



FORT WORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT
Public Information Office
Media Advisory

The Legend Continues...

What: Grand opening/open house for new Fire Station 5

When: April 28, 2012

Where: Fire Station 5, 850 Irma Street, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; doors open to public: 10 a.m.; program begins: 10:30 a.m.



FORT WORTH — City officials will hold a grand opening and open house for a new Fire Station No. 5 at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

The grand opening will be held at 850 Irma Street, the station's new location. The station was previously located at 1000 Evans Avenue.

Typically, Station 5 is one of the busiest fire engines in the City with nearly 3500 calls per year, hence, the station's apparatus moniker, "Top Gun". The station is being replaced because of much needed repairs, updates, and economic development in the area.

This new fire station is the latest in a series of improvements for the near South Side and replaces the existing station at 1000 Evans Avenue.



This project represents a major investment by the City of Fort Worth and shows the City's continuing commitment to supporting the community's rebuilding efforts.

"Along with fellow District 8 residents, I am excited to see more development in the Evans and Rosedale corridor," said Kathleen Hicks, District 8 Councilmember. "The relocation of Fire Station No. 5 is another positive chapter in our revitalization efforts along this vital corridor of our city."

In addition to Hicks, Mayor Betsy Price, Fire Chief Rudy Jackson, Paul Paine of Fort Worth South, Inc., and Andre McEwing past President and CEO of Southeast Fort Worth, Inc. are scheduled to speak at the ceremony on Saturday. The Fort Worth Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors by officially raising the flag at the new station. The Van-Zandt Guinn After School Choir will also perform at the ceremony. Fire Department special response units will be on display and members of the Fire Safety Education Clown troupe will provide informative entertainment for attendees. The Office of Emergency Management and other City Departments will also be on hand to educate and inform citizens about their services.



Station 5's history dates to the late 1800s, when it was formed as a volunteer fire brigade. The first station was built in 1890 near the 400 block of Bryan Avenue. A second station was built in 1911 near the same location. The third Fire Station 5 was built in 1965 at the Evans Avenue location.



The new location also allows for future expansion. Plans call for the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Squad, which is currently assigned to Station 2 in downtown Fort Worth, to eventually move to this location.

Members of the media and the public are cordially invited to the grand opening and open house now that construction is complete. The community can come out and tour the new facility and meet the firefighters that serve this area.

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