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FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES IN ALBANY COUNTY –

Serving the Hill Town Fire Departments – Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville



The Hill Towns fire training facility was recently constructed adjacent to the new East Berne Fire Department building (under construction). Sen. Hinchey has provided \$100k funding toward the construction of the East Berne station. The new fire station's training room will be used by multiple fire departments and other emergency service agencies in conjunction with the adjacent Hill Towns fire training facility. Now, additional funding is needed for a standby generator and for the training room fit-up of tables and chairs, media equipment, etc. Anticipated funding required for the fit-up items is \$135-\$150k+-.

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Serving the Town of Guilderland Fire Departments – Altamont, Fort Hunter, Guilderland, Guilderland Center, McKownville, Westmere



This facility is also several years old and has seen some upgrades (funded by the town, fire departments and the Albany County Sheriff's office) during the past few years particularly to the infrastructure. This facility is used by several area fire departments and other emergency service organizations. Additional upgrades are now required to replace their aging training tower. The current tower building has deteriorated and was taken out of service at the end of 2022. Preliminary estimates are \$1MM+- to make the necessary tower building replacement.

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Heights, Verdoy and West Albany - the City of Albany Fire Dept also uses this facility



This facility dates from the 1960s. It has the most capacity and usage of any of the fire training facilities in the county. This facility is used by many area fire departments as well as other emergency service organizations. The facility now requires significant replacement and upgrade of existing structures and infrastructure. Recently the 35-year-old training tower building was condemned and demolished. The storage building at the facility also has significant structural issues and is unusable. In addition, both classroom buildings need significant renovations. Repairs to sewer, water, drainage and paving throughout the entire facility need to be addressed. The demolition of the training tower building significantly impacts the ability of fire departments to train and the replacement of this structure is of highest priority.

Assemblyman Steck and Speaker Heastie committed \$500k toward the rehabilitation of this facility and, recently, County Executive McCoy and Sheriff Apple have committed additional funding so the tower building can be replaced. Total additional funding to update classroom buildings, storage structure and infrastructure for this facility is \$800k - \$900k.

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