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Completion of Fire Station 2-1

Ellensburg, Washington, January 12, 2021- Construction is complete at Fire Station 2-1 site, located at 2020 Vantage Highway, and firefighters have completed the move into the new facility. The construction on Fire Station 2-1 started in July of 2019 and was completed in 2 phases.

Phase 1 of the project resulted in a three-bay maintenance shop and firefighter training room. This building also served as housing for firefighters, during the construction of Phase 2; which was the demolition and rebuilding of the firefighter living quarters and office area.

One of the features firefighters are most excited about in the new facility is the indoor connection between the existing apparatus bay and the new living quarter facility. This connection will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.

“Typically, we would invite the community to an open house and let them view the station and see the operations at the fire station. However, because of COVID restrictions we are giving people a virtual tour for now and will schedule an open house as soon as the public health emergency has passed.” stated John Sinclair, Fire Chief of KVFR.

The Board of Fire Commissioners have funded the construction from District operating funds. The station will be paid over the next 14 years from existing money and it will not increase taxes to the community. “KVFR takes pride in being fiscally conservative, just like our community expects us to be”, stated Pat Clerf, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

KVFR provides fire protection to 280 square miles including the cities of Ellensburg and Kittitas, Central Washington University and Emergency Medical Services (EMS-Paramedic Ambulance Service) to over 1,200 square miles. In 2020, KVFR responded to 4,225 calls for service, an average of 11.5 calls per day.

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