

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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 December 2, 2025 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Planning Discussion for Potential Community Meeting to Educate and Encourage Residents/Property Owners in the Creation of Firewise Communities & Inform on other Current Fire Prevention Efforts	Discuss
6	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	Discuss
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 7, 2026
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
December 2, 2025

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

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Pascal Karsenti, John Seratt

Absent: Greg Stilson, Pete Stout

Staff: San Rafael Fire Chief Abe Roman, District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Fire Captain Ryan Brackett

Board: Lisa Ruggeri

1. Agenda

No edits were requested by Commissioners. Chair Farac adopted the agenda as presented.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments from the public were received.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-District Manager Dreikosen informed Commission Santa is scheduled for his annual Marinwood visit and neighborhood tour on Sunday December 14th.

4. Draft Minutes of October 7, 2025 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Karsenti/Seratt to approve Draft Minutes of October 7, 2025 Fire Commission Meeting as presented.

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

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary (verbal)

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

6. Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Possibility to host a Firewise Communities informational meeting for the community in place of an upcoming scheduled commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Eric Dreikosen



MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

Abraham Roman, Fire Chief

Press Release webpage: <https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/srfdpress/>

Fire department press releases for both San Rafael and Marinwood are posted at this site.

Structure Fire on Grande Paseo



On January 9th, a fire that originated on a second-floor patio above a garage caused significant damage to a portion of a townhouse before firefighters were able to bring it under control.

Motorists passing through the area noticed smoke coming from a townhouse complex off Marinwood Avenue and immediately called 911. A nearby plumbing company crew also observed the fire and knocked on the door to alert the occupants, who were unaware a fire had started. Two residents and their pet dog were able to safely evacuate the home. One of the residents, along with members of the plumbing crew, attempted to extinguish the fire prior to the arrival of fire crews.

The fire began on the patio against an exterior wall and extended into the wall cavity and roof of the dwelling. Firefighters encountered challenges due to the fire spreading through concealed spaces within the wall and roof assembly. The fire was brought under control within approximately 30 minutes.

The affected unit was deemed uninhabitable. In addition to damage to an upper-story wall and a portion of the roof, the interior of the home sustained water and smoke damage. An adjoining townhouse experienced minor damage; however, residents were able to return to that unit.

Four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue ambulance, one fire investigator, and three chief officers responded. PG&E and deputies from the Marin County Sheriff’s Department also responded. The County Building Department was also notified and requested to conduct an inspection.

Personnel Update

We are pleased to report that we have made a tentative offer to a firefighter/paramedic applicant. The applicant is presently in the background and medical evaluation process. We look forward to the candidate beginning work with Marinwood Fire Department in the very near future!

Fireground Training

During the months of January and February, Engine 58 crews are participating along with San Rafael fire companies on “first-due structural firefighting operations” at the drill tower at Station 52.

Firewise Community Formation

San Rafael Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Joe Aiello will be helping Marinwood neighborhoods, whose residents are interested in forming a [Firewise Community](#). He will be presenting an overview of the Firewise Community structure at the February Fire Commission meeting.

Update on The Oaks Senior Living Community



This project is currently in the *Pre-Screen* building permit review phase. The project, located at 200 Marinwood Avenue, consists of two 3-story buildings with 162 senior apartments and 7 affordable apartments. It will be a new licensed (24-hr) residential care facility for the elderly, including 77 independent living units, 61 assisted living units, and 24 memory care units. The project also includes an extension of Marinwood Avenue to access the site, including a new bridge across Miller Creek.

Fire staff have been actively engaged in the review of this project to ensure Fire Code provisions including emergency vehicle access, water supply for firefighting, and built-in fire protection systems are in accordance with Fire Agency needs & requirements.

Enhancing Emergency Response Through a New BLS Medical Unit



The Department's new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)

The Fire Department is proud to introduce a new Basic Life Support (BLS) medical response unit designed to strengthen our emergency services and better meet the needs of the community in both San Rafael and Marinwood. This initiative brings several important benefits to both residents and first responders.

First, the addition of a dedicated BLS unit improves the overall efficiency of the 9-1-1 system by providing rapid response to lower-acuity medical calls. This ensures that paramedic engines and ambulances remain available for the most critical emergencies, where advanced life support truly makes a difference.

The new unit also increases departmental capacity during peak call periods. By having additional resources ready to respond, firefighters and paramedics can remain available for fires, rescues, and large-scale incidents that demand immediate attention.

For patients, this model enhances care by ensuring that each medical call receives the appropriate level of response. Proper triage and resource allocation lead to faster service and better outcomes, especially when higher-level units are preserved for life-threatening emergencies.

The program further supports the development of the next generation of fire service professionals. It offers aspiring Firefighter/Paramedics valuable real-world experience within a professional fire department environment—strengthening both recruitment and workforce readiness.

Above all, this initiative reflects the department's commitment to serving the community. It tailors the medical response model to the growing demand for EMS services, ensuring residents receive timely, high-quality care.

Talus Reserve Project Update

Fire Department staff were recently on site at this single-family dwelling housing project consisting of 28 homes on the new extension of Erin Drive. The purpose of the site visit was to review the roadway, hydrants, and emergency vehicle access lane that connects to Lucas Valley Road. An additional site visit occurred on January 8 with Fire and CSD staff to review the easement (Parcel B) at the top of Erin Drive that will provide access into the bordering open space as well as access for future fire prevention-vegetation management efforts. Additionally, fire inspectors are routinely on site for inspections of the home's residential fire sprinkler systems.

Marinwood Plaza Housing Proposal



Fire staff have worked closely with County Planning and Public Works staff to ensure that emergency vehicle access, water supplies for firefighting, and built-in fire protection systems are properly addressed for this proposed project at the Marinwood Plaza site. This project consists of three-story buildings with a total of 125 living units. Staff will continue to work closely with County officials and the developer to ensure all applicable fire requirements are met.

CERT Updates for San Rafael and Marinwood from the Emergency Management Division

Jan 2026: Our first CERT refresher training on Wednesday, January 15. Over 25 current CERT members participated. CERT participants refreshed critical life-saving medical skills, including treating airway obstruction, severe bleeding, and shock, reviewed basic first aid for common injuries, and deepened their understanding of triage principles in mass casualty situations.

Upcoming - Feb 2026: CERT refreshers for current CERT members are being held throughout the year to assist with keeping skill sets up to date. The next CERT refresher training is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 10:00–11:30 AM at Terra Linda Community Center. The session will cover Disaster Medical Operations - Part 2, which will build on previous training and cover disaster medical skills such as comprehensive head-to-toe injury assessments and treatment for burns, bites, stings, and nosebleeds.

Basic CERT - March 2026: In March, we're hosting a Basic CERT class for new CERT members on March 14, 21 & 22 at Canal Alliance. The 40-seat class is almost at capacity with limited seats available. Registration in advance is required.

Plan Review and Inspection Statistics – December 2025 through January 31, 2026

- Permit and Plan Check Reviews - 9
- Buildings, Site, & Structural Systems Inspections – 25
- AB 38 Inspections - 2

End of report.

Submitted by Robert Sinnott, Deputy Fire Chief