



“Police set to add a new substation”

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PISCATAWAY: Construction on the community policing substation in the northern side of Piscataway could be completed this week and ready for use in May, township officials said.

The 30-foot-by-40-foot building is nearly done with only a few touches left, such as plumbing and work in the kitchen, said Capt. Rick Ivone of the Police Department.

“It’s looking very good,” Ivone said. “The neighborhood is really enthused about it coming there.”

The substation, at 1601 W. Fourth St. near the Plainfield border, replace a decade-old abandoned gas station that leaking underground storage tanks, officials said.

The new one-floor facility will provide township residents greater access to law enforcement and help increase security in the area, Ivone said. The substation, however will not serve as a second headquarters and will include an office/interview room and a meeting room.

The Police Department’s community-policing staff of six officers will move into a new facility, Ivone said.

Lillian Harris, 34, who has lived in the neighborhood for four years, said she was excited at the idea of having more police presence nearby.

“I like it,” said Harris “I think it’s going to uplift the street.”

Harris said the neighborhood looked “dead” with the old gas station, and she was often concerned with letting her children play outside. Now, she thinks her youngsters will feel more secure if “they see more cops.”