



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 3, 2008

Contact: Niel Laudati 541.726.3780

Cell: 541.221.3686

~Media Advisory ~

Two Open House Meetings Scheduled for Thurston Fire Station #16 Replacement Project

The City of Springfield has scheduled two open house meetings to present the design for the Thurston Fire Station #16 Replacement Project on **Tuesday, April 15th and Thursday, April 17th**. These will be drop-in sessions with design materials on display. The Project Team for the Fire Station #16 project is working to develop a facility which will blend into the neighborhood and provide improved functionality for emergency services operations. These open houses will give the Project Team an opportunity to provide information to the community on the status of the project.

What: Two open house meetings regarding the Thurston Fire Station #16 Replacement Project

When and Where:

Tuesday, April 15th 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Main Lobby

Springfield City Hall 225 Fifth Street

Thursday, April 17th 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the cafeteria at Thurston High School located at
333 North 58th Street

More Info: Carole Knapel at 541.726.3672 or email her at cknapel@ci.springfield.or.us.

Background:

Fire Station #16, located at 6853 Main Street, was originally constructed in about 1980. It was a cutting edge design at the time, using passive solar design elements, and was built to house three firefighters and one fire apparatus. Twenty-seven years later, the station houses five firefighters and four pieces of apparatus and lacks adequate dormitory space to accommodate a two-gender workforce. The Fire Department has determined that this fire station will need to house six firefighters.

An evaluation of the existing structure was completed in March 2007. The report examined options for renovation of the existing Fire Station and construction of a new facility. Based on the information provided in that report, the City Council has decided to demolish the existing facility and construct a new station at the current location.