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**Firefighters Move into New Fire Station**

Today is move-in day at TVF&R's Progress Station 53. With the help of a moving company, firefighters will spend the day unpacking equipment and belongings moved from their temporary fire station. Beginning today, firefighters will respond to emergencies from the new building and will spend their first night there tonight.

While their new station was under construction, Station 53's firefighters and paramedics worked out of temporary quarters on the Whitford Middle School property. This nearby location meant the community saw no change in response times.

Station 53 will be home to a four-person fire engine company, a two-person medic unit, and a battalion chief. An Open House will be held later this summer so the community can tour the building and meet the firefighters who call the Progress Station home.

Station 53 is located in the Progress area near Washington Square Mall. In addition to responding to the District's largest commercial development, this station serves well-established neighborhoods in eastern Washington County, is first-in on a significant volume of motor vehicle accidents on Highway 217, and is home to one-half of TVF&R's Hazardous Materials Team. The District made the decision to replace the old station because it was too small for modern day fire apparatus and did not meet current seismic standards for fire stations. The project is one of several funded by a \$77 million general obligation bond for capital improvements approved by voters in November of 2006. Visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com) for more information on the capital improvements.

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