

# New Nokesville fire department building on target for November opening

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Construction of the new Nokesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad station on Linton Hall Road remains on schedule for a November opening.

The new station, the second for the department, has been in the planning stages for more than two years, said Deputy Fire Chief Andrew Frizzle. Although last winter's wet weather slowed the construction timetable, ground was broken in the spring.

With the first stage of the roof now in place for the 29,000-square-foot building, officials hope the station will be operating by Nov. 1. "There are several things that could go wrong," Frizzle said. "But we're hoping that will be a firm date."

Frizzle praised the efforts of the station's architect and project manager, LeMay Erickson, as well as the general contractor, Whitener & Jackson. "They've been really good to work with," he said. "We're pleased with the progress."

The new station is funded primarily by Prince William County tax revenues along with donations and earnings from the weekly bingo meetings at the department's



Construction is underway on a new station for the Nokesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad station on Linton Hall Road, with a target completion date of Nov. 1.  
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current station. That facility, Station No. 5, is located on Marsteller Drive in Nokesville. The new one, Station No. 25, will be just across from Braemar Village Plaza, where the new Safeway is located.

It will be staffed around the clock with a mixture of volunteer and career personnel, about 10 people at any given time, said Frizzle, who is a 17-year volunteer.

"We're anxiously awaiting the opening," Frizzle said. "We're ready to spread out a little."

With the new station will come an expanded coverage area, particularly along Linton Hall and Devlin roads, which are more densely populated than much of the area the department currently serves.

"Geographically, it doesn't

change the area dramatically," he said. "But it does add a great deal of population."

When it opens, the station will house at least six emergency vehicles:

- two Nokesville ambulances;
- a Prince William County ambulance, staffed 24 hours with a career medic unit;
- a fire engine, which was de-

livered in July and will operate out of the Nokesville station until the new one opens;

- a 95-foot E-1 aerial tower truck, a ladder truck with a bucket which was also delivered in July and will operate out of the current station until the Linton Hall location opens; and

• a brush truck, which is a four-wheel drive truck outfitted with water tanks and hoses to reach fires off paved roadways.

"That's what we'll start with," Frizzle said. "Eventually, we would like to have two engines because it's great to have a back-up one if the other breaks down."

The department currently has just over 100 active volunteers, those who can jump on a truck when a call comes in. About 40 other business and auxiliary members provide support in fund-raising, filing, operating the bingo games, and making the coffee.

Frizzle said there had been a lot of volunteer response from residents along the Linton Hall corridor. He added that the department is always looking for new help, "If anyone still wants to volunteer, we're still actively seeking volunteers." For more information, call the current station in Nokesville at 703-594-2134.

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