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Woodburn Fire District Media Release

WHAT: Seismic upgrade of Woodburn Fire main fire station (Station 21) on Newberg Hwy.

WHEN: Construction is scheduled to begin the week of August 13th and will be completed in January of 2019.

WHY: The station is being seismically upgraded to allow the structure to withstand a major earthquake. This will allow firefighters to continue to use the Station to provide emergency response to fires, medical emergencies and other rescues in the aftermath of an earthquake when the need for emergency services will be in high demand. Station 21 was constructed in 1976 when building codes do not include seismic requirements.

OTHER:

1. Funding for the 1.6 million dollar project is from two grants including 971K from a State of Oregon seismic grant and 670K from a City of Woodburn Urban Renewal grant. As per State law, funds from the seismic grant can only be used for the seismic improvement of structures and cannot be used for operational expenses. Seismic grant funds for this project would have gone to other communities' seismic projects if not being used in Woodburn. Similar use restrictions apply to the Urban Renewal grant from the City of Woodburn.
2. The Station 21 will remain operational during construction. The on-duty crew will use Station 21 during the day and the James Street station (Station 22) at the night because the crew living quarters will be unusable during the construction.
3. Emerick Construction of Tualatin has been selected to provide construction management and general contractor services for the project. Founded in 1943, Emerick has extensive experience in the seismic upgrade and construction of fire stations including 8 recent fire station projects in Clackamas and Washington counties. Emerick also has experience in performing major construction projects in occupied structures and has the necessary resource capacity to complete the project in a short period of time.

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