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Groundbreaking for Fire Training Tower and Township Hall

Dublin, OH – A ground breaking ceremony for the Washington Township Fire Department training tower and township hall will be held at 6200 Eiterman Road on Monday April 18, at 2 p.m.

The training tower will be used to train firefighters in life-like fire and rescue situations. The tower provides valuable training while limiting risk to personnel and minimizing impact on the environment. The steel and brick structure will be four stories with stairs to the top and roof access. An attached annex will be used for training preparation and will contain a 12' X 12' burn room, piped with propane.

The township hall project is a renovation of an existing two-story brick building and attached one-story metal building which will house the township's administrative offices and fire administrative offices, currently at two locations. Improvements will include a roof, windows, and stucco wall treatment, an entry canopy, handicap accessible ramps to the entrances, and a generator for emergency power. There are also plans for a historic display in the building which will exhibit a 1937 Seagraves / REO Speedwagon fire engine and other historic fire-related mementos.

The combined office space, totaling more than 19,000 square feet, will facilitate "one-stop shopping" for residents to get information about all township programs and services. Both projects are scheduled to begin this spring and be completed by spring 2006.

Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony will include Township Trustees Gene Bostic, Trustee Denise Franz-King, and Kurt Proegler, Fire Chief Allan Woo, and Township Administrator Tom Spring.

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Washington Township encompasses parts of Union, Delaware and Franklin Counties, including the City of Dublin. The Township's Parks and Recreation Department manages three parks, a community center, and a variety of year-round educational programs. The Fire Department provides fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services for township residents and businesses. The township also provides the following services through outside contracts or cooperative agreements: solid waste collection, law enforcement, road maintenance, and snow removal.

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