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Fire District 4 breaks ground on second new fire station



From left to right: Citizen Advisory Group members Pete Blackwell, Linda Knapp, Fire Commissioners Jim Lahde and Roger Krieger, Volunteer Firefighter Greg Rehn and Lieutenant Randy Koeller, Fire Chief Randy Johnson.

[Chattaroy, Wash.] – Spokane County Fire District 4 broke ground on the second of three new fire stations funded by a voter-approved bond in late 2014. The fire district held an event for emergency personnel and members of its Citizen Advisory Group to commemorate the occasion.

“We are grateful for the support of our community and dedication of our members,” said Fire Chief Randy Johnson. “This event was one small way that we could recognize the contributions of our volunteers and community.”

Station 48 will be located at 17711 N. Mount Spokane Park Road in Mead, Wash. This station will replace one that the district has outgrown after 50 years. Construction on the new facility began June 13 and will continue through the summer. The fire

district expects to take occupancy sometime in October, and the community will be invited to an Open House to tour the facility soon after.

Station 48 will improve the fire district's emergency service capabilities in two ways. It will help attract new volunteer firefighters to serve the area and provide space to house a new water tender. The water tender is part of the new apparatus also funded by the bond, and will improve the fire district's rating with the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau. This could translate into lower insurance rates for property owners.

Voters approved a \$9.6 million bond in 2014 to build three fire stations, a training facility and replace equipment and apparatus. More information about capital projects funded by the bond can be found on Fire District 4's web site at <http://www.scf4.org/bond>.

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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.scf4.org.