

## Retrofit and Modernization

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**CUTTING THE RIBBON ON FIRE STATION #1'S REMODEL** was both reminiscent of great people and good days gone by, as well as a reminder of current fire issues that have changed the face of Santa Barbara.

"We are looking forward to utilizing this station for 50 years to come... because this community has always supported public safety," stated Andrew DiMizio,



**Andrew DiMizio**, Interim Fire Chief and **Janet Wolf**, Second District SB County Supervisor

Interim Fire Chief, at the ceremony held Friday, October 23rd, at 121 W. Carrillo. Fire Station #1 was originally opened in 1960, replacing an older station that had been located at 921 Chapala Street since 1923. In 1964 it was re-dedicated and named in memory of Fire Chief C.L. Tenney who had recently passed away while responding to a fire. Chief Tenney served as Fire Chief for 25

years and was instrumental in passing the bond measure that funded the original construction of Station #1.

"I am so pleased we were able to fund this improvement project, and to have a new Emergency

Operations Center... and especially with the expected LEED Gold rating," shared Mayor Marty Blum at the ceremony.

Fire Station #1 serves as headquarters for the City Fire Department. The newly renovated building will also house the City of Santa Barbara's new Emergency Operations Center. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated to run the City's response to major disasters and will feature state of the art communication systems and facilities. In addition to the Emergency Operations Center, the renovations included bringing the building into compliance with earthquake standards.

Also present at the event, which included dozens of present



**Andrew DiMizio**, Interim Fire Chief; **Bob Davenport**, who attended the original dedication; and Councilmember **Grant House**

and retired fire fighters, was Bob Davenport who was present when the station was dedicated in 1964.

The total project cost was \$7,240,014 and the total construction cost was \$4,721,538 and was

funded by the City of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency. The design team was Kruger Bensen Ziemer Architects Inc.; Flowers and Associates; Santa Barbara Electrical Design Inc.; Howard



**Ken Doss** and Captain **Tony Rodoracio** tour the remodeled station

Structural Group; AE Mechanical Group; Collings and Associates; and construction by MacGillivray Construction Inc.



Fire Station #1 Dedication, 1964