



San Diego County Fire Protection District

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: September 30, 2025

FP01

TO: Board of Directors, San Diego County Fire Protection District

SUBJECT

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 (DISTRICTS: 1, 2, AND 5)

OVERVIEW

San Diego County Fire (County Fire) operates a fire safety inspection program to ensure compliance with the fire code and protect the health and well-being of residents in the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD). County Fire also conducts inspections within the Deer Springs Fire Protection District, by written agreement. The inspection of certain facilities is mandated under California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.4, which require the fire agency of record in a service area to annually inspect any building used as a school, camp, apartment complex, boarding facility, hotel, motel, care facility, church, police station, sheriff station, courthouse, jail, or prison for compliance with fire and safety regulations. In Fiscal Year 2024-25, County Fire completed 100% of the mandated inspections at 286 specific sites. A local fire agency is required to report its findings annually to its governing board.

Today's request is for the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 mandated fire inspections.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Receive San Diego County Fire's report of State-mandated inspections, as required by California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4, within the San Diego County Fire Protection District.
2. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE COMPLETION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FIRE INSPECTIONS.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Completing State-mandated fire inspections in the San Diego County Fire Protection ensures the safety of residents and employees. Individuals in large, congregate settings are vulnerable to the impact of a structure fire. Through annual inspections, County Fire employees engage directly

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with property owners and local governments to ensure each building is safe and our most vulnerable populations are protected in an emergency situation.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the report of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 mandated fire inspections supports just and equitable access to County resources and protects the health and wellbeing of residents as this service reflects the County's values and priorities by addressing potentially hazardous conditions and imposing safety measures in schools, apartment complexes, group care facilities, residential care facilities, camps, jails, law enforcement stations, transient housing units, and daycare facilities to protect all of our residents from structural fires.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the annual report of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 mandated fire inspections. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and there will be no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

This item was brought before the Fire Advisory Board on September 8, 2025. The Board voted 6 to 0 to approve and support the Annual Inspection Report.

BACKGROUND

California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.4 require fire agencies to annually inspect all schools, camps, apartment complexes, boarding facilities, hotels, motels, care facilities, churches, police stations, sheriff stations, courthouses, jails, and prisons for compliance with building fire and safety standards. Section 13146.4 requires fire agencies to provide an annual report to their governing boards regarding compliance with the mandated fire safety inspections.

During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, San Diego County Fire (County Fire) completed 100% of the state-mandated inspections on behalf of the San Diego County Fire Protection District and Deer Springs Fire Protection District.

In total, 286 inspections were completed at 73 schools, 24 camps, 76 apartment complexes/boarding facilities, 73 hotels/motels, 29 care facilities, 2 churches, 5 police stations/sheriff stations/courthouses, and 4 jails/prisons. County Fire also completes non-mandated business inspections annually and 1,222 of those were conducted during the past fiscal year.

Both the state-mandated and business inspections support the Board's investment in a robust community risk reduction program, with a goal of improving fire safety for the region's residents. The annual inspection report (Attachment B) includes the inspections completed in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's reporting of fire inspections supports the Community Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan by improving the safety of County residents.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Strong', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Strong for

EBONY N. SHELTON
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A – A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT THE REPORT
OF THE COMPLETION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FIRE INSPECTIONS

Attachment B – FY 2024-25 FIRE MARSHAL PROGRAM INSPECTIONS