

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, California
July 24, 2023 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. Reject claim for damages for vehicle accident claim from Noah Kovacs (claimant). (Strategic Plan Goal 8)
 - a. Staff report presented by Division Chief Ederer.
3. Receive Fire Prevention Bureau reply to public comment regarding assessment of District creeks, culverts, and potential chokepoints prior to the storm season. (Strategic Plan Goal 2 and 3)
 - a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Briner.
4. Approval of Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.
5. Fire Chief's report.
6. Board of Director's report.
7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the August 28, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Adjournment

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David Neels, Fire Chief

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Item #2



STAFF REPORT

To: Montecito Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: David Neels, Fire Chief 
Prepared by: Travis Ederer, Division Chief
 Araceli Nahas, District Accountant
Date: July 24, 2023
Topic: Rejection of Damages for Vehicle Accident Claim

Summary

On March 8, 2023, the crew of Engine 191 struck the side of a parked vehicle in the Montecito Country Mart located at 1024 Coast Village Road. The crew made contact with the vehicle owner, and an insurance claim was submitted to the District's provider.

Background

On June 28, 2023, the District received a "Notice of Claim" and a repair quote from the vehicle owner, Noah Kovacs. The Board of Directors has 45 days from the receipt of the claim to issue a response to the claim. A notice of rejection of claim allows the District to refer the claim to the District's third party administrator (FAIRA) for its review of the claim. The rejection notice also allows the claimant six months to file a court action against the District.

The claimant and the District's insurance adjuster are working on repairing the claimant's vehicle.

Engine 191 incurred minor damage from the accident, and the District's mechanic has completed all the repairs.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the Board approve the issuance of the "Notice of Rejection of Claim" form.

Attachments

1. Claim Form and Repair Estimate from Claimant
2. Notice of Rejection of Claim
3. Cover Letter for Notice

Strategic Plan Reference

Strategic Plan Goal #8, Ensure Financial Accountability & Transparency



MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Attachment 1

An Independent Fire District

Claim Form

Received 6/28/28 via email. -A. Nahas

Section 1: Claimant Information

Name of Claimant: Noah Kovacs Telephone Number: 4153426678

Mailing Address: 15 Calaveras ave, Goleta CA, 93117

Section 2: Claim Information

Is this claim filed on behalf of a minor? Yes No

If yes, please indicate relationship to the minor _____

Date of birth of the minor ___/___/___

Indicate Date: 6/28/23 Amount of Claim: \$ 9078.07 If the amount exceeds \$10,000, indicate type of civil case:

Limited Civil Case Non-Limited Civil Case

Describe the specific damage or injury incurred as a result of the incident:

Damage to rear wheel, quarter pannel, door, and skirt.

Explain how the dollar amount claim was computed (attach a copy of the supporting documentation for the amount claimed with this form):

Bodyshop estimate to repair

Location of the incident (if applicable, include street address, city or county, highway number, post mile number and direction of travel.)

Montecito CA, in front of rorys icecream.

Explain the circumstances that led to the alleged damage or injury. State all facts that support your claim against Montecito Fire Protection District (MFPD) and why you believe MFPD is responsible for the alleged damage or injury. If known, provide the name(s) of the MFPD employee(s) who allegedly caused the injury, damage or loss. (If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets.)

Fire truck drove into my parked vehicle.

Section 3: Insurance Information

(must be completed if claim involves a motor vehicle.)

Has the claim for the alleged damage/injury been filed with your insurance agent?

Yes No

Insurance Company: Allstate Telephone Number: 707-769-5023

Mailing Address:

Policy #: 999681718 Amount of deductible: \$ 500

Vehicle Year, Make, Model: 2016 Audi A4

Are you the registered owner? Yes No If no, name of owner?

Section 4: Representative Information

(must be completed if claim is being filed by an attorney or authorized representative.)

Name of Attorney/Rep: Telephone Number:

Mailing Address:

Section 5: Notice and Signature

Section 72 of the Penal Code provides that "every person who, with intent to defraud, presents for allowance or for payment to any State Board or Officer, or to any county, town, city, district, ward, or village, board or officer, authorized to allow or pay the same if genuine, any false or fraudulent claim, bill, account, voucher, or writing, is guilty of a felony."

Noah Florans
Signature of Claimant

06/28/2023
Date

Signature of Attorney/Representative

/ /
Date

G & C AUTO BODY SONOMA

We listen, We promise, We deliver
19285 SONOMA HIGHWAY, SONOMA, CA 95476
Phone: (707) 721-1200
FAX: (707) 938-7245

Workfile ID: 1921f4a0
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PartsShare: 7qMLNm
Federal ID: 68027145-2
State ID: SRYJH 099-283250
Federal EPA: CAL0004100001
State EPA: N/A
BAR: ARD00282429

Preliminary Estimate

Customer: Kovacs, Noah

Job Number:

Written By: Damien Breaw

Insured: Kovacs, Noah

Policy #:

Claim #:

Type of Loss:

Date of Loss:

Days to Repair: 0

Point of Impact: 08 Left Qtr Post (Left Side)

Owner:

Kovacs, Noah
327 Dechene Ave
Sonoma, CA 95476
(707) 331-0738 Cell

Inspection Location:

G & C AUTO BODY SONOMA
19285 SONOMA HIGHWAY
SONOMA, CA 95476
Repair Facility
(707) 721-1200 Business

Insurance Company:

VEHICLE

2016 AUDI A4 Premium Plus Quattro Automatic 4D SED 4-2.0L Turbocharged Flex Fuel Gasoline Direct Injection black

VIN: WAUFFAFL1GN010661

Interior Color: black

Mileage In: 122,332

Vehicle Out:

License: 8VES835

Exterior Color: black

Mileage Out:

State: CA

Production Date: 9/2015

Condition:

Job #:

TRANSMISSION

Automatic Transmission
4 Wheel Drive

POWER

Power Steering
Power Brakes
Power Windows
Power Locks
Power Mirrors
Heated Mirrors
Power Driver Seat
Power Passenger Seat
Memory Package

DECOR

Dual Mirrors
Tinted Glass

Console/Storage

Overhead Console

CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning
Intermittent Wipers
Tilt Wheel
Cruise Control
Rear Defogger
Keyless Entry
Alarm
Message Center
Steering Wheel Touch Controls
Telescopic Wheel
Climate Control
Remote Starter
Home Link

RADIO

AM Radio
FM Radio
Stereo
Search/Seek
CD Player
Auxiliary Audio Connection
Satellite Radio

SAFETY

Drivers Side Air Bag
Passenger Air Bag
Anti-Lock Brakes (4)
4 Wheel Disc Brakes
Front Side Impact Air Bags
Head/Curtain Air Bags
Hands Free Device

ROOF

Electric Glass Sunroof

SEATS

Leather Seats
Heated Seats

WHEELS

Aluminum/Alloy Wheels

PAINT

Clear Coat Paint

OTHER

Fog Lamps
Traction Control
Stability Control
Signal Integrated Mirrors
Xenon or L.E.D. Headlamps
Headlamp Washers

Get live updates at www.carwise.com/e/4xAWkY

Customer: Kovacs, Noah

Job Number:

2016 AUDI A4 Premium Plus Quattro Automatic 4D SED 4-2.0L Turbocharged Flex Fuel Gasoline Direct Injection black

Line	Oper	Description	Part Number	Qty	Extended Price \$	Labor	Paint
1		WHEELS					
2	R&I	RT/Rear R&I wheel			m	0.1	
3	R&I	Spare Spare wheel				0.2	
4	*	Subl <u>RT/Rear Wheel, alloy 10 spoke - REFIN</u>		1	<u>150.00</u> X m		
5	#	mount and ballace tire		1	25.00		
6	#	TPMS R&I		1	15.00		
7		ROOF					
8	R&I	RT Roof molding matte black from 11/2009				0.8	
9		PILLARS, ROCKER & FLOOR					
10	*	R&I <u>RT Rocker molding - LOOSEN</u>				<u>0.4</u>	
11		FRONT DOOR					
12	Blnd	RT Door shell frm 10/17/2011					1.0
13	R&I	RT Belt molding chrome				0.3	
14	R&I	RT R&I mirror as an assy				0.3	
15	R&I	RT Handle, outside				0.4	
16	R&I	RT R&I trim panel				0.5	
17		REAR DOOR					
18	Repl	RT Door shell sedan from 07/17/09	8K5833052D	1	1,543.33	5.0	2.9
19		Add for Clear Coat					1.2
20	R&I	RT Door w'strip sedan				Incl.	
21	R&I	RT Applique satin black				Incl.	
22	*	R&I RT Rear trim satin black				<u>0.1</u>	
23	R&I	RT Belt w'strip				0.4	
24	R&I	RT Belt molding chrome				Incl.	
25	R&I	RT Door glass Audi, sedan from 08/16/2008				Incl.	
26	*	R&I RT Run channel sedan from 07/13/2013				<u>Incl.</u>	
27	*	R&I RT Window regulator from VIN 8K9097612				<u>Incl.</u>	
28	*	R&I RT Window motor from 01/10/2009				<u>Incl.</u>	
29	*	R&I RT Control module sedan from 05/26/2012				<u>Incl.</u>	
30	R&I	RT Handle, outside				Incl.	
31	*	R&I RT Lock from 11/03/2009				<u>Incl.</u>	
32	R&I	RT R&I trim panel				Incl.	
33		QUARTER PANEL					
34	*	Rpr RT Quarter panel				<u>14.0</u>	2.4
35		Overlap Major Adj. Panel					-0.4
36		Add for Clear Coat					0.4

Preliminary Estimate

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Customer: Kovacs, Noah

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37	R&I	RT Wheelhouse liner	0.4	
38	R&I	Fuel door	0.3	
39	R&I	RT Qtr glass Audi w/chrome molding	1.8	
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40	REAR LAMPS			
41	R&I	RT Tail lamp assy	0.4	
42	R&I	LT Tail lamp assy	0.4	
<hr/>				
43	REAR BUMPER			
44	* <>	Rpr Bumper cover w/o park sensors	<u>2.0</u>	2.6
45		Overlap Major Non-Adj. Panel		-0.2
46		Add for Clear Coat		0.5
47	*	R&I Lower trim	<u>0.6</u>	
48	*	R&I Wire harness	<u>0.3</u>	
<hr/>				
49	VEHICLE DIAGNOSTICS			
50	*	Subl Pre-repair scan	1	<u>60.00</u> X m
51	*	Subl Post-repair scan	1	<u>120.00</u> X m
52	#	4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT	1	99.95 X
53	#	Rpr D&R BATTERY		0.2
54	#	COVER CAR	1	10.00 X 0.2
55	#	HAZARDOUS WASTE	1	19.00 X
56	#	Rpr TINT COLOR		0.5
57	**	Repl Non OEM ROPE GLASS - windshield	1	3.00 0.3
58	**	Repl Non OEM ROPE GLASS - Rear glass	1	3.00 0.3
59	#	SELF ETCHING PRIMER	1	10.00 0.1
SUBTOTALS			2,058.28	30.3 10.4

NOTES

Prior Damage Notes:
right front door

ESTIMATE TOTALS

Category	Basis	Rate	Cost \$
Parts			1,599.33
Body Labor	30.3 hrs @	\$ 150.00 /hr	4,545.00
Paint Labor	10.4 hrs @	\$ 150.00 /hr	1,560.00
Paint Supplies	10.4 hrs @	\$ 68.00 /hr	707.20
Miscellaneous			458.95
Subtotal			8,870.48
Sales Tax	\$ 2,306.53 @	9.0000 %	207.59
Grand Total			9,078.07

Customer: Kovacs, Noah**Job Number:**

2016 AUDI A4 Premium Plus Quattro Automatic 4D SED 4-2.0L Turbocharged Flex Fuel Gasoline Direct Injection black

FOR YOUR PROTECTION CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING TO APPEAR ON THIS FORM. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE OR FRAUDULENT INFORMATION TO OBTAIN OR AMEND INSURANCE COVERAGE OR TO MAKE A CLAIM FOR THE PAYMENT OF A LOSS IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN STATE PRISON.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS OR SYMBOLS THAT MAY BE USED TO DESCRIBE WORK TO BE DONE OR PARTS TO BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED:

MOTOR ABBREVIATIONS/SYMBOLS: D=DISCONTINUED PART, A=APPROXIMATE PRICE. LABOR TYPES: B=BODY LABOR, D=DIAGNOSTIC, E=ELECTRICAL, F=FRAME, G=GLASS, M=MECHANICAL, P=PAINT LABOR, S=STRUCTURAL, T=TAXED MISCELLANEOUS, X=NON TAXED MISCELLANEOUS. CCC ONE: ADJ=ADJACENT, ALGN=ALIGN, A/M=AFTERMARKET, BLND=BLEND, CAPA=CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ASSOCIATION, D&R=DISCONNECT AND RECONNECT, EST=ESTIMATE, EXT. PRICE=UNIT PRICE MULTIPLIED BY THE QUANTITY, INCL=INCLUDED, MISC=MISCELLANEOUS, NAGS=NATIONAL AUTO GLASS SPECIFICATIONS, NON-ADJ=NON ADJACENT, O/H=OVERHAUL, OP=OPERATION, NO=LINE NUMBER, QTY=QUANTITY, RECOND=RECONDITION, REFN=REFINISH, REPL=REPLACE, R&I=REMOVE AND INSTALL, R&R=REMOVE AND REPLACE, RPR=REPAIR, RT=RIGHT, SECT=SECTION, SUBL=SUBLET, LT=LEFT, W/O=WITHOUT, W/_=WITH/_ SYMBOLS: #=MANUAL LINE ENTRY, *=OTHER [IE..MOTORS DATABASE INFORMATION WAS CHANGED], **=DATABASE LINE WITH AFTERMARKET, N=NOTES ATTACHED TO LINE. OPT OEM=ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER PARTS EITHER OPTIONALLY SOURCED OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED WITH SOME UNIQUE PRICING OR DISCOUNT.

""CURE TIME"" MEANS THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT, PER THE ADHESIVE MANUFACTURER, THE WINDSHIELD ADHESIVE NEEDS TO CURE UNTIL THE WINDSHIELD CAN PROPERLY FUNCTION AS A SAFETY DEVICE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS AND THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS.

THIS ESTIMATE HAS BEEN PREPARED BASED ON THE USE OF CRASH PARTS SUPPLIED BY A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE MANUFACTURER OF YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE. ANY WARRANTIES APPLICABLE TO THESE REPLACEMENT PARTS ARE PROVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURER OR DISTRIBUTOR OF THE PARTS, RATHER THAN BY THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER OF YOUR VEHICLE.

Customer: Kovacs, Noah**Job Number:**

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Estimate based on MOTOR CRASH ESTIMATING GUIDE and potentially other third party sources of data. Unless otherwise noted, (a) all items are derived from the Guide ERA1399, CCC Data Date 06/16/2023, and potentially other third party sources of data; and (b) the parts presented are OEM-parts. OEM parts are manufactured by or for the vehicle's Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) according to OEM's specifications for U.S. distribution. OEM parts are available at OE/Vehicle dealerships or the specified supplier. OPT OEM (Optional OEM) or ALT OEM (Alternative OEM) parts are OEM parts that may be provided by or through alternate sources other than the OEM vehicle dealerships with discounted pricing. Asterisk (*) or Double Asterisk (**) indicates that the parts and/or labor data provided by third party sources of data may have been modified or may have come from an alternate data source. Tilde sign (~) items indicate MOTOR Not-Included Labor operations. The symbol (<>) indicates the refinish operation WILL NOT be performed as a separate procedure from the other panels in the estimate. Non-Original Equipment Manufacturer aftermarket parts are described as Non OEM, A/M or NAGS. Used parts are described as LKQ, RCY, or USED. Reconditioned parts are described as Recond. Recored parts are described as Recore. NAGS Part Numbers and Benchmark Prices are provided by National Auto Glass Specifications. Labor operation times listed on the line with the NAGS information are MOTOR suggested labor operation times. NAGS labor operation times are not included. Pound sign (#) items indicate manual entries.

Some 2023 vehicles contain minor changes from the previous year. For those vehicles, prior to receiving updated data from the vehicle manufacturer, labor and parts data from the previous year may be used. The CCC ONE estimator has a list of applicable vehicles. Parts numbers and prices should be confirmed with the local dealership.

The following is a list of additional abbreviations or symbols that may be used to describe work to be done or parts to be repaired or replaced:

SYMBOLS FOLLOWING PART PRICE:

m=MOTOR Mechanical component. s=MOTOR Structural component. T=Miscellaneous Taxed charge category. X=Miscellaneous Non-Taxed charge category.

SYMBOLS FOLLOWING LABOR:

D=Diagnostic labor category. E=Electrical labor category. F=Frame labor category. G=Glass labor category. M=Mechanical labor category. S=Structural labor category. (numbers) 1 through 4=User Defined Labor Categories.

OTHER SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

Adj.=Adjacent. Algn.=Align. ALU=Aluminum. A/M=Aftermarket part. Bld=Blend. BOR=Boron steel. CAPA=Certified Automotive Parts Association. D&R=Disconnect and Reconnect. HSS=High Strength Steel. HYD=Hydroformed Steel. Incl.=Included. LKQ=Like Kind and Quality. LT=Left. MAG=Magnesium. Non-Adj.=Non Adjacent. NSF=NSF International Certified Part. O/H=Overhaul. Qty=Quantity. Refn=Refinish. Repl=Replace. R&I=Remove and Install. R&R=Remove and Replace. Rpr=Repair. RT=Right. SAS=Sandwiched Steel. Sect=Section. Subl=Sublet. UHS=Ultra High Strength Steel. N=Note(s) associated with the estimate line.

CCC ONE Estimating - A product of CCC Intelligent Services Inc.

The following is a list of abbreviations that may be used in CCC ONE Estimating that are not part of the MOTOR CRASH ESTIMATING GUIDE:

BAR=Bureau of Automotive Repair. EPA=Environmental Protection Agency. NHTSA= National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. PDR=Paintless Dent Repair. VIN=Vehicle Identification Number.

Customer: Kovacs, Noah

Job Number:

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PARTS SUPPLIER LIST

Line	Supplier	Description	Price
18	Audi Marin 700 Francisco Blvd W San Rafael CA 94901	#8K5833052D RT Door shell sedan from 07/17/09 Quote: 1563887384 Expires: 07/26/23	\$ 1,543.33

**Pictures of Damage on Claimant's Vehicle
March 8, 2023**





MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Attachment 2

An Independent Fire District

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

TO: Claimant Noah Kovacs

Notice is hereby given that the communication purporting to be a claim

by Noah Kovacs against the Montecito Fire Protection District

dated June 28, 2023, was rejected by the Fire District Board

on July 24, 2023.

WARNING

Subject to certain exceptions, you have only six (6) months from the date this notice was personally delivered or deposited in the mail to file a court action in municipal or superior court of the State of California on this claim. See Government Code Section 945.6. You may seek the advice of an attorney of your choice in connection with this matter. If you desire to consult an attorney, you should do so immediately. Also, refer to Government Code Section 945.3 in cases where criminal charges may be pending.

I, Sylvia Easton, Secretary, certify that the original of the above notice was deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, certified return receipt requested, in California, on the 24th day of July, 2023. I declare under penalty that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED at Santa Barbara, California, 93108.

SIGNED: _____
Secretary to the Board, Montecito Fire Protection District



MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Attachment 3

An Independent Fire District

July 24, 2023

Noah Kovacs
15 Calaveras Ave.
Goleta, CA 93117
noah@kovacs-management.com

Dear Mr. Kovacs:

The attached notice from the Montecito Fire Protection District rejecting your recently filed claim is given, as required by law. Denial of this claim amounts to a legal decision that the claim is insufficient for one reason or another, and that it cannot be paid by the Montecito Fire Protection District at this time, in whole or in part.

However, it is the practice of the Montecito Fire Protection District to refer claims to the third party administrator of the District for its review of the claim.

Accordingly, the claim is being referred immediately to the District's third party administrator who represents the District in this matter and acts as described above.

Please read the enclosed notice carefully.

Sincerely,


Sylvia Easton, Secretary of the Board of Directors

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Item #3



STAFF REPORT

To: Montecito Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: Aaron Briner, Fire Marshal 
Date: July 24, 2023
Topic: Public Comment Reply – Fall weed abatement and the assessment of creeks, stream beds, culverts, and chokepoints prior to winter storm season

Summary

Response to public comment at the June 26, 2023 Board Of Directors meeting regarding the fall weed abatement and assessment of creeks, stream beds, culverts, and chokepoints within the District prior to the winter storm season.

Discussion

In response to the public comment request, the Prevention Bureau reviewed the District annual hazard abatement program, and reached out to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control Department, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss their preparations for the upcoming storm season.

The annual fall weed abatement is part of a range of programs that facilitates wildfire preparedness and mitigation within the District by ensuring that parcels within the District are brought into compliance with the adopted defensible space standards. In addition, it can assist in identifying areas where reduction in fuel loads in strategic locations may improve public and first responder safety and the negative impacts of wildfires.

Any known major fire hazards and fuel loading in these areas are addressed through the annual hazard abatement program as well as our fuel treatment network and chipping programs. Locations such as creeks, stream beds, culverts, etc. oftentimes have restrictions in place and many laws prohibit work in these areas. As such the weed abatement program does not include assessment of these areas.

The Flood Control Department advised that they start their permit process every February to support their annual work, which occurs from August to December. They focus on the large waterways as they have the most potential to cause major damage with a significant storm and they do not have the budget or staff to perform work in the smaller seasonal washes. Per Flood Control they are only responsible for the major creek arteries, the small backyard tributaries are the responsibility of the homeowner.

The Fire Department personnel currently do advise Flood Control of any identified trees down on the bank or in the active flow channel, or large rocks in the channel of major creeks that may pose a problem with upcoming storms.

As of this time, we have not received a response from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The District annual winter storm preparation is based on experience from past storms with the focus being on areas identified as highest risk in the Storm Impact Consideration Map. The assessment of small stream beds, culverts or potential chokepoints outside of the major creek system is very difficult as almost all of these are located on private property, and we do not have the right to enter without permission from the owner.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that before each storm season the District continue to scout known chokepoints and address potential issues based on prior storm experience. In addition, we could advise residents to do the same assessment of the creeks and waterways on their properties.

Strategic Plan Reference

Strategic Plan Goal #2, Enhance Risk Mitigation Efforts

Strategic Plan Goal #3, Achieve Excellence in Community Service

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Item #4

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 June 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duiwyk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director van Duiwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty, Director Powell. Chief Neels 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.)**

Community member John Watson encouraged the Department to consider a Fall Weed Abatement review of the streambeds, which would require access on private property.

- 2. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2023-06, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2023-06, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-06, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Powell. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, S. Dougherty, M. Lee, P. van Duiwyk, J. A. Powell
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

- 3. Election of the Special District Risk Management Authority Governing Board of Directors Positions.**

Motion to select Robert Swan and Acquanetta Warren as the Special District Risk Management Authority Governing Board of Directors made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Powell. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, S. Dougherty, M. Lee, P. van Duiwyk, J. A. Powell
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4. Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

5. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Neels stated that Station 90 is open, and Engine 691 is in service on the south area of the District below Hwy 101. The Chief extended his thanks to Ty Warner for his assistance in making the lot available for the Department. He also thanked the Firefighters Association for staffing the apparatus as it is beyond the normal station coverage. The Chief stated the Department received the final inspection for the East Valley Road rebuild on June 20. He noted that a selection panel will meet this week to review six applications submitted from members within the Department. Chief Neels stated the final walk through for the Station 92 repairs should happen by July 19. The Chief provided an update regarding the Ambulance Service process. The Chief stated the Fire Station Location Committee meeting is schedule this Wednesday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. The Chief noted the Wildfire Preparedness Community meeting will be held at El Montecito Church on June 28 at 6:00 p.m. Chief Neels stated the 4th of July pancake breakfast will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

6. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July 24, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Director Dougherty suggested that staff address Mr. Watson's concerns expressed during public comment today.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton

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Item #5

QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT

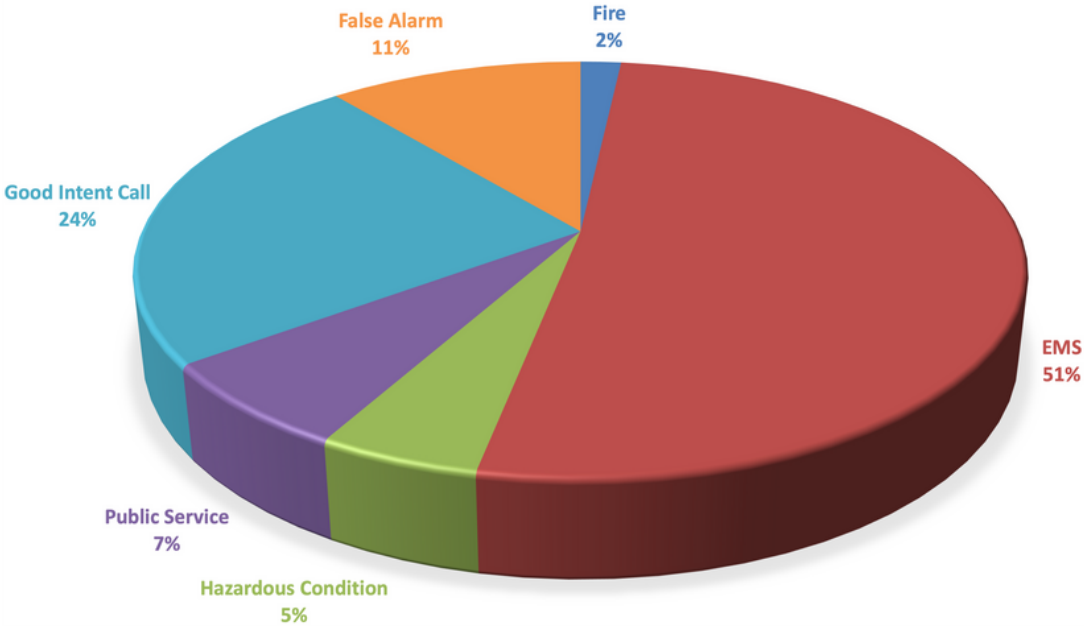
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Meeting
July 24, 2023



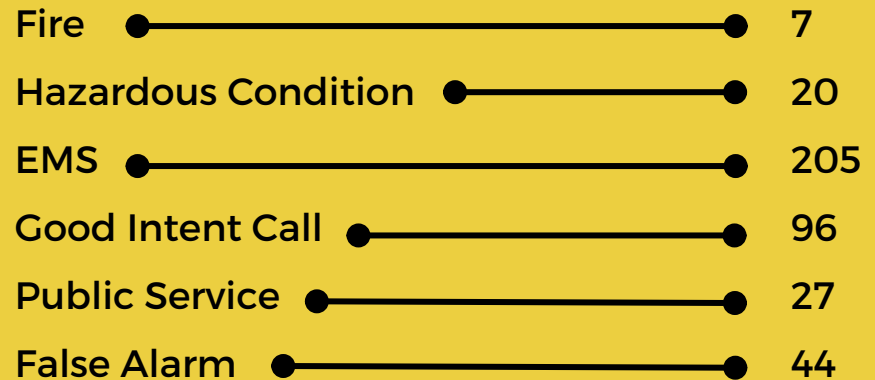
RESPONSE DATA FOR Q2 OF 2023

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RESPONSES BY PERCENTAGE



RESPONSES BY CATEGORY



TOTAL RESPONSES: 399

QUARTERLY RESPONSES COMPARISON

Q2 - 2023 TOTAL RESPONSES: 399

Q1 - 2023 TOTAL RESPONSES: 471

Q4 - 2022 TOTAL RESPONSES: 387

EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE

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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)

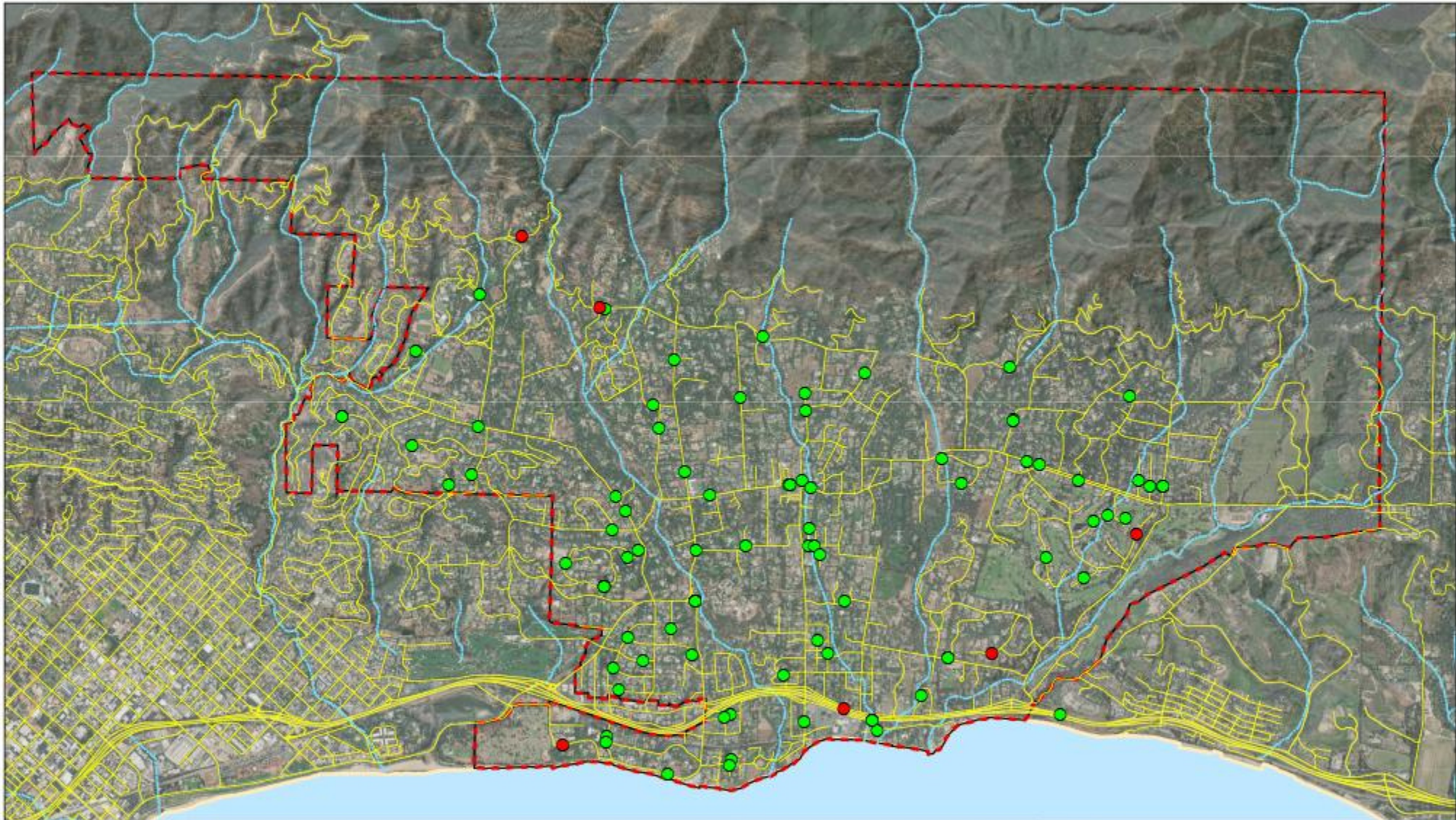
TOTAL EMERGENCY CALLS IN MTO DISTRICT = 115

Total Response Time \geq 7:00 = 6 Calls = 5%

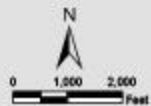
Total Response Time \leq 7:00 = 109 Calls = 95%

7:00 minutes or less, 95% of the time for Emergency Response in Q2

7-MINUTE RESPONSE MAP



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Emergency Response Times

- Under 7 Minutes (109)
- Over 7 Minutes (8)

- ✚ MFD Boundary
- Streets
- Creeks & Rivers



MONTECITO FIRE DISTRICT
Emergency Response - Under 7 Minutes
to Arrival on Scene (Q2 2023)
20230717

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OCEAN RESCUE

On April 3, Montecito Fire responded to an ocean rescue in the area of Miramar Beach at about 6:30 p.m. Miramar Resort employees called 911 to report that they had lost sight of a kite surfer.

By 8 p.m., the missing kite surfer reported that he had self-rescued and abandoned his foil in the water.

Montecito Fire was assisted by Carpinteria-Summerland Fire, Santa Barbara County Fire and Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol. The US Coast Guard also launched a boat and helicopter to assist.

Search efforts were complicated by high winds in the area. A Wind Advisory and High Surf Advisory were both in effect at the time of the incident.



FOX RESCUE

Montecito firefighters responded to the 1300 block of School House Road just after 8 a.m. on May 13 where a grey fox kit had become tangled in a soccer net.

Residents shared these photos of firefighters working to release the animal.

Firefighters were able to free the fox and it was reunited with its family that was nearby watching the rescue.



TRAIL RESCUE

Shortly after 9 a.m. on May 13, Montecito firefighters were dispatched to the Romero Canyon Trail for a rescue. A 26-year-old woman was hiking with her dog when she was bitten by a rattlesnake on her foot.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff & Fire's Air Support Unit, Helicopter 308, responded and hoisted the hiker out. She was transported by helicopter to the hospital by approximately 10:15 a.m.

Montecito firefighters hiked down with the patient's dog and turned it over to Santa Barbara County Animal Services who later reunited the pair.



TRAIL RESCUE

On Saturday, June 10, at approximately 1 p.m., Montecito firefighters responded to the Cold Springs Trail to assist an injured hiker.

A 19-year-old female was about two miles up the trail in the area of Tangerine Falls when she slipped and fell. Rain created slippery conditions along the rocky trail. She was transported to the hospital for additional treatment.

Montecito Fire was assisted by Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue and U.S. Forest Service - Los Padres National Forest.



TRAINING IN Q2

STRUCTURE FIRE TRAINING

Over the weekend of April 22, we had the opportunity to train on various structure fire evolutions alongside our partners from Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District. A single-family residence in Summerland served as an excellent training ground for our crews.



TRAINING IN Q2

RT 130 - WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY REFRESHER TRAINING

In April and May, all Montecito firefighters completed Wildland Fire Safety Refresher Training, referred to as RT 130. The annual training includes a review of last year's fire season, projections for the upcoming fire year, analysis of fatality fires and physical testing to ensure firefighters are prepared for the rigors of wildland firefighting.

In Montecito, we have the opportunity to utilize the local trail network as our training ground. Firefighters hiked the Buena Vista Trail and completed drills, including deploying practice fire shelters and executing progressive hose lays. This training prepares them for the critical and challenging realities of today's wildfires.



OPERATIONAL AREA UPDATES

REGIONAL FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

On April 25, an official groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Regional Fire Communications Center. The RFCC will streamline the dispatch process for the entire county and expand the Joint Information Center and Call Center.



PERSONNEL UPDATES

PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

On April 18, we celebrated the promotions of six of our members whose new positions became effective between January and May of 2023.

We recognized three newly appointed engineers, a captain, a battalion chief and our division chief of operations.

We also honored the exceptional actions of Fire Mechanic Jess Moran who repaired critical radio infrastructure following the damaging January storms.



ENGINEER DAVE JOHNSON



ENGINEER DANIEL ARNOLD



ENGINEER NICK EUBANK



CAPTAIN LUCAS GRANT



BATTALION CHIEF BEN HAUSER



DIVISION CHIEF TRAVIS EDERER



FIRE MECHANIC JESS MORAN

PERSONNEL UPDATES

PERSONNEL WHO COMPLETED PROBATION DURING Q2



FIREFIGHTER JESS GILKEY



FIREFIGHTER PAT RUIZ



FIREFIGHTER JOHN WEBER

In June, we recognized our three newest Montecito firefighters for successfully completing their probationary period with our traditional brick ceremony. In the entryway of Montecito Fire Station 91, each employee has a brick placed in the floor with their name and date of hire. Probationary firefighters also receive their permanent helmet shield.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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CERT TRAINING

In May, Montecito Fire and MERRAG hosted a free, four-day CERT training. Ten local participants learned various emergency preparedness skills including fire suppression, disaster medical operations, and rescue operations. Special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Joyce Reed for facilitating this important training for our community.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY MEETING

On June 28, we held our annual Wildfire Preparedness Community Meeting at El Montecito Presbyterian Church alongside our partners from CHP, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management and Santa Barbara Police Department. We covered the fire danger outlook, home hardening, defensible space, as well as evacuation readiness in light of the ongoing road construction in Montecito. Due to low attendance, we are exploring alternative methods to present this information to the community in 2024.



DEPARTMENT HOUSING TENANT SELECTION

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In the last week of June, the Tenant Selection Advisory Panel met, including two members from MFA. It was a collaborative environment where we reviewed Policy 1107, decided on selection criteria and priority, and applied that to the various applications. Using the criteria and priorities, Kevin French has been selected to occupy 1255 East Valley Road and Justin Pickens was selected for 1257 East Valley Road.

1255 E. VALLEY - KEVIN FRENCH



1257 E. VALLEY - JUSTIN PICKENS





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Chief Neels,

With great gratitude, please accept our thanks for supporting our recent Captain Promotional Exam by permitting Chief Hauser to be one of our Raters. His skill, expertise, and insight in our Dynamic Simulator ensured a successful promotional process. As I strongly believe, it really does take an Op Area to put on a test and I am very grateful for your support and the support of your Department.

Thank you again so much.

My Best,

Michael Hoose, Battalion Chief
Training Division

cc: Chief Hauser (via email)