

# CITY OF VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



## Vista Fire Stations

- Station #1 175 N. Melrose Drive
- Station #2 1050 Valley Drive
- Station #3 1070 Old Taylor Street
- Station #4 2121 Thibodo Road
- Station #5 2009 S. Melrose Drive
- Station #6 651 East Vista Way



**Vista Fire Department**  
Non Emergency: 760.643.2801  
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*We understand the success of the VFD is dependent on our exceptional customer service,  
which is achieved through these core values:*

Wellness ▪ Integrity ▪ Professionalism ▪ Unity ▪ Leadership



## A Message from Fire Chief Jeff Hahn

*We continue to strive for improvement in all that we do.*

On behalf of the 84 professional men and women that serve the residents of the City of Vista and the Vista Fire Protection District, I invite you to read about this past year's achieved accomplishments. The City of Vista Fire Department is a full service fire department providing services ranging from fire prevention and suppression, to emergency medical services, to technical rescue and hazardous materials mitigation.

Operating from 6 strategically located stations, the Vista Fire Department provides the highest quality of service to both residents and visitors. We responded to over 13,300 calls last year, a ten percent increase over last year's calls, making Vista Fire Department one of the busiest departments in North County.

Our five-year Strategic Plan was developed in 2015 with input from community members and leaders in order to establish priorities and guide the Fire Department's Mission, Vision, and Values. As the Vista Fire Department we are committed to ensuring the safety and maintaining the trust of our community, by providing professional service through teamwork and integrity.

In 2010 the Fire Department became the first civilian Accredited Agency in San Diego County through the Commission of Fire Accreditation International. There are only 17 civilian accredited fire departments in the state and 217 in the nation. The department completed a rigorous re-examination process in late 2015 and was awarded reaccreditation status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International in March, 2016.

Since 1927, the members of the Vista Fire Department have been here for the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, responding to all types of emergencies in order to keep the community and its members safe. We continue these traditions today and strive for continuous improvement in all that we do and are committed to providing the best possible services to our community.

*In Safety*  
Jeff Hahn, Fire Chief

## The Vista Fire Department

The Fire Department covers 36.5 square miles for fire protection and ambulance service for the City of Vista and for the rural fire district. The Department is technologically and operationally up to today's fire and EMS standards. Vista Fire is constantly improving its efficiency to meet response time standards; updating equipment to accomplish the job; educating the community on fire safety; and providing up-to-date training for EMS and fire fighting crews.

## City/District Information

Land Area Served 36.5 sq. miles. (City: 19 mi District: 17.5 mi)  
 Vista Population: 115,569 (City & Fire Protection District)  
 Firefighters per 1000 Population: .65  
 Calls per capita: .104  
 Personnel: 86

## Fire/EMS Operations

**Total Calls for Service 13,327**

### Highlight of Call Types

Structural Fire	266
Medical Aid	9,382
Good Intent Call	2,319
Other	1,360

Fire Loss \$1,284,449

Property Value Saved \$8,109,723

## Accomplishments

- Adopted 2015/2020 Strategic Plan
- Completed Re-Accreditation Process CFAI Accreditation
- Completed Standards of Cover Document
- Revamped Brush Line Medic Program
- Certified Senior Volunteers and CERT Members in CPR and AED procedures

## Training

- Organized Emergency Operations Center Drills/Exercises
- Hired 9 Firefighters/Paramedics
- Promoted 1 Deputy Chief to Chief
- Promoted 5 to Captains
- Promoted 5 to Engineers
- Promoted 1 to Battalion Chief

## Fire Safety & Prevention

• Public Education, Fire Safety	3,542
• Annual Weed Abatement Inspections	1,152
• Business Inspections	233
• Fire Plan Reviews:	243
• High Hazard Parcel Inspections	1,295

## Equipment | Frontline Apparatus

5	Fire Engines, Type I
1	Sutphen Platform Truck
3	Brush Engines, Type III
3	Paramedic Units
1	Battalion Command Vehicle
1	Regional Incident Support Vehicle
1	State of California - OES Type I Engine
1	Training Chief Support Vehicle
6	Command & Prevention Staff Vehicles

## Grant Funding

- Homeland Security Federal Grant: Equipment, Emergency Operations Center, development and training - \$69,563