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The City of Hemet Celebrates Fire Station 1 Remodel with Ribbon Cutting & Apparatus Push-In

HEMET, CA –The City of Hemet proudly hosted a ribbon cutting and apparatus push-in ceremony on Wednesday, July 2nd to mark the completion of the extensive remodel of Fire Station 1 located on 220 N. Juanita St. The event took place at 10:00 a.m. at Station 1, bringing together community members, dignitaries, and City officials to celebrate this vital investment in public safety.

Mayor Jackie Peterson, Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, City Manager Mark Prestwich, City Council members, and Hemet Fire Department leadership shared remarks highlighting the significance of the remodel and its impact on the community.

The upgrades to Fire Station 1 include modernized living quarters designed to improve firefighter wellness, with quieter doors, updated alerting systems, and innovative features that support better sleep and faster response times between calls. These enhancements not only improve day-to-day operations but also contribute to the recruitment and retention of personnel ultimately creating a safer Hemet.

“This station accounts for about 8,000 of the 20,000 calls the Hemet Fire Department responds to each year, roughly 40% of our citywide calls,” said City Manager Mark Prestwich during the ceremony. “The remodel strengthens our ability to serve the community efficiently while supporting the well-being of our firefighters.”

The event also included guided tours of the newly renovated facility, giving attendees a firsthand look at the improvements. In addition to celebrating local progress, the ceremony offered a moment of reflection, as speakers honored firefighters across the nation and acknowledged the recent tragic loss of firefighters in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

The City of Hemet extends its gratitude to all who contributed to this project and to the residents who joined in celebrating this milestone.

For more information about the Hemet Fire Department and public safety initiatives, please visit <https://www.hemetca.gov/1242/Fire-Department>

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