

Fire district confirms polling text or email is not a scam

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Residents are being reassured in the Crescent Fire Protection District that they are being contacted by a legitimate polling agency and are not being targeted by a scam.

Anyone who receives a text or email that says the Crescent Fire Protection District is polling, and Chief Bill Gillespie's name is attached, the fire district has hired a research firm that is conducting polling on behalf of the fire district. Polling, which is being coordinated through the firm Godbe Research, began Feb. 18.

Polling may come to you by telephone, email and/or text.

Crescent Fire Protection District is one of the parent agencies for Crescent City Fire and Rescue, the local volunteer fire department serving the greater Crescent City area — City of Crescent City is the other parent agency.

This polling is part of the "Phase 2" process in conjunction with the 10-year fire department master plan approved by the Crescent Fire Protection District Board and Crescent City Council on Nov. 21, 2019.

As part of "Phase 2," officials wanted to poll community members residing within the Crescent Fire Protection District jurisdiction about the volunteer fire department, response, equipment, apparatus, training and other critical future needs as the volunteer fire department continues to serve in the community.

In 2019, volunteers with Crescent City Fire and Rescue were called out 1,968 times to emergencies in the greater Crescent City area.

Below is an example of the text you may receive if contacted in this manner:

"The Crescent Fire Protection District is conducting research on important issues in the Fire District.

Your responses are strictly confidential and are used for research only. Your personal data will not be sold to anyone.

To participate, please click on the link below: <https://confm.it/r/4OJDyA7>

Please complete the survey on or before 2-26-20.

Thank you, Bill Gillespie, Fire Chief, Crescent City Fire Protection District”

If you have questions or concerns, contact Crescent City Fire and Rescue at 707-464-2421.