

STATION 31

**168 West Highway 246
City of Buellton**



Santa Barbara County Fire Station 31 is located at 168 West Highway 246 in Buellton. They can be reached at (805) 686-5062.

Station 31's service area extends in the North to a line about 2 miles North of State Highway 154/US Highway 101 interchange. It's Southern boundary ends at the top of the Nojoqui Grade. In the East it stops at the Solvang City limit and it's Western boundary goes out to the intersection of State Highway 246 and Campbell Road.

Station 31's apparatus include;

- Type 1 Engine
- Type 3 Engine
- HazMat Vehicle
- Utility

Staffing

Station 31 is a dedicated Advanced Life Support (ALS) station and is home to the Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) Response Team. It is staffed by one Captain, one Engineer, one Firefighter/Paramedic and one Firefighter.

History

Station 31 is tucked quietly down a long driveway behind the Post Office on State Highway 246 in the City of Buellton. For the crew of Station 31, every district is their first-in area. The department's HazMat vehicle is here, and will respond where necessary anywhere in the county. 31's local area also has miles of vineyards coupled with US Highway 101 and State Highways 246 and 154. Buellton has many light-industrial buildings, and although it is considered a bedroom community, there never is downtime for the crew. In addition to responding to the Santa Ynez Valley for calls, Station 31 will also join Engine 51's near Vandenberg Village, Engine 24's near Los Alamos, and Engine 18's near Gaviota for incidents.

The history for Station 31 goes back to 1922 when the County of Santa Barbara purchased property located two miles south of Buellton from Glenn Buell for \$3,750.00 and later built what was to become the Jonata Park Fire Station (Station 3). After over 40 years it became evident that not only were new facilities required but also that a more central location would better serve the residents of the growing City of Buellton and the surrounding area. Therefore, in March of 1964 the County purchased 2.8 acres from the Buellton Community Services District on the old Buellton School grounds. On October 27th of that year construction of the fire station and 4 residential living units for the married firefighters and their families began. Today, the old residential units provide office space for the Department's Training, Emergency Medical coordinator.

Designed by then Chief Victor Mohr and the County Public Works Department, Fire Station 31 was completed at a cost of \$139,890 and was occupied on July 19th 1965 by one Fire Captain, four regular firefighter and four equipment engineers who operated transports and bulldozers. The Construction Section is now located at Station 24 in Los Alamos.