

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District	Policy: 300
Subject: Mission, Purpose and Values	DATED: March 23, 1998

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Mission

To protect lives, the environment and property.

Purpose

To prevent fires through:

- Education of the hazards of, and behaviors that lead to, uncontrolled fires
- Fire protection planning of the community and buildings
- Development and enforcement of codes and ordinances related to fire safety

To suppress fires through:

- Rapid response, intervention and mitigation of all uncontrolled fires
- Providing an adequate number of high caliber personnel with exceptional fire suppression training
- Use of apparatus and equipment of the appropriate kind and type

To provide rescue and emergency medical services:

- With the highest level of service possible
- Providing high caliber personnel with exceptional EMS training
- With apparatus and equipment of the appropriate kind and type

To provide response to hazardous material releases.

- Providing high caliber personnel with exceptional hazardous material training
- With apparatus and equipment of the appropriate kind and type

To respond to disasters through:

- Community education related to disaster preparedness
- Planning for any potential disaster
- Adequate training for personnel related to disaster planning and operations

To provide other emergency services to the community as required.

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Values

- Maintain a high level of readiness
- Assure all personnel are adequately trained for their job
- Treat everyone with respect and kindness
- Treat people fairly and reasonably
- Control costs providing the best service possible for each dollar
- Provide the best service possible to anyone who needs it
- Maintain a professional personal appearance
- Maintain apparatus and equipment for a high degree of readiness
- Maintain facilities to assure functionality and professional appearance
- Support other agencies' mission(s)
- Develop and maintain a high degree of cooperation with other agencies

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