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St. George Fire Department Station Reconstruction Completed

The St. George Fire Department's station at 7027 Antioch Road has re-opened.

The Station now houses an engine and a ladder truck and their respective crews following an almost year-long expansion, reconstruction and modernization project. The modifications to the station were necessary to accommodate the ladder company moved there from George O'Neal Rd. The \$911,000 project was funded through the District's Capital Improvements Program.

The move strengthened the Department's ratings position by placing the ladder company in its optimum location to serve the area today and into the future.

The station was originally built in 1975, as St. George's third fire station. At that time, St. George was a volunteer organization. The station housed a fire engine and a tanker truck and other equipment. Volunteers would drive the apparatus to the fire and be met on the scene by other volunteer firefighters.

As the Department grew, part-time and full-time firefighters were hired and, eventually staffed the station around the clock. Prior to its re-construction, the station housed four firefighters.

The completion of this project makes six of St. George's eight stations capable of supporting two-company operations. This helps provide a strong foundation upon which to meet future needs.