



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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CONFIRE UNVEILS NEW FIRE STATION 16 IN LAFAYETTE

New Station to Enhance Emergency Response Times in Hilly, Fire-Vulnerable Wildland/Urban Interface Area and Support Operations across 26-Station District

CONCORD, CALIF., Sept. 9, 2019 – Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) today unveiled its newest fire station, the soon-to-be-opened Fire Station 16 in Lafayette.

When operational in the coming days, the new Fire Station 16 will provide faster fire and emergency medical response times in the immediate area and improved overall responses District-wide. The new station replaces an earlier station 16 that was closed in 2012.

“We are pleased to introduce to the community our new Fire Station 16 in Lafayette, which will soon offer enhanced emergency response times in north Lafayette and support better coverage across the county,” said Lewis T. Broschard III, Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. “Fire Station 16 will also provide a critical early response capability in this especially vulnerable wildland/urban interface area of our county.”

“The City of Lafayette is very pleased with the upcoming opening of Fire Station 16. The location of the station will provide critical protection for an area of the city with hilly terrain that slows response times,” said Mike Anderson, Mayor, City of Lafayette. “I wish to thank Con Fire, Supervisor Candice Andersen and all of those who worked so hard to establish Fire Station 16. The City of Lafayette heartedly welcomes the firefighters who have dedicated their lives to the preservation of our community.”

Station 16 is strategically located in northwestern Lafayette to better protect this area, with its combination of dense residential construction, hilly terrain and heavy vegetation, from the threat of wildland fires such as those experienced across California in recent years.

When operational, Fire Station 16 will comprise a single bay for one fire engine as well dormitories and support facilities for its three-firefighter crew.

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A grand opening ceremony for the new Fire Station 16, followed by a symbolic “push-in” of the fire engine into the apparatus bay for the first time, took place today at 11 a.m. at the station site, 4007 Los Arabis Drive, Lafayette.

Construction continues on the District’s next new station, Fire Station 70 in the City of San Pablo, with completion of that project expected in December 2020.



Con Fire, County, City of Lafayette officials gathered today to celebrate the grand opening of Fire Station 16 in Lafayette.

About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) -- a recognized fire service leader -- provides fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across its 304 square-mile District area, and through mutual aid, in and around the 20 cities and unincorporated communities of Contra Costa County, California. With few exceptions, county emergency ambulance transport services are provided by Con Fire through its unique sub-contractor Alliance model. In 2018, the District responded to nearly 75,000 fire and EMS emergencies and dispatched some 95,000 ambulances, providing expert medical care on more than 74,000 ambulance transports. The District, with 26 fire stations and more than 400 employees, is dedicated to preserving life, property and the environment.

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