



## KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Application to Serve on the KFPD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Name: Annette McCoubrey Date: 1/11/2025

*(Please do not supply private contact information; this document is accessible to the public.)*

- I am a Kensington resident aged 18 or over

#### Areas of interest (check all that apply):

- Evacuation preparation
- Emergency notification (remote sensing/cameras, sirens, cell towers, radios, phones)
- Path ownership, clearing, etc.
- Articulation with other agencies (County, Parks, FireSafe Councils, other towns)
- Hazard mitigation (education about hazardous plants, house-hardening, etc.)
- CERT training and network formation
- Development of FireSafe neighborhood designations
- Public education about emergency preparedness and other topics
- Other: Emergency Communications

#### Please explain your experience AND current efforts in your areas of interest :

I am a member of the Board of the Karo Echo ham radio emergency communications club and I am interested in local emergency communications in any situation where other communication systems, i.e., phones are inoperable. Ham radio operators can facilitate communication between neighborhoods and with our first responders through their representatives in the EOC. Karo Echo would like to establish an agreement with the Fire Department to cover our participation in the response to an emergency such as an earthquake when the phone system is not operational.

As a member of the leadership team of Wildcat Watch, I am also interested in understanding how the Alert cameras are monitored and what happens to the information when an ignition is detected. Can it be disseminated more efficiently? What is appropriate for the public to be made aware of?

#### If named to the Committee, what would be your goals and objectives for your first year?

Create an agreement which will allow Karo Echo operators in Kensington to communicate with our Fire and Police in an emergency through an EOC when phones are down. We will have operators at the EOC communicating with the neighborhoods. Messages coming in will be written on a standard FEMA form and handed to the appropriate representatives at the EOC to be triaged and given to appropriate responders. Information can be communicated out to neighborhoods from the EOC also.

Wildcat Watch would like to disband but we would not be comfortable doing so until we would be notified of a fire rapidly. The AI being used on the Alert cameras appears to be quite good now but our understanding of the information distribution to us is not yet adequate when a fire is detected for us to depend on it. I would pursue improving that communication.

*Thanks for your interest. Applications will be considered on a continuous basis and/or as the need arises. Committee size is limited. Please email your application to [fire@kensingtonfire.org](mailto:fire@kensingtonfire.org).*