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## Marshall Fire Department moves to new fire station as Township takes ownership of building

MAEDA transfer to Township keeps local road improvements on track to support traffic flow to new Ford facility

**MARSHALL, Mich.** — **Marshall Township Fire Department** firefighters have moved into their new station as the Township has taken ownership of the facility that will enhance public safety for the community and provide more space for training and life-saving equipment.

The **Marshall Township Board of Trustees** voted this week to take ownership of the building, from the **Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance** (MAEDA).

The station's move allows road improvements to continue near the site of Ford's **BlueOval Battery Park Michigan**. The new Fire Station 1 in Marshall Township is located at 13550 15 Mile Road, across the street from the Marshall Township Hall.

State funds, not local tax dollars, covered the costs of the new station.

The new station is within two miles of most Marshall Township residents, allowing firefighters to quickly respond to emergencies. The township has two pumpers and two tankers – an additional bay at the new station allows for new equipment.

"This new station is among a number of incredible investments we are making in our community because of the development of Ford's project in Marshall," said **James Durian**, CEO of MAEDA. "The station ensures top-notch fire safety resources are available to our first responders, keeping our community safe and property values high."

Late last year, 80 new fire hydrants were added along 14 miles of nearby roadways as part of new water and wastewater infrastructure improvements that are part of the Marshall Area Jobs, Opportunity and Recreation (MAJOR) Campus.

Insurers set rates based on a variety of factors, including fire response times and nearby hydrant locations. Residents and businesses who live along the corridors with the newly added hydrants could see lower insurance costs, allowing them to save money. Houses and businesses located near fire stations or hydrants also <u>can qualify for an insurance discount or credit</u>.



The Marshall Township Board of Trustees voted this week to take ownership of the fire department's new Fire Station 1, which is located across the street from the old station.

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