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Board of Directors and Management,

The Fire Chief Scott Young was on KSBY News a few days ago. Having the board clarify the relationship again between the Fire Department and the Firefighters Association would help address confusion and reduce misinformation.

- Is the San Miguel Fire Department a separate entity from the San Miguel Firefighters Association?
- Does the Fire Department rely on donations to operate, or is it funded through the District budget? The budget says \$770,000!
- Has the Non-Profit SMFA used District facilities, equipment, vehicles, or the fire station for meetings, storage, fundraising activities, or other purposes? If so, under what agreement, policy, or authorization?
- What policies govern employee conduct and communications with the public? Are there any policies regarding employee social media activity, whether on-duty or off-duty?

Recently, I observed social media comments in which members of the public were referred to as a "simpleton" and a Director was referred to as a "village idiot." by what appears to be current and former employees of the CSD. Regardless of personal disagreements, such language is concerning and reflects poorly on public institutions. Please clarify whether this type of conduct is consistent with District expectations for employees and representatives when interacting with the public.

The ongoing debate surrounding fireworks has created significant tension within the community. Residents should be able to express concerns regarding public safety without being ridiculed or attacked. Likewise, individuals with differing viewpoints should be able to express their opinions respectfully. Productive discussion and mutual respect are essential if San Miguel is to move forward as a community. Calm the tensions please. Again for the record I do not hate or dislike Firefighters or the Fire Department. Asking valid questions is the civic thing to do.

Thank you for your time,

Shaunna

San Miguel resident

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