



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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## **FORT MCCOY STATION 7 GRAND OPENING SET FOR TUESDAY**

Immediate Release

- WHO:** The Marion County Board of County Commissioners and Marion County Fire Rescue.
- WHAT:** The grand-opening ceremony for Fort McCoy Station 7, a new, relocated fire station. Speakers include County Commissioner Carl Zalak, III, MCFR Fire Chief M. Stuart McElhaney and Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce President Jaye Baillie.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Fort McCoy Station 7 (11575 NE 146th Place, Fort McCoy).
- WHY:** MCFR and county officials will celebrate the grand opening of MCFR's Fort McCoy Station 7, an approximately 9,200-square-foot, new, relocated, three-bay station on Oct. 25. The station accommodates current and future growth and response needs and has the capacity to house 30 personnel (10 per 24-hour shift), including dual-certified firefighter/paramedics and firefighter/EMTs as well as EMTs and paramedics. The station will house a fire engine, grass truck, water tanker and a medical transport unit. The station was budgeted at \$1.95 million, including the cost of the land and the building itself. Construction began Jan. 14.

Money generated from impact fees and the fire assessment funded the project. MCFR's Fort McCoy Station 7 crews will provide primary response to Fort McCoy and its surrounding areas as well as backup service to Citra Station 2, East Marion Station 4, Orange Springs Station 13, Salt Springs Station 15, Sparr Station 19 and the Hog Valley area.

Fort McCoy Station 7 firefighters had been working out of a 3,612-square-foot station on a 1 ½-acre lot on County Road 316.

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