



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### - Paramedic Station Added -

ORCUTT, Ca. February 22, 2010 – Effective February 8, 2010, Santa Barbara County Fire Station 21, located at 335 Union Avenue in Orcutt, became a Core Paramedic Station. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBC FD) will provide firefighter paramedic coverage for the community Orcutt 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The SBC FD paramedic program began in 1974 and is based on field advancements from the Vietnam War. SBC FD currently has over 50 well trained, professional paramedics in all ranks including our current fire chief, Michael W. Dyer. SBC FD employs more paramedics than any other department in the county including AMR (American Medical Response

SBC FD has 16 stations in which every engine carries Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical equipment. Within the system, 8 stations are core Firefighter / Paramedic stations that are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The remaining 8 stations operate with what are called "Paramedic Extension Kits". These kits contain ALS equipment that is placed into service when a paramedic is on duty at one of these non-core paramedic stations.

Two SBC FD fire stations provide ambulance service; one in Lompoc and one in the Cuyama Valley. A rescue helicopter located at the Santa Ynez Airport, responds with firefighter / paramedics from near by station 32 throughout Santa Barbara County.

The addition of paramedics at Station 21 provides a greater level of service to the citizens of Orcutt.

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