



## Schell Vista Fire Protection District

22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA 95476

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### **THE SCHELL VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The Schell-Vista Fire Protection District was formed in 1942 and officially become a district in 1955. SVFPD is governed by a Board of five elected members. The SVFPD encompasses an area of approximately 72 square miles with a population of 6,500. Calls for service average 600 per year.

### **STATIONS and EQUIPMENT**

The District has two strategically located stations, and maintains a fleet of one medium rescue, two type one engines, three type three engines, two water tenders, one trailered cascade system and a number of utility vehicles.

Station 1  
Headquarters  
Staffed  
22950 Broadway  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
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Station 2  
Unstaffed  
1250 E. Napa Street  
Sonoma, CA 95476

### **PERSONNEL**

SVFPD currently employs one full time, 40 hour per week Captain. The volunteer force is comprised of all Chief Officers, four Resident Firefighters and thirty Volunteers Firefighters.

### **SERVICES**

SVFPD provides the community with fire protection, emergency medical service, fire prevention and inspections, public education, and code enforcement and hazardous material responses.

### **BUDGET**

SVFPA has a current operating budget of approximately \$783,000. The majority of SVFPD's revenue comes from property taxes, which account for around 91 percent of total revenues. Additional funding comes from contracts for fire control service, both with the County and with private entities such as Sears Point Raceway. Other revenue sources include state grants for training and special equipment, which are not included in the operating budget.

The District also receives funds from a Mello-Roos special tax (passed to pay for construction of the new station, completed in 2001). This tax is assessed at a maximum rate of \$44 per single-family unit; actual taxes have decreased as additional parcels are added to the District, resulting in lower per-parcel taxes each year. This funding goes directly to service the Mello-Roos Bonds and is not included in the operating budget.



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### **CONTRACTS and AGREEMENTS**

SVFPD covers portions of southern Sonoma County through a contract with the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services. These areas include portions of CA Hwy 121, CA HWY 37 and the very northern reaches of the

district. SVFPD also has a contract with the County of Napa for emergency services to portions of their County that are only accessible from Sonoma County.

SVFPD participates in the California Master Mutual System as well as local automatic and mutual aid agreements.