

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters
595 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

October 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda items may be taken out of the order shown.

1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)
2. Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2026 Special Meeting.
4. Fire Chief's report.
5. Board of Directors' report.
6. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the November 16, 2026 Regular Board meeting.
7. CLOSED SESSION:
 - a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Director Lee and Director Pennino
Montecito Professional Firefighters Association (Local 5563)
 - b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Director Lee and Director Pennino
Members of Staff Unit

Adjournment

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Brian Fallon, Fire Chief

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Agenda Item #2

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on September 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present: Director Easton, Director Lee, Director Pennino, Director Copus, and Director Williams. Fire Chief Fallon and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Recognition for 30 years of service: Captain Jeff Villarreal.**

Fire Chief Fallon recognized Captain Villarreal for 30 years of service and thanked his family for attending the recognition.

- 3. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Consider recommendation for approval of July and August 2026 financial statements.**

Directors Lee and Pennino provided a report regarding the July and August 2026 financial statements. Director Pennino made a motion to approve the financial statements for July and August 2026, seconded by Director Lee, and unanimously passed.

- b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for June and July 2026.**

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for June and July 2026.

- c. Consider recommendation for approval of reserve funds for Fiscal Year 2026-27.**

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a staff report regarding Reserve Policies and recommended increases for FY 2026-27. Motion to approve the recommended reserve target levels for FY 2026-27 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Pennino, and unanimously passed.

d. Consider recommendation for approval of Resolution 2026-10, Adoption of the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a staff report highlighting changes reflected in the Final Budget since approval of the preliminary budget. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-10, Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Copus. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Pennino, M. Lee, S. Easton, J. Copus, J. Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Consider recommendation for approval of the Annual Employee Reimbursement Disclosure report. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a staff report regarding the Annual Employee Reimbursement Disclosure report. The Board requested information on the reimbursement for the K9 medic course. Director Williams made a motion to approve the Annual Employee Reimbursement Disclosure report, seconded by Director Copus, and unanimously passed.

5. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-11, Establishing Appropriations Limit under Article XIII B of the State Constitution of the State of California for FY 2026-27. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas presented a staff report regarding Resolution 2026-11, Establishing Appropriations Limit under Article XIII B of the State Constitution of the State of California for FY 2026-27. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11, Establishing Appropriations Limit under Article XIII B of the State Constitution of the State of California for FY 2026-27, made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Williams. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Pennino, M. Lee, S. Easton, J. Copus, J. Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the President to execute the Side Letter Agreement amending Section 30 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montecito Professional Firefighters Association (Local 5563) and Montecito Fire Protection District to detail the Longevity Pay Incentive, effective July 1, 2021. (Strategic Plan Goal 6)

Fire Chief Fallon presented the staff report regarding the longevity pay incentive Side Letter. He reported that the Montecito Professional Firefighters Association had agreed to amend

Section 30, as presented. The Board requested that the next negotiated MOU includes explicit language specifying when pay increases are calculated. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to execute the Side Letter Agreement amending Section 30 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montecito Professional Firefighters Association (Local 5563) and Montecito Fire Protection District to detail the Longevity Pay Incentive, effective July 1, 2021, made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

- 7. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the President to execute the Side Letter Agreement amending Section 31 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Members of Staff and Montecito Fire Protection District to detail the Longevity Pay Incentive, effective July 1, 2021. (Strategic Plan Goal 6)**

Fire Chief Fallon presented a staff report regarding the Side Letter for the Staff MOU amending Section 31, as presented. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to execute the Side Letter Agreement amending Section 31 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Staff and Montecito Fire Protection District to detail the Longevity Pay Incentive, effective July 1, 2021 made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Pennino and unanimously passed.

- 8. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the Board President to execute the First Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the Montecito Fire Protection District and Kevin Taylor. (Strategic Plan Goals 1-8)**

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas presented the staff report regarding the First Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement. She explained that because longevity pay is not recognized by CalPERS, it was incorporated into base pay to reflect the intent of the original agreement. The amendment will have no additional financial impact on the District. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to execute the First Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the Montecito Fire Protection District and Kevin Taylor made by Director Pennino, seconded by Director Williams, and unanimously passed.

- 9. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the Board President to execute the Second Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the Montecito Fire Protection District and David Neels. (Strategic Plan Goals 1-8)**

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas presented the staff report regarding the second amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to execute the Second Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the Montecito Fire Protection District and David Neels made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

- 10. Consider approval of the revised Publicly Available Pay Schedules, effective dates July 1, 2019 through April 1, 2026, as required by CalPERS. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas presented the staff report regarding the revised Publicly Available Pay Schedules, effective dates July 1, 2019 through April 1, 2026, as required by CalPERS to reflect the pay rate changes made in the prior approvals. Director Williams made a motion to approve the revised Publicly Available Pay Schedules, effective dates July 1, 2019 through April 1, 2026, as required by CalPERS, seconded by Director Copus, and unanimously passed.

11. PulsePoint presentation. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)

Fire Chief Fallon presented information to the Board of Directors on the PulsePoint app, including publicly shared information and the information the district chooses to keep private. The Board discussed the importance of transparency. Staff will reassess the privacy features of PulsePoint. The Board received and filed the presentation.

12. That the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to initiate and conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the development of Standards of Cover (SOC) for Montecito Fire Protection District. (Strategic Plan Goal 1)

Fire Chief Fallon presented a staff report on the Standards of Cover, which serves as a planning and assessment tool for evaluating the District's resources and services. He noted that the District's most recent Standards of Cover was completed in 2020. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to initiate and conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the development of Standards of Cover (SOC) for Montecito Fire Protection District made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Lee, and the motion unanimously passed.

13. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the Fire Chief to accept the \$2,000 donation from MERRAG. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

Trish Davis commented regarding the donation from MERRAG.

Fire Chief Fallon presented the staff report regarding a donation from MERRAG. Motion to approve and authorize the Fire Chief to accept the \$2,000 donation from MERRAG made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

14. Approval of Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Special meeting made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Pennino, and the motion unanimously passed. Director Williams abstained.

15. Approval of Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Copus, and the motion unanimously passed.

16. Fire Chief's report.

Fire Chief Fallon reported to the Board that the community "Go Bags" purchased by the Department will be available to Montecito residents at the end of October.

The "Ready Set Go" pamphlets will be sent out to residents.

The firefighter and firefighter/paramedic recruitment application window will be open during October 12 -19.

The upstaffing trailer will be purchased and implemented in a few weeks.

West and East Mountain Drive have been weed-whipped.

17. Board of Director's report.

Director Williams reported that the recent Flood Control meeting was successful. Director Easton noted the strong public turnout. Representatives from the agencies remained after the meeting to speak with residents and answer questions individually.

18. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the October 26, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

Director Pennino asked the Fire Chief to reevaluate the current response model for down trees. Fire Chief Fallon suggested providing information on the process of the Fire Department's response to down trees.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:11 p.m.

19. CLOSED SESSION:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

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 Montecito Professional Firefighters Association (Local 5563)**

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 Members of Staff Unit**

The Board reported out of closed session at 5:27 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

President Easton

Secretary Lee

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Item #3

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on October 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Pennino, Director Copus, and Director Williams. Fire Chief Fallon and District Counsel Gabby Kamran were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

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The Board reported out of closed session at 3:40 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

President Easton

Secretary Lee

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Item #4

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Q3 OPERATIONS REPORT

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RESPONSE DATA FOR Q2 OF 2026 - JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

RESPONSES BY CATEGORY

Fire	17
Rescue & EMS	299
Hazardous Condition	20
Good Intent Call	71
False Alarm	192

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

599

Board Policy: Total Response Time of 7:00 minutes, 90% of the time

Total Response Time = Call Processing + Turnout Time + Drive Time
(1:00) (2:00) (4:00)

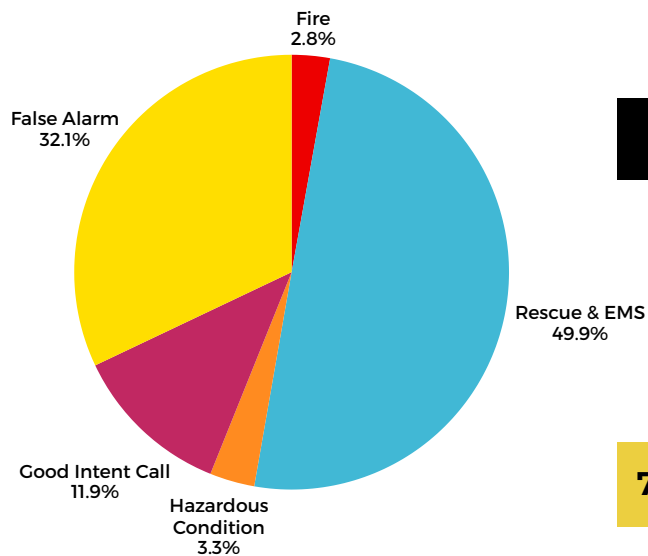
TOTAL EMERGENCY CALLS IN MTO DISTRICT = 215

Total Response Time over 7:00 = 30 Calls = 14%

Total Response Time under 7:00 = 185 Calls = 86%

7:00 minutes or less, 86% of the time for Emergency Response in Q3

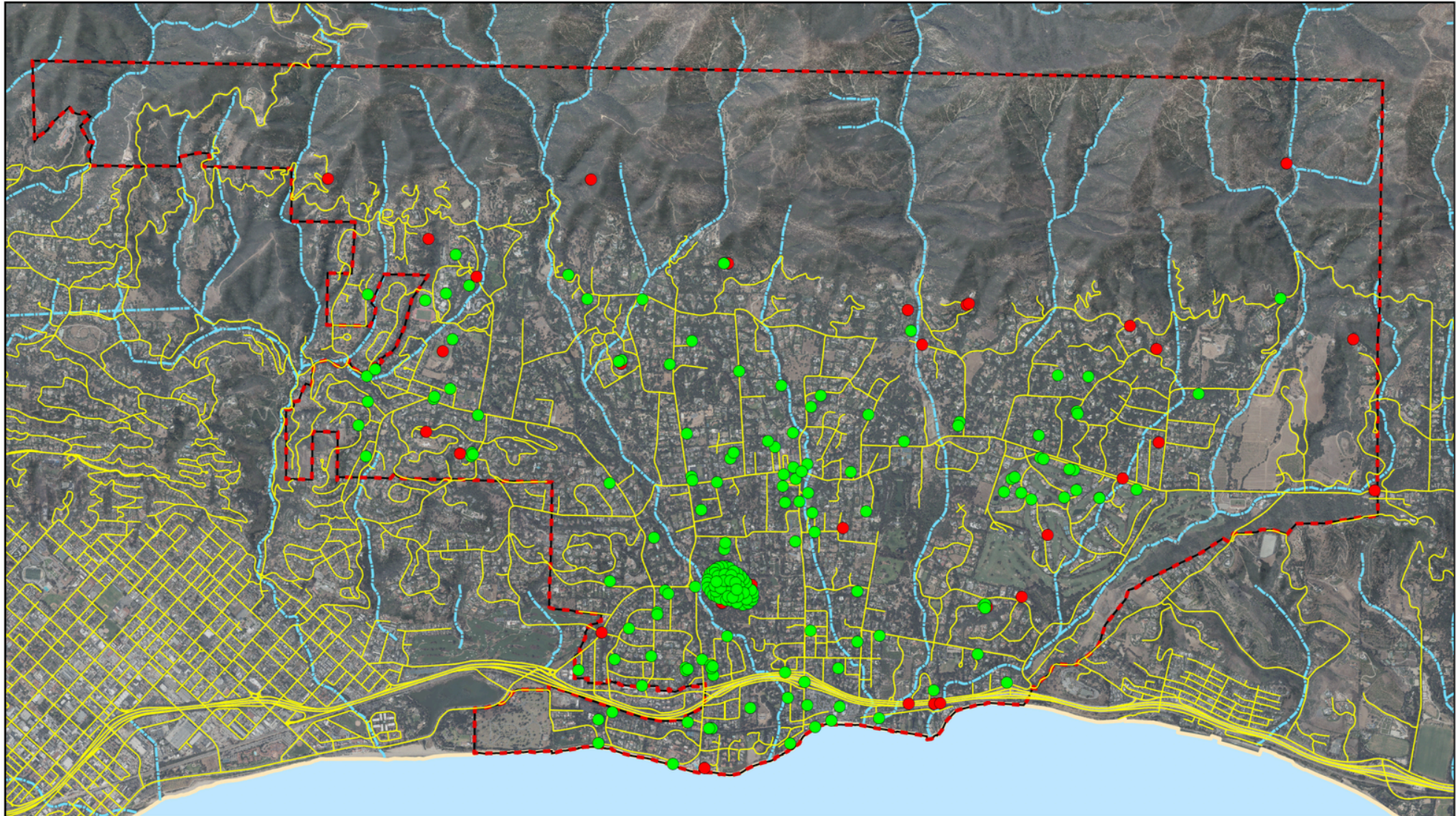
RESPONSES BY PERCENTAGE



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7-MINUTE RESPONSE MAP



Emergency Response Time:

- Under 7 Minutes (185)
- Over 7 Minutes (30)

 MFD Boundary

 Streets

 Creeks & Rivers



MONTECITO FIRE DISTRICT

**Emergency Response - Under 7 Minutes
to Arrival on Scene (Q3 2026)**
20261016

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OPERATIONAL UPDATES

TEMPORARY FIREFIGHTER HOUSING LOCATIONS

Montecito Fire Department, in partnership with Montecito Water District, established two new temporary firefighter housing locations for use during periods of elevated fire risk and other significant weather events.

The east end location is the Water District's East Valley Pump Station property, located near the intersection of Sheffield Drive and East Valley Road. The west end location is at the Water District's Terminal Reservoir, located near the intersection of East Mountain Drive and Cold Spring Road. These strategic locations on the borders of Montecito Fire's service area will provide enhanced public safety and significantly improve emergency response capabilities.

Travel trailers will soon be placed at the East Valley Pump Station and Terminal Reservoir equipped with water and power so they are ready to quickly house firefighters when critical fire weather conditions or storm events are predicted.



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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

TRAIL RESCUES

July 12 - San Ysidro Trail

Montecito Fire responded to the San Ysidro Trail for an injured hiker. A hiker slipped and fell about 50 feet off the San Ysidro Trail and sustained head lacerations. Squad 91 and Engine 91 personnel hiked to the patient and provided treatment. The patient was flown to Cottage Hospital by SBC Copter 308. AMR and SBC Search & Rescue assisted with our response. PATIENT THANKED THE CREW SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, LOCAL DOCTOR.

September 5 - Romero Canyon Trail

Montecito Fire was dispatched to the Romero Canyon Trail at about 5:30 p.m. for an injured hiker. Firefighters located the hiker about one mile from the trailhead with an isolated ankle injury. Our personnel brought the patient partially down the trailhead using a Stokes basket and wheel, with the assistance of Santa Barbara County Search & Rescue team members. From there, UTV91 transported to the patient to the fire road where an AMR ambulance was waiting to take the hiker to the hospital. Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit and Santa Barbara County Fire were part of the initial response but were canceled after it was determined that additional resource were not needed.

JULY 12 - SAN YSIDRO TRAIL



SEPTEMBER 5 - ROMERO CANYON TRAIL



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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

HIGHWAY 101 INCIDENTS

September 24 - Near Sheffield Drive

At 1:40 a.m., Montecito Fire responded to a traffic collision on southbound Highway 101 near the Sheffield exit.

Four vehicles and two semi-trucks were involved in the incident. No injured were reported.

The southbound lanes of Highway 101 were closed at Sheffield Drive for several hours due to a large fuel spill and debris in the roadway.

SEPTEMBER 24 - NEAR SHEFFIELD DRIVE



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MUTUAL AID

TIMBER FIRE, BIG SUR - AUGUST



OLD TRAILS FIRE, SPOKANE - AUGUST



MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

MP 18, HUMBOLDT

FRIJOLES FIRE, NEW MEXICO

DOME FIRE, YOSEMITE

PLASKETT FIRE, MONTEREY

ROWE CREEK FIRE, OREGON

TIMBER FIRE, BIG SUR

OLD TRAILS FIRE, SPOKANE

SECOND FLAT FIRE, OREGON

WARD FIRE, NEVADA

FOX FIRE, OREGON

ANTELOPE FIRE, CHOLAME

TRAINING

TRUCK TRAINING WITH SANTA BARBARA CITY FIRE

On July 7, Montecito Fire and Santa Barbara City Fire conducted joint training on Truck 71, the City of Santa Barbara's new tiller truck. Santa Barbara City Fire's ladder truck is dispatched to incidents in the Montecito community when specialist assistance is needed, thanks to our Regional Fire Communications Center's closest-unit response model.

This training exemplified how partner agencies can strengthen interagency cooperations, build operational familiarity, and ensure seamless service to the communities we proudly serve.



TRAINING

JOINT AGENCY TOWER TRAINING

On September 14, personnel participated in a joint training exercise with Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Department and Santa Barbara City Fire Department focused on structure fire response, mitigation, and incident command and control.

The training emphasized interagency coordination, communication, resource deployment, risk assessment, and coordination of suppression, rescue, and ventilation operations. The exercise provided an opportunity to reinforce standard operating procedures, identify areas for improvement, and enhance interoperability between agencies.



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PERSONNEL UPDATES

YEARS OF SERVICE

In July, we honored **Firefighter/Paramedic Ryland McCracken** for 20 dedicated years of service to Montecito Fire Department and our community.

In September, we honored **Captain Jeff Villarreal** for his 30 years with Montecito Fire Department.

We are grateful to the McCracken and Villarreal families for joining us to celebrate these impressive professional milestones.



RYLAND MCCRACKEN - 20 YEARS



JEFF VILLARREAL - 30 YEARS

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