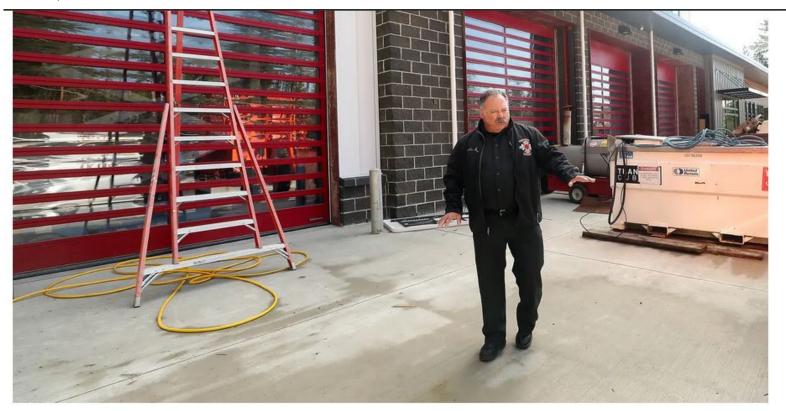
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First of Central Kitsap's new fire stations coming soon at Olympic View

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Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief Mike Tague gives a tour of Olympic View Station 52, scheduled to open in June, on Tuesday. MEEGAN M. REID/KITSAP SUN

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m of\,2}$ As Station 52 nears completion, the Olympic view neighborhood and others just west of sliverdale will be first to $_{4}$

rooms to promote cleanliness and reduce carcinogens for "a building that is a cleaner, healthier, safer environment for our personnel."

Station 52 is also seismically reinforced and has an on-site generator with the capacity to run for 72 hours to ensure uninterrupted service even in the case of natural disaster, Tague said.

"We're taking these buildings to a real high level as far as testing, making sure that we're putting out a very good product for the community," he said.

Other improvements include movements toward sustainability.

"The changes in the code, especially the energy code have challenged us in a good way to provide buildings that will be sustainable (in energy and costs)," Tague said.

Station 52 serves as a model for the other stations in stages of construction, which will be similar in layout and design.

"We want the community to be proud of their buildings, recognize their buildings," Tague said. "We want people to be able to come up to our facilities and go, 'That's a Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue Building."

Residents in East Bremerton can expect North Perry Station 45, on Illahee Road just north of Sylvan Way, a few months after Station 52 opens, followed by Station 57 in Lake Symington in March of next year.

Tague thanks the community for allowing CKFR to rebuild the organization's infrastructure.

"It's a real opportunity, and we're just very thankful to the community for providing it," Tague said. "Very rarely does an organization get to do such an incredible capital improvement to their department in one shot."

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