

## Press Release

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### **Mountain View and Dacono Officials Celebrate Fire Station Groundbreaking**

Firefighters and Officials from both The Mountain View Fire Protection District and the Dacono City council gathered Saturday morning to celebrate the groundbreaking of a fire station Fire Chief Randy Templeton described as “not a Taj Mahal but rather a functional working fire station that will meet the current and future needs of both the department and the city of Dacono”.

The future station, which should be completed by next summer will be built on the northwest corner of Weld County Road 12 and Perry Street in Dacono and will replace what District officials describe as an outdated and nearly unusable fire station.

A conceptual drawing by architects from Hans Kahn and Associates was on display Saturday and has been posted at the current Dacono station for residents and firefighters to review

Templeton spoke to those in attendance Saturday and thanked the people in his administration as well as past and current Board of directors who worked on the grant and design build processes.

“I hope everyone understands, especially those who will be stationed here that what we are doing today is symbolic of where we have been and where we are going” said Templeton at Saturday’s groundbreaking.

“It represents the east of our past and the west of our future” added Templeton.

Mountain View was awarded \$735,930 in an Energy Impact Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to build a replacement fire station.

Noting the need for a new station in Dacono, Mountain View started the grant application process in September, 2007. The Department of Local Affairs, which is responsible for distributing the grants, recognized Mountain View’s needs and awarded the grant at the end of April 2008.

When Mountain View applied for the grant, they budgeted for matching funds and asked for more than the recommended maximum of \$500,000. They justified the additional needed funds citing the impact the Wattenberg field has on District resources. The Wattenberg field has more than 3,000 gas and oil wells and is located in Mountain View’s District boundaries.

Mountain View’s spokesman, Jesse Hodgson says that the District has had the partial funds available to allocate to a new station and that the grant money covers the rest of the needed funds to complete the project.

Two years ago Mountain View Fire attempted to build a new station in Dacono but because of financial constraints, they were unable to complete the task and it was quickly cut from the budget before plans were set in place.

“Our administration has been diligent in exploring multiple avenues of finding methods for stretching taxpayer monies. This grant will enable us to make our mill levy dollars go much further,” Templeton said.

At Saturday's groundbreaking Dacono Mayor Wade Carlson expressed his excitement for the new station and re-iterated that the City will do everything they can to facilitate the expedient construction of the new station.

“The City of Dacono and the Fire District have always had a great relationship and I'm pleased to see the station has become a reality” said Carlson.

Hodgson says that Mayor Carlson has made it no secret that he has been wanting a new station built in Dacono for some time now.

“He's been a tremendous advocate of the Fire District and we're pleased that we can now build a new station that will support the current and upcoming infrastructure in Dacono,” said Hodgson. “The grant is allowing us to both be fiscally responsible as well as build this station in a strategic location that will give Dacono the level and quality of service it deserves as they expand.” concluded Hodgson.