



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Hello,

The City of San Diego has signed a lease to locate a two-person fire-rescue Fast Response Squad at 3034 Governor Drive. Work has begun on moving in with the intention of being in operation in January.

You may have heard of the plan to locate a Fast Response Squad (FRS) in South University City. South UC was identified in a 2011 consultant report by Citygate Associates as one of nineteen areas in the City that is currently underserved by fire and emergency medical services.



While the “Squad” will not give us the full capability of a fire station and traditional fire engine, it will mean faster responses than are now possible. The vehicle carries a two person fire crew, rather than the traditional four person crew. One member of the crew is a Fire Captain/EMT and the other is a Firefighter /Paramedic. The Squad has a complement of tools, equipment and medical supplies. It carries a small quantity of water and foam, but does not have the capability to hook up to a hydrant. The FRS crew can treat patients and extinguish small fires.

The FRS will be dispatched along with a fire engine from a neighboring fire station and, for medical calls, an ambulance. In the year that we have had an FRS in the Encanto area, we’ve seen a significant improvement in response time. We will staff the FRS twelve hours a day, every day, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We are excited to bring this added service to South UC. It is a positive step in fulfilling our mission to provide the highest level of emergency/rescue services, hazard prevention and safety education ensuring the protection of life, property and the environment.

At the same time, we realize that we are not your usual neighbors. We explored numerous options before determining that this location would best serve the needs of the community and the purposes of the Fire-Rescue Department.

We are committed to being good neighbors. We hope you will come by to meet the firefighters. And we hope you will let us hear from you. If you have questions, comments, or complaints, please feel free to email or call our Headquarters office. sdfd@sandiego.gov 619.533.4300

Sincerely,

Brian Fennessy
Fire Chief

