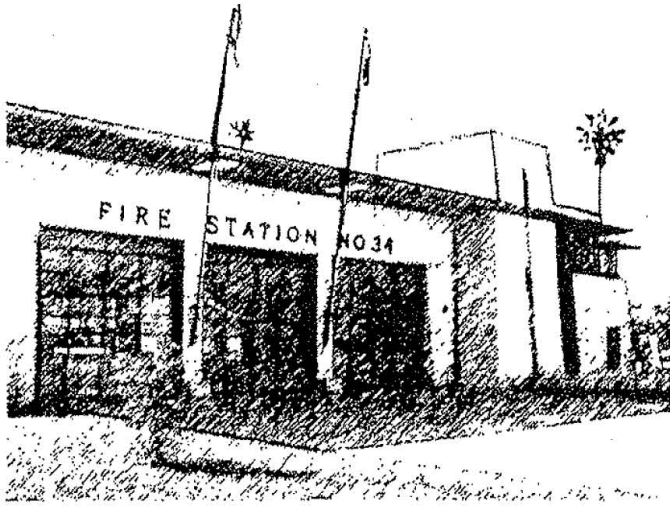


# GRAND OPENING



**PASADENA FIRE STATION #34**  
February 28, 2002

Posting of the Colors  
Pasadena Fire Department Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcoming Remarks  
Mayor Bill Bogaard  
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler Jr.  
Fire Chief Ernest Mitchell Jr.

Ribbon Cutting  
Fire Chief Ernest Mitchell Jr.  
Caltech Provost Steven E. Koonin

Tours and Refreshments

## Pasadena Fire Station #34,

located at 1360 E. Del Mar Blvd. on the northeast edge of the Caltech campus, is staffed with a battalion chief and a five-member paramedic/engine company. It takes the place of a vintage fire building on South Oak Knoll Avenue that was closed after the 1987 Whittier Narrows earthquake and is now a private residence. The 13,000-square-foot facility has three apparatus bays and sleeps 11. One of eight fire stations in the city, Fire Station #34 continues the Pasadena Fire Department's tradition of providing 24-hour service to the community.

## Architectural Notes

In coordination with the city and Caltech, Gonzales Goodale Architects designed the building, which responds to the context of Caltech's Mediterranean Revival architecture and continues a tradition of innovation where every notable building on campus has its own eccentricity and sense of architectural experimentation.

## Public Art Notes

Laura Larson's public art project examines the elements - fire, water, air and earth - by integrating modern science and mathematics with the work of firefighters and paramedics. Etched mirrors line a lobby wall and the lobby floor design is taken from tile work on the facade of the South Oak Knoll building.

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