



## FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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### New Fire Station to House Paramedic Unit *Strategic Location Will Improve Service Outcomes for All Residents*

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner would like to assure the community that the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services is committed to prompt and efficient emergency response to the people who live in, work in and visit Frederick County.

To ensure the fastest service, the division, under the sound leadership of Chief Tom Coe, routinely evaluates response times to ensure the needs of our growing community are met. As part of that process, DFRS leadership determined that a paramedic response vehicle should be located at the new Northgate Fire Station when it opens next week at 37 Thomas Johnson Drive. The unit is currently housed independent of any fire station at a county-owned facility at 340 Montevue Lane. The first due response areas for multiple paramedic units have been evaluated and adjusted to ensure response times and the delivery of professional service to all areas of the County including the west side of the City of Frederick. Recent allegations that there will be a denial or reduction in service to residents and businesses on the west side of the City of Frederick are inaccurate.

The Northgate station is strategically placed near medical facilities on Thomas Johnson Drive and near the interchange of U.S. Route 15 and Christopher's Crossing. The location offers improved response times in the rapidly growing communities in the northwestern portion of the City of Frederick while continuing to provide service within response standards to all parts of the city.

Executive Gardner and Fire Chief Coe assure the people of Frederick County that no one will be denied service or receive diminished service as a result of this relocation or the adjustment of service areas. Based on the number of service calls received by the division, the new location bases the paramedic unit where it can more efficiently serve a larger geographic area, thereby improving outcomes for all residents.

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