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Final fire station open house to celebrate red engines

After months of anticipation, the City of Springfield Fire Department's four new red fire engines have hit the streets. To celebrate, the Department is hosting four open houses in June – one every Friday evening of the month. The open houses will take place at each of the fire stations where the new engines will be stationed. We encourage all citizens to come on out, see the new engines on display, meet your Springfield firefighters and tour the station – all while enjoying Andy's frozen custard.

The **fourth and final** open house will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8 pm.

Friday, June 28
Springfield Fire Station 4
2423 N. Delaware

The arrival of engines 1, 2, 4 and 9 marks the beginning of a gradual process to replace the yellow fire apparatus currently used by the Springfield Fire Department.

Red fire engines are highly anticipated by Springfield Fire Department personnel and the community. The engines each took a year to build and cost roughly \$400,000 a piece. The funding source for these four new fire engines was the City's Level Property Tax revenues. These limited funds are used to fund municipal facilities and equipment, including public safety capital such as fire stations, fire engines, fire trucks, and police cars. This purchase is considered a one-time allocation of these funds. The City has no identified lifecycle funding source for fire engines or fire trucks.

In addition to donning the much-anticipated red, the new engines will also have additional features to aid in fighting fires. Each engine is equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) that is four times more effective at extinguishing a fire than standard water nozzles. The engines also have green star technology to decrease emissions.

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