



FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2024
PREPARED FOR: Mayor and Town Council
PREPARED BY: Heather Abrams, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Informational Presentation Regarding the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Services and Preparation for Disasters

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation from the Marin Office of Emergency Management Director Steven Torrence.

BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2024, the Council approved an updated agreement with OEM. Approximately a year ago Marin County moved the Office of Emergency Services (OES) from the Sheriff's Office to report to the Marin Fire Department as the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). OEM has been even more proactive in working with the Marin Cities and Towns, and the expanded agreement reflects this. At this meeting, the Director of OEM, Steven Torrence, will present to the Fairfax Council to describe the OEM services more fully to the public and the Council.

The Town of Fairfax has maintained MOUs with the Marin Operational Area and the Marin County Sheriff's Office for several years to enhance our emergency management capabilities. The previous agreement expired on June 30, 2023. There have been changes in the Marin County office, and the Office has continued to be pivotal in providing essential services such as disaster response coordination, training, and public awareness campaigns. These services are crucial for maintaining the safety and preparedness of our community.