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DATE: Nov 18, 2023

TO: Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

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

Administration

- On October 23, ECKFD celebrated the retirement of the Engineer Matt Alexander, one of the agencies first paramedics. Matt served the district for 23 years help maintain the EMS program. He will be missed.



Operations

- Engine 51 B shift (Captain/Paramedic Renshaw, Engineer Dawson and FF/Paramedic Van Wyck) responded to a vehicle accident on I80 eastbound with Richmond Fire Department. Seven vehicles were involved with two people having to be extricated.





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- On October 16th ECKFD assisted Richmond Fire Department with a brush fire at Point Molate



Training

- From October 17th to October 19th, the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department, Berkeley Fire Department, Richmond Fire Department, and Kensington PD participated in a tabletop exercise involving an earthquake on the Hayward Fault. The exercise included a landslide involving 25 homes, a BART train derailment into an apartment building, two soft-story structural collapses, and two conflagrations started from broken gas lines. The participants formed an incident management team and navigated the first operational period. All members performed exceptionally.





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- On October 17th, ECKFD led Helicopter Rescue Training with the California Highway Patrol and Rodeo-Hercules FPD. Guiding the training on behalf of ECFD-KFPD were Captain/Paramedic Hoyer-Nielsen, Engineer/Paramedic Birdsell, FF/Paramedic Williams and FF Arechiga.



Citizen Engagement

- Engine 55 attended the Halloween parade at a local preschool and talked about public safety.
- Tickets to our Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast & Toy Drive. We're partnering with the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department, El Cerrito Police Department, and the Marine Corps Reserve to bring back our community holiday breakfast. Saturday, December 2nd 9AM - 11AM El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane)
 - \$10/per person (1 year & under is free)
 - Don't forget to bring a new & unused toy to donate to Toys for Tots.
 - Tickets can be purchased online at: www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg and click on "Special Events"
- On October 9th, Engine 51 (Captain Gagne, Engineer/Paramedic Birdsell and Captain/Paramedic Renshaw) attended Home Depot's monthly kids workshop in honor of Fire Prevention Week.





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- 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>.