

Preparations being made for new fire station

(KMZA)--Preparations are being made for the construction of a new fire station in the Nemaha County community of Bern.

The old quonset that's been used as a fire station will be demolished and a new building constructed in its place.

That means the tornado siren located on the building will have to come down too.

Fire Chief Eldon Kaster says while they are temporarily without a warning siren, in case of severe weather, the fire department will drive around town sounding their sirens.

A nearly \$240,000 KAN-STEP grant has been awarded through the Kansas Department of Commerce for the construction of a new 3-bay fire station. The building will also include a meeting/training room, storage room, bathroom and kitchen.

The fire district will provide a nearly \$129,000 match in the form of volunteer labor.

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