

MY TOWN IS PROTECTED BY A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO ME?



What is a Fire Protection District?

- Title 32 Special District just like a water district.
- Providing Fire, Rescue and HazMat Services (including EMS if they want)
- Plan Review and Fire Code Enforcement for new development and existing buildings.
- Fire Prevention efforts
- WUI

ANNEXATIONS

- FPD'S CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE (OR PROBLEMATIC) DURING AN ANNEXATION.
 - Especially if there is density involved.
- EXCLUSIVE SERVICES AGREEMENTS
 - IGA between municipality and FPD that designates the fire district as the exclusive fire/EMS service provider.
 - It is typically recommended that a municipality agrees to include standard language in its annexation documents requiring the property owner to include into the fire district immediately upon annexation.
 - Can be used by the municipality to ensure adequate service levels regardless of growth (response time, adequate staffing, station locations)

FIRE DISTRICT IMPACT FEES

- HB-16-1088 – Requires the FPD to enter in to an IGA with the municipality.
 - Can be collected by the Municipality or the FPD.
 - You can negotiate an administrative fee for collection and distribution.
- Can only be used for capital improvements that meet statutory definitions.
- Must be an expansion of service related to the region or project.
- Was not originally intended to be assessed on existing lots.

FIRE CODE ADOPTIONS

- PLAN REVIEW AND REFERRAL PROCESS
 - PRE-APPLICATION MEETINGS
 - COORDINATED FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT
 - CODE ENFORCEMENT – (INCLUDING WUI)
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES
 - ISO RATINGS
 - SPRINKLER PROVISIONS
- STREET PLANNING
 - TURNING RADIUS
 - STREET WIDTHS

“It’s gone, the whole town is gone”



Paradise, CA

Camp Fire Facts

- Fire advances at an unprecedented pace when it consumed the town of Paradise.
- In those first 14 hours, the Camp Fire destroyed 20,000 acres, growing to more than 100,000 acres two days later.
- More than half of CO population lives in WUI
- Emergency Notifications are lacking



DESIGNATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTHORITY

- Current Law requires a municipality to designate an emergency response authority that is responsible for responding to releases of hazardous substances within that jurisdiction.
- The municipality must report the DERA to the hazardous materials section of the Colorado state patrol.
- Local Fire Authority is the DERA by default.



RELATIONSHIPS

- Collaboration is key
- Elected Official Summits
- Our community deserves to see us working together.
- Public Lunches
- Coordinated Small Business Promotion

