

FEMA funds allow for six

KINGMAN - Donations from local businesses along with federal grants have contributed a total of \$170,554 toward the construction of a new fire station for the Hualapai Valley Fire Department.

Construction began a year ago on the station at Stockton Hill and Cactus Wren roads. When it opens in the spring, it will serve the Fountain Hills, Cedar Ridge and Lake Juniper subdivisions. Chief Wayne Eder said that it would eventually cover an additional three-square-mile area the district is trying to annex.

Patricia Lewis donated the land, valued at \$45,000, for the new station.

Brown Drilling donated the total cost of drilling the well

at the site, saving the department another \$8,500. Ducey Construction donated \$6,500 in equipment and labor to move earth, and Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber provided a discount for construction supplies.

Other contributors include Sun State Truss Co., \$1,000; Jeld-Wen Corporation, \$30,000; Kingman Properties, \$30,000; and CE Smith Engineering, \$1,200.

The department secured Federal Emergency Management Agency grants for an air compressor system, radio system and tower, and firefighting equipment, totaling \$53,354.

The first phase of the new station is being completed without using tax dollars. The HVFD has obtained \$1,064,838

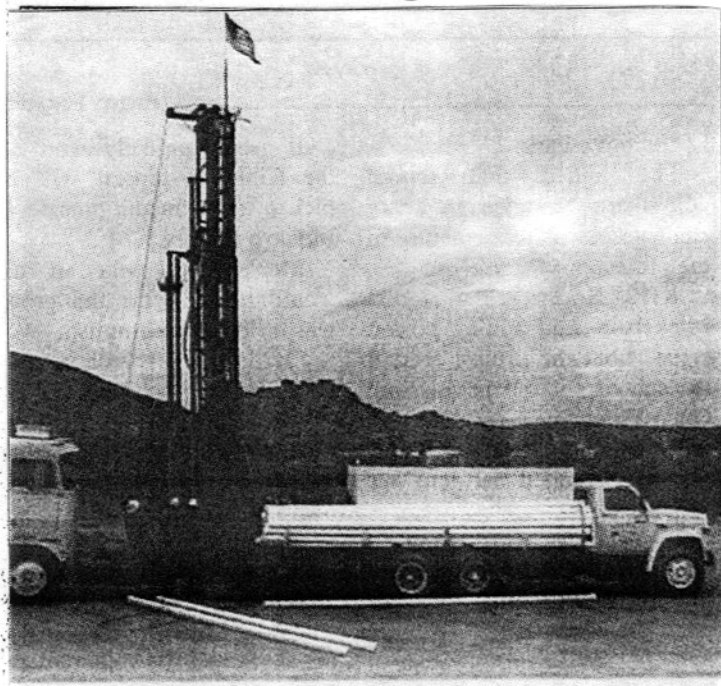
through donations, grants and wildland firefighting income toward the station.

HVFD also announced this week that FEMA has contributed \$600,000 for the district to hire six additional firefighters. Eder said they begin their 10-week academy training in January and should be ready to join the force the same time the new station is operational. The HVFD employs 25 full-time and six volunteer staff members.

Along with a new station and new firefighters, the HVFD expects its new 75-foot ladder truck to arrive around the same time.

The department has two stations that cover 24 square miles and responds to about 3,000 calls per year, Eder said.

new firefighters for HVFD



Jonathan Kaufman, Brian Myers and Hyton Holyoak from Brown Drilling complete the donated water well for the new Hualapai Valley Fire Station on Stockton Hill Road on Oct. 27. The well was drilled to a depth of 345 feet and is producing five gallons per minute.