

Construction of addition to be completed Oct. 2018

Construction of a training center addition and expanded parking lot at the emergency communications center that began in September 2017 is expected to be completed in October 2018.

Construction was stopped for several weeks because of confusion over the relocation of cables, but resumed in mid-November, according to Tory Maye, deputy director of operations for the Department of Emergency Communications.

At the start of the project, the general contractor, Brooks & Co., erected an interior partition along the outer wall of the operations floor of the building, Maye said. Windows were boarded up on the exterior of the wall. Both of these measures were intended to block noise from the construction zone.

The original outer wall with four sets of windows is still in place, and the windows eventually will be converted to doors that will lead into the new training center, Maye said.

“This place is ever evolving,” he said.

The training center will include 10 consoles with radios that are set up like the current operations floor. These will be used primarily for



training, but may be activated if needed in emergencies, Maye said. It also will include a training room similar to the current one, two offices, a conference room and a single women’s restroom and single men’s restroom. It will be accessible from a separate outside doorway as well as through doors from the operations floor.

The project also includes an expanded parking lot but it will not include any new or relocated driveways into the area, Maye said.

Maye reminded employees to drive slowly around the building, because of the presence of workers and to expect an increasingly number of site visitors.