

# VALLEY CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Valley Center Fire Protection District (VCFPD) provides structural fire protection and advanced life support-level (ALS) emergency medical services (EMS) within approximately 85 square miles in the unincorporated community of Valley Center.

## DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Principal Act:</b>	Health and Safety Code § 13800 et seq.
<b>Services:</b>	Structural fire protection Advance life support EMS
<b>Fire Stations:</b>	(1) 28234 Lilac Road (2) 28205 North Lake Road (3) 14946 Vesper Road (CAL FIRE)
<b>Population:</b>	14,591 (SANDAG 2009)
<b>Dispatch:</b>	CAL FIRE
<b>Ambulance Transport:</b>	CAL FIRE under contract
<b>ISO Rating:</b>	6 and 9 by area (1997)
<b>District Area:</b>	84.5 sq. mi
<b>Sphere of Influence:</b>	Smaller than District
<b>Sphere Adopted:</b>	November 5, 1984
<b>Sphere Affirmed:</b>	May 7, 2007
<b>Sphere Reaffirmed:</b>	August 6, 2007
<b>Revenue Sources:</b>	Property tax, voter-approved assessment, County Fire Enhancement Program
<b>Governance:</b>	Elected 5-member Board of Directors
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	3rd Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Valley Center Municipal Water District 29300 Valley Center Road Valley Center, CA 92082
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="http://vcfpd.org">vcfpd.org</a> 28234 Lilac Road Valley Center, CA 92082 760/751-7600
<b>View Map:</b>	<a href="http://sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm">sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm</a>

The VCFPD was formed in 1982 to provide public governance and access to public funds to a volunteer fire protection organization. As a post-Proposition 13 agency, the District was not entitled to a share of property tax revenue; nonetheless, the Board of Supervisors voluntarily transferred an increment of county property tax revenue to the new agency. District voters subsequently approved special assessments to fund increased levels of service; assessments fund approximately 75 percent of district operating costs.

VCFPD stations were staffed by a combination of volunteers and district career personnel until the late 1990s when the District contracted with CAL FIRE to oversee district operations. CAL FIRE provides full-time staffing, which is supplemented by reserve firefighters. VCFPD also funds an Amador contract to extend the service season in a CAL FIRE station on Vesper Road. CAL FIRE services in VCFPD are subsidized with County Fire Enhancement Program funds.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Valley Center FPD in 1984 that is smaller than the district boundary in acknowledgement that some district territory is within the sphere for the City of Escondido.