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Elk Creek Fire Protection Districts Declares Local Disaster Emergency

In support of our local community and our first responders, Elk Creek Fire Protection District is declaring a Local Disaster Emergency as of today, March 20, 2020 in response to the World Health Organization-declared pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19 or Novel Coronavirus).

COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to life and public health. This local disaster declaration will not immediately affect the day to day operations of the Elk Creek Fire Protection District, however, it allows the district access to available state and federal emergency response funding and resources.

“It is of utmost importance that the District can maintain emergency preparedness, acquire needed equipment, and help minimize the impact of COVID-19 on the health of our community members and first responders. As the COVID-19 pandemic grows, this declaration allows us to be ready in terms of both resources and staffing. We are taking the necessary actions to help promote community safety and to protect our first responders and the public.” (Fire Chief Jacob Ware)

Fire Chief Jacob Ware exercised his authority as the principal executive officer of the Elk Creek Fire Protection District to declare a local disaster within the boundaries of the District for the next seven (7) days. Subsequently, the Elk Creek Fire Protection District Board of Directors will extend the declaration; it will remain in effect until further action of the Board of Directors.

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