

# BONITA–SUNNYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District (FPD) provides structural fire protection, advanced life support-level (ALS) emergency medical service (EMS), rescue services, and hazardous materials response within the unincorporated south county community of Bonita.

The District was formed in 1950 to establish governmental structure for the *Upper Sweetwater Valley Volunteer Fire Company* that had provided emergency services to the unincorporated Sweetwater Valley area since 1939.

The FPD covers approximately seven square miles and includes residential and commercial development in the community of Bonita; County and Regional Parklands; and conservation areas overseen by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in collaboration with the Sweetwater Unit of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge.

Bonita-Sunnyside FPD is a member of the Heartland Communications Authority Facility JPA for dispatch and is a founding member of the Regional Cooperative Care Partnership (RCCP), a consortium of emergency service agencies, which provides administrative oversight for ALS and paramedic ambulance transport services.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Bonita-Sunnyside FPD in 1985 that is larger than the district boundary. The sphere is essen-

tially coterminous to the district boundary on the west but includes significant additional territory to the east of the District. Unincorporated territory in the FPD sphere is included in an area, which has been identified as a service island, where no agency is responsible for providing emergency services. The last sphere was affirmed in 2013.

## DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Principal Act:</b>	Health and Safety § 13800 et seq.
<b>Services:</b>	Structural fire protection Advanced life support EMS
<b>Fire Station:</b>	4900 Bonita Road; Bonita
<b>Population:</b>	13,303 (2012 SANDAG)
<b>Dispatch:</b>	Heartland Communications Authority JPA
<b>ISO Rating:</b>	4 (2006)
<b>District Area:</b>	7.004 square miles
<b>Sphere of Influence:</b>	Larger than District
<b>Sphere Adopted:</b>	July 1, 1985
<b>Sphere Affirmed:</b>	December 2, 2013
<b>Revenue Sources:</b>	Property tax, voter-approved assessment
<b>Governance:</b>	Elected 3-member Board of Directors
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	2nd Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. 4900 Bonita Road Bonita, CA 91902
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="http://bonitasunnysidefire.org">bonitasunnysidefire.org</a> 4900 Bonita Road Bonita, CA 91902 619/479-2346
<b>View Map:</b>	<a href="http://sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm">sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm</a>

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