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Dedication Ceremony Set for New Fire Engine #61 and Ladder Truck #61

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 and ladder truck on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at Fire Station #1.

This ceremony, known as “wet down and housing” dates back to the era of horse drawn steamers and hand pumps. Each steamer, returning back to the station from a fire, would have its horse team separated from the engine, and each horse 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 in attendance will be asked to help wash down the fire engine and ladder truck. After the wash is complete, the adult attendees and firefighters will perform the ceremonial housing of the new fire engine and ladder truck.

Refreshments will be served immediately following. Tours of the new engine and ladder truck and Fire Station #1 will be available.

Redondo Beach Fire Station #1 is located at 401 S. Broadway in south Redondo Beach. We hope to see a great turnout for this fun event!

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