

Sonoma County Fire Chiefs' Association

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Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District
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Dear Ms Hames,

The Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association would like to congratulate the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District for its successful election in November. The Sonoma County Fire Chiefs look forward to developing a relationship with the District that helps promote a safe operation.

The Fire Chiefs Association would like to offer a committee of representatives that could work with District staff on a variety of topics. In the short term, the Chiefs would like to review the plan for maintaining the right-of-way in a fire safe condition. Longer term, the Chiefs would like to encourage the District to provide training for first responders to help prepare for any potential emergencies, would like to review the emergency plans for the operation of the train and look to bring "Operation Lifesaver" to the area to provide public education related to crossing accidents.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (707) 823-8061 or email me at jzanzi@sonic.net to begin discussing these items.

Respectfully,

John Zanzi
President