

# BORREGO SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Borrego Springs Fire Protection District (FPD) provides structural fire protection, advanced life support-level (ALS) emergency medical service (EMS), and rescue services in the unincorporated east county community of Borrego Springs.

## DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Principal Act:</b>	Health and Safety § 13800 et seq.
<b>Services:</b>	Structural fire protection Advanced life support EMS
<b>Ambulance Transport:</b>	Borrego Springs FPD under contract
<b>Fire Station:</b>	2324 Stirrup Road
<b>Population:</b>	3,732 (2012 SANDAG)
<b>Dispatch:</b>	CAL FIRE (7-1-10)
<b>ISO Rating:</b>	6 and 9 by area (2000)
<b>District Area:</b>	310.6 square miles
<b>Sphere of Influence:</b>	Coterminous with District
<b>Sphere Adopted:</b>	May 7, 2007
<b>Sphere Affirmed:</b>	November 4, 2013
<b>Revenue Sources:</b>	Property tax, voter-approved assessment, San Diego County Fire Authority Subsidies
<b>Governance:</b>	Elected 5-member Board of Directors
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	2nd Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. 2324 Stirrup Road Borrego Springs, CA 91902
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The District, which was formed in 1961, covers approximately 310 square miles that includes

the Borrego Springs town center and significant territory within the Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The FPD has an estimated permanent population of approximately 3,800; however, the population expands by 10,000 or more seasonal residents during winter months and more than a million tourists visit the desert community each year. The FPD participates in mutual aid with the U. S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responding to large seasonal volunteers in emergency service calls.

The District was not included in the boundary of the San Diego County Fire Authority (SDCFA) nor the five service area of CSA No. 135; nevertheless, the SDCFA provides stipends to the Borrego Springs FPD for two additional FPD volunteer firefighter positions.

The County Office of Emergency Services contracts with the Borrego FPD to provide ALS ambulance transport services in the area as an Exclusive Operating Area provider.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District in 2007 that is coterminous with the district boundary. The sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

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