

Escalon Consolidated Fire  
Protection District

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Board of Directors

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson  
Jason Koops, Vice Chairperson  
Mikey Schilber, Secretary  
Zach Hogan, Director  
Steven Gregg, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

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Post Date: October 5, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting  
1531 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, CA 95320  
October 12, 2023, at 4 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson  
Jason Koops, Vice Chairperson  
Mickey Schilber, Secretary  
Zach Hogan, Director  
Steven Gregg, Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2023.

V. BILLS

Bills for the month of September in the amount of \$33,143.05.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. No old business

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 November 9, 2023.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Employee Contracts (Section 54957)  
Title: Fire Chief

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

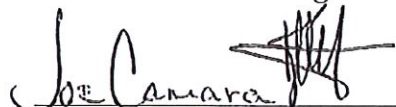
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

I, Joe Camara, Board Chairperson for the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at the District Office, 1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, California 95320 at least 72 hours prior to the time of this Meeting.

Date: October 5, 2023

  
By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

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 4:05 p.m. on September 14, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Jason Koops, Mickey Schilber (late), Zach Hogan and Steven Gregg.

Directors absent: Mickey Schilber arrived late to the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, and Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen, and Reserve Firefighter Robert Vierra.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Chief Mello presented Director Camara with a certificate from Heath Flora for 10 years of service.
- B. Volunteer Firefighter presented Director Koops an appreciation plaque for donating meat to the Fill the Boot event.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on July 13, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

July bills in the amount of \$97,280.56 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Gregg.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

August bills in the amount of \$59,898.83 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Chief Mello – VFIS Insurance – No longer offering building coverage.
- B. Chief Mello – Presented Director Schilber certificate from Assemblyman Heath Flora for 30 years of service.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - August 2023

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 108 calls for the month and 692 for 2023.

B. Training

a. July Drills

7-11-2023	Ladder Training	(7 participants)
7-19-2023	EMS Skills	(11 participants)
7-27-2023	New Radio Training	(12 participants)

Our 7 new reserves have begun their orientation training. The first month of their training is safety orientation and basic skills training. Their training will continue until their new hire task book is completed.

We have interviewed 4 potential candidates for the reserve program.

We received our new radios that were purchased through the joint county grant. The radios have been programmed and placed into service.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: July was slow regarding new business. That gave us the opportunity to complete several business inspections, assist with hose testing and training on new reserves.

Public Education: We continue to make a presence at the Farmers Market. The response has been very positive.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- Nothing to report.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 7-19-23, general business and annual luncheon.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 7-19-23, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- Reimbursement from San Joaquin County for ARPA funds expended for the new SCBA's and Compressor/Fill Station have been received.
- The Kenwood Viking portable radios received via the nine-agency regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) have been received, programmed, and placed in-service.
- Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer will be on Monday, September 11, at 9:11 a.m. in front of the station.

VIII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – September 2023

A. Status of Fire Department

- b. 117 calls for the month and 809 for 2023.

B. Training

a. August Drills

8-1-2023	National Night Out	(14 participants)
8-9-2023	EMS Skills	(12 participants)
8-17-2023	LDH Training	(14 participants)

We have 6 out of the 7 reserves remaining and they are doing well with their orientation and training.

We have offered positions to two of the candidates we interviewed. They should be receiving their background packages shortly.

Engineer Burr is currently working on getting new collection boxes for the Christmas toy drive. We will be confirming the toy give away day in the next few weeks.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: Our final Farmers Markey display was met by a small crowd due to the heat. Overall, our presence there has been a huge success. It is our desire to be more of a presence during community events. It is a great way to reach out to our constituents outside of emergency situations.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. We will be visiting elementary schools during the week for our annual fire safety demonstration.

New businesses: Orlando's has finally completed its renovation and a final walk through has been completed. They opened on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Wong's Delli has closed but another business is rapidly renovating the site and is set to open on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It will feature Japanese Cuisine. Two new projects have been submitted for plan approval. The Brennan Project is a new commercial site for metal fabrication and will be located on Brennan just north of State Route 120. The Jackson Project is a mixed site that will feature 20 apartments and at least two store fronts. This project is propped for the corner of Elizabeth and State route 120.

Mercantile Inspections took a bit of a back seat for the month of August as crew efforts were focused on training the new added recruits.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to McCoy Tires for four new drive tires.
- The 2010 Ford Expedition went to McDowell & Davis for an oil change and radiator replacement.
- Battalion pickup went to McCoy for four new tires.
- E 1-4 is currently out of service for a steering box leak. Parts are on order from International Trucks.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- b. Meeting 9-6-23, general business (unable to attend due to eye doctor appointment).

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- b. Meeting 8-16-23, general business (information only / lack of quorum).

I. Miscellaneous

- Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer was held on Monday, September 11, at 9:11 a.m. Fifty-five people attended, including first responders. Representatives for Assemblyman Heath Flora and Supervisor Robert Rickman were also in attendance.
- On Tuesday, September 12, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors recognized first responders and proclaimed September, "First Responder Appreciation Month."

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize Sale Fire Prevention Trailer

- a. Approved for Chief Mello to sell and/or donate the Fire Prevention Trailer on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

B. Authorize Sale of Mercury Inflatable Boat and Outboard Motor

- a. Approved for Chief Mello to sell and/or donate Mercury Inflatable Boat and Outboard Motor on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.

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a. 5-year contract in principle, pending final details at the next Board Meeting.

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**Profit & Loss Detail**  
 September 2023

9:34 AM  
 10/05/23  
 Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
Income						
Property Tax						
Deposit	09/21/2023	County of San Joaquin	AUG 2023 BAL	7,348.34	7,348.34	7,348.34
Total Property Tax				7,348.34	7,348.34	7,348.34
Total Income				7,348.34	7,348.34	7,348.34
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Communications</b>						
Bill	09/12/2023	Penguin Management, Inc.	eDISPATCHES 12 MONTH SERVICE	1,152.00	1,152.00	1,152.00
Bill	09/12/2023	GoTo Communications, ...	AUGUST 2023	403.67	403.67	1,555.67
Bill	09/12/2023	GoTo Communications, ...	SEPTEMBER 2023	403.67	403.67	1,959.34
Bill	09/21/2023	AT&T	MONTHLY SERVICE	320.62	320.62	2,279.96
Total Communications				1,152.00	1,152.00	1,152.00
Total				403.67	403.67	1,555.67
Total				403.67	403.67	1,959.34
Total				320.62	320.62	2,279.96
<b>Total Communications</b>						
Total				2,279.96	2,279.96	2,279.96
<b>Firefighter Safety Gear</b>						
Bill	09/21/2023	Cascade Fire Equipment	1 X TURNOUT COAT AND PANT	2,742.27	2,742.27	2,742.27
Total Firefighter Safety Gear				2,742.27	2,742.27	2,742.27
<b>Fuel</b>						
Credit...	09/08/2023	Flying J	FUEL	45.00	45.00	45.00
Bill	09/12/2023	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	1,101.83	1,101.83	1,146.83
Credit...	09/13/2023	Flying J	FUEL	47.10	47.10	1,193.93
Credit...	09/19/2023	SHELL	FUEL	64.41	64.41	1,258.34
Credit...	09/19/2023	Service Charge	1.75	1.75	1.75	1,260.09
Bill	09/21/2023	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	12 QT FUEL MIX; 12 QT 4 CYCL FUEL	232.48	232.48	1,492.57
Credit...	09/21/2023	Flying J	FUEL	41.00	41.00	1,533.57
Credit...	09/21/2023	Chevron	FUEL	31.55	31.55	1,565.12
Credit...	09/28/2023	LOVES	FUEL	56.50	56.50	1,621.62
Total Fuel				1,621.62	1,621.62	1,621.62
<b>Health Insurance</b>						
Bill	09/12/2023	CaliforniaChoice Benefit...	OCTOBER 2023	10,729.57	10,729.57	10,729.57
Bill	09/21/2023	Premier Access	OCTOBER 2023	1,017.24	1,017.24	11,746.81



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Bill	09/21/2023	Sun Life Financial	OCTOBER 2023	302.48	302.48	12,049.29
Total Health Insurance						
<b>Household</b>						
Check	09/01/2023	Sacramento County	BOAT 1-1 4 YEARS OF PROPERTY TAX	952.03	952.03	952.03
Check	09/11/2023	D'Boni's Pizza	9-11 MEMORIAL CREW LUNCH	54.49	54.49	1,006.52
Bill	09/12/2023	Brady Industries	10 - ABSORBENT	177.41	177.41	1,183.93
Check	09/18/2023	Stateline Restaurant & B...	RENO CONFERENCE - LUNCH	27.75	27.75	1,211.68
Check	09/19/2023	Bj's Restaurants	RENO CONFERENCE - DINNER	29.09	29.09	1,240.77
Check	09/20/2023	OUTBACK	RENO CONFERENCE - DINNER	33.03	33.03	1,273.80
Bill	09/21/2023	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	PADLOCK FOR GARBAGE BIN	28.00	28.00	1,301.80
Check	09/21/2023	IN-N-OUT	RENO CONFERENCE - LUNCH	10.28	10.28	1,312.08
Total Household						
<b>Maintenance</b>						
Check	09/06/2023	Amazon	SMALL ROPE STORAGE BAG	17.88	17.88	17.88
Check	09/06/2023	Amazon	ROPE STORAGE BAG FOR FLOATO PUMP	29.43	29.43	47.31
Bill	09/12/2023	Hi Tech EVS, Inc.	2 SUCTION SCREENS; 240 BEAD CHAINS; 20 BED CHAIN END	95.07	95.07	142.38
Bill	09/12/2023	Hi Tech EVS, Inc.	2 6" STRAINER; 2 6" SUCTION STRAINER	342.78	342.78	485.16
Bill	09/12/2023	McCoy Truck Tire Service	E 1-1 REPLACE TIRES	1,863.55	1,863.55	2,348.71
Bill	09/12/2023	McCoy Truck Tire Service	BC 1-1 TIRE REPLACE	857.09	857.09	3,205.80
Bill	09/21/2023	Aerial Inspection Services	SERVICE GROUND LADDERS	292.00	292.00	3,497.80
Total Maintenance						
<b>Maintenance Structure &amp; Grounds</b>						
Bill	09/21/2023	Modesto Overhead Door...	ADJ DOOR TRACK	227.00	227.00	227.00
Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
<b>Office Expenses</b>						
Check	09/05/2023	STAPLES	100 YELLOW FOLDERS; 6 STICKY NOTES; AA BATTERIES; 10...	126.66	126.66	126.66
Check	09/05/2023	DrumMagazines	FRAUDULANT TRANSACTION - INVSTG TN PENDING	388.54	388.54	515.20
Check	09/12/2023	United States Post Office	POSTAGE - E 1-1 HEADSET REPAIR	10.80	10.80	526.00
Bill	09/12/2023	Ricoh USA, Inc. COPIES	B&W 926; COLOR 813	50.84	50.84	576.84
Bill	09/12/2023	Ricoh USA, Inc.	MONTHLY COPIER LEASE	202.67	202.67	779.51
Deposit	09/13/2023	DrumMagazines	CREDIT FOR FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	-376.88	-376.88	402.63

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Check	09/15/2023	Shift Calendars, Inc.	2 X POSTER; 30 SINGLE SHEETS	126.15	126.15	528.78
Total Office Expenses						
<b>Professional Services</b>						
Bill	09/12/2023	Henderson Hatfield	GENERAL BUSINESS MATTERS	391.17	391.17	391.17
Bill	09/12/2023	Auriga Technology, LLC	IT SUPPORT	47.50	47.50	438.67
Bill	09/12/2023	Auriga Technology, LLC	MONTHLY BILLING SEPTEMBER	454.00	454.00	892.67
Bill	09/21/2023	Auriga Technology, LLC	ETHERNET SWITCH FOR UPSTAIR PHONES	326.69	326.69	1,219.36
Total Professional Services						
<b>Small Tools &amp; Equipment</b>						
Bill	09/12/2023	L.N. Curtis and Sons	2 - SHUT OFF CLAMP	631.96	631.96	631.96
Check	09/26/2023	Firecom	REPAIRED - WIRE HEADSET	134.69	134.69	766.65
Total Small Tools & Equipment						
<b>Special Accounting Reports</b>						
Bill	09/12/2023	Johnson & Associates C...	2021 & 2022 AUDIT WORK IN PROGRESS	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Special Accounting Reports						
<b>Training &amp; Transportation</b>						
Check	09/11/2023	FireShowsWest	FIRE SHOWS WEST CONFERENCE	30.00	30.00	30.00
Check	09/18/2023	Fairfield Inn & Suites	RENO CONFERENCE	654.56	654.56	684.56
Deposit	09/21/2023	County of San Joaquin	KAUFFMAN OPERATOR 1A CERT.	-140.00	-140.00	544.56
Total Training & Transportation						
<b>Utilities</b>						
Bill	09/07/2023	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	120.29	120.29	120.29
Bill	09/12/2023	City of Escalon	MONTHLY SERVICE	193.76	193.76	314.05
Bill	09/12/2023	Gilton Solid Waste	MONTHLY SERVICE	190.31	190.31	504.36
Bill	09/12/2023	PG&E 2	STATION 2	66.09	66.09	570.45
Bill	09/12/2023	Conexwest	MONTHLY STORAGE CONTAINER LEASE	85.12	85.12	655.57
Check	09/18/2023	Insect IQ, Inc	STATION 2	107.90	107.90	763.47
Check	09/18/2023	Insect IQ, Inc	STATION 1	107.90	107.90	871.37
Bill	09/21/2023	DIRECTV	MONTHLY SERVICE	184.99	184.99	1,056.36

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Bill	09/21/2023	PG&E 1	STATION 1	2,297.32	2,297.32	3,353.68
		Total Utilities			3,353.68	3,353.68
		<b>Total Expense</b>			<b>33,143.05</b>	<b>33,143.05</b>
		Net Ordinary Income			-25,794.71	-25,794.71
		Other Income/Expense				
		Other Income				
		Interest Credit				
		Deposit 09/29/2023	Interest	587.50	587.50	587.50
		Total Interest Credit			587.50	587.50
		Total Other Income			587.50	587.50
		Net Other Income			587.50	587.50
		<b>Net Income</b>			<b>-25,207.21</b>	<b>-25,207.21</b>

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 July through September 2023

	<u>Jul - Sep 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Capital Expense	49,228.60	128,354.00	-79,125.40	38.4%
Communications	7,929.72	41,000.00	-33,070.28	19.3%
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
Employee Expenses	0.00	989,715.00	-989,715.00	0.0%
Fire Prevention	2,920.29	3,500.00	-579.71	83.4%
Firefighter Safety Gear	8,930.62	16,500.00	-7,569.38	54.1%
Fuel	5,734.01	16,200.00	-10,465.99	35.4%
Health Insurance	35,694.15	140,000.00	-104,305.85	25.5%
Household	8,500.03	28,000.00	-19,499.97	30.4%
Insurance Casualty	0.00	26,000.00	-26,000.00	0.0%
Maintenance	12,182.07	30,000.00	-17,817.93	40.6%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	443.00	8,000.00	-7,557.00	5.5%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,295.00	-10,295.00	0.0%
Memberships	6,016.51	2,200.00	3,816.51	273.5%
Miscellaneous Expense	217.09	2,000.00	-1,782.91	10.9%
New Equipment	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%
Office Expenses	1,633.21	10,000.00	-8,366.79	16.3%
Overtime	0.00	64,000.00	-64,000.00	0.0%
Professional Services	3,958.36	30,000.00	-26,041.64	13.2%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Retirement	27,938.65	67,200.00	-39,261.35	41.6%
Salaries	243,206.42	646,000.00	-402,793.58	37.6%
Small Tools & Equipment	7,557.25	7,000.00	557.25	108.0%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	44,020.00	-44,020.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	5,404.14	2,000.00	3,404.14	270.2%
Special Departmental Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
Structure Improvements	288.34	7,000.00	-6,711.66	4.1%
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	351.59	13,000.00	-12,648.41	2.7%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Utilites	9,287.14	19,000.00	-9,712.86	48.9%
Workers Compensation Insurance	20,986.25	74,000.00	-53,013.75	28.4%
Total Expense	<u>458,407.44</u>	<u>2,550,684.00</u>	<u>-2,092,276.56</u>	<u>18.0%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-458,407.44	-2,550,684.00	2,092,276.56	18.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Grants				
Special District COVID-19 Relie	0.00	490,090.50	-490,090.50	0.0%
Total Grants	<u>0.00</u>	<u>490,090.50</u>	<u>-490,090.50</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>490,090.50</u>	<u>-490,090.50</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-490,090.50</u>	<u>490,090.50</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-458,407.44</u></u>	<u><u>-3,040,774.50</u></u>	<u><u>2,582,367.06</u></u>	<u><u>15.1%</u></u>

# Chief's Report

## October 2023

### Emergency Responses

### September 2023

- Medical Aid 48
- Public Service Assist 10
- Vehicle Accidents 15
- Vegetation Fires 3
- Structure Fires 2
- Vehicle Fires 0
- Other Incidents 15

○ Total For Month: 93

Total Sep 22: 99

○ Total for 2023: 902

Total for 2022: 857

**C-Shift Monthly Report**  
**Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program**

**September Drills**

9-5-2023	Hotel Pack Deployment	(11 participants)
9-13-2023	Technical Rescue Training	(11 participants)
9-21-2023	EMS Skills Review	(9 participants)

We are in the process of interviewing new applicants at this time.

**Prevention:**

This week is Fire Prevention Week. We will be visiting Dent and Van Allen schools for our annual fire safety presentation.

Business Inspections are progressing. The new on-line database entry has its challenges with the poor reception through Verizon. We are working our way through it.

New businesses. Don Rafa's Tacos at the Qwik Mart on Jackson Ave. is now open. The Depot (old True Value location) is open. They offer home furnishings, overstock items, and various items.

Three businesses have relocated, Olivia Dawn Candles have moved to 2235 Jackson Ave. Mi Taco Union de Tula Jail has moved from Orlando's parking lot to 2407 Jackson and Hair by Sara is now located at 1710 Main St.

## **Apparatus and Equipment**

- Nothing to report.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

- The roof project is scheduled to begin this month. Upon completion, we will move forward with the solar project provided via ARPA funds.

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

- Meeting 10-4-23, general business.

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

- Meeting 9-20-23, general business (unable to attend due to Reno Conference).

## **Miscellaneous**

- Chief Mello attended the Fire Shows West conference in Reno September 18 – 21.
- FRMS (formerly FASIS) now provides an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at no charge to our personnel. These programs typically are provided, if available at an expense to the employee.
- We are currently providing flu vaccines via Escalon Community Health Center for those personnel wishing to receive one.
- VFIS has adjusted their program to provide coverage for structures.