



# FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 7/16/2021

**To:** Board Directors

**Attn:** Mike Del Puppo  
President

**From:** Fire District Staff

**Subject:** Additional Large Classroom Mid-Valley Regional Fire Training Center (MVRFTC)

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

#### ISSUE:

Training and curriculum delivery continues to expand at the MVRFTC. The current classrooms at the Training Center are inadequate for the number of students and staff using the Training Center. There is ample space adjacent to the current classrooms to support the addition of a larger additional modular classroom building to meet service demands.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center (MVRFTC) opened in October of 2016. The MVRFTC provides standardized training to approximately 400 career, paid call and civilian personnel from CAL FIRE / Fresno County Fire Protection District annually. In addition, we offer outreach training to partnering fire agencies from throughout the region in basic firefighting skills, driver operator, EMS, and technical rescue delivered at our training center. Externally, the MVRFTC provides fee based courses to aspiring firefighters entering the work force and continuing education to career and volunteer firefighters. The demand for basic and advanced firefighter training continues to increase annually as our training facility becomes more in demand. Over the past 4.5 years, we continue to grow in student registration, delivered training hours, and outside agency requests to use our facility. Many days throughout the year, the training center can have over 100 people on site involved in separate training courses and/or scheduled meetings.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Staff is seeking approval to finalize plans and purchase/install a larger 48'X40' modular classroom building at the training center to accommodate students, guests, and employees. Staff has been in discussions with the Fresno-Kings Chapter of the CAL FIRE Historical Foundation developing parameters for a potential Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to utilize a portion of this proposed building for static display of Unit historical artifacts in display cases around the interior perimeter of the classroom.

The 2021/22 District Preliminary budget includes a \$200K line item for the development and installation of this proposed building. Staff are currently working with vendors to develop a site plan, finalize the floorplan, and evaluate purchasing bids. The current budgetary allocation for this proposed project is adequate to meet the District's needs and goals without augmentation.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board does not approve the purchase of a new large classroom building to be located at the training center.

## **IMPACTS** *(Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives):*

- Fiscal – The FY 21/22 Budget already includes the cost to install the proposed classroom building.
- Operational – Larger space to accommodate students, personnel.
- Legal – No known impact
- Labor – No known impact
- Sociopolitical – No known impact
- Policy – No known impact
- Health and safety – Larger space to accommodate students/personnel.
- Environmental – No known impact.
- Interagency – No known impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize staff to finalize, purchase, and install a large 48'X40' classroom at MVRFTC.

**APPROVED:**



Chris Bump, Assistant Chief

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