

## About The Los Altos Hills County Fire District

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District (the "District") was organized on October 23, 1939 and operates in conformity with the provisions of Part 2.7 of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code.

In addition to its primary mission of fire suppression and prevention, the District performs a number of related functions in support of this mission. Probably the most significant of these other functions is the provisioning and maintenance of the pipeline infrastructure within our district to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of water for use in fire emergencies.

The district does not employ its own firefighting personnel, apparatus, or equipment. Rather this function is contracted out to the Santa Clara County Fire Department. In this way, the district can enjoy the benefits of local control and planning, while at the same time benefiting from all the advantages offered by a larger district – not only in terms of economics, but also direct access to a wider pool of expertise, equipment, and day-to-day management, not to mention extensive back-up and mutual aid capabilities should the occasion warrant.

Similarly with the installation and maintenance of the pipeline system, this is in large measure contracted out specialized consultants and contractors, thus minimizing the financial risks and burden of maintaining an "in-house" capability.

The district also promotes and manages a number of other activities aimed at fire prevention and education, such as the "Brush Clearing" initiative and regular classes in emergency preparedness for residents of the district.