December 18, 2017

Council Meeting Reminder

Dear Local 2180,

Tomorrow night Mayor and Council will receive the Public Safety Staffing Strategy report that will lay out the critical needs of the Fire Department moving forward.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee was established after the June 6th Council Meeting where we challenged the City’s Budget proposal and advocated for an increase to the Fire Departments budget. Never before in the history of our organization has a move been more impactful. That move ended up ensuring us the hiring of 12 new Firefighters (regardless of the SAFER Grant) and the immediate implementation of our first 4-0 staffed Engine Company. The greatest impact it had was putting Public Safety at the forefront and now City Staff is acting. Mayor and Council have publicly claimed that Public Safety staffing levels are now at “crisis” levels and something must be done. Tomorrow night Mayor and Council will be presented options on how to increase the funding mechanisms for Public Safety and be presented staffing recommendations from Management and the Public Safety Advisory Committee. We must be in support of any and all increase in funding options and we will continue to work with Management on the best approach to increase the staffing of our Fire Department.

Please join us in solidarity tomorrow evening.

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Darrell Roberts, President

Chula Vista Firefighters
IAFF Local 2180
PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER THE 19TH

1645 HOURS