



Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association 2014 Annual Report



Cover Page Story:

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association Completes Major Communications Grant Project

In 2014, the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association concluded work on a Radio Communications Grant Project, the completion of which had been an ongoing process for approximately three years. The “Assistance to Firefighters Grant,” funded through FEMA, was written by Curt Watkins of the Arcata Fire Protection District on behalf of all Humboldt County Fire Departments. The Fire Chiefs Association was awarded \$755,722 with a 20% matching commitment, which was partially met with \$3,500 of cash match from each participating department.

The scope of this Communications Project included the replacement of outdated and unreliable mountain top repeaters and updating the regional Emergency Communications Center. Grant funds were used to purchase new equipment for interoperable fire and public safety communications, including 10 new mountain top repeaters, two portable repeaters, and upgrades to the dispatch console at the Fortuna CAL FIRE Dispatch Center.

All repeaters and upgraded equipment are now operational and the fire departments have already seen great improvements in communications due to the new and upgraded equipment. These improvements will continue to benefit not only the participating fire departments, but their mutual aid partners as well.

In Memory of Captain Alan Davis



The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association 2014 Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Arcata Fire District Captain, Alan Davis, who passed away on April 11, 2015.

A 41 year veteran of the fire service, Alan began his career as a Volunteer in Arcata in 1974 and was hired full time by the District in 1976. He moved on to the City of Milpitas Fire Department in 1981 and retired in 2004. While still employed by Milpitas, Alan returned to the Arcata/McKinleyville area to volunteer with Arcata Fire. He was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain and had been working as an Acting Battalion Chief to provide leadership and incident command with the personnel of Arcata Fire.

Known for his nearly boundless energy and his amazing dedication to the fire service, Alan taught hundreds of recruits from Volunteer Firefighter Academies and was active with the Humboldt County Fire Instructors Association. He gave countless hours to the Arcata Volunteers and also worked closely with the United States Forest Service, Orleans Fire, the County Radio Co-op and many other groups. A vocal advocate for the Volunteer Fire Service, Alan was equally dedicated to the personnel of the International Association of Fire Fighters. He provided tremendous guidance and input to both groups in the Arcata Fire District.

Alan's positive influence in the County's Fire Service was huge and he will be sorely missed by all.

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

An Overview of the 2014 Humboldt County Fire Service:

2014 was a very active year for the Fire Service in Humboldt County. The effects of the drought spurred a fire season that began in January and extended until late in the year. With increased numbers of wildfires, we saw the high level of cooperation that has become the hallmark of the California Fire service demonstrated here in our own county. As CAL FIRE resources were stretched thin throughout the state, local Fire agencies backfilled the empty CAL FIRE stations. Local resources thereby ensured that wide areas of State Responsibility Area (SRA) were protected, while simultaneously continuing to handle calls in each agency's own jurisdiction. In spite of the large number of wildfires in the state and the nation, we saw the Federal government attempt to reduce the reimbursement that local Fire agencies receive for responding to and staffing some of these fires. Now in 2015, the California Fire Service collectively continues to fight these efforts by the Federal government to reduce reimbursement to Volunteer Fire agencies.

Covering CAL FIRE stations this past year proved to be a real benefit to some of our local Fire agencies. CAL FIRE continued to reimburse local departments for station coverage at an equitable rate and the relationship in Humboldt County between CAL FIRE and local government remains strong. The funds derived from station coverage enabled some of the local departments to remain solvent and keep their heads above water in budgetary terms.

Two significant events this past year that will hopefully have a positive impact on the local Fire Service were the passages of the County's Measure Z and the City of Eureka's Measure Q. Preliminary polling in both jurisdictions showed overwhelming support by the citizens for their local Fire Service and the final vote tallies showed that both tax measures passed by significant margins. The message from the citizens was clear: they see Fire/Emergency response as an essential and critical component of "Public Safety" and they want to see their tax dollars go to support this service.

Measure Z holds the potential for local fire departments in Humboldt County to finally receive some much needed funds. To address immediate needs, this funding could be used to support local departments in reaching a minimum baseline level of safety in terms of equipment (see detailed list at the end of this letter). Many of our local Fire agencies do not meet or even begin to approach national standards for safety equipment, and the County now has the funding available to support their Fire Service partners with tangible dollars that will directly benefit the citizens and visitors to our area. Based on past history of the County's Fire service, it is easy to show that any dollars received will immediately be spent towards responding to emergencies. As a long-term solution to Fire Service challenges, these funds could also support fire related district expansion and formation which would bring jurisdictional boundaries in line with the current demand for service and establish sustainable funding sources.

Another positive occurrence for the Local Fire Service was the establishment of an "immediate needs" program--whereby local departments with immediate and critical equipment needs could quickly advertise their request via email to all departments in the County. It was exciting to see local fire departments come to the aid of their brothers by donating equipment to fulfill their needs. This program again demonstrated the cooperation and willingness of Humboldt's

County's Fire departments to quickly band together and contribute to an immediate call for assistance.

Additionally, this past year we saw some retirements from long time contributors of Humboldt County's Fire Service, including Tom Hein and Fred Flores from CAL FIRE, Rusty Goodlive from Humboldt Bay Fire, and Dan Larkin from County OES. These retirements mean a loss of knowledge and experience but also open up opportunities for developing new partnerships and cooperation.

On behalf of the local Fire Service in Humboldt County, I'd like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their support. We eagerly look forward to working with you to meet some of the financial challenges we face so that we can continue to provide the highest level of service possible to those who live and visit Humboldt County. We provide this Annual Report and the details below on critical needs to help keep you informed as important decisions are made.

Sincerely,

Ken Woods, President

Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association

LOCAL FIRE SERVICE IMMEDIATE CRITICAL NEEDS

Of the local fire agencies that protect Humboldt County, 35 are all, or mostly all volunteer staffed. These agencies and those who reside in or travel through Humboldt County rely on the generosity of local volunteers to come to their aid and provide emergency response services when they experience an emergency. It is only through the desire of these volunteers to serve their community and their willingness to sacrifice their time and effort that many of these fire protection organizations exist.

Additionally, the majority of these Fire Departments currently respond to these emergencies with minimal or inadequate and outdated safety equipment. Such equipment includes Personnel Protective clothing, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Communications Equipment. These are the basic tools that the fire service depends on, not only for helping others but for keeping its volunteers safe. If the volunteers responding to an emergency are unable to protect themselves, they won't be able to provide help to others.

Below are the results of a survey conducted at the conclusion of 2014 by the Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association, which outlines the immediate critical needs of the local fire service and the minimum type and number of safety equipment needed to bring local fire departments to a basic level of personal safety.

<u>SAFETY EQUIPMENT NEEDED</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Personal Protective Clothing-Structural Turnouts	195
Personal Protective Clothing-Wildland	166
Personal Protective Clothing-shelters	75
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus	221
Communications-Radios, Portable	65
Communications-Radios, Vehicle	13

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Humboldt County

Local Fire Protection



Legend

Humboldt County Fire Departments

Local Fire Organization

- District
- Out of District
- Non-Tax

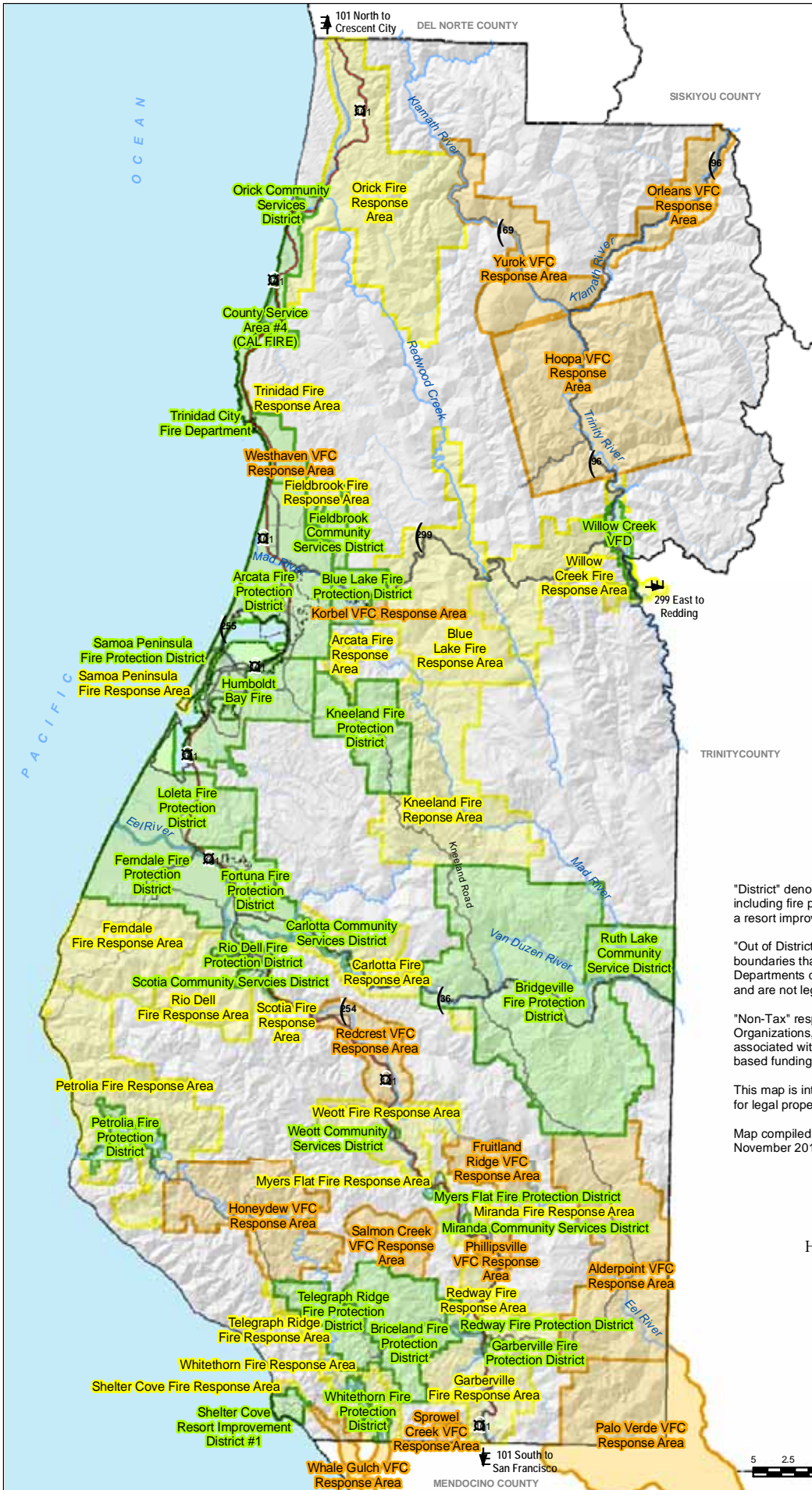
"District" denotes all special districts that provide fire service, including fire protection districts, community services districts, a resort improvement district, and a county service area.

"Out of District" response areas are areas outside of district boundaries that fire departments currently respond to. Fire Departments do not receive funding for "Out of District" areas and are not legally obligated to respond.

"Non-Tax" response areas are covered by Non-Governmental Organizations, usually Volunteer Fire Companies (VFC) not associated with a district. Such organizations do not receive tax based funding.

This map is intended for planning purposes only and is not intended for legal property boundary determinations or precise measurement.

Map compiled by County of Humboldt
November 2012. Contact: jvondohlen@co.humboldt.ca.us



TRINITY COUNTY

SISKIYOU COUNTY

101 North to Crescent City
DEL NORTE COUNTY

101 South to San Francisco
MENDOCINO COUNTY

RF: 1:650,000

2014 Annual Report Introduction

This report documents fire and emergency response provided by the local, state and federal fire service as well as details about emergency medical services, technical rescue and disaster response groups. A summary is provided of the role played in Humboldt County by the fire chiefs' associations followed by a page dedicated to each local service provider. With a few exceptions, fire service providers associated with a special district are labeled "Volunteer Fire Department", meaning they receive some tax or fee revenue gathered from within a mapped boundary. Those that do not receive tax revenue and are funded primarily through fundraisers and donations are labeled "Volunteer Fire Company". Local fire service provider pages are organized by Humboldt County Supervisorial District.

The map on the previous page illustrates where and what type of local fire protection is provided throughout Humboldt County. The special districts that deliver fire services are identified in the map legend as "District" and are shown on the map in green. These districts were formed to provide services within a specific jurisdictional boundary and are supported by revenue from a combination of taxes, fees, and fundraising. Many of these jurisdictional boundaries were created as far back as the 1930's. Since that time, neighborhoods, scattered subdivisions, and rural residential development have emerged outside of district boundaries. This newer development requires year-round fire protection and emergency services, which it receives in a variety of ways.

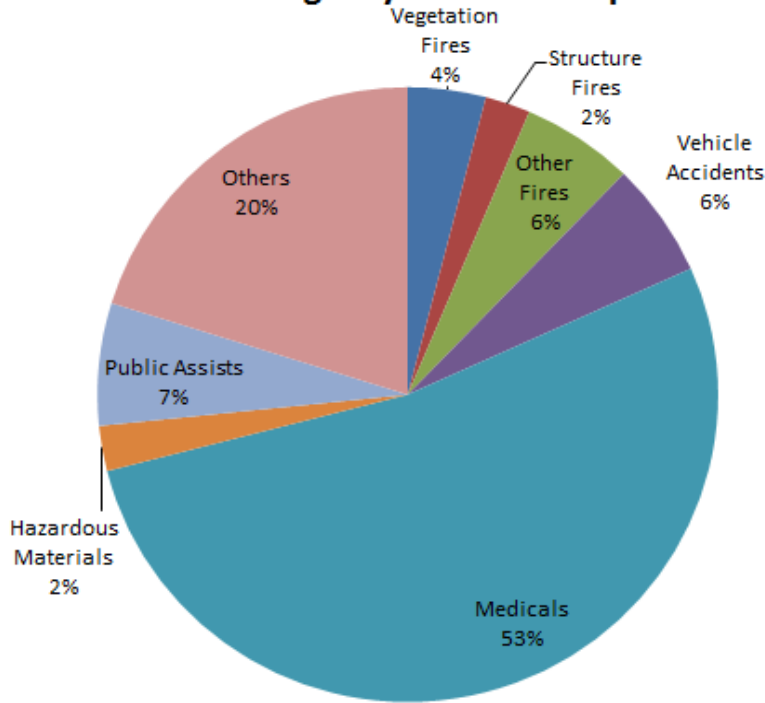
Some areas outside the boundaries of an established district receive fire protection from district resources responding outside of their jurisdictional areas. This type of service, which is often referred to as "goodwill service", is identified in the map legend as "Out of District" and is shown on the map in yellow. District fire departments provide service to these areas even though they are under no obligation to do so and receive no compensation for their service, other than donations. This practice can put a strain on already limited resources. Furthermore, property owners within the district may question why the services funded through their taxes are benefiting out of district residents, particularly if they pay a special tax or benefit assessment specifically for fire protection.

Many areas outside the boundaries of an established district receive fire protection from a volunteer fire company that is not affiliated with a district. These volunteer fire companies receive no tax revenue and for that reason are identified on the map legend as "Non-Tax" and are illustrated on the map in orange. The survival of these fire companies depends on revenue generated from community donations, fundraisers, and grants. Some communities are more supportive of their local fire companies than others and support can fluctuate dramatically depending on local economic conditions.

The following page provides two pie charts—one for local agencies and one for state and federal agencies—which illustrate total 2014 fire service responses with percentages for each recorded category. It is interesting to note that, for local agency fire service calls, over 50 percent are medical emergency dispatches. This underscores the fact that most of the local fire departments and companies provide "all-risk" protection which includes much more than fire response.

Volunteer hours contributed by all local service providers is also summarized by various categories including time spent responding to incidents, training, maintaining equipment and facilities, and fundraising. A total of 117,523 volunteer hours were reported in 2014. This is likely an underestimate of what is actually contributed by the nearly 800 volunteers who support the network of active local fire departments, fire companies and technical rescue groups in Humboldt County.

2014 Local Agency Incident Responses



Total Responses
12,686

2014
Volunteer Hours
for Humboldt County

Fire and
Technical Rescue
Services

Incidents
31,411

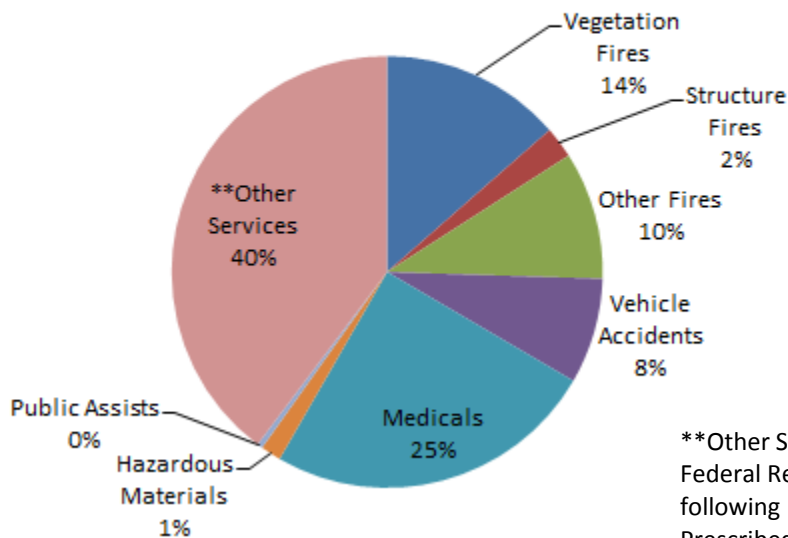
Training
42,561

Maintenance
11,808

Fundraising
31,743

Total Hours
117,523

2014 State & Federal Agency Incident Responses



Total Responses
1,694

**Other Services for State & Federal Responses include the following Incident types: Prescribed Fire; Search & Rescue; Law Enforcement; Emergency Standby; and Miscellaneous.

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Working Together: Fire Chiefs Associations

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association

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Meetings: *The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association meets from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at various locations throughout the county.*



The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association (Fire Chiefs) works hard to improve the level of service throughout the county through increased coordination, communication, standardization, and support. The desire to work together to improve interoperability is the driving force behind the efforts of the Fire Chiefs. At their monthly meetings, the group receives regular reports from fire instructors/training and fire prevention officers, fire/arson investigation, Cal OES, CAL FIRE, Cal Chiefs, County OES, North Coast EMS, the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC), and others as available. These meetings provide a venue for sharing information about training, prevention, standards, legislation, grant writing, and new initiatives and innovations. Collaboration with these and other agencies has enabled the growth of productive and effective relationships that have proven to be beneficial to all parties.

The Fire Chiefs coordinate and sustain several programs and innovations that work together to support an ever-increasing level of fire service in Humboldt County. In order to provide quick and adequate response to fires, The Fire Chiefs developed and maintain a countywide mutual aid agreement in the form of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU was made and

entered into by and between all local fire service providers in the county as well as CAL FIRE. It states that the equipment, facilities, and trained personnel of each fire department are available to the other participants in the agreement on an as requested basis, which allows for a quick, decisive dispatch of resources. The current mutual aid program provides users with the assurance that assistance will not only be available when needed, but that the assistance provided will meet the standards which we all rely on for safe and efficient operations on the scene of an emergency.

A major component of the mutual aid system that is now in place is the Incident Management Support Team, composed of individuals from multiple agencies, which has the capability to assist the Incident Commander of any discipline and/or jurisdiction with the management duties associated with a large event. The Fire Chiefs continue to work on the development of an alarm matrix and communications plan which will streamline the dispatching request procedure and establish on-scene communications protocol.

Another initiative of the Fire Chiefs is to ensure that each local fire service provider uses a standardized numbering system to identify each of their units of apparatus. The assigned number identifies what region of the county the unit comes from, what department it belongs to, and what type of unit it is. This clear identification of resources facilitates accurate dispatching and efficient operational control of resources on scene, and eliminates the possibility of duplicate engine numbers.

Finally, in 2014, the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs further demonstrated their high level of cooperation and support for one another by establishing an "immediate needs" request form. Individual fire agencies can solicit critical equipment needs from other fire agencies in the county and this has proven to be very successful in quickly fulfilling those equipment requests through donations from other Fire departments.

As Humboldt County's Fire Service, we do not take lightly the responsibility of providing high quality emergency services to our communities and we appreciate and value the opportunity to provide these services.

Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs Association

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Meetings: *The Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs Association meets at 5:00pm on the 4th Monday of every month at the CAL FIRE Station in Garberville. A meal is shared at 5:00pm and the meeting agenda begins at 6:00 p.m.*



The Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs Association (SHFCA) is a venue for fire departments and community organizations in Southern Humboldt to collaborate for preparedness. The SHFCA is a chapter of the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association, a 501(c)3, and comprises firefighters from all the departments and companies in the Southern Humboldt region.

The initial purpose of the SHFCA was to provide a stronger voice for fire departments to bring more training opportunities to the southern part of the county, increase communication between local departments and with CAL FIRE, and to create a stronger fire department identification and numbering system. Successful implementation of those goals over the last 17 years has grown the SHFCA to include representatives from the Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council, the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, the Red Cross, the Southern Humboldt Emergency Preparedness Team (SHEPT), the County Radio Dispatch Co-op, CAL-EMA, Humboldt County OES, and other emergency preparedness groups.

The SHFCA sponsors the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team. The Team is comprised of firefighters from the local departments who specialize in rope, water, and wilderness rescue. Team members are highly dedicated firefighters who train and respond to rescues in addition to the normal training and duties of their respective fire departments.

The SHFCA recognizes that Southern Humboldt communities need to be informed about the issues surrounding wildfires, structure fires, emergencies, and disaster management. One of the tools used to inform the public is the "Burning Issues" fire and rescue radio talk show on KMUD FM radio. This show provides the SHFCA an opportunity to voice information to the public about training, prevention, standards, legislation, grant writing, and new initiatives and innovations. The show takes place on the fifth Sunday of any month with five Sundays, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs Association

Ben Fleek, Bridgeville FPD: 707-777-3424;
John Broadstock, Scotia VFD: 707-845-2995;
Lon Winburn, Fortuna FPD: 707-725-5021;
Dennis DelBiaggio, Ferndale FPD: 707-768-9909;

John Church, Carlotta CSD: 707-768-1714;
Ken Nielson, Loleta FPD: 707-733-5407;
Shane Wilson, Rio Dell FPD: 707-764-3329;



Left: Eel River Valley; source: www.lostcoastoutpost.com

Right: Eel River Valley Fire Academy

The goal of the Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs Association is to improve and streamline administrative and operational objectives with the major focus being interoperability throughout the immediate area. The Fire Chiefs of the Eel River Valley Fire Departments meet quarterly to discuss and improve emergency response and training within the Eel River Valley and along Highway 36, east to Bridgeville. These discussions and planning sessions have led to various auto-aid agreements, communications plans, and fire pre-planning throughout the area.

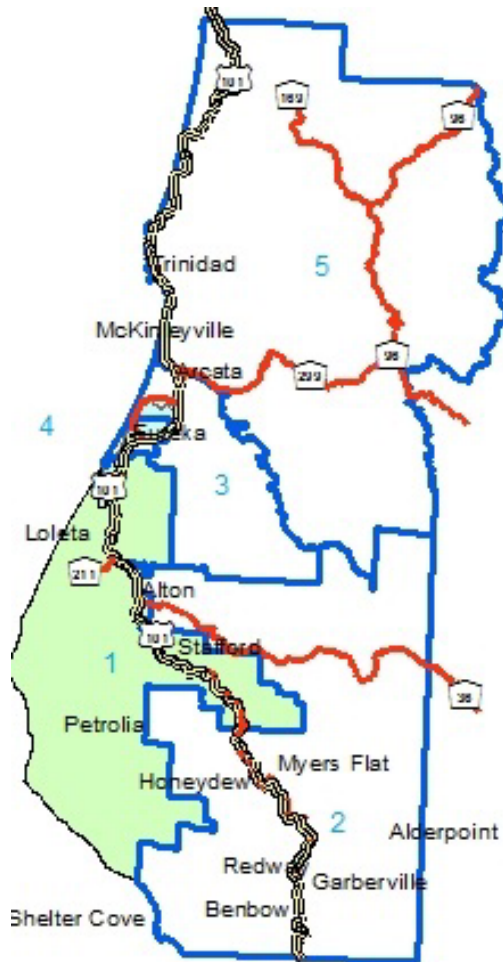
The Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs Association represents seven volunteer fire departments (VFD), including Scotia, Rio Dell, Ferndale, Loleta, Fortuna, Carlotta and Bridgeville, and is responsible for the development and direction of the Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team. All departments utilize the Eel River Valley Fire Academy, a 72-hour basic firefighting course, to accomplish entry level firefighter training for new members.

Through the Boy Scouts of America, the Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs also run the Explorer Learning for Life Program—a career education program that is open to youth ranging from 14 to 20 years of age. The program builds career opportunities, life skills, citizenship and community involvement, character education and leadership experience, with the goal of helping young people mature and become responsible and caring adults. The program also serves as a recruitment tool for volunteer fire agencies, as many participating youth do become volunteer firefighters. The Fortuna VFD started an Explorer Post three years ago, Loleta VFD came on board with a Post one year ago, and Ferndale VFD started an Explorer Post just recently. An Explorer Post in Rio Dell is expected to begin in the near future. There are currently 30 youth participating in the Eel River Valley Explorers Program. These youth attend trainings, assist with community events and occasionally assist at fire/rescue scenes.

For more information on the Explorer Learning for Life Program, contact Shelly Mendes at (707) 498-6265.

Rex Bohn Humboldt County First District Supervisor

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Fire Departments:

- Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department
- Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company
- Loleta Volunteer Fire Department
- Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department
- Humboldt Bay Fire (*see 4th District for 2014 Report*)
- Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company
- Scotia Volunteer Fire Company

Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Dennis DelBiaggio
Asst. Chief: Daniel DelBiaggio
Asst. Chief: John Miller

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 Ferndale, CA 95536

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The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) provides firefighting and emergency services to the Ferndale Fire Protection District (FPD). The FPD is responsible for a 42 square mile area containing the City of Ferndale, rural communities and farmland of the lower Eel River Valley on the south side of the river, and the Wildcat Ridge. The FVFD was founded in 1897 and is comprised of 30 members, with a Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, four Captains and Lieutenants, and 23 firefighters. Some of our current volunteers are 3rd and 4th generation FVFD members. The historic Fire Hall was built in 1910 and still houses front line apparatus. Larger, modern engines and water tenders are housed in the new building across the street from the original hall, which was completed in 2010. FVFD has one light Rescue Truck, one Type-1 Engine, two Type-2 Engines, two Water Tenders, a Quick Attack Truck and other assorted equipment. The FPD will be replacing one of the Type 2 engines with a new four-wheel drive Type 1 Engine in March 2015. As part of the Annual Fund Drive, the FVFD visits every home and business in the District. This year the FVFD installed reflective address signs for most homes outside the city limits, which has already improved emergency response times. The FVFD hopes to continue this program within city limits in 2015. Other community events include the Annual Fireman’s Games on Ferndale’s Main Street, held on President’s Day weekend, fire truck rides on the Fourth of July, two annual community blood drives, and the lighting of the tallest living Christmas tree in the world every December.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
4	6	21	13	139	11	17	3
Total Responses							214
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
3,660	1,750	640	290	30		0	

Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Marcus Dube

PO Box 74
Honeydew, CA 95545

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honeydew@asis.com



Established in 1987 as a 501(c3) non-profit corporation, the Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC) serves a response area of nearly 100 square miles. Our Area of Responsibility is rugged and isolated, presenting challenges to wildland firefighting, structure defense, and the delivery of emergency medical and rescue services. To keep response times to a minimum, we maintain four separate, strategically located fire stations. We respond with a 6-WD water tender, three Type-6 Engines, and a Squad Truck. Our community is approximately 400 strong, and has consistently supported us financially. With their collaboration, we have completed three first-rate single-purpose stations--the latest one adjacent to the CAL FIRE Mattole Station (pictured above, or go to <http://www.honeydewfire.com/>), and have ambitious plans and support for a fourth station in the Panther Gap area. Our main funding source is our community, and even though we aren't a county fire tax district, we've been successful in providing fire and medical protection for over 27 years through the direct, informed, and voluntary support of our community. Also in collaboration with our community, the Engine Modernization Fund committee has been authorized to search for and purchase a newer fire engine, as we've reached our fund-raising goal established over 5 years ago. Annually, the HVFC produces the "Roll on the Mattole," an all-day music, crafts, and family-fun fundraiser that includes the Mattole Wildland Firefighters' Challenge. To view photos of this event, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/rollonthemattole/>.

The HVFC has also collaborated with members of the local community to help make Honeydew a nationally recognized Firewise Community. Honeydew has been Firewise since 2011 and has maintained this status through 2014. The fire company continues to assist with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan. Firewise actions include those things that will reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
4	2	2	9	13	2	3	1
Total Responses							35
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
350	450	350	500	15		3	

Loleta Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ken Nielsen
Asst. Chief: Jeff Robison
Asst. Chief: Andy Helzer

PO Box 119
 Loleta, Ca. 95551

707-733-5407



The Loleta Volunteer Fire Department provides firefighting services to the Loleta Fire Protection District, which was formed in 1900 and currently has 26 active members. We currently have two paramedics and are registered as an ALS Department. We serve over 1,500 community members by utilizing the District's one Rescue Truck, three Type-2 Engines, one Type-3 Engine, one Water Tender and one Quick Attack Truck. Our biggest fundraiser is the Loleta Antique Show and Pit BBQ.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
12	2	26	33	162	7	5	14
						Total Responses	261
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
2,919	1,430	300	800			26	0

Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Travis C. Howe
Captain: Carson Morgan
Captain: Kailan Meserve

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 Petrolia, CA 95558

707-629-3558



The Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) provides firefighting services to the Petrolia Fire Protection District. In 2013, the Petrolia Fire Protection District totaled 4,860 volunteer hours, taken from incidents, training, maintenance, fundraising, prevention, community service, and other department related functions. We have 27 volunteers who serve as responders, maintainers, secretaries, dispatchers, administrators, fundraisers, and all the other elements it takes to run a fire department. Our apparatuses include: one 2,100 gallon water tender, two Type-3 engines, a Type-1 engine, an ambulance-type medical rescue engine, and an ATV with a winch. For as much as we give to this community, they give back. Two examples are the outstanding turnout and generosity for our yearly BBQ and auction, as well as the great donation for our new addition. We also receive miscellaneous donations throughout the year.

The PVFD has also collaborated with members of the local community to help make Petrolia a nationally recognized Firewise Community. Petrolia has been Firewise since 2011 and has maintained this status through 2014. The fire department continues to assist with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan. Firewise actions include those things that will reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	1	4	5	12	1	3	1
Total Responses							30
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
915	501	464	411	19		7	

Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Justin Olander
Asst. Chief: Joy Oiler

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 Redcrest, CA 95569

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The Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company (VFC) serves communities in the Redcrest, Holmes, Larabee, Shively and Stafford areas as well as the corridor of Highway 101 and Highway 254 from Dyerville Loop to Shively Road. The VFC Board is working with the Grange to build a new Fire Truck Security building on the Grange property. In the meantime, the fire engines have been moved behind a locked gate. This next year will see the company begin earnestly fundraising for this project. It is with great sadness that Larry Halstead (Chief) and Debbie Cobb (Secretary/Treasurer) are retiring and leaving our Board.

Apparatuses:

Engine 6710 is a Type-1 1989 International E-1 Pumper carrying 500 gallons of water and 20 gallons foam, with diesel power. Acquired in 2005, E 6710 is utilized on vegetation, structure, vehicle fires and medical emergencies, and is also equipped with extrication equipment. Rescue 6770 is a 1995 Ford F-350 4-wheel drive Utility Truck, also equipped with medical equipment. It is utilized for traffic accidents and minor incidents.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
-	2	8	11	15	2	4	1
Total Responses							43
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
276	56	54	106	5		10	

Scotia Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: John Broadstock
Deputy Chief: Nathan McKnight
Asst. Chief: Joe Timmerman

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Significant Event—May 16th 2008, (pictured above) Big Rig versus passenger vehicle with fire, non-injury Mutual Aid request; assisting Rio Dell Fire, Redcrest Fire, CAL FIRE (Weott FFS) and Fortuna VFD.

Source: Scotia Volunteer Fire Department website.

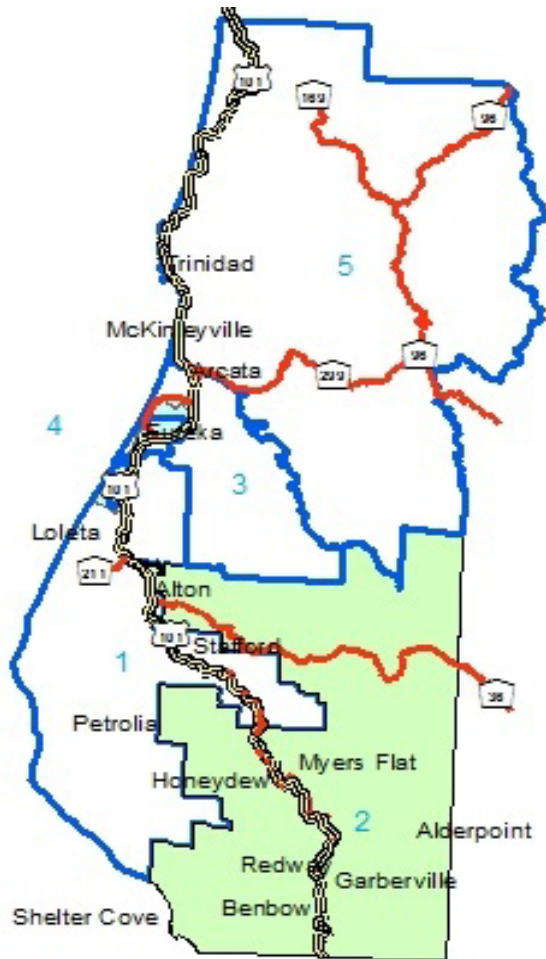
The Scotia Volunteer Fire Company has 11 volunteers who provide fire protection, medical, and rescue services to approximately 800 people in a response area of 2.2 square miles. The Scotia Volunteer Fire Company takes pride in training all of their firefighters and their main goal is to make sure that firefighters are kept out of harm's way, so they can make it home safely.

Apparatuses include: Engine 7014, a Type-1, 1,500 GPM Pumper; Engine 7017, a Type-2 1,000 GPM Pumper; Engine 7047, a 250 GPM Mini Pumper; Rescue 7075, a Medical Response Vehicle; Chiefs Pickup 7000; and Rescue Trailer 7071, which carries Jaws of Life and rope rescue equipment.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
5	8	19	13	66	5	11	2
Total Responses							129
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
605	629	80	20	11		0	

Estelle Fennell Humboldt County Second District Supervisor

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Fire Departments:

Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Company
Briceland Volunteer Fire Department
Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department
Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department
Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department
Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Company
Garberville Volunteer Fire Department
Miranda Volunteer Fire Department
Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department
Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Company
Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Company
Redway Volunteer Fire Department
Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department
Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company
Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department
Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company
Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.
Weott Volunteer Fire Department
Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company
Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Michael Joe Valk
Asst. Chief: Sterling W. Kercher

P.O. Box 164
 Alderpoint, CA 95511

707-923-1665



Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Company (VFC) was established in November, 2007. The company is made up of 13 dedicated volunteers, 10 of which are first responders and 2 that are trained in basic first aid and CPR. We have a coverage area of 128 square miles in Southern Humboldt. Our apparatuses include: a 3-passenger, Ford900 Type-2 fire engine that holds 750 gallons of water and is stocked with firefighting and first aid equipment; a 5-passenger, 1990 Ford F800 Type-3 engine with a 500 gallon capacity that is fully stocked with firefighting and first aid equipment; a medical rescue truck; and a Chief's truck, stocked with medical equipment. We have just recently acquired a set of Jaws-of-Life. Alderpoint VFC very proudly serves their large coverage area to the best of their ability and trains twice a month to help achieve that goal.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
8	1	9	10	26	1	1	4
Total Responses							60
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
250	750	75	700			13	3

Briceland Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Tony Mengual 4438 Briceland Road/ P.O. Box 1249 **Office:** 707-923-7204
Asst. Chief: Aurora Studebaker Redway/Briceland, CA 95560 **Cell:** 707-834-1432
<http://bricelandfire.org> bricelandfire@yahoo.com



Chief Tim Olsen Passed In the spring of 2014. We had a countywide memorial for him in Fortuna. He will be fondly remembered by all of his crew here at Briceland fire.

Firefighting services for the Briceland Fire Protection District (BFPD) are provided by the Briceland Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). The Briceland VFD is an active member of the fire service in Humboldt County, is a participant in the countywide fire protection mutual aid agreement, is a member of the Humboldt County dispatch cooperative, and has an active role in the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team. The Briceland VFD provides the full range of fire protection services, including structure, wildland, and wildland-interface suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, and general public assistance responses. We presently maintain: 8 EMT-I's and 12 First Responders on our Roster. Services are financially supported by community contributions, fundraising events, CAL FIRE cover assignments, and now revenue from the BFPD special tax. The formation of the BFPD, with an associated special tax, was approved by voters in September of 2012.

Station #1 – Located in Briceland, is a three apparatus bay with the department office. Apparatuses include: E5411 Type-1, 750gal, 1250gpm, Crew cab 5-FF's, 2wd; E5436 Type-3, 500gal, 500gpm, Crew cab 5-FF's, 4-WD; A5446 Type-4, 300gal, 250gpm, 4wd, 3-FF's; WT5463 Type-T2 Water Tender, 1500gal, 250gpm, 2wd, 2-FF's; and R5471 Type-3 Life Support Ambulance, 2-EMT/FF's; C5400 Chief Command/EMS, 4wd SUV.

Station #2 – Located in Blue Slide Creek, is a two apparatus bay. Apparatuses include: E5437 Type-3, 500gal, 500gpm, 4-FF's, 4wd; and A5446 Type-4, 200 gal, 250gpm, 4wd, 3-FF's.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
7	3	12	12	23	2	2	3
Total Responses							64
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,230	3,386	288	5,416	28		22	

Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ben Fleek
Asst. Chief: Tim Smith

P.O. Box 51
 Bridgeville, CA 95526

707-777-3424
 bcf@netzero.net



The Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) provides firefighting services to the Bridgeville Fire Protection District (BFPD). The BVFD was established in 2007. We cover 196 square miles and approximately 126,000 acres within the BFPD. We are a 10 member department of highly trained firefighting personnel. We provide local response to wildfires, traffic collisions, vehicle fires, structure fires, medical response, hazardous materials response, Jaws-of-life equipment, an AED and we carry oxygen. We are a non-transport BLS services and all of our members are first responders. The closest hospital is 27 miles away by ground transport. We serve many micro communities, State Highway 36, and we have a high pressure natural gas pipeline running through out district. We are considered a “Community at Risk” because we have a high risk of wildfire and we are adjacent to USFS and BLM lands.

The community of Bridgeville received national recognition as a Firewise Community in 2010 and has maintained this status through 2014 with continued fuels reduction efforts, preparedness and prevention activities. We continue to assist with the Firewise Action Plan to reduce the community’s vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
4	5	9	27	30	4	4	5
Total Responses						88	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
1,100	860	100	200		10		0

Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: John Church
Asst. Chief: Todd Calvo
Captain: Kevin Burke

P.O. Box 33
 Carlotta, CA 95528

707-768-1714

Captain's cell: 707-768-3681



The Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) provides firefighting services through the Carlotta Community Services District. The Carlotta VFD supports three EMTs and eleven First Responders, for a total of 14 volunteers. The Rapid Response 1986 GMC ¾-ton responds to all medical/rescue calls. For traffic accidents, wildland, and structure fires, we have a 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper with 850 gallons of water. For wildland fires, rope rescues, and traffic control duties, we have a 1983 Chevy Utility Truck that carries rope gear, 150 gallons of water and has foam. Primarily for wildland/structure support, we have a 1980 Ford F600 Pumper with 550 gallons of water. We have two water tenders: a 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper/Tender Combo with 2,000 gallons, and a 1985 converted Military 6-wheel drive truck with 3,000 gallons.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
8	6	9	17	32	1	1	0
Total Responses							74
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
600	250	170	100	14		0	

Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Lon Winburn
1st Asst. Chief: Rus Brown
2nd Asst. Chief: Ted Silva

320 So. Fortuna Blvd.
 Fortuna, CA 95540

707-725-5021



The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Fortuna Fire Protection District. The Fortuna VFD services a population of approximately 15,000 residents within the City of Fortuna and outlying communities of Hydesville, Alton, Metropolitan, Fernbridge and Palmer Creek, encompassing approximately 26 square miles. The Fortuna VFD operates out of three fire stations, with five fire companies of thirteen members each, as well as one Safety Officer, two Assistant Chiefs, and one Fire Chief. All of these are volunteer positions, with the exception of the Fire Chief. The District utilizes one Type-1 pumper, three Type-2 pumpers, one Type-3 wildland engine, two water tenders, two rescues, and one 100-foot aerial platform and, in reserve, one 50-foot quint aerial.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
37	8	36	42	90	65	174
Total Responses						
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Career	Volunteer	Auxiliary
1,482	3,215	200	200	1	68	22

Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Michael Lake
Captain: Jimi Hensley

P.O. Box 87
 Myers Flat, CA 95554

707-943-3402



Fruitland Ridge is a bedroom community 3 miles east of the Avenue of the Giants, located between Myers Flat and Miranda. The community contains 133 residences. The Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Company (VFC) has a service area that is approximately 35 square miles, spanning west to Elk Creek Road, east to Whitlow Road, north to McCann, and south to Eel Rock Road. The Fruitland Ridge VFC is funded entirely by community donations, grants, and local fundraising events. The VFC includes 7 volunteers and 10 auxiliary volunteers. Of those volunteers, five are firefighters, two are EMTs, and two are medical first responders. In 2012, the Fruitland Ridge Fire Company sought reformation as a fire district in 2012 but was not able to secure enough votes for the proposal to pass.

Emergency apparatuses include: a 1974 900-gal International Fire Engine pumper and a 1994 2250-gal Freightliner Water Tender. Auto aid: *CAL FIRE*, mutual aid is to and from Myers Flat, Miranda, Weott, Redcrest and Phillipsville.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
1	-	5	2	7	3	1	2
Total Responses						21	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
171	330	35	610			7	10

Garberville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Kent Scown
Asst. Chief: Alfred Williams
Asst. Chief: Todd Barton

P.O. Box 288
 Garberville, CA

707-923-3196



The Garberville Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) has served the Southern Humboldt community since its formation in 1940 and operates from the *Foltz Station* in downtown Garberville. The Garberville VFD provides fire and medical aid services, as well as extrication services, to the Garberville Fire Protection District, which was formed in 1983 and serves Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino counties. The GFPD *Foltz Station* is also home for the equipment used by the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
11	5	67	39	137	9	6	5
Total Responses							279
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,058	946	162	143	12		6	

Miranda Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Robert Richardson

P.O. Box 160
Miranda, CA 95553

707-943-3023



The Miranda Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services through the Miranda Community Services District. The Miranda VFD is made up of 14 responders. The Department has a 2004 Type-1 engine, a 1993 Type-3 engine, and our new 2005 Dodge diesel Type-4. Other specialized equipment consists of a 'Jaws-of-Life', rescue bags, a thermal imager, a 3000-gallon folding tank, and a floatable pump.

Miranda VFD has very strong support from the Miranda Community Services District and the citizens of Miranda. A majority of support funds received are from water and sewer fees; a Fourth of July event and donations contribute as well. Miranda VFD works with *CAL FIRE* for mutual response inside and outside the Miranda boundaries.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
11	3	17	20	51	3	4	3
Total Responses							112
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
642	625	156	141	14		2	

Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: George Monroe
Asst. Chief: Tom Mulder

PO Box 131
 Myers Flat, CA 95554

Chief's Cell: 707-223-3175



The Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Myers Flat Fire Protection District. The VFD has three full-time volunteers who serve approximately 200 residents. Apparatuses include: Engine 6931, at Type-3 engine, and Engine 6930, a Type-3 engine with CAFS, which was purchased in 2006. We recently complimented our emergency equipment with a full set of RESCUE 42 stabilization struts, cribbing, a new state-of-the-art Sager Emergency Fracture Response System (which can splint ANY extremity fracture in the position it is found), a portable 2000-lumen LED scene light, as well as other medical equipment.

Myers Flat VFD contracts out two 4-day weekends each summer and heads up the fire protection crew for music festivals in Northern Mendocino County. The department earns \$1,000 for each event. These fund raisers generate one-fifth of our annual budget.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Pubic Assists	Other Services
5	-	21	20	31	3	5	-
Total Responses							85
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
110	250	60	400	3		-	

Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Christoph Fisher
Asst. Chief: Gavin Finley

P.O. Box 1381
 Redway, CA 95560

707-499-7570
 707-499-4230



The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Company (PVVFC) was established in 1983 by the residents of the “Rancho Palo Verde” subdivision. Our company has grown over the years into a professional year-round fire and emergency services agency committed to providing 24/7 Fire/Rescue/BLS services to a population of 3,000, covering 100 square miles. The PVVFC has a membership of 12 first responders and 25 wildland firefighters, eight of whom have structural firefighting training. We have two fire engines in service; a Federal surplus 1991, Type-3, wildland fire engine (E5231), and a 1978, Dodge Pumper, 4x4, quick attack/brush truck (A5246), which also serves as the medical response vehicle. A community fundraiser this last year provided us with four 5,000-gallon fire water tanks, strategically placed throughout our area. We exist because of the voluntary support of our community, local fundraising events and activities, the support of CAL FIRE, and training sponsored by other fire departments.

Our most urgent need is the retirement and replacement of our 1978 Dodge, which requires continual maintenance, is difficult for a driver and engineer to operate, and must be driven carefully during responses to prevent break-downs. Other current needs include hand-held radios, structural turn-outs, and high-pressure SCBA packs.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
3	-	10	3	5	1	1	5
Total Responses						28	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
450	700	200	600		25	15	

Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Hank Toborg
Asst. Chief: Rich Toten

P.O. Box 39
 Phillipsville, CA 95559

707-616-3107



The Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Company (PVFC) was formed in March of 1973. They provide medical and fire services for the town of Phillipsville and surrounding areas along the southern portion of the Avenue of the Giants. Using their water tender pictured above, the PVFC also responds to wildland fires throughout Southern Humboldt. The PVFC does not have a tax-based fire district and exists solely on fundraising efforts by members of the community and the company for continued operations. The PVFC is always eager to recruit additional volunteers. Starting in 1989, the Phillipsville Community Services District (PCSD) began supplying water to the town and the PVFC. In 1998, the PVFC and the PCSD constructed a building to house equipment for the VFC and the offices for the CSD, also pictured above. Looking to the future, the community plans to join the administration of each entity in order to provide consistent funding and increased operations and emergency response services.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
4	2	7	10	15	1	-	-
Total Responses							39
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
82	580	100	90			3	5

Redway Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Brian Anderson 155 Empire Avenue/P.O. Box 695 707-923-2617
Asst. Chief: Roger Ralsten Redway, CA 95560
2nd Asst. Chief: Pete Genolia redwayfire@gmail.com



The Redway Volunteer Fire Department provides year-round firefighting and emergency medical response services to the Redway Fire Protection District (FPD). The Redway FPD was formed in 1958 and proudly serves the unincorporated community of Redway and surrounding communities in southern Humboldt County. Our all-volunteer department is funded by a percentage of property taxes and our Annual Deep Pit BBQ. The Redway FPD's fleet includes one utility pickup, two Type-1 engines, one Type-4 Quick Attack, and one 2,000-gallon water tender. Providing adequate training facilities and equipment continues to be a financial challenge for our district. Additionally, the limited number and increased competition for federal grants has made it difficult to replace our inventory of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). We are unable to comingle our personnel with other local departments at emergency scenes that have updated their SCBA.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Traffic Collisions	Medicals	Hazard/Menace	False Alarms	Calls for Service
15	7	11	11	66	4	27	9
Total Responses							150
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
335	356	390	450	11	0	0	

Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Shane Wilson
1st Asst. Chief: Ryan Heussler

50 West Center St.
 Rio Dell, CA 95562

707-764-3329
www.riodellfire.com



The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Rio Dell Fire Protection District, which serves the City of Rio Dell and surrounding areas of Monument Road, and Blue Slide Road, with a response area of 62 square miles. The Rio Dell VFD was formed in 1944 and operates with a 100% volunteer staff. The District is an elected board consisting of 5 commissioners. The District depends upon property taxes and assessments for the majority of our funding. Under the direction of the fire chief, we consist of an assistant chief and three fire companies, totaling 24 volunteer firefighters. The 2nd Assistant Chief position is currently open; those interested in the position should e-mail Fire Chief Wilson at shanewilson@riodellfire.com.

Our apparatuses include:

- E 7112: Type 1 1996 Freightliner 1000 gal, 30 gal foam, 1250 gpm. pump.
- E 7124: Type 2 1995 Freightliner 750 gal, 1250 gpm. pump
- E 7123: Type 2 1972 International 1000 gal, 1000 gpm. pump
- R 7171: Type 4 2005 Ford F550 4x4, 250 gal, 15 gal foam, 300 gpm. pump, Auto Extrication
- T 7151: Water Tender, 1986 International 3800 gal, 10" quick dump, 4000 gal fold-a-tank
- C 7100: Ford Expedition Incident Command / Immediate Response / Duty Chief Vehicle

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
11	9	35	19	300	13	30	3
Total Responses							420
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
1,250	2,250	225	450			24	6

Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Matt Stark
Asst. Chief: Dan Gribi

P.O. Box 662
 Miranda, CA 95553

707-943-3502



Salmon Creek is a remote community of about three hundred homes and a private school. It's located about six miles west of Highway 101. Our volunteer fire company consists of twelve dedicated members including one EMT, four emergency medical responders, four fire engines and two AEDs. We have a 1,800 gallon Type-3 water tender, a Type-3 two-wheel drive GMC engine, an 88 International Model 5 engine and a Type-4 four-wheel drive quick attack. We are lucky to have many able bodies on our crew as well as a very supportive community.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
2	-	5	4	9	1	-	1
Total Responses							22
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
600	600	120	1,000	12		0	

Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Duty Officer: Sal Gurreri 9126 Shelter Cove Road 707- 986-7507
Asst. Chief: Cheryl Antony Whitethorn, CA 95589 scfd@sheltercove-ca.gov
Captain: Jesse Gurreri <http://sheltercove-ca.gov/fire/fire.htm>
Captain: Frank Wilson



Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is an all-volunteer fire department that provides firefighting services to the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District. The District covers 49 square miles, with over 600 homes, multiple stores and businesses, 9 hotels, 2 popular beaches, and a public airport. The Shelter Cove volunteers protect this District with four fire engines, 1 ALS/BLS 4x4 ambulance, 2 ATV rescue units, and 2 ocean rescue units. The Shelter Cove VFD also owns a hydraulic- and battery-powered Jaws of Life. Shelter Cove VFD volunteers are dedicated to providing the upmost level of emergency medical care and fire rescue services to the residences and visitors of Shelter Cove. Last year, Shelter Cove VFD had our old Ford ambulance remodeled with a new 2014 Dodge 4x4 truck chassis, which allows us to reach the outskirts of our District faster and more safely. Shelter Cove VFD also had its busiest year to date last year, with 135 calls on record and, due to our successful 24/7 duty officer program, we kept an average response time of less than 5 minutes.

In 2014, the Shelter Cove VFD collaborated with community members and the Resort Improvement District No. 1 to help make Shelter Cove a nationally recognized Firewise Community. The fire department assists with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan to help reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
1	4	16	7	50	4	32	4
Total Responses							118
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
899	1,243	96	32	11		1	

Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Matt Kempe

Asst. Chief: Nate Kempe

President of the Board: Bruce Proctor

P.O. Box 2122

Redway, CA 95560

707-223-3399

707-223-1070

707-223-1449



Incorporated in 1998 as a non-profit corporation, the Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company serves the Nielsen Ranch Subdivision in Garberville—a response area of 4 square miles. Our area of responsibility is rugged and isolated. To keep response times to a minimum, we presently maintain three separate, strategically located fire stations. Plans are in the works for adding one more fire station. Our response apparatuses include: a 1,000 gallon, 4WD water tender; two 4WD fire engine pumpers, each with a 300 gallon capacity; and two 2WD fire engine pumpers, with capacities of 350 and 700 gallons. The equipment is old but well maintained. We fund ourselves by selling ice cream at Summer Arts Fair and Reggae on the River. We have 20+ active members.

Incident Responses						
Vegetation Fires		Structural Fires		Other Fires		
0		0		0		
					Total Responses	0
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary
0	240	240	1,032	20+		0

Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Peter Lawsky
Asst. Chief: Travis Strange

P.O. Box 1152
 Redway, CA 95560

707-986-7488
peter@asis.com



The Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District (TRFPD), an all-rural district formed in 1988, comprised of timberland, grazing land, and rural residential. Recently, TRFPD entered into an agreement with the Brice Land Fire Protection District (BFPD) to provide fire protection and related emergency services in the Crooked Prairie area—the northernmost part of the BFPD—that is more easily accessed from Telegraph Ridge. TRFPD also absorbed the Crooked Prairie fire station and two pieces of equipment. The members of the Crooked Prairie crew are now training with TRVFD and have joined TRVFD. This will provide the citizens of the area with more effective and efficient emergency services. TRVFD (with Crooked Prairie) now has 5 firefighting apparatuses: two quick response 4x4 engines (5548 & 5547); two 500 gallon pumpers (5533 & 5532); and a 1500-gallon Water Tender (5566). The water tender and one pumper are housed in Crooked Prairie; the rest on Telegraph Ridge. We are still working on our district expansion, which we hope to complete in the near future. Most of our engines are from the 1980s and take a lot of time and money to maintain. Our crew all have complete wildland gear with PPEs, but our structure gear is very old and incomplete. We do not have enough structure gear for many of our crew. Like our structure gear, our SCBAs are also very old hand-me-downs. Both the Crooked Prairie firehouse and the Telegraph Ridge firehouse are unheated, uninsulated metal buildings with no office or meeting areas. One engine is kept in a fabric temporary structure, and one engine is in a carport. We are negotiating with the Southern Humboldt School District to purchase the closed Ettersburg School property, where we now hold meetings and drill. If our negotiations and fundraising are successful, we hope to eventually put up a new firehouse there.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
2	2	4	6	7	3	-	1
Total Responses							25
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
134	390	70	65		13	3	

Weott Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Kimberly Frame
Asst. Chief: John Conn

PO Box 269
 Weott, CA 95571

707-946-2367
weottcsd2010@att.net



Weott Volunteer Fire Department is administered by the Weott Community Services District. We operate out of one facility on Lum Street in Weott, which houses our light rescue Chevrolet Suburban and our Type-2 Fire Engine.

This past year has found our department in transition with the pending departure of our current Chief Kim Frame. We will miss her steady hand and wish her the best for the future. We also will be losing our only EMT left in the Department, Debbie Archer. Debbie has been a member for the past twenty-seven years. Her experiences with Emergency Medical Incidents have contributed greatly to the well being of our community. We started a recruitment program in association with the California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA) We are hoping this program will help us recruit much needed volunteers from our community. Currently, our most pressing needs will be continued training opportunities for mandatory certification, upgrading our PPE equipment, as well as a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) component.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
-	2	5	11	21	1	6	-
Total Responses						46	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Service Hours	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
160	200	150	200	6		0	

Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

Fire Chief: Wade Hayes

76850B Usal Road

707-986-7680

Interim Asst. Chief: Nancy Peregrine

Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-986-7356



In appreciation and memory of our late Chief, Archie Umina, who passed away January 11, 2015.

Archie lived in Whale Gulch since 1978, serving with the Volunteer Fire Company, playing in the Lost Coast Marimba band, and being an all-around good citizen, caring for the community he called home.

Archie had a lasting impact on the community and he will be greatly missed.

The Whale Gulch Fire Company (VFC) has been in existence since the 1970s. It was formed to serve the community of Whale Gulch, located south of Shelter Cove and west of Whitethorn. The Whale Gulch VFC has 16 volunteers who provide service within approximately 25 square miles. This territory includes the Chemise Mountain Wilderness Area and Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Most of our responses are either to wildland fires or medical calls, with some mutual aid to Shelter Cove and Whitethorn Fire Departments. Our apparatuses include two Type-3 fire engines, each with a 500 gallon capacity and a Type-4 medical vehicle that carries 250 gallons. Engine 5936 was leased to CAL FIRE several times during the summer of 2014 and was operative in 18 incident responses.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
-	5	-	-	4	4	-
Total Responses					13	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary
128	98	64	126	16		0

Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Robert Puno
Asst. Chief: Kent Grigsmiller

P.O. Box 485
 Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-986-7561
 707-986-7229
 whitethorn.fire@gmail.com



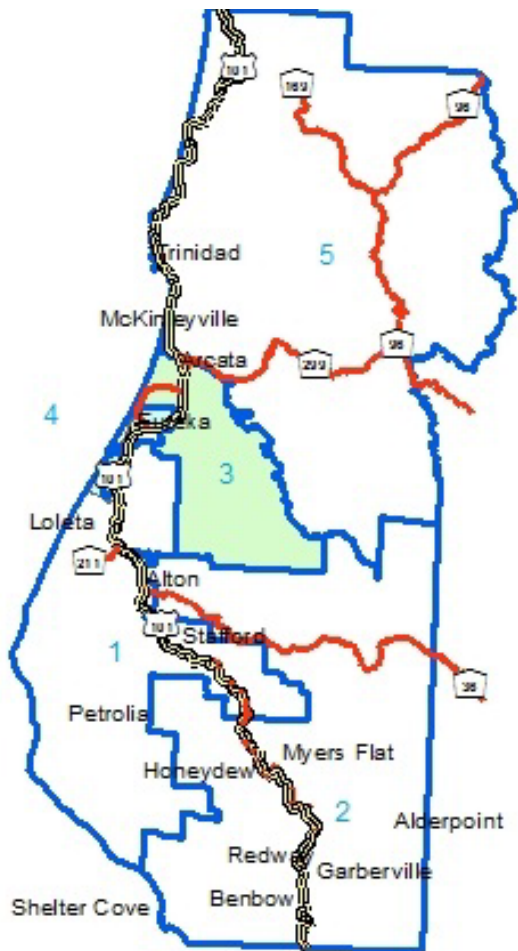
The Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department is an all-volunteer department that provides firefighting services to the Whitethorn Fire Protection District. We provide fire protection and emergency services to approximately 300 residents within our district, but our services sometimes extend beyond our boundaries with Mutual Aid to our neighboring fire departments (in Whale Gulch, Shelter Cove, Telegraph Ridge, and Briceland). Whitethorn volunteers are made up of 12 active members. Active members have completed various levels of training. We are proud to have 8 of our 12 volunteers as Medical First Responders, which can be crucial in a community like ours where we live so far away from any hospitals. Our primary funding is tax-based, along with donations and an annual dinner and dance fundraiser.

The Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department operates out of two stations. Station #1 is located in the old town of Whitethorn on Briceland Thorn Road. Station #1 houses: E5316, a 1976 Type-1 engine with a 1,000-gallon capacity; E5346, 1993 Type-4 engine with a 350-gallon capacity; E5331, a 2001 Type-3 engine with a 5,000-gallon capacity; and R5370, a 1994 Rescue/BLS Ambulance that we brought from a local ambulance company. Station #2 is located near Whitethorn Junction on Shelter Cove Road. Station #2 houses: E5320, a 1986 Type-2 engine with a 1,000-gallon capacity; E5348, a 1981 Type-4 engine with a 300-gallon capacity; E 5530, a 1990 Type-3 engine, with a 750-gallon capacity.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
1	2	6	10	12	5	2	4
Total Responses							42
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
200	250	150	250	12		0	

**Mark Lovelace
Humboldt County
Third District Supervisor**

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2393



Fire Departments:

**Arcata Fire Protection District
Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department
Humboldt Bay Fire (see 4th District for
2014 Report)**

Arcata Fire Protection District

Chief: Desmond Cowan
Asst. Chief: Justin McDonald
Battalion Chief: Sean Campbell

631 9th Street
 Arcata, CA 95521

707-825-2000
www.arcatafire.org



Arcata Firefighters responded to Bird Avenue in McKinleyville on May 20, 2014, to find a house 60% involved in fire.

The Arcata Fire District continues to grow and change to meet the needs of our communities. As home to over 27% of the total population of Humboldt County, we serve a growing constituency in a dynamic and challenging variety of occupancies. We continue to face the challenge of increasing costs in a District that includes the County Airport, Humboldt State University, United States Coast Guard Air Station and 37,000 residents. As our population grows and call volume increases, we are looking to build our staffing and response capabilities. Our residents throughout McKinleyville, Arcata, Manila and the surrounding areas have proven their willingness to support their fire service. We will continue to work to advocate on their behalf and provide them the best service possible.

Apparatus Include:

Five Type-1 Engines; one Type-3 Engine; one Ladder Truck; one 3,000-gallon Water Tender, one Rescue Truck, and one Multi Casualty Incident Response Trailer.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
43	68	54	87	1,276	92	357	656
Total Responses							2,633
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary
1,204	8,273	3,303	10,274		20	21	5

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ray Stonebarger
Asst. Chief: Greg Perry

P.O. Box 245
 Blue Lake, CA 95525

707-668-5765
www.bluelakefire.net



Roll over with entrapment on Highway 299 (17 miles outside our District).

Blue Lake Fire District has 20 volunteers and 1 fulltime employee. This past year we tried to increase our funding to meet our operational needs. Although the community supports the fire department, the Benefit Assessment failed. Our District serves the City of Blue Lake, the communities of West End road, Liscom Hill and Glendale Drive. Our District area is just under 14 square miles and our response area is approximately 200 square miles. This includes Highway 299 east to Redwood Creek Bridge, Redwood Valley north to Stover Ranch, Maple Creek Road and Snow Camp Road area. Equipment includes: Rescue A-8546, Engine 8511-Type-1, Engine 8512-Type-1, Engine 8533 – Type-3, two water tenders (2,200 gallons and 1,750 gallons), two sets of Jaws-of-life, three defibrillators, BLS medical and low-angle Rope rescue gear.

Incident Response							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
18	13	37	23	133	5	6	26
Total Responses:							261
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
3,125	887	200	465	20	1	0	

Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department

"Making the difference in our community."

Fire Chief: Rick Hardin

6201 Greenwood Heights Rd.

707-442-3252

Email: rcrhardin@earthlink.net

Kneeland, CA 95549

Cell: 707-616-1889

Asst. Chief: OPEN

Website: kneelandfire.org/



The Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department provides structure fire, medical-aid, vehicle accident and vegetation fire response to residents and visitors within the Kneeland Fire Protection District (KFPD). The KFPD is a rural, 38+ square mile district; however, their response area is approximately 120 square miles. In 2014, the KFPD "supplemental property tax" was approved by voters with over 82% of the vote. This new financial resource will provide the much needed funding for department development, apparatus maintenance and outdated equipment replacement. The completion of a fire station and replacement of 35 year old fire engines are the primary focus for the near future. KFPD has three certified EMT1, one paramedic, one Chief, and two Captains. All firefighters are trained annually in structure firefighting, low angle rescue, BLS/CPR-PRO/AED, Jaws of Life vehicle forcible entry, and basic wildland fire response.

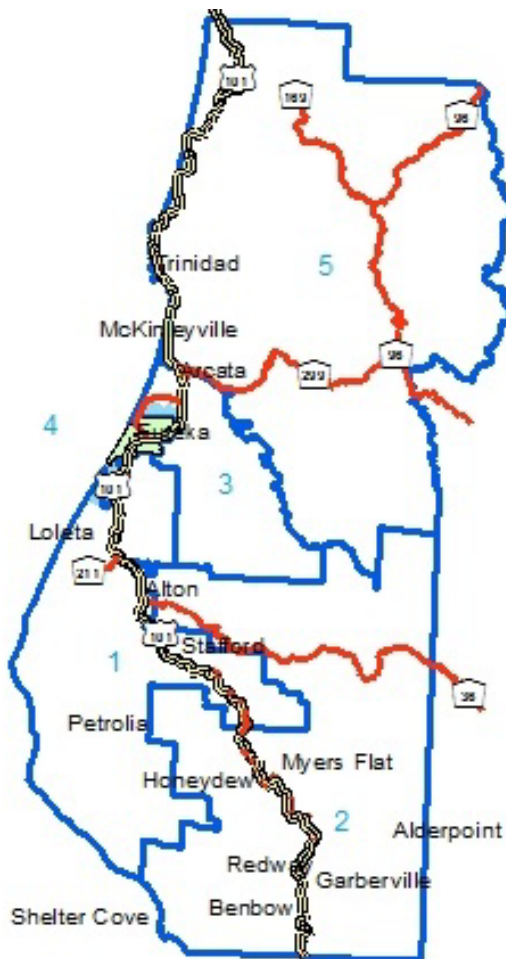


The following data represents only the operational Volunteer Firefighters hours and responses. It does not include scores of donated hours by board of directors, auxiliary or fundraising volunteers.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
4	2	4	5	15	3	-	-
Total Responses							33
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer Firefighters		Auxiliary	
206	1,556	434	265	11		5	

Virginia Bass Humboldt County Fourth District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2394



Fire Departments:

Humboldt Bay Fire
Samoa Peninsula Volunteer Fire Dept.

Humboldt Bay Fire

Chief: Ken Woods
Asst. Chief: Bill Gillespie

533 C Street
 Eureka, CA 95501

707-441-4000
www.HBFire.org
 info@HBFire.org



Humboldt Bay Fire Joint Powers Authority provides service to approximately 56,000 residents within the City of Eureka and the Greater Eureka Area. We are an all-risk fire department that responds to a wide variety of emergencies. Humboldt Bay Fire continues to expand its level of medical care from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support at three of our five stations. In addition to responses for service, Humboldt Bay Fire offers a wide range of public education programs, including CPR and First Aid classes, school presentations, disaster preparedness, fire extinguisher training, in-home safety inspections and an annual Fire Prevention Open House. Humboldt Bay Fire inspects properties and businesses annually to ensure fire and life safety, and also reviews and approves plans for new construction or remodeling that occurs within our jurisdiction.

Apparatus Include:

Seven Type-1 Engines; one Type-3 Engine; two Ladder Trucks; one 2,000-gallon Water Tender, one Hazardous Materials Response Unit; one Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Truck and a Cal OES USAR Trailer.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
55	71	126	114	3,407	10	269	1,527
Total Responses						5,579	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Career	
434	345	N/A	N/A	20	0	65	

Samoa Peninsula Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Dale Unea
Captain: Troy Smith

1982 Gass St.
 Fairhaven, CA 95564

707-443-9042

facebook.com/samoafire



The Samoa Volunteer Fire Department is an all-volunteer department that provides fire and emergency medical services to the Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District (FPD). The Samoa Peninsula FPD provides services to the communities of Samoa, Fairhaven, and Finntown, as well as a K-8 grade school, the Samoa Cookhouse, DG Fairhaven Power, an airport, a Coast Guard base, a county RV campground, a light industrial business park, and over 6 miles of recreational beach.

Our 19 volunteers train every Thursday night and put in many hours of additional training. We are the only County Department that has a residential sleeper program that can house seven fulltime firefighter/EMT's.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
3	3	16	2	38	4	4	7
Total Responses							77
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
101	1,596	1,000+	1,350		19	1	

Ryan Sundberg Humboldt County Fifth District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2395



Fire Departments:

- Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department
- Hoopla Wildland Fire Department
- Hoopla Volunteer Fire Company
- Orick Volunteer Fire Department
- Orleans Volunteer Fire Company
- Trinidad Battalion CSA#4 (Amador Program)
- Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department
- Westhaven Volunteer Fire Company
- Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department
- Yurok Volunteer Fire Company

Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Richard Grissom 4584 Fieldbrook Road
Asst. Chief: Joe Moello Fieldbrook, CA 95519

707-839-0931
www.fieldbrookfire.org



The Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) was established in 1955 and provides fire protection and emergency medical services through the Fieldbrook-Glendale Community Services District. The VFD serves approximately 1,200 residents. In addition, a mutual aid agreement has been established between Fieldbrook Fire and Arcata Fire to allow sharing of resources when necessary. The Department is staffed by 22 firefighters, five of which are certified emergency medical technicians. The Department is equipped with the following apparatuses: a 2006 Rosenbauer Quick Attack truck (8747); a 1996 International Becker pumper (8715); a 1990 Spartan Beck pumper (8717); and a 1976 International Van Pelt water tender (8756).

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
2	3	6	7	31	-	4	4
Total Responses						57	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
400	1,125	528	145	22		2	

Hoopa Forestry Wildland Fire Department

Chief: Kevin Lane
Div. Chief: Raldon Brown

P.O. Box 369
 Hoopa, CA 95525

530-625-4366



The Hoopa Forestry Wildland Fire Department is the first wildland fire program within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the United States to be managed and operated by a tribe. The department prides itself for being a national leader within BIA funded fire programs. To develop and maintain the department, Hoopa is the first Indian program to operate and maintain Type III Urban Interface Engines as our standard pumping platform and is responsible for bringing this type resource to the BIA. This has allowed Hoopa to fully integrate suppression resources with our cooperators as a local, state or national resource.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
160	-	38	-	-	-	-	35
Total Responses						233	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Full Time	Temporary	Seasonal	
<i>Not Applicable.</i>				13	21	0	

Hoopa Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Amos Pole
Asst. Chief: Duffy Mott

P.O. Box 1321
 Hoopa, CA 95546

530-625-1118
www.hoopa-nsn.gov



The Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department (HVFC) is a community volunteer organization established by the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council as an all-risk organization, with its primary mission of structural fire suppression but also responding to mutual aid, from medical calls to over-the-bank rescue. The HVFC provides protection services to approximately 3,000 people within a 144 square mile area and surrounding communities. Apparatuses include three Type-1 structural fire engines, a Ford Expedition Rescue, a Ford Explorer Command Vehicle and two 20-foot outboard jet propelled water units. The company is funded by donations from the community and support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Hoopa Tribe. The HVFC underwent a change in leadership when Assistant Chief, Amos Pole became the new Fire Chief in December of 2012.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
12	40	5	13	33	3	2
					Total Responses	108
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
456	332	102	166		17	5

Orick Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ken Frick

101 Swan Road

707-488-3093

Asst. Chief: Ed Roane

Orick, CA 95555

Captains: Judy Hagood & Neal Youngblood



The Orick Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) provides fire protection and medical aid services to the community of Orick and the surrounding area through the Orick Community Services District. The OVFD responds to calls within the Orick CSD boundary, which is 2.3 square miles, and beyond, with a total response area of 123.8 miles. Apparatuses include: one water tender, one engine, one 4x4 pickup that carries water and a Jaws-of-Life, and a rescue van. We are saving for a new pickup truck as our next purchase. The OVFD is made up of 11 volunteers and has mutual aid agreements with CAL FIRE and Redwood National Park. We have training 2 hours a week, with part of that training for equipment maintenance. We typically have one fundraiser a year—our booth at the Orick Rodeo. Our community supports us greatly.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
2	-	14	19	68	1	2	1
Total Responses							107
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
184	52	52	176	11		0	

Orleans Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Todd Salberg
Asst. Chief: Tom Bouse

PO Box 312
 38176 St Hwy 96
 Orleans, CA 95556

Station Phone: 530-627-3344
Chief Phone: 530-627-3601



From L-R: Wildland Engine 9741, 1953 Mac Parade Rig,
 Rescue 9771, Structure Engine 9711, & Tender 9751

The Orleans Volunteer Fire Company (OVFC) was incorporated in 1968 to provide fire protection to the Orleans-Somes Bar area. We provide fire and ALS/BLS medical service to the lower-middle Klamath River community. Our response area extends from two miles north of Weitchpec, north through Orleans and Somes Bar to Ti-Bar in Siskiyou County. The company maintains a 1985 Kenworth Type-1 Structure Engine (9711), a 1985 Ford F800 Type-3 Wildland Engine (9741), a 1973 Kenworth 3,500 gallon water tender (9751), and a 1988 Ford F250 Walk-in Rescue Rig (9771). Alan Davis of Arcata Fire provided us a Fire Academy training, where we had a dozen participants and honed our structure firefighting skills. In addition to responding to incidents and keeping up on our training, some of the OVFC's accomplishments in 2014 included executing a \$10,000 Humboldt County Firewise Grant, putting on a very successful Firewise day in coordination with the community's annual Old Timers Day Parade and Picnic, working with the Mid Klamath Watershed Council and the Fire Safe Council on planning for future fires and fire prevention activities, and participating as a partner in the Firewise and Fire Safe Councils This includes maintaining Orleans as a Firewise community since 2011. The OVFC continues to assist with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan, including an annual Firewise Day, landowner education, and other activities that will reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
8	3	5	4	29	3	-	3
Total Responses							55
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Support	
2,970	1,600	456	1,440	14		9	

Trinidad Battalion CSA#4 (Amador Program)

Battalion Chief: Tom Nix

923 Patrick's Point Drive
P.O. Box 749
Trinidad, CA 95570

707-677-3638



County Service Area (CSA) #4 was established in 1986 and is a dependent special district governed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Fire protection is provided by CAL FIRE through an “Amador” contract where the County pays for a portion of the actual fire protection costs. The CSA #4 boundary starts at Clam Beach and runs to the north end of Freshwater Lagoon. CSA #4 serves the coastal communities of Crannell, Westhaven, Patrick’s Point, Big Lagoon, Kane Road, and Stone and Freshwater Lagoons. It does not include the City of Trinidad or the Trinidad Rancheria. The Trinidad Battalion works hand-in-hand with the local volunteer agencies on a variety of incidents throughout the year. We utilize two Type-3 fire engines, which carry a variety of fire suppression equipment as well as a compliment of medical gear, including a life-saving defibrillator. Our engines are also equipped with auto extrication gear including Jaws-of-Life and a full complement of rope rescue equipment.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fire	Struct. Fire	Other Fire	Veh. Accident	Medicals	HazMat	Public Assists	Other
7	4	25	80	80	12	1	0
Total Responses:						209	
Career Hours:				Personnel:			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Fulltime	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Seasonal
418	1,296	1,836	375	10	0	0	19

Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Tom Marquette

409 Trinity St./P.O. Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

707-677-0224

www.trinidad.ca.gov/departments-a-services/volunteer-fire-department.html



The Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection, medical, and rescue services to the City of Trinidad, as well as aid to CAL FIRE and the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Company. Our apparatuses include one Type-1 fire engine and a Type-7 rescue vehicle.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
1	-	1	3	32	0	11	-
Total Responses							48
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
150	550	144	0			9	0

Westhaven Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Paul Rosenblatt
Asst. Chief: Shawn Worth

446/460 6th Avenue
 Westhaven, CA

707-677-0388
 707-496-6455



Founded in 1950, the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Company (WVFC) is supported solely by donations and our annual bake sale, *“The Wild Blackberry Festival.”* The bake sale is held on the last Sunday in July and features blackberry pies and jams handmade by the Westhaven Ladies Club. WVFC has a primary response area that includes 450 homes from Crannell and Clam Beach, to the Trinidad city limits, with auto and mutual aid from Arcata to Orick. Since 2010, we’ve received several grants, including an \$8,800 grant for medical equipment from the Indian Gaming Impact Fund, and a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, facilitated through the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services, for rope rescue equipment and a thermal imaging camera. All of our equipment is grant funded or a gift from county fire departments. Our apparatuses include: E8411: 1963 Crown Fire Coach (1000gpm/750gal); A8444:1986 F350 E-One (250gpm/250 gal); E8455:1975VanPelt (300gpm/2500gal) water tender; and Rescue 8477:2001 Expedition 4x4. We hope to build a 2-bay addition onto our station in the near future in order to help improve our ISO rating and provide better service to our community.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
7	2	19	4	80	10	8	3
Total Responses							133
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1,480	1,100	95	2,500		13	20	

Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Nathan Falk
Asst. Chief: Timothy La Londe
Captain: Cory Hicks
Captain: Beverly La Londe

P.O. Box 51
 51 Willow Rd.
 Willow Creek, CA 95573-0051

Phone: 530-629-2229
Fax: 530-629-1979



Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department Circa 1970's

The Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1957 after two major business fires in downtown Willow Creek. The original fire department consisted of 9 members and responded to 10-15 calls per year. The Willow Creek Fire Protection District was established in 1959. Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department serves the town of Willow Creek and a large portion of Eastern Humboldt. Our population is around 1,800. Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department is an all risk fire department and we are dedicated to serving our community with integrity and professionalism.

The Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department has also collaborated with members of the local community to help make Willow Creek a nationally recognized Firewise Community. Willow Creek has been Firewise since 2010 and has maintained this status through 2014. The fire department continues to assist with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan. Firewise actions include those things that will reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
5	1	27	45	118	3	8	17
Total Responses							224
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
850	1,350	265	310		20	0	

Yurok Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Frankie Myers
Asst. Chief: Richard Myers
Captain: Richard Myers II

HC 67 (P.O. Box 194)
 Hoopa, CA 95546

530-625-9232
 fmyers@yuroktribe.nsn.us



The Yurok Volunteer Fire Company (YVFC) was formed in 2004 with support from grant funds to build two fire stations. Funding, equipment and facilities are provided by the Yurok Tribe. The YVFC operates out of two fire stations--one in Weitchpec and one in Wautec--and serves an area of 80 square miles, with approximately 350 residents. The YVFC is made up of 10 volunteer firefighters with 5 auxiliary firefighters who respond to structural and wildland fires, as well as calls for medical and rescue services. Their apparatuses include: one type-4 Wildland attack engine.

In addition to responding to emergency calls, the YVFC also works with the Yurok Reservation Community providing fire suppression service for cultural burns. The YVFC also provides services during tribal ceremonies and cultural events.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
22	2	4	2	4	-	-	2
Total Responses							36
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
<i>No Report.</i>					10	5	

County, State and Federal Fire Services in Humboldt County

Arcata/Eureka Airport Fire Hall *(Humboldt County Public Works Aviation Division)*

**Supervisor Airport
Service Workers:**
Mark Parris
Martin Stockton
Thomas Sobehrad

3561 Boeing Avenue
McKinleyville, CA 95519

707-839-4239



The Arcata/Eureka Airport Fire Hall provides firefighting services to the travelling public of Humboldt County's regional airport. The Airport Fire Hall operates as part of the Humboldt County Public Works, Aviation Division. The Airport Fire Hall has a 2008 Oshkosh 1500 Stryker, a specialized Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle. It carries 1,500 gallons of water and 210 gallons of AFFF foam, which creates a barrier over fuel spills, removing the oxygen and smothering the fire. The truck also carries 500 lbs of dry chemical. It has a Caterpillar C-16 engine; the truck can accelerate from 0-50 mph in under 25 seconds. It can pump 750 gpm at high flow and 300 gpm at low flow. A second ARFF vehicle is a Ford F-450 truck that carries 150 gallons of water/AFFF mix and 500 lbs of dry chemical.

The Airport Fire Hall staff is also responsible for all the maintenance and fueling at the Arcata/Eureka Airport and the maintenance at the 5 other general aviation airports in the county (Murray Field, Kneeland, Rohnerville, Dinsmore, Garberville).

Incident Responses		
Vegetation Fire:	Medical/Public Assists:	Emergency Standby:
2	10	6
Personnel:	8	Total Responses: 18

CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit

Unit Chief: Hugh Scanlon

118 South Fortuna Blvd.
Fortuna, CA 95540

707-725-4413



CAL FIRE serves the people and protects the property and resources in State Responsibility Areas and portions of federal ownerships in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. The Fortuna Interagency Command Center, Law Enforcement/Prevention Bureau, Aviation Program, Conservation Camps, Fleet Management, and Service Center are disciplines within the Unit. The Humboldt-Del Norte Unit is comprised of 11 fire stations, 3 conservation camps, 2 aircraft bases and 6 Resource Management offices. Unit employees work closely with and provide service to the many communities with local responders, or by mutual aid request. Training for employees and other fire service organizations provide the basis for responding to and mitigating emergencies and potential damages. CAL FIRE is committed to working cooperatively with the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and other community and government organizations.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services	
173	40	127	134	392	26	323	
Total Responses					1,215		
Personnel							
Conservation Camps	Fire Stations	Emergency Command Center	Air Program	Resource Management	Law Enforcement	Admin Staff	Seasonal Positions
36	28	8	8	15	6	13	100

US Forest Service Six Rivers National Forest

Forest Fire Management Officer (Chief 1): Michael Minton
Deputy Interagency Fire Chief, SRNF / Redwood NP: Rick Young
 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka CA 95501

707-441-3535
 707-465-7730



The Six Rivers National Forest serves the people and protects the wildland, managing fire on the landscape while considering land management objectives, the Forest Service mission, and the Federal Fire Policy. We fully evaluate risks with a broad perspective for both planned and unplanned ignitions while considering the people we serve and landscapes we protect. In accordance with the goals of the Cohesive Strategy, we seek to create resilient landscapes, fire-adapted communities, and provide safe, efficient wildfire response. This dovetails with our five broad focus areas of Safety, Inclusiveness, Ecological Restoration, Fire, and Communities. In Humboldt County, the Six Rivers National Forest and the Redwoods National Park agencies protect both federal, direct protection areas and state protection areas, depending on the location. We work closely with the CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Hoopa Wildland Fire Department, as well as local volunteer departments, and we support National Incident Management teams and send resources throughout the nation and the world.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Prescribed Fires	Search & Rescues	Medical Aids	Law Enforcement	Emergency Standby	Public Assists	Misc.
57	35	5	30	287	3	7	55
Total Responses						479	
Personnel							
Full Time		Temporary			Seasonal		
45		24			8		

Humboldt County Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue, and Disaster Response Groups

Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team

Team Commander:

Tim Smith

Squad Leaders:

Tim Smith, Bridgeville
Eric Justesen, Carlotta
Rick Nicholson, Ferndale
Phil Mullins, Fortuna
Jennifer Renner, Loleta
Ben Heyda, Rio Dell



The Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team (ERVTRT) was formed in the Fall of 2010 and consists of members from the fire departments of Scotia, Rio Dell, Ferndale, Loleta, Fortuna, Carlotta, and Bridgeville. The team covers emergency response for the Eel River Valley and the Highway 36 corridor to the Dinsmore area. The ERVTRT functions under the guidance of the Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs and acts as a resource to assist fire jurisdictions in providing a higher level of rescue operations to our communities. These operations include: low and high angle rope rescue, confined space and trench rescue, collapse and water rescue, as well as providing additional manpower and equipment as needed during any emergency event. The ERVTRT has the ability to assist other rescue teams throughout the county, including the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team and the Humboldt Bay Urban Search and Rescue Team. Throughout 2014, the Team worked on obtaining the required equipment and training to become a U.S.A.R Level 3 Team with expectations of accomplishing that goal in early 2015. Operations and training are overseen by one team leader, while each department has a squad leader who oversees their individual squads, in turn. The ERVTRT is dispatched by the CAL FIRE Command Center and currently consists of 28 members.

Incident Responses			
Over the Bank Rescue	Water Rescue	Vehicle Accident	Medical Aid
0	0	3	0
Total Responses			3
Volunteer Hours		Personnel	
Incidents	Training	Volunteer	Auxiliary
5	940	28	0

Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team

Chief: Kai Ostrow
Captains: Genairo Gray & Shawn Studebaker

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 Redway, CA 95560
SoHumTechRescue@gmail.com



The Southern Humboldt County Technical Rescue Team is made up of 15 volunteer firefighters from various Southern Humboldt fire departments. The team members are highly dedicated men and women who train and respond to rescues in addition to the normal training and duties of their respective fire departments. We are funded by annual donations from members of the Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs Association as well as fundraising by team members. The team specializes in rope, water, and wilderness rescue, and is dispatched to all high-angle and water rescues in the Southern Humboldt area. Since 2005 we have carried out a variety of rescues ranging from the typical “vehicle over the bank” to combined high-angle and river rescue operations with helicopter support. Our apparatus consist of a Command & Quick Access Rig, a Rescue Trailer with Swift-Water equipment and inflatable boat, and our latest acquisition—in 2014, with the help of the Bureau of Land Management and the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs, after 5 years of fundraising, we were finally able to purchase, build up, and put into service a dedicated Rescue Vehicle. Our apparatus is housed at the Garberville VFD and the HCSO substation. While we are immensely appreciative of our hosts’ generosity, we look forward to the day when we can build a station of our own.

Incident Responses						
Rope Rescue	Swift Water/Flood	Search and Rescue	Extrication	Aircraft	Others	
4	1	2	1	2	0	
Total Responses					10	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incidents	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
240	920	290	320		15	3

Humboldt Urban Search and Rescue

Humboldt Bay Fire: 707-441-4000

Dispatch: 707-441-4044



The Humboldt Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) Team is a group available by request for emergencies related to building collapse, shoring, concrete breaking and breaching, lifting and rope rescue. HUSAR was formed when Cal OES provided a medium cache of rescue equipment to Humboldt Bay Fire. Humboldt Fire and Eureka Fire (now combined as Humboldt Bay Fire) teamed up with Arcata Fire to create a USAR crew that would be able to respond anywhere in the state with the medium Cache trailer RT-32. Training requirements for the HUSAR team include: Rescue Systems 1 and 2, Low angle Rope Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Confined Space. HUSAR participates in local drills both with on duty personnel and callbacks. HUSAR meets quarterly and consists of up to 24 persons. Beside Humboldt Bay Personnel, HUSAR has one member from Fieldbrook Fire. Arcata Fire is not currently participating in HUSAR.

Hazardous Materials Response Team

Battalion Chief: Ed Laidlaw

707-441-4000



Source: City of Eureka webpage



Source: Lost Coast News webpage

The Humboldt/Del Norte Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) has been in a transition during the last few years. Since inception in the early 1990's, the HMRT has been staffed exclusively by Eureka Fire Department personnel. The HMRT has evolved into a multi-agency personnel structured team. The multi-agency model allows individuals from public safety and private sector from different agencies to participate in HMRT activities including response, training and coordination. Currently, the HMRT has team members from Humboldt Bay Fire, Yurok Tribe, Humboldt Waste Management, California Highway Patrol and Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department. The goal is to geographically diversify the HMRT with available personnel located throughout Humboldt and Del Norte Counties to provide support and response in a timely manner.

The HMRT achieved CalEMA (now CalOES) Type II rating in April 2010. The Team Typing recognizes the HMRT as a state resource if mutual aid to an affected area is needed. The Team Typing project requires the HMRT to meet and maintain strict standards in equipment and training.

Throughout the year, the HMRT members help local, state, and federal agencies develop and implement training for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Bi-annual hazardous material response drills for the US Post Office, Arcata/Eureka Airport, County of Humboldt, and area public safety agencies. The HMRT also assists Humboldt County Environmental Health with updates to the Humboldt County Hazmat Response Plan.

HMRT outreach instructors provide state-certified training for First Responder Awareness, First Responder Operations, First Responder Decontamination, and Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness. In 2014, instruction was provided for over 80 agency personnel, not including ongoing skill maintenance for HazMat Technicians and Specialists.

In 2014, the HMRT responded to four incidents, providing assistance with product identification and mitigation. Individual HMRT members responded to 6 incidents, providing assistance to agencies with mitigation and identification. The majority of assistance provided is phone consultations to determine if the incident requires response or clean up.

Please contact Ed Laidlaw for scheduling training, team participation and general questions.

North Coast Emergency Medical Services

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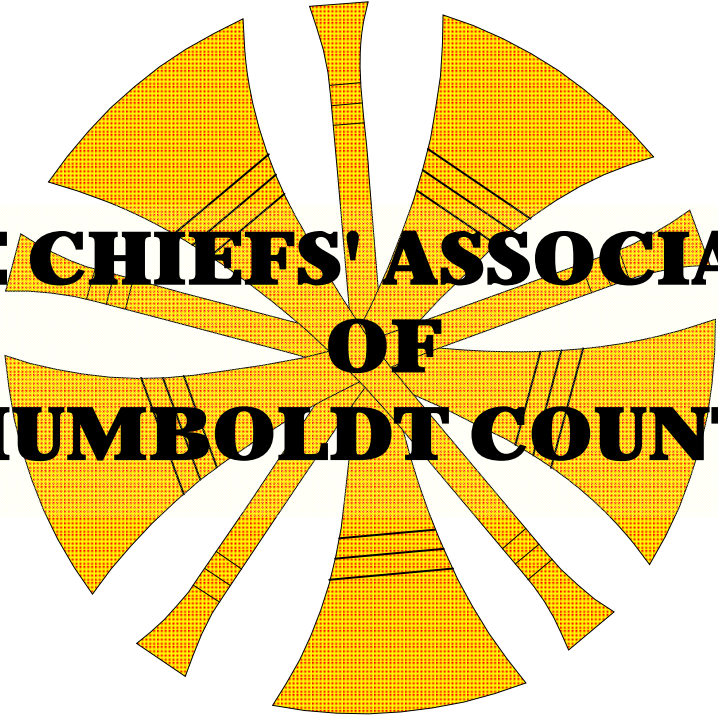
North Coast Emergency Medical Services (NCEMS) has provided local EMS agency services for the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Lake since 1976. Our overall responsibility is to provide coordinated medical oversight for all aspects of the three-county EMS system. The Agency serves as the primary coordinating entity for this life saving EMS system, which is made up of hundreds of pre-hospital and hospital personnel. This system includes: dispatch providers, fire districts and departments, first responder agencies, public and private ambulance services, emergency departments and hospitals.

NCEMS responsibilities include, but are not limited to, such activities as:

- Development of policies, protocols and procedures for establishing and supervising the medical direction of EMS services.
- Authorization of First Responder and Advanced Life Support providers
- Monitoring and approval of numerous training programs (First Responder, EMT-I, Paramedic, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse, Field Training Officer)
- Certification, authorization and accreditation of hundreds of EMS personnel, including EMT-I, Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICN).
- Participation in the process to develop statewide EMS standards, particularly from the rural perspective.
- Oversight of the Regional Trauma System

The following numbers are specific to Humboldt County for 2014:

- Certified EMT-I: 427
- Accredited Paramedics: 56
- Approved EMT Training Programs: 2
- Approved 1st Responder Training Programs: 10
- Advanced Life Support Agencies: 7
- Paramedic Program: 1



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