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TO: Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

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

Operations

The El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department (ECKFD) responded to a large, 3 alarm fire in Richmond as auto aid. The fire involved a two-story commercial building and two homes. The response included Battalion Chief 5, the training Battalion Chief, and Engine 51. Units on scene contained the fire to the building of origin and saved four neighboring structures worth approximately 1.8 million dollars.

Administration

ECKFD meet with the ECHO KARO group to draft standard operating guidelines for the group to interact with CERT and the fire department during a large-scale drill or disaster.

Training

ECKFD continued training for future engineers including pumping and ladder placement. In addition, the department meet with Berkley and Albany fire departments to draft standard operating guidelines for large commercial buildings. Finally, the department completed a helicopter rescue technician drill, assuring our skills are ready for a rescue in the canyons east of Kensington.

Citizen Engagement

ECKFD continues to meet with the CERT program manager. Recruitment for new members should start in May and June of 2023. Until St 65 is completed, we plan to meet at El Cerrito city hall for our first orientation. CERT members will learn to assist with setting up an emergency operations center (EOC) and coordinate actions with the neighboring CERT team and KARO ECHO.