

# AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## **Measure “M” Formula and Approval Process**

### **BACKGROUND (“Excerpt” from 2008 Ballot):**

In the general election of 2008, the voters of Amador County passed an ordinance to allow the county to collect a 1/2 cent sales tax (Measure M) that took effect on April 1, 2009. “With the proceeds being used for the payment of salaries, benefits, and administrative support for paid firefighters-emergency medical response personnel at existing fire stations, as well as volunteer insurance, training and incentive programs”.

### **MEASURE “M” FORMULA:**

1<sup>st</sup> Once collected, every Fire District and Fire Department is allocated \$50,000.00 of seed money right off the top of the total monies collected;

2<sup>nd</sup> Following the allocation of “seed money” the remaining monies are allocated to each fire agency eligible for measure M funding using the following formula:

*Percentage of population served by each jurisdiction as compared to the total population of Amador County plus the percentage of Measure M qualifying calls that occur within each jurisdiction/response zone as compared to total qualifying calls in county.*

The percentage of total population served by agency, added to the total number of measure M qualifying calls that occur within each jurisdiction/response zone, determines the amount of Measure M monies allocated to each agency.

### **Qualifying Calls:**

Only specific types of calls qualify for Measure M funding and this gets vetted every year by each respective agency and is agreed upon by all of the Fire Chiefs.

### **Population Numbers Used:**

The California Department of Finance is the preferred data and what has been used for the past several years. The other method would be to use data provided by the Census Bureau.

### **APPROVAL PROCESS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fire Chiefs compile and approve numbers;

2<sup>nd</sup> Those numbers are presented to Amador Fire Protection Authority (AFPA) for approval;

3<sup>rd</sup> AFPA submits approved numbers to Board of Supervisors for FINAL approval.