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Wheatleys Pond Road Paramedics Station to Get Safety Lights

Smyrna, Del. –Today, Kent County Levy Court President P. Brooks Banta along with Vice-President Terry Pepper and Chief Colin Faulkner announced the upcoming installation of flashing lights that will be installed at the Wheatleys Pond Road Paramedics Station. The announcement was made at the station where Senator Bruce Ennis and Representative William Carson who were present, will contribute to the project through Delaware Department of Transportation, Community Transportation Funds.

“We are proud to announce that with the help of Senator Bruce Ennis and Representative William Carson, this dangerous situation will soon be addressed”, said Commissioner Banta.

The project is tentatively set to be completed by the Delaware Department of Transportation by the end of the month.

In 1985 DelDOT traffic counts at the intersection of Carter Road and Wheatleys Pond Road averaged 350-500 vehicles per day. That number is now 9000-11000 vehicles per day. Emergency vehicles enter and exit the Wheatley Pond Road Paramedics Station at least 5000 times a year. Because there is not a driveway at the station, flashing lights will not only protect Paramedics leaving the station, but also motorists and pedestrians and will serve as a warning that an emergency vehicle is leaving the station.

Just like flashing red lights operating outside a fire station where motorists must stop, the same will soon be true for emergency vehicles.

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From left: Commissioner Terry Pepper, Commissioner Jody Sweeney, Commissioner Brooks Banta, Representative William Carson, Senator Bruce Ennis, DelDOT Project Manager Mike Fleming, County Administrator Michael Petit de Mange, Public Safety Chief Colin Faulkner



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