

Rancho Santa Fe



Fire Protection District

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### **SPRINKLER ACTIVATION PREVENTS SPREAD OF FIRE**

On August 15, 2007, at 6:17 p.m., firefighters from Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District responded to a reported structure fire at the Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa. Upon arrival they did not see any flames but there was a light smell of smoke. Inside the kitchen they found a single sprinkler head had activated just outside the hood and duct system nearest the wood fired grill. The water flow was shut down and later put back into service with little or no evident water damage. One person was injured during the incident. The patient was treated by paramedics on scene and transported to a local hospital.

In addition to Rancho Santa Fe, personnel from Del Mar, San Diego, and Solana Beach also responded to the call. Battalion Chief Mike Gibbs served as the Incident Commander.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 21,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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