

East Fork Fire Protection District

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East Fork Fire Protection District Officially Acknowledges Grand Jury Report

Minden – The East Fork Fire Protection District, while receiving a clean bill of health in the 2018 Grand Jury Report, went the extra distance and officially acknowledged the Report at its April 17, 2018 meeting. District Fire Chief, Tod Carlini, who has seen three Grand Jury reports during his tenure with the District, stated that the District has officially acknowledged prior Grand Jury reports. When findings were made, as they were in 2001, the District officially responded and also included actions that they would be taking in response to the findings. Chief Carlini stated *"We have always taken these reports seriously." The amount of effort that goes into such a document should be acknowledged officially."*

The District Board did spend time discussing the issues raised in the report regarding employee theft, fraud, and abuse. Board Secretary, Barbara Griffin, who publically acknowledged her membership on the Grand Jury and that she abstained from any participation in the Fire District review, felt it was appropriate to have this discussion. The District has over the past several months provided presentations to the new Board regarding the internal controls it has in place to prevent similar issues that have plagued Douglas County's Vehicle Maintenance for years. Three other Grand Jury members were in attendance and all provided additional public comment on the process.

In an official letter addressed to both the Honorable District Judges, Tod Young and Thomas Gregory, the District acknowledged receipt of the March 21, 2018 Grand Jury Report. The District officially reviewed and acknowledged the section dedicated to a review of the East Fork Fire Protection District. The letter went on to note that the administration and staff who were interviewed or who were part of the station tours conducted were very impressed with the level of questioning and with the observations that were made by Jury members. The District also recognized the need and value of such an effort and appreciated the work of the Grand Jury and those who supported that effort, asking that their appreciation be conveyed to all involved. The District Board voted 5-0 in their acknowledgement and authorized Board President Bernard Curtis to sign the acknowledgement letter.

A copy of the acknowledgment letter can be found on the East Fork Fire Protection District website in the April 17, 2018 Board Meeting documents. The entire Grand Jury Report is also included. The District's website is at eastforkfire.org.#

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