

# STATION 15

**2491 Foothill Road  
Santa Barbara**



Santa Barbara County Fire Department Station 15 is located at 2491 Foothill Road in Santa Barbara. They can be reached at (805) 681-5515.

Station 15 serves the unincorporated areas north of the City of Santa Barbara.

It's service area in the North extends into Los Padres National Forest, towards the South and East up to the City/County borders and in the West it is bordered North of Foothill Road by Antone Road and Deborah Drive and South of Foothill Road by Alamar Ave.



*Station 15 apparatus at a glance.*

• **Type 1 Engine** • **Type 3 Engine** • **Patrol**

## Staffing

Station 15 is staffed by three personnel. One Captain, one Engineer and one Firefighter. Additionally, through the use of extension kits, the station does have advanced life-support (ALS) capability when a paramedic is on-duty.

## History

Sleepy Hollow. Station 15 is nestled in the shadow of Santa Barbara's Old Mission. The picturesque hiking trails, oak dotted hillsides, and beautiful overlook homes bring a serenity to the area that is arguably unrivaled. That calm has been shattered many times over the years with major conflagrations that eliminate everything in its path. With names like, Tea, Jesusita, Sycamore Canyon, and Coyote, these fires are terrifying for the people who call this area home.

On January 3rd 1949 in response to a need for local fire protection the Mission Canyon Fire protection District was formed. During the 50's it was not uncommon to have a single patrolman with a vehicle to respond with and a two-way radio.

In June of 1962 Santa Barbara County took over the responsibility of the Mission Canyon Fire Protection District.

In 1966 the Department was renting a property at 2605 Dorking Place where a Firefighter and his family lived. Less than one year later the property was sold and the inspector was relocated to Station 13 until the new station was built.

On January 19th 1970 a contract was awarded and the building was completed and occupied less than 6 months later on June 15th 1970 at its current location in Mission Canyon near the northern tip of Rocky Nook Park, which the County had purchased back in 1955. Over the years office and living space became tight and with the addition of women on the fire fighting force the dormitory became inadequate and so the Department began the process of building new dormitory facilities behind the existing station in April of 1999.