

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: March 11, 2020

**To:** Ross Valley Fire Department Board of Directors

**From:** Robert Bastianon, Senior Fire Inspector

**Subject:** Resolution No. 20-03 acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief regarding compliance of inspections for certain State Fire Marshal regulated occupancies pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the Health and Safety Code.

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**Recommendation:**

That the Board of Directors adopts the Resolution No. 20-03 acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief regarding the inspection compliance of certain State Fire Marshal Regulated occupancies.

**Discussion / Background:**

After the tragic 2016 "Ghost Ship Fire" in Oakland that killed 36 people, Senator Jerry Hill introduced SB 1205 The Fire protection services-Compliance Reporting. On September 27, 2018, Governor Brown approved Senate Bill 1205, requiring fire departments to report annually to its administering authority (RVFD Fire Board), on the department's inspection compliance.

Fire departments are required to perform annual inspections of every building used as a public or private school, as well as all apartment houses, hotels, motels, and lodging houses for compliance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 13145 and 13146.

The bill requires the administering authority to acknowledge receipt of the report in a resolution or a similar formal document.

**Inspection Compliance 2019:**

| Occupancy Type                   | Number of Occupancies within RVFD | Number Completed | Percentage Completed |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Group E - Educational Facilities | 24                                | 12               | 50%                  |
| Group R – Apartments / Hotels    | 161                               | 118              | 73%                  |

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**Next Steps:**

Our 2020 goal is to complete 100% percent of the State Fire Marshal regulated occupancy inspections.

Engine companies are assigned the Group R (Apartments/Hotels) occupancy inspections. We have identified training opportunities to better capture data, ensuring statistics reflect the higher number of inspections actually being completed.

The Prevention Bureau is assigned the task of completing the Group E (Educational Facilities) the 12 uncompleted inspections from 2019 were inspected in early 2020.

Your Boards support of adding the second full time Fire Inspector scheduled to start in the next month will ensure we are able to complete 100% of required inspections.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None. This is a reporting requirement by the State of California and does not carry any penalties for agencies not in compliance with 100% of the required inspections in each occupancy

**Attachments:**

Resolution - Action Item

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-03**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSS VALLEY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OF MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A REPORT MADE BY THE FIRE  
CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF  
CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ANNUAL  
INSPECTIONS IN SUCH OCCUPANCIES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS  
13146.2 AND 13146.3 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY  
CODE**

**WHEREAS**, California Health & Safety Code Section 13146.4 was added in 2018, and became effective on September 27, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, California Health & Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 requires all fire departments, including the Ross Valley Fire Department, that provide fire protection services to perform annual inspections in every building used as a public or private school, hotel, motel, lodging house, apartment house, and certain residential care facilities for compliance with building standards, as provided and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Ross Valley Fire Department intends this Resolution to fulfill the requirements of the California Health & Safety Code regarding acknowledgement of the Ross Valley Fire Department compliance with California Health and Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of Ross Valley Fire Department that said the Board of Directors expressly acknowledges the measure of compliance of the Ross Valley Fire Department with California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 in the area encompassed by the Ross Valley Fire Department as follows:

**A. EDUCATIONAL GROUP E OCCUPANCIES:**

Educational Group E occupancies are generally those public and private schools, used by more than six persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Within Ross Valley Fire Department jurisdiction boundaries, there lie twenty-four (24) Group E occupancies, buildings, structures, and/or facilities.

During calendar year of 2019, the Ross Valley Fire Department completed the annual inspection of twelve (12) Group E occupancies, buildings, structures, and/or facilities. This is a compliance rate of 50% for this reporting period.

**B. RESIDENTIAL GROUP R OCCUPANCIES:**

Residential Group R occupancies, for the purposes of this resolution, are generally those occupancies containing sleeping units, and include hotels, motels, apartments (three units or more), etc. as well as other residential occupancies (including a number of residential care facilities). These residential care facilities have a number of different sub-classifications, and they may contain residents and clients that have a range of needs, including those related to custodial care, mobility impairments, cognitive disabilities, etc. The residents may also be non-ambulatory or bedridden. Within the Ross Valley Fire Department jurisdiction boundaries, there lie one hundred sixty-one 161 Group R (and their associated sub-categories) occupancies of this nature.

During calendar year 2019, the Ross Valley Fire Department completed the annual inspection of one hundred eighteen (118) Group R occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities. This a compliance rate of 73% for this reporting period.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF MARIN

ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, President of the Ross Valley Fire Board of Directors, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of for the Ross Valley Fire Department, at a regular meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Assistant