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Center Grove Opens Emergency Operations Center

GREENWOOD, IN (January 27, 2022) – Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC) hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for its new Center Grove Emergency Operations Center on Thursday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. The Emergency Operations Center includes the headquarters and live monitoring space for the Center Grove Police Department and a full-service fire station, Station 254, shared between the White River Township and Bargersville Fire Departments. The facility also has space for a Johnson County Sheriff's Department satellite office.

The ceremony began with students from the Center Grove Elementary School Student Council leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star-Spangled Banner was then sung by the Center Grove Middle School Central 8th Grade Concert Choir.

"This facility is here because those of us responsible for the safety and education of our community's children want to make sure we are doing everything we can to protect them while they are in our care," Rich Arkanoff, CGCSC Superintendent told the crowd. "Today, we become one of the first in the country to forge a partnership with three community agencies to better serve our students and our community. This project would not have happened without the vision and hard work of everyone involved, including our Center Grove team, the White River Township Fire Department, the Bargersville Community Fire Department, and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

"I am incredibly proud of the teamwork put in by all of these agencies to make this happen," said Chief Ray Jackson, Center Grove Police Department. "This facility gives us the ability to both shorten our response time and to provide live monitoring of our 700 cameras, which are big steps forward in improving the safety of our campuses."

"Across the state of Indiana, people are going to look at this as a model, quite frankly, across the nation," said Indiana State Senator Rodric Bray. "People are going to look at what collaboration and cooperation can do for everybody across all jurisdictions and disciplines. So, well done. People will be watching this for a long time in the future."



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"This is the most impressive collaboration that I have seen among true leaders," said Chief Jeremy Pell, White River Township Fire Department. "To set aside all of the reasons why we can't do something, put in the hard work, and get it done in a way that puts these heroes in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment to make a long-term impact on somebody's life. And that's what we're seeing here today."

"Today is one of the most exciting days of my career," said Chief Eric Funkhouser, Bargersville Community Fire Department. "A chance to be able to work together on a project like this, to put our heads together and come up with something as exciting as what you're seeing today, is just awesome to see."

The new facility is located at 2309 South Morgantown Road, Greenwood. It is just north of CGCSC's main campus, which includes Center Grove Elementary, Center Grove Middle School Central, Center Grove High School, the CGCSC Education Service Center, Technology Center, Innovation Center, Academy Building, Wellness Center, and several athletic facilities.

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Photo attachment: (L-R-BCFD Chief Eric Funkhouser, CGPD Chief Ray Jackson, Johnson County Sheriff Duane Burgess, WRTFD Community Liaison Mike Hoffman, CGCSC Asst. Superintendent Dr. Bill Long, WRTFD Chief Jeremy Pell, CGCSC Board Secretary Scott Alexander, CGCSC Superintendent Dr. Rich Arkanoff, Indiana State Senator Rodric Bray)

Additional photos from today's event available at [this link](#).