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Subject: Mutual Aid in unincorporated areas

Steve,

I heard a rumor from 2 different sources yesterday that stated Seis Lagos was not going to have anything except mutual aid for fire responses. I hope that you are intervening to prevent this misconception.

Without a first responder having the ability to fight fire, and those resources being overwhelmed, there is no such thing as mutual aid. Mutual is two-way, not one way.

Wylie cannot respond into an area outside of its fire district except to help another firefighting force. This is according to state law.

Let me know what you think. If these rumors are true, Seis Lagos is heading for disaster.