



Rich McQuilkin, president of the Spencerport Board of Fire Commissioners, addresses the group at the ribbon cutting for temporary Station One held October 28. Shown from left to right, Spencerport Mayor Ted Walker, Spencerport Volunteer Firemen's Association President Michael Read, McQuilkin, Spencerport Fire Chief Chris Wood, Commissioner Dave Spencer.

Spencerport Fire Department's Station One returns to center-village location

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Though the quarters are a bit cramped and the vehicles 'just fit,' some Spencerport Volunteer Firemen's Association members donned their parade-fine Class A dress uniforms for a housewarming and ribbon cutting at their new headquarters Saturday morning, October 28. Fire district commissioners, family of firefighters and interested community members numbering more than 70 joined in a coffee, cider and donuts reception to mark the occasion.

Since the August 11 fire which destroyed Station One, three department vehicles have been housed at the Spencerport Village Electric Department garage at the village's DPW site located at the end of West Avenue. The lodgings there were much appreciated, Board of Commissioners President Rich McQuilkin told the attendees at the official opening of interim Station One, but since the loss of Station One, the general consensus of those involved wanted the trucks back in the main village area to maintain community presence and maximize call response times.

The district also operates stations on Route 259 south of the village and on Ridge Road West at the corner of Route 259. Cause of the fire at the former Lyell Avenue building where seven vehicles were stored has been listed as undetermined accidental. No apparatus was lost in the blaze. Other department trucks have been assigned temporarily to the other stations.

The cinder block building located behind 27 West Avenue, once a garage and maintenance building for Frontier Communications company, needed some upgrades be-

fore it could accommodate three fire department vehicles. A wider and taller garage door, a generator, heating upgrades and enclosure of a small space in which to place radio equipment and desks each help define the purpose of the temporary firehouse in the leased space.

On December 12, the residents of the Spencerport Fire District will vote on a referendum to bond funds for a new Station One. The amount for bonding will be announced next week. Plans for the firehouse have been reviewed by the village planning board and will be presented at an information meeting November 30, 7 p.m. at Spencerport High School's west cafeteria.

Details about the proposed construction, bonding and also the fire commissioner election which will also be held December 12 will be in a future edition of **Suburban News**.



Spencerport firefighters attending the ribbon cutting for the interim Station One wore dress uniforms to mark the occasion.



Fire Chief **Chris Wood** and others officially open the department's temporary Station One. Located behind 27 West Avenue in Spencerport village, the new station houses three trucks formerly located at the Lyell Avenue station.

