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New station opens for first responders

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SUNBURY — The community has seen the progress from Wilson Road or from Interstate 71 over the past year on the new station for the BST&G Fire District and Delaware County EMS, which is now open.

“This morning before shift change, Rescue 352 and Engine 352 officially relocated to their new home at Station 352,” the BST&G Facebook page posted on May 19.

“Located at 485 Wilson Rd, these trucks will occupy our second fire house along with Delaware County EMS Medic 11. We will be revealing the Station 352 patch soon, to rival 351’s Beast of the East!”

A couple of days earlier, the Fire District had posted: “We know we have been terrible about posting progress pictures of the construction of Station 352 and Medic 11, the construction process is really cumbersome.

However, there is great news! We have started moving in and will become operational on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 0700 hours! This is a monumental moment for the fire district, Delaware County EMS and the entire community. We are so thankful for our residents, because we couldn’t have done this without your continued and amazing support!

Watch for more posts soon with other important information, such as: Dedication and Grand Opening Ceremony, Open House, etc.”

Delaware County EMS posted to Facebook on May 23: “Our final post this evening and of EMS week 2026 is about the future of DCEMS. As the county grows, so will we to accommodate the needs. One significant step to accommodate this growth in 2019 was to add Medic 11 in City of Sunbury, Ohio to serve the area and the growth in Berkshire Township, Ohio. The next step was creating an agreement with BSTG Fire District to build a joint station for their equipment as well as Medic 11. We broke ground on this station in March of last year and have been watching it come together intently.

And today is the day.

As of this morning our crew of Lt. Wortz, and Paramedics St. John and Walton are in for good.

We're incredibly excited about what this building stands for, we're excited for improved service to the area, and we're happy to continue serving and growing for the future."

During a recent visit, the exterior of the station was completed, and contractors were putting the finishing touches on the landscaping. There have been delays, to be sure. For example, BST&G Fire Chief Chris Kovach gave a presentation to Sunbury City Council on May 7, 2025.

"The new fire station remains on schedule for a March 2026 opening, with footers completed and underground plumbing underway," meeting minutes said. "The facility will feature a training tower and a classroom for up to 50 people... Staffing and training efforts continued to grow, with over 5,000 hours of training completed and the addition of three full-time hires, along with new part-time staff to support the future station."

It's becoming more common for first responder agencies in separate jurisdictions to share the same building. Among the first in central Ohio was the Safety Services Building, which is still home to Hilliard's Police Station, and Norwich Township Fire Department and Trustees, at 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard.

The new station, as seen from Wilson Road.



There are five docking bays for vehicles at the station.

