



EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

10900 San Pablo Avenue ▪ El Cerrito ▪ CA ▪ 94530

(510) 215-4450 ▪ FAX (510) 232-4917

www.el-cerrito.org



DATE: July 14, 2023

TO: Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

RE: **Fire Chief's Report for the July 2023 Fire District Board Meeting**

Operations

Administration

- The El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Department (ECKFD) partnered with Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for fall and winter training sessions, providing training for our community for a standard resident fee of \$40.

Operations

- ECKFD suppressed an apartment fire on the 400 block of Liberty Street. The fire started in the kitchen. The fast response of the fire department contained the active fire to the room of origin, saving roughly 2.2 million dollars.

Training

- ECKFD participated in helicopter rescue training with the California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Air Operations. The training included paramedics from ECKFD as instructors for new participating members from Marin County Fire and Daly City Fire.
- ECKFD worked with San Ramon Valley Fire, Rodeo Hercules Fire, Crockett Fire, and Contra Costa County Fire during a live burn exercise in the Bayo Vista area.
- Chief Saylor presented the empirical findings of a seven-year study on effective practices on active shooter events at the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC).
- ECKFD participated in truck operations with Contra Costa County Fire, Richmond Fire, and Rodeo-Hercules Fire. Truck operations include the tactics of throwing ladders, performing searches for victims in burning buildings, and cutting ventilation holes in roofs during an active fire.

Citizen Engagement

- ECKFD is actively seeking CERT members and surveying residents for preparedness and participation with an online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/4rx8dzt5>.
- Registration for CERT training offered at Lamorinda is provided online at <https://classes.lamorindacert.org>.
- ECKFD assisted with the Special Olympics torch run, carrying the "The Flame of Hope" down San Pablo Avenue for the summer games.
- ECKFD helped raise \$3,822 for Muscular Dystrophy Association at the annual Fill the Boot Campaign.