



Benton County Fire Protection District No. 4

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[PHOTO 1: Draft rendering of Keene Road Fire Station 430 – subject to change]

New Fire Station Progressing *Construction bids due September 24*

WEST RICHLAND, WASH. — Residents of Benton County Fire District #4 may begin to see progress on Keene Road Fire Station 430 soon, the first new station built in the district in over 20 years. The fire district began advertising for construction bids on August 27.

In 2018, voters approved a bond to purchase apparatus and build a new station in the western part of the fire district's service territory. This investment will improve response times and provide additional capacity for back-to-back emergencies. Currently, it can take almost 17 minutes to respond to an emergency that happens in the western part of the fire district.

The Board of Fire Commissioner for Benton County Fire District #4 will open bids on September 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Provided there are no surprises with the bids received, the fire district plans to have a contractor selected in October.

Station 430 will be located on Keene Road, near the intersection of State Route 224 (Van Giesen). The site was acquired working in partnership with the Port of Kennewick. The location allows for improved service to the western end of the fire district, as well as improves service to the City of West Richland.

More information about the fire district can be found at www.bcf4.org. Those interested in receiving news about Station 430 can sign up on the website to receive updates directly.

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Benton County Fire District 4 is proud to provide fire and emergency medical service (EMS) to 18,232 people over 52 square miles, including the City of West Richland. It responded to 1,748 calls in 2018 - almost 18% more than 2017. The fire district operates under a balanced budget and maintains adequate reserve funds in case of an emergency. It also has a history of successfully passing financial and accountability audits by the state. Learn more about Fire District 4 at www.bcf4.org, "Like" us on Facebook at @BCFD4 or follow us on Twitter @BCFD4Info.