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**Fire Station 18 in Lowry Celebrates Grand Opening with  
Hose Coupling Ceremony**

Better Denver Bond Funding Provides for Crucial New Facility

**DENVER** – The new fire station in the Lowry neighborhood designated as Fire Station 18, at 8701 E. Alameda Ave., held a Hose Coupling Ceremony today signifying its Grand Opening. The official opening ceremony included Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Denver City Council President Mary Beth Susman, Executive Director of Safety Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Denver Fire Department Chief Eric Tade, Chief Operations Officer of Denver Public Works and Better Denver Bond Manager George Delaney and Denver Arts & Venues Executive Director Kent Rice.

The voter-approved 2007 Better Denver Bond provided approximately \$8 million for the land acquisition, construction, and firefighting equipment purchases for this vital new fire station constructed at Alameda Avenue and Xenia Street (between Monaco and Havana streets). The Mayor said, "Today we celebrate improved services for the Denver community with opening of Station 18. We thank the Denver voters. Without their support of the Denver Better Bonds, we would not have this facility. Thank you and congratulations." The new station will help Denver Fire meet standard response times to this area by bringing additional firefighting capability into Lowry.

The improved response times will help Denver Fire improve its fire risk rating, which positively affects insurance rates. Response times into Windsor Gardens and surrounding areas will be drastically improved with the completion of this new station. City Council President, Mary Beth Susman stated, "This is a very welcome addition both to our District 5 neighborhoods and to our first-responder resources in the city." Later this spring, Station 18 will host a community open house event for the neighborhood.

Eric Tade, Chief of the Denver Fire Department, talked about the station's training features. "This truly is a state of the art fire house. Our firefighters can train on all types of emergencies including high-rise buildings, search and rescue, and confined space rescue right here at this station." There is also space for potential growth and expansion to serve the neighborhood.

Striving for a LEED Gold rating, the building incorporates environmentally sustainable approaches to conserve resources and save energy, in keeping with the City's sustainability goals. Sustainable building features include a ground source heat pump system to provide energy efficient heating, cooling, and ventilation for the building, added insulation, low-flow plumbing fixtures, the use of recycled-content, low-emitting materials, day-lighting and solar-tube skylights to reduce electrical use, and low-water use landscaping.

The new station, which is located on more than one and a half acres of land, is a "drive through" building, allowing for better maneuvering of trucks and equipment in and out of the station.

A traffic signal has been added at the Xenia/Alameda intersection to provide safe in-out movement of fire apparatus and to improve pedestrian and vehicle travel in this location. The station houses new fire Engine 18 with a 1,500 gallon-per-minute hose-flow capacity, an on-board foam system to fight chemical/electrical fires, an advanced braking system, and stability control to minimize truck roll-overs.

As part of the Public Art Program administered by Arts and Venues Denver, the new station features an art piece called "Traditions." This piece has been incorporated as a terra cotta bas-relief into the fire station's façade. Created by artist Barry Rose, the piece celebrates the contributions of firefighters throughout Denver's history, and features a depiction of a modern firefighter, historic figures, and a horse-drawn wagon being pulled from the former old Fire Station 18, now a police substation in City Park.

Denver Public Works provided project management for the facility and worked closely with the Denver Fire Department. Oz Architecture designed the new fire station and Mark Young Construction was the construction firm.

### ***About New Fire Station 18:***

#### **Quicker response times out of the firehouse**

The fire house was designed with shorter traveling distances to apparatus bay from all points within the fire house

Bifold doors that open much quicker than typical roll-up garage doors

Fire poles from the mezzanine provide quicker access to the apparatus bay

#### **Energy Efficient**

Geothermal heat/cooling

Radiant heater in apparatus bays

Solar Tubes & Skylights

Motion sensor light switches

Low- wattage LED bulbs that use less energy

### **Lower Future Facility Maintenance Costs**

Non-proprietary software for HVAC control systems

High quality hardware on steel kitchen cabinets

More concrete/less carpet for easier cleaning

More durable and longer lasting benches for kitchen table instead of office chairs

Reduced number of different light bulbs that will have to be stocked

Drive through bays to reduce backing up accidents/incidents

Motors for geothermal can be ordered domestically instead of internationally

Wainscoting on hallway walls for easier cleaning and longer wear

Commercial appliances in kitchen, laundry, and extractor room

### **Training and Design Features**

Area where crews can train on skills such as high rise firefighting, search and rescue and confined space

Training classroom that can also be used as a community meeting space

The custom kitchen table was designed and built by firefighters of Denver Fire Station 12

The kitchen floor design incorporates the DFD logo

The roof cutting training prop is configured to allow the debris to fall directly into the Dumpster

Refurbished fire poles from old Denver Fire Station 10 from the Curtis Park neighborhood

### **Better Denver Bond Program**

Fire Station 18 is part of over 300 Better Denver projects touching all areas of the city. These projects have improved existing facilities and built new facilities: including libraries, human services, cultural amenities, public safety, public offices, streets and parks. The majority of the Bond Projects are now complete, improving the infrastructure and quality of life of the city, and providing jobs and a boost to the economy during these past challenging years. Over \$550 Million in bond funding has been slated for or used in improvements across Denver. For more information about the Better Denver Bond Program see [www.denvergov.org/betterdenver](http://www.denvergov.org/betterdenver).

Founded in 1866, the **Denver Fire Department** is dedicated to providing quality, timely and professional emergency services to those who live in, work in, and visit the City and

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