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To the MOFD Board:

My curiosity got the better of me and I listened to your discussion of the SOC at your last meeting. I'm happy to report that I was encouraged to hear some intelligent questions being raised, portending, we can all hope, some sensible action in this area. I would offer a couple of comments pertaining to some of the questions.

The question of what degree of demand would trigger a need for a second truck (with an articulated rear end or a quint) is just one question concerning increasing service needs coming with an increasing population. Some of the housing element projects discussed in the town & city in the past have favored a high-density, elderly population, something which could change the character of medical services. Maybe changes currently envisioned would not have much impact on this fire district, who knows? The point is that the board is responsible for overall planning and should make itself informed about these things.

As to how the strategic plan has been used, or ignored by previous boards, I have observed that this is a function of the competence of any given board. Staff can figure out how to do whatever you direct them to do, but it is the board's responsibility to give the direction. After all, board members tend to stick around longer than senior staff. Surely, from a competent SOC could follow a sensible strategic plan, both of which could provide the district guidance into the future.

Keep at it.
~Jonathan Goodwin,
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