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On behalf of the 105 men and women of the Santa Barbara Fire Department, I would like to welcome you to our web page and invite you to learn more about the collection of expert and caring services we provide every day. We are committed to ensuring the safety and protection of our community through the preservation of life, property and the environment.

Reflecting the neighborhoods we serve, the Fire Department strives to be community-focused, thoughtful and professional. We are motivated to meet the best practices in fire, rescue and emergency services.

We are committed to reducing the community's risk from fire and other emergencies. We focus a great deal of resources to identify, mitigate and prevent hazards that could cause fires or other emergencies, including unplanned medical events. Simply put, we protect the future.

From the ocean to the mountains, we serve a diverse community preparing for and facing a changing climate. Our crews can be found on the front lines of extreme weather events including winter storms and wind-driven wildland fires.

While we hope you don't need our services, in the event we do meet professionally we promise prompt, professional and caring customer service. You deserve it, and we thrive on providing it.

Finally, if you are looking for a rewarding career serving an appreciative community, especially if you excel in being part of a high performing team, we invite you to learn about our career opportunities as a firefighter or fire prevention officer.

Eric Nickel
Fire Chief