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GTC Completes Two New Fire Station Projects in Lakewood

Golden Triangle Construction (GTC) recently completed two fire station projects designed by OZ Architecture for the West Metro Fire Protection District (WMFPD) in Lakewood, Colorado. The projects, funded by a bond passed in 2006, will help the WMFPD better serve its growing district by providing the critical space necessary for more firefighters and equipment, including new emergency response vehicles.

The original West Metro Fire Station No. 4, which was built in 1964 and had remained virtually the same for over 40 years, was demolished to make room for an entirely new 10,655 square-foot, two-story station. In addition to featuring more modern amenities, the new station is much larger than the previous one, creating room for much-needed additions to crew and apparatus. It will also better accommodate persons with disabilities as well as female firefighters by providing more private sleeping quarters and gender-friendly bathrooms.

The Station No. 8 project included a new 10,628 square-foot, two-story facility similar to Station No. 4, however, the old Station No. 8 was not razed. Instead, the new facility was constructed adjacent to it. Station No. 8 needed upgrades and more space not only because it was one of the older and smaller stations in the district, but also because it is the home of West Metro's Dive Team, a technical rescue division within the West Metro Fire Department that specializes in rescuing people from water. Station No. 8 is also a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) house, which means crews carry special equipment and go through more advanced firefighter training.

Deputy Chief Don Lombardi said, "West Metro Fire Rescue is excited [about the] new, state-of-the-art facilities that will enable us to enhance our service to our community and our ability to save lives and property." WMFPD is hosting Grand Opening celebrations on for both stations this month.

Golden Triangle Construction (GTC) has been a commercial general contractor in the Colorado Front Range construction market since 1977. For more information, please call Dennis Richard at (303) 772-4051 or email drichard@gtc1.net.

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