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The Irving and Grand Prairie Fire Departments Open Shared State-of-the-Art Training Facility

(IRVING, TEXAS) — The City of Irving and the Grand Prairie Fire Departments will open their joint Fire Training Facility following a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. July 21, 4850 N. Belt Line Road.

The new fire training facility is a combined effort by the cities of Irving and Grand Prairie to train incoming and existing fire personnel on the numerous techniques involved in fire safety and rescue. Irving and Grand Prairie split the \$4 million cost and will share ongoing expenses.

The facility features a five-story “burn” tower. The first level will resemble a residential home, and the second level will mimic a multi-story apartment complex, complete with a balcony for rescue practice. The upper levels will be used for high-rise commercial office building or apartment tower fire suppression and rescue training. The burn tower also includes an elevator shaft, rappel panel and training access hatches. There will be three separate rooms, each equipped for propane-fueled live fire training. “The support, commitment and fiscal responsibility demonstrated by both the City of Irving and Grand Prairie city council members and city managers has been incredible. The facility will help better prepare firefighters from both cities to meet the emergency needs of their residents, businesses and visitors. The Irving Fire Department looks forward to working with our brothers and sisters from the Grand Prairie Fire Department in utilizing this facility to its fullest potential,” said Irving Fire Chief, Victor Conley.

The complex also features a 4,000-square-foot building with a fully equipped classroom—with open-air capability—and cubicles for staff, restrooms, a kitchen and breakroom. Outside training simulators will consist of Trench Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Extrication and Class A live fire training areas. “The Grand Prairie Fire Department has never had a facility with this type of technology and capability to train our firefighters. With our partnership with the Irving Fire Department, we can now train not only our firefighters, but have the unique opportunity to train with the Irving firefighters, which will only strengthen both departments. A tremendous

thank you to both city councils for their support and dedication to this project,” said Grand Prairie Fire Chief, Robert Fite.

The Irving Fire Department also will open Fire Station 12, August 10. The addition of the new fire training center and Station 12, along with the city’s fifth front-line truck company at Station 12, will allow the City of Irving to receive the Insurance Service Office’s Public Protection Classification rating of 1 (ISO-1), which is the highest rating given. An ISO-1 can translate to reduced insurance costs for residents and commercial businesses located in Irving. Only 97 municipalities in the nation have received this rating.

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The [City of Irving](#) is an economic powerhouse in North Texas and is home to the region’s largest office park, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence. Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 237,000 residents and the most diverse ZIP code in the country.