

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ventura County Fire Department is an all-risk, full-service department, composed of 564 men and women. We proudly provide fire protection, medical aid, rescue, hazardous material response, and a variety of other services to the public. The Ventura County Fire Department's services are built around our mission of responding to the dynamic public safety needs of our diverse community.

We partner with our community to identify risks and empower people with the tools to prepare and protect themselves. As part of that responsibility, we enforce codes and regulations, review more than 2,800 plans a year, inspect more than 5,000 homes and businesses a year, and issue roughly 250 fire code permits and 445 film permits a year. We also work with more than 14,000 residents each year to create defensible space through our Fire Hazard Reduction Program and conduct hundreds of public education, fire prevention and safety programs for children, adults and seniors. In addition to the activities by the Fire Prevention Bureau, fire station personnel conduct over 1,100 fire safety inspections a year.

THE CALIFORNIA FIRE PLAN

The State Board of Forestry and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) have drafted a comprehensive update of the fire plan for wildland fire protection in California. The planning process defines a level of service measurement, considers assets at risk, incorporates the cooperative interdependent relationships of wildland fire protection providers, provides for public stakeholder involvement, and creates a fiscal framework for policy analysis. Ventura County Fire Protection District is one of the contract counties that maintains a contractual relationship with CALFIRE and utilizes the California Fire Plan within Ventura County.