



EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DATE: December 5, 2022

TO: Bill Hansell: General Manager

FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

RE: **Fire Chief's Report for the December 2022 Fire District Board Meeting**

Operations

November Incident Run Reports

Thirty-one incidents occurred during November in the community of Kensington. Engine 165 responded to Thirty-two calls.

Administration

Standard Operating Procedures

The El Cerrito-Kensington fire department issued a success captain's test on November 10th that produced five highly qualified candidates. El Cerrito-Kensington is planning its first high-rise drill schedule in February 2023. The drill will include the city of Berkeley, Albany, and Richmond.

Vegetation Inspections

The Fire Department continues its residential inspections for compliance with the District's Vegetation Management Policy. State Law requires compliance in "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones" at all times; Annual grasses and weeds must always be maintained to 4" to 6". Cutting or mowing short dry grass is much safer than waiting until it is 2' or taller and dry. The District's and Cal Fire's websites provide information on safe practices around the home to create a safe environment.

Training

Active Shooter Drill

The department is planning to use the Adams Middle School off of Arlington Patterson to hold joint training for law enforcement and the fire department in 2023.

Citizen Engagement

Registering with the Contra Costa County Community Warning System can save lives. All residents of Kensington should register their cell phones with the Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS). CWS will alert you when life-threatening incidents, like wildfires or power shutdowns, occur. Registration can take place at www.cwsalerts.com