



**Santa Barbara County Fire Department**

**Analysis of Fire Department  
Organizational Review  
and  
Fire Operations Enhancement Plan**



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### CITYGATE PROVIDED

- ◆ *Comprehensive review of the deployment system*
- ◆ *Review of headquarters programs necessary to support the field functions*
- ◆ *Costs of current or modified operations*



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### BOARD DIRECTION

- ◆ *Response to the Citygate recommendations*
- ◆ *Fire Operations Enhancement Plan*
- ◆ *Capital Improvement Plan*



# RESPONSE TO CITYGATE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ◆ *Fire agrees with all but two recommendations*
  - ◆ *Rec. #20 – mobile mechanic position*
  - ◆ *Rec. #27 – modify: staffing reduction instead of brownouts*
- ◆ *Sheriff and Public Health provided input*
- ◆ *Fire assigned timelines to each recommendation*



# FIRE OPERATIONS ENHANCEMENT PLAN

- ◆ *Distributed over twelve fiscal years*
- ◆ *Longer than twelve years may be needed due to fiscal constraints*
- ◆ *Staff a fourth firefighter on units that protect high population densities and are too far from other units for quick support*



# FIRE OPERATIONS ENHANCEMENT PLAN

- ◆ *Establish a third operations battalion to increase command and safety functions at complex incidents*
- ◆ *Support headquarters operations by staffing the Emergency Medical Systems Coordinator, Chief Financial Officer, Information Technology and Administrative Support positions*



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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- ◆ *Prioritized but no timeline due to fiscal constraints*
- ◆ *Will work with CEO to update the department CIP to reflect these priorities and develop funding strategies*
- ◆ *A Certificate of Participation should be considered to speed up construction*



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# **QUESTIONS**