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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE STATION NO. 167 REOPENS IN EL MONTE

EL MONTE -- The City of El Monte and the Los Angeles County Fire Department celebrated the reopening of Fire Station No. 167 on Wednesday, October 27, at its location at 11567 Bryant Road.

“Although the City’s other fire stations were able to respond well to medical emergencies and fires during the year that this station was closed, reopening the station means improved emergency response times,” said Los Angeles County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman during the ceremony. “El Monte is a large and diverse community – with industrial, commercial, and residential buildings – and every second counts.”

“We are very grateful that the station has reopened its doors for another two years,” said Mayor Pro Tem Patricia A. Wallach. “And we are looking at every source and option to ensure that we can keep the station open longer than that because our community deserves the utmost protection and care.”

Fire Station No. 167 had to roll down its doors in August 2009 due to City budget cuts. In August 2010, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$3.6 million federal grant to reopen the station for a period of two years. The grant was provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will cover the salaries of nine firefighters serving the City of El Monte. The City will provide funding to cover the station’s remaining operational costs.

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