

CITY STATISTICS AND WELCOME FIRE STATION FACTS

STATISTICS

- Population: Approximately 700 residents.
- Located on Interstate 90. Nine miles north of Iowa border, 8 miles west of Fairmont.
- We have 24 dedicated members on the Welcome Fire Department.
- Coverage area: City of Welcome & outlying rural area; 72 square miles coverage area.
- Mutual aid emergency response agreements with 14 other towns.
- We run 80-90 calls per year. 70 are EMS, the rest are fires and motor vehicle accidents.
- City of Welcome is not in a financial position to build/finance this facility.
- USDA loan for 30 years would be roughly \$325,000 per year. 25% of annual budget per year.

CURRENT STATION INFORMATION

- Current fire hall is 50+ years old.
- Site is landlocked, no room for expansion.
- Mold issues in office area.
- Asbestos floor tile in kitchen. Kitchen currently doubles as storage space.
- Storage space is a serious issue for both vehicles and equipment.
- 5 single depth truck bays, no room for additional bays - limits expansion of our fleet & equipment.
- Apparatus specifications have length/height restrictions due to building size limitations.
- Restroom doubles as a storage room/gear wash room - not ADA compliant.
- Turnout gear area is along walls of truck hall. It needs to be its own space.
- No exhaust capture system in hall. Creates a hazardous environment from breathing in diesel fumes.
- Concrete floor is in very poor condition. This creates tripping hazards and uneven drain grates, which damage tires.

PROPOSED STATION INFORMATION

- Solicited Brunton Architects to do a space review for building layout.
- New facility is estimated at 19,000 square feet.
- Public Safety facility including fire, police, city offices.
- 5 bays (double depth) allowing all equipment under one roof plus room for expansion of fleet.
- Pressurized turnout gear room – keeps carcinogens contained.
- New facility would provide adequate storage space for both vehicles and equipment.
- New facility would provide exhaust capture system to remove all vehicle exhaust from truck hall.
- Facility estimate in 2019 was \$ 6,200,000.00.
- New facility estimate for 2022 is now \$ 6,471,000.00.



WELCOME FIRE STATION CURRENT PICTURES



Current Fire Station:

