



Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority

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Western Virginia Regional Jail Sets Roof Top Heating Units by Air Crane

April 9, 2008 (Roanoke County, VA) The Western Virginia Regional Jail will be setting the facility's rooftop heating and air conditioning units by Air-Crane helicopters on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10:00 am.

The construction of the regional jail is at 52% complete and is proceeding on schedule for the targeted opening date in March 2009. The entire wall and roofing structure is in place and work continues on the roofing, mechanical, and electrical components within the interior of the facility.

In this phase of the construction an Air-Crane helicopter will be used to lift the (53) heating and air-conditioning units and (15) exhaust fans to the roof for installation. The units being utilized for this facility weigh between 493lbs and 3158 lbs. These units will be on site prior to the arrival of the Air-Crane unit from The Roanoke Regional Airport. This method of installation was necessary due to logistical reasons impacted by the layout of the building. The process is scheduled to start at 10:00 am and is expected to be completed in three to five hours. The activity will be confined to the jail site and we do not expect any disruption to the neighborhoods or traffic patterns surrounding the jail site. We will have staff on site throughout the duration of the event. The site will be closed to visitors during this process with the exception of the members of the media, where a specific observation area will be provided. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Deputy Superintendent Bobby Russell at the contact information listed above.

The Western Virginia Regional Jail is a partnership of the counties of Franklin, Montgomery, Roanoke, and the City of Salem. More information and photos are available at <http://westernvaregionaljail.org>.