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### **Robert Livengood, former City of Milpitas Mayor and Councilmember, joins the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, non-profit dedicated to wildfire protection**

**San Jose, April 2, 2012** - Livengood joins the FireSafe Council as the new Executive Director, providing leadership and management in coordinating county-wide fuel reduction and wildfire education programs.

"We are very pleased to welcome Bob to our team. He is a long-time advocate for first responders and fire prevention efforts in Milpitas and we look forward to him representing the FireSafe Council in all of our high wildfire risk communities," states Chief Jerry Serpa, FireSafe Council President and Assistant Chief, Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Prior to joining the FireSafe Council, Livengood served on Milpitas City Council for seven terms and three terms as Mayor. During that time, he served on over 46 regional transportation, planning and deliberative commissions, including the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission and the East Zone Flood Advisory Committee.

"Bob's work in Public Safety and Public Office makes him the ideal candidate for helping raise awareness for the FireSafe Council and creating strategic and collaborative partnerships with public and private agencies," explains Chief Serpa. "As a former Police Officer for the City of Fremont and currently a reserve police officer with the Milpitas Police Department, Bob understands the importance of wildfire prevention efforts and wildfire's impact on community services."

Livengood is a graduate of Samuel Ayer High School in Milpitas and San José City College. In addition to his work with the FireSafe Council, he currently works for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department as a Management Analyst.

#### **About the FireSafe Council**

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is "Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires." The FireSafe Council offers Defensible Space Chipping programs for homeowners and Community Outreach and Education programs, including Youth Education in schools and libraries. These programs, the only ones of their kind in the County, are free of service to all homeowners and residents. In addition, the FireSafe Council works with public and private agencies to create county-wide protection plans and evacuation routes for the communities at greatest risk for wildfire.

For more information and meeting locations, see [www.SCCFireSafe.org](http://www.SCCFireSafe.org), e-mail [info@SCCFireSafe.org](mailto:info@SCCFireSafe.org) or call (408) 975-9591.

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