



City of San Pablo and the Contra Costa Fire Protection District to Showcase the Newest Emergency Medical Service Squad Unit in the Region

District and City to hold open house at San Pablo's Fire Station #70

What: Community open house of new EMS squad unit

When: Saturday, May 30
10:00 am – Noon

Where: Fire Station #70
13928 San Pablo Avenue
San Pablo, CA 94806

Who: Supervisor John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Mayor Kathy Chao Rothberg, City of San Pablo
Fire Chief Jeff Carman, Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Background: Following a joint agreement signed earlier this year between the City of San Pablo and the Contra Costa Fire Protection District (CCFPD), both agencies will introduce the region and local residents to their newest EMS Squad Unit.

Partially funded through a projected \$600,000 allocation raised through Measure K, a sales tax measure San Pablo voters successfully passed in June 2014, the new EMS Squad service will provide critical advanced life support services to the region's residents. The life support services will support Fire Station #70, where a vast majority of the calls for assistance are for medical emergencies.

Visuals: Showcasing EMS and fire equipment and introducing EMS Squad Unit and Fire Station #70 personnel to local families and community members. One-on-one interviews will be available during open house.

About the City of San Pablo: San Pablo is located in West Contra Costa County off Interstate 80, minutes away from the Bay Area cultural centers of Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco. Interstate 80 is the principal arterial route between the Bay Area and Sacramento. The City of San Pablo is nestled between the cities of Pinole and Richmond and the neighboring cities of El Cerrito and Hercules. Historically one of the oldest Spanish settlements in the region, San Pablo has become a thriving residential and business community with a population of about 30,000 in an area of approximately three square miles. San Pablo's diverse community, affordability, and access to the entire Bay Area region are advantages that are found in this "City of New Directions." In 2014, the National Civic League named the City of San Pablo an All-America City for its outstanding civic accomplishments in improving community health, strengthening neighborhood safety and bolstering its local economy. For more information, visit www.sanpabloca.gov.

About the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District: The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District provides all risk emergency and nonemergency services to the community, responding to fires, vehicle accidents and rescues, hazardous materials releases, and medical emergencies for 9 cities and unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. The squad being placed at station 70 in San Pablo is the 3rd rescue squad put into service within the County. Supplementing our responses by our engine companies, the squads provide The District with the ability to provide additional services to the citizens of San Pablo and the surrounding areas. For more about the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, visit www.CCCFPD.org.

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Fact Sheet on New EMS Squad Unit at County Fire Station #70

- ❖ New EMS Squad Unit ,which deployed officially on May 1, 2015, is a partnership between City of San Pablo and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.
- ❖ Local San Pablo voters passed sales tax Measure K in June 2014 to partially fund the operation of the EMS Squad Unit and provide an annual operating subsidy from the City of San Pablo General Fund Operating Budget.
- ❖ EMS Squad Unit will fully provide Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to complement services provided by Fire Engine #70.
- ❖ Total cost of apparatus and equipment: \$200,000
- ❖ Annual operation of EMS Squad Unit: \$1.2 million
- ❖ EMS Squad Unit #70 will assist Fire Engine #70 with medical service call deployment and help address medical related calls, which comprise nearly 82% of all services calls at Fire Station #70.
- ❖ EMS Squad Units are also being deployed at other County Fire Stations in Concord and Walnut Creek where previous station closures have occurred and are being used to supplement service high volume areas as an innovative tool to reduce operations and service costs.
- ❖ EMS Squad Unit #70 will enable ConFire to assist with providing critically needed emergency medical services despite last month's closure of Doctors Medical Center in San Pablo.

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