

STATION 18

**17200 Mariposa Reina
Gaviota**



Santa Barbara County Fire Station 18 is located at 17200 Calle Mariposa Reina Road in Gaviota, CA. They can be reached at (805) 681 5518.

Station 18's area is bounded by the Pacific Ocean both to the South and West. The Northern boundary is roughly a line running from Jalama Beach, East thru the Nojoqui Summit ending at their Eastern boundary which is determined by a line running due North from El Capitan State Beach Park.



Station 18's apparatus include the following;

- Type 1 Engine
- Type 3 Engine
- Water Tender
- Light & Air Support
- Utility

Staffing

Station 18 is staffed by three personnel, one Captain, one Engineer and one Firefighter.

History

Station 18 is unique. It sits near the border of Battalion 1 and Battalion 2, and for this reason it houses the departments Light & Air Unit as well as our new Support Water Tender, a 3,000 gallon Pierce. The crew of Station 18 can quickly respond to either the North or South County Operations Divisions with these vital apparatus. The local area for 18's includes a large stretch of both US 101 and State Highway 1, the exclusive Hollister Ranch, and the postcard scenic Gaviota Coast, which include three popular State Beach Campgrounds. Additionally, the geography and topography make it so that a near-constant wind howls through the area near the station.

It was June 1985 and the Department had requested that the County Board of Supervisors negotiate as part of a contract with Chevron Oil Company, to fund a fire station (at no cost to the public) near the Chevron Gaviota gas and oil project. In August of that year the project plan was approved as part of the development plans for the plant, which was to process oil and gas from the Point Arguello off-shore wells.

In February of 1986 a temporary fire station was begun nearby at the old Vista Del Mar School property. Later that year on August 26th the firefighters moved into their temporary quarters, which consisted of an 1,800 square foot mobile home and a 35x52 pre-fabricated metal building with which to house apparatus along with a water tank and an emergency generator. All of which was donated by Chevron while a permanent site was determined and built. (After the new station was built the temporary buildings, and generator were relocated as the new Station 23 in Sisquoc.)

In November 1987 construction began on a 2-acre site that has a beautiful view overlooking the Pacific Ocean, which was donated by Chevron and built upon by J.W. Bailey Construction Company. Station 18 was placed in service on February 15th 1989.