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FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU RELOCATION

Bureau Relocation. On August 12, 2020, the Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB) of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), formerly housed in Ames, held a grand opening celebration at its new location on the Iowa National Guard Camp Dodge campus in Johnston. After an assessment of current and future needs, the DPS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa National Guard on May 5, 2020, and began relocating its existing services on July 1, 2020.

Building and Amenities. The FSTB now occupies the 9,239-square-foot Building 59 on the Camp Dodge Campus, which previously served as the home of the National Guard's fire station. In addition to the building, the National Guard has also dedicated space west of the Camp Dodge firing ranges to be utilized as training grounds by the FSTB for the live-fire training of fire fighters, storage of mobile training props, and additional space to extend operations. As a result of the move to Camp Dodge, the FSTB is anticipating decreased monthly costs in annual basic rent and electrical/gas utilities than what it paid for the facility in Ames.

The training grounds also include multiple single- and two-story shipping containers that are structured and aligned to simulate a small city. These containers will be used for various training evolutions.

About the Bureau. The FSTB was officially established in 1925 as the "First Annual Iowa State Fire School." Today, the FSTB, on average, educates and trains approximately 12,000 students annually, and supports training efforts with the deployment of more than 10 training props and adjuncts, and serves as the statewide point of contact and coordination for federal fire programs. The FSTB is tasked with promoting safety in all aspects of fire training and response, and coordinating and hosting the Annual State Fire School, which trains approximately 700 Iowa fire fighters annually. The FSTB is also accredited to award national firefighting certification in the specialty areas of Firefighter I and II, Fire Officer I and II, Fire Inspector, and Fire Investigator, among others.

Additional information can be found here: dps.iowa.gov/divisions/state-fire-marshal/fire-service-training.

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