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Fire District 4 continues work on bond projects

[Chattaroy, Wash.] – Fire District 4 has multiple projects underway as a result of a \$9.6 million bond that voters passed in August of 2014. These projects will enhance the Fire District's ability to respond to emergencies now and in the future.

New station 48 is nearing completion at N Mount Spokane Park Dr. near Cooper Rd. and will replace the old station, which has served the citizens and the District for over 50 years. The new station will accommodate a water tender and an engine which are both needed to improve insurance ratings in the area. District 4 will have a grand opening celebration in mid-October – the exact date will be announced soon.

The process has begun for removal of the building on the Deer Park site were the new station 41 will stand. This new station will be in the center of town in what is now Perrins Field on Crawford and Stevens. Perrins field is available for use until the demolition equipment arrives, at which time the construction area will be fenced off. The City of Deer Park will retain ownership of the west end of current Perrins field. A spring-time construction ground breaking is planned.

Two new water tenders are expected to arrive in District 4 in November. These water tenders are being built by Custom Truck & Body Works in Woodbury, GA and will carry 3,000 gallons of water each. They will r add capacity to the district and be placed in stations where no water tenders are currently available.

An apparatus committee has been meeting for a year to specify how our newest fire engines will look and operate. Those engines are being built by Rosenbauer in Lyons, SD - four engines are expected in the fall of next year. These engines will carry 1,000 gallons of water and be added to the current engine fleet in the District. This will provide much needed capacity in frontline response and reserve apparatus.

Chief Randy Johnson said "We strive to be excellent stewards of the public's money in the facilities that we build, as well as the apparatus." Chief Johnson welcomes inquiries on any of these improvements – he can be reached at the District Office at 467-4500.

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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 Fire District 4 on Facebook at /SpokaneCoFire4, Twitter (@SpokaneCoFire4) or visit the web site at www.scfd4.org.