

From: [Chief Wesle](#)
To: [Travis Teesch](#)
Cc: [Steph Mazzoni](#)
Subject: Re: fire training beaver dam
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:49:22 AM
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I have a few things on the calendar for the rest of this week but if you're flexible we can definitely fit a visit in. Thursday looks the best for me. Otherwise, shoot me a couple dates and times next week and we can get something set up.



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From: Travis Teesch <TTeesch@watertownwi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Chief Wesle <mwesle@ci.beaverdam.wi.gov>
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Subject: RE: fire training beaver dam

Mike when would be a good time for us to come and take a look?

Travis

From: Chief Wesle <mwesle@ci.beaverdam.wi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Travis Teesch <TTeesch@watertownwi.gov>
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Chief,

She is doing well, nothing too serious. Thanks for the kind words and concern.

As far as the training tower goes:

We went with American Fire Training Systems out of Lockport Illinois. We considered Fire Facilities, but it just proved to be cost prohibitive. We also spoke with several other manufacturers but no one else had the experience or reputation that American Fire had.

Our facility is Class A only and has two burn rooms. The burn room on the first floor is roughly 14' X 14'. The second floor burn room is 7' X 14'. If you were considering Fire Facilities our guys would definitely have some suggestions on design features. We were fairly constrained with our budget for this project, so we are making some small modifications as we discover minor issues. Overall, we are very happy with the facility and have been able to conduct several burns. The culture here in Beaver Dam focusses heavily on training. Our people utilize the facility almost every day. In addition to improving the skills of our firefighters the training facility has really boosted morale. Having a consistent and available training facility is a huge asset to the department. In my opinion, it was well worth the money.

As far as costs for the facility:

Facility Cost

\$343,500

Engineering

\$5,000

Excavation

\$6,300

Concrete Foundation (We opted for concrete piers and a gravel pad because of budget constraints. In a perfect world we would have had a full concrete pad.)

\$25,515

Total

\$380,315

If you guys are interested in visiting, we would love to show you around. Just let me know and we could set something up.



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From: Travis Teesch <TTeesch@watertownwi.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 8:37 AM

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Chief –

I hope your firefighter that was treated after last evenings fire is doing well. if you need anything let me know.

Also, our elected officials are wondering about the cost for your training tower.

Do you have the costs for the structure and the labor to assemble it?

Travis

From: Emily McFarland <emcfarland@watertownwi.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 8:30 PM

To: Travis Teesch <TTeesch@watertownwi.gov>

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Can you please find out if their number was just for materials or if it also included labor?

Emily McFarland

Mayor | City of Watertown

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jonathan Lampe <JLampe@watertownwi.gov>

Date: October 23, 2023 at 6:06:19 PM CDT

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Budget and overview

Regards,

Jonathan Lampe

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