



# Fire District 4

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### **Spokane County Fire District 4 reports on bond 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. Two stations have been completed and are in full service. Construction on the third, station 41 in Deer Park, is underway now and will continue through the winter. Delivery of four new fire engines will occur this month. Lastly, the remodel of the existing administration office to a training facility will commence as soon as the new offices are complete.

“This is a very exciting time for the fire district, both for our members and our citizens,” said Chief Randy Johnson. “As our area grows, the responsibility of the fire district grows,” added Chief Johnson. Officials from District 4 strive to stay on top of growth and continue to meet the needs of the communities. Building new, updated fire stations in strategic locations is one way to do this.

Station 40, 27515 N. Elk-Chattaroy Rd., was opened in April 2015 and not only enhances response in a rural community but has become a meeting place for area residents. Station 48 at 17711 N Mt Spokane Park Drive replaced a station that was too small, and could not meet the needs of the growing population.

The new station 41, across the street from the existing station and city hall in Deer Park, will have larger and more apparatus bays, accommodations for more firefighters to live and work out of, and will house the administration office for the District. There will also be a large community center available for use. District 4 believes that this will be significant addition to the community and a center for activity in Deer Park for decades to come.

The four new engines that are due to arrive this month boast a larger cab, wider body, and more compartment space. These engines were designed to maximize safety, and meet or exceed the latest industry standards. The existing engines will be given new jobs as front line, reserve or training engines. Dave Talbot, District 4’s mechanic said, “with the size of our fleet, we really need at least two reserve engines to cover for maintenance and break downs.”

As updates and improvements continue at Fire District 4, the administration wants to keep the citizens of the fire district informed. Considerable time and energy have been spent in the planning and designing of the new stations and engines – both by administration and a committee of volunteers from the district. The projects are being completed on time and on budget. ###

*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 Fire District 4 on Facebook at [/SpokaneCoFire4](https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneCoFire4), Twitter ([@SpokaneCoFire4](https://twitter.com/SpokaneCoFire4)) or visit the web site at [www.scf4.org](http://www.scf4.org).*