



Johnson County Fire Protection District

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District's Twelfth Station Opens

JOHNSON COUNTY, MO – In late 2019, the Johnson County Fire Protection District opened a newly constructed twelfth fire station located at 830 SE Y Highway in the rural Knob Noster area. The station, located to the southwest of Whiteman Air Force Base, adds an additional fire station for District firefighting operations.

“Station 12 adds another piece to our operations to provide additional service to a growing populated area of our District that was in excess of five miles from a station,” said Fire Chief Larry Jennings. “With the opening of the new station, we are bringing approximately 1,016 known structures with an estimated assessed valuation of over \$31 million within five road miles of a station which decreases response times for fire personnel to scenes as well as potentially assisting property owners with lowering insurance rates.”

Property owners in the area are encouraged to contact their insurance company to determine if the opening of the new station will assist them in lowering their insurance rates based upon the ISO rating. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluates local fire departments and formulates protection classifications which are used by many insurance companies for property insurance calculations. The classification scale runs from Class 1, the best, to class 10, the lowest. Properties more than five miles from a District fire station are a Class 10. With the addition of Station 12, many properties in the area within five road miles of the new station may be eligible to lower to a Class 6 rating. Additional information about District ISO Ratings can be located on the JCFPD website.

Additionally, the opening of Station 12 brings the need for additional volunteer firefighting personnel to join the JCFPD to assist in serving the area. Interested parties can obtain information and an application at the JCFPD website.

The Johnson County Fire Protection District serves an area of approximately 525 square miles in the eastern 2/3 of Johnson County. More information about the JCFPD can be found online at www.jcfpd.net or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/johnsoncountypd.