

A Stronger, Safer Future for the Town of Randolph Through Rural Development

The [Town of Randolph](#), Maine, has taken a major step toward strengthening emergency services and safeguarding residents with the construction of a new, modern fire station. This project was made possible through a \$2.6 million Community Facilities investment administered by USDA Rural Development. This long-awaited project marks a transformational investment in the safety, resilience, and vitality of a small rural community dedicated to supporting both its citizens and its regional neighbors.

A Critical Community Need

For more than 80 years, Randolph's fire department operated out of its aging 2,000-square-foot station on Water Street. The building sat in a flood zone, faced ongoing structural and foundation issues, and could no longer meet code requirements or house modern fire trucks. Firefighters persevered despite these challenges, providing essential services not only to Randolph's 1,743 residents but also mutual aid to seven surrounding communities, including [Gardiner](#), [Farmingdale](#), [Pittston](#), [Chelsea](#), [West Gardiner](#), [Hallowell](#), and the [VA-Togus hospital](#) in Augusta. The challenges made it clear that a new, modern station was essential, and Randolph moved forward with a plan to ensure its firefighters had the space and safety they needed.

A Modern Facility Built for Today's Needs

Randolph recently broke ground on a new 5,428-square-foot fire station, supported through Rural Development's efforts to strengthen essential community infrastructure.

The new facility includes:

- Three fully sized apparatus bays designed to accommodate modern fire trucks and a rescue vehicle
- A community meeting room
- A dedicated training area
- Kitchen and laundry facilities

- ADA-compliant design throughout
- Shower and restroom facilities for firefighters
- Space that will serve as the town's emergency shelter

This modern facility demonstrates how local leadership and Rural Development's commitment can deliver critical infrastructure that enhances the quality of life for rural Mainers.

Strengthening Rural Maine, One Project at a Time

On dedication day, local firefighters, town officials, residents, and Rural Development State Director John Butera gathered to celebrate the opening of the new fire station. The event symbolized more than a ribbon cutting, it represented the town's commitment to public safety and community resilience.

"Our mission at Rural Development is to help communities build the infrastructure they rely on every day, and this new station is a strong example of that commitment." — John Butera, State Director

The Randolph fire station stands as a powerful example of how Community Facilities investments and USDA Rural Development partnerships help rural towns address critical infrastructure needs. This project demonstrates what can be accomplished when federal resources, local leadership, and dedicated public servants come together with a shared mission to improve the quality of life for rural Mainers.



Newly finished Randolph Fire Station.



State Director John Butera celebrates the new station with Chief Ron Cunningham.

