

Sarasota County Regional Fire Training Academy CIP #84366



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Design Start
Winter 2021

Design Finish
Fall 2023

Construction Start
Fall 2024

**Construction
Completion**
Winter 2027

PROJECT DETAILS

Design Consultant
Sweet Sparkman
Architecture & Interiors

Design Contract Cost
\$2,901,284.00

Contractor
Willis A. Smith
Construction

**Construction
Contract Cost**
\$53,370,235.00

COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER(S)

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Project Description

The Regional Fire Training Academy will serve as Sarasota County's Emergency Training facility replacing four current locations spread throughout the county. This 30-acre complex will consist of classrooms, associated outbuildings and training props to assist in the training and preparedness of first responders and have simulating fire training conditions. The training campus is comprised of the following facilities and training structures. 1. Buildings A – School Administration Facility: 2. Building B – Vehicle and Equipment Apparatus Bay: 3. Building D – Class B Training Burn Tower: 4. Building E – No Burn Training Tower: 5. Building G – Class A Training Burn Building: 6. Building I – Outdoor Classroom and Storage: 7. Building O – Confined Space Training Prop: 8. Flat Roof Training Prop: 9. Sloped Roof Training Prop.

Project Progress/Status

The first lift of paving for roughly half of the site has been completed including the EVOC emergency vehicle driver training pad. The project campus contains 9 structures making up the school administration facility as well as the fire training campus. Currently 8 of the 9 structures are advancing with construction as expected and the 9th roof training prop is completed. The site contractor has completed the installation of the lift-station wet well and is currently working on the installation of the 4 associated primary manholes. Work on the piping and pumping system for those structures will continue for the next several weeks.

