To: Residents of Princeton
From: Facilities Steering Committee, Phase II

The Selectboard established the Facilities Steering Committee, Phase II, to make recommendations, share information with voters and assist in the securing of funding for the development of plans and construction documents for a new public safety building to be built at the Princeton Center School site. We will regularly use a Question and Answer format to answer your questions and share the information we have learned.

On March 9, 2018, Governor Charlie Baker signed the Massachusetts Workers Safety Bill extending OSHA standards protections to municipal workers. Fire Departments in Massachusetts are now required to comply with minimum OSHA regulations.

The following are some highlights of OSHA Requirements for Fire/EMS related to facilities. The new public safety facility will bring Princeton Fire/EMS to full compliance.

Facility Safety
- Electrical wiring **(Princeton Not Compliant)**
- Stairways, railings, and floor maintenance to prevent slip-trips **(Princeton Not Compliant)**
- Ventilation for truck exhaust **(Princeton Not Compliant)**

Cancer Prevention
- Respirator program for inhalation of smoke or soot
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) program for skin contact with smoke or soot
- Procedures to prevent migration of soot contamination in firehouse
- Decontamination facilities for gear and personnel **(Princeton Not Compliant)**
- Control of engine exhaust in truck bays **(Princeton Not Compliant)**

Preventing Common Injury Patterns
(The following are best practice and not mandated by OSHA)
- Ergonomic training for lifting and essential job tasks to prevent back, shoulder and knee injuries **(Princeton Not Compliant)**
- Fitness program to prevent back, shoulder and knee injuries and reduce risk of cardiac disease *(Princeton currently complies with the gym but we need a certified fitness and agility instructor)*
- Wellness program to promote stress management techniques and access professional mental health providers

For more information, please go to:
http://town.princeton.ma.us/Pages/PrincetonMA_BComm/facilitiessteer

If you have questions that you would like answered, please email:
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