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January 24, 2001

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County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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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 2000. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairman to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman  
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 2000 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 2000, the Commission comprises the following members:

1 <sup>st</sup> District	vacant
2 <sup>nd</sup> District	vacant
3 <sup>rd</sup> District	Donita Springmeyer
4 <sup>th</sup> District	Patricia Fink
5 <sup>th</sup> District	Neil Brooks
HSA -- Env Health	Ray Toshitsune
HSA -- Emerg Med	Vol Ranger
Planning	Michael Dever
Public Works	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 – 2000:

The commission has reviewed several drafts of the County Fire Department five-year master plan document and anticipates completion of the document in the first quarter of 2001.

CDF/County Fire has established a statistical database to track incident responses and quarterly reports are being reviewed by the commission to help confirm the distribution of County Fire resources.

A presentation by PERS for a length of service award program for volunteers was held for the commission's review and recommendation for **funding**.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

The Commission expects to continue the work begun on the various issues identified as priorities under its charter including the following:

Completion and implementation of the master plan including a scheduled work plan structured for the commission's review of the efforts to achieve the defined goals and objectives;

obtaining top management support for **fire** protection and prevention activities;

review and discussion of efforts by the Fire Agencies Regionalization Committee to use **fire** resources within the county more effectively;

review and discussion of efforts to improve the operational relationships within the County Fire Department;

review impacts to County Fire related to long term Emergency Medical System strategic planning.

RECOMMENDATION:

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