



# GEYSERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Mr. Bryan Cleaver,

I have been familiar with Bell's Ambulance Service (Bell's) for the past several decades as a second generation Geyserville Fire Protection District (District) Fire Chief. Bell's has been the primary emergency medical provider in our District for over 60 years. We have worked well together and they have been involved with our fire service and community. We enjoy good communications and hope they continue to be our provider into the future.

Bell's knowledge and familiarity with our District, based on their many years of service, helps save lives. We have the largest fire protection district in Sonoma County. Our District is primarily rural, and we respond from the county lines of Mendocino, Lake, and Napa counties to the coastal mountains. This provides unique needs and "local knowledge" from locally based responders focused and committed to providing service to a rural area. We can have long response times, difficult roads, variety of weather and terrain, and other challenges. We have the largest recreational area including the largest lake in our county, and the Russian River from Asti to Healdsburg. Additionally, there are many horse trails, hiking trails, and hunting areas. Normal mapping and GPS are often not adequate for locating emergencies in these areas where county road and address data is not reliable.

Over the years Bell's has hired District volunteers and paid staff which provides and supports a good relationship and better service. This shared employee concept has helped educate other Bell's employees about the needs of our District, helicopter landing zones, and our other unique medical response needs. Bell's has participated in many drills with us over the years and continues to do so. Bell's has provided updates and training when ALS trainers are required.

In summary, we work well with Bell's and support their continued service in our District. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Fire Chief

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