

**Olancha Community Services District**  
**Olancha Cartago Fire Department**  
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# COMMUNITY MEETING

September 19, 530 PM

- **WHY?:** Recently, over the past few months the department has lost several members due to retirement, moving, loss of interest. This will leave only 6 members on the department and no qualified EMTs. Our EMS services are unable to operate at this time
- **WHAT CAN YOU DO?:** If you're willing, volunteer. It takes a lot to be a volunteer, but the rewards are endless if you have a desire to help your community. If you can't due to health or other reasons, ask your neighbors. Maybe they can help.
- **WHATS THE ALTERNATIVE?:** Wait times of 30 to 60 minutes for an ambulance or fire truck. How long can you hold your breath? How long will a fire wait before it consumes everything you own?
  - ❖ Of lesser importance, but still a concern. We attained an ISO rating of 8. This lowers our homeowner's insurance rates as opposed to not having an operating fire department.
  - ❖ Also it is unknown how much this would affect property values, but its safe to assume it would have a negative impact.
- **WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?**

Attend this Public Meeting to discuss our path forward. No one is going to swoop in and provide these important services for us. We have to take care of our own.

THANK YOU