

Let's Continue the Progress

I'm Deb Curlee and I have served as President of the Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board for the past three years.

During that time, under the leadership of our Fire Chief, Kyle Benson, our volunteer firefighters now number twenty eight and our EMTs number fourteen with two in training. Chief Benson is a Paramedic, and there is an operation staff of three members. Lori Brill has joined us as Battalion Chief.

Station 81 has received a complete remodel, with community volunteers along with our firefighters contributing all the painting, laying of the floor, lighting, and the bathroom. All was done under budget. An Open House is planned for spring so the community can see the transformation. Station 82 is slated for upgrades next.

The Board budgeted for and passed the hiring of The Ember Alliance (TEA) to create our CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan), which was last done in 2011 and is recommended to be reviewed/updated every five years. Because our CWPP is 14 years out of date, we lost our Firewise designation and several residents doing fire mitigation were denied grant funding to help with the cost. No one can deny that the threat of wildfires is more present than ever, and the TEA community-based program will help us be more aware of what we need to do for our safety.

I originally ran for the Board to build community engagement, improve and grow our fire department, repair our buildings and equipment, and do whatever is needed to keep our community and beautiful district safe from the threat of wildfires. If reelected, I will continue with those goals.