



# EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**DATE:** Jan 16, 2024

**TO:** Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

**FROM:** Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

**RE:** Fire Chief's Report for the January 2024 Fire District Board Meeting

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## Operations

On December 23<sup>th</sup>, Engine 51 C shift (Captain/Paramedic Ciappara, Engineer Clarine, Firefighter Ratliff) suppressed a car fire in apartment carport at 6542 Waldo Ave. The rapid and effective actions of the crew prevented the fire from spreading to 3 living quarters, saving \$2,457,600.00 million in value.



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On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Engine 51 C shift (Captain/Paramedic Ciappara, Engineer Clarine, and Firefighter Ratliff) suppressed a burning-out building, containing the fire to the building of origin and preventing the adjacent homes from burning, saving \$2,531,200.00 Million in value.



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## Training



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Joint highrise training with Albany Fire, Richmond Fire, and Berkeley Fire in the Albany towers continued through December, ensuring inner agency cooperation during significant incidents. Highrise firefighting is one of the most dangerous threats firefighters face and requires consistent and constant training.



On December 19th, ECKFD assisted in certifying firefighters from Daly City, Pacifica, and Marin County Fire as helicopter rescue technicians. The helicopter rescue program allows fire departments to partner with CHP to rescue victims in locations inaccessible by fire engines or ambulances.



### Public Outreach

Integrity Accountability Teamwork Respect Professionalism



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On December 21, E52 taught fire safety to local children at Camp Herms. Fire and life safety education establishes fire-safe behavior among people of all ages and abilities. It promotes understanding and acceptance of regulations and technologies that improve safety within homes, businesses, and institutions. Plus, kids love firefighter

s.

