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(Community to Benefit from TVF&R's New "Green" Fire Station)

The first TVF&R fire station to be added in over a decade is officially open for business. Over the weekend firefighters at Fire Station 50—located at 12617 SW Walnut Street in Tigard—responded to over a dozen medical incidents, as well as a cooking fire. The 11,700 square foot station includes sleeping rooms, a kitchen, physical fitness area, an office, a large apparatus and storage bay, and a community room. Initially, the station will be home to a daily shift of four firefighters, but as demands for service increase in the future, additional personnel and equipment can be added.

"Our first priority is ensuring a fast and effective emergency response system," says Assistant Chief Mike Duyck. The new station will serve the northern neighborhoods of Tigard and Bull Mountain, as well as south Beaverton which have seen tremendous population growth and traffic. Within TVF&R's 220 square mile district, Station Fire 50 will serve an area that ranks ninth in geographical size, but third in population density with over 23,000 people.

The station is also TVF&R's first "green" fire station. It is designed to meet the Gold certification level from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. Some of the energy and water-saving efficiencies include extensive use of natural light, solar panels to preheat water, on-demand water heaters, rainwater capture for toilets, use of low-emission and recycled construction materials, and high-efficiency lighting, heating and cooling systems. The environmental features designed into the \$4.2 million project added an extra \$75,000 to the project's bottom line – a cost that is expected to be offset through reduced utility demands. Chief Duyck added, "The efficiencies we gain in this station make good long-term financial sense for our taxpayers."

The Walnut Street Station is one of thirteen projects funded by a \$77.5 million bond approved by voters in 2006. The City of Tigard is also an active partner in the project. The portion of the property not utilized by the station will be purchased by the City to expand adjacent Jack Park, and the City is also contributing funds towards construction of the community room.

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