



Meeting Minutes
San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.
Hybrid Remote Teleconference Meeting
2121 S. El Camino Real, Building D, San Mateo

1. OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Board Chair Mates

1.1. Call to Order & Determination of a Quorum

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mates, Newsom, Jimenez

Teleconference Board Member:

Board Members Absent: None

2. AGENDA CHANGES

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. CONSENT

Legal counsel provided an oral report in compliance with Government Code Section 54953(c)(3) regarding executive pay disclosure. Board Chair Mates asked if there was any public comment on this item, which there was not. Vice Chair Newsom moved to approve the Consent calendar; Board Member Jimenez seconded. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote, and the Consent calendar items were approved 3-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Item 5.1 First reading of Ordinance No. 2025-03, updating the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department Fire Code – 1st Public Hearing

Fire Chief Turturici provided a brief overview of the staff report for approval. The first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-003, which adopts the 2025 California Fire Code and the California Wildland Urban Interface Code with local amendments. Significant changes include replacing Chapter 49 of the Fire Code with Title 24, Part 7, and removing the prohibition on NFPA sprinkler systems to allow contractors more design flexibility. The ordinance was formally introduced and will return for further action.

Chair Mates asked if there was any public comment on this item, which there were none. Vice Chair

Newsom moved to adopt the resolution and to move forward with a second reading; Board Member Jimenez seconded. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote, and the resolution was approved 3-0.

Item 5.2 Adopt a resolution approving the purchase of one new fire aerial ladder truck and two new fire engines from Golden State Fire Apparatus and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the purchase agreement.

Fire Chief Turturici provided a brief overview of the staff report for approval. Chief Turturici explained that the purchase will be made through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) cooperative purchasing program at a total cost of \$5,138,413.41, inclusive of sales tax and delivery charges. Payment will be deferred until delivery, which is expected to take approximately four years, allowing funds in the Equipment Replacement Fund to continue earning interest. The new apparatus will replace a 2015 aerial ladder truck and two 2015 engines, which will move into reserve status. The Fire Chief emphasized that standardizing the fleet with Pierce Manufacturing apparatus will improve operational efficiency, streamline maintenance, and reduce training complexity. Rising costs, driven by inflation, tariffs, regulatory changes, and supply chain issues were noted, with engine prices increasing 32% and ladder truck prices 42% since 2022. Additional equipment for outfitting the vehicles will cost an estimated \$245,000. The Board discussed price locks, the process for donating retired apparatus to the College of San Mateo, and state sales tax requirements. Station assignments for the new vehicles were confirmed as Station 27, Station 28, and Station 21.

Board Chair Mates asked if there was any public comment on this item, which there were none. Board Member Jimenez moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Newsom seconded. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote, and the resolution was approved 3-0.

6. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Turturici provided a verbal update. Some highlights include:

- Personnel: 9 conditional Firefighter job offers have been accepted to fill vacancies. Hired 2 per diem Fire Inspector and recruitment for a full-time Fire Inspector is underway. Recent badge pinning recognized 1 Fire Inspector, 5 Firefighters, 4 Captain promotions, and 3 Battalion Chief promotions.
- Grants:
 - County Measure K grant (\$63,000) awarded for radio infrastructure to establish dedicated SMC Fire channels (main and tactical).
 - FP&S grant for one fire inspector (three years, fully funded) remains under review.
 - SAFER grant for three firefighters also remains under review; ongoing follow-up continues.
- Began renewal discussions with County DEM for HAZMAT contract (expiring June 30).
- Working with County Communications to move to AVL (Automatic Vehicle Location) dispatching system to improve response efficiency over station-based dispatch.
- Participation in National Night Out, Beaumont AYSO opening day, chili cook-off, Foster City Civics Academy presentation, and 9/11 ceremony at Station 21. Foster City CERT graduation scheduled; OES staff leading event.
- Incident volume on pace with last year. Notably, cardiac arrest survival rates in San Mateo County are 43.6% (higher than state/national average of 36.7%), attributed to staffing paramedics on all apparatus.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Fire Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:14 p.m. General Counsel Schwarz reported that a written report describing any reportable action will be prepared and will be included in the meeting packet for the next Board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.