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**GTC Begins Work on Two Lakewood Fire Stations**

Golden Triangle Construction (GTC) was recently awarded two fire station projects for the West Metro Fire Protection District (WMFPD) in Lakewood, Colorado. The projects, which are being funded by a bond passed last year, will help the WMFPD better serve the growing community by making room for more firefighters and equipment, including more emergency response vehicles.

The West Metro Fire Station No. 4 project includes the demolition of the existing station, which was built in 1964, and the construction of a new 10,655 square-foot, two-story fire station. Besides having more modern amenities, the new station will be much larger than the current one, creating space for much-needed additions to crew and apparatus. It will also better accommodate persons with disabilities and female firefighters by providing more private sleeping quarters and gender-friendly bathrooms. Last month, the WMFPD invited community members to a kick-off event the day before demolition began to take their best shot at “knocking down” the old station with a sledgehammer swing.

The Fire Station No. 8 project includes a new 10,628 square-foot, two-story facility similar to Fire Station No. 4, however, the old Station No. 8 is not being razed. Instead, the new facility is being constructed adjacent to it. Station No. 8 needs upgrades and more space not only because it is currently one of the older and smaller stations in the district, but also because it is the home of West Metro’s Dive Team, a technical rescue division within the West Metro Fire Department that specializes in rescuing people from water. Station No. 8 is also a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) house, which means crews carry special equipment and go through more advanced firefighter training.

Deputy Chief Don Lombardi said, “West Metro Fire Rescue is excited [about the] new, state-of-the-art facilities that will enable us to enhance our service to our community and our ability to save lives and property.” GTC has already started construction on both of the new stations, designed by OZ Architecture, and is expected to be finished by March 2010.

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