

SAN MARCOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The San Marcos Fire Protection District (FPD) is a subsidiary district to the City of San Marcos. The FPD provides structural fire protection and advanced life support-level (ALS) emergency medical services (EMS) within the City of San Marcos; unincorporated territory adjacent to the city's northern boundary; discontinuous unincorporated areas between the City of San Marcos and the City of Escondido; and the community of Lake San Marcos, which is an unincorporated island within the City of San Marcos.

An all-volunteer FPD had been established in the unincorporated area in 1936. When the City of San Marcos incorporated in 1963, the FPD provided services within the City as well as surrounding unincorporated areas. Unincorporated territory within the FPD continued to annex into the City until 1987 when the percentage of FPD constituents, which were also residents of the City of San Marcos, were sufficient to meet State Law requirements for transforming the FPD into a subsidiary district of the City.

The City Council presides as the FPD Board of Directors and the San Marcos FPD continues to provide service within the approximately 25 percent of the FPD service area, which is unincorporated.

The County Office of Emergency Service contracts with the San Marcos FPD to provide ALS ambulance transport services as an Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) provider.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Health and Safety Code § 13800 et seq.
Services:	Structural fire protection Advanced life support EMS
ISO:	2 and 9 by area (2005)
Dispatch:	North County JPA
Ambulance Transport:	City of San Marcos
Fire Stations:	(1) 180 West Mission Road (2) 1250 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (3) 404 Woodland Parkway (4) 204 San Elijo Hills Road
District Area:	33 square miles
Sphere:	Transitional
Sphere Adopted:	June 4, 1984
Sphere Affirmed:	May 7, 2007
Sphere Reaffirmed:	August 6, 2007
Revenue Sources:	Property tax, voter-approved assessment
Governance:	Subsidiary district to City of San Marcos San Marcos City Council presides as District Board of Directors
Board Meeting:	2nd and 4th Tuesday; 6:00 p.m. 1 Civic Center Drive San Marcos, CA 92069
Contact:	san-marcos.net 1 Civic Center Drive San Marcos, CA 92069 760/744-1050
View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

LAFCO approved a transitional sphere of influence for the San Marcos FPD in 1984 to reflect the District's status as a subsidiary of the City of San Marcos.