

**Argument in Favor
Big Bear Fire Authority – CFD – March 3, 2020**

VOTE YES on Measure I to ensure that help is there for you when a life-threatening medical emergency, fire or natural disaster strikes – EVERY SECOND COUNTS.

Consider these facts:

FACT: Without Measure I, BBFA will have to close a fire station and make cuts to fire protection and emergency medical services.

FACT: Current staffing levels and lifesaving equipment at the Big Bear Fire Department are not adequate to properly protect you, your family or your property.

FACT: More than 53% of all 911 calls in our community are for medical emergencies, such as heart attacks, strokes, and car accidents.

FACT: The American Heart Association states that brain deterioration starts between 4 and 6 minutes after a person stops breathing. The average 911 response time in Big Bear is currently 9 minutes, 20 seconds.

FACT: Over the past year there were 114 times when the Big Bear Fire Department was unable to respond to the next 911 call for emergency service.

Measure I provides a prudent plan to address Big Bear Fire Authority's critical fire and emergency response service needs. **Visitors, resorts and commercial properties will pay their fair share.**

Measure I will:

- **Keep** all our fire stations open.
- **Ensure** that we have enough firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly and reduce 911 response times.
- **Hire** 12 additional firefighter/paramedics to correctly staff our fire engines and put an additional ambulance in service.
- **Repair or replace** fire and medical equipment and repair aging fire stations.

Taxpayer protections are REQUIRED.

- ✓ Independent oversight and mandatory audits will ensure funds are being spent properly.
- ✓ Funds can only be used for Big Bear Fire and Emergency Services.
- ✓ No other government agency can take this funding.

Exemptions are available for seniors and disabled persons based on income.

Join firefighters, other emergency responders, and residents across our community in protecting Big Bear.

Vote YES on Measure I.

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ballot measure 1 at the Presidential Primary Election election for the
Measure Letter *Title of Election*

Big Bear Fire Authority to be held on March 3, 2020 hereby state that this
Jurisdiction *Date of Election*

argument is true and correct to the best of their his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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