



**Fire Station 18**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
1811 Suncrest Bl. Crest

**Q: Why is Fire Station 18 (FS18) being replaced?**

A: FS18 was built in 1948 and has surpassed its National Fire Protection Association's recommended lifespan of 70 years. It was built with materials and building codes that are considered hazardous and substandard by today's codes.

**Q: Where will the new FS18 be built?**

A: The new station will be located on the same property as the old station at 1811 Suncrest Bl.

**Q: How much will the new station cost?**

A: San Miguel Fire & Rescue has budgeted approximately \$4,100,000 to replace FS18.

**Q: Will the cost of the new station raise my taxes?**

A: No. San Miguel Fire & Rescue has budgeted for the eventual replacement of FS18 after a third-party company was contracted to assess all of our facilities. The report identified FS18 as being functional, though not fully reliable and in need of replacement.

**Q: When will the new station be completed?**

A: The scheduled completion date is June 2025. However, unforeseen events may delay the completion date.

**Q: How big is the new station?**

A: The new FS18 will have approximately 8,000 Ft<sup>2</sup> of usable space and stand two stories tall. It has been designed to accommodate additional resources should the need arise in the future.

**Q: Where will the current engine 18 crews be housed during FS18's construction?**

A: The crews will be housed in a temporary station on the same site as the old FS18 - 1811 Suncrest Bl.

**Q: Did the community of Crest approve this project?**

A: Yes. It was approved at a Crest Community Planning meeting in April 2024.

**Q: Will the station be brightly lit during night-time hours?**

A: The exterior lights for the new FS18 will be sufficiently bright enough to provide safety for District employees and citizens while following the recommended brightness (lumens) code established by the County of San Diego.

**Q: Will the current stone memorial remain?**

A: Yes. It will be placed prominently in front of the station.