

## Progress Station 53

8480 S.W. Scholls Ferry Road  
Beaverton, OR 97008

**Project Status: COMPLETED**



### Now Open!

Hundreds of neighbors, community members and other friends of TVF&R attended an open house for Progress Station 53 on Oct. 2, 2010. The crew was excited to play host, providing tours of the 12,600-square-foot building and sharing important fire safety information with children, individuals and families.

### Location/Service Area

Station 53 is located in the Progress area near Washington Square Mall. In addition to responding to the District's largest commercial development, this station serves well-established neighborhoods in eastern Washington County, including Garden Home and sections of Tigard and Beaverton. Its crews are often the first responding units for the majority of motor vehicle accidents along Highway 217. The station also houses one-half of the District's Hazardous Materials Team.

### Why build a new station?

The Progress Station 53 location is ideal from an operational standpoint. However, the building was originally built in 1966 and concerns about soil stability, building layout, small apparatus bays, dated mechanical and electrical systems, and the lack of compliance with building codes and current seismic requirements made the old facility unworkable and a liability in the event of a major earthquake.

The new station also provides room to grow as service demands increase. The building has the ability to accommodate as many as 12 people per shift, including separate locker rooms and bathrooms for male and female firefighters as well as individual bunk rooms instead of one, open sleeping space.

### Construction and Project Highlights

#### July 2010

Station 53 is open for business! Crews moved in on July 7, 2010, unpacked boxes and began responding to emergencies from the new station. A four-person engine company and a two-person medic unit operate out of the building.



### March 2010



Crews continued work on the building's siding and have made significant progress toward completion. Station 53 is larger than the building it replaces because of the relatively small size of the property. The older building was too small for today's fire apparatus and, in order to expand, designers had to build "up." The Progress Station will house one-half of the District's Hazardous Materials Team and is equipped with a high-tech training room. The building is designed to last more than 50 years and is built to survive a significant earthquake.

### January 2010

The Progress Station is now framed and roofed. Crews focused on work inside the building, including installing electrical fixtures, plumbing and finishing the interior. The Craftsman design of the building posed initial framing challenges that were overcome in short order.

### November 2009

Station 53's second-floor walls are up, and crews shift focus to the roof. After months of careful preparation work on the land where the old station once stood, crews used forklifts to frame the building.



## August 2009

The project began! The old station was demolished to make way for the new one, but its concrete walls and foundation found new life as fill for the new Bolton Fire Station in West Linn. This was one of many steps taken to reduce the station's environmental impact in an effort to gain LEED certification for the building. Both projects, in addition to the Willamette Station in old Town West Linn, were built by CSI Construction. Bundling the three projects with a single contractor provided a \$1.2 million savings.

While their new station was under construction, Station 53's firefighters and paramedics worked out of temporary quarters at nearby Whitford Middle School. This location meant the community saw very little change in response times. TVF&R appreciated the willingness of the Beaverton School District to make the space available on the southeast corner of the campus.

