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 Ferdinandado,
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 Kamnikar
  FF EMT-P
Salinas Rural’s Administration Building
Grand Opening Celebration - November 17, 2007