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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Grand opening of Ventura County Fire Station 35 Community invited to dedication event in Newbury Park on September 28, 2017**

CAMARILLO, Calif. – The Ventura County Fire Department warmly invites the public to a formal dedication and public grand opening of new Fire Station 35 on Thursday, September 28. All members of the community are welcome at this family-themed public event.

During Thursday's dedication, a brief ribbon cutting ceremony will be hosted at 10:00 a.m. followed by an open house with food, displays of fire and rescue equipment, as well as an opportunity to tour one of Ventura County's newest fire stations. Fire Station 35 is located at 751 Mitchell Road in Newbury Park.

Speakers will include Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen, Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin, County Supervisor Linda Parks, and officials from the City of Thousand Oaks.

New Fire Station 35 is a \$5.6 million, two-story building located in the Rancho Conejo Industrial Park, a few blocks away from the old station. The new 11,233 square-foot station features three apparatus bays large enough to house a ladder truck, nine dorms for engine and truck company personnel, as well as offices and public interface areas.

The station also features drought-tolerant landscaping with low water-use shrubs and mulch, sponsored by a \$25,000 grant from [California American Water](http://CaliforniaAmericanWater.com).

"Fire Station 35 serves a primary response area of about 11 square-miles," said Division Chief Ted Smith. "It's a very busy station. In the last 50 years, service demands in Thousand Oaks have increased as the city has developed. Its firefighting apparatus and scope of our service have outgrown the current site."

The old station, located next to the 101 Freeway, was the smallest in Ventura County. Built in 1962, the 3,400 square-foot station no longer met the needs of modern building designs and seismic code requirements.

For more information, contact the Ventura County Fire Public Information Office at (805) 389-9769.

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