



**Pacific Iron-works lowers the belltower onto the Department of Public Safety's Parkway Station on Thursday.**

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# GP's 2 new public safety stations coming to fruition

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Grants Pass' two new public safety stations are taking shape and are on target to be finished by the projected completion day of Sept. 24, according to Public Safety Director Joe Henner.

Not surprisingly, the smaller Redwood station is farther along, and its roof is expected to be completed in the next two

— a thermal ground loop system designed to reduce energy costs — is finished, and parking lots, curbs and driveways are on the way.

Henner also noted that both buildings are being constructed to meet strict standards in order to continue to be operated in the case of an earthquake or power outage.

"These facilities are defined as essential facilities and must

weeks.

Henner also said the interior work is being completed and the outside parking, curb and drive-ways will be done soon.

Meanwhile, the majority of the masonry and steel work has been completed at the Parkway station and crews are focusing on the interior framing.

On Thursday, a crew from Pacific Ironworks used a 90-ton crane to install the 11-ton structural steel frame for the building's belltower.

One time-consuming project

endure a number of significant structural modifications to withstand an earthquake," he said.

The two new stations will cost \$6.2 million and are part of a voter-approved bond measure of \$9.8 million approved in November 2006.

The measure also paid for three pumpers, other firefighting equipment and a new training tower.

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