

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM NO. D.3

**Meeting Date:** September 10, 2012

**Subject/Title:** Receive Update on Volunteer Firefighters Applications

**Submitted by:** Hugh Henderson, Fire Chief

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### RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

Receive updates on volunteer firefighter applications and provide direction to staff.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

At the June 25 Board Meeting, staff was directed to recruit volunteer firefighters and return with the results of the recruitment.

### SUBJECT BACKGROUND

The District conducted recruitment for volunteer firefighters that lived within the fire district. This recruitment was done from both running ads in local papers and the District's website.

The District received a total of 60 applications of people who live within the district. The breakdown of applications are as follows:

- 26 - Brentwood
- 1 - Byron
- 7 - Discovery Bay
- 2 - Knightsen
- 24 - Oakley

Within the 60 applications received there are several people that want to assist the district by filling non-suppression roles such as fire prevention or logistic support on incidents.

In light of receiving a SAFER Grant and the need to recruit/hire full-time firefighters over the next several months, staff's recommendation would be to continue to accept applications and revisit implementation of the volunteer program in the Spring of 2013.

Attachments:

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM NO. D-4

**Meeting Date:** September 10, 2012

**Subject/Title:** Receive Operational Update for August 2012

**Submitted by:** Hugh Henderson, Fire Chief

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### **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION**

Receive operational update for August 2012.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

At the June 25, 2012 Board of Directors meeting, the board approved by Resolution 2012-10 the Preliminary Operating Budget for fiscal year 2012/2013. The preliminary operating budget reduced staffing levels from 48 personnel to 27 personnel and closed three fire stations.

### **SUBJECT BACKGROUND**

The staff report is to give you a summary of the activities throughout the District for the month of August;

#### Calls for service:

In reviewing the calls for service for the month of August there were a total of 509 calls with an average response time of 7.35 minutes. Comparing this, in the month of June, the District ran 546 calls with an average response time of 7.10 minutes. The response times for the first six months of the year averaged for the District was 6:24 minutes for 3162 calls.

Looking at the response times for closed stations;

- Station 54-downtown Brentwood, had 100 calls in the month of August with an average response time of 8.40 minutes. In July there were a total of 112 calls with an average response time of 6.56 minutes. For the six the first six months of the year there were 675 calls with an average response time of 5.23 minutes.
- Station 94- Knightsen, had 9 calls in the month of July with an average response time of 12.35 minutes. In July there were a total of 18 calls with an average response time of 11.15 minutes. For the first six months of the year there were 71 calls with an average response time of 8.05 minutes.
- Station 95-Bethel Island had 30 calls in the month of August with an average response time of 13.40 minutes. In the month of July there were 26 calls with an average response time of 10.32 minutes. For the first six months of the year there were 574 calls with an average response time of 7.01 minutes.

In the month of August there were four significant incidents;

1. On August 11, 2012 about 2:46 PM there was a structure fire in the 4200 block of Stone Road in Bethel Island. This incident was handled with a total of 5 engines and 2 Chief Officers. Two of the 5 engines were from Contra Costa County Fire. The total duration of the incident was 2 hours and 56 minutes.
2. On August 12 2012 about 6:09 PM there was a boating accident on the far north end Holland Tract. The incident was handled with 2 engines and a Chief Officer. There were a total five injured in the accident with two being transported by medical helicopter. The total duration for the incident was 2 hours and 41 minutes.
3. On August 24, 2012 about 5:12 AM there was a structure fire in the 500 block of Second Street in Brentwood. This incident was handled with 5 engines and 3 Chief Officers on scene. There were 2 engines from Contra Costa County Fire. The total duration of the incident was 3 hours and 5 minutes.
4. On August 29, 2012 about 5:09 PM there was construction accident in the 3600 block of N. Willow Rd. in Bethel Island. The incident was handled with 3 engines and 2 Chief Officers. Two of the 3 engines were from Contra Costa fire along with a Chief Officer. The total duration of the incident was 1 hours and 43 minutes.

#### Auto aid:

In the month of July the district received auto aid from Contra Costa County Fire 41 times with them sending 56 units. The District sent auto aid to Contra Costa County Fire 3 times providing them with 3 units. During the month of July, Contra Costa County Fire came into the District 49 times with 64 units and we responded in to Contra Costa County Fire 16 times with 18 units. The first six months of the year, the District has received auto aid from Contra Costa County Fire 155 times with 201 units. The District has responded to Contra Costa County Fire 100 times with a total of 117 units.

#### Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)

On August 29, 2012, the Board approved by resolution to accept the 2011/12 SAFER grant. Staff has started the process with FEMA to accept the grant award. The grant period will start in December of this year and end October of 2014. Staff will be prepared at the October 1 Board of Directors meeting with an implementation plan for reopening stations.