Petitions Out For Rural Fire Unit Election

EFLAND — Petitions now are being circulated in the rural area between Mebane and Efland calling for a special election to determine the fate of a proposed volunteer fire department for the district.

More than 140 area residents attended a meeting last night at Efland Elementary School and accepted the proposed fire department plan. Fifty petitions were sent out by people in attendance and these will be circulated in the district and presented to the Orange County Commissioners next Tuesday night.

The proposed fire department would serve the area between Mebane and Efland along I-85 and Highway 70 and five miles north and south of these highways. The proposal for the volunteer department has the support of both the Mebane and Hillsborough Fire Departments and Jack Lancaster of Mebane and Chandler Cates of Hillsborough, chiefs of the two departments, spoke at last night's meeting.

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