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KING'S FORK PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

SUFFOLK, VA (December 1, 2008) The City of Suffolk will hold a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the King's Fork Public Safety Center on Wednesday, December 3rd at 3 p.m. The Center will be located next to King's Fork Middle School which is located at 350 Kings Fork Road.

The 25,000 square-foot facility will house a fire station, the offices for Suffolk Fire Department administration, and the Suffolk Emergency Operations Center. "We are very excited about this project. The King's Fork Public Safety Center will provide enhanced services to the ever increasing response areas of Godwin Boulevard, Pruden Boulevard, and Route 58, by greatly reducing response times in those areas. With an ambulance, a fire engine, and a ladder truck operating out of the center, firefighters will have the necessary tools needed to provide the protection to our community that has always been the number one priority of Suffolk Fire," said Fire Chief Mark Outlaw.

The new Suffolk Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be a significant part of this project. "Enhanced management of natural and large-scale disasters will be provided in a safe and secure facility," added Chief Outlaw. This new Emergency Operations Center will replace the one that is operated out of Fire Station 3 at White Marsh Road.

The King's Fork Public Safety Center project is expected to be completed by January 2010 and is being constructed on land generously donated to the City by Suffolk Public Schools.

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