

TOWN OF FAIRFAX STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council

DATE: April 6, 2011

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Appoint a Council Member as a representative to the Fire Operations 101 Event on May 19, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council chooses a member and an alternate to participate in the Fire Ops 101 Event to be conducted by the Marin Professional Firefighters Local 1775 on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

BACKGROUND

On Thursday May 19, 2011 The Marin Professional Firefighters Local 1775 will be conducting its second Fire Ops 101 event. San Rafael Fire Department will be hosting the event at Station 2, 210 Third Street, and will include the Ross Valley Fire Department's Mobile Live Fire Trainer.

The event actually suits up mayors, council members, board members, and media representatives in full PPE (personal protective equipment) and runs them through actual evolutions such as stretching hose, putting out a fire, extricating a patient from a crumpled vehicle, or treating a patient in cardiac arrest. This event will be especially valuable to those who might benefit from a greater understanding of the Fire Department's operational responsibilities.

Rick Marshall, Ross Valley Firefighters' Association representative, would like to be able to invite all members of the Council, but unfortunately, space is limited. The event will only be able to host 12-15 participants. Although there are thirteen agencies involved, it is anticipated that Ross Valley Fire will be able to invite two, maybe three, members, depending on other agencies' involvement.

Some considerations for participants:

- Availability, schedule and commitment
- Interest in fire department operational responsibilities
- Physical health. Although conditions will be safe and controlled, the combinations of turnout gear, fire environment in the trailer and adrenaline will be moderately stressful.

The group is hoping to make this an annual event, so there should be more opportunities in the future.