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EXHIBIT A

Report Presented to the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District In Compliance with Senate Bill 1205 and Pursuant to Sections 13146.2, 13146.3, and 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code.

Introduction:

The Office of the Fire Marshal's Community Safety/Fire Prevention Division is committed to creating a safe community through education, engineering, and fire code enforcement. In fulfilling its mission, the department focuses on fire prevention and the protection of the citizens of the County of San Bernardino. Fire Inspections are an integral component of the OFM's goals and objectives. As such, certain buildings are inspected annually to ensure the safety of the employees, community, and residents. Inspections are conducted on businesses, factories, restaurants, churches, schools, senior living housing, and other buildings that could pose significant risks to its occupants or the public in the event of any fire safety incident. Annual inspections are conducted in every building used as a public or private school, hotel, motel, lodging house, apartment house, and certain residential care facilities for compliance with building standards.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's (SBCFPD) Board of Directors a report regarding the inspection of occupancies mandated by the State of California Health and Safety (CH&S) Code. This report will show 86% compliance with CH&S Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3, which require all fire departments that provide fire protection services to perform annual inspections in every building used as a public or private school, hotel, motel, lodging house, apartment house, and certain residential care facilities for compliance with building standards, as provided; and to comply with CH&S Code 13146.4 which requires all fire departments that provide fire protection services to report annually to its administering authority on its compliance with Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 at the time of its annual budget review, or at another time determined by the administering authority.

Background:

On September 27, 2018, the State of California passed Senate Bill 1205 which added Section 13146.4 to the CH&S Code and reads as follows:

13146.4.

(a) Every city or county fire department, city and county fire department, or district required to perform an annual inspection pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 shall report annually to its administering authority on its compliance with Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

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(b) The report made pursuant to subdivision (a) shall occur when the administering authority discusses its annual budget, or at another time determined by the administering authority.

(c) The administering authority shall acknowledge receipt of the report made pursuant to subdivision (a) in a resolution or a similar formal document.

(d) For purposes of this section, “administering authority” means a city council, county board of supervisors, or district board, as the case may be.

To comply with Section 13146.4 of the CH&S Code, the Board of Director’s, as the “administering authority” for the SBCFPD’s Office of the Fire Marshal, must acknowledge receipt of this compliance report which is presented pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 as noted above.

On July 23, 2019, Resolution No. 2019-117 was adopted by the SBCFPD’s Board of Directors formally acknowledging receipt of the 2018-19 compliance report identifying 100% compliance with sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 for the fiscal 2019 rating period.

FY 2019-20 Compliance Outcome

The tables below demonstrate SBCFPD’s Office of the Fire Marshal’s 100% compliance with the inspection requirements of the CH&S Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

A. Multi-Family Housing Inspections (M.F.H)

OFFICE/AREA	M.F.H. INSPECTIONS	COMPLETED	PERCENT COMPLIANT
OFM - Valley, Mtn. areas, Upland and Grand Terrace	832	832	100%
EAST VALLEY - San Bernardino City	1447	1071	74%
HIGH DESERT - all desert areas and cities	317	317	100%
TOTAL SBCFPD	2596	2220	86%

B. School Inspections

OFFICE/AREA	SCHOOL INSPECTIONS	COMPLETED	PERCENT COMPLIANT
OFM - Valley, Mtn. areas, Upland and Grand Terrace	72	72	100%
EAST VALLEY - San Bernardino City	65	65	100%
HIGH DESERT - all desert areas and cities	60	33	55%
TOTAL SBCFPD	197	170	86%

Conclusion:

The Office of Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Division has met the reporting requirements for annual mandated inspections. During the fiscal year 2019-2020, a total of 2,390 multi-family housing facilities and schools were inspected to achieve 86% compliance with CH&S codes 13146.2 and 13146.3.

The Office of the Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Division did not meet the 100% inspection compliance requirement by the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Fire Prevention inspection staff were unable to gain access to several schools that were closed due to the pandemic. Also, at the recommendation of the Fire Marshal, inspections at some residential care facilities were not completed as the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus was deemed too high. However, 100% compliance was achieved by July 31, 2020.