

# The History of Salinas Rural Fire

- Founded in August, 1934 under the California Fire District Act of 1931 at the request of the Salinas Chapter of the California Grange.
- Boundaries of the District were determined by the same lines as the Salinas Union High School District.
- First on-duty crew was housed at Salinas City Station 1 until 1949.



# First Salinas Rural Fire Engine

- Purchased Aug. 30, 1934
- Cost \$14,900.73
- American La France
- V-12 Engine-240 H.P.
- 750 GPM Pump



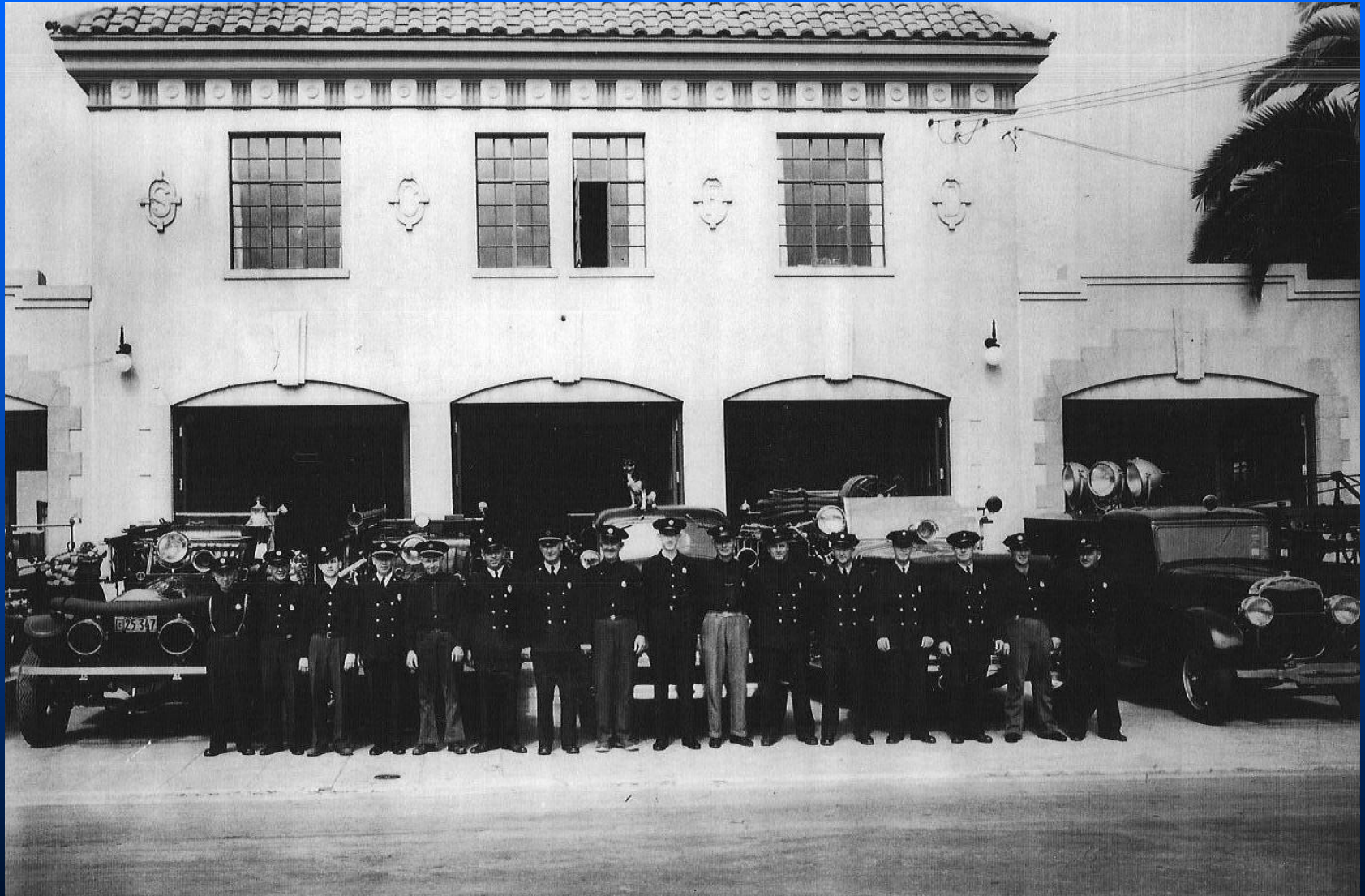


# SRFD History 1943

- Office of Civil Defense (OCD) provided the hose, pump, ladders to build trailers on old 1937 Ford chassis that the District got from local junk yards.
- These trailers were built for firefighting during possible war time actions.
- Labor was done by firefighters on duty.



# Salinas City & SRFD Crews 1941





# SRFD & SFD Joint Photo 1945

## Left Bottom

Ed Nelson  
Elmer Anderson  
Chief George Vonsosten  
Al Vieborg  
Andy Nielsen

## Top Left

Xavier Maynette  
John Wing  
Bill Nichols  
Lee Condin  
Lewis Snyder  
Al Stewart  
Cliff Jay  
Svendin Krawl



# Alisal Station

- 1950: Alisal Station (a/k/a Station #1) opened by Chief Larry Moore



# Salinas Rural Fire Personnel when Station 1 opened in 1950

*Left to Right:*

- Chief Larry Moore
- Andy Thoreson
- A/C Andy Nielsen
- Jim Morrison
- Art Miles
- Vance Randolph
- Byron Dennis
- Harold McConnel
- John Wing  
SRFD Mechanic
- Layton Forney





# SRFD Personnel 1967

Front Row (sitting):

Richard Castro,  
Jim Morrison, Al Graulich,  
Corky Tholcke, Bill Barker,  
Vance Randolph

Second Row (sitting):

Bob Revels, Bob Silvey,  
A/C Andy Nielsen,  
Chief Larry Moore,  
A/C Al Stewart, Steve Goetz,  
Elmer Walsh

Third Row (standing):

Gil Valine, George Pacheco,  
Gerald Quinn, Don Eberle,  
Herman Ferdinanado,  
Roy Manteufel,  
Irvin Bushnell, Terry Bever,  
Robert Michaels

Fourth Row (standing):

Steve Driver, Jim Mallatt,  
Charles Dougherty,  
Walt Days, Alan Wilson,  
Jon Hooks, Ray Stegall





# 1970 District Photo



# Chief Officers Training With New EJ Resuscitator

This Resuscitator  
Was donated  
to SRFD  
by the  
Hambey Family  
in January 1954





# Prunedale Station

■ 1952

Prunedale Station (a/k/a Station #2) was opened.

■ 1981

Transferred to North County FPD after Prop. 13 reorganization.



# Salinas Rural Fire District Board of Directors (*circa 1960*)

*Left to Right:*

- Roy Jacobsen
- Ivan Dustin
- Arnold “Pat” Silacci
- Elmer Lanini
- Bert Cahoon





# California State Rural Fire Pumping Champions 1964

## *Left to Right:*

- Chief Moore
- Capt. Corky Tholcke
- FF Bob Silvey
- FF Steve Driver
- FF Bob Michaels
- Capt. Vance Randolph
- Not Pictured:  
Gil Valine, Alternate



# Toro Station

- Toro Station (a/k/a Station #3)  
built in 1966 for a cost of  
\$76,664.
- Renumbered Station #1  
when Alisal Station was  
sold to City of Salinas.
- Equipment
  - WT 119
  - Engine 111
  - Engine 121
- Staffing
  - 1 Captain
  - 1 Lieutenant
  - 1 Hoseman





# Salinas Rural Establishes Volunteer Firefighter Program February 1982

- Jake Goetz & Sue Vindhurst Feb. 1982  
after receiving turnouts



- Board of Directors welcome new  
Volunteers with a cake, March 25, 1982

# First Volunteer Turnouts

## Alisal Station - February 1982

### ■ First Volunteers

John Braasch

Sue Vindhurst

Matt Anderson

Bill Boggess

Gary Robinson

Dick Johnson

Andy Estrada

Dave Ferrasci

Jake Goetz

Sandy Hunter

Mike Hunter

Donna Silvey

Will Clever

Lionel Levins

Lt. Jerry Anderson, Volunteer  
Coordinator



John Braasch in his first turnouts  
with FF Mike Vindhurst



# Chualar Station

- Chualar Station was built in 1983 with some funding from the Housing Urban Development (HUD) program.



# Hidden Hills Station

- Built in 1984, it was staffed during the fire season on hot days with Volunteers and off-duty staff. There were no living quarters, just a restroom and 2 apparatus bays.
- Sold in 1990 and remodeled into a private residence after Laureles Station was built.





# Laureles Station

- Built in 1990 by Hartnell College students and off-duty personnel.
- Opened by Chief Ron Zeise and Assistant Chief Steve Goetz





# Fire Chief Steve Negro Retirement Picture November 2005





# SRFD Begins Providing Paramedic Service January 1, 2007

(left to right)

■ Scott Babione

FF EMT-P

■ Dave  
Craddock

Lt. EMT-P

■ Shuan  
Kamnkar

FF EMT-P



# Salinas Rural's Administration Building Grand Opening Celebration - November 17, 2007



Left to right: Capt. Chris Handle', Lt. Larry Freitas, FF Randy J. Gillenwater, FF Dave Craddock, Div. Chief David Sargenti, FF-P Scott Babione, Admin. Officer Natalie Gonzalez, Secretary Barbara Barlow, Fire Chief Michael Urquides, Ret. Fire Chief Steve Negro, Dep. Fire Marshal Dorothy Priolo, Financial Analyst Lia Pilotte, Div. Chief Paul Pilotte