**Project Description**

This project will construct and equip a +/- 10,500 sq ft, 2-bay fire rescue station. The structure will provide a turnkey facility, built to withstand Category 4 hurricane storm winds. Project is LMS qualified in accordance to FEMA 490 Standards/Guidelines for Essential Facilities.

The new station will utilize the same floor plan as Fire Station No. 12 (Bee Ridge/Murdock) and Fire Station No. 14 (Vamo) with exterior modifications to compliment the neighborhood and minor interior modifications to meet current operational and beach rescue requirements.

During construction, this area will be serviced, with no reduction in service, through placement of the current ambulance and fire truck in a commercial space, which will serve as a temporary station. Construction contract for fit out of the temporary station and demolition of existing fire station was approved by the Board of County Commissioners November 5, 2019.

**Project Progress/Status**

The Sarasota County Board of Commissioners approved contracts on April 10, 2019. Design and permitting will continue through February 2020. The public received an update on the project in an Open House on August 20, 2019, held at Pepperbay Condominium Gulf-side clubhouse. Sarasota County Commission approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price of construction of the new station on April 8, 2020. The crew moved into the temporary fire station on May 5, 2020. Demolition and site work for the new Fire Station #13 began May 14, 2020 and will continue through Summer. The new station is scheduled to begin operating Summer 2021. Construction is 23% complete.