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Fire coverage expands as Station 410 reopens in Benton County
Renovated facility will improve response times and wildfire readiness

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. – Benton County Fire District 4 will have staff assigned to Station 410 by the end of June, marking the first time the station has been operational since 2020. The move reflects the district's ongoing commitment to enhancing emergency services and improving response times.

Station 410, built in 1977 on the edge of the district's response area, was originally staffed until Station 430 opened four years ago. Recent hiring and facility updates have made it possible to bring the station back online.

"We've been steadily building our team and investing in our facilities to make this happen," said Deputy Chief Dan Drayton. "Staffing Station 410 means faster response times, better coverage for critical areas, and more support during the busy wildfire season."

Renovations include updated living and work spaces, a water fill station, and improved insulation to reduce dust from nearby fields. The reopening will improve response to high-call areas like Harrington Road and provide needed backup during busy periods—reducing reliance on neighboring departments.

Thanks to continued community support, the district has added three new firefighter positions each year. This growth has made it possible to expand service and reopen Station 410.

"Everyone sees the value in reopening this station," Drayton said. "It gives us more flexibility when staff are out, and more importantly, it gets help to our residents faster when they need it most."

When staffed, Station 410 will be equipped to deploy a fire engine, ambulance, water tender, or wildland engine—enhancing year-round service districtwide.

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Benton County Fire District 4 provides fire and emergency medical service to approximately 25,000 people over 52 square miles. While the service area includes the city of West Richland and its immediate unincorporated areas, BCFD4 is a separate taxing district. BCFD4 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics respond to an average of 2,200 calls annually, over two-thirds of which are EMS-related. Visit www.bcf4.org.