

## **About the LBFD**

The City of Los Banos Fire Department proudly protects over 29,000 people living in an area of 6.5 square miles. The Fire Department currently has two station's serving its residents. Station Number 1 is located at 333 7th St. Station #1 being the main station, now operates on a 24-hour basis with one full-time firefighter on duty 24 hours a day.

This station has four double bays that house Engines 658, 659, 656, Engine 1, Ladder LT-670, Rescue 641, and Support 654. Station Number 2 is located at 1150 West I St. This station has two double bays that house Engines 657 and Rescue 642. The City's fleet of fire apparatus provides protection to the residential and light industrial areas within our community.

Our department is a combination department, we have both paid fire fighters and volunteer fire fighters. Noy too long ago, the department retained its ISO service rating of 3, an accomplishment of which the fire department is extremely proud of.

The fire department accomplishes four primary functions: Fire Prevention, Fire Inspections, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Suppression / Rescue. The department also assists the city in the city's code enforcement.

## **Goals and Objective Statement**

### **GOAL:**

The goal of the Los Banos Fire Department and Volunteer Department is to continue to provide cost effective fire protection and emergency services to the citizens of Los Banos; To improve operational efficiency and accountability, to continue to foster the Volunteer Fire Department providing training, camaraderie and pride in their department; and to support the goals, objectives and mission of the City of Los Banos.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1.To continue to foster the addition of new full-time fire fighters, and increase the number of volunteer firefighters.
- 2.To continue to provide quality training to enhance the proficiency, quality and safety for full-time and volunteer fire fighters.
- 3.To continue the replacement of older apparatus and equipment. To improve preventive maintenance and operator training. To stay abreast of new changes in the fire service through training and communications.
- 4.To continue to foster good relation ships between the full-time firefighters and the volunteer fire fighters. To continue to recruit volunteer fire fighters, and maintain a pool of qualified fire fighters for full-time positions as needed.
- 5.To continue to pursue alternate ways to improve the level of fire protection and services within the City of Los Banos.
- 6.To assist city administration in addressing long term funding and alternative funding in order to maintain and enhance current levels of fire protection and services.
- 7.To continue to improve services to achieve a lower fire insurance rating (ISO) Insurance Services Office. To provide lower cost for fire insurance in the community. Currently the city has a 3 rating.