ANNOUNCEMENT

The Early Warning Alarm System (EWAS) ordinance has been updated. Since your property is not in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), the system is now optional. You may:

1. Do nothing and keep your current EWAS
2. Upgrade your current EWAS
3. Switch to another monitoring station
4. Change to a burglar alarm system that includes smoke detectors
5. Replace the system with the State mandated hard-wired smoke detectors

PLEASE NOTE: **Smoke detectors are fire and life safety devices required by California law. If you choose to remove or turn-off the existing EWAS system, your smoke detectors will not work.** You must replace the system with hard-wired smoke detectors. The City of Saratoga Building Department can issue a permit for the new smoke detectors.

If you choose to upgrade your current system, the new ordinance:

1. Allows for internet reporting (with radio backup)
2. Dual burglar/fire reporting systems
3. Reporting by cell phone rather than land line
4. Reporting to central stations other than that currently used by the Fire District


If you decide to make any changes to your existing EWAS, you need to notify the fire district in writing of your choice. If your proposed change moves you away from our existing central monitoring station, we want to know this so we can stop billing you.

You can notify the district by email (twhitley@saratogafire.org), fax 408-867-1330, or mail. The notification should include your name and address and what you are planning to do.

If you have any questions, please email them to Trina Whitley at twhitley@saratogafire.org.