



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Come Visit TVF&R's Newest Fire Station**

The firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's Bolton Station 58 invite you to an open house celebration at their newest fire station in West Linn. The station officially opened for business at the end of August. The open house will be an opportunity for the community to explore the new building and meet their firefighters.

#### **Event Details:**

- **When: Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- **Where: Fire Station 58, 6050 Failing Street, West Linn.**
- **What you'll see: Visitors to the Bolton Station will get to tour the new building, meet our firefighters, and learn about what we do. You'll be able to see our fire apparatus and we'll also have some special activities for your kids.**

#### **More about Fire Station 58:**

The station is home to a daily engine company crew of four firefighters, a fire engine, a heavy brush unit and a water tender. The building includes sleeping rooms, a kitchen, physical fitness area, an office, a large apparatus and storage bay, and a community room.

The new station replaces an older fire station that was too small for current fire apparatus and was not seismically stable. During construction, firefighters from Fire Station 58 worked out their old fire station located next door. Incident response times were not adversely affected during construction, but response times are now quicker in the new facility because it is better positioned for firefighters to access Willamette Drive.

The Bolton Station was constructed to survive a major earthquake and is large enough to accommodate today's modern fire apparatus. The station is also energy efficient and designed to meet a certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. The building incorporates extensive use of natural light, solar panels to preheat water, on-demand water heaters, rain-water capture for toilets, use of low emission and recycled construction materials and high-efficiency lighting, heating and cooling systems.

The \$2.5 million station was designed with extensive public input. TVF&R participated in over 40 public meetings with neighborhood associations, historical resource advisory groups, the Planning Commission, and the West Linn City Council detailing plans for reconstructing fire stations in West Linn.

The site of the new station was previously occupied by five houses. Three were demolished, but two were preserved thanks to a partnership involving local resident Sue Smith, TVF&R and the City of West Linn. Both homes were moved by NW Structural Movers on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to other lots in the Bolton neighborhood owned by Sue, so they remain close to their roots.

Fire Station 58 is one of two TVF&R stations to be built in West Linn. TVF&R also built a new fire station in the Willamette neighborhood to replace the aging Fire Station 59. Both projects are paid for by bonds approved by 68.6% of voters in November 2006. The \$77.5 million general obligation bond pays for capital improvements across the District and is expected to improve and maintain TVF&R's response to emergency incidents.

Finally, the Bolton Fire Station incorporates an important part of West Linn firefighting history: A 100 year old bell that called firefighters to action for decades now sits atop the new building for all to see.