## History Fire Station 34, Park Oaks

Fire Station 34 located at 555 Avenida De Los Arboles went into service June 15, 1961. Providing initial service to an area of 19.25 square miles in the northern part of Thousand Oaks. The new modern facility included a Sheriff's sub-station on the east side of the station.

The firm of Wilson, Stroh and Wilson of Santa Paula designed the station. Constructed by Painter and Rice of Ventura at a cost of \$42,080, it contained approximately 3,297 square feet of floor space. Exhibit Houses Incorporated donated the property for the station site.

In 1968, the Sheriff's Office moved their office to Olson Road. The fire department quickly took over the two rooms and two holding cells on the eastside of the apparatus room. They turned them into the fire station office and shop. Today, the original holding cells are used by fire station personnel as a generator room and a storage room. The fire station's original office located on the west side became a TV and day room.

Also in 1968, Station 34 became the first fire station in the county to have a traffic signal preemption system installed. It allowed the firefighters to control the traffic light at the intersection when they respond on an emergency.

In the early 70's the lot at the rear of the station was purchased from the city of Thousand Oaks for \$4,000.00.