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**Police invite public to see new south campus tomorrow**

Kansas City Police invite the public to come see their new southern campus at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday.

The ceremony unveiling the new South Patrol Division – Special Operations Division campus will be at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at 9701 Marion Park Drive. This is located near Bannister Road and 71 Highway behind Home Depot.

The \$28 million project was funded by the Public Safety Sales Tax, which voters renewed in 2010. At a total of 51,000 square feet, the primary building will house the South Patrol Division on the south wing and the Special Operations Division on the north. South Patrol's service area covers 63 square miles of Kansas City. The Special Operations Division consists of the Traffic Enforcement, Traffic Investigation and Patrol Support units. Both divisions will enjoy far greater highway access than at their previous locations with U.S. Highways 71, 435 and 470 in the immediate area.

The previous South Patrol building at 11109 Hickman Mills Road was constructed in the late 1970s. It has numerous problems, including only one toilet for female employees, not enough parking and not enough building space at just 12,700 square feet. The Special Operations Division has been housed in an old warehouse at 1328 Agnes. It is listed among the most deficient buildings in the City's property portfolio.

The multipurpose building to the east includes a gymnasium and workout facility, offices for the Canine and Bomb and Arson sections, the Police Retirement System and Police Benefit Association. The Kansas City Police Credit Union also is leasing a portion of the building.

KCPD's canine officers now have a building all to themselves, as well. The kennels have all the comforts of a building for people with heating, cooling, water and a yard for dogs to run. A large agility and training course for the dogs will be just outside the kennels.

Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony provides a sneak peak at the facilities. Police will move in throughout the rest of November, and the divisions will be ready for public business the first of December.

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