

North County FPD

LEGEND

- North County FPD
- Sphere of Influence (SOI)
- Fire Stations

SOI Adopted: 11 / 17 / 86
 SOI Affirmed: 5 / 7 / 07
 SOI Affirmed: 8 / 6 / 07

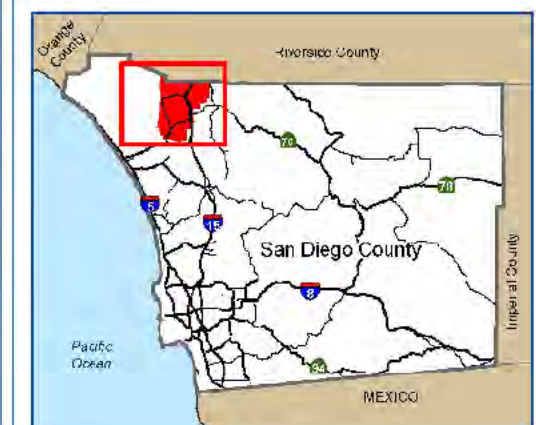


Figure 8.2 - FPD North County

SOURCE: SAN DIEGO LAFCO

In addition to being situated within CSA 135, the project area is located within the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of the North County Fire Protection District (NCFPD). The project team has met with SDCFA to discuss fire service, however, the SDCFA currently does not have facilities within close proximity of the project. As such, the project does propose to fund the construction of a fire station at the southwestern edge of the project (See Figure 8.3). The station will be approximately 10,000 square feet in size, fully equipped and would be staffed by an engine company and emergency personnel at all times. The final design will be developed in consultation with SDCFA staff.

Service levels would need to be maintained at all times and as a result of the incremental buildout of the project a phasing plan for the development of the station will be created in consultation with SDCFA. Initially, a temporary station will be constructed that will provide the necessary fire protection and paramedic services for the project site during construction and initial phases of the project. This temporary station will be staffed and equipped as required by the SDCFA. A phasing plan for the construction of the permanent station will be created prior to the issuance of building permits.

Appropriate funding strategies to pay for these improvements and staffing will be developed in close consultation with SDCFA before fees and taxes would be available to off-set construction, maintenance and staffing as well as these ongoing costs. It is anticipated that either fees, County Service Area (CSA), Assessment District (AD), Community Facilities District (CFD), and/or any combination thereof will be used funding the fire station.

Attached as Appendix A.7 is the Fire Availability Letter signed by the SDCFA conditioning the project for the creation of this phasing and financing plan.

Fire Protection Plan A Fire Protection Plan was prepared for the proposed project (FIREWISE 2000 Inc.). The plan is based on a catastrophic wildland fire analysis, and provides measures and requirements to reduce the potential for wildfire damage to the project site. All measures contained in the Fire Protection Plan would be incorporated into the proposed project. The plan addresses defensible space for fire suppression resources through fuel management zones, included in the LBZ discussed above, and a specific plant palette with restrictions on highly flammable plant material. The plan also addresses issues such as infrastructure and structural fire protection, project access, secondary access/egress (fire and evacuation only), and water supply. The requirements in the Fire Protection Plan meet or exceed current fire code requirements including requirements for residential fire sprinklers and enhanced fire resistive construction. (See Appendix A.8)



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Figure 8.3 - Fire Station Conceptual Plan

Fire Protection Opportunities and Constraints

Opportunities:

- To provide fire protection and emergency services in an area that currently has no facilities.

Constraints:

- The area is not currently served by fire protection or emergency services

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9 Public Services

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement services to unincorporated areas in San Diego County are provided by the County's Sheriff Department. Since the inception of the San Diego Sheriff's Department in 1850, deputy sheriffs have patrolled the hills, valleys and mountains of Valley Center. The Valley Center Substation provides law enforcement services to approximately 22,000 residents (SANDAG) and an area encompassing 330 square miles which includes the communities of Valley Center, Pala, Pauma and Rincon Valleys, Palomar Mountain, and the Rancho Guejito Ranch, La Jolla, Pala, Pauma, Rincon, and San Pasqual Indian reservations (See Figure 9.1). The substation is 5,490 square feet in size and is situated approximately 15 miles southeast of the project site. The number of sworn personnel staffing the facility is 25 persons.

Regulatory Framework

Within the unincorporated region of San Diego County, the San Diego County Sheriffs Department (SDCSD) is the primary law enforcement provider in the county. The department services approximately 4,200 square miles and approximately 450,000 people. In addition, the SDSD contracts with nine cities with an additional population 420,000 people.

To service the 4,200 square miles, the SDSD Law Enforcement Services Bureau operations are organized under a system of Command Stations, Substation, Offices and Storefronts. In addition, a separate rural enforcement area addresses the needs of outlying areas patrolled by resident deputies.

The County of San Diego has been provided statutory responsibility by the state to establish an Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area (AEOA), which allows the County to enter into agreements with ambulance franchises. At the present time, emergency services to the Project area and its surroundings are provided by the Valley Center Fire District under a contract with Mercy Emergency Medical Services.

Policing Response Times In a typical calendar year SDSD personnel responds to approximately 250,000 calls for service, which includes the nine contract cities. According to the SDSD, over half of the service calls are generated by the nine contract cities. While the remainder service call are generated by the unincorporated areas. Examples of calls for service include crimes reported by the public such as burglaries, assaults, and thefts.