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Dedication Ceremony Set For New Fire Engine #64

REDONDO BEACH, Calif.:

The Redondo Beach Fire Department is pleased to invite the public to its traditional dedication ceremony for the City’s newest fire engine #64 on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., to be held at Fire Station #2.

The dedication ceremony, known as “wet down and housing,” dates back to the era of horse drawn steamers and hand pumps where each steamer returning back to the station from a fire would have its horse team separated from the engine, and each would be washed down before the steamer would be pushed by hand back into its bay by the firefighters.

The public will be invited to listen to a brief public dedication before all children present will be asked to help wash down the fire engine. After the wash is complete, the adult attendees and firefighters will perform the ceremonial housing of the new fire engine. Refreshments will be served immediately following, and tours of the new engine and of Fire Station #2 will be available.

Redondo Beach Fire Station #2 is located at 2400 Grant Avenue in north Redondo Beach. This family-friendly event is open to all.

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