

MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA
ACTION FORM

Date: ~~October 8, 1996~~ 10-15-96
AGEND. ITEM NO: ~~Police~~ CA-1

11-12-96

96-432

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department BY: Blaine Shultz PHONE: 966-4330

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes X No)

Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance amending Chapter 2.96 ENTITLED "MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT" OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY CODE, ^{1 1/2}waive second reading and adopt an Ordinance amending CHAPTER 2.96, ENTITLED "MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT" OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY CODE. Ordinance 687 created the MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. In order to fully implement Ordinance 687, it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors to establish certain administrative and operational policies. The Administrative and Operational Policies are included.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board adopted Ordinance 687 , creating the Mariposa County Fire Department, in 1991.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Adopt Ordinance as drafted.
2. Not approve Ordinance as drafted. Revise Board desires and adopt.

COSTS: (X) Not applicable		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:		
A.	Budget Current FY	\$	-	List the attachments and number the pages consecutively
B.	Total anticipated costs	\$	-	
C.	Required additional funding	\$		
D.	Internal transfers	\$		

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required

A.	Unanticipated revenues	\$	_____
B.	Reserve for contingencies	\$	_____
C.	Source Description:		

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved:

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Resolution No: 96-432 Ord. No: 907

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes:

Absent: Abstained:

() Approved () Denied

Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended

For Policy Determination

Submitted with Comment

Return for Further Action

Comments: _____

A.O. Initials:

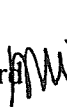
Date: _____

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: BLAINE SHULTZ, Fire Chief
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board 
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.96

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 15, 1996

ACTION AND VOTE:

Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief;

Waive First Reading and Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.96 Entitled "Mariposa County Fire Department" of the Mariposa County Code (Continued from Forthcoming Policy 10/8/96)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Blaine Shultz and Jim Wilson/President of the Chief's Association. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 96-432 adopted approving the Administrative and Operational Policies. Following further discussion, motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include direction that it is the policy of the County Board of Supervisors that the Chiefs' Association be consulted by the County Fire Chief regarding major policy as it affects the Mariposa County Fire Department. Further discussion was continued for the following hearing to be opened.

10:04 a.m. Continued PUBLIC HEARING on Appeal No. 96-5; Planning Director Use Determination (APN 10-371-001 and 10-371-003); William Winterberg, Appellant, was opened and continued to after this item.

Further discussion was held concerning the policies and the internal appeals process.

Ayes: Unanimous. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Ordinance was introduced/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File

Mariposa County Fire Department Administrative and Operational Policies

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Mariposa County Ordinance No. 687, has created a Mariposa County Fire Department. In order to fully implement Ordinance No. 687, it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors to establish certain administrative and operational policies. These policies shall be adopted by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors and may be amended from time to time by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

Introduction and Basic Policy Statement

The County of Mariposa provides, through the Mariposa County Fire Department, fire protection and emergency medical response to the unincorporated areas of Mariposa County. The County provides for this basic protection through certain specific support of volunteers operating volunteer fire companies within the County. The County support provided these companies is contingent on certain specific volunteer support of Mariposa County Fire Department.

The Mariposa County Fire Department is made up of volunteer fire companies in the County of Mariposa, which, under the direction of the County Fire Chief, provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the County. These volunteer companies receive support from the County and from local fund raising. Each volunteer company has a Volunteer Chief who directs the company and who operates under overall coordination and direction of the County Fire Chief.

Organization

The Mariposa County Fire Department shall be directed by the Mariposa County Fire Chief.

The Fire Chief shall prepare for Board review and adoption a set of Firefighter Requirement/Operational Procedures. Amendments shall be approved by the Board from time to time.

The rules, regulations, and policies and procedures established by the Board of Supervisors shall include guidelines for minimum training requirements and procedures for becoming a volunteer firefighter.

Each volunteer fire company shall be represented by a Volunteer Fire Chief. All members of a volunteer fire company must meet minimum qualifications of the Mariposa County Fire Department as described below:

1. An applicant must be in good physical condition and able to perform all of the manipulative skills of the training requirements for each volunteer firefighter.
2. Each applicant must pass a physical examination, which shall be given to each applicant at County expense.
3. An applicant must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age nor older than sixty-five (65) years of age. If an applicant or existing volunteer firefighter is older than 65, a medical release covering the duties of a volunteer must be provided on an annual basis. The medical examination will be at the expense of the County.
4. Each applicant must have a valid California driver's license for the type of vehicle driven.

The County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the independent fire companies have created a Volunteer Fire Chiefs' Association. It is the policy of the County Board of Supervisors that the Chiefs' Association be consulted by the County Fire Chief regarding major policy as it affects the Mariposa County Fire Department.

County Support of the Mariposa County Fire Department

The County will, based on the adopted budget, provide the following to the Mariposa County Fire Department Volunteer Companies:

- A. Fire apparatus and equipment.
- B. A basic complement of tools, hose, and appliances.
- C. Replacement of worn out fire apparatus and equipment.
- D. Fuel, oil, preventive maintenance and repair of fire apparatus and equipment.
- E. Payment of utility bills.
- F. Basic communication equipment.
- G. The County shall provide workers' compensation and liability insurance to volunteer firefighters when they are operating in the capacity of a volunteer firefighter pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Mariposa County Fire Department.

Volunteer Support of the Mariposa County Fire Department

A. Volunteer firefighters will provide support to the County Fire Department as available. The local volunteer companies are responsible for maintaining and caring for the basic complement of fire apparatus and equipment located in their stations to the specifications contained in documents of the County Fire Department and amended from time to time. Nothing contained herein requires volunteer members to do repairs to County vehicles and equipment, nor to County buildings.

B. The local companies may supply equipment over and above the complement of equipment that the County Fire Department provides. This equipment is to be obtained by the local volunteer companies only after the approval of the County Fire Chief and acceptance as County equipment.

C. The County Fire Chief shall have the authority to discipline any volunteer firefighter without cause and without right of appeal. Such discipline may include suspension, separation, or such other appropriate steps as the County Fire Chief deems appropriate. This regulation governing removal of a volunteer is in compliance with California Labor Code § 1964.

D. Each Company Volunteer Chief shall maintain training logs and records for each individual in his/her fire company.

E. Nothing in these Administrative and Operational policies shall be interpreted as creating a property right in the volunteer firefighter job or position.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment

All fire apparatus and equipment and supplies located in the various local volunteer companies is the property of the County. It is the policy of the County of Mariposa that all the fire apparatus, supplies and equipment which is acquired by a local volunteer company, either through its own means or through the County, although owned by the County shall remain in the possession of that local fire company. This policy shall not prevent or prohibit the County from selling, disposing, exchanging, or removing any fire apparatus, equipment or supplies from a volunteer fire company if such sale, disposal, exchange or removal is determined by the Board of Supervisors to be in the best interest of the County, as specified below.

A. Prior to the County Board of Supervisors making a determination to sell, dispose, exchange or remove any fire apparatus or equipment from a volunteer company, the County Fire Chief shall request a recommendation from the Volunteer Chiefs Association and the affected volunteer company regarding the proposed action.

B. All fire apparatus and equipment of volunteer companies, and all volunteer stations shall be located on real property either owned or leased by the County.

County Facilities

No member of a volunteer company or any other individual shall use County fire apparatus, equipment or facilities for anything other than direct fire department related activities.

All fund raising activities using the Mariposa County Fire Department name, logo or patch and/or done on County owned property shall have prior approval by the Board of Supervisors.

All maintenance and repair work on County Fire Stations shall go through the County Department of Public Works.