

***Westport Fire Protection District***

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To the Citizens of Westport Fire Protection District,

Westport Fire Protection District, your local volunteer fire department since 1962, would like to take this opportunity to update our community on the state of the fire department. Since the passage of Measure J in 2016, the District has been in the best shape financially it has been in the last 20 years. Knowing the importance of having community participation, we have had a special person “step up to the plate as our new Chief,” Chief Shanon Evans. Chief Evans is a member of the Westport community and a professional firefighter for the City of Modesto, currently in the position of Battalion Chief. Chief Evans started his career here at Westport Fire and is the grandson of former Chief McCleskey of Westport Fire Protection District. He is a great asset to our District and the community, and we are excited to have him lead our team.

Westport Fire Protection District currently has eight firefighters who live in the Westport Community, including four who are in leadership roles. It has been a long time since this has been the case. We also currently have an impressive roster of 25 volunteers with 5-6 applicants in reserve. With that being said, we are always looking for qualified people who live in the Westport community to volunteer. Many Westport firefighters are recruited and hired professionally because of the excellent training they receive here, which makes us known for having the “Cream of the Crop.” If you are interested, or if you know someone in our community who is interested in being a volunteer or professional firefighter, please stop by the firehouse and see us, fill out an application, and the testing will begin.

Our Board of Director positions are another community volunteer opportunity. Each elected Board member serves a 4-year term and we will have three seats up for election in 2024. Once elections are open, the application for running for the Board can be obtained from the Stanislaus County Clerk’s office in downtown Modesto.

Another exciting development is delivery of our new fire engine being built at Hi-Tech EVS in Oakdale. We placed the order over 20 months ago and it will be completed very soon. The District has already paid for more than half of the new engine.

You may have also noticed a lot of activity on the exterior of the firehouse recently. This past summer two Land-to-Sea containers were purchased to store our Personal Protective Equipment and miscellaneous inventory. In addition, the Westport Firefighters Association purchased a third container to house our kitchen for community functions.

In closing, the Westport Fire Protection District is in a great position. We are here to serve the Westport Community and we appreciate your past and future support. Please feel free to attend Board meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the firehouse. We also hope to see you at the Association’s upcoming crab feed (January 12) and the annual pancake breakfast (February 25). We wish you and your family a joyful and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors: Ed Amador-Chair, John Varni, Stacy Cardoso, Norman Hyer, and Ross Lee

Chief Shanon Evans Assistant Chief Virgil Myers

Battalion Chief Gary Thompson District Firefighters

Administrative Assistant, Angela Nunes

Upcoming Events:

Westport Firefighters Association Crab Feed - Friday, January 12, 2024

Tickets are going fast at $75/each. Contact the firehouse or Board Member for your tickets.

Westport Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 25, 2024

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