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Comments:

Re: the potential closing of La Madera volunteer fire department
From: a resident of San Pedro Creek Estates, one of the affected areas

This is a classic case of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". We have a perfectly fine support system here in the East Mountains. The LMVFD is a well-loved part of the community and provides much more than just fire and EMT services. It is a community hub and has regular events that people have come to expect and really enjoy.

So why did that community not have ANY notice of what was being proposed let alone any opportunity for comments? From the time we first heard about the proposal to the final vote on it was ONE week. We were all blind-sided.

When Chief Masterson was asked about this he said:

"There was definitely a failure in leadership on my part...I could have done community outreach. I should have done a meeting [with the volunteer firefighters]. I don't know why I chose not to do that."

This is the guy making this big decision?!?!? A decision that is literally life and death for us? Why is he able to forge ahead with the vote? Why does the vote have to be tonight? Why can't he go back and solicit input as he himself says he should have done?

He will not pay any penalty for his lack of leadership and common sense but we will. There is NO justification for having this happen so quickly.

Please do NOT vote for this proposal. It is NOT needed and is in fact harmful to us. As one person told you, the different response time between LMVFD and Bernalillo County was truly a matter of life and death.