

# 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????