



BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Reference: Airports in Mendocino County

Dear Mr. Dennis Scoles 2007-08 Foreman,

I'm in receipt of your grand jury report in regards to airports in Mendocino County. As we had discussed the Willits Airport is in the jurisdiction and control of the City of Willits not the Brooktrails Community Service District or its fire department. We do have a mutual aide agreement with the Willits Fire Department in regards to responses to the airport. In the past we have included with the cities approval in the development of an assembly point in are Brooktrails evacuation plan. Please find enclosed. Recently I have met with Sheriff Tom Allman in regards to placing a sea container at the cities airport to be filled by are district and are community with disaster preparedness supplies. It is are goal to have this container in place by July 1, 2008. The Brooktrails Fire Department does hold an annual emergency preparedness Table Top exercise that does include the discussion of the predesigned assembly point. Brooktrails Fire Department has been a leader throughout the county and the development of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members and emergency preparedness for wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters. In years past we have responded to the airport for numerous aircraft accidents under are mutual aid agreement. Again we do not have the authority or control on the Willits Airport.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (707) 459-4441.

Yours for Better Fire Protection,

Daryl L. Schoeppner
Fire Chief

cc: Mike Chapman, General Manager for the Brooktrails Community District
The Presiding Judge
The Chief Executive Officer

* Hard copy sent to the Mendocino County Grand Jury

