

# Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors

Zach Hogan, Board Chairperson  
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Jason Koops, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: February 9, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting  
1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, CA 95320  
February 12, 2026, at 4 P.M.

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

Zach Hogan, Board Chairperson  
Joe Camara, Vice Chairperson  
Mickey Schilber, Secretary  
Laura Catrina, Director  
Jason Koops, Director

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is provided for the public to address the Board of Directors on items not on the Agenda that fall within the Board's jurisdiction and are offered for the good of the District. Public comments regarding items on the Agenda should be made at the time of the item. Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

#### IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the Board Meeting on January 15, 2025.

#### V. BILLS

Bills for the month of January in the amount of \$49,348.79.

#### VI. COMMUNICATIONS

#### VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. 2026 Form 700

Presented by: Rick Mello, Fire Chief  
Requested Action / Purpose:  
Attachments:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2 X 2 Committee with City of Escalon

Presented by: Zach Hogan, Board Chairperson

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

X. ACCOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. located at 1531 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is March 12, 2026.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Appointment (Section 54957) Hiring Process

a. Title: Battalion Chief

B. Employee Contracts (Section 54957)

Title: Fire Chief (Review)

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

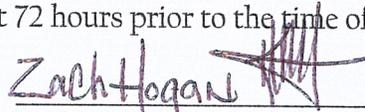
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XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

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Date: February 9, 2026

  
By: Zach Hogan, Board Chairperson

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2025

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 12:06 p.m. on December 11, 2025.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Jason Koops, Mickey Schilber, Zach Hogan, and Laura Catrina

Directors Absent: Joe Camara

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon, Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen, and Reserve Firefighter Colton Weber.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on October 16, 2025, were approved on a motion by Director Catrina, seconded by Director Hogan.

3-AYES 0-NAYES 2-ABSENT

V. BILLS

October bills totaling \$73,423.42 were approved on a motion by Director Hogan, seconded by Director Catrina.

3-AYES 0-NAYES 2-ABSENT

November bills totaling \$30,224.75 were approved on a motion by Director Catrina, seconded by Director Hogan.

3-AYES 0-NAYES 2-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – November 2025

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 96 calls for the month and 117 for 2025.

B. Training

a. October Drills

10-7-25 Larro Rope Rescue Training (9 participants)

10-15-25 Child Birth Policy Update (11 participants)

10-23-25 Annual Fit Test (18 participants)

The 4 new reserves have finished all paperwork and are now online and training as they ride shifts.

We currently have 6 new reserve applications on file and will hopefully be doing another round of interviews in the near future.

C. Prevention

- As always, we have the fire prevention week during October. This year the assemblies were held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October, between both schools we had a little over 1000 kids attend and the assemblies were a success. Our reserves that participated in the assemblies did a phenomenal job We also brought Sparky the fire dog back into the presentations and the kids really enjoyed that.
- There was 1 business inspection completed for the month of November, a change of ownership for Family Treasures.
- Fire alarm panels were updated for the Escalon PD and city buildings, and I attended the final test which went off without a hitch.
- The new Weldway Construction project is underway , I attended a meeting with city planning to discuss an update to the construction project which has added a larger water supply, full sprinkler system as well as hydrants.
- The new Inspection manual for our business inspection processs is for the most part complete, still waiting for a few answers to some questions from the city. We will start fresh with business inspections January 2026.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- New wheels for Brush 1-1 were purchased and installed at Show Off Motorsports.
- Repairs were done to E 1-1 by WB Auto Tech LLC.
- Burton's Fire completed annual pump testing.
- Brush 1-1 went to Central Valley Dodge in Modesto for factory recalls.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- A new battery was installed on the generator at Station 1.
- Former Ripon Fire volunteer Bert Balltore returned the old civil defense siren to Escalon Fire after he fully reconditioned it. It is currently house at Station 1.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs' Association

- Meeting 11-6-25, general business and the LAFCo Municipal Services Review (MSR) was discussed.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 10-15-25, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- Fill-the-Boot for Burns was canceled and will be rescheduled for Spring 2026.
- The badge pinning and swearing-in ceremony for Dylan Criteser was held on Thursday, October 30. A nice crowd attended, with excellent representation from Escalon Fire personnel and board.

VIII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – December 2025

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 92 calls for the month and 1008 for 2025.

B. Training

a. November Drills

11-4-25	Forcible Entry	(11 participants)
11-12-25	EMS Shock & Bleeding	(8 participants)
11-20-25	Investigations for First Responders	(6 participants)

The 4 newest reserves are online and riding shifts. Training with them is on shift as they work.

Interviews have been scheduled for beginning for December for another round of reserves, we had 11 applications in total and will be interviewing 9 of those. Our reserve staff are doing a phenomenal job recently, filling the schedules needed during this time!!!

**Investigations:**

2 fire investigations were conducted in November, one was by our personnel here in our district the other was an assist to the FIU team out of district.

No open or active investigations.

**Misc.**

Christmas lights went up a little earlier this year and the house looks awesome! Spent some time setting up and preparing for the first Hot Cocoa with a Firefighter. We have been working with the owner of the new Soul Coffee shop on Main St. This event will be held in December. Free hot cocoa for the kiddos. We will be sitting down to color with the kids of the community, as well as the Christmas story reading by Santa Claus. We will also have Sparky the fire dog present, the grinch and an elf. Hopefully it's a hit and we can continue to do this in the future years! It has been set for Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1800 to 2000 hrs. Will update on the success of the event next month.

**C. Prevention**

- 4 business inspections were completed in the month of November.
- November was the month for our annual smoke detector program, we currently have 19 residents that received the service provided.
- Boxes for the Escalon Fire Christmas Toy Drive went out on November 19<sup>th</sup>, we currently have boxes located at 27 different business throughout town.

**B Shift:**

New siren speaker in E1-1, Fixed in house

Chronic foam leak in E1-1, Fixed in house

New alerting system project started at station 1-1 on Decl. This project is going to include all new hardware, software and equipment.

B shift participated in the snowman build off competition for Christmas on Main, along with we drove Marg and her guest in the parade.

We participated in the CTE competition at Escalon High fire science. There was roughly about 8-10 school from around the area with over 80 students.

I attended the Tablet command class

We got two out of the 4 required school inspections completed and El Portal is scheduled for 12/17, the final preschool that needs to be inspected has not lined up with my days. Between holidays and weekends. Smoke detectors we had 8 assigned to us, we have completed 6 as well as installed and rewired 4 detectors for one resident.

**D. Apparatus and Equipment**

- Foam leak on E 1-1 repaired in-house.
- Siren speaker on E 1-1 removed and replaced in-house.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- The installation of the new house alerting system is nearly complete. Most of the cost is being absorbed by surplus funds from our ARPA upgrades.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs' Association

- Meeting 12-3-25, general business and the LAFCo Municipal Services Review (MSR) was discussed.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 11-19-25, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- Eighteen residents are taking part in the smoke detector battery replacement program.
- Escalon Fire personnel took part in Christmas on Main, Saturday, December 6. Personnel entered the snow man contest, participated in a "snowball" fight with the kids, and drove Marg in the parade.
- The annual toy drive is well underway. Collection of the donation boxes will take place on December 19, and the toy drive through distribution will take place on Saturday, December 20. Sorting of the gifts begins at 8:00 a.m. with the distribution beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- The first "hot cocoa with a firefighter" event will take place Saturday, December 13, at Soul Coffee on Main Street.
- Escalon United Methodist Church Women donated \$100.00 to the District. Proceeds were from their potato lunch.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ayera Antenna Space Lease Agreement

- a. Tabled until the next Board meeting in January.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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XII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Litigation / Possible Litigation (54956.9 (d)(2) – One item

XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
JANUARY 2026

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:10 p.m. on January 15, 2026.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Mickey Schilber, Zach Hogan, and Laura Catrina

Directors Absent: Jason Koops

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Moises Silva, Volunteer Firefighter Giavanni Brunetti, and Reserve Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez.

Public Present: Matthew Ford, CEO Ayera Technologies

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

The minutes of the October 16, 2025, meeting were tabled for approval at the next Board meeting.

V. BILLS

December bills totaling \$28,687.36 were approved on a motion by Director Hogan, seconded by Director Schilber.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications

## VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – January 2026

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 141 calls for the month and 1,149 for 2026.

### B. Training

The drill schedule is traditionally very light for the month of December, this year there were only 2 drill nights used. The first one was used for the Chiefs dinner, the on-duty crew prepared a meal in house for the reserve staff. The second drill for the month was yearly compliance training, TB testing, PFT (lung capacity) test. Both tests were performed by an outside vendor. The 3<sup>rd</sup> drill was canceled to allow crews to spend time with their family members for the holiday season.

### C. Prevention

#### C-Shift Monthly Report for December

#### Prevention & Reserver Program :

#### Reserves

- End of the year and nothing to report other than the reserves are all still doing an exceptional job at helping fill days on the calendar.

#### Prevention:

- The new inspection manual is complete and is now based on address instead of business. This was done to make it easier for shifts to complete inspections in a quicker time frame by cutting back on drive time. The inspections will be completely done via tablet now, no more paper forms, this will cut back on the amount of paper used as well as give us a better way to track inspections.
- End of the year state inspections for the schools, day cares and car facilities were all completed and there was only 1 other inspection completed or a change of ownership.

#### Investigations:

- 1 – fire investigation was conducted in December; The County FIU team was called for a residential structure fire in French Camp and 1 of our investigators assisted with that investigation.
- No open or active investigations at this time.
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#### Misc.

- The Christmas Toy Drive went off with a bang as usual! This year we had a lot of assistance from the high school, both sports and fire programs, which was a huge help to us sorting toys. We had a total of 118 children from 45 families who received toys.
- The first hot cocoa with the firefighter was a success! We had a rather large turnout, and it brought business to the new Soul Coffee as well as gave our people a chance to interact with the community on more of a personal level. We also had Santa Claus,

the Grinch and Sparky the fire dog in attendance. Hopefully we can keep this going in the future.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burton's Fire for repairs.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- The installation of the new house alerting system is nearly complete. Most of the cost is being absorbed by surplus funds from our ARPA upgrades.
- Modesto Overhead Door completed repairs on Station 1 doors.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs' Association

- Meeting 1-7-26, general business and the LAFCo Municipal Services Review (MSR) was discussed.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 12-17-25, general business and annual dispatcher appreciation lunch.

H. Miscellaneous

- The annual toy drive, drive-through toy distribution took place on Saturday, December 20. We served forty-five families with 118 kids. The event was well attended by Escalon Fire Personnel. Supervisor Rickman, his wife Karen, and Board Aide Maria Valenzuela attended, as well as members of the American Legion, Escalon P.D., Escalon High School student athletes (with the J.V. and Varsity boys' soccer team), Escalon Chamber, Starbucks and the Escalon Times all assisted.
- The annual Christmas tree pickup was held on Saturday, January 10. Ninety-two trees were picked up.
- Bold Communities has submitted plans for the development on California Street. It appears that the way the legislation is written, the project may not be subject to our fire facility fees.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ayera Antenna Space Lease Agreement

- a. Approved on a motion by Direction Schilber and seconded by Direction Hogan.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

IX. NEW BUSINESS

B. Elections of Officers 2026

- a. Director Mickey Schilber motioned to nominate the Board Officers as follows:
  - i. Zach Hogan, Chairperson
  - ii. Joe Camara, Vice Chairperson
  - iii. Mickey Schilber, Secretary
  - iv. Laura Catrina, Board Chairperson
  - v. Jason Koops, Board Chairperson

Seconded by Director Catrina.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

C. LAFCo Municipal Services Review (MSR) Committee

a. Chairperson appointed Director Catrina.

D. 2026 Form 700

a. Deadline April 2026

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B. Employee Contracts (Section 54957)

Title: Fire Chief (Review)

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2:09 PM Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
 02/09/26 Profit & Loss Detail  
 Cash Basis January 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Other General Rev</b>						
<b>Fire Recovery Fee</b>						
Deposit	01/22/2026	Fire Recover USA, LLC	2042112	500.25	500.25	500.25
Deposit	01/22/2026	Fire Recover USA, LLC	2052350; 2052366	1,000.50	1,000.50	1,500.75
Total Fire Recovery Fee						
Total Other General Rev						
Property Tax						
Deposit	01/22/2026	County of San Joaquin	DEC 2025 BAL	35,704.28	35,704.28	35,704.28
Total Property Tax						
<b>Special Assessments</b>						
Deposit	01/22/2026	County of San Joaquin	DEC2025 ADV	751,940.30	751,940.30	751,940.30
Total Special Assessments						
Total Income						
Gross Profit						
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMIN</b>						
<b>Communications</b>						
Bill	01/09/2026	Joint Radio Users Group...	TABLET COMMAND; DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE...	4,128.56	4,128.56	4,128.56
Bill	01/09/2026	GoTo Communications, ...	MONTHLY SERVICE	438.22	438.22	4,566.78
Bill	01/14/2026	AT&T MOBILITY	MONTHLY SERVICE	1,227.21	1,227.21	5,793.99
Total Communications						
<b>Fire Prevention</b>						
Check	01/15/2026	NFPA	MEMBERSHIP	129.99	129.99	129.99
Total Fire Prevention						
<b>Fuel</b>						
Bill	01/09/2026	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	712.98	712.98	712.98

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Bill	01/09/2026	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	12X FUEL MIX	123.84	123.84	836.82
Credit...	01/12/2026	H & M Market	FUEL	37.00	37.00	873.82
Bill	01/14/2026	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	852.31	852.31	1,726.13
Bill	01/29/2026	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	592.34	592.34	2,318.47
Total Fuel				2,318.47	2,318.47	2,318.47
<b>Household</b>						
Check	01/03/2026	Escalon Food Center	STATION WATER	300.00	300.00	300.00
Bill	01/09/2026	Orlando's Market	BOARD MEETING LUNCH	120.95	120.95	420.95
Bill	01/09/2026	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	5X SPRYPNT	38.66	38.66	459.61
Bill	01/09/2026	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	UNIFORM LOCKERS; - PAINT STRIPPER; SHARPIE METALLIC;...	43.46	43.46	503.07
Bill	01/09/2026	Alhambra	STATION WATER	106.24	106.24	609.31
Bill	01/09/2026	Al's Certified Safe and L...	ANNUAL CENTRAL STATION MONITORING	468.00	468.00	1,077.31
Check	01/12/2026	Starbucks	CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP	51.10	51.10	1,128.41
Bill	01/29/2026	Life-Assist	3 CS NITRILE GLOVE L; 4 X NASAL CANNULA; 1 PK LUCAS D...	869.38	869.38	1,997.79
Bill	01/29/2026	Brady Industries	1 CS BLACK CAN LINER	49.16	49.16	2,046.95
Check	01/29/2026	Rodriguez, Nathan	REIMBURSEMENT - INCIDENT DINNER	87.12	87.12	2,134.07
Total Household				2,134.07	2,134.07	2,134.07
<b>Memberships</b>						
Bill	01/29/2026	California Employers As...	PREMIER SEMI ANNUAL RENEWAL	1,399.50	1,399.50	1,399.50
Total Memberships				1,399.50	1,399.50	1,399.50
<b>Office Expenses</b>						
Check	01/05/2026	Intuit	QUICKBOOKS	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00
Check	01/09/2026	STAPLES	TAPE; PAPER CLIPS; FILE FOLDERS; GEL PENS; TISSUE	224.47	224.47	1,273.47
Check	01/13/2026	United States Post Office	POSTAGE	3.99	3.99	1,277.46
Bill	01/14/2026	Power Business Technol...	BLK 713; 991	67.61	67.61	1,345.07
Check	01/27/2026	Conexwest	MONTHLY SERVICE	85.92	85.92	1,430.99
Bill	01/29/2026	Toshiba Financial Services	MONTHLY SERVICE	201.19	201.19	1,632.18
Check	01/30/2026	STAPLES	COFFEE; AA BATTERIES; BALLPOINT PENS; CREAMER; PAPER	329.15	329.15	1,961.33
Total Office Expenses				1,961.33	1,961.33	1,961.33
<b>Professional Services</b>						
Check	01/30/2026	Auriga Technology, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICES	701.64	701.64	701.64

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January 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
		Total Professional Services			701.64	701.64
		<b>Taxes &amp; Assessments</b>				
Bill	01/09/2026	San Joaquin County Mos...	MOSQUITO, VECTOR AND DISEASE CONTROL ASSESSMENT	10.47	10.47	10.47
		Total Taxes & Assessments			10.47	10.47
		<b>Training &amp; Transportation</b>				
Check	01/29/2026	Silva, Moises	REIMBURSEMENT EMT CERTIFICATION FEE	210.00	210.00	210.00
		Total Training & Transportation			210.00	210.00
		<b>Utilities</b>				
Bill	01/09/2026	Gilton Solid Waste	MONTHLY SERVICE	129.94	129.94	129.94
Bill	01/09/2026	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	117.33	117.33	247.27
Bill	01/14/2026	PG&E 2	STATION 2	109.15	109.15	356.42
Bill	01/29/2026	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	117.33	117.33	473.75
Bill	01/29/2026	DIRECTV	MONTHLY SERVICE	199.99	199.99	673.74
		Total Utilities			673.74	673.74
		Total GENERAL & ADMIN			15,333.20	15,333.20
		<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIRS</b>				
		<b>Maintenance</b>				
		<b>BC 1-1</b>				
Bill	01/29/2026	McDowell and Davis Au...	BC 1-1 OIL CHANGE	73.97	73.97	73.97
		Total BC 1-1			73.97	73.97
		<b>Maintenance - Other</b>				
Bill	01/09/2026	Browning Electric Co	ADD OUTLET	200.00	200.00	200.00
Bill	01/09/2026	Browning Electric Co	SECURITY	535.00	535.00	735.00
Bill	01/29/2026	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	DUMPSTER LOCK; CHAINSAW CAP	41.30	41.30	776.30
Bill	01/29/2026	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	2 X PIPE PVC; ELBOW 90DG; TEE SCH 40; CEMENT PVC	52.71	52.71	829.01
		Total Maintenance - Other			829.01	829.01
		Total Maintenance			902.98	902.98
		<b>Maintenance Structure &amp; Grounds</b>				

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
**Profit & Loss Detail**  
 January 2026

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 02/09/26  
 Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Bill	01/09/2026	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	6 PCKS - RAT THROW PACKS	39.13	39.13	39.13
Check	01/16/2026	Mainline Plumbing Inc.	REPAIR SHOWER STATION 1	270.00	270.00	309.13
Bill	01/29/2026	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	APP BAY & SUPPLY CLOSET LIGHT	48.90	48.90	358.03
Bill	01/29/2026	Gym Doctors	QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE	160.00	160.00	518.03
Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds				518.03	518.03	518.03
Total MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS				1,421.01	1,421.01	1,421.01
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>						
<b>Health Insurance</b>						
Bill	01/09/2026	Sun Life Financial	JANUARY 2026	139.90	139.90	139.90
Bill	01/09/2026	Premier Access	JANUARY 2026	1,259.46	1,259.46	1,399.36
Bill	01/14/2026	CaliforniaChoice Benefit...	FEBRUARY 2026	2,938.07	2,938.07	4,337.43
Bill	01/29/2026	Sun Life Financial	FEBRUARY 2026	170.15	170.15	4,507.58
Total Health Insurance				4,507.58	4,507.58	4,507.58
<b>Workers Compensation Insurance</b>						
Bill	01/29/2026	FRMS	2025-2026 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION	25,087.00	25,087.00	25,087.00
Total Workers Compensation Insurance				25,087.00	25,087.00	25,087.00
Total Salaries & Benefits				29,594.58	29,594.58	29,594.58
<b>Total Expense</b>				<b>46,348.79</b>	<b>46,348.79</b>	<b>46,348.79</b>
Net Ordinary Income				742,796.54	742,796.54	742,796.54
<b>Net Income</b>				<b>742,796.54</b>	<b>742,796.54</b>	<b>742,796.54</b>

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**

July 2023 through April 2024

	Jul '23 - Apr 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Capital Expense</b>				
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
New Equipment	289.85	9,000.00	-8,710.15	3.2%
Capital Expense - Other	67,996.10	128,354.00	-60,357.90	53.0%
<b>Total Capital Expense</b>	<b>68,285.95</b>	<b>207,354.00</b>	<b>-139,068.05</b>	<b>32.9%</b>
<b>Employee Expenses</b>	0.00	989,715.00	-989,715.00	0.0%
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMIN</b>				
Communications	32,310.10	41,000.00	-8,689.90	78.8%
Fire Prevention	2,920.29	3,500.00	-579.71	83.4%
Firefighter Safety Gear	14,103.01	18,500.00	-2,396.99	85.5%
Fuel	18,481.26	16,200.00	2,281.26	114.1%
Household	24,865.54	28,000.00	-3,134.46	88.8%
Insurance Casualty	28,831.91	26,000.00	2,831.91	110.1%
Memberships	7,298.44	2,200.00	5,098.44	331.7%
Miscellaneous Expense	339.88	2,000.00	-1,660.12	17.0%
Office Expenses	8,869.00	10,000.00	-3,131.00	68.7%
Professional Services	13,855.04	30,000.00	-16,144.96	46.2%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	13,204.14	2,000.00	11,204.14	660.2%
Special Departmental Expenses	6,612.94	6,000.00	612.94	110.2%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	21,000.00	-21,000.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Training & Transportation	1,790.28	13,000.00	-11,209.72	13.8%
Utilities	24,513.02	19,000.00	5,513.02	129.0%
<b>Total GENERAL &amp; ADMIN</b>	<b>195,794.85</b>	<b>237,900.00</b>	<b>-42,105.15</b>	<b>82.3%</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIRS</b>				
Maintenance	7,347.35	30,000.00	-22,652.65	24.5%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	4,391.81	8,000.00	-3,608.19	54.9%
Small Tools & Equipment	15,845.65	7,000.00	8,845.65	226.4%
Structure Improvements	288.34	7,000.00	-6,711.66	4.1%
<b>Total MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIRS</b>	<b>27,873.15</b>	<b>52,000.00</b>	<b>-24,126.85</b>	<b>53.6%</b>
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>				
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Health Insurance	125,462.90	140,000.00	-14,537.10	89.6%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,295.00	-10,295.00	0.0%
Overtime	0.00	64,000.00	-64,000.00	0.0%
Retirement	92,987.10	67,200.00	25,787.10	138.4%
Salaries	0.00	646,000.00	-646,000.00	0.0%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	44,020.00	-44,020.00	0.0%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Workers Compensation Insurance	83,945.00	74,000.00	9,945.00	113.4%
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>302,395.00</b>	<b>1,063,715.00</b>	<b>-761,320.00</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>594,348.95</b>	<b>2,550,684.00</b>	<b>-1,956,335.05</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-594,348.95</b>	<b>-2,550,684.00</b>	<b>1,956,335.05</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Expense</b>				
<b>Grants1</b>				
2023 ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Special District COVID-19 Rellie	0.00	490,090.50	-490,090.50	0.0%
<b>Total Grants1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>490,090.50</b>	<b>-490,090.50</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>490,090.50</b>	<b>-490,090.50</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-490,090.50</b>	<b>490,090.50</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-594,348.95</b>	<b>-3,040,774.50</b>	<b>2,446,425.55</b>	<b>19.5%</b>

# Chief's Report

## February 2026

### Emergency Responses

### January 2025

- Medical Aid 65
- Public Service Assist 8
- Vehicle Accidents 7
- Vegetation Fires 0
- Structure Fires 3
- Vehicle Fires 1
- Other Incidents 13

○ Total For Month: 97

Total Jan 25: 93

○ Total for 2026: 97

Total for 2025: 93

## Training

See attached.

## Prevention

### C-Shift Monthly Report for January Prevention & Reserve Program:

#### Reserves

- We have 3 new reserves going through backgrounds and medicals
- We are planning another round of interviews in the month of February
- Reserve staff have still been doing an awesome job covering shifts.

#### Prevention:

- We have started using the new tablet-based business inspections and so far, so good, everyone is still learning, as with every new electronic system we are working out some minor bugs, but overall, it is working well.
- We will now be using a tablet to complete not only business inspections but also hydrant testing as well as use it for the smoke detector program. No more paper or binders.
- Attended a virtual meeting with Bold Communities to discuss their new 3-story low-income housing complex, as well as attending a few meetings with the city to discuss the same topic, will update as information becomes available.

#### Investigations:

- 2 fire investigations were conducted in the month of January, 1 vehicle fire and 1 structure fire. 2 members of the County FIU team responded to assist in the structure fire investigation.
- At the time of writing this we currently have 3 investigations that are still listed as under investigation, 2 of those are investigations here in Escalon and 1 as part of the County team.

#### Misc.

- We are preparing for the Every 15 Minutes presentation as well as preparing for fill the boot, more information will be available as both events get closer.

## **Apparatus and Equipment**

- E 1-1 went to Burton's Fire for repairs.
- BC pickup went to McDowell & Davis for an oil change.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

- Modesto Overhead Door completed repairs on Station 1 doors.
- Mainline Plumbing came out to unplug the shower drain in the dorm.
- Repairs were done to the Station 2 storm drain system.

## **San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association**

- Meeting 2-4-26, general business and the annual Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) presentation (unable to attend).

## **San Joaquin County Radio Users Group**

- Meeting 1-21-26, general business.

## Miscellaneous

- The annual Christmas Tree pickup was held on Saturday, January 10. Ninety-two trees were picked up. An error on the city of Escalon's newsletter added an additional 31 trees on January 20.
- Bold Communities project on California Street is ongoing.
- At their February 10, 2026, meeting the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors awarded the San Joaquin EMS ambulance contract to CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority (City of Stockton, City of Lodi, South County Fire Authority and AMR). The agreement also includes provisions for ambulance dispatch.
- Farmington Fire District is experiencing staffing issues, which affects their ability to respond to emergencies. Our agency along with Linden-Peters and Colledgeville are assisting with coverage. Our priority is to assist with life safety threats while keeping Escalon first.
- The LAFCO MSR is nearing completion. At the Board of Supervisors meeting LAFCO Executive Director J.D. Hightower announced that a draft of the MSR should be available in March.
- We have secured May 1, 2026, for the annual Appreciation Dinner.
- Fill-the-boot for burns will take place on April 25 and 26.

## B shift projects –

On December 8, 10-4 communication began the work for the new heart healthy alerting system at station 1-1. The project did come with some hiccups, which includes one of the installers falling ill during the original project window. Which then ran us into the Christmas and New Year holidays. After the New Year, the other installer went on bereavement. Those events held up the project. As of January 26, all the finishing touches to the project were completed. Highlights to the system include all new wiring, speakers, dedicated 10- foot antenna, and hardware that was placed into box mounted in the server room. The hardware includes a new radio, amp, alerting box, and relays. We added and rearranged some speakers for better coverage inside the fire house. We went away from the bright white lights and converted all to red LED, which created an illuminated pathway from anywhere upstairs, down the stairs and to the apparatus bay door. As part of the heart healthy approach, we installed an ascending tone that starts off low then gets louder using a two-tone method. We also added an alert light in the BBQ area to help crews be aware of incoming calls. We added an additional status board upstairs to help improve crews' ability to be aware of the call. Finally, we integrated something old with the new. The outdoor rotator light is now on a relay and it's part of the alerting system and rotates when we get an alarm. This light could aid oncoming traffic becoming aware of an engine responding. We also have two new speakers in the apparatus bay with their own volume control. 10-4 communication has been a pleasure to work with, and they will continue to support us through the transition into the new system.

## EMS

I'd like to take time to recognize 3 members of our staff who spend 5 months in EMT class along with the hours at the hospital and ambulance time. They all added additional 194 hours of training on top of the time they put into Escalon Fire during the same time period. Those hours just give them the opportunity to take the national register test so they can apply for their state card and accredited in this county. These 3 members did it and crushed it. With only having to take the national register test once. Now, FF Romersa and FF Vierra are now currently in the fire academy at Columbia with FF Weber on their heels to take the fire academy in spring at MJC. As a group we will work through the process of getting their application to together for the county EMS agency. Members like these gentlemen use the program we offer here to create a better fire department as well as better themselves for a career they want to enter. We should be proud of their vigorous work, I know I am for sure.

Also, in EMS through personal connections. I am working with a program manager at Columbia College. To understand the process and guidelines to get any of our staff who are interested in either an EMR or EMT class, at grant assistance prices for EMR and EMT. Both programs run for 5 months long. The EMR meets once a week and EMT meets two times a week. EMR programs run in the spring, summer, and fall semesters. While the EMT only runs in fall and spring.

In EMS, we are also working with Ripon Fire as training site coordinator for First Aid and CPR classes that our staff may need or is close to expiring in those areas. This is going to an AHSI program which offers a blended program of didactic online and in-person hands on skill that can be taken care of in house. Ripon Fires AHSI training coordinator will let us know when the didactic part is completed and we can proceed to hands on skills. Once the staff members complete those, Ripon Fire will issue an Ecard for those skills set. The cost is \$16 per student per class, that just covers the operational cost for the classes. The cards are valid for a 2-year period.

## Training Report

The month of January was focused on Station and apparatus bay cleaning and the roles and responsibilities that go along with those areas.

1/6/26 C shift held drill at station 1, they had 7 in attendance. Their focus was station interior cleaning, during that time members in attendance review Lexipol policy 912 and 1104. Each member was also sent a copy of cleaning schedule via email.

1/14/26 A shift held drill at station 1, they had 11 in attendance. Their focus was apparatus bay cleaning along with station grounds. A shift had the opportunity to review small motors operations and proper fueling methods. During the drill they all reviewed Lexipol policy 702 and 906.

1/22/26 B shift held drill at station 1, they had 12 in attendance. The focus was updating all EMS records with card expiration dates as well as developing pathway for new employees to meet their EMS goals. We took the time to review Lexipol policy 902, and Medic 80 provided the staff with a review of their equipment. Updated information allows us to see some gaps that are already in process to be corrected.

Training has been working with allied agencies to start up the division A training group again. Us along with Ripon and French Camp/Mountain House Fire district will be putting on a rural water supply / water supply officer training for the members of these three agencies. The dates for the training will be March 2,4,5 at our station two. Escalon will be the host agencies; French Camp fire will provide coverage. Each agency will provide instructors as well at no cost to any department. The French Camp engine will allow each engine company to go out of service for a short period for dedicated training while maintaining staffing needs in all agencies' first due area. The drills will rotate crews three times throughout each of those days of training; this will allow each shift to have time at the drill. This will ensure each department can train in their own department's methods and standards. The overall goal for the cooperation training is to allow for integration with common knowledge and language skill sets. This will also allow crews to mix and become familiar with each prior to emergency incidents, which shall lead to smoother integration of crews on an emergency incident within our respected coverage areas. The goal is to have this kind of cooperation training once a quarter, with the current discussions for the year 2026 being EV fire training at our drill grounds. Wildland training at French Camp Fire and wrapping up the year with tower drills at Ripon Fire. All those dates are TBA at this point.

Also in Training, the department was approached by a representative of the family who owns the lot at 700 Yosemite Ave. This is the lot that sits the big red barn, just west of the tracks. The representative expressed an interest in allowing us to train in the house and two outbuildings on that property. We went out to the property to check for viability of the structures, and much too distress look on the outside of the structures, the bones of the structure look great. We moved forward and reached out to Chief Burns from Ripon and Chief Fullmer from FRC to discuss training options. Based on size of the structures and proximity to a water supply we feel like this property meets all requirements to safely have life fire training. This property will also allow the FIU to have a section, so they train in their principle. We are in the beginning phase of this process, the first hurdle is going to be property clean-up, asbestos report and finally power removed from the structures all cost covered by property owner. Once those items are taken care of, the planning for training will start to take shape. The property owners do not have a timeline for our completion of training but are looking to have the property back dirty by mid-summertime. This brings another layer of cooperative training into our area, with the use of outside instructors with the common goal of fighting fire aggressively while maintaining a level of safety for our crews.

Respectfully submitted, Cassidy Bohannon ACO

## 2025 INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Month	Total	Medical	MVA	Fires	Misc.
Jan.	93	59	12	4	18
Feb.	69	46	4	2	17
Mar.	86	56	9	7	14
Apr.	95	71	9	5	10
May	109	58	12	16	23
Jun.	102	44	13	12	33
Jul.	103	60	12	10	21
Aug.	105	74	10	10	11
Sep.	82	52	14	3	13
Oct.	96	60	19	13	4
Nov.	92	52	11	7	22
Dec.	141*	105	12	4	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>188</b>

\*New Record

Busiest Month: December (141)

Slowest Month: February (69)

Percentage of Medical Aids: 64%

Busiest Month for Fires: May (16)

Busiest Month for MVA's: October (19)

Busiest Month for Medical Aids: December (105)

**Total Incidents for 2024: 1,201**

Incidents in City of Escalon: 632      55%

Incidents in Rural Area: 457      40%

Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid: 60      5%