



# **St. George**

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# **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana**

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### **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR STATION 64 ON HOO SHOO TOO**

The St. George Fire Protection District will soon begin construction of its eighth fire station. Station 64 will be located at 17575 Hoo Shoo Too Rd, near the intersection of Jefferson Hwy. Groundbreaking for the new station was held at 10:00 Thursday, October 20, 2005.

The ceremony was simple and brief. Following an invocation by St George Fire Department Chaplain, Reverend Deborah Drash, Fire Chief Jerry Tarleton spoke briefly. He thanked the taxpayers of the district for their support of the Department and pledged to continue serving the public's fire safety and emergency response needs to the best of the Department's ability.

Next to the podium was Mayor-President "Kip" Holden. The Mayor expressed his appreciation and admiration for the job St. George has done and continues to do in providing emergency services to a rapidly growing portion of the parish. Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Greco, and Councilman Darrell Ourso – in whose council district the station lies – echoed the mayors sentiments.

The Board of Commissioners of the St. George Fire Protection District (President Johnny Suchy, and members Lucius Butts, Frank Collura, Gary Durham, and Charles Heath) were then joined by Chief Tarleton, Mayor Holden, and Councilmen Greco and Ourso in the ceremonial ground breaking.

Representatives of the design firm of Crump Wilson and Associates, Burns Construction, and Hibernia Bank were also on hand. Burns Construction was the low bidder on the project and was awarded the construction contract.

The \$783,000 station is slated to be completed by mid-June 2006. Construction is funded from the proceeds of a 1.5 mil Capital Improvements assessment passed by the voters of the District in 2002. This is the second new fire station built as part of that program.

When completed, Station 64 will house an engine company and a tanker truck. The station will be manned 24 hours per day by a minimum crew of three firefighter / EMT's. It will also serve as the administrative headquarters for one of the two District Chiefs on duty at all times.

The construction of this station will solidify the St. George Fire Department's Class 2 Rating. It will also provide the benefit of that rating to residents of the Hoo Shoo Too and Kendalwood Rd. areas who currently live over seven road miles from the nearest fire station.