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Thank you for taking my input. Three things:

- 1) Rohnert Park combines Police and Fire operations. This should be studied as Sebastopol is even smaller in size, and could offer many reductions in overlap.
- 2) Sebastopol does not participate in mutual aid in the same way other communities in Sonoma and Marin do, so more resources are needed to stand up individual town services - from dispatch to records to management to operations.
- 3) There are dozens of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certified residents in Sebastopol. The Map Your Neighborhood program isn't bad but spotty, but serves a whole other purpose - more social network than emergency response.

In Napa, where I lived before Sebastopol, CERT is a force multiplier for the first responders. We were sworn in after a certain amount of training, on a perpetual basis. I ask the City Council to ask the Fire Chief to stand up and reinstate support and training of CERT. It doesn't replace MYN, but is a demonstrable way to add to the way the city can respond to fire, earthquake, toxic spills, tsunamis and (!) hurricanes. We live in "disaster playland"!

Respectfully,

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