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City of El Paso to Host Grand Opening and Tour of New Central Fire Station

\$23 Million State-of-the-Art Facility Funded by 2019 Public Safety Bond

WHO: The City of El Paso
WHAT: Central Fire Station Grand Opening and Tour
WHEN: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2026
WHERE: Central Fire Station, 201 S. Florence Street

The public is invited to celebrate the grand opening of the El Paso Fire Department's new Central Fire Station a \$23 million, state-of the-art facility located in downtown El Paso.

Following the ceremony, guests are invited to explore the new fire station, take in the public art, learn about how to join the Fire Department, and enjoy demonstrations from specialized firefighter units.

Funded through the voter-approved 2019 Public Safety Bond Program, the new station consolidates Fire Stations 1, 9, and 11 into a single, modern facility designated to strengthen emergency response and improve fire protection throughout downtown and South El Paso.

"Central Fire Station is one of our most high-profile projects that our community is receiving as part of 2019 Public Safety Bond Program," Fire Chief Jonathan Killings said. "By bringing three fire stations together under one roof, we're creating a modern, unified hub with the resources and flexibility to deploy our staff and equipment more efficiently, strengthening our ability to respond quickly and effectively when our community needs us most."

The approximate 28,000-square-foot facility includes the following services and amenities:

- 10 apparatus bays for emergency vehicles
- Two-story living and sleeping quarters section
- Fitness and training facilities
- Food preparation and service area
- Restrooms with showers
- A command center
- Decontamination area and personal protective equipment storage

The station includes two public art pieces. *El Paso's Golden Light* by artists Brad Oldham and Christy Coltrin features 43 hand-sculpted, bas-relief portals installed on a custom stainless-steel fence that tells the story of the Fire Department.

The other public art installation is a nearly 30-foot mural, *Heroes of the El Paso Fire Department*, by artist Babak Tavokoli featuring a dozen scenes depicting the department's highly-specialized operations.

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