

Dear Supervisors,

We understand that there is a discussion about possibly reducing the MCFSC annual budget from \$100,000 to \$25,000. The work of the MCFSC, and the many local fire safe councils supported by the MCFSC, serves as an invaluable "force multiplier" in providing public safety information and services worth dozens of times the County's current \$100,000. Thousands of hours of local citizens' volunteer efforts are combined with millions of dollars of external grant funds to serve as a community-based emergency services division. All of the work that Sherwood Firewise has been able to accomplish would not have been possible without the capable assistance of the MCFSC and their dedicated staff.

We urge the Board to maintain the \$100,000 annual budget for MCFSC. Thank you for all the hard work that you do for our community.

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