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DATE: October 28, 2020

CONTACT: Fire Chief Tom Peterson

FOR: IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: **Templeton Fire and Emergency Services begins 24/7 staffing on October 31, 2020 due to the passage of Measure A**

Templeton Fire Chief Tom Peterson announced that Templeton Fire and Emergency Services will begin 24-7 staffing on Saturday, October 31st. “The Department is able to take this historic step due to the resounding 77% approval of Measure A by the Community in 2019” said Chief Peterson. “We are extremely appreciative of the overwhelming amount of support that we have received from Templeton residents and businesses and are excited to take this historic step in serving our community” Peterson said.

The public is invited to come by the Fire Station located at 206 5th Street on Saturday, October 31st from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for coffee and donuts to celebrate the official start of 24/7 staffing. People are welcome to check out the fire engines and meet the Fire Captains and Reserve Firefighters. Social distancing will be practiced and all parties are asked to wear masks.

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General Manager Jeff Briltz said “I am very excited to transition to 24/7 staffing. This will provide a reliable and enhanced service for all Templeton residents and businesses. The transition would not have been possible without the hard work of so many people associated with the Department and the District for the past 10-plus years.”

The Department has been in existence for 123 years. Templeton Hose Company No. 1 was formed with Charles M. Steinbeck as the first Chief Engineer in November 1887. Chief Engineer Steinbeck was given a trumpet to announce any fire and started recruiting volunteer firefighters. Towards the end of 1887, with the arrival a hose cart, 14 volunteers joined and became Templeton Hose Company No. 1. In 1902, the Templeton Board of Trade deemed it necessary to asses and collect taxes for the legal formation of a Fire District. The Fire District became part of the Community Services District when it was established by voters in 1976.

For more information, please call Chief Tom Peterson at (805) 434-4911.

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