



# Fire District 4

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#### **Fire District 4 reports back on bond-funded projects**

[Chattaroy, Wash.] – In August of 2014, voters in Spokane County Fire District 4 approved \$9.6 million in bond funds to build three fire stations, a training facility and to replace apparatus. This is the second anniversary of the bond passing, and the fire district wants to share how these public safety projects are being completed on time and on budget.

“We are transparent and accountable to our community,” said Chief Randy Johnson. “These are your tax dollars we use to save lives and property, and we take that responsibility seriously.”

Fire District 4 has finished one of three station projects with a second to be completed before the end of the year. Station 40 (27515 North Elk-Chattaroy Road) was finished last spring, and will improve emergency response times to approximately 500 homes in the area. (Homeowners are encouraged to contact their insurance companies to see if the new station will reduce their premiums, as well.) Station 48 (17711 N. Mount Spokane Park Road) will replace one the district has outgrown, and will be completed by late fall.

The City of Deer Park made land available at an ideal location for a third station (Station 41) in exchange for the fire district removing an old building on the site. The land transfer will be finalized this month, and the structure removed soon after. Fire District 4 anticipates breaking ground on this facility in the spring of 2017 and construction completed within 12-18 months.

The fire district will use Station 41 as its new headquarters, and renovate its old administrative building on East Chattaroy Road into a firefighter training facility. Renovating and repurposing an existing building will save money as opposed to purchasing land and funding new construction.

A portion of the bond also is dedicated to replacing apparatus and equipment. Fire District 4 looks for ways to save money by purchasing used apparatus, replacing parts and repurposing other pieces.

For example, the fire district purchased a gently-used support unit vehicle, saving taxpayers \$150,000 when compared to buying new. It also purchased five new chassis for brush/medic vehicles and attached them to bodies of old rigs it already owned. Three of the old chassis were repurposed with pumps and tanks to serve as brush engines to support wildland firefighting efforts. The other two will be completed this winter for similar use.

Bond funds also have purchased two new water tenders that will be delivered in October. In addition, the Board of Fire Commissioners recently accepted a bid for four fire engines to replace ones that are

approaching the end of their usable lives. Using the same vendor for all four units will save taxpayers approximately \$100,000.

Members of the public with questions about bond-funded projects are encouraged to contact Fire Chief Randy Johnson at (509) 467-4500 or [randyj@scfd4.org](mailto:randyj@scfd4.org). More information is available on Fire District 4's web site [www.scfd4.org](http://www.scfd4.org) or Facebook and Twitter @SpokaneCoFire4.

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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 more than 3,100 emergency calls per year; 77 percent on average 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. Find Spokane County Fire District 4 on Facebook and Twitter @SpokaneCoFire4 or visit the web site at [www.scfd4.org](http://www.scfd4.org).*