

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

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Mickey Schilber, Secretary
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Jason Koops, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: April 2, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting
1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, CA 95320
April 9, 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 March 19, 2026.

V. BILLS

Bills for the month of March in the amount of \$47,449.99.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MSR Joint Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Laura Catrina, Board Director

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

B. No New 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 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is May 14, 2026.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Appointment (Section 54957) Hiring Process

a. Title: Battalion Chief

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

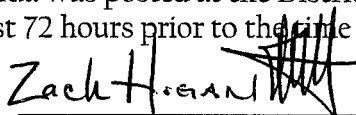
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
MARCH 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 12:20 p.m. on March 19, 2026.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Zach Hogan (late), Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, and Jason Koops.

Directors Absent: Mickey Schilber

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joseph Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, and Volunteer Firefighter Kamdin Stephens.

Public Present: No public present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

The minutes of February 12, 2026, were approved on a motion by Director Koops, seconded by Director Catrina.

3-AYES 0-NAYES 2-ABSENT

V. BILLS

February bills totaling \$55,473.62 were approved on a motion by Director Catrina, seconded by Director Camara.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – March 2026

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 101 calls for the month and 198 for 2026.

B. Training

See attached.

C. Prevention

Prevention:

- 19 business inspections have been completed between the 3 shifts.
- We are now fully using the tablet to complete business inspections as well as hydrant testing and for the smoke detector program, moving away from paper forms and to an all-digital platform is a new experience for all 3 shifts but is going well thus far.
- Another meeting was held for the Bold Communities project, and from that meeting forward the City of Escalon will be the point of contact from here on out. We have submitted out requirements needed for the project to move forward to the city and are awaiting a reply from Bold on the requirements requested.

Investigations:

- 2 fire investigations were conducted in the month of February, one was conducted with the county FIU, which was a structure fire with one fatality in Ripon. The second was an arson set vehicle fire that is being investigated alongside Escalon PD. Both are still open & active investigations!
- Currently there are 3 investigations open at this time.

Misc.

- We are preparing for the Every 15 Minutes presentation which will be held March 12th, as well as preparing for fill the boot, which is currently scheduled for April 25th & 26th, more information will be available as we get closer.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

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

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs' Association

- Meeting 3-4-26, general business and the annual Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) presentation (unable to attend).

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 2-18-26, general business and Cen Cal contract discussed.

H. Miscellaneous

- Bold Communities project on California Street is ongoing.

- The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, May 1, at the Escalon Azores Band Hall.
- Fill-the-Boot for burns will take place on April 25 and 26.
- Every 15-Minutes was conducted at Escalon High School on Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13. This emotional event brings the risks of drinking and driving to the Juniors and Seniors of Escalon and Vista High Schools. In addition to Escalon Fire; Escalon P.D, Escalon Ambulance, Escalon Public Works, California Highway Patrol, San Joaquin County Sheriff, PHI Air Ambulance, and Doctors Medical Center are the agencies that participate. Linden Fire Department provided coverage from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. Attached Training Report

February B- Shift report.

During the month of February, the B- Shift had the opportunity to complete 25 hydrant inspections, which brought our completion rate for this project to 36%. We also completed 10 business inspections/re-inspections during this month as well. We also fixed a small air leak on EI-2 in house. We also repaired other essential and non-essential equipment in house which returned it back to in-service status.

The rural water supply training with our neighboring agencies did not happen on the scheduled days due to staffing issues with our neighbor. We are still working towards a day to have this drill. An update on the donated house is the inside and outside of the structure is in process on final steps on clean-up. Once that is completed the asbestos check and abatement will be next with a report to follow. The final step is to have all the utilities to the structures secured on site. The training at the house is still in TBA status as these projects need to be completed for the safety of the crews.

B-shift happened to be the shift who was on duty to accept a generous donation from California Professional Pet Groomers Association or CPPGA. They donated to our department 3 sets of Pawprint oxygen pet masks. Each set comes with 3 different reusable masks along with 3 oxygen tubing to attach to our current oxygen cylinder. The intent of these masks is for re-oxygenation of either dogs or cats that find themselves in an IDLH atmosphere due to structure fire or any other environments that are oxygen deficient. All 3 sets have been placed in service on EI-1, EI-2, and RI-1.

During the San Joaquin EMS Meeting, there was a lot of discussion about CenCal ambulance in the X and Y zone which will not affect ECA zone. With the new contract there are new training opportunities for the county fire and ems agencies through SJCEMSA. CenCal is going to use Tablet command and ESO which does match our current system.

Thank you,
Cassidy Bohannon

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

B. MSR Joint Ad Hoc Committee

- a. Director Laura Catrina reports the next Meeting is March 26, 2026.
- b. An additional Board Member and Fire Chief are requested to attend.

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B. Employee Contracts (Section 54957)

- Title: Fire Chief (Review)

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1:18 PM Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
 04/02/26 Profit & Loss Detail
 Cash Basis March 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Other General Rev						
Miscellaneous Income						
Sales ...	03/15/2026	Weber, Colton	Uniform -T-Shirt	16.00	16.00	16.00
Sales ...	03/15/2026	Weber, Colton	Uniform - HAT	15.00	15.00	31.00
Sales ...	03/15/2026	Stephens, Kamdin	Uniform -T-Shirt	16.00	16.00	47.00
Total Miscellaneous Income						
Total Other General Rev						
Total Income						
Gross Profit						
Expense						
Capital Expense						
Contingencies						
Bill	03/03/2026	Burton's Fire, Inc.	E 1-1 REPAIR- ROLL UP DOOR, WATER LEAK IN CAB,BATTER...	14,925.53	14,925.53	14,925.53
Total Contingencies						
Total Capital Expense						
GENERAL & ADMIN						
Communications						
Bill	03/03/2026	GoTo Communications, ...	MONTHLY SERVICE	438.22	438.22	438.22
Bill	03/17/2026	AT&T MOBILITY	MONTHLY SERVICE	122.22	122.22	560.44
Total Communications						
Firefighter Safety Gear						
Check	03/11/2026	Safe Life Defense	4X TACTICAL FRONT PATCH	46.55	46.55	46.55
Bill	03/18/2026	Safe Life Defense	TAC BUNDLE PLUS PANELS, BELT	2,463.19	2,463.19	2,509.74
Bill	03/18/2026	Cascade Fire Equipment	2X WILDFIRE YELLOW HAT; 4X GOOGLE;	453.13	453.13	2,962.87
Bill	03/18/2026	Cascade Fire Equipment	BLACK HAT WILDFIRE; WHITE HAT WILDFIRE	201.18	201.18	3,164.05
Bill	03/18/2026	Scott's PPE Recon, Inc.	5X VELCRO PANEL; REPAIR 2X COAT AND SHELL; REPAIR W...	857.83	857.83	4,021.88
Total Firefighter Safety Gear						
4,021.88						

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Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
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March 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Professional Services						
Check	03/20/2026	Auriga Technology, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE	701.64	701.64	701.64
Total Professional Services						
Training & Transportation						
Check	03/12/2026	Amazon	MISSING RECEIPT	88.05	88.05	88.05
Total Training & Transportation						
Utilities						
Bill	03/03/2026	City of Escalon	MONTHLY SERVICE	161.77	161.77	161.77
Bill	03/17/2026	DIRECTV	MONTHLY SERVICE	199.99	199.99	361.76
Bill	03/17/2026	PG&E 2	STATION 2	100.61	100.61	462.37
Check	03/19/2026	Gilton Solid Waste	MONTHLY SERVICE	131.63	131.63	594.00
Bill	03/20/2026	PG&E 1	STATION 1 NEM CHARGES	2,184.41	2,184.41	2,778.41
Bill	03/26/2026	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	117.23	117.23	2,895.64
Total Utilities						
Total GENERAL & ADMIN						
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS						
Maintenance						
CHIEF 1-1						
Bill	03/26/2026	Main Street Garage (Mai...	OIL CHANGE	100.49	100.49	100.49
Total CHIEF 1-1						
Total Maintenance						
Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
Bill	03/03/2026	JSW Electric	STATION 2 - REPAIR LIFT STATION	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
Check	03/27/2026	MINUS BUGS	BI MONTHLY SERVICE	150.00	150.00	1,275.00
Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
Small Tools & Equipment						
Bill	03/26/2026	X-NAUT LLC	INV# 4999	116.00	116.00	116.00
Bill	03/26/2026	X-NAUT LLC	MAGPOWER 2.0 COMPACT STRAIN RELIEF 3M HARDWARE W...	420.00	420.00	536.00
Bill	03/26/2026	X-NAUT LLC	INV# 4999	900.00	900.00	1,436.00

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Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Bill	03/26/2026	X-NAUT LLC	SHIPPING	22.31	22.31	1,458.31
Bill	03/26/2026	X-NAUT LLC	TAX	125.65	125.65	1,583.96
Check	03/27/2026	Amazon	7X SCBA MASK BAG	90.93	90.93	1,674.89
Check	03/28/2026	Amazon	2" X 16' CINCH STRAP 10 METAL BUCKLES	15.21	15.21	1,690.10
Total Small Tools & Equipment						
Structure Improvements						
Check	03/25/2026	Amazon	8' X 14' PERGOLA	2,282.66	2,282.66	2,282.66
Total Structure Improvements						
Total MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS						
Salaries & Benefits						
Health Insurance						
Bill	03/17/2026	CaliforniaChoice Benefit...	APRIL 2026	10,420.31	10,420.31	10,420.31
Bill	03/26/2026	Sun Life Financial	APRIL 2026	170.15	170.15	10,590.46
Bill	03/26/2026	Premier Access	APRIL 2026	1,449.78	1,449.78	12,040.24
Total Health Insurance						
Total Salaries & Benefits						
Total Expense				47,449.99	47,449.99	47,449.99
Net Ordinary Income				-47,402.99	-47,402.99	-47,402.99
Net Income				-47,402.99	-47,402.99	-47,402.99

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2025 through March 2026

	Jul '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Capital Reserve Revenue				
Fire Facility Fee	12,606.56	0.00	12,606.56	100.0%
Total Capital Reserve Revenue	12,606.56	0.00	12,606.56	100.0%
Fill the Boot	30.00			
Memorial Deposit				
Toy Drive Donation	-478.75	0.00	-478.75	100.0%
Memorial Deposit - Other	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
Total Memorial Deposit	-378.75	0.00	-378.75	100.0%
Other General Rev				
Communication	6,600.00	0.00	6,600.00	100.0%
Fire Recovery Fee	1,500.75	0.00	1,500.75	100.0%
Miscellaneous Income	1,927.00	0.00	1,927.00	100.0%
Report Request Fee	45.00	0.00	45.00	100.0%
Total Other General Rev	10,072.75	0.00	10,072.75	100.0%
Property Tax				
Homeowners Prop Tax Relief	360.45			
Mitigation - Fire Facility Fees				
AUDITORS PROLL AND A/P CHARGES	-141.00			
Mitigation - Fire Facility Fees - Other	6,633.75	0.00	6,633.75	100.0%
Total Mitigation - Fire Facility Fees	6,492.75	0.00	6,492.75	100.0%
Other SVS Fees	25.00			
Property Tax - Other	14,266.00			
Property Tax - Other	43,274.63	0.00	43,274.63	100.0%
Total Property Tax	64,418.83	0.00	64,418.83	100.0%
Special Assessments	751,940.30			
Total income	838,689.69	0.00	838,689.69	100.0%
Gross Profit	838,689.69	0.00	838,689.69	100.0%
Expense				
Auditor Direct Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Capital Expense				
Contingencies	14,925.53	70,000.00	-55,074.47	21.3%
Fire Facility Fee Expense	1,136.51			
New Equipment	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%
Capital Expense - Other	-21,426.93	90,427.00	-111,853.93	-23.7%
Total Capital Expense	-5,364.89	169,427.00	-174,791.89	-3.2%
Employee Expenses	0.00	1,048,700.00	-1,048,700.00	0.0%
GENERAL & ADMIN				
Communications	28,326.50	43,000.00	-14,673.50	65.9%
Fire Prevention	4,373.51	3,500.00	873.51	125.0%
Firefighter Safety Gear	8,192.34	18,000.00	-9,807.66	45.5%
Fuel	15,323.20	18,000.00	-2,676.80	85.1%
Household	53,615.30	29,000.00	24,615.30	184.9%
Insurance Casualty	33,520.82	30,000.00	3,520.82	111.7%
Memberships	3,033.05	2,200.00	833.05	137.9%
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2025 through March 2026

	Jul '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Office Expenses	9,671.14	10,000.00	-328.86	96.7%
Professional Services	37,658.24	30,000.00	7,658.24	125.5%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	4,376.75	2,000.00	2,376.75	218.8%
Special Departmental Expenses				
CT Brayton & Sons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Main Street Garage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Masellis Electric & Solar, Inc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Special Departmental Expenses - Other	5,278.76	6,000.00	-721.24	88.0%
Total Special Departmental Expenses	5,278.76	6,000.00	-721.24	88.0%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	22,500.00	-22,500.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	10.47	1,000.00	-989.53	1.0%
Training & Transportation	1,463.11	14,000.00	-12,536.89	10.5%
Utilites	8,778.02	18,000.00	-9,221.98	48.8%
Total GENERAL & ADMIN	213,621.21	249,700.00	-36,078.79	85.6%
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS				
Maintenance				
B 1-1	7,185.00			
BC 1-1	73.97	0.00	73.97	100.0%
BOAT 1-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
CHIEF 1-1	181.47	0.00	181.47	100.0%
E 1-1	7,996.82	0.00	7,996.82	100.0%
E 1-2	3,676.02	0.00	3,676.02	100.0%
E 1-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
E 1-4	60.38	0.00	60.38	100.0%
Pierce Engine	1,001.70			
UTILITY 1-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
WT 1-2	465.85			
Maintenance - Other	11,171.42	33,000.00	-21,828.58	33.9%
Total Maintenance	31,812.63	33,000.00	-1,187.37	96.4%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	4,682.77	8,000.00	-3,317.23	58.5%
Small Tools & Equipment	4,068.97	7,000.00	-2,931.03	58.1%
Structure Improvements	2,310.91	7,000.00	-4,689.09	33.0%
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS - Other	184.78			
Total MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	43,060.06	55,000.00	-11,939.94	78.3%
Salaries & Benefits				
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Health Insurance	110,675.07	160,000.00	-49,324.93	69.2%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,700.00	-10,700.00	0.0%
Overtime	56,848.46	67,000.00	-10,151.54	84.8%
Retirement	53,627.28	78,150.00	-24,522.72	68.6%
Salaries				
CAREER	274,798.56			
CLERICAL	25,684.49			
INVOICE	8,520.13			
PAYCHEX - TAXES	187,441.23			
RESERVES	58,505.02			

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2025 through March 2026

	Jul '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
VOLUNTEERS	47,606.98			
Salaries - Other	-4,787.91	669,000.00	-673,787.91	-0.7%
Total Salaries	597,768.50	669,000.00	-71,231.50	89.4%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	45,650.00	-45,650.00	0.0%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Workers Compensation Insurance	69,845.05	81,000.00	-11,154.95	86.2%
Salaries & Benefits - Other	-1,523.53			
Total Salaries & Benefits	887,240.83	1,129,700.00	-242,459.17	78.5%
Total Expense	1,138,557.21	2,652,527.00	-1,513,969.79	42.9%
Net Ordinary Income	-299,867.52	-2,652,527.00	2,352,659.48	11.3%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
EXPENDITURES				
1994 PIERCE UPGRADES	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
BEDS - SLEEPING QUARTERS	-4,185.70	5,000.00	-9,185.70	-83.7%
ENGINE LEASE PAYMENT	-37,755.57	35,427.00	-73,182.57	-106.6%
STATION ALERTING SYSTEM (ARPA)	-7,449.23	35,000.00	-42,449.23	-21.3%
Total EXPENDITURES	-49,390.50	90,427.00	-139,817.50	-54.6%
Grants				
2023 ARPA Funds	-23,194.93	23,194.93	-46,389.86	-100.0%
COVID Special Dist Relief Funds	0.00	461,647.18	-461,647.18	0.0%
Total Grants	-23,194.93	484,842.11	-508,037.04	-4.8%
Total CAPITAL OUTLAY	-72,585.43	575,269.11	-647,854.54	-12.6%
Interest Credit				
Capital Interest	8,045.12			
Property Tax - Interest Income	2,668.00			
Total Interest Credit	10,713.12			
Total Other Income	-61,872.31	575,269.11	-637,141.42	-10.8%
Net Other Income	-61,872.31	575,269.11	-637,141.42	-10.8%
Net Income	-361,739.83	-2,077,257.89	1,715,518.06	17.4%

Chief's Report

April 2026

Emergency Responses

March 2026

- Medical Aid 69
- Public Service Assist 18
- Vehicle Accidents 9
- Vegetation Fires 2
- Structure Fires 5
- Vehicle Fires 3
- Other Incidents 8

○ Total For Month: 114

Total Mar 25: 86

○ Total for 2026: 312

Total for 2025: 248

Training

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

February Drills

2-3-26	Ground Ladder Training	(11 participants)
2-11-26	EMS Scene Safety	(15 participants)
2-19-26	Airbag and Rescue 42 Training	(9 participants)

I am working on getting caught back up after my medical leave, but Engineer Burr did an amazing job with the Reserve program working and C-shift on their daily tasks.

Engineer Burr advised we have 3 new reserves that are finishing up their backgrounds and medicals and we should have them on by late March or early April.

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March Drills

3-3-26	RIC and Firefighter Survival	(10 participants)
3-11-26	Every 15 Minute Prep	(14 participants)
3-19-26	Rescue Systems	(11 participants)

The 3 reserves have been outfitted, and we will be working on a training schedule for them.

We are putting on a Driver/Operator 1A class in April and have 6 personnel taking it to help increase our number of drivers.

April is Water Rescue training month and we will have a special weekend boat training at the river.

Prevention

Work on the Bold Communities project at 1090 California Street remains ongoing.

Shift business inspections are being conducted using the new electronic tablet format.

There will be an upcoming fireworks safety class here in Escalon. The Sheriff's Office leads the training, which is classroom and out in the field. Fire and law enforcement agencies will be attending.

Apparatus and Equipment

- The Pierce (purchased from Ripon) has gone in service as E 1-2.

Buildings and Grounds

- An extended awning structure has been purchased and will be installed in-house.

San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 4-1-26, general business.

San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 3-18-26, general business and the future of VRECC discussed. New officers were nominated and elected.

Miscellaneous

- **Bold Communities project on California Street is ongoing.**
- **The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, May 1, at the Escalon Azores Band Hall.**
- **Fill-the-boot for burns will take place on April 25 and 26.**
- **An extended awning structure has been purchased and will be installed in-house. The structure will extend from the existing cover at the office door and extend to cover the barbecue and smokers.**
- **On Tuesday, April 7, we had a virtual meeting with County Auditor Jeff Velting and key staff members. We will be meeting again in person to review our financial practices and existing independent audits.**
- **We received four ballistic vests and four ballistic helmets as part of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant.**