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## CITY TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW FIRE STATION NO.1

Monroe, Michigan – The City of Monroe will soon be home to a new public safety and emergency response facility. Groundbreaking for Fire Station No. 1 will be held on Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:00PM on the site of the former Lincoln Elementary School – 911 E. Third Street.

Construction will soon begin on the 15,561 square-foot facility that will provide essential life-saving services to the entire community. Offices and living quarters will be housed in a single-story structure, with a two-story apparatus bay attached.

The new station, designed by Redstone Architects of Bloomfield Hills and under the construction management of AUCH Construction of Pontiac, has been designed to get first responders to their apparatus and on to their response route as quickly as possible in a faster and safer way. The new, improved building will serve more staff, utilize more equipment, and respond to emergencies more efficiently.

Additional features of the new station include a community training room which will be used as classroom space for staff and the general public. The building also will have the ability to remain operational after a major disaster, allowing fire personnel to continue providing vital services to the public, and serve as as Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the City of Monroe.

Scheduled activities include remarks from Mayor Robert E. Clark, Fire Chief Robert Wight, and representatives from Redstone Architects, among others. The event will also include light refreshments, fire apparatus and trucks available to explore, and interior design boards and architectural renderings.

The project has been many years in the making and the public is invited to come out and mark the occasion.

The event will be followed by the previously rescheduled City Council meeting, which will take place at 7:30PM, County Commissioner Chambers, 125 E. 2nd Street. The regular meeting date was postponed in light of the Labor Day holiday.

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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