

**San Jose Fire Department
Public Relations and Education**

To Our Neighbors and Valued Customers,

During these challenging times that have affected so many people throughout countless communities, we here at the San Jose Fire Department were forced to make unprecedented changes within our organization in order to provide the essential services necessary to protect you and your family.

One of these difficult choices was to discontinue our Public Education Division. We no longer have the full time staff to develop, organize, administer and follow through with our Mission to sustain a public safety and prevention program through Public Education. For 156 years San Jose Firefighters have been proud to serve the community of San Jose outside of our routine operations. These recent changes have created a deficiency that has separated San Jose Firefighters from the communities we serve. In an effort to bring this valuable component of our Profession back to the citizens of San Jose, we have assembled a Public Relations Committee that is focusing on the needs of our individual communities. At this time we are building a sustainable program that will further educate and allow interaction between all San Jose residents and Firefighters. We hope to have presentations for our community members in the fall of 2011. If you have interest in communicating with our PR committee, or would like to submit your comments and suggestions, please contact pubed@sanjoseca.gov. Thank you for your interest in the San Jose Fire Department Pub-ED division.