



San Mateo County Fire Department



25/26 and 26/27
Contract

June 10th, 2025



HISTORY

- 1887 – Fire Commission formed to protect Natural Resources
- 1890 – First Volunteer Company
- 1921 – Major Fires (Butano SP Area)
- 1921 -1936 – Expansion of Fire Stations
- 1962 – County begins contracting with CAL FIRE
- 1970 – San Mateo – Santa Cruz Unit established
- 2018 – Highlands (CSA #1) becomes ISO Class 1
- 2020 – CZU Lighting Fires



STAFFING

Daily Operational Staffing

- 4 ALS Engines 3-0
- 1 ALS Truck 4-0
- 1 Battalion Chief

Volunteers

- La Honda
- Kings Mountain
- Loma Mar

Administration/Fire Marshall

- Deputy Chief
- Division Chief
- PIO
- Fire Marshall
- WUI Captain



ACOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS

- Standards/Metrics
 - Response Times
 - Urban
 - Rural
 - Inspections
 - Mandatory
 - Defensible Space
- Annual Call Volume
- 2025 Controller's Audit
- Measure K
- Fuels Projects – Kings Mountain and Hillsborough



BENEFITS OF CAL FIRE CONTRACT

- Surge capacity
- Automatic and Mutual Aid of State Resources
- Long-Term Retirement Liability
- Continuity of Services
- ISO Reviews
- Fire Investigation
- Programs and/or Services
 - Occupational Health
 - EEO
 - Behavior Health and Wellness
 - Training Centers
 - Technology
 - Management Services (HR)
 - Office of Accountability
 - Professional Standards
 - Legal
 - Technology



CONTRACT

- 2 Year Agreement (25/26 and 26/27)
- Position Changes (converted three positions to Fire Captain – 66 HR)
- Exhibit E Update (Transparency and Accountability)

San Mateo County Fire Schedule A Totals			
Fiscal Years 2025/26 to 2026/27			
Fiscal Year	PCA 17710	PCA 17730	TOTAL
2025/26	\$15,772,961	\$3,682,070	\$19,455,031
2026/27 (5% increase over FY2025/26)	\$16,561,609	\$3,866,174	\$20,427,783
TOTALS	\$32,334,570	\$7,548,244	\$39,882,814



QUESTIONS?