



**County Fire Department  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 10, 2013

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize the Tulare County Fire Department to develop, promote and implement a Community Fire Corps.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
1. Authorize the Tulare County Fire Department to develop, promote and implement a Community Fire Corps.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Fire Corps program was introduced nationally in 2004 in an effort to help fire departments face increasing demands such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and other fire related emergencies. The Fire Corps was launched to complement Citizen Corps and its program partners: Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Neighborhood Watch, and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Citizen Corps and these partner agencies share a common goal to have everyone in America help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to natural disasters, terrorism, crime, public health issues, and other emergencies. With the creation of Community Fire Corps, the corps offers volunteer opportunities for community members to support each of the emergency responder disciplines.

In Tulare County, the Sherriff's Office and the Health & Human Services Agency have VIPS and MRC programs established respectively. The Tulare County Fire Department proposes to start a Community Fire Corps program in the same fashion. Engaging community members in emergency services benefits the department through maximizing resources, enhancing services, and improving community relations.

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Community members may volunteer to serve the Fire Department in various roles, such as:

- Volunteer Chaplain
- Fire Explorer Advisor
- Operational Support
- Administrative Support
- Auxiliary Firefighter
- Fire Prevention Assistant

Once fully implemented, the Tulare County Community Fire Corps will be a valuable resource engaging community members through fire prevention, education, operational training, emergency response, and other non fire emergency related activities.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Community Fire Corps members shall purchase their own uniforms. No Net County Cost.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to provide safety and security to the public. The approval of the Community Fire Corps helps fulfill this initiative and assists communities prevent, prepare for, respond to natural disasters, and other emergencies.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Joe M. Garcia  
Fire Chief

Cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) N/A

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF Authorize the Tulare ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
County Fire Department to develop, promote )  
and implement the Community Fire Corps )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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