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RHODE ISLAND FIRE ACADEMY FACTS

1985 Chief Ronald Jones appointed the first full-time director of the Rhode Island Fire Academy until retirement in 1989.

In the beginning classes were held twice annually at CCRI. The Fire Academy office was a desk and closet located above Oki's Japanese Steakhouse in North Providence. It then moved to a garage on West Exchange Street. Next it went to the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal's Office in Quonset Point where it was able to set up two classrooms on the second floor.

On November 5, 2002, a public referendum bond issue was voted on for funding in the amount of \$6.4 million for the building of a permanent fire academy was approved. This allowed for the first permanent home for the Rhode Island Fire Academy.

Over the last two years the fire academy has conducted 143 classes for over 4,230 firefighters under the most difficult conditions.

Robinson Green Beretta has been commissioned to design the new Rhode Island Fire Academy headquarter facility, including a "burn" building for live fire training, a training tower and other props to assist fire fighters in training. Also Iron Construction of Warwick Rhode Island has been chosen as the contractor.

The approximate 3,550 SF facility will include a secure entry, equipment storage area, a burn building, a multi level life fire training exercise structure and 10,000 sf training pad and vehicle parking area. The construction cost is estimated at \$5.5 million. Future plans include a 15,000 SF classroom/office building.