

# History

## Fire Station 21, Ojai



**Montgomery Street Station**

Ten years after the Libby family gave a fire truck to Ojai in 1918, the community's Nordhoff volunteers bought, on credit, a new American LaFrance pumper for \$6,000, of which only \$2,000 was raised for the loan.

When the Fire District was first formed, the incorporated City of Ojai was not part of it. In 1929, Chief Walter Emerick made an agreement with Ojai that the County would pay the remaining debt of \$4,000, provided that Ojai would join the District. The fire truck would then become District property. Emerick also stationed a patrolman in Ojai to take care of the fire station and equipment.

The fire station on Ojai Avenue is still there today serving as a retail dress shop. This fire station served until the Montgomery Street station opened in 1936. In 1979, Station 21 on Ojai Road replaced the Montgomery Street fire station.



**Nordhoff volunteers operating a chemical cart**