

## 5.0 STATION 5

The station was constructed in 1960 and is a drive through bay design and is experiencing water drainage problems. Located on the edge of the Ball State Campus the facility is land-locked and any expansion will most likely not be possible. The overhead doors are 12' x 12' with a ceiling height of 14'. The front apron does permit some types of apparatus to be pulled outside for apparatus checkouts but does not permit the longer types of equipment.

The day room is situated directly off of the apparatus bays and is approximately 13'6" x 32'. The kitchen has a residential range with no hood. Existing cabinets are in poor condition and offer little storage space. There are two refrigerators for personnel to use. Dining is accomplished by eating in the kitchen area.

Restrooms are accessible from the apparatus bays and are approximately 12' x 28' in size. There are 2 water closets, 2 urinals, 2 showers and 3 lavatories with 15 lockers in the room. The bunkroom is open dorm style that is approximately 12' x 32'.

### 5.1 APPARATUS AND PERSONNEL HOUSED AT STATION

Currently housed is one engine and one snorkel and staffing is 6 personnel per shift.

### 5.2 MAJOR DEFICIENCIES NOTED

- The current station is land-locked and any expansion of the facility will result in the need to acquire adjacent ground that is probably not possible. The facility is more spacious than some of the other facilities but is still lacking in areas of essential needs. Personnel need space for cardiovascular exercising as well as weight training. The space should be large enough to accommodate the number of personnel that is on duty. There is a need for apparatus to be

pulled outside of the facility to perform apparatus checkouts and some of the equipment cannot perform this function due to the short apron.

- Living arrangements will not accommodate any additional personnel to the facility without some expansion or remodeling of the current facility.
- Personnel should have sufficient space that will personnel to view other programs, study materials that have been given to them from training exercises or a quiet area that will permit them to relax from the stresses of the job. Currently personnel are forced to sit in the bay area to conduct this type of activity.
- The bunkroom and restrooms are small and are not conducive to today's fire department operations. Lockers need to be larger to permit personnel to store personal items within these units that are commonly found in fire stations today.