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Construction starts on Louisville fire station

LOUISVILLE, CO, Jan. 30, 2010 ... The construction fences and portable toilets will appear Monday as work begins this week on a \$1.5 million project to renovate the Louisville Fire Department's station on Main Street.

By the time demolition is complete, nothing of the original station at 1250 Main St. will remain standing but two load-bearing walls and the roof. When construction is finished, the 11,000-square-foot remodeled station will include four apparatus bays, sleeping quarters, training facilities and a firefighter fitness room. The exterior will reflect Louisville's old-town character with a mix of brick, split block and stucco.

The project is expected to be largely complete by December.

"First and foremost, we are grateful to the taxpayer for their support of this project," said Chief Tim Parker. "This station will not only complement our community, it will be completed using reserve funds only.

"The fire district's board of directors has been very sensitive to cost controls and required that that this project be completed without requesting any tax increases."

The contractor selected for the project is Longmont-based Golden Triangle Construction Inc., a company that has built fire stations in Denver, Golden, Aurora, Loveland and Brighton. The architect is Kyle Callahan and Associates.

The Main Street station was originally built in 1970 by volunteer firefighters and other community members with donated materials, including some materials salvaged from a train derailment that occurred next to the site. The station was not built to any building code or fire code standards and was not designed using any approved engineering or structural principles. The structure has an extensive amount of exposed spray-on insulation on the ceilings that contains asbestos. The concrete floors are cracking, and the bay doors are too narrow to safely and easily accommodate modern fire apparatus.

"Station 1 has served the department and our community well over the years. However, it didn't have the necessary amenities to accommodate 24/7 operations," Parker said. "Needless to say, we are very excited about improving this facility for our members and, most importantly, for the improved operational capacity."

During construction, the fire department will not be able to use the station. A truck currently housed at the station will be sent away for refurbishment and an engine will be stored at a heated location less than two miles outside the city limits. All daily operations will move to the department's Station 2 at 895 Via Appia.

