

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026, 7:00PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Instructions on how to make a public comment during the meeting: At points in the meeting when the meeting chair requests public comment, members of the public shall indicate their desire to speak. All public comments shall be addressed to the Commission and limited to three minutes per speaker. The Commission may choose to respond to comments or request staff to respond at the conclusion of the respective public comment period.

#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items <i>Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Speakers may comment only on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission may not take action on, consider or debate items not on the agenda except under narrow circumstances meeting statutory tests. Response to comments on non-agenda items will be limited to factual information or clarifying questions from staff or Commission. The Chair may refer the matter to staff or to a future meeting agenda.</i>	
3	Commissioner Items of Interest	Discuss
4	Draft Minutes of August 4, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
6	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	Discuss
7	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 2, 2026
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
August 4, 2025

Time and Place: 7:00PM at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Rd, San Rafael

Present:

Commissioners: Vice-Chair Pascal Karsenti, Greg Stilson, Pete Stout

Absent: Chair Steve Farac, John Seratt

Staff: Fire Chief Abe Roman, District Manager Eric Dreikosen

1. Agenda

Vice-Chair Karsenti adopted the agenda as presented.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments from the public were received.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-Commission Karsenti provided industry update on wildfire risk modeling

-Commissioner Stout inquired about status of housing developments and potential impact to fire services

4. Draft Minutes of April 7, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Stout/Stilson to approve Draft Minutes of April 7, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Karsenti, Stilson, Stout. Nays: None. Absent: Farac, Seratt. Motion carried.

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items

-None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Eric Dreikosen



MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Abraham Roman, Fire Chief

Meeting Date: Oct. 6, 2026

- **Concerns resurface about the August 13, 2024, Blackstone Canyon fire.** The fire was caused by reckless, and possibly intentional, behavior by an overnight camper and required fire crews approximately eight hours to extinguish and complete overhaul operations. The individual responsible was eventually apprehended. Recently, neighbors have reported seeing the same individual back in the area. District Manager Dreikosen has contacted the Sheriff’s Department, and deputies have been searching for the individual. Additionally, rangers have hiked the area, and the Sheriff’s drone has conducted aerial surveys.

The San Rafael Fire Department’s drone operator Thomas Wong has begun conducting regular aerial patrols of the Blackstone Canyon area to monitor for suspicious activity and unauthorized encampments. To date there have been no further reports of suspicious activity.

- **E58 assists with Terra Linda Vegetation Fire.** On the afternoon of September 5th, a vegetation fire broke out above the homes on San Mateo Court. E58 assisted with controlling the fire that burned about one acre. Battalion Chief Paul Bernard was the incident commander.



- **E58 and YMCA Staff help save a life!** On September 7, 2026, E58 (Correa & Smith) along with a San Rafael engine & medic ambulance responded to the YMCA located at 1500 Los Gamos Drive. A club member had become unconscious and went into cardiac arrest. YMCA staff immediately started CPR and utilized an on-site automatic defibrillator and prior to the arrival of firefighters and paramedics successfully revived the patient. While being transported to the hospital, the patient again went into cardiac arrest. Paramedics successfully revived the patient a second time who was conscious and talking upon arrival at the hospital.

- Number of shifts each month that Marinwood has only have two firefighters on duty
- Number of mandatory overtime shifts each month
- Number of hours each firefighter works overtime each month

Month of September 2026

Data graphics provided by Battalion Chief Anthony Alviso

- **Queenstone Fire Road Assessment.** San Rafael Fire staff conducted an assessment of Queenstone Fire Road which included the capture of geospatial data for existing major ruts/ surface issues as well as 360-degree camera footage for the entirety of the fire road. Data will be utilized to prioritize surface repairs, if necessary, and footage will be available should significant damage happen to the fire road following a FEMA declared disaster due to unprecedented rainfall. ***The assessment along with this update is provided by Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Calvin Schrader.***
- **Fall Prevention.** Falls are the San Rafael Fire Department's number one call for service. Because falls can result in serious injuries and may become a recurring concern, we are working with two nursing students from Dominican University of California to help prevent future falls and improve the safety of community members.

The nursing students, who are in their final year of the nursing program, will review recent fire department incident reports involving falls and work with the patients who experienced them. The students will visit patients in their homes to assess potential fall risks and provide information and resources to help reduce the likelihood of future falls. ***This update is provided by Battalion Chief Jason Hatfield.***



Dominican University Nursing Students Stacy Magana and Elenora Cole next to BLS Ambulance 51

- **Marinwood Plaza Update.** Work is proceeding with the construction of the four, 3-story apartment structures. Foundations are being poured and contractors are presently working on underfloor plumbing and framing.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sinnott, Deputy Chief