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The Leonard Road Fire Station will double as a police station and might open as early as Friday.

Redwood fire station opening soon

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Seems like a city fire station under construction in the Redwood area already has proven some of its value. The station might open later this week.

A fire crew that happened to be at the Leonard Road station in preparation for moving in was able to quickly get to a nearby mobile home fire on Sept. 5.

"If they would have responded from the Parkway station, we would have most likely lost the structure," said Battalion Chief Tim DeLisle of the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety. "Typically, mobile homes burn quickly. Trailers go up so quick."

New location already is paying dividends

The fire crew was based out of the city's lone station south of the Rogue River, on the Grants Pass Parkway. DeLisle recounted the story last week, after being contacted about when the new station will open on Leonard Road.

The fire, which still did about \$15,000 damage, was contained to the kitchen area of the home, located in the Rogue Riviera Mobile Home Park, 5076 Leonard Road. The new station is located adjacent to Redwood Elementary School at 3163

Leonard Road.

The fire crew was at the Leonard Road station to take measurements and get ready to move furniture.

The new station, which also will double as a police station, could open as early as Friday.

A second new station is under construction across the Parkway from the current station, at East Park Street, but it is still a few months away from completion.

The city also has a fire station at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Hillcrest Drive in northwest Grants Pass.

In November 2006, voters approved a \$9.8 million bond measure to fund the two new public safety stations south of the Rogue River.