



# EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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**DATE:** February 14, 2025

**TO:** Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

**FROM:** Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

**RE:** **Fire Chief's Report for the February 2025 Fire District Board Meeting**

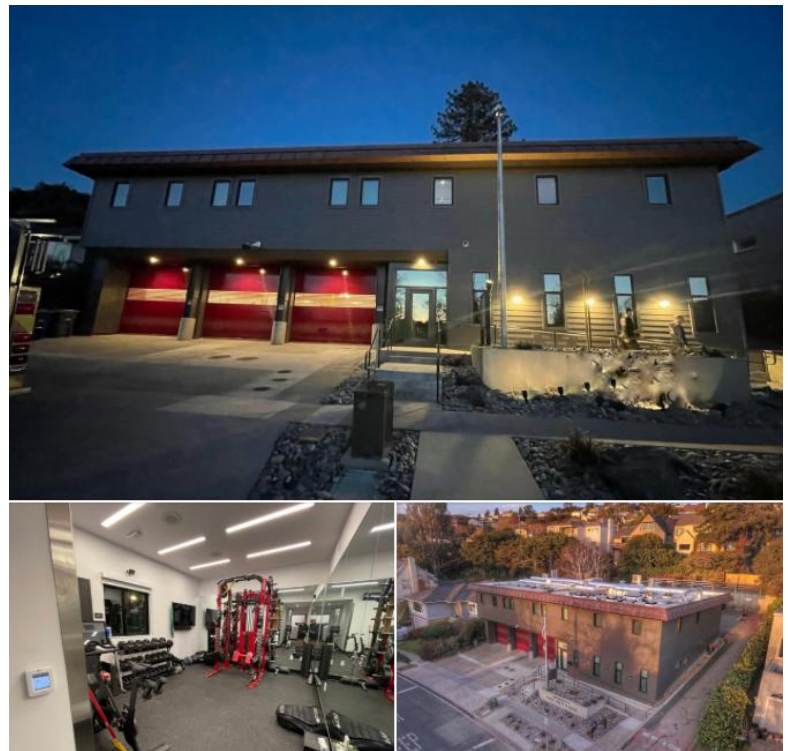
### Administration

Engineer Anthony Dawson was honored by the El Cerrito City Council with a proclamation and plaque as Firefighter of the year. Engineer Dawson was voted Firefighter of the Year 2024 by his department colleagues. One of Dawson's many contributions during the past year were the lead instructor at the joint Richmond-El Cerrito FF Academy.



### Operations

The El Cerrito/El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department hosted an open house for the new Station 55. The new station was retrofitted for earthquake standards since it sits on the Hayward Fault. Our firefighters will be safer living in the new station, ready to respond to our residents' emergencies during their stay in the station. Due to a Fair Labor and Standards Act (FLSA), firefighters work a 56-hour week without overtime; causing them to live in the station a minimum of two days at a time. During these long shifts, the indoor gym gives them a safe and clean environment to prepare for the next fire.



**Mission: Protect Lives and Property**  
**Integrity Accountability Teamwork Respect Professionalism**



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Chief Saylor was invited to the Eaton (Pasadena) for a post incident review of the incident. During the review Chief Saylor focused on the effectiveness of evacuations, parking restrictions, and home hardening. The Chief participated in a helicopter tour of the burn scar through the neighborhoods in order to bring critical lessons back to Kensington. The fire department is constantly learning from relevant incidents across the country to ensure our residents are as safe as possible.



The El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Department made a huge leap by placing a new engine into service with a traditional push-in ceremony! The new engine will play a crucial role in keeping our community safe for many years to come.

