ANNOUNCEMENT

The Early Warning Alarm System (EWAS) ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in technology. Since your property is in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), you are still required to have the fire alarm system. However, 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 used by the Fire District

The new specifications are on our website: [http://www.saratogafire.org/ewas/](http://www.saratogafire.org/ewas/) - EWAS Standards and Requirements link. If you choose to change fire alarm service providers, please make sure a technician (not a salesperson) reads through the specifications to ensure they can support all of the devices in your home.

If you decide to make any changes to your existing EWAS, you will 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](mailto:twhitley@saratogafire.org)), fax 408-867-1330, or mail. The notification should include your name and address and the name of your new provider.

If you have any questions, please email them to Trina Whitley at [twhitley@saratogafire.org](mailto:twhitley@saratogafire.org).