



# HEARTLAND FIRE & RESCUE

SERVING THE CITIES OF EL CAJON, LA MESA AND LEMON GROVE

ISO CLASS 1 DEPARTMENT

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## Heartland Fire & Rescue Celebrates 10 Years of Service

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa and Lemon Grove entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement for management and delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services. Under this agreement, the shared management team, known as “Heartland Fire & Rescue” provides management for the three cities resources.

This unique cooperative fire services agreement provides cost containment opportunities, maintains local control, ensures a high level of fire and emergency medical services delivery and maximizes resource utilization. Our mission is to provide safe communities through exceptional professional service. Heartland Fire & Rescue received the “2010 Grand Golden Watchdog” award by the San Diego County Taxpayers Association. The award honors programs that exemplify good government practices and efficient use of tax dollars.

In June of 2015 Heartland Fire & Rescue received the highest possible rating possible for fire protection services from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). ISO evaluates fire protection efforts in cities and districts throughout the country and rates them on a scale of 1-10 with 1 being the best. ISO ratings are one of the factors that determine insurance premiums for homes and businesses. As Heartland Fire & Rescue we were able to obtain an ISO Class 1 rating which is something only one in one thousand fire departments across the nation will achieve. Heartland Fire & Rescue just completed a five year review and maintained our Class 1 rating. This rating demonstrates to the citizens we serve that their Fire Department provides the highest level of fire suppression and community risk reduction and is committed to the preservation of life, property and the environment.

At this 10 year anniversary we would like to thank our communities, elected officials and city leadership for their support. We look forward to another 10 years of service.

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