

Smith River Fire Shows Off Its New Building

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Ray's Food Store, 101 Highway at Fred Haight Drive, Smith River is now a fond memory to those who remember.

The Smith River Fire Department, Station No.1 now occupies the building. The Smith River Fire District hosted a soft opening, Saturday afternoon June 7, to proudly show off its new home. The Curry County Cruisers Car Club and a steady parade of the local community and emergency agencies enjoyed BBQ and walk-through the old Ray's Food Store.

With more work still to done, the digs were impressive.

Smith River Fire District Elaine Fallgren, Capt. Jeff Antill, Resident EMT and Fire Chief Ron Simpson, the support and volunteer staff proudly displayed the 21,000 sq. ft. building.

The opportunity to acquire the building was unique and a huge discount off market value, years ago but there was much to do to bring the building to current standards.

The Smith River District will serve some 2800 businesses and residents in Hiouchi and 1500 residents in Smith River.

Improvements include training rooms, public lobby, administrative offices, captain's office, kitchen, sleeping quarters, hazmat area and exercise room.

The Cal-Ore Life Flight helicopter landing capped off the event.

Service from the new building is expected to commence in about 90 days.