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## Profile

Steve \_\_\_\_\_ Oaks \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

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Email Address

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Street Address

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City

CA \_\_\_\_\_  
State

93463 \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

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## Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application \*

Third District - Joan Hartmann

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fire Board of Appeal: Submitted

**If you are now, or have ever been employed by the County of Santa Barbara, please list the department in which you worked, your title, and the dates you were employed.**

Santa Barbara County Fire Department

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## Interests & Experiences

[Steve Oaks Bio 2026\\_1\\_.pdf](#)  
Upload a Resume

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## Demographics

**Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Male

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.**

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I Agree \*



*Biographical and Billing Information for Steve Oaks*

Santa Barbara County Fire Marshal, (Retired)

Steve Oaks began his career in the fire service on a Hotshot crew in 1982. He joined the Santa Barbara County Fire Department as a firefighter in 1987 and promoted through the ranks from Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Division Chief. Steve served as the Air & Wildland Special Operations Chief in charge of Air Support, Fire Crews and Dozer sections. He retired as the Santa Barbara County Fire Marshal and a Division Chief with experience in operational strategic planning, fire protection planning, project management, policy development, political problem solving, and team building.

Steve has extensive operational experience with numerous incidents over the last 32 years. He has been assigned with federal, state, and local incident management teams to many complex, all-hazard incidents. As the Fire Marshal for Santa Barbara County Steve was involved in the review and approval of many Fire Protection Plans, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and Environmental Impact Reports for his fire protection district.

He has experience in writing emergency incident evacuation plans and repopulation plans and coordinating actual evacuations with law enforcement as Liaison Officer on Santa Barbara County's local Incident Management Team. On the Whittier Fire in 2017 he was the Evacuation Group Supervisor in charge of the evacuation of 80 kids and counselors at the Circle V camp. The successful rescue was accomplished by means of a delayed evacuation after a temporary shelter-in-place in heavy timber lodge structure. Steve understands the importance of having a good plan and the value in providing incident commanders and responding personnel options to help insure the safety of civilians and firefighters.

Steve currently serves on NFPA Technical Committees for *Wildland Fire Management* (WFM-AAA) and *Wildland and Rural Fire Protection* (WRP-AAA). Additionally, he served at the State level as a member of the FireScope Operations Team. He held numerous National and State qualifications such as Incident Commander, Plans Section Chief, Operations Section Chief, Liaison Officer, Division/Group Supervisor, Strike Team Leader, Task Force Leader, Hazardous Materials Technician/Specialist, and California PC 830.37 Peace Officer/Investigator.

Steve holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from UCSB and post-graduate work in Organizational Leadership from Cal Baptist University. He has been involved in fire protection planning as author, peer reviewer, and instructor/presenter. Steve is currently a private consultant specializing in finding fire protection solutions that work for regulators and developers alike.