

TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF CLOSING FIRE STATION #6

Summary Statement:

At the August 10, 2010 Council meeting, Councilman Roelle requested a report on the status of Fire Station #6 and any impact the closing of that station may be having on emergency response times. The response from the Apple Valley Fire District is attached.

Recommended Action:

Receive the report from the Apple Valley Fire District and provide direction to staff.

Proposed by: Councilman Roelle **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** Yes No N/A



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September 8, 2010

Frank Robinson, Town Manager
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter is in response to your email dated August 17, 2010, where you requested information from the Fire District for a report to the Town Council. This information was requested in response to an inquiry Mr. Roelle made about the Fire District.

As you know, Frank, the Fire District and the Town staff have always enjoyed an open and cooperative working relationship, as have our respective governing Councils and Boards. As separate agencies serving our community, there is also mutual respect for the work we do and the constituency we serve, the citizens of Apple Valley.

In response to Mr. Roelle's question about FS 336, this station is not closed. Fire Station 336 is currently staffed with 20 paid call firefighters. The following apparatus are located at FS 336 and used by Fire District paid call personnel when responding to calls: Water Tender 336, Engine 336, Brush Patrol 336 and Breathing Support 336. In addition to the listed apparatus there is supplementary equipment that is also housed at this location.

As far as response times are concerned, the Fire District maintains, and remains committed to, the sub six-minute response, 90% of the time, within the Town of Apple Valley.

The Board of Directors of the Apple Valley Fire District welcomes any member of the Town Council to attend the Fire District Board meetings to address any concerns or questions they have regarding the Fire District. Our meetings are open to the public and provide a forum for questions and comments to be directed to our Board. Fire District Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Mojave Water Agency Board Room located at 22450 Headquarters Drive here in Apple Valley. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

Sincerely,

ART BISHOP
Fire Chief

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