



## CITY OF EUREKA

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DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RE: Marina Center

Dear Ms. Kanner,

I have received a written request from you for comments about the ability of the Eureka Fire Department to provide fire and life safety services to the proposed Marina Center development. Your written request included a questionnaire to elicit the information needed for you to complete your report.

Attached to this letter are my answers to the questions listed in your questionnaire. Please contact me if you need additional clarification on the answers provided.

This project is in preliminary development stage and my comments may require revision based on final development. We anticipate being involved in the development review process and we will comment throughout the process as to our ability to serve the fire and life safety concerns of this development.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Bennett  
Fire Marshal

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Fire Department Questionnaire

1. Please describe current staffing levels of the department (e.g., number of fire captains, full-time firefighters, volunteer fire fighters, etc.).

Eureka Fire Department (EFD) is considered a combination department in that we have a cadre of full time employees which is supplemented by volunteers. Our career staff is as follows: One Chief, two Assistant Chief, five Captain II, nine Captains, twelve Engineers, nine Firefighters, one part-time Fire Inspector, and two office staff. We have ten volunteers.

2. How many firefighters are trained as paramedics?

None of our personnel is required to be trained as paramedics, however one of our career staff is a paramedic.

3. Please describe any automatic aid agreements or mutual aid agreements in which the Fire Department participates.

EFD participates in the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement. We have a formal agreement with the Governor's Office of Emergency Service to staff a fire apparatus to respond to disasters. In all cases, aid is only provided when the primary jurisdiction has depleted their resources and there are enough resources to handle incidents within the provider's jurisdiction. We have an automatic aid agreement with Humboldt Fire District, Arcata Fire District, and Loleta Fire District, each of which borders our response areas.

4. Please provide the number of fire stations in Eureka and their location.

Headquarters is located at 533 C Street and houses one engine company, one truck company, a hazardous material response vehicle, and reserve apparatus. Station 3 is located at 2905 Ocean Street and houses one engine company and a reserve truck.

Station 4 is located at 1016 Myrtle Avenue and houses one engine company and a reserve engine.

Station 6 is located at 1766 J Street is not staffed and is used for storage.

5. Please confirm that the City Ambulance of Eureka provides paramedical services and patient transport to St Joseph's Hospital at 2700 Dolbeer Street.

Statement 5 is correct. City Ambulance and EFD are jointly dispatched by Eureka Police Department Communications Center. EFD responds to all life-threatening medical aid calls, but City Ambulance provides paramedic and transport service.

6. How many calls for service did the Fire Department receive in 2005?

EFD responded to 3,255 calls for service in 2005.

7. During 2005 (or most current available year), how many incidents were reported citywide and in the vicinity of the project site? Please characterize the nature of these incidents.

EFD responded to 3,255 calls for service in 2005. Calls are categorized as follows:

Structure Fires	80
Vehicle Fires	33
Vegetation Fires	23
Medical	1946
Rescue	6
Hazardous Materials	164
Service Calls	299
Good Intent Calls	382
Other	226
Auto/Mutual Aid	96

I am unclear what is meant by 'vicinity,' so for purposes of this response I will consider the 15 square miles of the City of Eureka as the vicinity of the project. Thus, the figures above represent the nature of EFD responses in 2005.

8. What is the Fire Department's current average emergency response time citywide? Would the proposed project be expected to substantially affect response times?

Our average response time is about 3:00 minutes. This project will not affect our response times.

9. Would the Fire Department require additional personnel, equipment, or a new or expanded facility to maintain adequate levels of service at the project site or citywide as a result of the proposed project?

The project configuration may require special equipment that we do not currently possess. However, since the project is in preliminary development, we are not able to make final determination on possible personnel, equipment or facility impacts from this project.

10. If the answer to the above question is "Yes," are there plans for increases in personnel, equipment, and/or facilities to accommodate future growth, either as a result of growth at the project site or citywide?

No plans for change or expansion at this time.

11. Does the Department have any current plans for new fire stations (by 2020)?

We have plans to reconstruct existing fire stations, but we do not have plans to build new or additional fire stations.

12. Are there existing deficiencies in water supply and/or water pressure in the vicinity of the project site that would affect the ability to fight fires?

Water supplies and pressures are adequate on the perimeter of the project site. Additional water infrastructure will be needed on the project site.

13. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve emergency-related problems for this proposed development?

I recommend all structures on the project be protected by automatic fire sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems. EFD will continue to be involved in the development consultation and plan review.



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## telephone notes

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date	June 16, 2006	time	8:30am
present	Jamie Schmidt		
route to	Project File		
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title	Fire Marshall		
agency	Eureka Fire Department		
phone	707.441.4000		
subject	Fire Protection Services		
action required	To File		

Mr. Bennett was called to clarify the response to question 9 of the data request dated April 10, 2006. Mr. Bennett indicated that the project, by itself, would not require additional personnel, or a new or expanded fire station to serve the project.

Because the project is in preliminary development, it is not known whether or not the project would require additional special equipment that the Fire Department may not possess.