

# LOWER SWEETWATER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District (FPD) is responsible for structural fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) within the unincorporated south county community of Lincoln Acres.

The Lower Sweetwater FPD was formed in 1944 to provide emergency services in unincorporated territory between the Cities of San Diego, National City, and Chula Vista. As unincorporated parcels annexed to the surrounding cities and concurrently detached from the Lower Sweetwater FPD, district territory diminished. In 1982, with only 298 acres of service territory remaining, the District began contracting with the City of National City Fire Department to provide service within the FPD; the contract between the District and the City has run uninterrupted since inception.

## DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Principal Act:</b>	Health and Safety § 13800 et seq.
<b>Services:</b>	Structural fire protection and EMS; (services provided by City of National City)
<b>Fire Stations:</b>	2 National City stations
<b>Ambulance Transport:</b>	American Medical Response (AMR)
<b>Population:</b>	2,609 (2012 SANDAG)
<b>Dispatch:</b>	Heartland Communication Authority JPA (City of National City)
<b>ISO Rating:</b>	3 (2005)
<b>District Area:</b>	297.58 acres
<b>Sphere of Influence:</b>	Transitional
<b>Sphere Adopted:</b>	February 4, 1985
<b>Sphere Affirmed:</b>	December 2, 2013
<b>Revenue Source:</b>	Property tax
<b>Governance:</b>	Elected 3-member Board of Directors
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	Quarterly Lower Sweetwater FPD Headquarters 2725-B Granger Avenue National City, CA 91950 619/470-4557
<b>Contact:</b>	2725-B Granger Avenue National City, CA 91950 619/470-4557
<b>View Map:</b>	<a href="http://sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm">sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm</a>

LAFCO approved a transitional sphere of influence for the Lower Sweetwater FPD in 1985. In a related action, the FPD service area was placed within the sphere of influence for the City of National City. The district and city spheres reflect the position that the City would be the most efficient service provider for the Lincoln Acres area.

District voters defeated a ballot measure in 2002 that proposed dissolution of the Lower Sweetwater FPD and concurrent formation of a County Service Area (CSA) to assume the FPD's service responsibility. The sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

The 298-acre Lincoln Acres area—and the FPD—are surrounded by the Cities of Chula Vista and National City. The FPD contracts with the City of National City to provide fire protection and EMS within the District.

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