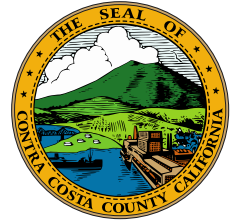




**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**



**OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR JOHN GIOIA,
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

MEDIA ADVISORY

CON FIRE TO BREAK GROUND FOR FIRE STATION 70 CONSTRUCTION IN SAN PABLO

New Station to Replace Temporary Facilities In Use Since 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake

WHEN: Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 10 - 11 a.m.

WHERE: NEW Fire Station 70 construction site, 1800 23rd Street, San Pablo

WHAT: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) will host a groundbreaking ceremony and gold-shovel event to mark start of construction for the new Fire Station 70 in San Pablo. County Board of Supervisors Chair and District One Supervisor John Gioia, City of San Pablo Mayor Rich Kinney, and other officials will participate. Con Fire officials will be available for comment immediately following the ceremony.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In the early morning hours of July 21st, 2007, Con Fire Engine 70 responded from San Pablo to reports of a structure fire not far away on Michelle Drive. In the course of the ensuing minutes, attempting to rescue an elderly couple trapped in their burning home, Fire Captain Matt Burton and Fire Engineer Scott Desmond lost their lives.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Fire Board (Board of Supervisors) and Advisory Fire Commission have authorized this new fire station, when put into service next spring, to be dedicated as the Captain Matthew Burton and Engineer Scott Desmond Memorial Station in memory of their ultimate sacrifice.

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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 25 fire stations and more than 400 employees, is dedicated to preserving life, property and the environment.

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