

Good morning and welcome to the grand opening of Tooele City Fire Station #3. This building will serve the needs of our department and community for many years! I am extremely grateful to Tooele City Engineer Paul Hansen and Fire Chief Matt McCoy for taking on the responsibility as project managers. In addition to their daily demanding job duties, they have spent countless hours to ensure that this building was constructed according to plans and under budget. There has been a great deal of work behind the scenes to prepare for this memorable occasion. I wish to thank the members of the fire department, the auxiliary supporters and Tooele city staff who have given of their precious time to make this building a reality.

I am grateful to the city council for their support in approving the funding for the building and the purchase of this beautiful apparatus, Engine #26. They truly understand the importance of providing safety to the department, our community members and businesses.

I am grateful for the leadership of Chief McCoy; Deputy Chief Jed Colovich; Fire Marshall Nick Wall and Volunteer Assistant Chiefs Nate Remington and Chuck Meyer. These fine men recognize the enormous responsibility that they have as they lead the department through the crucial changes that occur as our community continues to grow at a rapid pace.

We are blessed to live in a community where volunteer service is alive and well.

Words cannot express the deep gratitude that I feel for the members of the Tooele City Volunteer Fire Department and their families. Their dedication to our community is unparalleled. That is why this building is so important. We owe it to them to provide all necessary equipment and facilities to carry out their duties of protecting the public from not only fire, but other hazardous conditions that are present in our city. They respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are always “on call”. Their safety is the most important duty that we owe to them, as they in turn protect the lives and property of our residents.

I am proud to live in this wonderful community! May God bless our firefighter family and all that serve in Tooele City. Thank you!