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**Presentation to  
Public Safety and  
Neighborhood  
Services**

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**San Diego Fire-Rescue Department**

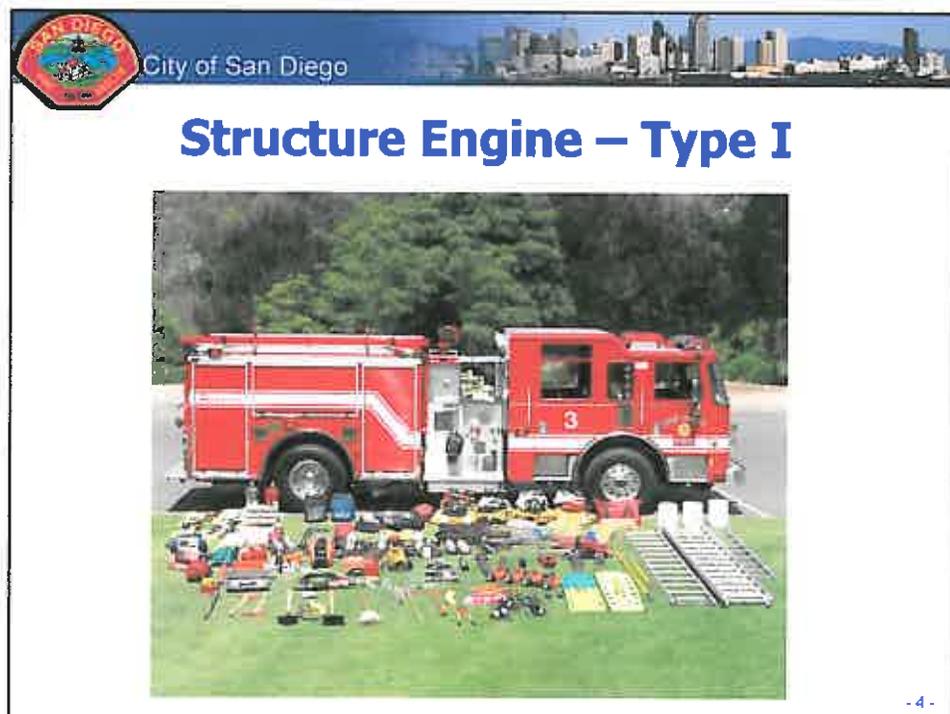




- Budget (FY09): \$188 million. OHS now under SDFD
- Personnel: 1,133 (940 FF's; 93 LG's; 40 Dispatchers; 16 Logistics; 44 Admin)
- Fire Stations: 47; LG Permanent Stations: 10
- Units: 47 engines; 12 trucks; 12 brush engines; 21 ready reserve engines; 11 LG vessels and 10 PWCs.

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 <b>Incident Volume and Staffing</b> 						
FY	Incidents	Engines	Trucks	Staffing	FFs/ 1000	Pop.
90	68,209	42	12	794	.72	1.1m
00	90,399	44	11	852	.71	1.2m
04	99,086	44	12	869	.67	1.3m
05	100,131	45	12	877	.68	1.3m
06	103,645	46	12	891	.69	1.3m
07	105,662	47	12	904	.70	1.3m
08	111,498	47	12	940	.71	1.3m





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## Brush Engine – Type III



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## Trucks - Aerial Ladders



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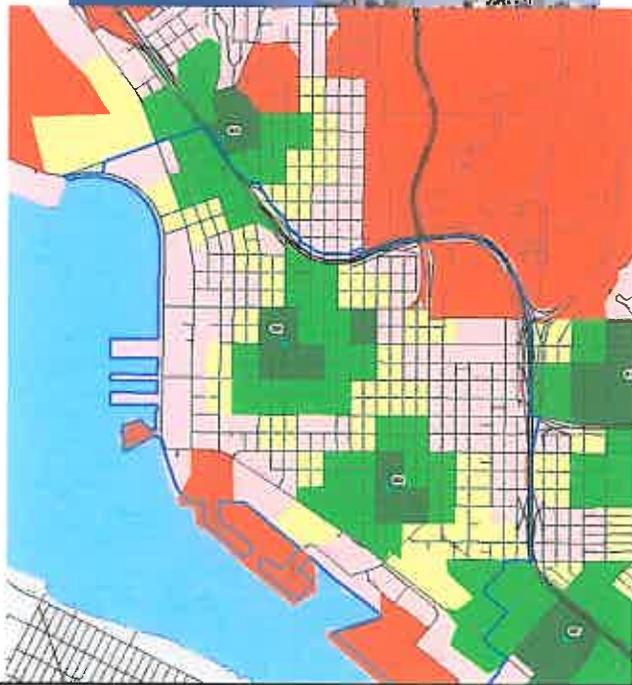


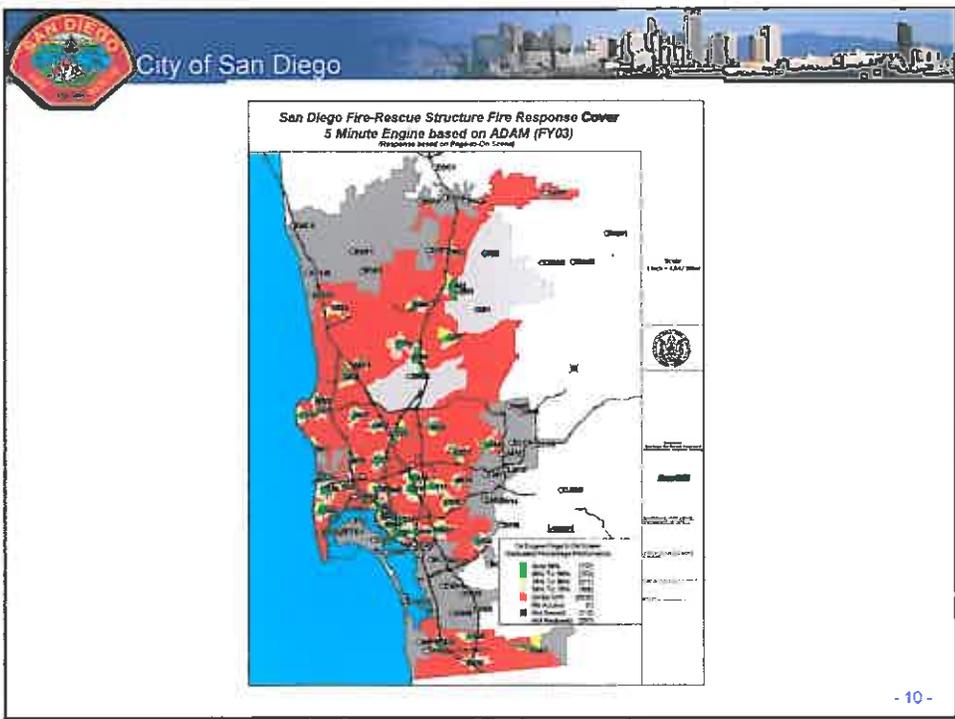
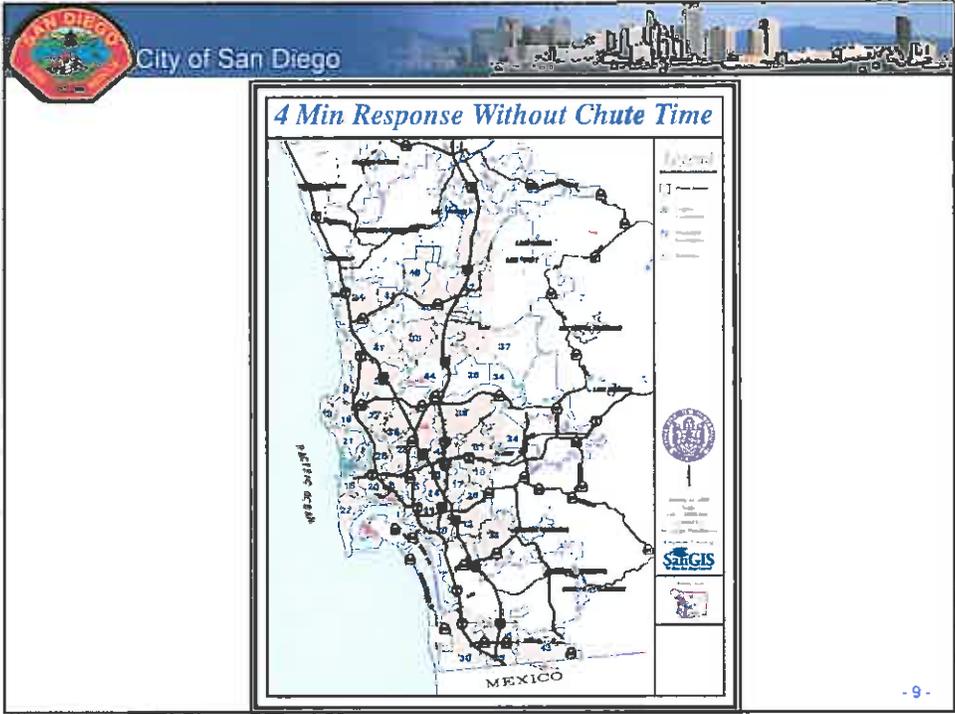
## 5 Minute Response Time

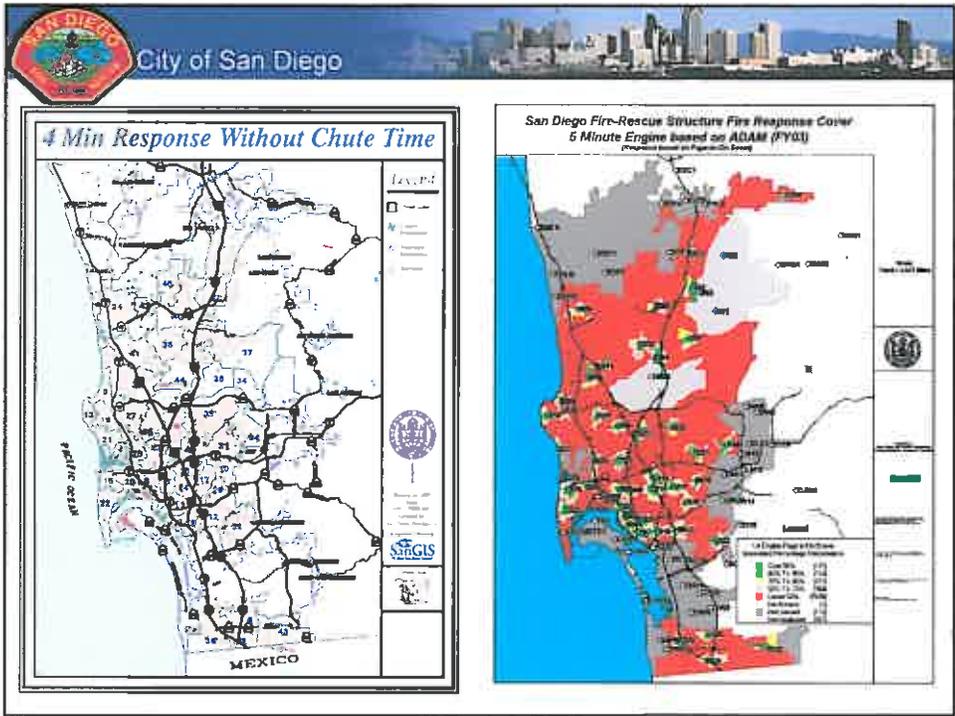
- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard is to arrive on scene within 5 minutes 90 percent of the time.
- San Diego hits 5 minutes about 50 percent of the time.
- 5 minute standard is important because of brain death in medical cases and flash over in fires.



5 Minute  
Medical  
Priority







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## Region VI – Operational Areas




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# Seat at the "Table"

- Historically, 10 major fire agencies decided where to allocate resources based on incident priority
- In 2008, SD region gained a seat at the table
- Regional Fire Protection Committee succeeded in getting representation.



# The Council's Role During Significant Incidents



Tijuana River Flooding



La Jolla Landslide



Witch Fire



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## Planning – Wildland Interface I-Zones

- An organized method to compile specialized information unique to a certain location/community
- More than 23 I-Zones plans have been completed for high fire hazard SD areas including: **Otay Mesa, Balboa Park, Mt. Soledad, San Clemente Canyon, Miramar, Los Penasquitos Canyon, Tierrasanta and Scripps Ranch.**

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## Brush and Building Code Changes

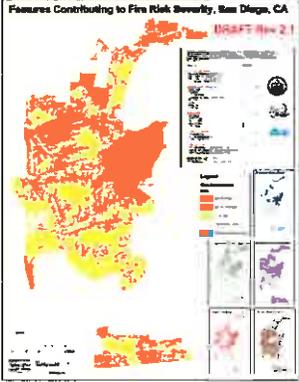
- 100' of defensible space
- No wood roofs
- Non-combustible materials
- Fire/heat resistant doors, windows
- 1-hour or heavy timber eaves
- Chimney spark arrestors
- Vent protection
- Vent location for some structures




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## Brush Management Enhancements

- 5 code compliance officers for brush/weed abatement
- 36% of all parcels inspected annually
- Fire Hazard Severity Map

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## What is CERT?

- Taught by firefighters, lifeguards and paramedics
- Six week academies offered tuition free to City of San Diego residents
- *CERT San Diego* classes offered after hours near San Diego airport



## CERT Community Emergency Response Teams



- 1,003 members; 19 teams
- 107 volunteers from all over the city
- Over 3,000 volunteer hours
- Freed at least 50 firefighters to be on the fire lines.



## BERT = Business CERT



- Great team building
- Our facility or yours
- 3 x 8 hours, 6 x 4 hours or online class + 16 hours
- Fee based program
- Prepares employees at work
- National DSW certification- may safely enter closed buildings
- Supports our non profit mission
- Employees may also serve their community CERT team



## Focus for the Year Ahead

- Fire-Rescue
- Lifeguard Service
- Emergency Medical Services
  
- Training
- Equipment
- Fleet
- Facilities





**QUESTIONS?**