

Dedication Ceremony for a Fire Station

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We have come here today to dedicate this new fire station.

Dedications of buildings are recorded far back into antiquity. The Bible, in Numbers 7:10, tells of the dedication of the altar of the Tabernacle. In 2 Chronicles 7:9 describes the dedication of the altar in Solomon's Temple. In Nehemiah 12:27 gives an account of a dedication of the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem.

The most thorough account of a dedication ceremony in the Bible is in 1 Kings 8, describing the events surrounding the dedication of Solomon's Temple. In these dedications, the buildings and the utensils are set apart for special use by God.

We come here today to dedicate this new building and all of its contents, and to re-dedicate ourselves - fire officers, firefighters/medics, staff, apparatus, and all the implements of our trade - to the glory of God and to the emergency needs of the people of (name of our Township).

This new facility will be home of our firefighters on a 24-hour shift basis - to work, eat, sleep, watch TV, study, train, and relax; it will house the apparatus and all the tools of fire fighting and medical emergency responses. We are pleased to have this new facility and the men and women who are part of this team. We want to thank God for this great gift, to dedicate ourselves, to pray for our protection and give the very best of our service to the people of our community.

Let us pray:

Holy God and Sovereign Lord, we are thankful to You for your great goodness in providing You and this community with this new facility; we offer this **new fire station, our lives, our skills and all the implements of our trade** to Your Glory and to meet the emergency needs of the people of (the name of township).

We are humbled that you have brought us together here today, that you allow us to be a part of this team; we offer little to you compared to what you have given to us; but in your grace, you accept our gifts and multiply our efforts, and we are most grateful.

We are so appreciative of all you bestow upon us--- for this new building that many firefighter/emergency people will call home at this station for many years to come--- A place from which we can respond to the calls for help from our people--- a place where we can hone our skills and train to do better the job we are called upon to do---

Help us, O God, to use this facility, the implements of our trade, the skills and knowledge you have allowed us to acquire in a way that will bring glory to Your Holy name and that will make the residents of this township pleased to be a part of (name of township).

Let us, O Lord, to save lives, to protect and preserve property, bind up the brokenhearted, to comfort those who mourn, and provide for those who grieve. Walk with us through the fire, O Lord, protect every man and woman of this department as they give their whole-hearted devotion to the job to which they have been called.

We ask in Thy Holy and Matchless Name. Amen!

