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New Construction at Fire Station 2-1

Ellensburg, Washington, December 18th, 2019- Construction is happening at the Fire Station 2-1 site on 2020 Vantage Highway that will improve service to the community. Firefighters will remain operating from the site as the project is completed. The construction will be in two phases.

Phase 1, which is happening now, is a new three-bay maintenance shop and training room. The District has over 50 pieces of emergency apparatus between fire engines, medic units, water tenders, ladder truck, brush trucks and command vehicles to cover the community. Having a dedicated shop will allow our mechanic to be more effective and efficient. The training room will allow for classroom training of the career and volunteer firefighters before they head to the drill ground and practice the art of firefighting. This building will also act as temporary housing for firefighters, during Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the project will consist of tearing down the current living quarters and building a new facility for firefighters. The current building has become rodent infested and is generally not in good condition. A purpose-built fire station will allow the firefighters to be more effective and efficient. The current apparatus bays will have some improvements completed but will remain standing and in use to reduce project costs.

When the voters approved the bond for our Headquarters Fire Station 2-9, they sent a clear message of support, along with an understanding that they didn't want to see another bond come forward. To honor the promises made, the Board of Fire Commissioners are paying for the construction of the station 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 using taxpayer dollars resourcefully.

The property was originally purchased in 1993 by the Fire District. Before being a fire station, the building served as a livestock sales pavilion. For the past 25 years, the facility has served as a fire station. However, it was not built for that purpose, and has created inefficiencies. Chief Sinclair would like to emphasize; "The District continues to make improvements to our critical infrastructure at the same time being good stewards of the taxpayers money."

KVFR provides fire protection to 280 square miles including the cities of Ellensburg and Kittitas, Central Washington University and Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic Ambulance Service) to over 1,200 square miles. The population served is 30,600.

- [St. 21 Site Plan](#)
- [St. 21 Elevation](#)

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