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Boynton Dedicates Fire Station

High-tech Facility Also Serves As Emergency Operations Center

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After a year and a half of construction, Boynton Beach Fire Station No. 5 recently had its grand opening with a few added touches.

Dana Donaty Designs in Delray Beach created an acrylic-on-canvas custom installation of four firefighting vehicles from 80 years of history for the main lobby of the new station and emergency operations center at 2080 High Ridge Road.

Steve Lewis, spokesman for Boynton Beach Fire Rescue, said the operations center aspect of the building is a step into the future for the city.

"We received a \$1.7 million hazard mitigation grant to harden the building to Category 5 status," he said. "This is the first building in Boynton to have this rating."

Lewis said that if something were to happen to City Hall, with the flip of a switch, dispatch functions would not miss a beat. In addition, there are backup servers in the new building to also back up City Hall.

The 42,000-square-foot building cost almost \$9 million.

Artist Dana Donaty said the lobby mural, "Big Red," is 4-by-19-feet. She said it took one day to install, and the landscape background of the piece is from a historical 1930 photograph of Federal Highway in Boynton Beach.

"They decided that they needed another art component at the station, so they saw samples of my past work and liked them," Donaty said.

She is known for her work in downtown Delray Beach, which includes a large mural on the outside wall of an old camera shop.

"They saw my body of work and decided on me," Donaty said. "I'm going to say from start to finish it took two months, but I had other projects I was working on in between."

Replicas of the mural are available for sale at www.danadonaty.com or by calling 561-504-3374.

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