

Alameda Fire Department

Fire Prevention Division Update

March 6, 2018



Fire Prevention Division Presentation

Four Part Update

- Steps to Rebuild the Fire Prevention Division
- Inspection Priorities and Workloads
- Year to date Results
- Next Steps

Background: 2009 Reductions in Staffing (Calls up 24%)

During 2009, reductions in AFD staffing resulted in the following:

- Overall Reduction of 11 Personnel
- Closure of Fire Station 5
- Reduction of one (1) Captain in Training
- Virtual Elimination of the Fire Prevention Program

Reduced the overall number of personnel available for Emergency responses and Life Safety Inspections

Fire Prevention Staffing Level Prior to Reductions:

- 7 positions (4 sworn, 3 non-sworn)
 - 1 Division Chief (Fire Marshal)
 - 1 Fire Captain (Asst. Fire Marshal/Plan Examiner)
 - 2 Firefighters / Apparatus Operators (Inspectors)
 - 2 Fire Code Compliance Officers
 - 1 Administrative Technician

Post Reduction Staffing in Fire Prevention:

- 1 Fire Code Compliance Officer
- 1 PT Administrative Technician

Fire Prevention Division

- City Council authorized re-establishment of the FPD –April 18, 2017
 - New personnel (3)
 - Vehicles (3)
 - Equipment- Office, computers, IT and Phone Support
 - Training (Extensive per State Law): 12 Classes, 24 hours each
- Annual Budget: \$865,000

Fire Prevention Division's Charge

- Community Life Safety Issues
 - New building construction inspections
 - Commercial building inspections
 - Multi-family residential building inspections
 - Hazardous material storage and use inspections
 - Special Permits: plan reviews, tent inspections, pyrotechnical events, street fairs, movie shoots etc.
- Ensure Compliance to Building Codes (4,500)
 - Planning review pre-submittal conferences
 - Construction plan reviews
 - Certificates of occupancy
 - Public inquires for codes and complaints

Year to Date Progress

Fire Prevention Statistics									
May 28, 2017 - January 31, 2018									
Inspection Summary*									
Type	May 28-31 / June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan-18	Total
Vacant Inspections	33	34	5	7	24	15	15	6	139
Fire Permits	23	24	22	2	2	19	15	8	115
Fire Safety Inspections	160	216	263	125	175	189	240	342	1710
	216	274	290	134	201	223	270	356	1964
*NOTE: Does not include Fire Code Complaints, CB permits, or number of attempts to access property prior to initial inspection.									

Inspection/Re-Inspection Ratios

Fire Safety Final Inspection Breakdown									
Type	May/June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan-18	Total
Initial Inspection	163	212	252	116	156	175	181	246	1501
1st Reinspection	0	3	7	7	2	10	41	54	124
2nd Reinspection	0	1	2	2	2	0	11	32	50
3rd Reinspection	0	0	2	0	14	4	7	10	37
4th Reinspection	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
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Next Steps

Future Council Considerations

- Add Division Chief (Life Safety Division Management)
- Increase Administrative Technician to FTE
- Establish Fees as an Enterprise Fund- Minimize GF Impacts

Provide All Risk Inspections, Training and Educational Safety

- Safety Town
- Educational talks in the schools (K-8)
- Fall Prevention
- Seat belt Usage
- Every 15 minutes

Staffing Patterns/Choices

Civilian vs. Sworn Staff- Options??

Career- Opportunities, training career paths

Civilian (Non-Sworn): Recruitment difficulties, pay compactions, viewed as a stepping stone career choice

Optimal: Combination Staffing for the FPD

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Questions????