

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022, 7:00PM

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#	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	
4	Draft Minutes of August 2, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
6	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
7	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2022

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
August 2, 2022

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, John Seratt, Ron Marinoff

Absent: Pascal Karsenti, Greg Stilson (CSA 13 Alternate)

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Fire Chief Darin White

Board: Kathleen Kilkenny

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

No new Items of Interest were presented by Commissioners

4. Draft Minutes of July 5, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Elsbree/Marinoff to approve Draft Minutes of July 5, 2022 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff, Seratt. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti. Motion carried.

5. Potential Amendment to Fire Commission Bylaws: Adjusting Regular Meeting Schedule From Monthly to Bi-Monthly

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve and recommend to the Board of Directors for final approval the proposed Fire Commission Bylaws Amendment as presented. Ayes: Elsbree, Farac, Marinoff, Seratt. Nays: None. Absent: Karsenti. Motion carried.

6. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: October 4, 2022

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-(MWPA)

The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) has created a Wildfire Prepared Designation Program. More info can be found here: <https://wildfireprepared.org>. This is an incentive program that can provide discounts with insurance companies if residences are designated as a wildfire prepared home. Residents start with a self-evaluation and checklist and when they think they are ready to be designated, they should reach out to IBHS and a third-party inspector will come out and inspect the residence. This is a cost of about \$150 to the resident.

As per MWPA Executive Director Mark Brown, over the last several months, the Executive team has been in contact with IBHS and working to have them accept Marin County's member agencies' inspection reports through the Defensible Space Inspection Application designed by Fire Aside. This is anticipated to prevent our residents from going through yet another inspection and incurring additional costs. Recently, Jason Brooks from Fire Aside requested an inspection from IBHS and also invited Todd Lando, Bill Tyler, and Mark Brown to attend. Some technical development will need to occur to transfer our data to IBHS (only with the homeowner's permission), along with some quality control checking from IBHS of our member agencies' inspection programs and fine tuning of the whole system.

The MWPA group met with IBHS staff again on Monday September 26, and it was said to be a very productive meeting in which a draft course of action was outlined consisting of 6 steps to get our member agencies capable of providing the required inspections for an IBHS Wildfire Home Designation.

COVID -19

According to reports in the United Kingdom, there have been increases in infection rates among adolescents who are around middle school age and younger adults ages 25 through 34 years of age. These infections are attributed to people coming back from summer holidays and as the schools reopen but there is no indication that the increases will continue.

There is question in England about the likely rise in infections there after the gathering of thousands of people for Queen Elizabeth's funeral proceedings. In an CNN interview with Dr. Peter Hotez, who co-directs the Center for Vaccine Development at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, he offered that a second important question will be whether the increase is being driven by a new variant.

“That’s the worst possible situation. Because historically, when that situation occurs in the UK, it’s reflected within a matter of weeks in the United States,” Hotez said. “That was true of the Alpha wave; that was true of the Delta wave; that was true of Omicron and its subvariants.”

However, another leading expert in London, Christina Pagel, a professor of operational research at University College London, thinks cases are going up in the UK because of a combination of waning immunity and behavioral changes.

Many people in the UK are several months past their last Covid-19 booster or infection, and government stats reveal that just 8% of adults 50 and older have gotten an Omicron-specific vaccine since the government started its fall vaccination campaign in September. School and work in the U.K. have fully resumed after the summer holidays, and people are spending more time indoors as the temperature drops.

Immunity is also waning in the United States, and Americans have also been slow to get boosted. Just 35% of those for whom a booster is recommended have had one, according to CDC data. However, this might also be due to booster availability, not waning interest.

The updated boosters in the US are slightly different from the ones in the UK. The UK is using vaccines that have been updated to fight the original version of Omicron, which is not circulating anymore. US boosters have been updated to fight the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which are currently causing infections both here and abroad. It’s not clear whether the strain differences will have an effect on cases or disease severity.

There are a mix of new variants – offshoots of BA.4 and BA.5 – such as the BA.2.75, BQ.1.1 and others that have been discovered. They represent just a small number of total cases, but several are growing against BA.5, which is still dominating transmission.

“It is very likely that these will accelerate current increases and cause a substantial wave in October” (in the UK), Pagel said in an email to CNN.

Public Education:

The San Rafael and Marinwood Fire Departments are pleased to announce that Fire Prevention Week is set for the week of October 9-15, 2022. This year’s [National Fire Protection Association](https://www.nfpa.org/fire-prevention-week) (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week campaign is: Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.



Kitchen fires, related to cooking, are the leading cause of dwelling fires. In a report titled, NFPA's Home Structure Fires released in October 2021 a 5-year study found that 75% of civilian fire deaths and 72% of fire and smoke related injuries were caused by residential fires. Having a home fire escape plan can help save lives as it teaches children to learn at least two ways out of the house and identifies a designated rendezvous location for family members to meet a safe distance away.

This is an opportunity for classroom instructors of young children to visit the NFPA website and obtain information or download materials that can be used & distributed during Fire Prevention Week. More information can be found at <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week>. There are some brief informative [videos](#) that can be shown to the students as well as a fun [Home Fire Escape Plan](#) offered in both English and Spanish.

Generosity



On September 26, 2022, Dr. Stephen Mizroch of the San Rafael Fire Foundation stopped by Station 58 and provided Engineer Brian Smith (left) and Firefighter Paramedic William Kelly with a care basket filled with pantry essentials such as peanut butter, jelly, flour, potatoes, bread and butter, shoe polish, and more. This was a token of appreciation for the crews' hard work and was the second time this year that the Fire Foundation made a surprise donation to the members.

National Night Out



On Tuesday August 2, 2022, many communities within Marin County resumed the neighborhood block party and social gathering known as National Night Out. This is an evening when neighbors build community ties and interact with first responders. As such, Captain John Papanikolaou, Engineer Jeff Smith, and Firefighter Paramedic William Kelly (pictured above) joined Fire Chief Darin White for delicious ice cream and root beer floats (with our gracious and generous hosts) at the Marin Contempo neighborhood gathering.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: September 2022

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 136 emergency calls in September 2022. A little under two thirds of the calls were medical incidents; one of which involved a confirmed COVID-19 case. The department responded to six fires, five of which were mutual aid. The fire in Marinwood was on NB101 before Lucas Valley/Smith Ranch exit. E58 arrived to find a construction trailer with four forklifts on fire. The fire was underneath the trailer and was extinguished before any damage to the forklifts. The fire may have been the result of a flat tire and damaged hydraulic fluid line.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	18	5	1	1	1	N/A	0	26
CSA 13	10	4	0	0	0	N/A	0	14
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	7	3	1	0	0	N/A	0	11
New JPA (East of 101)	26	6	8	0	0	N/A	0	40
SR Mutual Aid	13	7	2	0	0	0	0	22
MC JPA	8	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	9
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	0	3	1	5	1	4	0	14
Total number	82	29	13	6	2	4	0	136
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>60.3%</i>	<i>21.3%</i>	<i>9.6%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	

Call types:

MA	Medical assist
PSA	Service call
FA/NN	Fire alarm
FIRE	Fire
HAZMAT	Hazardous material incident (e.g., spill)
COVER	Coverage for other stations
OTHER	Other incident(s): n/a

Average response time for Engine 58: 5 minutes, 35 seconds