



February 4, 2019

Good day to all,

On behalf of the Stinson Beach Fire Department and Fire Protection District, we want to wish everyone a happy new year. As we look ahead, our organizations are committed, more than ever, to providing Stinson Beach with the best fire-protection and emergency-medicine service possible.

2018 was not without challenges for our community and the state as a whole. We experienced 299 dispatches and dealt with record influxes of tourists while remaining vigilant in the face of historic wildfires raging across the state.

Marin County experience two major wildfire incidents in 2018. One on Black Mountain, near Point Reyes, that our department responded to and, one in the San Geronimo Valley. Both incidents were all too familiar reminders that our coastal community is not immune to such events.

With the 2017 North Bay and 2018 Paradise fires still fresh in our minds, we intend to do more about wildfire education, prevention and compliance in 2019. At the recent, January 28<sup>th</sup>, meeting of the Fire Protection District, the Board approved the hiring of a seasonal Wildfire Prevention and Enforcement Officer.

Firefighter Anthony Beltramo is a four-year veteran of the Stinson Beach Fire Duty Officer Program, in addition to 11 cumulative years in the fire service across Marin and Sonoma. In this new capacity, Officer Beltramo will be assisting the Department in developing a comprehensive Wildfire Education and Prevention plan.

As a part of this plan, Officer Beltramo is charged with ensuring our community is in compliance with the Marin County Fire Department standards for wildfire prevention. This will include defensible space inspections town-wide. Our goal is to educate and facilitate the public in best practices for protecting their property in preparation of a possible wildfire event.

As wildfires or other natural disasters can strike at any time, we encourage everyone to have ample emergency supplies, practiced plans for evacuating your home and good

communications with your neighbors. We have a strong and resilient community, by working together, we can make it safer for everyone.

To request an inspection of your property, or if you have any questions, please contact the Stinson Beach Fire Department at (415) 868-0622.

At your service,

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/s/  
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Stinson Beach Fire Department

James Ritchie  
/s/  
Board Chair  
Stinson Beach Fire Protection District