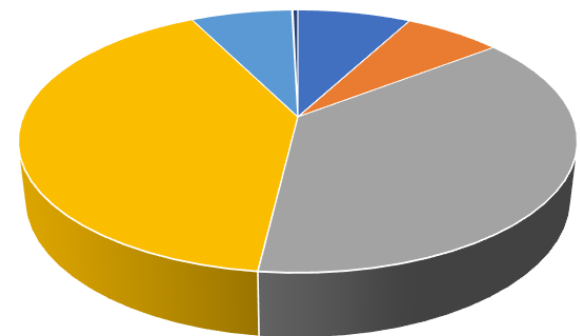


1022 Total Responses



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Regional Response



■ LFD ■ ZFD ■ District 71 ■ District 72 ■ Township ■ IFD ■ Perry

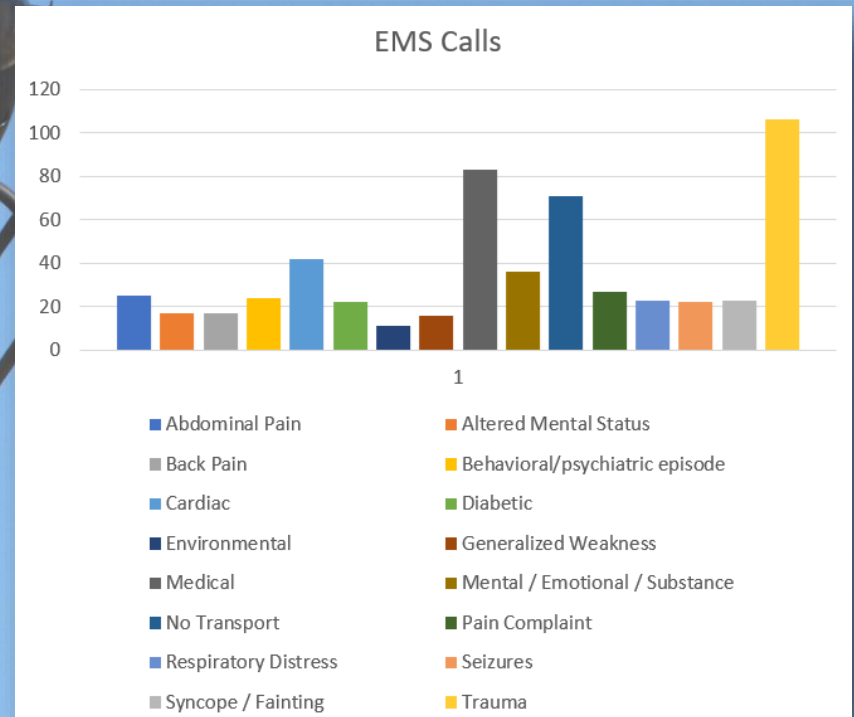
Emergency Medical Services



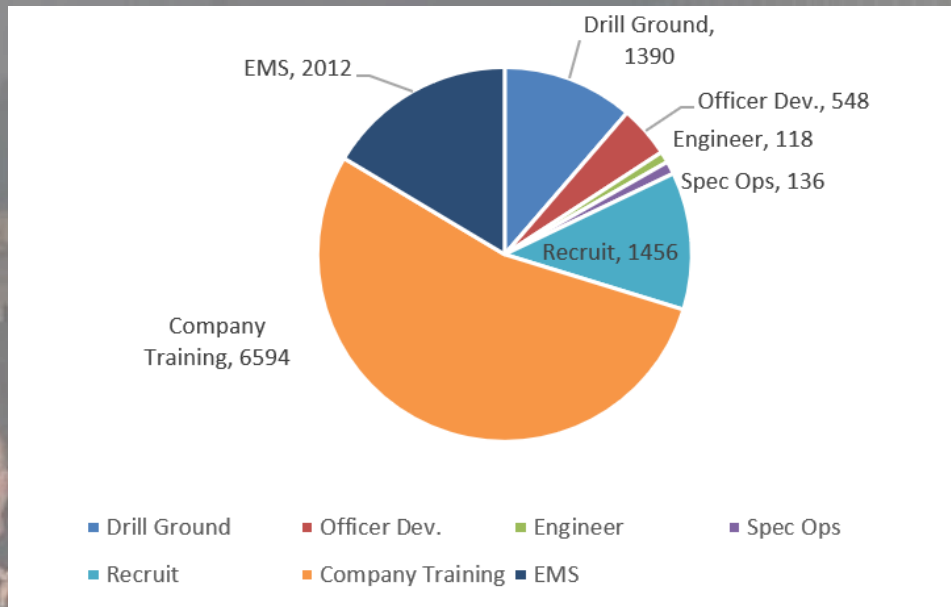
2019 saw an increase in EMS calls, as expected, and we anticipate increases in 2020 with the opening of two different extended care facilities. In keeping pace with the growth we have assigned three firefighter paramedics to additional roles with training, inventory and quality assurance. Additionally, a Battalion Chief will be overseeing these roles as an interim as we continue to expand.

Community CPR classes were offered on a quarterly basis and we began development of a larger community training initiative spurred by a training Lt. Cunningham attended at the National Fire Academy. We will be rolling out our REACT program in 2020.

One additional program that was initiated in 2019 was the Rescue Task Force deployment. This is in coordination with our WMPD and local law enforcement to respond to active violence incidents. This training prepares our responders for quick response and recovery of victims, a result of much research and training on the national level.



Training Division



Division Chief Dave Owens

12,254
Total Training Hours

The Training Division provides the latest cutting-edge training, education and certification for new officers, current line officers, driver/operators, firefighters, recruit firefighters and civilian medical personnel on the Whitestown Fire Department. The goal of the division is to ensure all members of the department are competent, efficient and effective during every emergency response.

The fire training division provides and coordinates training in the areas of fire attack, smoke reading, fire dynamics, fire ground tactical decision making, search & rescue, ventilation, salvage & overhaul, firefighter safety & survival, hazardous materials, rope rescue, ice rescue, driver operator, company officer development, vehicle & machinery extrication & emergency medicine.

This training is provided through the Training Chief & company officers. Our department strives to meet ISO & Indiana State EMS commission training requirements. ISO requires 208 hours of fire related training per year for each firefighter and we accomplished 223 hours per firefighter. The State EMS Commission requires 40 hours of EMS related training per year per firefighter and we accomplished 44 hours per firefighter. This is a increase in training of 52% from 2018.

Fire Prevention



Fire Marshal Div. Chief Milstead

304

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

246

NEW CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

91

PLAN REVIEWS

40

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS

69

REINSPECTIONS

The Fire Marshal's office inspects all existing Class I buildings and inspections of new construction. This includes inspection of fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, kitchen hood fire suppression systems, clean agent extinguishing systems, and fire and life safety for Certificate of Occupancy. The office also looks at all new plans by developers and works closely with building officials to make sure they are built to code. The Fire Marshal attends pre-development meetings, prior to submittal of plans, to identify items needing attention before the beginning of construction.

The Fire Marshal's office also investigates the Origin and Cause of fires within the district. If the fire is determined to be intentional the fire investigator will work with local law enforcement and Boone County Prosecutor's office to identify any suspects and pursue criminal charges.

Public Education



Public Educator Lt Cunningham



2019 Statistics

4968 - Total Public Event Contacts

- 4 Neighborhood WFD Firefighter Experience Events
- 3 Community CPR Trainings
- 12 School Visits
- 6 Wide-coverage news events
- 27 Public Events

Breaking Ground



After several years of searching for property and spending most of the year design planning, we were finally able to break ground for our new fire station and headquarters in September of 2019 on Indianapolis Road, just south of Trader's Point Church and Schools. The building will be home to Station 272 and house the headquarters for our administrative staff. The fire station will replace the temporary home of Station 272 on Cozy Lane, just up the street. The building will house up to 12 firefighters per shift, staffing a Tower Ladder Quint, Ambulance, and Battalion Chief to begin with. The building will also provide a training room, fitness room, indoor training areas, living quarters, and much more. This will be a state-of-the-art facility as it keeps wellness and cancer prevention attributes on the forefront of its design. The current plans are to have the facility operational in October of 2020.



WHITESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
CONCEPTUAL RENDERING
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ARCHITECTURE

90 Years of Service



In May of 1929, Trustee Samuel West approved the original Worth Township Fire Department. While a great many things have changed over the years, honoring our heritage should never change. We were proud to celebrate our 90th anniversary in October of 2019, along with many of the former volunteer members of the Whitestown Fire Department. In addition to the founding members, we also honored the Cornerstone Members, who had served many years to make this department what it is today. Artifacts from the earlier iterations of the department, along with plaques and photos, will be displayed at the new Headquarters.



2019 Additions



Thank You!

Without your continued support, we would be unable to provide this exceptional level of service to the community.

