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New Fire Station To Be Dedicated May 6

Color guard, bag-pipes and “push-in” ceremony to open firehouse

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Long Beach’s newest fire station – the first in 22 years – will be dedicated and opened Tuesday, May 6, 2008, on Terminal Island in the Port of Long Beach by city officials and firefighters with a traditional ceremony and tours.

A color-guard will raise the flag, bagpipes will play and firefighters will undertake the ceremonial “push-in” of a firetruck into the firehouse bay, signifying the final effort to make Fire Station No. 24 operational.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with the ceremony, followed by tours and a display of firefighting trucks, apparatus and equipment.

Built with Port of Long Beach funding, the $11.7 million station is located at 111 Pier S Avenue on Terminal Island and will provide the Long Beach Fire Department with an important base in the midst of the Port. The new station is northwest of Ocean Boulevard and the Terminal Island (47) Freeway.

“This new fire station will improve safety and security not just for the Port, but for all of Long Beach,” said Mario Cordero, President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. “The Port is proud to be a partner with the Long Beach Fire Department in upgrading and expanding its fire facilities.

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