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Division of State Fire Marshal to Hold Ground Breaking Ceremony
for the Rhode Island Fire Academy

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The Department of Public Safety and the Division of State Fire Marshal are pleased to announce the beginning of construction for the Rhode Island State Fire Academy. Members of the public and media are invited to attend the ceremonial groundbreaking on:

Thursday, June 17, 2010
10 a.m.
Green Lane
(formerly the Ladd School)
Exeter, Rhode Island

Governor Donald L. Carcieri, and numerous dignitaries will be participating in the ceremony.

Robinson Green Beretta of Providence has been commissioned to design the new Rhode Island Fire Academy headquarter facilities, including a “burn” building for live fire training, a training tower and other props to assist fire fighters in training. Iron Construction, LLC, of Warwick, Rhode Island has been chosen for construction.

Funding for the project is being provided from a public safety bond issue that was approved by the voters on November 5, 2002. Construction for the burn facility will begin this month and is expected to be completed within a year. The site was selected after considerable review of the property available for the project. DEM worked closely with the architects to place the project on the Ladd School site with full protection of the environment as a high priority.

Over the last two years the fire academy has conducted 143 classes for over 4,230 firefighters. Much of this training has been accomplished using borrowed or rented facilities due to the lack of a state facility.

This is the first step in providing a training facility that meets a national standard and will be used to train all fire fighters in the state.

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