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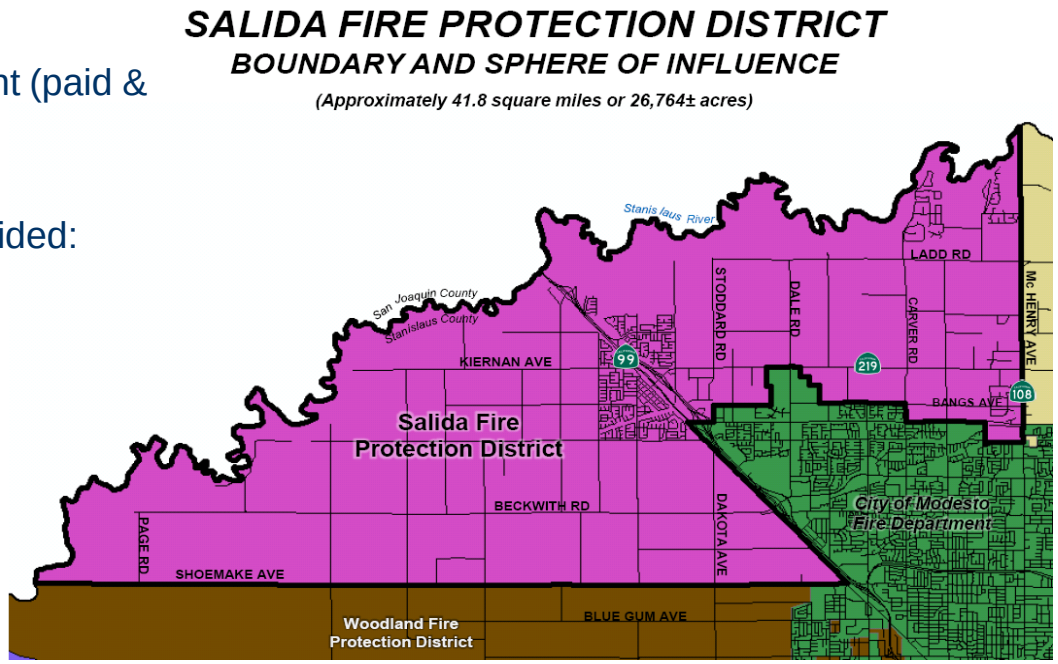
Modesto Regional Fire Authority

March 27, 2013

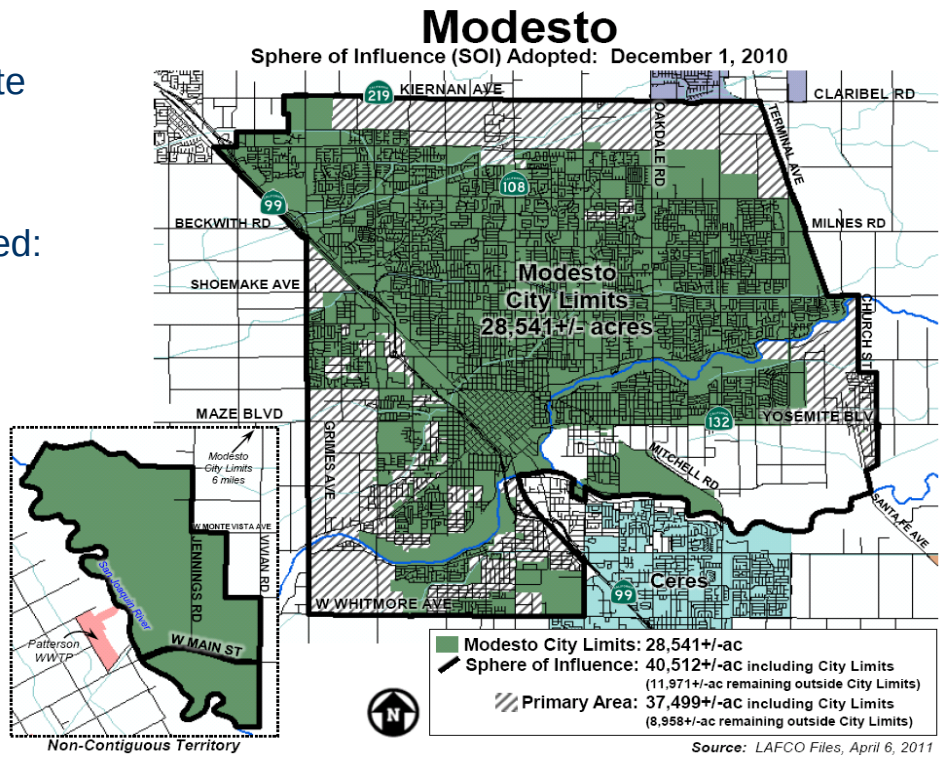
Introduction

- Salida Fire Protection District
  - Established in 1942
  - Serving 42 square miles
  - Population = 20,000
  - Combination department (paid & volunteer personnel)
  - Three (3) fire stations
  - Levels of Services provided:
    - Suburban
    - Rural
    - Frontier (Remote)



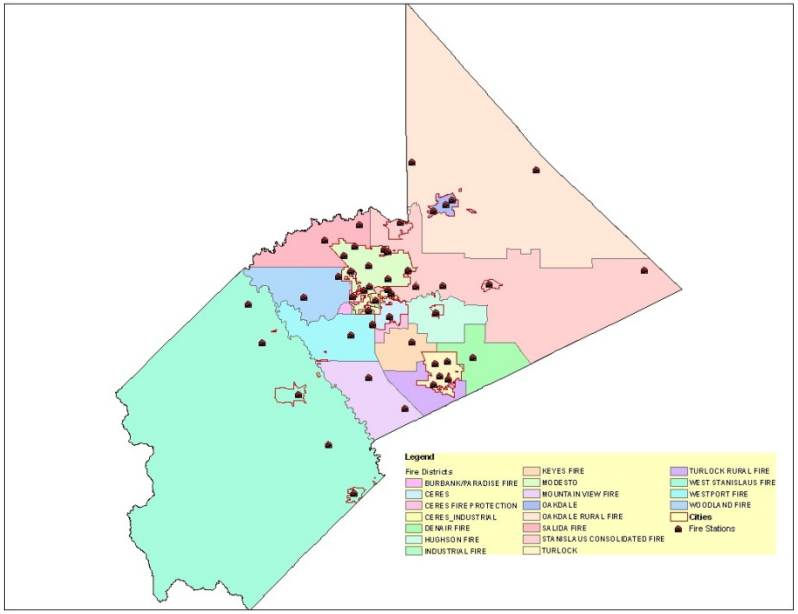
Introduction

- City of Modesto Fire
  - Serving a population of approximately 250,000
  - 18th largest city in the State
  - Career department
  - Eleven (11) fire stations
  - Levels of Services provided:
    - Urban
    - Suburban



Introduction

- Stanislaus County OES / Fire Warden
  - Representing the County
  - Population = 514,253
  - Levels of Services provided:
    - Fire Administration
    - Disaster Planning / Management
    - Fire & Rescue Mutual Aid Coordinator



Timeline / Events

- 2004, July — Fire Strategic Visioning Workshop
- 2005 — Salida Community Plan adopted by County BOS
- 2007, March — Fire MSR adopted by LAFCO
- 2007 — City of Modesto proposed several annexations
- 2007 — Modesto General Plan Update
- 2008 — Salida Fire District Assessment (unsuccessful)
- 2009, July 9 — Modesto Urban Growth Policy adopted
- 2009, Nov — City growth measures taken to the polls
- 2010, July — Revenue Sharing Agreement approved
- 2011, Jan — Formation of Modesto Regional Fire Authority (JPA)
  - City of Modesto Fire Department
  - Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office
  - Salida Fire Protection District

2004
Fire Strategic Visioning Workshop

Commitment To Progress

Standards of Coverage

Revenue Enhancement

Governance

Meeting Expectations

Dealing with Diversity

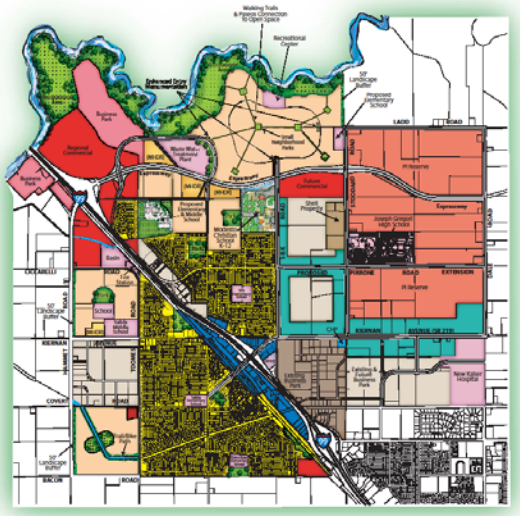
Minimum Standards

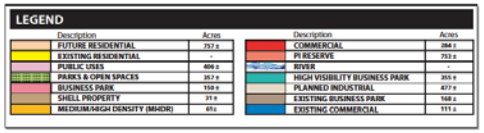
Visioning Themes

Unity

Healthy Relationships

2004
Salida Community Plan





SALIDA CONCEPTUAL PLAN
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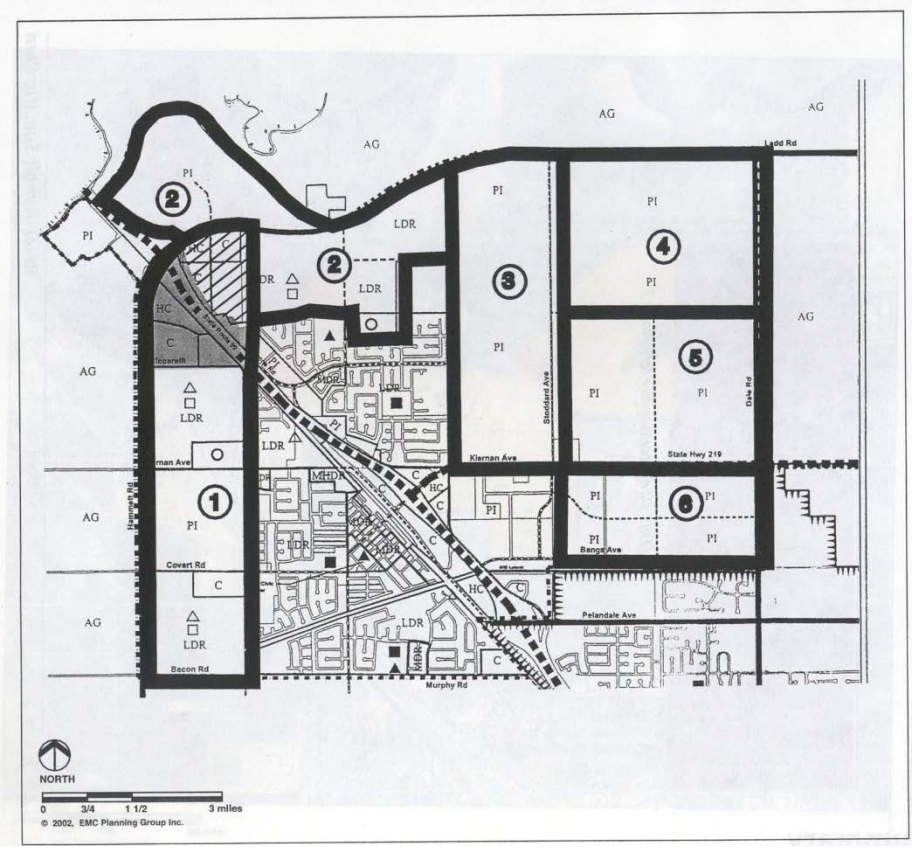


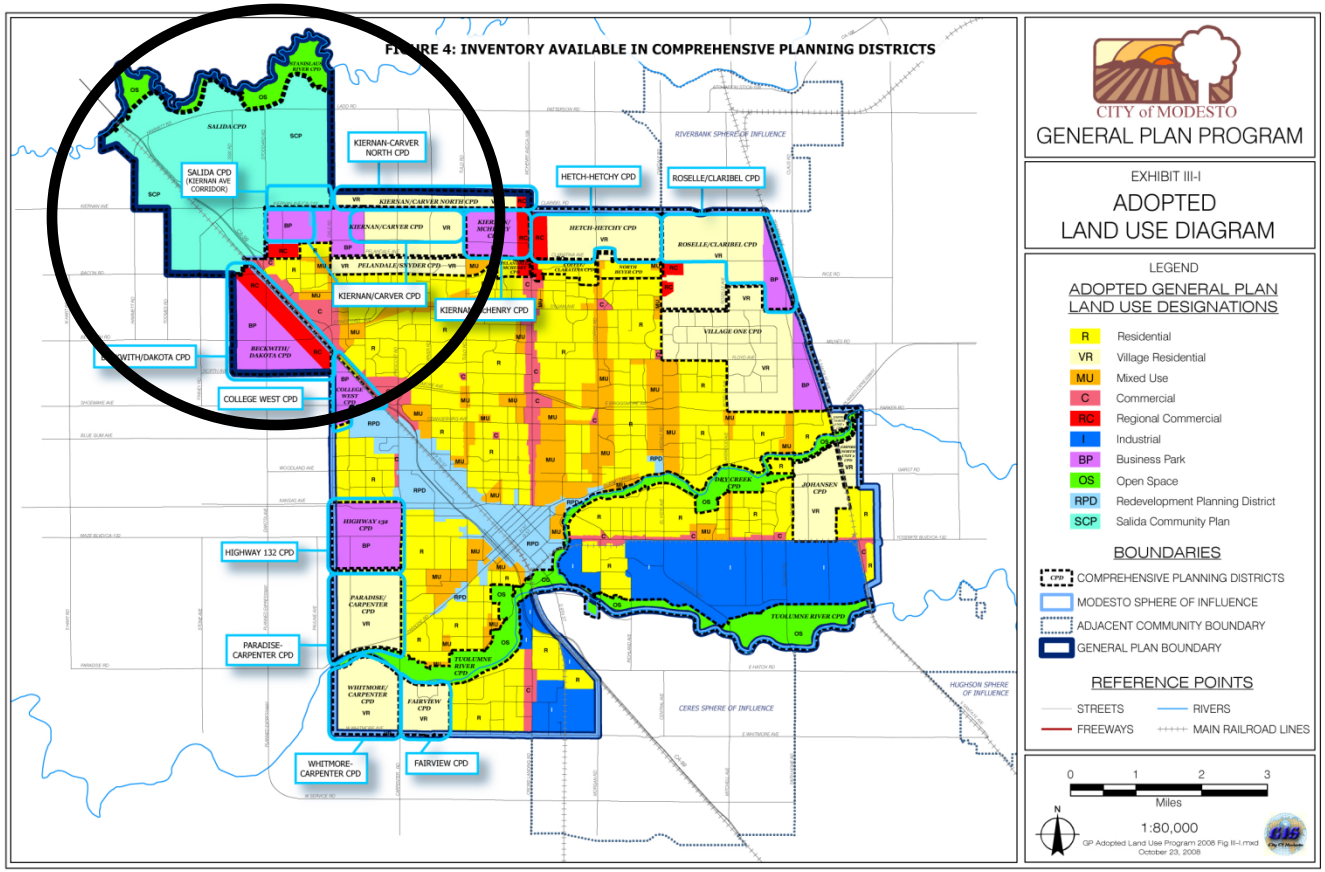
2007
Stanislaus LAFCO - MSR

Summary:

"The challenges faced by the fire service have been accruing for many years"

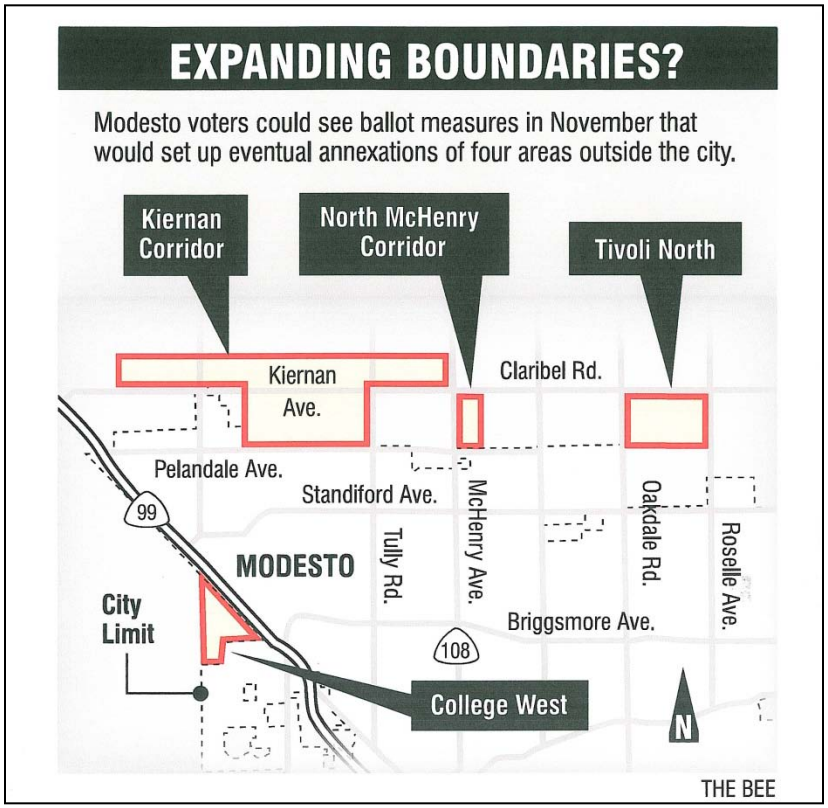
There is a need for concerted, jointly supported effort for these fire agencies to work together to address current and future challenges."

City of Modesto
2009 Urban Growth Policy



2009
Proposed Growth Areas

- Measure M



- Other Projects
  - Pelandale –McHenry Specific Plan
  - Woodglen Specific Plan
    - Approx 75 acres
  - Kiernan Business Park Specific Plan
    - Approx 614 acres

2010
Annexation without Detachment

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MODESTO AND THE SALIDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE KIERNAN BUSINESS PARK TO THE CITY

This agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Modesto ("CITY") and the Salida Fire Protection District ("DISTRICT"), a California special district organized and governed by the Fire Protection Law of 1987 (California Health & Safety Code Section 13800, et seq.).

- Objectives
  - Eliminate duplication
  - Shared resources
  - Boundary drops
  - System depth
  - Standardized operations and training

Understanding the Need to Adapt

- Changing demographics
- Administrative requirements
- Limited local support of resident volunteers
- Operational depth
- Financial limitations and reductions
- Fire service standardization
- Firefighting mandates
- District vulnerability and sustainability

Organizational Considerations

- **Questions:**
  - Where will the fire service be in 3-5 years?
  - Can we overcome the obstacles / challenges.
  - What are our options?

- **Answers:**
  - Seek partnerships!
  - No deposit; No return!
  - Doing nothing is not an option!

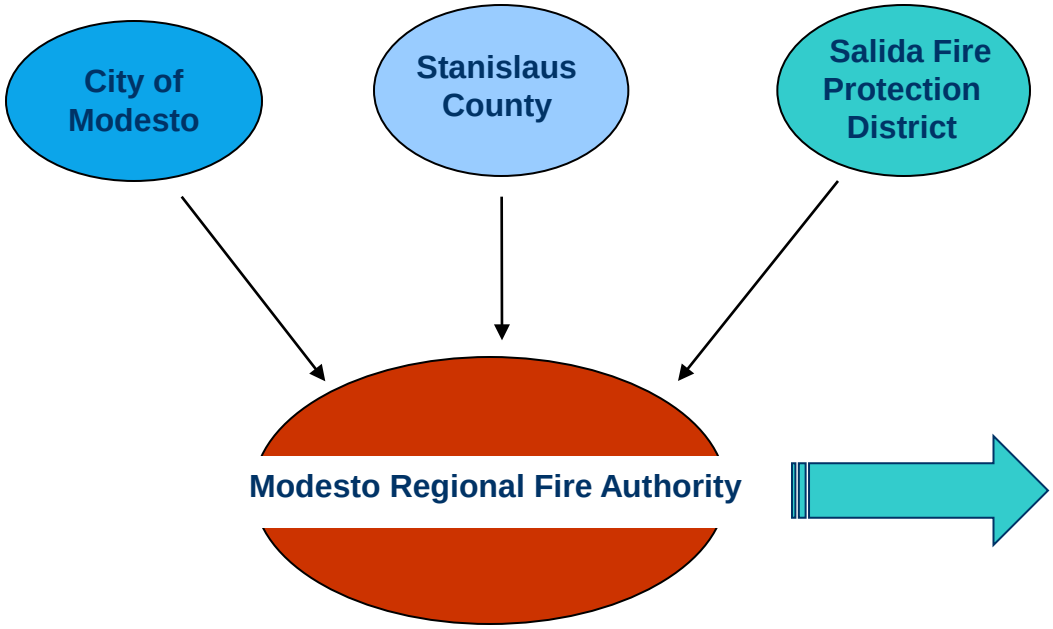
2010/2011
Steps to Formation

Fire Chiefs agreed to partner

Ad-hoc Committee of Elected Officials formed

JPA approved (17-0 vote)

Initial Concept



"Regional Fire"

TRANSITIONAL PLANS

- Operations
- Administration
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Fleet
- Strategic Plan

Benefits of the JPA

- Provide significant depth of personnel and resources not available to each agency individually
- Provide for the enhanced use of resources and personnel
- Provide opportunities to increase efficiencies and eliminate duplication of services
- Support future opportunities through cooperation of county, city and district governance
- Provide an opportunity for other agencies to join in the future

JPA Goals & Principles

Goals

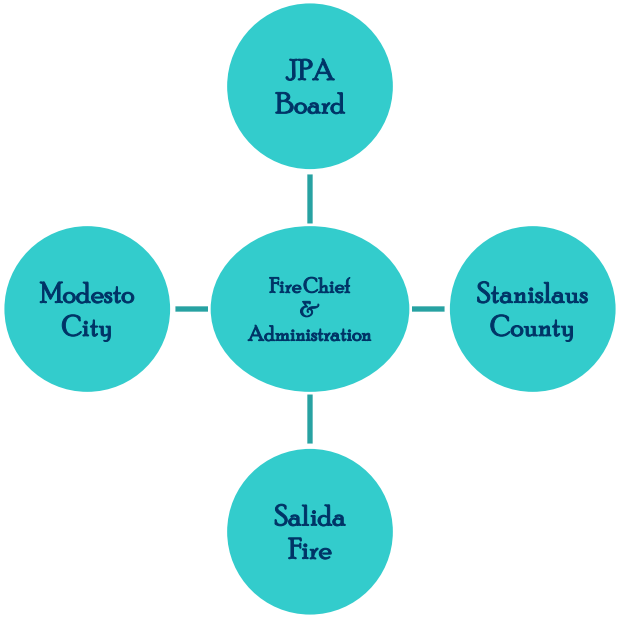
- Provide efficient and effective fire and life safety services
- Eliminate or avoid duplication of services
- Secure adequate and stable funding
- Maintain qualified personnel
- Ensure representation of constituents
- Respect and provide for employee interests
- Develop regional services and solutions

Guiding Principles

- Each governing body will determine service levels
- Service levels will be commensurate with the level of funding provided by each member agency

Authority / Line of Communications

Informal:



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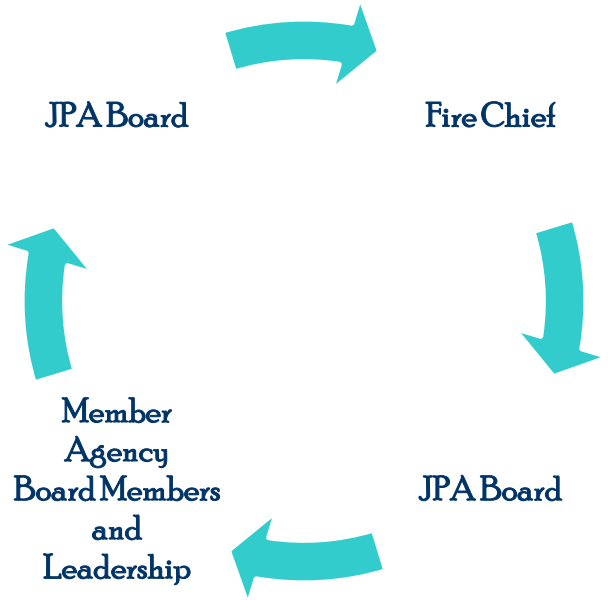

Transitional Status

- FY2011-2012
  - Operations
  - Administration
- FY2012-2013
  - Finance
  - Information Technology
- FY2013-2014
  - Fleet
- FY2014-2015
  - Human Resources
  - Strategic Plan

Questions / Comments

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