

Submitter: Chad Frazier  
On Behalf Of: Kellogg Rural Fire Department  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Chad Frazier. I am an EMT and the Deputy Fire Chief/Training Officer for Kellogg Rural Fire Department. I am also a firefighter, EMT and Paramedic student for North Douglas Fire and EMS.

In my capacity as a Training Officer, not just for Kellogg but throughout the North County - I have had the opportunity to visit and utilize training facilities at multiple rural departments. I have learned and strongly believe, that your department is only as good as the training and education that your firefighters receive. Currently, Kellogg Rural Fire Department lacks a dedicated training facility or area. Any organized drills or trainings are done in a drafty pole barn that also houses our engine and water tender - which have to be pulled out into the driveway to allow enough room for any activity. Since that situation is restrictive and less than ideal - trainings are frequently held out of district at other stations - which leaves our district without coverage should a wildfire, MVA, or emergency occur. A full-service station with a dedicated training facility would increase our effectiveness, enhance the safety of our volunteers and allow for more advanced and critically needed training to occur.

Protecting our community is our number one priority. Acquiring a modern fire station would enable Kellogg Rural Fire Department to better serve the taxpayers in our district and to come home safely to our families at the end of our shift.

Respectfully,  
Chad Frazier