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Groundbreaking ceremony set for \$2.3 million fire station

The City of Shreveport and Willis-Knighton Health System will break ground on Fire Station 8 at 9 a.m. Friday, March 12th.

Willis-Knighton provided the property located at Greenwood Road and Missouri Street through a property exchange agreement.

“We are grateful to have Willis-Knighton as a community partner, as we work to upgrade facilities that will in turn improve the quality of care that is given to our citizens,” said Mayor Adrian Perkins.

The Shreveport Fire Department and Willis-Knighton Health System first discussed in 2019 the idea of building a new fire station to replace the 96-year-old Station 8 located at the Fair Grounds.

“Willis-Knighton Health System is pleased to partner with the City of Shreveport and Shreveport Fire Department to enhance public safety in the greater Queensborough area and beyond with this joint endeavor,” said Brian Crawford, executive senior vice president and chief administrative officer. “As providing quality healthcare is Willis-Knighton’s trademark, so too is our philanthropic ‘giving-back’ to the community in support of a higher quality of life for all. We’re thrilled to welcome Shreveport Fire Department’s Station 8 as a direct neighbor to our Willis-Knighton Medical Center campus.”

The facility is the last of the 2011 Public Safety Bond projects. It is designed to accommodate future growth and comes with a price tag of \$2,345,278.

“The men and women of the Shreveport Fire Department work tirelessly to provide lifesaving services to our community,” said Chief Scott Wolverton. “This project will give them the first-class facilities they deserve.”

The new fire station will include energy efficient features, a generator to supply power in the event of an outage, male and female dormitories, and bathroom facilities. It will also include a dedicated exercise room for fitness and safety.

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