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Hunterdon Fire Training Center Construction Inspected By Commissioners

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Director John E. Lanza and Commissioner Susan J. Soloway, the Board's Public Safety Liaison, recently made an inspection of the county Emergency Services Training Center (ESTC) upgrade project in Clinton Township and reported on the construction progress at the Board's May 3rd meeting.

Director Lanza reported, "Commissioner Soloway and I had the opportunity to make a firsthand examination of the work being performed at the ESTC site, where phase one of the project, the construction of the burn training facility, is taking place.

We were impressed by the progress to date by the contractor, Grade Construction, particularly given the challenges of the winter weather. It is anticipated that with improvement of the weather, work will move along at a good clip now."

Soloway noted, "The assembling of the training tower is a complex project. It is far more than just putting up a building.

When completed, the County's volunteer fire fighters and other first responders will have a training resource that will present many of the dangerous scenarios involved in both fighting fires and rescue, and that experience and training can be invaluable in saving lives."

Lanza said, "The four story, 5500 square foot burn facility, which will include various simulators, will be used by volunteer first responders for necessary training, including lighting for night training.

The facility will replace the existing burn tower that is over 25 years old and past its useful life.

For Hunterdon County to continue to be one of the safest places to live, the opportunity for the best training and preparedness for our first responders needs to be provided."



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The Commissioners listed various elements on construction progress, including:

The basement walls and slabs for the foundation for the burn tower have been poured, as well as the main floor to allow for assembly of steel building framing.

Power for the site by JCP&L has been completed.

The construction of the onsite 85,000-gallon water storage tank that measures more than three stories and will provide water for fire training purposes has been completed.

The project is expected to be completed by the fall.