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Ventura County Fire Department Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Station 20 in Upper Ojai

CAMARILLO, Calif. – The Ventura County Fire Department and distinguished officials will celebrate the dedication of a new fire station with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 29. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with station tours starting immediately following the ceremony.

Ventura County Fire Chief Dustin Gardner, County Supervisor Matt LaVere, and Interim CEO Dr. Sevet Johnson, Ojai Mayor Betsy Stix and Santa Paula Mayor Jenny Crosswhite, will join local firefighters and dignitaries in dedicating the new fire station. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. followed by a ribbon cutting photo with elected officials, fire chiefs and dignitaries and station tours at 10:45 a.m.



“The new station is a direct result of our desire to provide the best possible service to the community members in Upper Ojai and Santa Paula,” said Fire Chief Dustin Gardner. “We’re excited to show the public their new station, which will better accommodate our firefighters and additional firefighting equipment.”



The new \$7.3 million fire station built on a 2.3-acre site approximately is a half-mile west of the old station along Highway 150. The 8,504 square foot facility includes two pass-through engine bays, two offices, a fitness room, kitchen, dining area, and living quarters for four firefighting personnel. The original fire station was built in 1959.

"In the last 60 years, we've outgrown the current site as service demands have increased in the area. This new station will allow firefighters to store larger equipment needed to fight brushfires," said Andy VanSciver, Information Officer for Ventura County Fire Department.

The new Fire Station 20 is located at 12000 Santa Paula- Ojai Rd. Ojai, Ca 93023. It was approved by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in September 2019, accepting the bid from Ardalan Construction.

For more information on Fire Station 20's grand opening, contact VCFD's Public Information Office at (805) 389-9769.

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