

History

Fire Station 37, North Ranch

When the North Ranch area was being planned and developed, a site for a new fire station was a requirement given to the Prudential Company, the developer of the North Ranch community. Using a 1975 fire station site location master plan for Westlake Village, Oak Park, North Ranch, and Los Angeles County fire stations, the original site agreed upon was on Upper Ranch Road, south of Kanan Road. Eventually, that site became a park instead and the site of the fire station was reconsidered.

The City of Thousand Oaks wanted to save the Wildwood Mesa on the west end of Avenida de los Arboles as open space, so the city reached an agreement with the owners of Wildwood Mesa. They would allow homes to be built in the North Ranch area, on part of a park site, and give the Wildwood Mesa to the city for open space. The Conejo Recreation and Park District would agree with the city and Mesa owners but only if they could have the original fire station site to add to their park site. Therefore, a second fire station site was agreed upon, which is the northeast corner of Kanan Road and Upper Ranch Road. That is the site of today's Fire Station 37.

The North Ranch Homeowners Association rejected the first draft of building plans for the station. The association agreed to participate in the station's final exterior design to ensure the site was comparable to the design of the community.

Fire Station 37, 2010 Upper Ranch Road, Thousand Oaks, opened on May 5, 2001. The first response out of the station was a medical emergency dispatch at 1507 hours on that date.