

# New Aubrey fire stations near completion

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Aubrey's fire and police Station No. 3 will open in July, and Station No. 2 is set to open in September.

"It's another piece of the puzzle," Police Chief Richard Brooks said. "We're committed to providing the best services that we can in a dynamic, fast-growing environment."

The police department serves around 35,000 people across Aubrey and Providence Village. Through late June, the Criminal Investigation Department was working in a mobile home provided by Providence Village near Silverado.

"The city has been very good about addressing challenges," Brooks said. "We focus a lot on what we can do that makes us more effective and efficient."

The construction for Station No. 3 started two years ago after rapid population growth in the area.

The station entrance leads directly to the lobby staffed by a police officer. In October, the lobby office will have an administrative coordinator and a crime analyst.

"The station is primarily a fire facility, and we added a ladder truck," Brooks said. "This particular station is going to house that truck, so it needed to be a bigger station."

The station has multiple rooms for removing cancerous materials from clothes and storing gear. The living quarters and offices are separated to prevent cross contamination.

"The [firefighters] work three shifts, so each room will have three people assigned to it and they have their own individual locker," Brooks said.

The kitchen has three pantries and fridges, so each shift will have its own individual space. The training area and meeting room can be used by both firefighters and police officers.

To the left of the lobby is the police



Aubrey firefighters stand in front of the new ladder truck on June 25. The crew was working on preparations for the stations opening in July.

side of the station. The interview room is the closest room to the lobby so people being interviewed don't have access to the secure area of the police wing. Down the hall, there are two investigator rooms with three office areas each to allow each investigator to have their own space.

"I'm fond of all of it because it's going to be able to get that whole operation in one building," Brooks said. "It's going to make us be able to do our job more efficiently."

The victim advocate's office will have a soft interview area for victims and children to feel more at ease.

"Our crime victim advocate wants to have a victim services community meet-

ing about what we do for victims and how to access that," Brooks said.

The department is proposing a victim park to be built on the side of the station. Funding for the park would be available in October, and the park would be completed next year.

"It's a memorial to victims to provide a place to remember them, honor them and focus on survivors of crime," Brooks said.

Station No. 2 is slightly behind schedule due to weather setbacks. However, the retaining walls, decking and the majority of second story framing is completed.

"It is really starting to move along," Fire Chief Eric Schlotter said. "You

can see the shape and where things are gonna go now that they've graded the parking areas."

Both projects have been a collaborative effort between the police department, fire station and city officials.

"When you're growing, there's going to be times and situations where things are ideal, but you just have to work through it and wait till the situation gets corrected," Brooks said. "It's just about money and time."

Schlotter has not set a date for the Station No. 3 opening ceremony yet.

"We had residents stop and express how excited they are to have us in the neighborhood," Schlotter said. "We're ready to get in there, too."



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