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Schenkel Shultz Selected for Rebuild of Sanibel Fire Station #171

Estero, FL – August 25, 2025 - Schenkel Shultz, a leading Central Florida architectural and interior design studio, has been selected to rebuild Sanibel Fire Station #171. The project marks the second collaboration between the firm and Sanibel Fire and Rescue, following the rebuild of the Fire Station #172 after Hurricane Ian. As part of the island's ongoing recovery, the new facility will play a pivotal role in bolstering public safety and meeting the long-term needs of the community.

The new two-story Sanibel Fire Station # 171 will feature a comprehensive layout that includes a Chief Officer's quarters, modern bunk rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, and dedicated spaces for meetings and training. New living quarters and fire district spaces will be thoughtfully integrated with the existing apparatus bay to maintain a cohesive architectural narrative throughout. Renovations to the existing apparatus bays will further enhance operational efficiency while aligning with the new construction.

Resilience is central to the design. The station will meet the latest FEMA floodplain elevation standards, ensuring it is equipped to withstand future environmental challenges.

"Working with Sanibel Fire Rescue District on designing Fire Station #171 will continue our effort to help rebuild the Island's essential facilities after Hurricane Ian", said Nathalie White, AIA, Principal at Schenkel Shultz. "We have been committed to the Southwest Florida community for 33 years and are dedicated to making Sanibel Island more resilient."

Schenkel Shultz remains dedicated to delivering a fire station that not only fulfills essential needs but also stands as a testament to the strength and resilience of the Sanibel community.

About Schenkel Shultz Architecture

As a member of the Central Florida community for 40 years and headquartered in Winter Park, Schenkel Shultz is committed to inspiring the community through impactful design. The architecture and interior design firm has built a legacy of success through a continued focus on design excellence that responds to the distinct needs of each client. Rooted in critical thinking,

research, collaboration, and personal experiences, the firm is passionate about design and creating meaningful community partnerships.