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## Fire Department Groundbreaking Is Dream Come True

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What was a distant dream five years ago is finally becoming a reality for the Robbins Volunteer Fire Department, as they prepare to break ground on their new station at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

Chief Jarius Garner is excited to finally see the project get under way. The process has taken five to six years so far. A grant from the USDA helped push the project forward and now the department looks forward to seeing physical results.

"It's like a dream come true for us. We've been waiting a long time," says Garner.

The Robbins station will be the last in Moore County to be redone. The station currently in use is 57 years old.

"We've just been making do," says Garner.

The new facility, at 301 Branson Circle, will have a larger bay for the trucks. The 10,000-square-foot building will have ample room for training, offices and the equipment.

Garner also looks forward to having the capacity to be prepared for disasters. "It's gonna be really great for the community. We can continue to operate in case of disaster."

The dream station has been a long time coming, and contractors promise it could be done as early as February depending on weather.



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The ground breaking will kick off Farmers Day, a happy coincidence.

"It wasn't really planned, it just ended up that it finished up at this time," says Garner.

"[The groundbreaking] is a great day for us and for all the emergency -services," says Garner.

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