

# **Costa Mesa to hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Fire Station No. 1 this Saturday Sept. 29**

The City of Costa Mesa will officially open a new fire station for the first time in 25 years this Saturday morning Sept. 29 as the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly rebuilt Fire Station No. 1 takes place.

"This is a proud moment for the City of Costa Mesa and all of our residents," Mayor Sandy Genis said. "Congratulations to Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman and Fire Chief Dan Stefano and their teams who worked hard to make this vision a reality and continue the legacy of excellence we have all come to expect."

Fire Chief Stefano said he is also proud to open this new state-of-the-art facility.

"Our fire family is grateful and honored to have this rare opportunity to open a new station for our Costa Mesa community," Chief Dan Stefano said. "In addition to being a picturesque and contemporary facility, it will be an extraordinary resource for our residents and firefighters. It will clearly serve as our flagship fire station for decades to come."

The new station at 1570 Adams Ave. is an 11,740-square-foot facility that comes equipped with the latest in fire services technology and daily amenities.

This multi-year endeavor is a joint effort between the Fire & Rescue and Public Services departments and began in March of 2017 with the razing of the original Station 1 that was built

in 1961. That building was outdated and obsolete and was in critical need of replacement.

This new building is a \$10 million city investment that came in \$350,000 under budget and is LEED Gold Certified. It has a new public lobby, three fire offices, rooms for laundry, communications, exercise and training. There is also is a kitchen and dining room and 10 bedrooms and five restrooms.

This is the first fire station built in Costa Mesa since Station No. 6 was built over 25 years ago in 1993.

The event will take place at 10 a.m. and will include comments by City Council members, City Manager Tom Hatch, Fire Chief Stefano and Public Services Director Sethuraman.

The festivities will also include a color guard presentation, plaque unveiling and a flag raising as well as opportunities for the public to take guided tours of the station. Children will be offered kid-friendly activities and fire equipment will be on display. Refreshments will also be available.