

New ambulance station to open Tuesday in Avon

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AVON — Three ambulances and a full-time crew will staff a new, 24-hour ambulance station that will open in Avon on Tuesday at 7 a.m.

The 11, 000-square-foot facility sits above Avon, serving as a centralized station for the Eagle County Ambulance District, which stretches from Vail Pass on the east to west of Wolcott.

“We constantly evaluate our service to the district, and long ago we identified that a centralized station in Avon would be optimal,” said Fred Morrison, the ambulance district’s general manager. “We were able to build a state-of-the-art facility to serve our district for years to come at the best possible location. Not to mention the building’s proximity to I-70, which is of course the main artery through our response area, will serve us well.”

The \$4.2 million Traer Creek station is on land donated by developer Magnus Lindholm. The district has applied for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. In addition to the ambulance crews, two administrative staffers will work



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out of the Traer Creek station.

Stephanie Lord-Johnson, senior architect and planner for VAg Architects and Planners in Avon, led the design team; and Brian Deem, of TCD Inc. in Breckenridge, oversaw construction as the project superintendent.

“We estimate the new Traer Creek station will allow us to improve response times to popular areas,” Morrison said. “We’ll cut our response time to places like Minturn and Eagle-Vail by 5½ minutes, and we can get to the center of Avon three minutes faster. That’s important as we watch our communities grow.”