

Off The Cuff of ... Chief Steve Springer

If you have not driven by the construction site for the new police facility recently, you really should take a few minutes and do so. For those who don't know, the new police facility is located on the corner of Bunkum Road and Moody Drive at the City Hall Complex, near the present police facility. Construction on the new facility is really progressing quickly.

Most of the interior walls are up and the drywall, plumbing, and wiring are well underway. The brickwork on the exterior of the building is now in progress; and, hopefully by the end of November, the new facility will be completely enclosed and weather proof, which will allow construction to continue uninterrupted on the interior of the facility throughout the winter months. Currently, the construction is still on schedule for its completion in May 2003.

Since the last CUFF Newsletter, we have added four new police officers to the ranks of the Fairview Heights Police Department. Ptl. Brandy Maroon, Ptl. Brian Reid, and Ptl. Jamie Smith will be completing the 12-week field training program near the end of November. They have also included brief introductory biographies of themselves in this newsletter. The fourth new officer, Ptl. Jeremy Kempfer, is currently attending the police academy and will be graduating around mid-November, at which time he will then begin the field training program.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all of the senior citizens who graduated from the 10th Annual Fairview Heights Police Department Senior Citizen's Academy on October 24, 2002. Their dedication to and participation in the Senior Citizen's Academy is the primary reason for its continued success. I would also like to thank the volunteers and businesses that assisted and supported the Senior Academy this year. Again, thank you for your continued support of this program and we hope to see you at next year's Senior Academy.

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Chief of Police