



Argument in Favor of Measure (292 words)

By voting **YES** on measure \*, you are supporting a lasting improvement to the emergency response capabilities within our community. Cambria Community Services District Fire Department (CCSDFD) has proudly served Cambria for over 140 years and has become an all-hazard emergency agency. CCSDFD responds to fires emergency medical calls, vehicle accidents, ocean and cliff-side rescue incidents, and non-emergency calls for service. With required entry level training of almost 800 hours, there has been a steady decline in volunteerism. The CCSDFD has taken purposeful steps to provide the most effective and economically efficient emergency services possible within its budget limitations. In March of 2016 CCSDFD was awarded a federal grant to fund 3 additional firefighters for two years. This has allowed Cambrians the benefit of 3 career personnel plus 1 reserve on duty, for a total of 4. This grant was not renewed, so additional funding source is needed to maintain the staffing levels.

Your **YES** vote on Measure \* will be used exclusively to fund 3 career firefighter positions and maintain the 4-personnel staffing model. This is consistent with:

- National federal and state safety requirements
- Recommendation of County of San Luis Obispo Grand Jury
- Recommendation of Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for CCSD and CCHD
- Recommendation of County of San Luis Obispo Emergency Response Plan

We live in an isolated, rural area and face unique challenges in responding to emergencies. CCSDFD is committed to ensuring that we keep up with the increasing public safety needs of the community.

Your **YES** vote on Measure \* **will be used exclusively to fund 3 additional career firefighter positions**. This staffing model enhances the safety of our community and will support continuation of the wide range of emergency and community services the Fire Department of CCSD provides.