



San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District

Serving the communities of Bostonia, Casa de Oro, Crest, Grossmont/Mt. Helix, La Presa, Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley, and unincorporated areas of El Cajon and La Mesa

Date: October 21, 2011

To: San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Station 23 Residents

Subject: Service Delivery Change

Dear Resident:

The San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District (the District) is considering changing the emergency service delivery model in your response area effective November 1, 2011. The affected area is served by Fire Station 23 located at 2140 Dehesa Road. Subject to Board of Directors' approval, Station 23 will transition from a 3 person Fire Engine Company to a 2 person Squad with primary responsibility to respond to medical emergencies. Medical Aids make up approximately 70% of the incident responses at Station 23. This issue will be addressed during the October 26, 2011 Board of Directors meeting in conjunction with issues related to District labor negotiations.

The District's recommendation to initiate this service delivery change to your local fire station was not taken lightly. The District conducted a comprehensive review of our fire stations and their associated communities taking into consideration factors such as population density, commercial/industrial hazards/risks, incident volume and type, mutual aid in and out of the area, fire coverage and response times. Station 23 has the lowest population density, the lowest fire risk in relation to occupancy type, and the lowest in-District response volume of any station within the District. For these reasons, Station 23 was identified as the location for this service level change.

The District will be hosting a community meeting as listed below. This meeting is designed to provide information to our residents and businesses related to this service delivery change and answer question you may have. Please RSVP your attendance to Nancy Roos at nroos@smgfire.org or (619) 670-0500.

When: October 27, 2011
Where: Fire District Headquarters
2850 Via Orange Way
Spring Valley, CA
Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

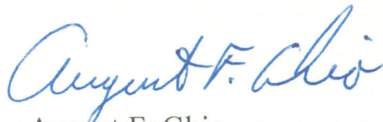
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Like many of our residents, the District is being impacted greatly by the ongoing National recession. Due to a 3 year decline in property taxes, which is the primary source of revenue for Fire and Emergency Medical Response Services in the District, we have had to make a series of administrative and operational changes in an attempt to provide the proper balance of services within our fiscal constraints.

Over the past three years, the District has eliminated 2.5 administrative positions, reduced approximately \$800,000 in non-personnel expenditures, and eliminated Engine 15 at 2850 Via Orange Way. Additionally, our entire workforce has agreed to pay their full retirement contribution as well as other economic concessions. Our employees also have not received pay raises for several years. All this has occurred in an effort to continue providing the best level of services to you and all our 125,000 residents including our 2,300 businesses.

It is our hope that at some point in the future, when the economy and specifically the housing market rebounds, that we will be able to return to the level of service our District residents have come to expect. Until that time, we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability within the fiscal resources we have.

Sincerely,



August F. Ghio
Fire Chief