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DATE: Oct 18, 2023

TO: Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

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

Administration

- The El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Department (ECKFD) continues to partner 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

- On September 1st, OES 413 swapped out crews for the Smith River Complex Fire in Northern CA. Captain/Paramedic Hoyer-Nielsen, Engineer Dawson, Engineer Stroud, and Firefighter Arechiga led by Strike Team Leader/Battalion Chief Castrejon.



- On September 12th, Engine 51 responded to a bicycle accident on Moeser Lane this morning. Helicopter evacuation for the trauma patient was activated.





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- On September 22nd, Engine 51 B shift (Acting Captain Dawson, Engineer Janes and FF/Paramedic Van Wyck) responded to Cutting Blvd at the Ohlone Trail for a vehicle vs. bicyclist. The patient sustained major injuries and was flown to John Muir Hospital trauma center for treatment.



Citizen Engagement

- On September 13th, More than 50 residents from Wildcat Firewise (El Cerrito and Kensington) joined El Cerrito-Kensington Firefighters from Station 55 on a walk to identify wildfire risks and learn how residents can harden their homes, create defensible space, and be prepared for evacuations.



- On September 15th, Engine 51 (Captain/Paramedic Ciappara, Engineer Dawson and Firefighter Ferreira-Clifton), participated in the Grandparents Day celebration at El Cerrito Royale.





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- El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department and Richmond Fire during a demonstration at this weekend's Tri-City Safety Day at the El Cerrito Plaza.



- 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>.