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Board Report

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Receive presentation from Napa County Sheriff's Office to Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.

SUMMARY:

Presentation by Napa County Sheriff John Robertson and his staff to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team to say thank you for their support during the 2017 wildfires. The wildfires broke out throughout Napa, Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino, Butte, and Solano Counties during severe weather conditions, effectively leading to a major red flag warning for much of the Northern California area. Seventeen separate wildfires were reported at that time. These fires included the Napa Tubs Fire (which grew to become the most destructive wildfire in the history of California), the Atlas Fire, and the Nuns Fire. These wildfires were also the most destructive of the 2017 California wildfire season.

The Fires ignited on October 8 and 9, they rapidly grew to become extensive, full scale incident spanning from 1,000 acres to well over 20,000 acres, each within a single day. By October 14, the fires had burned more than 210,000 acres while forcing 90,000 people to evacuate from their homes. The Northern California fires killed 42 people and hospitalized over 185, making the week of October 8, 2017, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history. Collectively, this event constitutes the largest loss of life due to wildfires in the United States since the Cloquet Fire in 1918. In total, and estimated 8,400 structures were destroyed.

Eleven members of the Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team went to Napa to assist during the fires.

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