

Additional Information

In 2007, Central Calaveras Fire & Rescue Protection District (CCFRPD) passed a special parcel tax of \$65.00 to fund three paid Fire Captains. This additional revenue is added to the tax revenue received by CCFRPD which funds all of the district's operations. Tax revenue from property taxes over the last 10 years has decreased as the property values in the District have fallen.

The reality of today.

- Rising costs and declining revenue have left us unable to fund all three paid Fire Captain positions.
- Increases in minimum wage, healthcare costs, fuel, and other operational costs have risen significantly.
- As a result, three years ago, two of the three Fire Captain positions were eliminated.
 - Shortly thereafter, the Fire District received a FEMA grant which allowed the Fire District to re-fund the two Fire Captain positions for a period of two years ending on December 30, 2017.

What you get for your money!

- The Fire District currently employs a part-time Fire Chief, an Administrative Assistant, and the three paid Fire Captains.
- Each Fire Captain works a 48 hour shift (2 days) followed by 96 hours (4 days) off. This ensures that coverage is provided 24/7.
 - They respond from the fire station on Jesus Maria Road and are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).
- To ensure adequate staffing is always available, a Resident Firefighter program was established.
 - These additional volunteers live outside of the Fire District as far away as Stockton, Sacramento and even Orange County.
 - In exchange for a daily stipend of \$50-\$100, they volunteer to live at the fire station for the same 48 hour shifts that the paid Fire Captains work
 - Under the supervision of the paid Fire Captains, they respond on all calls with the Captains providing lifesaving care until an ambulance from San Andreas, Angels Camp or father arrives.
 - They spend the rest of their shifts working on training that must be completed to become certified as firefighters by the State Fire Marshal. While working on these training requirements, these volunteers provide thousands of hours of service to the citizens of our Fire District.
- This increase in volunteer staffing by the Resident Firefighter Program has enabled CCFRPD to improve its Insurance (ISO) rating from a 8 to a 5.
 - ISO is a rating system used by the insurance industry that gauges a department's capability to respond to structure fires.
 - Departments are rated on a scale of 1-10, with a 1 being an urban department with hydrants on every corner and all paid staff. A 10 is considered to have no fire protection.
 - For a rural area with limited water supply and predominantly volunteer firefighters, a rating of a five is a very good rating.
 - Insurance companies use this rating to determine rates and whether or not they will insure properties in the area at all.
 - Without this additional staffing by the resident firefighters our ISO rating may lower, making it more difficult and expensive for you to obtain insurance.
 - Without all three paid Captains providing supervision and training to the resident firefighters, we would be unable to sustain the Resident Firefighter program at the current levels.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at firechief@ccfrpd.org or 209-754-4330.

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