

Biography: Mr. Joe Long

Joe Long has been a resident and active member of the Saratoga community his entire life. He grew up attending local public schools then chose to further his education at West Valley College studying administration of justice. During this time he also worked in local agriculture, drove trucks for a local petroleum distributor, and started a thirty-year volunteer firefighting career. After West Valley he continued his education at Sacramento State University before returning home to pursue a law enforcement career. Joe served as a deputy sheriff and police officer for 15 years, working up to both supervisory and administrative positions. During these years he kept up his education and took specialized courses in law enforcement and firefighting earning numerous certificates in both fields.

Upon leaving law enforcement, Joe joined his family's Saratoga real estate business, started by his grandfather in 1906. He later took over the business from his father and continues to work in real estate. Joe, his wife Susan, and their daughter Casey have always enjoyed living in Saratoga and participating in community events. Susan has worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Fire District, on the Saratoga Union School District Safety Committee and currently volunteers with the historic Model A fire truck in her spare time.

Joe helped to found the City of Saratoga's first Public Safety Commission, and became the first Chairperson in the early 80s. He is a member of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, The Saratoga Rotary Club, and the Saratoga Men's Club. Joe's father was a Saratoga Fire District Commissioner from 1951-1976, and following in his footsteps, Joe was elected to the Saratoga Fire District Board of Commissioners in 2001. He counts his biggest achievements in this position as overseeing the construction of the new Saratoga fire station and the development of a contract for services with Santa Clara County Fire Department. He continues to seek a balance in providing the best emergency services from a large department and maintaining a community based organization responsive to local needs.