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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Councilman Smith Breaks Ground on New Northwest Valley Police Station

Los Angeles - Councilman Greig Smith, Police Chief William Bratton and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore broke ground Thursday on the new Northwest Police Station in Canoga Park.

"This beautiful new Valley police station will improve police response times and public safety and reduce crime rates in the area," Councilman Smith said.

They were joined members of the Los Angeles Police Department and Neighborhood Councils, and local residents to celebrate the start of construction of the state-of-the-art 54,000 square-foot station, which should be complete in about two years.

"In the last five years, we have invested more in improving police services than in the last 50 years," Councilman Smith said. "The LAPD is the best police force in the country, so we need to make sure they have the best possible equipment and facilities to do their job."



The state of the art facility will bring about 300 new police officers into the area, greatly increasing the police presence in the community and in our neighborhood.

The new station will improve response times for the immediate area, and for areas patrolled by the West Valley and Van Nuys Stations by reducing the size of the areas that they patrol. Officers at those stations will also have more time to spend on individual cases.

Councilman Smith worked closely with the Bureau of Engineering and the community to ensure that its design would beautify the neighborhood and be inviting to residents to boost community relations.

It will have large, attractively landscaped open spaces with 150 trees, community meeting rooms and will be a "LEED" certified energy-efficient building to protect the environment and reduce energy costs.

As a member of the City's Public Safety Committee and Budget Committee and LAPD Reserve Officer, Councilman Smith has worked consistently to increase police hiring without raising taxes, boost police recruiting and secure better police equipment for the uniformed officers.

Crime rates have dropped about 25 percent citywide in the three years since Councilman Smith has been in office.



Councilman Smith, Chief Bratton and community members breaking ground with gold shovels.