HISTORY OF GCSD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer Fire Department

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department provided fire protection servicess

1940's-1974

1973

GCSD Fire Department Created

As PML developed, the community recognized the need for local fire protection. Voters approved GCSD assuming fire service responsibilities

Prop 13 and First Fire Tax

Proposition 13 significantly reduces District revenue. In 1986, Groveland voters approve a four-year fire tax

1978-1986

1988

Station Completed

Fire station completed. Staffing structure: 1 FT chief, 1 FT firefighter, over 20 volunteers

2nd Fire Tax Passes

Voters renew fire tax another 4 years

1990

2000

Staffing Model

Staffing expands. 1 FT chief, 3 engineers, 3 firefighters, volunteers

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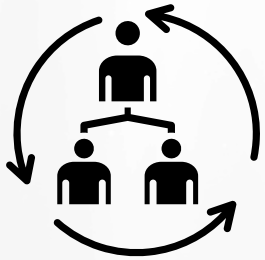
Benefit Assessment Passes

Property owners pass assessment bringing in over $250k annually

2001

Fire Department Restructure

Existing operations become unsustainable; GCSD contracts with CAL FIRE for staffing through Schedule A



2012

GCSD Secures County Engine in Groveland

Increased County development approvals prompt GCSD to advocate for a permanent County engine in Groveland

2022

2012

Assessment Sunsets

Fire assessment sunsets, voters do not approve replacement parcel tax

2019

Measure V Fails

GCSD partners with the County on Measure V, a proposed $150 annual parcel tax on improved properties. Measure fails

2026

Benefit Assessment Fails

GCSD proposes a benefit assessment. Measure is rejected by property owners. 60.50% NO, 39.50% YES