

San Pablo: State-of-the-art medical response unit to be introduced at open house

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SAN PABLO -- A state-of-the-art emergency medical vehicle deployed at San Pablo's fire station earlier this month will receive its public unveiling at a community open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The EMS Squad Unit, as it is officially known, will be staffed by an emergency medical technician and a paramedic and will supplement the station's fire engine company.

The unit is partially financed through Measure K, a quarter-cent city sales tax increase approved by voters in June 2014 that is supposed to raise about \$600,000 a year. It is part of a five-year joint operating agreement between San Pablo and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District that will cost \$6.6 million over the five-year term.

Dignitaries expected to attend include Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, county Fire Chief Jeff Carman and San Pablo Mayor Kathy Chao Rothberg.

The open house will be at Fire Station 70, 13928 San Pablo Ave.

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