

# History

## Fire Station 32, Potrero Valley

In 1967, housing tracts were beginning to be built in Newbury Park's Potrero Valley. This new growth brought about planning for a new fire station. In 1968, property was located and purchased from the William Lyons Co., a developer in the valley.

In early 1971, Station 32's construction was started. In June of 1971, the crew was named and assigned to Battalion 3 to cover other stations until the station was finished.

A few months into construction, all work slowed and then stopped. The unfinished building stood an empty shell with no doors or windows for months before work resumed.

On July 21, 1972, the Fire District accepted the finished fire station with Engine 32 and two firefighters spending the first night for security. The next day, the station crew gathered up the stations furniture and equipment that was stored at Station 33 and other battalion stations.

Station 32 also became the temporary home for the District's first ladder truck until Station 30 was finished in 1974. This required cutting out 3 inches from the front overhead door on the drive-through stall to allow safe exit.

This station was not the first station to be numbered 32. In the 1950's when battalions were laid out, Camarillo was in Battalion 3 and Station 32 was the Camarillo station. In 1962, the line between Battalion 3 and 5 was moved east to the Conejo Grade, making the Camarillo station number 54.

Twelve years later station number 32 was put back in service, this time in the Potrero Valley.