

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson
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Mikey Schilber, Secretary
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Laura Catrina, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: April 7, 2025

Board of Directors Meeting
1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, CA 95320
April 10, 2025, at 4 P.M.

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
Laura Catrina, 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 March 13, 2025.

V. BILLS

Bills for the month of March in the amount of \$78,689.83.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2 x 2 Committee with City

Presented by: Rick Mello, Fire Chief, Joe Camara, Board Chairperson,
and Jason Koops, Board Vice Chairperson

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 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 8, 2025.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Litigation / Possible Litigation (54956.9 (d)(2) – Two items

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

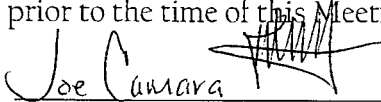
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

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: April 7, 2025


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
MARCH 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 12:02 p.m. on March 13, 2025.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Reserve Firefighter Kaden Christensen, and Reserve Firefighter Jonathan Boudreaux.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on January 9, 2025, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

January bills in the amount of \$29,483.48 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Schilber.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

February bills in the amount of \$30,679.00 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Catrina.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter - Registrar of Voters - Request from Three Special Districts to Move Their Elections to Even Numbered Years.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – February 2025

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 93 calls for the month and 93 for 2025.

B. Training

a. January Drills

1-7-25	EMS Unsecure Scenes	(17 participants)
1-15-25	EMS Policy Review (Chest Injury)	(15 participants)
1-23-25	Confined Space Review	(16 participants)

The 2 reserve candidates have started their safety orientation training. We are hoping to have them riding shifts by mid-February.

We had a slight hiccup in the new fire reporting software, so the go live date was pushed to March 1st.

The 4 fire investigators attended the FIU meeting, and it was normal business. We will be hosting the March FIU meeting and training.

We sent 2 fire investigators to assist the San Joaquin Sheriff's department with the investigation of a structure fire. The cause is still under investigation.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: All of the schools within the district have submitted their state mandated site safety plans to the fire department for review and acknowledgment.

Two new businesses were inspected and approved. Del Rio Electric on Jackson Ave. and Transform Energy on McHenry.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is clamping down on illegal burns. We have seen an increased presence of SJVACPD vehicles patrolling in the district.

Mercantile Inspections are wrapping up for the year. Business license fees are due in March and the program will begin for 2025 in April.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- The right rear wheel on Brush 1-1 was sent for a crack repair.
- All small engines were serviced in-house.

- Chief Expedition had new tires installed at Les Schwab.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 2-5-25, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 1-15-25, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- The annual Christmas Tree pick-up brought a total of 113 trees after a few late trees were picked up.
- On February 10, Ripon Unified School District honored the agencies who assisted with the January 6 active shooter drill. Chief Mello attended to accept a certificate of appreciation.
- Sutter Occupational Health in Modesto is permanently discontinuing occupational medicine services effective March 31. We are close to entering into an agreement with another provider in Modesto.

VIII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – March 2025

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 69 calls for the month and 162 for 2025.

B. Training

a. February Drills

2-4-25	Driver Training/Rig Checks	(17 participants)
2-12-25	Ground Ladder Evolution	(12 participants)
2-20-25	Ropes, Knots and Anchors	(12 participants)

The 2 reserve candidates have completed their orientation training and have begun ride shifts.

The transition to ESO is planned to start on March 1st.

We will have interviews for reserve firefighters in March.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: We received 5 new business permits this past month. Relocation of Olivia Dawn Candles at Escalon Center, New ownership at Taqueria Carnitas at the Plaza, Del Rio Electric on Jackson Ave., Lotus Spa on Main St., and a new boutique at the Lumber Yard.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- Brush 1-1 went to Showoff Motorsports for repairs.
- E 1-1 went to Burn's Truck and Trailer for service and repairs.
- E 1-1 went to Burton's Fire for repairs.
- Chief Expedition went to Main Street Garage for service and new battery.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 3-5-25, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 2-19-25, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- We are preparing to enter into an agreement with Work Hub Work Health Services, to provide occupational health services.
- We have paid the invoice for the equipment received via the OTS grant and are awaiting reimbursement.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2 x 2 Committee with City

- a. Director Hogan and Director Camara directed Chief Mello to have staff place an inventory on hydrants checked per year.

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2:35 PM Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
 04/07/25 Profit & Loss Detail
 Cash Basis March 2025

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
County Fire Facility Fees						
Deposit	03/25/2025	County of San Joaquin	JAN 2025 BAL	167.62	167.62	167.62
Deposit	03/25/2025	County of San Joaquin	FEB 2025 BAL	299.52	299.52	467.14
Total County Fire Facility Fees					467.14	467.14
Fire Recovery Fee						
Deposit	03/25/2025	Fire Recover USA, LLC	FIRE RECOVERY FEE	1,188.00	1,188.00	1,188.00
Total Fire Recovery Fee					1,188.00	1,188.00
Miscellaneous Income						
Sales ...	03/04/2025	Medlin, Samuel	Uniform - HAT	15.00	15.00	15.00
Sales ...	03/04/2025	Criteser, Dylan	Uniform - Long Sleeve	18.00	18.00	33.00
Sales ...	03/12/2025	Christensen, Kaden	Uniform - Beanie	10.00	10.00	43.00
Deposit	03/31/2025	Ayera Technologies	APPRECIATION DONATION	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,043.00
Total Miscellaneous Income					2,043.00	2,043.00
Property Tax						
Deposit	03/25/2025	County of San Joaquin	JAN 2025 BAL	3,976.00	3,976.00	3,976.00
Total Property Tax					3,976.00	3,976.00
Report Request Fee						
Sales ...	03/20/2025	Teresa, Ashlock	REPORT REQUEST FEE	15.00	15.00	15.00
Total Report Request Fee					15.00	15.00
Total Income					7,689.14	7,689.14
Expense						
Capital Expense						
Bill	03/25/2025	Baker Print Co	50X EMBROIDERED HAT	1,077.50	1,077.50	1,077.50
Total Capital Expense					1,077.50	1,077.50
Communications						
Bill	03/13/2025	AT&T MOBILITY	MONTHLY SERVICE	40.24	40.24	40.24

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Bill	03/13/2025	Joint Radio Users Group...	DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE W/EEMS, MEMBER FE...	2,199.17	2,199.17	2,239.41
Check	03/24/2025	GoTo Communications, ...	MONTHLY SERVICE	408.42	408.42	2,647.83
Bill	03/31/2025	Joint Radio Users Group...	DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE W/EEMS, MEMBER FE...	1,625.31	1,625.31	4,273.14
Total Communications						
Fuel						
Bill	03/06/2025	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	406.16	406.16	406.16
Credit...	03/06/2025	H & M Market	FUEL	50.15	50.15	456.31
Bill	03/13/2025	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	353.81	353.81	810.12
Credit...	03/13/2025	H & M Market	FUEL	57.00	57.00	867.12
Credit...	03/20/2025	H & M Market	FUEL	32.00	32.00	899.12
Bill	03/25/2025	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	595.50	595.50	1,494.62
Credit...	03/27/2025	H & M Market	FUEL	49.00	49.00	1,543.62
Total Fuel						
Health Insurance						
Bill	03/13/2025	Premier Access	MARCH 2025	335.80	335.80	335.80
Bill	03/13/2025	CaliforniaChoice Benefit...	APRIL 2025	13,506.09	13,506.09	13,841.89
Bill	03/25/2025	Sun Life Financial	APRIL 2025	151.24	151.24	13,993.13
Total Health Insurance						
Household						
Bill	03/13/2025	Alhambra	STATION WATER	159.59	159.59	159.59
Check	03/13/2025	D'Boni's Pizza	BOARD MEETING LUNCH	114.47	114.47	274.06
Check	03/13/2025	Mar-Val Main Street Ma...	BOARD MEETING LUNCH	89.80	89.80	363.86
Check	03/20/2025	Taco Bell	DINNER - FIRE INCIDENT	66.76	66.76	430.62
Bill	03/25/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	W&G KILLER	39.86	39.86	470.48
Bill	03/25/2025	Cal-State Fire & Safety ...	15X FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CERTIFIED	273.29	273.29	743.77
Bill	03/25/2025	Brady Industries	1 CS DETERGENT; 1 CS TOWELS	209.16	209.16	952.93
Check	03/28/2025	Edible Arrangments	BOHANNON ARRANGEMENTS	130.97	130.97	1,083.90
Bill	03/31/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	2X AA BATTERIES FOR BLOOD PRESSURE CUFF	39.08	39.08	1,122.98
Total Household						
Maintenance						
E 1-1						
Bill	03/06/2025	Burns Truck & Trailer	FULL OIL SERVICE, REPLACE CRANK POSITION SENSOR, RE...	3,771.26	3,771.26	3,771.26

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Bill	03/13/2025	Burns Truck & Trailer	E 1-1 REPAIR COOLANT LEAK	3,884.84	3,884.84	7,656.10
Bill	03/25/2025	Burton's Fire, Inc.	REPLACE ALL DOOR HINGES; CHECK ALL POWER WINDOW...	13,344.83	13,344.83	21,000.93
Bill	03/25/2025	Burton's Fire, Inc.	E 1-1 TPG THROTTLE TEST?	2,284.24	2,284.24	23,285.17
		Total E 1-1			23,285.17	23,285.17
		W 1-1				
Bill	03/31/2025	Escalon Tire Supply	WT 1-1 2X TIRES	1,153.20	1,153.20	1,153.20
		Total W 1-1			1,153.20	1,153.20
		Maintenance - Other				
Check	03/04/2025	Amazon	6 PK INTERLOCKING SHELF MATS FOR SPILLS	37.70	37.70	37.70
Check	03/11/2025	Amazon	3GAL BACKPACK SPRAYER	107.74	107.74	145.44
Bill	03/13/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	16X FASTENERS; BUCKL SIDE RELEAS	10.33	10.33	155.77
Bill	03/25/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	16 PK AA BATTERY; 5X FASTENERS	20.62	20.62	176.39
Bill	03/25/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	10X FASTENERS	4.31	4.31	180.70
Bill	03/25/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	10X FASTENERS	4.31	4.31	185.01
Bill	03/31/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	BOX CVER; VOX EXENSN RNG	8.17	8.17	193.18
Bill	03/31/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	CONNECTOR; WALLPLAT; 1FT WIRE 10 THHN; 1FT WIRE 23 T...	10.41	10.41	203.59
Check	03/31/2025	Amazon	2 PK SALINE	53.77	53.77	257.36
		Total Maintenance - Other			257.36	257.36
		Total Maintenance			24,695.73	24,695.73
		Office Expenses				
Bill	03/13/2025	Power Business Technol...	BLK 133; COLOR 578	31.96	31.96	31.96
Check	03/21/2025	STAPLES	5X COFFEE; 2PK KLEENEX; 1CT PURELL; 6X REPORT COVER;...	294.37	294.37	326.33
Bill	03/25/2025	Toshiba Financial Services	MONTHLY COPIER LEASE	199.34	199.34	525.67
		Total Office Expenses			525.67	525.67
		Professional Services				
Bill	03/06/2025	ESO Solutions, Inc.	MIGRATION, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	516.07	516.07	516.07
		Total Professional Services			516.07	516.07
		Small Tools & Equipment				
Bill	03/13/2025	L.N. Curtis and Sons	2X LED LANTERN W/ SHOULDER STRAP	693.72	693.72	693.72

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Bill	03/13/2025	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	4PK C BATTERIES; LED 2 PK 40 W	25.84	25.84	719.56
Bill	03/13/2025	Life-Assist	TEST STRIPS	20.58	20.58	740.14
Bill	03/25/2025	L.N. Curtis and Sons	2"X27" RATCHET TIE-DOWN DOUBLE J HOOKS	56.95	56.95	797.09
Check	03/25/2025	Amazon	6PAIRS RESPIRATOR CARTRIDGES; 3X 3M RESPIRATOR; 40P...	216.48	216.48	1,013.57
Check	03/25/2025	Amazon	14.5FT TELESCOPING LADDER	129.29	129.29	1,142.86
Check	03/28/2025	Amazon	10PK FIRST AID KIT	21.54	21.54	1,164.40
Check	03/30/2025	Lowe's Home Improvem...	24 VOLT CORDLESS RECIPROCATING SAW; 24 V 2PK BATTE...	193.80	193.80	1,358.20
Total Small Tools & Equipment				1,358.20		1,358.20
Special Departmental Expenses						
Deposit	03/31/2025	C.T. Brayton & Sons, Inc.	APPR. DINNER DONATION	-500.00	-500.00	-500.00
Deposit	03/31/2025	Masellis Electric & Sola...	APPR. DINNER DONATION	-500.00	-500.00	-1,000.00
Total Special Departmental Expenses				-1,000.00		-1,000.00
Training & Transportation						
Bill	03/31/2025	Ripon Consolidated Fire...	19 CPR/ FIRST AID TRAINING	285.00	285.00	285.00
Total Training & Transportation				285.00		285.00
Utilities						
Bill	03/06/2025	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	120.51	120.51	120.51
Bill	03/06/2025	City of Escalon	MONTHLY SERVICE	161.77	161.77	282.28
Bill	03/06/2025	Gilton Solid Waste	MONTHLY SERVICE	126.77	126.77	409.05
Bill	03/13/2025	PG&E 2	STATION 2	84.64	84.64	493.69
Check	03/14/2025	DIRECTV	MONTHLY EXPENSE	189.99	189.99	683.68
Check	03/24/2025	Conexwest	MONTHLY STORAGE CONTAINER LEASE	85.12	85.12	768.80
Bill	03/25/2025	PG&E 1	STATION 1	1,131.46	1,131.46	1,900.26
Bill	03/25/2025	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	120.53	120.53	2,020.79
Total Utilities				2,020.79		2,020.79
Workers Compensation Insurance						
Bill	03/25/2025	FRMS	WORKERS' COMPENSATION 2023-2024 PAYROLL ADJUSTME...	5,467.00	5,467.00	5,467.00
Bill	03/31/2025	FRMS	WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTION 24-25	22,811.00	22,811.00	28,278.00
Total Workers Compensation Insurance				28,278.00		28,278.00

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Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
		Total Expense			78,689.83	78,689.83
		Net Ordinary Income			-71,000.69	-71,000.69
		Other Income/Expense				
		Other Income				
		Interest Credit				
		Deposit 03/31/2025	Interest	1,141.72	1,141.72	1,141.72
		Total Interest Credit			1,141.72	1,141.72
		Total Other Income			1,141.72	1,141.72
		Net Other Income			1,141.72	1,141.72
		Net Income			-69,858.97	-69,858.97

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2024 through March 2025

	Jul '24 - Mar 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Capital Expense	52,705.27	0.00	52,705.27	100.0%
Communications	27,491.85	41,000.00	-13,508.15	67.1%
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
Employee Expenses	0.00	1,030,300.00	-1,030,300.00	0.0%
Fire Prevention	2,595.70	3,500.00	-904.30	74.2%
Firefighter Safety Gear	11,610.39	17,000.00	-5,389.61	68.3%
Fuel	13,493.18	16,800.00	-3,306.82	80.3%
Health Insurance	124,353.43	145,000.00	-20,646.57	85.8%
Household	20,215.62	28,000.00	-7,784.38	72.2%
Insurance Casualty	29,883.59	27,000.00	2,883.59	110.7%
Maintenance	5,148.96	30,000.00	-24,851.04	17.2%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	4,153.20	8,000.00	-3,846.80	51.9%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,600.00	-10,600.00	0.0%
Memberships	2,882.66	2,200.00	682.66	131.0%
Miscellaneous Expense	24.80	2,000.00	-1,975.20	1.2%
New Equipment	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%
Office Expenses	9,019.57	10,000.00	-980.43	90.2%
Overtime	0.00	66,000.00	-66,000.00	0.0%
Professional Services	21,459.63	30,000.00	-8,540.37	71.5%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Retirement	76,262.40	78,000.00	-1,737.60	97.8%
Salaries	683,899.39	667,000.00	16,899.39	102.5%
Small Tools & Equipment	5,735.30	7,000.00	-1,264.70	81.9%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	45,500.00	-45,500.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	5,240.63	2,000.00	3,240.63	262.0%
Special Departmental Expenses	-1,000.00	6,000.00	-7,000.00	-16.7%
Structure Improvements	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	22,000.00	-22,000.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	9.93	1,000.00	-990.07	1.0%
Training & Transportation	1,894.15	13,000.00	-11,105.85	14.6%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Utilities	26,446.58	17,000.00	9,446.58	155.6%
Workers Compensation Insurance	51,089.00	77,000.00	-25,911.00	66.3%
Total Expense	1,174,615.23	2,507,600.00	-1,332,984.77	46.8%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,174,615.23	-2,507,600.00	1,332,984.77	46.8%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Grants				
2023 ARPA	0.00	365,241.07	-365,241.07	0.0%
Special District COVID-19 Relie	0.00	465,487.18	-465,487.18	0.0%
Total Grants	0.00	830,728.25	-830,728.25	0.0%
Total Other Expense	0.00	830,728.25	-830,728.25	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	-830,728.25	830,728.25	0.0%
Net Income	-1,174,615.23	-3,338,328.25	2,163,713.02	35.2%

Chief's Report

April 2025

Emergency Responses

March 2025

- Medical Aid 56
- Public Service Assist 7
- Vehicle Accidents 9
- Vegetation Fires 0
- Structure Fires 4
- Vehicle Fires 3
- Other Incidents 7

○ Total For Month: 86

Total Mar 24: 92

○ Total for 2025: 248

Total for 2024: 288

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

March Drills

3-4-25	RIC/Firefighter Survival	(16 participants)
3-12-25	Oxygen Admin/Hotel Packs	(14 participants)
3-20-25	Rescue Systems and Equipment	(14 participants)

We held interviews for reserves, and we have 3 candidates that we will begin doing backgrounds and medicals.

We have transitioned to the new reporting software ESO. There have been a few snags, but we are working our way through the issues.

The FIU was busy in the month of March. We currently have 3 investigations going on in Escalon Fire's District. Chief Pelot was elected as a manager for the county team.

Prevention

Per the request of the Board at the March meeting, a review of the mercantile inspections within the city limits was completed. For the year 2024 there were 224 businesses that required inspections.

New Businesses-Two new businesses have opened in March. The Fade Lab barber shop on Jackson Ave. and

Public Service Request- At the request of a citizen Engine 1-1 visited a 5-year-old boy for his birthday on March 11th.

Apparatus and Equipment

- WT 1-1 went to Escalon Tire for two front steer tires.
- E 1-1 went to Burton's Fire for a door handle repair.

Buildings and Grounds

- Timers for the lights at Station 2 were installed.

San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 4-3-25, meeting cancelled.

San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 3-19-25, general business.

Miscellaneous

- We have entered into an agreement with Work Hub Work Health Services, to provide occupational health services.
- We have secured May 16, 2025, for the appreciation dinner at the Escalon Azores Band Hall.
- The fire prevention trailer left Station 2 for its new home with the San Joaquin Sheriff's Bomb Squad. We are making an exchange with them for equipment considerations in the future (possibly a storage container or containers). We continue to build on our great relationship with the Sheriff and San Joaquin County.

Training Division

2024 Annual Report

Training for 2024 was another productive year but not without its struggles. We have struggled to maintain our reserve numbers. This is usually due to people getting hired at other places. That is not what we saw last year. The quality of candidates coming out of fire academies lack basic skills and the ability to retain those skills once they have been trained. We are all working very hard to make sure we have qualified and capable people to protect the community that we serve. The new generation is a difficult one to figure out and so we must change the way we look at things and train the ways that work for them. We have a dedicated career staff and reserve pool that will continue to improve our training division.

2025 Training Goals

Complete the creating the annual task books.

Update the annual training calendar to focus on training needs.

Continue to use and improve on the use of Target Solutions.

Identify training needs for the district.

*Annual training hours and Annual Reserve Totals at the end of report

Reserve Program

The reserve program in 2024 saw a huge swing in experience. Seventy percent of our reserves have less than 3 years in the fire service. We are working in a difficult time now trying to find new members to be part of the fire service. Even with the lack of experience we have a good core group, and we are up to the challenges that are thrown our way.

2025 Reserve Goals

Improve accountability throughout the group.

Improve teamwork and communication within the group.

Improve morale within the group.

Provide feedback to the reserves and volunteers through personnel evaluations.

Information and Technology

Always lots going on with the I.T. Program. We received mobile radios for the apparatus and portable radios through countywide grants. We have personnel and equipment to do our radio programming in-house. One of the other big things was the need to change from our current incident reporting software to an updated software that met the new federal standards. The process started in November and continued into 2025.

Fire Investigation Unit

The FIU continues to build and hone it's skills. All 4 investigators were able to attend the FI-210 class that was held in Clement's fire district. The FI-210 class focuses on wildland fire investigations. Three of our investigators assisted the San Joaquin County Sheriff's firework taskforce. The taskforce is designed to remove illegal fireworks from being sold prior to the July 4th holiday. Escalon Fire became members of the San Joaquin County FIU in 2024. We had 8 fire investigations in Escalon's Fire District, and we were involved in 1 investigation in Montezuma's Fire District.

Respectfully submitted by
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C-shift Battalion Chief
Training Division

Annual Report

Our annual report for the Fire Prevention programs carried out by the Escalon Fire Department during the past year. These programs have continued to positively impact the community, promoting safety and preparedness for individuals of all ages. Below, I have outlined key highlights from our various initiatives:

1. Fire Prevention School Visits

Our annual school visits during Fire Prevention Week were a tremendous success, reaching over 1,000 students. The program included important lessons on fire safety, including when to call 911, the importance of smoke detectors, and Exit Drills in the Home. Additionally, we provided hands-on demonstrations and engaged the students in discussions that encouraged them to ask questions and be more aware of fire safety measures.

In the spring, we visited Dent Elementary to present to Pre-K through 3rd grade students. The visit featured an introduction to fire service operations, a Q&A session with the students, and an opportunity to tour our fire engine and brush rig. These interactions continue to foster a strong connection between the fire department and the community.

2. Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program

In the fall, we successfully completed our annual Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program for elderly and disabled residents. This program assists individuals who have difficulty changing their smoke detector batteries, ensuring their homes remain safe and compliant. Unfortunately, as the community's aging population continues to grow, the number of families participating has decreased. In 2024, we visited 15 homes, down from previous years.

3. Fire Inspections

Our Mercantile Inspection Program, which runs from April through March, aligns with the City of Escalon's business license fee deadlines. As of the end of 2024, we have successfully completed approximately 70% of the 240+ inspections scheduled.

Inspections for new businesses continue on an as-needed basis. The flow of new businesses and business closures remains steady, with the number of vacant properties remaining low.

4. State Mandated Inspections

As required by the state, we have completed inspections of all local schools, the police department's holding cell, and all local care facilities. These establishments are in compliance with the necessary fire safety regulations.

In closing, I want to thank everyone involved in these programs for their commitment and support in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our community. We look forward to continuing to work together to make Escalon a safer place to live and work.

Operations and Maintenance 2024 Annual Report

I have completed my fourth year in the Operations and Maintenance Division along with Firefighter/Engineer Cassidy Bohannon. This report summarizes our activities, achievements, and challenges faced over the last year, as well as our plans for continual improvement. Our mission is to provide the highest quality fire protection and emergency services to our community through effective response, prevention, and operational excellence.

Programs that were maintained during 2024

- ~ Annual pump testing for all apparatus
- ~ Annual servicing and testing of Cascade compressor for filling SCBA bottles
- ~ Quarterly inspections of all apparatus performed by the maintenance shift
- ~ Annual ladder testing
- ~ Annual PPE inspection
- ~ Annual SCBA testing and maintenance
- ~ Annual auto extrication equipment service

Projects that were accomplished during 2024

- ~ New Solar panels installed on Station 1
- ~ Implemented new inventory system for PPE
- ~ Installed two stackable washer and dryer in back bay

Projects to be accomplished during 2025

- ~ Implement improved maintenance recording measures on ESO
- ~ Installing an alerting system for Station 1
- ~ OTS Grant approved and new auto extrication tools were ordered for Engine 1-1

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B-Shift Battalion Chief
Operations and Maintenance