

## Bethany Station 68

13545 N.W. Evergreen St.  
Portland, OR 97229

### Project Status: COMPLETED



### Now Open!

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue opened Bethany Station 68 on Sept. 16, 2014, at the corner of Northwest Evergreen Street and Thompson Road. The 10,540-square-foot facility features two drive-through apparatus bays, a community room, modern office, workout room, workshop, kitchen, dining area, living room, and separate bedroom, bathroom, and locker room facilities for male and female firefighters. The building meets seismic standards and includes several energy-efficient features.

### Why a new station?

The former station at 3260 N.W. 147<sup>th</sup> Place was originally constructed in 1970 as a 3,210-square-foot residential home. In 1984, TVF&R purchased the property and adapted it for use as a two-person fire station with one mini pumper. The aging structure did not meet current seismic standards, and had dated mechanical and electrical systems, reduced capacity to house multiple modern fire engines, and no provisions for a full emergency response crew (four-person company) or female firefighters.

### Why move?

The decision to relocate a fire station is based not only on the demands faced by a specific community (population, incidents, and traffic), but also the needs — and assets — of the surrounding community. The proximity of other fire stations (including two Hillsboro fire stations now located on TVF&R's western border) and more than 100,000 incidents confirmed that relocating Station 68 would help TVF&R continue to provide excellent emergency services to the Oak Hills and Bethany communities for the next 30-plus years. After an extensive search for property that was properly zoned, adequately-sized, financially feasible, and had good access for emergency response, TVF&R purchased land at the corner of Northwest Thompson Road and Evergreen Street.

### Station Open House

A public open house was held Oct. 25, 2014, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house featured tours of the station and apparatus, a short dedication ceremony at 11:30 a.m., light refreshments, and TVF&R's mobile safety house for kids to experience and learn about fire safety.

### Construction and Project Highlights

#### September 2014

Crews completed their move and are operating out of the newly constructed Bethany Station 68 as of Sept. 16, 2014. Reservations may be made online for the Station 68 community room, which opens for public use on Oct. 1. The room holds 20 people.

The former Station 68 at 3260 N.W. 147<sup>th</sup> Place is closed. We look forward to serving the community from the new

location and welcoming everyone at next month's open house.



#### **August 2014**

TVF&R's contractor worked on final touches for the interior and exterior of the new fire station. Additionally, an emergency signal was installed on Northwest Thompson to warn motorists that emergency vehicles may be exiting the station ahead.

#### **June 2014**

Exterior and interior building work, as well as landscaping installation were underway. Concrete was poured to complete the sidewalk on the west side of Thompson Road.



#### **May 2014**

A concrete curb and gutter were poured along the north side of Evergreen Street. TVF&R's contractor also worked on the west driveway and a retaining wall next to the property corner.

#### **April 2014**

Crews took advantage of the good weather to pour concrete drive lanes at the site. In addition, PGE worked on Thompson Road pulling the permanent power to the site and installing an onsite transformer.

TVF&R's contractor painted the interior of the building with an airless sprayer to eliminate any noise that might disrupt neighbors.

#### **March 2014**

TVF&R's contractor completed interior painting in the apparatus bay and clear-coating over portions of the station's roof. Ongoing siding work continued.

#### **January 2014**

The new fire station started to take shape as progress was made on framing the walls, setting trusses, and roof work. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work started inside the new building. Some additional exterior work continued on site, but the contractor decided to wait until the spring before pouring the driveways and completing the landscaping.



### **November 2013**

Crews worked on curbs, gutters, utility work, and grading around the fir tree. They also installed light pole bases.

### **October 2013**

Foundation work on the station was underway. Work on a storm line in the street on Northwest Evergreen was completed. Work commenced on curbs and gutters along the Northwest Thompson side of the site.

### **September 2013**

TVF&R's contractor began grading work on the site in late August. Building permits for the station were issued by Washington County, and work on the footings and foundation started to take place.

### **May 2013**

On May 15, a Washington County hearings officer approved TVF&R's newest application to build a fire station at Evergreen Street and Thompson Road. The permitting process will begin in early June, as will work on underground utilities. Construction is expected to begin in September and will last 10 to 12 months. At the May hearing, county staff and the hearings officer noted the high level of community support expressed since the initial application in 2011.

### **January 2013**

A public meeting was held Jan. 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Findley Elementary School to discuss the proposed fire station at Evergreen Street and Thompson Road. It's expected the Fire District will submit the land-use application to Washington County in February.

### **October 2012**

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved Land Use Ordinance 754, which revised the community development code to allow police and fire stations to be built in urban unincorporated areas, with certain standards for buffering and screening.

In coming months, TVF&R will conduct additional community outreach. In addition, the Fire District will resubmit an application in early 2013 to build a station at the lot located at Northwest Evergreen Street and Thompson Road. The design of the station will be similar to the station recently opened in West Slope.