

# Self-Guided Tour: Escondido Fire Station 3

1808 Nutmeg Street

Welcome to Escondido Fire Station 3! This map will guide you through this exciting 8,950 square-foot facility but feel free to ask Fire Department personnel if you have questions about the facility or our procedures.

**Apparatus Bay**  
Designed to accommodate a fire engine and brush engine initially, as well as an ambulance in the future, this area is equipped with a vehicle exhaust removal system.

**Main Entrance/Lobby**  
The artwork embedded in the floor includes the core values of the Escondido Fire Department: courage, honor, pride, and duty.

**Offices**  
The smaller Captains' office and open office provide space for administrative needs and special projects.

**Alerting System**  
Message boards strategically located throughout the station notify the firefighters about emergency calls, including call type and units dispatched for the fastest possible response.

**Decontamination Room**  
The large industrial "extractor" washing machine cleans carcinogens out of the firefighters' protective clothing.

**Turnout Locker Room**  
The large ventilated lockers in this room help prevent mold and mildew from forming on safety gear stored here between shifts.

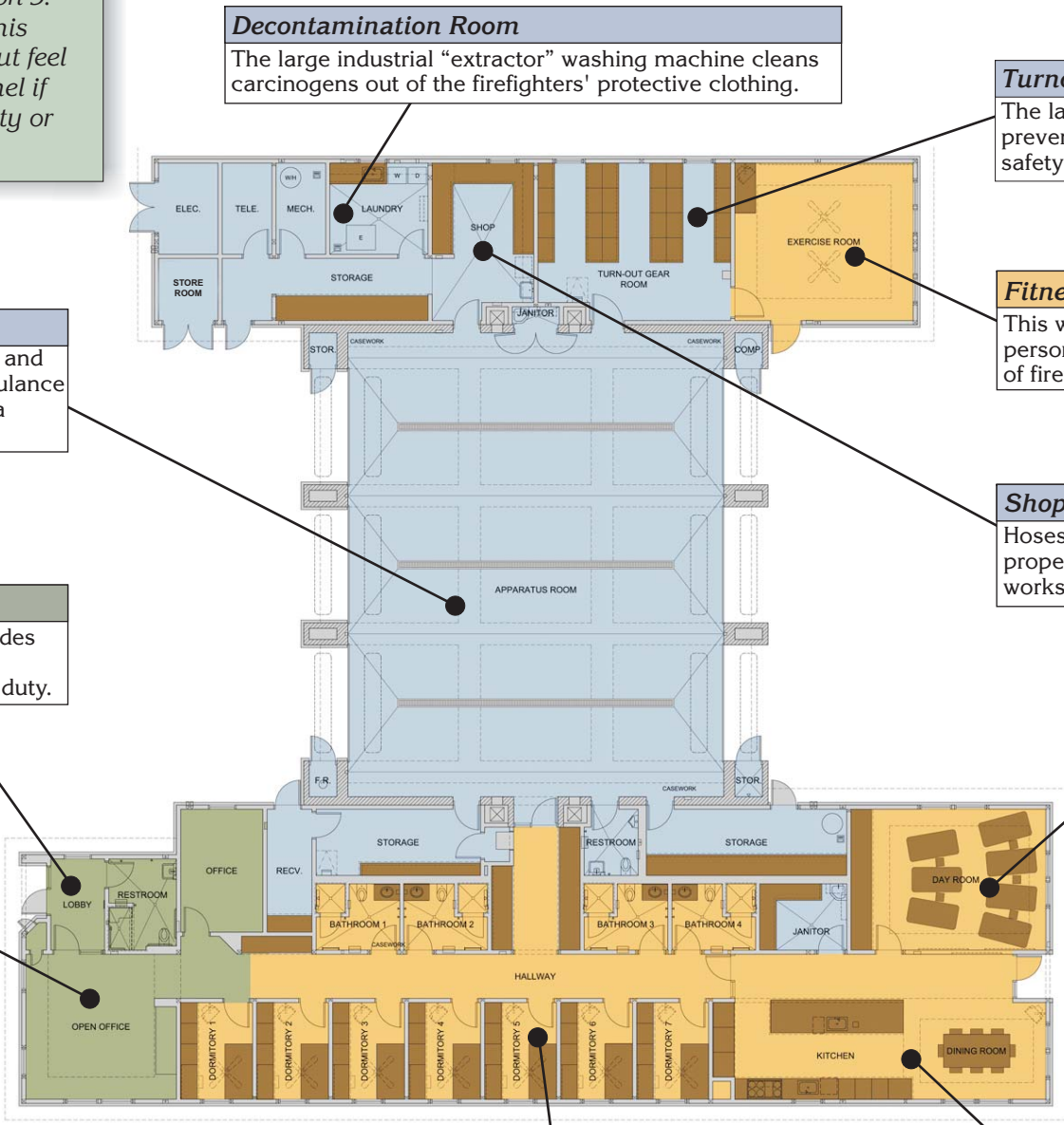
**Fitness Room**  
This well-equipped fitness center helps ensure personnel remain physically fit for the rigors of firefighting.

**Shop Area**  
Hoses, ladders, and other equipment can be properly maintained in this specially equipped workshop.

**Day Room/Training Room**  
Training can be provided here in person or through video conference sessions linking this station with other fire stations and agencies.

**Sleeping Quarters**  
Individual sleeping quarters, each programmable to the station's alerting system, serve the station's current staffing level of three persons per shift with room to grow to seven.

**Kitchen/Dining Area**  
One refrigerator and one pantry serve each of the three shifts who usually cook their own meals while staffing this station throughout each 24-hour shift. The large table can be used as a conference table as well as a place to share meals.



# Fire Station No. 3 Facts

## Chronology

Acquired Property - December 2006  
Groundbreaking - June 28, 2007  
Move-in - July 30, 2008  
Grand Opening - August 2, 2008

## Construction

Essential Services Facility  
Site Area - 1.3 acres  
Building Square Footage - 8,950  
Architect: Kelley Needham, WLC Architects  
Contractor: Murray Builders  
Budget: \$6 million

## Funding

Station 3 was funded by Proposition P, an \$84.3 million General Obligation Bond approved by voters in November 2004. It is the first of four new fire stations for Escondido. Proposition P funds are also being used to build a new joint Police and Fire Facility, as well as the construction of two new neighborhood fire stations (Stations 6 and 7), and the construction of a replacement Fire Station 1. Fire Stations 6 and 7 are expected to open in October 2008 and Fire Station 1 will open in Summer 2009.

## Architecture

The fire station is residential in scale and utilizes many Craftsman style elements to help accentuate the architecture and blend in with the community. The station is predominately plaster but incorporates wood outriggers and a stone veneer wainscot to unify the overall building. Exterior elements include a hose drying rack, staff parking, emergency generator, above ground fuel storage and a free standing storage building for both hose and maintenance equipment. Interior finishes include both gypsum board and exposed concrete masonry. Flooring is exposed concrete in most areas, however, carpeting and epoxy terrazzo is used in some areas.

## Technology

Cisco State of the Art Network  
Enhanced network capacity to support Voice, Data, and Video Alerting System with Audio and Visual Alerts  
Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone technology  
Exterior Security Surveillance monitoring

## Awards

Fire Station 3 already has been honored with a "Notable" Award for its design by Fire Chief Magazine

