



# Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District Protecting OUR Community

The Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District is a combination volunteer and paid staff department that provides fire protection, medical, rescue and hazardous materials emergency response to the property owners, businesses and residents in the unincorporated area southwest of the City of Modesto. The Fire District has carefully managed its resources in order to adequately protect its citizens, but is facing challenges in its ability to continue to provide this level of fire protection service without enhanced revenues, as costs continue to increase.

Our community receives service from a firehouse staffed 24/7 with a combination of paid and reserve personnel, all trained to be prepared for fire, medical and rescue emergencies. This District takes a personal interest in the community and provides public assistance such as helping the elderly into bed or off the ground if they fall, helping with flooded basements or even helping to free a stuck animal. This is OUR community and this is YOUR fire department!



As times change, the requirements for state mandated qualifications change, which provides for better training and fire service delivery models but comes with a significant cost. The level of fire and emergency services provided needs to remain balanced with Fire District revenues to maintain fiscal stability. As such, the Board is looking to the community to support providing additional funding through a new Special Tax to maintain the level of fire protection service currently offered to the community. The new Special Tax would replace the existing Special Tax authorized in 2015.

## A YES Vote on Measure Z Would Mean

**ADDITIONAL STAFF**  
**FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING**  
**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

**FIRE AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**  
**FIRE STATION MODERNIZATION**

## Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District New Special Tax Formula

Property Category	Annual Tax Rate Proposed	Unit of Measurement
Residential	\$250	Per Dwelling Unit
Residential Income	\$275	Per Dwelling Unit
Mobile Home	\$150	Per Dwelling Unit
Multi-Family	\$175	Per Dwelling Unit
Agriculture	\$250	Per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Structures	\$500	Per Parcel
Vacant	\$250	Per Parcel
Public	Tax Exempt	
<b>Estimated Annual Revenue From Measure Z</b>		<b>\$615,000</b>



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## **THE FIRE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA**

The Fire District is a Special District, a self-governed and independent agency led by a five-member board. The Fire District is responsible for the protection of a variety of geographical areas ranging from residential neighborhoods, ranches and farms, commercial and industrial buildings and rural areas. The District serves a population of approximately 8,400 people. The Fire District responds to about 1,600 calls for service each year, including fire and emergency medical services.

## **NEED FOR A FUNDING MEASURE**

Fire District operations are funded from local property taxes. The current funding for fire protection and emergency response services has not kept pace with the increases in cost to provide these services, as well as higher, more costly standards of care, maintenance costs and training requirements.



New state, federal and local mandates require enhanced training and equipment. The District's current staffing model will be considered "understaffed" with upcoming staffing mandates as the U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Protection Association, California State Fire Marshall and Occupational Safety and Health Administration all recommend a staffing model with 4 firefighters per engine. The District's current budget simply cannot support the training, equipment and staffing levels needed to preserve the safety of our community.

Our Fire District has always tried to do more with less money, but at this point in time the District simply does not even have enough funding to provide clean, healthy air in the fire station and provide equipment necessary for protecting and saving lives. For example, the District is in need of an exhaust removal system, a personnel decontamination system for post-structure fires and the ability to refill self-contained breathing apparatus used for medical situations, among other important pieces of equipment.

## **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

All funds generated from the special tax measure will stay local to the benefit of our community. Tax proceeds may only be spent on expenditures authorized by the voters. Independent annual financial audits would be required.

***We thank you for your support of Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District!***

If you have any questions or would like to provide assistance, please contact the Fire District at (209) 523-1129 or [info@bpfire.com](mailto:info@bpfire.com)