



### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Santa Maria Fire Department New Engine Dedication Ceremony**

The public is cordially invited to attend a special fire engine dedication ceremony and unveiling of memorial plaques.

On Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., the Santa Maria Fire Department will conduct a dedication ceremony to put into service its two new fire engines. These are the first new engines for the Department since 2006. In addition, memorial plaques will be unveiled dedicating each engine to the memory of one of Santa Maria Fire Department's two fallen Firefighters. The ceremony will take place at Fire Station No. 1 located at 300 West Cook Street.

Fire Engine 2 will be dedicated to the memory of Fire Fighter Joe Alexander who died January 22, 1969 of a heart attack after responding to a residential structure fire. This engine will be stationed at Fire Station No. 2 located at 416 West Carmen Lane.

Fire Engine 5 will be dedicated to the memory of Fire Fighter Alvin Newton who perished while battling the Bradley Hotel Fire on April 25, 1970. Engine 5 will be stationed at Fire Station No. 5, 1670 East Donovan Road.

After the dedication ceremony, members of the Alexander and Newton families will unveil the memorial plaques that are permanently mounted to the two engines. The simple ceremony is expected to last no more than 30 minutes.

Questions may be directed to the Santa Maria Fire Administration Office, 925-0951 ext. 255.

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