"I've served as Ripon Fire Chief for over 20 years and am seeing hiring challenges like never before."



- Our firefighter salaries are some of the lowest in the region. We are losing staff to outside agencies that offer higher salaries. A step 1 firefighter starts at \$21.13 per hour.
- We are short staffed and have few firefighter applicants due to our low pay.
- We are operating on 1985 revenue: \$0.03/sq ft. single family, \$0.04/sq ft. commercial, and \$0.05/sq ft industrial and costs have tripled.
- The RCFD serves:
 - 22,000 people and is growing; &
 - 56 square miles, which includes the City of Ripon.
- With structure fires, OSHA requires 2 firefighters in and 2 outside. We have to wait for outside agencies to arrive to meet this quota before we can enter a burning building.
- With the last structure fire we had, we waited 7 minutes for another outside agency fire engine to arrive before entering the burning building.
 The Prop 218 measure will open Station
 add additional staffing, and help

3, add additional staffing, and help improve response times for the entire community.

-Chief Dennis Bitters



WithRiponFire.com 209-924-0977 #WithRiponFire www.withriponfire.com Still living on 1985 income? It isn't easy; nearly impossible. It's what the Ripon Consolidated Fire District (RCFD) has faced for the past several years.

It's time for change. We are asking for a Yes vote to support RCFD.

Under the CA Government Code Section 50078 et. seq. & the CA Constitution Article XIIID ("Proposition 218"), the RCFD Board of Directors are putting forth a ballot seeking funds through an additional parcel assessment to sustain local fire response.

Please vote YES and mail in your ballot.

| Property Type | Size (Sq Ft) | Estimated Annual Cost | Estimated Month Cost |
|--|---|---|--|
| Single Home | Up to 3,600 | \$250 | \$21 |
| | Up to 4,526 | \$264 | \$22 |
| | >4,526 | \$278 | \$23 |
| Multi-Unit Living | 5-20 units; 10,200 sq ft | \$1,535 | \$26/unit |
| | 21-40 units; 29,631 sq ft | \$3,320 | \$13/unit |
| | 100 units; 153,722 sq ft | \$16,124 | \$13/unit |
| Commercial | Up to 2,200 | \$245 | \$20 |
| | Up to 5,106 | \$314 | \$22 |
| | 71,275 | \$801 | \$67 |
| Agriculture Winery 20 ac Winery 46 ac Timeline April 11 | All Row/Orchard 15,673 71,275 April La 18-29 | \$143 \$314 \$801 ate April -May | \$12 \$26 \$67 Early May-June |
| Prop 218 resolut RCFD Board Mee @ 2 pm | eting to property/ o | wners vote and | Ballots tallied results announced RCFD Board meeting 2pm |

Please vote YES and mail in your ballot.



"Ripon Fire has not had a funding increase since the 1985 Special District tax."



Our Commitment:

At Ripon Fire, we strive to provide the best possible care and service from highly-trained, compassionate personnel. Lives depend on the speed and efficiency of our firefighter's response. We need your support to address the growing needs of sustaining Ripon fire services. The average career firefighter per 1,000 capita is career firefighter per 1,000 capita is residents.

This spring, under Proposition 218, the Ripon Consolidated Fire District Board will propose an equitable, additional property parcel assessment. This equitable solution will require a majority "Yes" vote from property owners that mail in their ballots.

Ripon Resident Testimonials

"My neighbor's garage caught on fire while they were cooking. With prompt response, RCFD contained the fire within the garage area."
Ripon Neighbor-Santos Avenue

"My husband is with me today because RCFD was at our house within 3 minutes when experienced sudden cardiac arrest. Had they been on another call at the same time, I believe it would have been a different outcome. We need to staff another station."

Staff another station."

"We just lost our home and everything in it to fire! \$23/month on taxes is nothing compared to the loss we are going through."
-Merry Waddell-Wilkerson, Cindy Drive -Merry Waddell-Wilkerson, Cindy Drive

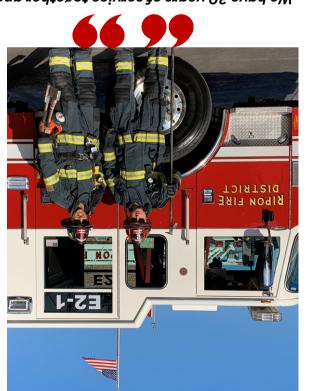
In a random sample survey conducted in Nov. 2023, by a third-party entity, 80% of Ripon property owners ranked Ripon Fire response as one of two highest priorities; along with law enforcement.

Find out why Ripon Fire's Levels are slipping; check the QR Codes below.



3 Minutes longer to get to your door





We have 30 years of service together and are seeing challenges at Ripon Fire like

- We had 2,000 annual calls for 1 fire station.
- There were 500 concurrent calls last same time.
- During a concurrent call, if you call
 911, you have to wait for an outside
- agency to respond.Our staff are working twice as much overtime because we are short-staffed. This leads to burnout.
- We ask you to vote "YES"
 Medic Captain Josh Bodeson &

Engineer Pedro Avalos Longtime Ripon Fire personnel & Ripon residents