# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters
595 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, California

February 4, 2014, at 3:00 a.m.

Agenda Items May Be Taken Out Of The Order Shown

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District; 30 minutes total time is allotted for this discussion.
- 2. Review Nixle notifications and process.
- 3. Review development of District website.
- 4. Fire Chief's Report.
- 5. Requests for items to be included for the next Community Outreach Committee Meeting.

## Adjournment

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MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Chip Hickman, Fire Chief

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# Agenda Item #2



# STAFF REPORT

Prepared for: Montecito Fire Protection Community Outreach Committee

**Prepared by:** Geri Ventura **Date:** January 31, 2014

**Topic:** Nixle Community Notification System

# **Summary**

This is to provide a brief overview of how NIXLE has been utilized to send information to our community.

### Discussion

**ALERTS** are utilized for sending evacuation notices or other EMERGENCY life safety information.

The **ADVISORIES** category is typically utilized for sending information on conditions that warrant a heightened awareness of a pending or current condition that have the potential to pose a threat to public safety; these are usually weather notifications such as High Wind Warnings, Flood Watch or Warnings, or Red Flag/Fire Weather Alerts.

The **COMMUNITY** category is used to send out NON-EMERGENCY information such as MERRAG training, traffic information or incident press releases.

Once published, the message is sent to our NIXLE subscribers and published to our website, twitter, and facebook.

Subscribers can choose what level information – if any –they want sent to their cell phones via SMS/Text messaging.

Email notifications are less flexible; the subscriber can choose all notifications or none.