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### **Roanoke County Breaks Ground for New Bonsack Fire Station**

**Roanoke County, VA – November 16, 2023-** Roanoke County hosted a groundbreaking event to mark the construction of Roanoke County Public Safety Building #12 in the Bonsack area.

The new \$8 million, 12,500 square foot Fire and Rescue facility is anticipated to open in early 2025 to serve communities in east Roanoke County.

“Building this facility will improve response times in East County, particularly in The Orchards and Bonsack area, as well as reduce demands on the Vinton station and Roanoke City Station 14,” said Phil C. North, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. “According to actual call data, we anticipate the placement of this new station will result in an 18% increase in overall fire and rescue response times. This factor is critical as it impacts the effectiveness of our department in safeguarding the lives and property of our residents.”

In November 2022, Roanoke County finalized the sale of 2.2459 acres from Parkway Church on the Mountain. Leading up to the sale, Roanoke City Mayor Sherman Lea and Roanoke City Council approved the rezoning of 2.25 acres of land for the purpose of constructing the station.

The groundbreaking for this Fire and Rescue station is an example of strong partnerships and regional collaboration.

“I want to acknowledge the collaborative effort that has brought us to this groundbreaking moment,” said P. Jason Peters, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. “From the tireless work of our staff and board members, Roanoke City staff and City Council members, the support of our community members, and especially Parkway Church on the Mountain, this project proves what we can achieve when we come together for the greater good.”

Construction on the station will begin this month by G&H Contracting and Hughes & Associates.

The address for the station will be 1465 Mexico Way NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

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