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New Station Groundbreaking Planned for Benton County Fire District 4 *Public Invited to Attend*



Architect's rendering of Station 430. Voters in Benton County Fire District 4 approved a bond in 2018 to build the facility and purchase emergency apparatus to serve the community.

WEST RICHLAND, WASH. — Benton County Fire District 4 invites community members to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for its newest station. The event will be held on Monday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. at 8031 Keene Rd, West Richland, WA 99353.

“We would not have this station without the support of our community and the Port of Kennewick,” said Fire Chief Bill Whealan. “We are extremely grateful for their willingness to partner with us to save lives and property.”

In late 2018, voters in Benton County Fire District 4 approved a bond to build and equip the station as well as purchase replacement emergency apparatus. The Port of Kennewick sold the Fire District two-acres of land for the project at a reduced cost. The station will improve emergency response times district-wide and provide additional units to respond during back-to-back calls.

The bond was projected to be 28 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value and last 20 years. However, the final amount was 24 cents/\$1,000 due to strong growth for the area. The City of West Richland has grown 25 percent since 2010. Population in the unincorporated areas served by the Fire District has increased by 30 percent.

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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. 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.