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# Lawrenceville Police Department New Training Facility to Open Fall '06

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The Lawrenceville police department will have its new facility ready to train in as soon as October of 2006.

Ground broke in April 2005 for the structures that cover the 103 acre site including a firing range, training build-

These state of the art structures will allow the members of the Lawrenceville Police Department to train to be the best that they can be.

Potts Construction was kind enough to give a job site tour to the NAWIC

The first building on the tour was the 100,000 square foot indoor firing range. It will contain three separate rooms with a 25 foot, 50 foot and 100 foot shooting range. The structure was built using tilt up construction for



Renee Conner of Precision Tapping and member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of NAWIC presents Mike Corum with a certificate of appreciation for hosting the chapter's site tour of the new Lawrenceville Police Training Facility/CWN

ing, track and maintenance facility.

Located off of Hwy. 29, the new facility, being built by Potts Construction, and designed by a company out of

Sugarloaf Chapter this past March, as part of Women in Construction Week.

The tour, given by Mike Corum of Potts Construction, proceeded to dis-



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Virginia, is coming in with a price tag of right around \$20 million.

play and explain the facilities and the progress that was being made.

the walls (the pre-cast building cost approximately \$2.5 million) and steel panels that contain materials to reduce the sound.

The HVAC system that has been installed is part of a health precaution, helping to remove the lead that is emitted by the guns, to keep the people there on a regular basis less likely to breath it in. The steel baffles on the ceiling are at an angle to help any stray bullets to come back down to the floor in a much safer manner. At the end of lanes (which range about 24 across) there is an automatic bullet collector that collects and gathers the bullets in a steel drum on the outside of the building. There is also a computer controlled system for the targets, allowing them to move during target practice.

The training facility is a red iron structure that will have a brick facade



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when completed. It is 28,000 square feet and is made up of several classrooms. One room has been specifically designed to house hand to hand combat training. There will be a completely clear story to allow plenty of sunlight into the building.

This training center is also compliant with the standards of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), making it an eco friendly structure. With this the training building is projected to be complete at least a month before the "official" end date, to allow for the filtration of the air in the building to make sure it complies with LEED standards.

The area that was still in the early stages was the track and the maintenance facility. This will be an area for people on the police force to drive on a track that is loosely shaped like a figure 8.

Next to the track is a 2,800 square foot maintenance building that will be used for the upkeep of the training cars and other vehicles.