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#### **County Fire Department Awarded Grant for Glen Burnie Fire Station Construction**

Millersville, MD (September 24, 2009) - Fire Chief John Robert Ray has announced that the Anne Arundel County Fire Department has been awarded a \$1.9 million grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for construction of the new Marley Fire Station.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant will be used to replace an aging and Fire Station in the Glen Burnie area of the County. The announcement of the award came yesterday during a visit to the region by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano.

“This is an important project for Glen Burnie and the surrounding community that incorporates green standards to benefit the environment,” County Executive John R. Leopold said. “The grant assistance is a welcome match to funding the County has provided to build the new Marley Fire Station.”

The current station is a two story building built in 1943 that is situated in a densely populated neighborhood and utilizes small residential side streets to access the area’s main thoroughfare. The building has expanded numerous times over the years and has ceased to be functional.

Fire Chief John Robert Ray was also elated about the announcement. He said “the grant will help the department in these difficult economic times by replacing one of our older stations with a modern facility in a better location.” Our concerns about the station were increased when a recent inspection revealed that the rear half (an addition) of the building had never been attached to the front half. This inspection also found heavy termite infestation and damage.

Company 18 (the Marley Fire Station) is located in a very busy area of the county and responds to an average of 6,800 calls per year. The new site for the facility will provide better road access and improve emergency response time. The new station will be moved to a main road (State Route 648) and out of the cramped residential neighborhood. The new building will be 11,153 square feet and will have three drive-through bays that improve the safety of apparatus operations.

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