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### **New Training Tower to Boost Firefighter Training at FETA**

**BATON ROUGE (June 9, 2026)** – The Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA) is expanding firefighter training opportunities with a new four-story, live-fire training tower funded through a half-million dollar Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

Assembly at the Baton Rouge campus officially began today with the arrival of the tower components which include 13 interconnected steel shipping containers that serve as multiple burn rooms, stairwells, search areas, and observation breezeways designed for realistic firefighting scenarios.

Built by Lone Star Training Solutions, the pre-fabricated facility, which replaces FETA's outdated burn building at its main campus off of Nicholson Drive, will increase live-fire and technical rescue training capacity for municipal, industrial, and recruit firefighters across the state.

"As training requests continue to grow, our existing facility has been heavily utilized, creating scheduling limitations," said Chief Bryan J Adams, Department of Public Safety Principal Assistant. "This new burn building will significantly expand our live-fire training capacity."

The tower's fourth floor will also support rope rescue and confined space rescue training, allowing responders to conduct realistic technical rescue exercises.

Designed for future flexibility, the modular structure is bolted to a concrete slab and can be disassembled and relocated if training ground expansion requires site modifications.

"This new training tower provides firefighters with modern, realistic training opportunities while helping us meet the growing demand for live-fire and technical rescue training throughout the region," said Tracey Normand, Superintendent of the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy.

Assembly is expected to be completed within a week.

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