

Life Safety Project info:

Synopsis and Timeline of Life Safety Project to date:

July - August 2022 - State of IL Fire Marshal inspection & mitigation report - Had regular inspection with the new fire marshal. He brought back 5 additional inspectors. Our building is a refurbished Cattle auction building. - They didn't like it and required us to hire an architect and divide our spaces into 4 different categories.

Fall of 2022- hired AEX to develop plans for mitigation - Plan divided the warehouse space with 2 fire walls - one in the back to separate the equipment for the landscape business, maintenance shop, and bailer - the other at the front of the warehouse to separate the business from the warehouse.

August 2023- hired Getz Fire to complete new fire alarm system.

Fall of 2023 - fire alarm system 90% complete.

May 16, 2024 - received official State of IL Fire Marshal approval of plans.

June 2025 - began working with Culture Construction - Elmhurst, IL.

September 8, 2025 - Construction began on Phase 1 - moving the bailer, constructing the back firewall, putting in additional fire exits, and the new maintenance shop.

Then, the contractor identified a significant issue with the west warehouse walls where the new fire exits are planned. They cannot tie in the back firewall as it was in horrible condition. A change order was issued, doubling the cost of Phase 1 to at least \$450,000. Encore needs \$90,000 to complete this phase and set us up for the additional construction needed.

- **West Side:** The wall is in poor condition. The concrete is cracked and sinking, and water damage has eroded the support pillars. This entire wall will need to be removed, a new footing poured, and a new structure built.

These repairs will delay completing Phases 2 and 3. While this adds scope to our current work, the repairs are essential to ensure the building is structurally sound.

Encore must complete these repairs in order to continue our Community Day Services Program that is funded by IDHS Division of Developmental Disabilities.

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