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COMMISSIONERS, SHERIFF CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, BREAK GROUND ON NEW, SUSTAINABLE TRAINING FACILITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Today, Earth Day, Franklin County Commissioners and County Sheriff Zach Scott broke ground on a new training facility for law enforcement which is seeking LEED certification. The \$5 million new construction project is expected to be complete by the end of the year and will incorporate water efficiency measures such as low-flow plumbing fixtures, recycled construction materials, and an innovative energy efficient design to achieve U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certification status.

"Our deputies spend a lifetime preparing, training, and practicing to keep our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and homes safe," said Commission President Marilyn Brown. "While we all hope that our deputies never have to discharge their weapons, we know that is not always an option. This facility will ensure that our deputies are well-trained to use minimal force but are prepared to respond."

The new state-of-the-art facility, located at 6347 Young Rd., in Grove City, will ensure that the Sheriff's staff will continue to be trained in a manner consistent with the highest professional standards required to protect and serve the fastest growing county in Ohio spread over 542 square miles. The facility will be comprised of a 24,500 square foot building and will house classrooms, training scenario rooms, fitness and locker room space, and a large multi-purpose lecture/physical training space.

"Protecting public safety is a paramount role for County Government. It takes training to build our law enforcement's skills and we break ground today on a state-of-the-art training facility," Commissioner Paula Brooks said. "I know Sheriff Scott and his deputies will be excited to see this project finished and I am proud to partner with the brave men and women that keep Franklin County safe each and every day. In addition, we will seek LEED certification for the training facility, continuing our stewardship of Franklin County's environment and saving energy costs for our taxpayers."

"This new facility will benefit all residents of Franklin County and the surrounding law enforcement agencies," said Sheriff Zach Scott. "The facility will have a positive effect on training in virtually every area of the Sheriff's Office, allowing us to prepare our deputies to better serve those living, working and visiting Franklin County. I appreciate the partnership of the Commissioners in helping to bring this project to life."

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Editor's note: a JPEG rendering of the new facility can be found here: <http://t.co/UbsmDI1TdQ>.