



Southern Marin Fire Protection District

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SOUTHERN MARIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESIDENTS WANT FIRE/EMS SERVICES MAINTAINED RESIDENTS STRONGLY SUPPORT FIRE DISTRICT'S EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mill Valley, CA – A recently commissioned independent survey shows Southern Marin Fire Protection District residents are extremely concerned about the excellent fire and emergency medical services they rely on.

Residents view the District and its firefighters/paramedics in a strongly positive light. Ninety-one percent of residents feel safe and well protected in case of a medical emergency, and 75% believe that the District is doing an excellent job of protecting residents from wildland fires.

The community survey was conducted February 23rd through March 1st 2018 by opinion research firm FM3 Research, who has extensive experience polling in Northern California Fire Districts. Residents expressed strong support for maintaining key emergency medical and fire protection services such as attracting and retaining qualified professional paramedics, maintaining high cardiac and stroke survivability standards, maintaining local fire protection and 9-1-1 response times, and improving the District's ability to react to and contain wildland fires.

“Over the last few years, we’ve worked hard to keep our residents safe,” said Fire Chief Chris Tubbs. “I’m thrilled that our residents feel protected and safe, particularly in light of last year’s wildland fires. We’re working hard to stay prepared for any situation. As we saw last October, we’re in danger if we’re not prepared, and this survey shows our services are highly valued.” “The American Heart Association says that brain deterioration starts four to six minutes after a person stops breathing,” added Chief Tubbs. “Unfortunately, the average 9-1-1 emergency response times in our community are longer, and 65% of our calls are medical emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes.” Chief Tubbs continued, “We need to continue to make sure our residents receive emergency medical care quickly and prevent response times from getting longer.”

“We are currently evaluating how best to maintain these services, particularly protecting residents from wildland fires and rapid responses to medical emergencies,” continued Chief Tubbs. “Over the coming months, we will continue to engage the community and keep the public informed on how we will be maintaining and protecting the high quality services our residents need to keep them safe..”

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