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January 28, 2000

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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Fire Department Advisory Commission for calendar year 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

Mardi Wormhoudt

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Fire Department Advisory Commission

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

ROLES OF THE COMMISSION:

The County Fire Department Advisory Commission is empowered to ensure that the interests of the county fire department, career and volunteer fire companies and citizens residing within the county fire department jurisdiction are protected and promoted by monitoring, studying and advising the county fire chief and Board of Supervisors on the following:

The preparation and implementation of the county fire department master plan;

how the county's fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services programs can be improved and made more cost effective;

the budget priorities of the county fire department, along with specific recommendations;

the changing role or mission of each of the volunteer fire companies and the resulting changes in their requirements; and

such other matters relating to the county's fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services program as the committee desires to bring to the attention of the fire chief and board of supervisors.

MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION:

The FDAC schedules four regular meetings each year (January; April; July; and October). The regular meetings are held from 4:00 p.m. The meeting place is the CDF Ranger Unit Headquarters on Highway 9 in Felton. The Commission's mailing address is the General Services Department - Emergency Services Division at 701 Ocean Street, Room 330, Santa Cruz.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE:

As of December 1999, the Commission comprises the following members:

1st District	Bruce Wade
2nd District	vacant
3rd District	Donita Springmeyer
4th District	Patricia Fink
5th District	Neil Brooks

HSA - Env Health	Ray Toshitsune
HSA - Emerg Med	Robert Varty/Vol Ranger
Planning	Michael Dever
Public Wrks	Susann Rogberg
Office of Emerg Svcs	Nancy Gordon
CDF/County Fire	Chief Steve Wert
Fire Vol Assoc	Luisa Orlando
Fire Labor Org	Art Smith

COMMISSION STAFF:

The CDF County Fire Chief serves as staff to the Commission. The emergency services coordinator serves as administrative secretary.

ATTENDANCE:

(see attached roster)

ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 1999:

The commission has worked toward the completion of the County Fire Department five year master plan document. Proposals received for the preparation of the plan were reviewed and a consultant was hired to complete the task. It is anticipated that a final draft will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May 2000.

The Uniform Fire Code was updated, adopted and implemented county wide. Integration of advanced life support with EMS response has been implemented in other areas of the County and continues as an important item of discussion for the Commission. The volunteer firefighter handbook, adopted in 1998) has served as a reference and resource in improving the work relationship among the members of the County Fire Department - volunteer fire team members and state employees.

FUTURE GOALS:

The Commission expects to continue the work begun on the various issues identified as priorities under its' charter. Top priorities include working with the selected consultant on the development of the fire master plan, and obtaining top management support for fire protection and prevention activities, including the update of the Uniform Fire Code and potential integration of advanced life support support into EMS response.

The County Fire Department five year master plan will guide the Commission on goals and priorities for the term. The Commission expects to develop a schedule in cooperation with the County Fire Department to prioritize the goals and objectives as set forth in the master plan document. The focus of the Commission's agendas will be the discussion of the plan's outlined tasks and review of accomplishments for that period, in addition to issues as forwarded by the Board of Supervisors, fire staff and other interested parties. Review and discussion of efforts to improve the operational relationships within the County Fire Department will continue to be a priority.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Support activities and policies necessary for the efficient operation of the County Fire Department and its staff.

1999 Fire Department Advisory Commission
Attendance Matrix

	January	April	July	October
1st District	X	X	X	X
2nd District				
3rd District	X	X	X	X
4th District	X		X	
5th District	X	X	X	
HSA - Env Health	X	X	X	X
HSA - Emerg Med		X	X	X
Planning	X	X	X	X
Public Wrks	X	X	X	X
Office of Emerg Svcs	X	X	X	X
CDF/County Fire	X	X	X	X
Fire Vol Assoc	X		X	X
Fire Labor Org		X		X