

Aid to Fire Service

El Dorado County Fire Chief's Association

History of Aid to Fire Service

- Aug. 28, 2001
 - Sups. Nielsen & Nutting authored the current resolution, with unanimous support of Board
 - Whereas, the Districts receive a disproportionately small percentage of the property tax base and of the property tax increment as a result of the property tax allocation formula dictated under Proposition 13; and
 - Whereas, the Districts serve large, rural areas of the County *and providing the best possible fire protection and emergency medical services for the areas is of the highest priority to the County and the Districts;* and
 - Whereas, providing additional funding for fire protection and emergency medical services helps preserve life, property, and the property tax base;

Changes Since 2001

- Call Stats
 - 2001 12,692
 - 2008 18,250
 - 43% increase in call volume
- 3 Catastrophic Fires (1991 to present)
 - Cleveland Fire
 - Kelsey Fire
 - Angora Fire
- Development, Growth, Recreation
- Unfunded Mandates, Increased Standards, Decreased ability to recruit volunteers

Aid to Fire Expenditures Since 2001

- Staffing/Increased Level of Service, decreased response times to comply with General Plan elements
- ALS Engine Companies
- Grant Matching
- Participation in local and statewide Mutual/Auto Aid Systems
- Augmentation to E.D. County Emergency Services J.P.A.
- Increased ability to meet unfunded mandates

Simple Fire District Costs

- One ALS Engine Company
 - Volunteer Back-Up
 - Two Station
 - Minimal Support Staff
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- Total Annual Cost \$1.5 Million

06-07 EDC Allocation Funding to Fire Districts

Department	FY 2006/2007 Assessed Value	Total TRA Taxes at 1%	FY 2006/2007 District's \$ Share And % of Property Tax		FY 06/07 County Supplemental ²		FY 06/07 Special Taxes	FY 06/07 Special Assessments	FY 06/07 Other Misc ³	Total Base Tax Revenue ⁴	
Rescue Fire	777,527,841	7,775,278	796,033	10.2%	226,201	2.9%	129,298	182,572	707,426	1,022,234	13.1%
Pioneer Fire	647,294,466	6,472,945	557,556	8.6%	243,695	3.8%	0	0	311,699	801,251	12.4%
Mosquito Fire	117,099,016	1,170,990	115,577	9.9%	28,746	2.5%	177,356	0	38,611	144,323	12.3%
Latrobe Fire	211,444,648	2,114,446	104,334	4.9%	145,699	6.9%	34,323	0	48,905	250,033	11.8%
Georgetown Fire	316,480,054	3,164,801	372,806	11.8%	33,021	1.0%	83,448	112,703	226,891	405,827	12.8%
Garden Valley Fire	405,701,814	4,057,018	322,003	7.9%	179,546	4.4%	89,710	157,810	439,974	501,549	12.4%
Fallen Leaf Lake CSD	60,597,216	605,972	18,156	3.0%	56,993	9.4%	104,765	0	N/A ¹	75,149	12.4%
Meeks Bay Fire	639,262,741	6,392,627	509,263	8.0%	274,241	4.3%	277,280	0	191,323	783,504	12.3%
El Dorado County Fire	5,577,540,807	55,775,408	7,251,342	13.0%	0	0.0%	516,305	252,454	1,516,225	7,251,342	13.0%
Diamond Springs Fire	1,798,675,594	17,986,756	2,745,921	15.3%	0	0.0%	0	0	686,186	2,745,921	15.3%
El Dorado Hills Fire	6,845,072,963	68,450,730	12,002,460	17.5%	0	0.0%	0	0	N/A ¹	12,002,460	17.5%
Cameron Park CSD	1,953,277,950	19,532,780	3,222,084	16.5%	0	0.0%	0	0	1,050,002	3,222,084	16.5%
Lake Valley Fire	1,816,276,891	18,162,769	3,213,661	17.7%	0	0.0%	151,199	0	1,148,798	3,213,661	17.7%

Need for Continuation

- Expectations of County (General Plan)
- Agencies unable to continue current service level
- Impact on J.P.A.
- Impact on Mutual/Auto Aid local and statewide
- Discourages consolidations
- Closest resource concept, boundary line drop
- Parity of tax dollar creates standardized service
- Meet increasing requirements of Insurance companies and demands of businesses
- Acceptable level of Fire Protection for economic growth
- Mandates and Agreements made by County that impact Fire Districts

Solutions

- Fund Districts as per original resolution
- Negotiate new resolution that is long term/final
- Utilization of Prop. 172 funds
- Develop one stop County/Fire District Planner
- Utilize stimulus funding or Casino revenue
- Legislation to re-allocate Property Tax shares

Summary

- Whereas, the Districts serve large, rural areas of the County *and providing the best possible fire protection and emergency medical services for the areas is of the highest priority to the County and the Districts;*
- Solution must come from E.D. County
- Questions