



VVC breaks ground on \$32M public safety training center

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APPLE VALLEY • Construction began Thursday on Victor Valley College's Eastside Public Safety Training Center, the first major project to advance as part of a voter-approved \$298 million bond measure.

The \$32 million center will train VVC students for firefighting, paramedic, police and corrections careers, and also be available for rent by public safety agencies across Southern California.

"We needed a facility that would demonstrate our commitment to these four areas and would also be a training facility not only for the High Desert but for the entire region," VVC Interim President Christopher O'Hearn said.

When it's completed in December 2011, the facility will feature new technologies and training equipment, including a 5-story-tall fire tower to simulate the feel of being trapped in a burning building, and a 9-lane indoor shooting range with virtual and live-fire training simulators.

More than 100 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the facility's 9-acre site on the southwest corner of Johnson and Navajo roads in Apple Valley, north of the Apple Valley Airport and next to the Walmart distribution center.

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