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Feel the Burn: Training Facility Ready to Welcome Firefighters

If it's too hot, stay out of the fire.

Unless you're at the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company's new burn building facility, where the heat is on for those training to battle real-life fires.

The ribbon will be cut – or rather, burned – for the new training facility during a ceremony at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 7 outside the Public Safety Training Center off Route 19. Members of the public are invited to attend and view the facility. Social distancing and masks are not required but encouraged.

The custom-designed facility, funded by the CTVFC Relief Association, allows members to train and hone fire-fighting skills in a realistic setting just up the hill from the Park station. The three-story building has forceable entry doors and is 100 percent burnable.

"While there's nothing like the experience of fighting actual fires, this training facility is the next best thing," said Scott Garing, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. "It helps increase knowledge and, perhaps more importantly, confidence for our men and women when they arrive on a scene."

The impressive structure comes in addition to the existing four-story tower that is used for mid-rise fire, rescue, and ladder training. The department also utilizes a training trailer that simulates confined spaces and exposes firefighters to black-out conditions, loud noise, and flashing lights.

All facilities will be used by fire departments throughout the region.

For more information, visit ctvfc.org.

MEDIA ADVISORY: Media are invited to attend the ribbon-burning ceremony and tour the burn building facility. Interviews are available. Contact tina.fedko@cranberrytownship.org.