

NEWS RELEASE

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Stockton Fire Department Station No. 1 Now Open

Join Us for a Ribbon Cutting and Stay for a Tour – April 11 – 9:00 a.m.

STOCKTON, Calif. – The Stockton Fire Department Station No. 1 is now open and responding to calls for service. A formal ribbon cutting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., 1818 S. Fresno Ave. All members of the community are encouraged to participate. Please plan to join us for refreshments and stay for a tour.

After being closed for nearly twelve years, Station No. 1 has been completely renovated and upgraded with the same technology used at all thirteen fire stations throughout the city. Company 1 has been taking calls since March 3, 2023.

"The re-opening of Station No. 1 and added staffing is the first growth we have had in the Stockton Fire Department in over a dozen years," said Stockton Fire Chief Rick Edwards. "With the restoration of services at Station No. 1, it relieves the pressure on all other stations throughout the City, as each station had to expand coverage areas to respond to emergencies in the south Stockton area. Per capita, we are one of the busiest departments in the nation. With Station No. 1 up and running, we are now better positioned to serve the community of Stockton and provide mutual aid assistance in the region, when called upon."

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Station No. 1 is one of thirteen neighborhood fire stations located between Eighth St. and Charter Wy., at the corner of Fresno Ave. and LaVita Dr., near the Port of Stockton and west of Interstate 5. The Stockton Fire Department service area includes the 65 square miles of the incorporated area of the City of Stockton, as well as the pockets within San Joaquin County that are surrounded by the City limits, such as Lincoln Village area, as well as areas of San Joaquin County that are immediately adjacent to the City of Stockton – a 91-square mile service area. Current staffing includes 196 sworn firefighters, and 46 non-sworn personnel, who assist with all divisions within the department.

For current information about the number and types of calls that the Stockton Fire Department handles, please visit the City of Stockton Open Data Portal.

Visit the <u>Stockton Fire Department webpage</u> or call (209) 937-8019 for more information about the department.

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