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## **City of Charleston Breaks Ground on Fire Station 11**

**Charleston, S.C.**—At a ceremony earlier today, the city of Charleston officially broke ground on Fire Station 11, which is being built at 1835 Savannah Highway adjacent to Charleston 9 Memorial Park. When completed, the 14,500 square foot building will include a command training center, three bay apparatus area, living quarters and department offices.

The location for the new station was selected to improve service delivery in West Ashley and will house Engine 11 and the 15 firefighters assigned to that company.

The design, which features nine vertical windows in the apparatus bay overlooking the Charleston 9 memorial site, was finalized through a public engagement process that involved several opportunities for community feedback. Representatives from Liollo Architects, Forsberg Engineering and Stantec guided the design process in coordination with the city's Parks Department.

NBM Construction Company has been contracted to construct the building, which is estimated to take roughly a year and a half pending weather delays. The cost of construction, including demolition of the existing building, placing electrical wires underground and construction of the new facility, is expected to be approximately \$6.5 million.

Charleston Fire Chief Daniel Curia said, "The new Fire Station 11 demonstrates the city's commitment to improving service delivery to residents of West Ashley, provides a tremendous improvement for our Fire Department team and, most importantly, represents another step forward in our desire to continue to enhance the Charleston 9 Memorial Park. The design team has done a remarkable job ensuring that this station will complement the park while providing a lasting tribute to the sacrifices made by the members of this department."

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