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TITLE: **NEW PFA FIRE STATION FOUR OPERATIONAL**

Fort Collins, CO –Monday, January 18, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. will mark the first operational date of the new Poudre Fire Authority Station #4 located at 1945 West Drake Road. In relation, the old fire station at 2030 Devonshire Drive will no longer be operational as of this date. An open house for the new station will be on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

Facts concerning the new and old stations:
New Station 4 – building is $2.9 million
Total cost ~ $4.5 million total cost, which is building, lawn, street construction, fees, furnishings, etc.

The new station is about 15,500 square feet, which includes the apparatus bay, public meeting room/firefighter classroom, firefighter dormitory, living room, kitchen, storage, exercise room and offices. The station will house one engine company of three firefighters per shift (nine total) and in addition will eventually house a four-person heavy rescue unit of four firefighters per shift (twelve total).

From a fire-operations standpoint, the new Station 4 marks a major step toward meeting the strategic goal of improving response to the west side of Fort Collins, as well as providing much-needed space to house reserve fire apparatus.

The “old” Station 4 was opened in 1980, a modular, single-family residential structure that was intended to be a temporary station. The old station, which was built to house two firefighters per shift (six total), has 1,920 square feet of living space and the apparatus bay is 1,200 square feet.

This will be PFA’s first fire station to attain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Some of the highlights of Station 4 LEED efforts include use of recycled materials during construction, radiant floor heating, extensive use of natural day lighting and significantly reduced water use.

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