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Dedication Ceremony of the New Home of Troop 5 and Sussex County Paramedic Unit 107

Bridgeville- Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Lieutenant Governor John C. Carney Jr., Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security David B. Mitchell, Superintendent of the State Police Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish, Director of Sussex County Emergency Medical Services Glenn Luedtke, County Council Vice President Lynn Rogers, Senator Thurman Adams Jr., and Representative J. Benjamin Ewing dedicated the new Troop 5 barracks and home of Paramedic Unit 107 (officially named the Adams-Ewing Public Safety Complex) located off of US Route 13, today.

The ceremony marked the opening of this state-of-the-art facility located at 9265 Public Safety Way, Bridgeville. Designed by the architectural firm of French and Ryan Inc. of Georgetown, Delaware, the complex is situated on five acres. Kent Construction Company Inc. of Smyrna constructed the 11,000-square-foot facility.

The building will replace the former Troop 5 barracks located on US 13 north of Bridgeville, which was built in the late 1930's. This is the first time in Delaware that a state police troop and a county paramedic unit will be housed in the same complex.

In 2001, a collaborative effort was undertaken by Governor Minner, Senator Adams, Representative Ewing and the Delaware State Police, to build a new

public safety complex. State and county government partnered to build a one of a kind Emergency Medical Services and Police facility. The dedication and commitment of the aforementioned individuals and the leadership of Retired Secretary James Ford and Retired Colonel L. Aaron Chaffinch resulted in this state of the art complex.

"The support that is needed to see a project of this magnitude to fruition is nearly endless. This partnership in public safety could not have gotten off the ground without the financial support of the members of Delaware's Legislature, Sussex County Government, the support of Governor Minner, Secretaries Mitchell and Ford and many others" State Police Superintendent Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish said.

Once the idea was born, it was given to an individual in this organization to make it a reality. Through the tireless effort of Major Randall Hughes, this building moved from an idea to become this modern complex.

"We are grateful to those who helped design and build what we see here today; the architects, Alvin French and Pat Ryan of French and Ryan did an incredible job of taking the existing visitors center and designing a truly remarkable facility. To the men and women of Kent Construction and Project Manager Beverly Bartlett, thank you for taking a vision and creating such a magnificent structure" said Colonel Mac Leish.

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SUSSEX COUNTY EMS CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

[Bridgeville, Del.] Sussex County EMS and the Delaware State Police today celebrated the opening of the new Paramedic Station 107 and Troop 5 at the recently completed Adams-Ewing Public Safety Complex, located at U.S. 13 and Del. 404 near Bridgeville, Del. State, county and local government officials attended the dedication of the complex, which SCEMS Director Glenn Luedtke hailed as "a great new facility. We are excited for our employees and our community."

The Medic Unit was moved from its current location in Blades, Del., and has begun operating out of the new station. The public safety building was once home to a visitor's center, but after more than \$3 million in improvements, has been transformed into a state and county public safety hub that puts police officers and medics closer to a busy intersection and population center. "The relocating of Paramedic Unit 107 to its permanent station will be beneficial to the Bridgeville, Seaford and Greenwood areas, and for that matter, to all of Sussex County," County Administrator Robert L. Stickels said.

During the past two years, Sussex County EMS has added two new paramedic units and one additional field supervisor. With this move today, there now will be two paramedic units in western Sussex County – at Bridgeville and Laurel – and a Paramedic District Supervisor stationed in Blades. In all, the county has seven paramedic units and two district supervisors placed throughout Sussex, 24 hours a day.

"This new complex and unit help put more medics on the street, and that gives Sussex County a better concentration of the life-saving emergency workers we all need," Administrator Stickels said. Sussex County contributed \$1.1 million in June 2004 toward the public safety complex. Administrator Stickels said the new complex is a testament to the good working relationship between Sussex County Council and the state of Delaware. "It is yet another example of partners working together," he said. "And the product of that partnership is improved emergency response to the residents and visitors of our county."

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