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FIRE STATION 9

Charleston, SC – Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., Charleston City Councilmembers and representatives from the Charleston Fire Department held a dedication ceremony for Fire Station 9 located at 1451 King Street. Fire Station 9 is a new five bay, two-story station on the Charleston peninsula that will house fire trucks, a hazmat unit, and administrative offices for the city's fire chief and her staff. The building totals 19,600 square feet, which includes 6900 square feet of apparatus bays, 8850 square feet of crew quarters, and 3850 square feet of office space. The station was designed to meet or exceed current wind and seismic codes, with the expectation that it would remain operational to serve the city in the event of a powerful hurricane or earthquake.

Fire Station 9 was designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. The designation means that the station will meet the most rigorous standards for energy efficiency and sustainability. The HVAC and lighting systems are of the highest efficiency and the wall and roof systems are designed for maximum insulation potential, which will save the city a substantial amount of operating costs over the building's lifetime. Exterior window shades and a highly reflective roof will significantly reduce heat gain in the warmer months. Paints, carpets, and other materials were chosen so that they will emit minimal levels of volatile organic compounds, which have been shown to have a harmful effect on human health. Waste products during construction were tracked and recycled to the greatest extent possible.

Mayor Riley said, "Station 9 was designed and built to meet the needs of the city now and into the future. The location, elevation of the land and the fact that it was built to wind and seismic code will allow for this station to operate during and after an emergency event such as a hurricane or earthquake. We hope the project serves as an example of the city's leadership in sustainable design."

The new building replaces a station previously at this location, which was antiquated and deemed uninhabitable due to the pervasive presence of mold throughout the building.

Architects:

Rosenblum Coe Architects.

Jeffrey Rosenblum, Steve Coe, Whitney Newman.

Contractor:

M.B. Kahn Construction.

Don Atkinson, superintendent. Lindsay McKnight, project manager.

Also on display at the dedication ceremony was the new Tiller Aerial Apparatus (Ladder 104), which went into service this week at Station 15, located at 162 Coming Street. Ladder 104 is named Hazel in memory of former Battalion Chief Hazel Wine. Wine started with the Charleston Fire Department in 1966, was promoted to Captain in 1974 and later promoted to Battalion Chief in 1994. Hazel was Captain of an all African-American truck (ladder) company until his promotion to Battalion Chief. He was well loved and respected by everyone who worked with him. He retired in 2006 and passed away in March of 2010.

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