

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of June 8, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Miranda Miller – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Subject: Receive Emergency Preparedness Program Draft Strategic Plan & Provide Feedback and Direction to Staff

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board provides feedback and direction related to the Draft Emergency Preparedness Program - Strategic Plan, targeted at improving household and community resiliency.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board has continually supported and promoted disaster preparedness in the communities RVFD serves. As we are developing programs surrounding wildfire preparedness and in alignment with the voter initiative Measure C, the Ross Valley Fire Department has a unique opportunity to expand emergency preparedness to greatly improve the survivability related to a wildfire and other natural and manmade disasters.

Goals of the plan include but not limited to: Increasing FireWise communities throughout RVFD, creation of organized blocks/smaller sections of communities, targeting vulnerable populations like seniors and maximizing the use and support of neighbors helping neighbors' concept. Platforms and successful examples of programs exist in Central Marin (Corte Madera and Larkspur) and other communities across the County and State. Additionally, the use of CERT trained community members can assist in training and organizing neighborhoods. Also, increasing partnerships with our local schools reaching busy families through kids.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with this program is included in the budget and is supported by voter approved Measure C and the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

Attachment: RVFD Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan (Draft) – Attachment #1