



The West Carrollton police department addition to the Civic Center was recently completed.

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RESIDENTS INVITED TO TOUR NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio – The official ribbon cutting ceremony to recognize the completion of the new West Carrollton Police Department building will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

A public open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the new police department addition to the Civic Center, located at 350 E. Central Ave. Tours will be given and refreshments will be served.

Features of the new 4,000 square-foot building include additional office space, interview rooms, a new holding cell, exercise facility and a training/emergency operations center.

“The former police department was constructed in 1979 and served the citizens and the police department employees well over the years,” said Rick Barnhart, police chief.

In the 1980's the police department expanded the number police department employees to meet the needs of the citizens. “Over time the facility became too small and not adequately functional for the police department or the city,” Barnhart said.

The new Fredrick J. Beard Memorial Training Center is named for a former West Carrollton officer who was killed on Interstate 75 while pursuing a suspect. The new center has Smart-Board technology, wireless Internet access flat screen television screens.

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The training room is used almost daily for on-going training for the police department as well as meetings for other city departments,” Barnhart said.

Construction began in July 2006 on the new \$1.68 million building. John Poe Architects worked on the designs for the project. Joe Becks & Associates was the contractor.

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