

# Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Response



## Hopland Fire Protection District

The Hopland Fire Protection District ("Fire District") is responsible for providing year-round, rapid-response fire protection and emergency medical services to the Hopland community. Every year the Fire District responds to an increasing number of calls, including emergency medical aid; house, structure, and vehicle fires; wildland fire suppression; traffic collisions; hazardous material responses; and technical rescue.

The Fire District is an independent special district and is not governed by Mendocino County. It was established in 1952 to provide essential emergency medical services in and around Hopland. The Fire District serves our diverse community including single-family homes, agriculture and open spaces, and small and large commercial businesses. The revenues to support the Fire District are funded primarily from a small portion of property taxes along with the existing Measure X special tax which was approved by voters in 2002. The Measure X tax revenues are fixed in dollars, are not adjusted for inflation, and have not changed in 20 years.

Increasing costs of fuel, labor, and equipment put pressure on the Fire District's ability to provide services with a constant-dollar revenue base. Without increased revenues, the Fire District cannot continue providing these vital emergency fire and medical services at the current level of service.

Therefore, in order to continue to provide rapid emergency response, including medical emergencies, the Fire District is proposing a new ballot measure to the Hopland community. On November 8, 2022, local voters will have the opportunity to vote on continuing to fund local fire protection and emergency medical response services for the Fire District.



## What will this proposed measure provide?

### ***Maintain Response Time***

Ensuring rapid, effective fire protection and emergency medical response by staffing the fire house 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. The Fire District does not currently receive adequate funding to provide 24/7 station staffing.

### ***Additional Firefighters***

Improving community safety and security by retaining and hiring local additional firefighters.

### ***Repairs and Improvements***

Maintaining, repairing and replacing outdated firefighting engines and equipment.

### ***Continued Training***

Providing training to firefighting staff on the latest tactics and use of resources to combat wildland fires and successfully defending homes and property.

## What if the proposed measure is not approved?

If the proposed measure is not approved by the Hopland community, the Fire District will be faced with insufficient resources to meet the rising costs of providing fire and emergency services. The Fire District will be forced to make difficult decisions regarding emergency response services to be reduced or eliminated.

## How can I find out more information?

We are conducting extensive outreach and would like to hear from our residents.

For additional information go to <https://www.hoplandfire.org/> or call (707) 744-1222.

