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New TVF&R Fire Station Opens Doors to Public – Photo Opportunity

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's new Tigard Fire Station (12617 SW Walnut Street) is hosting an Open House this Saturday, February 28th, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The public is invited to attend and tour TVF&R's first 'green' fire station. Visitors can also see equipment displays, practice a fire escape plan, have their blood pressure checked, and meet and talk with firefighters. A brief ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm. Because parking at the station is limited, a free shuttle service will be available from Mary Woodward Elementary School and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

“Our commitment to our citizens continues to be ensuring fast response by highly trained, compassionate people,” said Assistant Fire Chief Mike Duyck. He added, “This station is allowing us to respond faster to medical incidents and fires in the northern neighborhoods of Tigard and Bull Mountain, as well as southern Beaverton.” These communities had long been a concern for TVF&R due to response times nearing eight minutes. The value of the station was underscored on February 18th when the crew responded to a 9-1-1 call of a 2-year-old that was struggling to breathe due to choking on an apple. Crews arrived in just over five minutes and administered advanced life support medical care. The child's mother recently called to thank the crews for saving her child.

The new fire station includes sleeping rooms, a kitchen, a physical fitness area, an office, an apparatus and storage bay, and a community room. Initially, the station will be home to a daily crew of four firefighters, but as demands for service increase in the future, additional personnel and equipment can be added. In addition, the 'green' station - designed to meet the Gold certification level from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system – has a multitude of energy and water-saving efficiencies.

The station serves an area that ranks ninth in geographical size (within TVF&R's 210 square mile service area) and third in population density with over 23,000 residents. The new station is the first to be added to TVF&R's service area in over a decade and represents the second capital improvement project being funded by bonds approved by voters in 2006. The bonds will add two new fire stations, rebuild five stations to correct operational and safety deficiencies, and upgrade eight other stations. In addition, TVF&R will add a third ladder truck company to its deployment strategy and continue its apparatus replacement plan. These improvements will be spread evenly across TVF&R's 210-square-mile service area.

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