



City of Madison Fire Department

Press Release



Fire Station 14 Fact Sheet

Madison's newest fire station, located at 3201 Dairy Drive, includes a number of features and amenities that promote community engagement, professional development, health and wellness, and environmental conservation.

- **Community Room and Training Center:** A large, versatile gathering space is available at Fire Station 14 where community groups may hold private and public meetings. This community room can also be utilized as a classroom. In 2019, it will serve as the primary training site for the Madison Fire Academy's Recruit Class 9. It will remain a venue for continued education and professional development for all department personnel.
- **Advanced Life Support/Paramedic Engine:** Engine 14 is staffed daily by at least one paramedic, in addition to three EMTs. Advanced life support medications and EMS equipment stored aboard Engine 14 allow the crew to provide a higher level of emergency medical care until an ambulance arrives.
- **Detox Sauna:** With a special focus on cancer prevention, an infrared sauna has been installed at Fire Station 14. Following a fire or other incident that exposes firefighters to carcinogenic materials, firefighters may choose to step inside the sauna to attempt to expel contaminants that have absorbed into the skin. Use of the stationary bikes inside the sauna will accelerate this process.
- **Comfort Room:** Just outside the community room, visitors and firefighters will find a comfort room. While it may be used for a variety of purposes, it is specially equipped to provide a space where lactating mothers can feed or pump in private. A small refrigerator is available for storing milk.
- **Four-Fold Doors:** Fire Station 14 is the first in the city to utilize apparatus bay doors which open horizontally, in an accordion-style fashion. These doors open two to three times faster than traditional doors that rise from the ground up, allowing firefighters to roll out the door sooner. These doors also provide better visibility as the engine leaves the fire station, and they are easier to maintain over time.
- **Large Windows and Translucent Panels to Promote Natural Lighting:** You'll find an abundance of natural light at Fire Station 14, cutting down on demand for electricity and use of fluorescent lighting.
- **Geothermal Radiant Heat:** Fire Station 14 stays warm in winter and cool in summer thanks in part to geothermal energy radiating through the floors in the living space and apparatus bay. Supplementing traditional HVAC systems, geothermal energy cuts down on energy consumption by contributing to a comfortable atmosphere.
- **Solar Energy:** Fire Station 14 boasts the largest number of solar panels of any other fire station in the city, and there's room for more! The ultimate goal in coming years is to take Fire Station 14 entirely off the grid, using electricity exclusively derived from solar power.