



October 17, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- Fire Station 16 (Lafayette): The sewer line issue was resolved, and we are awaiting final approval of the construction drawings from the Department of Community Development. Once the building permit is issued, the formal bid process can begin. The District's agreement with Kitchell, our construction management firm, is on the Fire Board agenda today. Kitchell will also be assisting with the bidding process.
 - Fire Station 70 (San Pablo): A public meeting was held for community input on October 10, 2017 at San Pablo City Hall. The City of San Pablo Planning Commission will review the project tonight, October 17, 2017. Once we receive design approval from the planning process, the architect will draft construction drawings. We will utilize the same construction management firm for fire stations 16 and 70.
 - In late August and September, the Fire District deployed eight personnel with the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 4 to assist with the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The first deployment, for Hurricane Harvey, was on August 26, and our personnel were there for 11 days. A total of 74 task force members were sent to the Houston, Texas area where they rescued over 75 people from flooded homes. The task force also staffed an evacuation center that provides assistance and medical evaluations to evacuees; and conducted grid searches by boat to several neighborhoods which allowed them to rescue several pets and perform welfare checks on stranded civilians.

The second deployment occurred on September 6, for Hurricane Irma, and our personnel were there for 10 days. Eighty task force members were sent to the Orlando Convention Center where they staged until the storm passed. They were then deployed to the Florida Keys where they performed wide-area searches on Stock Island and went door to door checking on residents. I would like to recognize the following CCCFPD personnel for their work: Captain Jeffery Clark, Captain Casimir Karbo, Captain Daniel McClellan, Captain Greg Sawyer, Captain David Watson, Engineer Ronald Cutting, Engineer Amy Miller, and Firefighter Karl Taugher.

- Two years ago, a CCCFPD firefighter donated his bone marrow to a man unknown to him who was suffering from leukemia. In September, Firefighter Andrade met the recipient of his donation at the fire station. Tom Darst paid Firefighter Andrade a visit to thank him for his lifesaving donation. Both men said they feel like they are family and hope that word spreads and convinces more people to participate in the bone marrow donor program.
- Over a year ago, the Fire District enlisted the help of a consultant to determine the necessary fees to help the Fire District remain solvent even with the increased call volume that results from a new development. The consultant determined that the current one-time Developer Impact Fee needs to be increased to keep up with the cost of facilities and equipment. Additionally, an ongoing CFD fee will need to be implemented to make up the difference between the cost of operating fire resources and the District's share of property taxes. Much of the new development in Antioch is occurring in the southeast corner of the city where the District only receives approximately 9% of the 1% property taxes paid by the homeowner. On average, the District receives 14% districtwide, and the consultant identified the difference of approximately \$350 for each newly developed parcel.
- The Kickoff Luncheon for the 2017 Contra Costa County Annual Workplace Giving Campaign was held on September 20 in Concord. The luncheon was well-attended by thirty County employees who are serving as department coordinators, and everyone was very enthusiastic about helping to make this year's campaign a great success!
- Fire Academy #51 officially began on October 2 with 30 new firefighter recruits. The recruits will endure 19 weeks of intense mental and physical training to prepare them to be CCCFPD firefighters. They will graduate in the spring of 2018 and will fill existing vacancies in the organization and Engine 16 at the new Fire Station 16 in Lafayette.