



**Hollister Ranch Owners Association
HOLLISTER RANCH FIRE COMPANY**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Hollister Ranch Fire Company (HRFC) was created to train for, and effectively implement emergency and disaster operations and prevention activities on the Hollister Ranch, pursuant to the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), in coordination with the Santa Barbara County Operational Area.

VISIONING STATEMENT

Wildland fire occurs frequently, spreads rapidly and therefore, increasingly threatens the health and safety of people, property and livestock on the Hollister Ranch. A professionally trained, well-equipped and community supported fire company can provide efficient first responder capabilities for rescue, fire, medical aid and threats to property until public agencies arrive.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The HRFC was approved by resolution by the Hollister Ranch Owners Association 15 May, 2010 to support the Hollister Ranch Emergency Operations Plan and the 20 Year Emergency Preparedness Agreement.

The HRFC is organized and operates pursuant to §14825 et seq., California Health & Safety Code.

The HRFC trains and operates pursuant to the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) and the National Interagency Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1 (2006), pursuant to the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG).

The HRFC complies with the California Office of Emergency Management FIRESCOPE standards and practices, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding between the HRFC and the County of Santa Barbara.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The HRFC shall coordinate with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and associated agencies.

The primary purpose of the HRFC is to promote fire prevention strategies, safety and emergency procedures, community outreach, and education

OBJECTIVES

The Hollister Ranch Fire Company will:

- Provide well-trained firefighters to effectively deal with various emergency and disaster operations.
- Provide organized command and control under the Hollister Ranch Emergency Operations Plan.
- Develop, support and offer educational opportunities to homeowners, employees and others to promote safety and security at the Hollister Ranch.
- Support a fire prevention program that enhances wildland urban interface safety. This includes safety through defensible space, fuel reduction at homes, driveways, common roads, as well as creating safe refuge areas.
- Develop an administrative plan that encompasses an annual budget and summary report of cost breakdowns.
- Provide an annual report of its accomplishments regarding training, emergency responses, prevention activities, community events, as well as mandated information concerning local, state, federal, and private agencies.
- Provide support to the Santa Barbara County Operational area as may be requested.

TALKING POINTS

The Hollister Ranch Fire Company (HRFC) will increase safety on the ranch by providing an improved response time to local emergencies including fire, medical and ocean incidents.

The HRFC is organized pursuant to the “Self Help” concept.

The HRFC is designed pursuant to a five year strategic plan and formal budget.

The primary funding of the HRFC will be through private and corporate tax-exempt donations utilizing the Fire Services Training Institute (FSTI) as a third party administrator.

The HRFC is organized to primarily provide initial fire and medical capabilities in support of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and allied agencies.

The HRFC brings the Hollister Ranch community together on issues of fire and life safety issues on a local, state and federal level.

The HRFC enhances the ranch evacuation planning and provides a coordinated effort for disaster planning and disaster damage assessment.

As an officially recognized fire company, the HRFC will be able to train and work with local, state and federal agencies directly.

The HRFC will be able to receive funding from outside resources that will be specifically allocated to community road improvements, weed abatement and coordinated fuel mitigation projects.