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Monterey County Regional Fire District

Application

Jerry Suarez

District: 5
Initialed Application: Yes

Applicant

First Name: **Jerry**
Middle Initial:
Last Name: **Suarez**
Address:
[REDACTED]
Salinas, CA 93908
Ethnicity: **Hispanic/Latino**
Gender: **Male**

Contact

Email: [REDACTED]
Primary Phone: [REDACTED]
Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]
Preferred Contact Method: **Email**

Employment

Occupation: **Firefighter (Retired)**
Job Title: **Captain (Retired)**
Employer: **City of Seaside (Retired - 2023)**
Employer Address:
1635 Broadway Ave, 93955, Seaside CA

Interests and Experiences

Able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill duties as a member?

Yes

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group?

No

Has served on an advisory group before?

No

Hi, My name is Jerry Suarez and I'm a retired Seaside FD Captain with 33+ yrs of experience in the Fire Service. I'm a father of 8 and grandfather of 5. I enjoy weightlifting, bicycling, walks with the family, and spending time with the family. I also love reading and watching sports, in particular, my 49ers.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district:

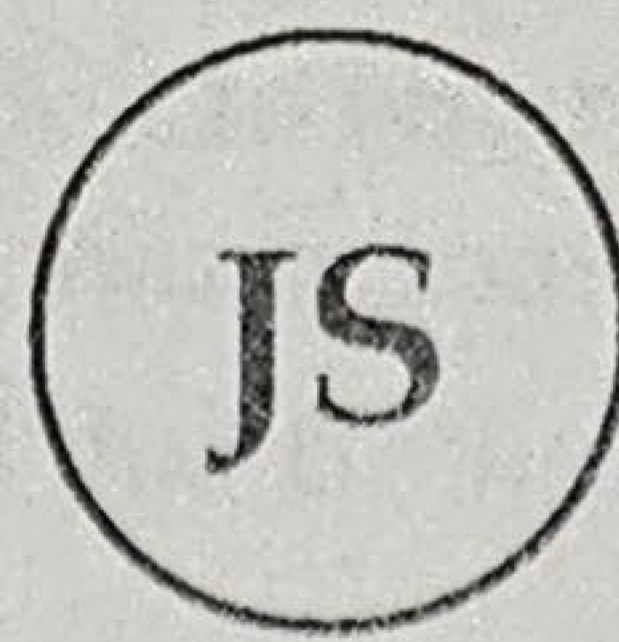
Now that I'm retired, I feel it would be a way for me to give back to the community in a meaningful way, in a field that I'm familiar with.

How did you hear about the position?:

Flyer

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

N/A



JERRY SUAREZ

Salinas, CA 93908

Summary

Insightful Fire Captain with experience directing cohesive emergency team with highest degree of professionalism and respect. Strengths include maintaining effective team through attentiveness, coaching and discipline. In-depth knowledge of safety regulations, response management and fire department policies, procedures and internal controls.

Skills

- Emergency management
- Hazardous materials handling
- Equipment maintenance
- Crew supervision
- Effective communication
- Conflict resolution
- Fire prevention
- Emergency response
- Hazardous materials response
- Firefighting procedures
- Fire suppression
- Facility and equipment maintenance
- Fire department procedures
- Firefighting techniques
- Teamwork
- Incident safety
- Multitasking
- Written communication
- CPR certified
- Incident command
- Fire safety inspections
- Public education
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Mentoring junior staff
- Staff performance evaluation
- Personnel management
- Fire strategy
- Emergency response procedures
- Staff development and leadership
- Interagency coordination
- Emergency Medical Techniques
- Self motivation
- Reliability
- Workload prioritization
- Records management
- Active listening

Experience

City of Seaside | Seaside, CA
Fire Captain (retired)
11/1988 - 03/2022

- Led fire suppression operations during emergency incidents in the community.
- Coordinated training programs for new firefighters to enhance skills and safety.
- Supervised daily station activities and ensured equipment readiness for emergencies.
- Mentored junior firefighters in emergency response techniques and procedures.

- Responded to emergency calls and managed the on-site operations of medical, hazardous materials, and rescue incidents.
- Ensured that firefighter safety protocols were followed on all emergency scenes.
- Provided leadership and guidance to assigned crew members during drills, exercises, and real-world operations.
- Maintained records of all fire-related activities including incident reports, maintenance logs, and training documents.
- Participated in public outreach events designed to educate citizens about fire safety best practices.
- Supervised subordinate firefighters in the performance of their duties.
- Established goals for personnel development by providing feedback regarding job performance evaluations.
- Assessed risks associated with potential hazards encountered in emergency situations.
- Inspected buildings for code violations relating to fire safety regulations.
- Provided clear and decisive leadership by rapidly assessing and responding to changing field conditions.

Education and Training

Universal Technical Institute | Phoenix, AZ

Occupational Associate Degree in Automotive & Diesel Technology

02/1985 - 02/1986

- ASE Certified Master Mechanic (Automotive)
- Level 1 State Certified Fire Apparatus Mechanic
- Proficiency in Spanish

Languages

Spanish:

A1

Native/ Bilingual

Certifications & Licenses

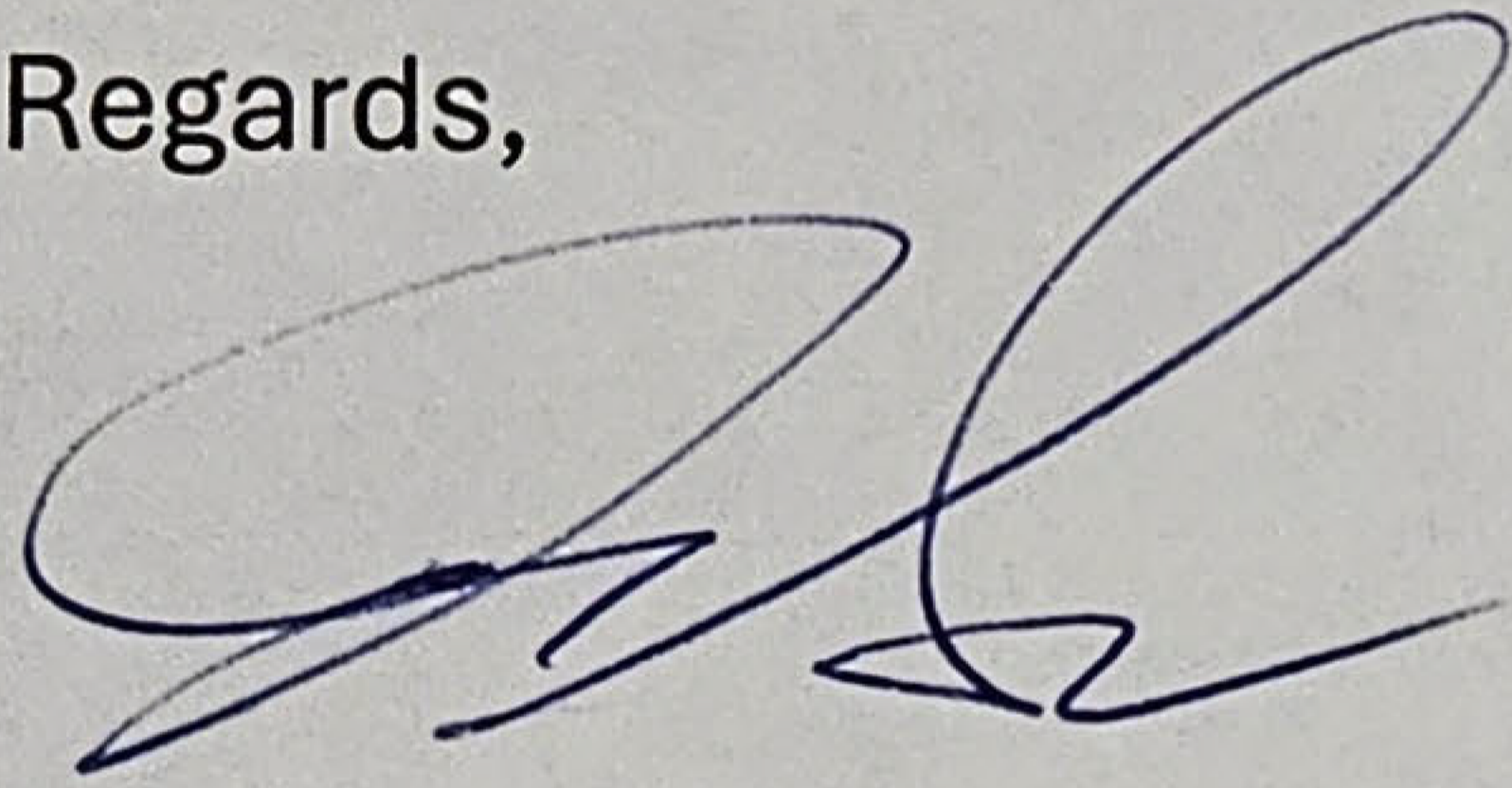
- Level 1 State Certification - Fire Apparatus Repair
- FF 1 & 2
- Driver/Operator 1 - 2 - 3
- CPR
- EMT
- Fire Officer

April 23, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as my Letter of Interest regarding the Board of Directors vacancy for the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District. Attached is my requested resume. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or cell phone.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Suarez', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jerry Suarez

