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Celebrate red fire engines at open house June 14

After months of anticipation, the City of Springfield Fire Department's four new red fire engines have hit the streets. To celebrate, the Department is hosting four open houses in June – one every Friday evening of the month. The open houses will take place at each of the fire stations where the new engines will be stationed. We encourage all citizens to come on out, see the new engines on display, meet your Springfield firefighters and tour the station – all while enjoying Andy's frozen custard.

All open houses will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8 pm. The schedule of locations is as follows:

- **Friday, June 14**
Springfield Fire Station 9
450 W. Walnut Lawn
- **Friday, June 21**
Springfield Fire Station 2
608 W. Commercial St.
- **Friday, June 28**
Springfield Fire Station 4
2423 N. Delaware

The arrival of engines 1, 2, 4 and 9 marks the beginning of a gradual process to replace the yellow fire apparatus currently used by the Springfield Fire Department. Red fire engines are highly anticipated by Springfield Fire Department personnel and the community. In addition to fulfilling the desire for a classic design, they will also have a higher resale value than the yellow engines they are replacing.

In addition to donning the much-anticipated red, the new engines will also have additional features to aid in fighting fires. Each engine is equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) that is four times more effective at extinguishing a fire than standard water nozzles. The engines also have green star technology to decrease emissions.

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