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Spokane County Fire District 4 makes progress on bond projects

[Chattaroy, Wash.] – Spokane County Fire District 4 continues to make progress on projects funded in a \$9.6 million bond approved by voters in 2014. The bond funds the construction of three fire stations and a training facility, as well as replaces aging apparatus and emergency vehicles.

The district is committed to providing regular updates to the community, which can be found on its website at www.scf4.org. Despite the busiest wildland fire season on record, the fire district says that projects are moving along as scheduled and on budget.

“We are accountable to the taxpayers for how these bond funds are spent,” Fire Chief Randy Johnson said. “We take this responsibility very seriously and will report on the progress we make every step of the way.”

The building foundation is complete and the steel walls are up at Station 40 along Elk-Chattaroy and Hamilton roads. Contractors will finish up the interior of the facility and the district anticipates the project will be complete in January 2016. The station will improve emergency response times and service for approximately 500 homes served by the fire district in this area.

The city of Deer Park approached the district about a piece of land it wants the district to consider as the future home of Station 41. A feasibility analysis of the property will be completed this month. If the property proves to be a viable option, the land transfer will be completed, and the district will finalize construction plans for the new station.

Station 41 will be large enough to accommodate offices for the district, which means the current administrative building on Chattaroy Road can be renovated into a training facility for firefighters. The original proposal was to buy land and construct a new facility, so this represents a significant savings for taxpayers.

The fire district purchased land for a new station at Cooper Road and Highway 206 around 15 years ago. Plans are being redesigned for the station to reduce costs, and construction will begin in the spring.

The district also has started replacing aging equipment and emergency vehicles. It purchased five new chassis and attached them to existing brush/medic truck bodies instead of buying all new units. It also saved taxpayers \$150,000 by purchasing a gently used support unit vehicle instead of buying a new one. In 2016, the district plans to acquire two new water tenders and complete the design and specifications for four new fire engines.

“We look for ways to save money provided it doesn’t put lives and property at risk,” said Chief Johnson. “This is how we operate.”

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Spokane County Fire District 4 provides fire suppression and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to 45,000 people over 330 square miles in north Spokane County, including the city of Deer Park. Volunteer and part-time firefighters respond to approximately 3,200 calls per year, of which more than 80 percent are for EMS. Fire District 4 is proud to operate under a balanced budget and has passed all financial and accountability audits by the state.