

HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION  
2013  
ANNUAL REPORT



Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department's  
Brand New Fire Station

**COVER PAGE STORY:**  
**FIELDBROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS A NEW FIRE HOUSE**

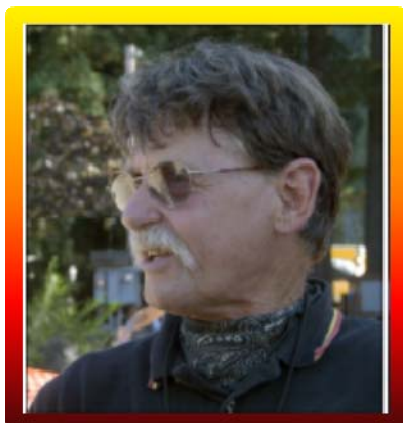
The cover page photograph features the Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department's newly remodeled fire house. On a leap of faith in July of 2013, the Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District's Board of Directors approved a remodeling of the existing fire house and the construction of a new 2,500 square foot apparatus bay. Then it was up to the Fire Department's volunteers to take the vote for a new tax assessment to the residents of Fieldbrook. In the November election, the community responded with a resounding "yes!" and agreed to the new tax with an 83% approval rating.

The new apparatus addition has pull-through bays for all four of the Fire Department's trucks. Some features of the new fire house include the use of reclaimed old growth redwood, a sprinkler system, LED lighting, a new septic system, custom made turn-out gear lockers, a standby propane generator, low maintenance metal roofing, and even a flag pole made from an old repeater antenna. The old fire house has been refashioned into an office and classroom area, along with a new state of the art kitchen. Gene Callahan, a local contractor and member of the Fire Department, graciously donated his time for this project. With assistance from local businesses and the help of many volunteers, the project was finished on time and on budget.

The Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department is grateful to the Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District for approving this opportunity, and to the community of Fieldbrook for supporting this endeavor with such enthusiasm. Special thanks to Gene Callahan, Black Oak Construction, and all the additional volunteers who contributed their time and hard work to help make this possible.

## In Memory of Chief Tim Olsen

The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association 2013 Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Briceland Fire Chief, Tim Olsen, who passed away on March 20, 2014. Tim will be remembered as one of the most dedicated and active members of the Humboldt County Fire Service. His enthusiasm, humor, work ethic and friendship will be greatly missed by many. He was truly one-of-a-kind, a leader whose legacy will live on. The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association sends their condolences to Tim's family, Briceland Fire Protection District, and the Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs.



## **To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors**

### An Overview of the Humboldt County Fire Service of 2013

Even with the continued economic and logistical hardships we face, the Humboldt County Fire Service has managed, through the efforts of many, to overcome numerous obstacles and move forward with our goals and objectives. It has been a “nose to the grindstone” year. These efforts have not only allowed many accomplishments to be realized but have also set the stage for additional projects and growth in the County’s Fire Service.

A huge accomplishment this past year was the finalization of the Humboldt County Fire Net Communications Project, one that has proven to be a major challenge but, in turn, has shown the great diversity and willingness to overcome obstacles by all involved. The completion of this project required input and cooperation from every local government fire department in the County (municipal, district and volunteer fire companies) along with CAL FIRE, and it required the willingness of the Arcata Fire Protection District to take the lead role in managing and overseeing the project, for which we are all grateful. The completion of this project now opens the door for additional upgrades to bring the entire system up to a “state of the art” operation.

The development of an Incident Management Support Team, originating in 2012, continues with additional formatting and training of team members. The intent of this team is to assist Incident Commanders of larger local events with scene safety and management. The Incident Command concept is one that is recognized throughout the emergency response community for any type of incident including natural and man-made disasters. The team is now included as part of our countywide resources, available to any jurisdiction or entity in need of support.

With the ongoing help of the Fire Safe Council and County Planning, we continue to look for resources to help establish sustainable revenues for the County’s Fire Service. The SRA fees levied by the State to property owners in State Responsibility Areas continues to be a thorn in our side, however, we will continue our endeavors to assure our communities receive reliable and consistent response to their emergencies. As can be seen by the accomplishments of Fieldbrook Fire and the support of their community, those we serve do recognize the value of their local fire departments.

An immediate goal for the beginning of 2014 is the development of an alarm matrix which will simplify the mutual aid request process and assure resources are obtained quickly and efficiently for larger scale events requiring outside assistance. Along with the alarm matrix, a communications plan will be developed to enhance the interoperability of agencies working together and at the same time will improve firefighter safety.

In the fire service, training is undoubtedly one of the most important issues we deal with. The training of new recruits is critical to assure their effectiveness on the fire ground as well as their safety. It has been a challenge to continue that training with the loss of the HROP Firefighter 1 and Volunteer Firefighter programs, however, with the development of the North Bay Fire Academy and the ongoing Eel River Valley Fire Academy, this much needed training is being accomplished through the dedication of our local departments and the County Fire Instructor Group. It is expected that we will see a third academy form in the Southern Humboldt area,

which will make otherwise limited opportunities more available to all of our new recruits throughout the county. These academies will train firefighters based on, and to the standards of, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which is recognized as the standard for California State Fire Training. In addition, with the help of the U.S. Forrest Service and in conjunction with the County Fire Instructors, an ongoing Wildland Fire academy is continuing for those interested in pursuing a wildland firefighting career. We believe these are huge accomplishments for the fire service here in the county and once again show the willingness of the many agencies to come together for a common goal.

With the drier than normal conditions in our local area and throughout the state, we anticipate a busy and early 2014 fire season. This will again be an opportunity for state and local government agencies to work together coordinating and providing fire protection to our communities. We were very successful in 2013 with the utilization of the newly formed local government Type 3 strike team which also provided coverage for depleted CAL FIRE resources.

Once again, The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for your support of the Fire Service here in Humboldt County. We sincerely hope you recognize the challenges that we face in providing our communities with the high level of service that they have grown accustomed to and hope you will continue to assist us in the development of strategies to continue the effort.

Sincerely,

*Lon Winburn*  
President – HCFCA

## **Geographic Distribution of Local Fire Services Throughout Humboldt County**

The map on the next page provides a geographic illustration of where and what type of local fire protection is provided throughout Humboldt County. The majority of local fire service providers in the county are associated with a special district. The special districts that provide fire services, including fire protection districts, community services districts, a county service area, and a resort improvement district are identified in the map legend as “District.” 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 is identified in the map legend as “Out of District” and is often referred to as “goodwill service.” 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 fire company that is not affiliated with a district. These fire companies receive no tax revenue and for that reason are identified on the map legend as “Non-Tax’ . 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.

# Humboldt County

## Local Fire Protection



### Legend

#### Humboldt County Fire Departments

#### Local Fire Organization

- District
- Out of District
- Non-Tax

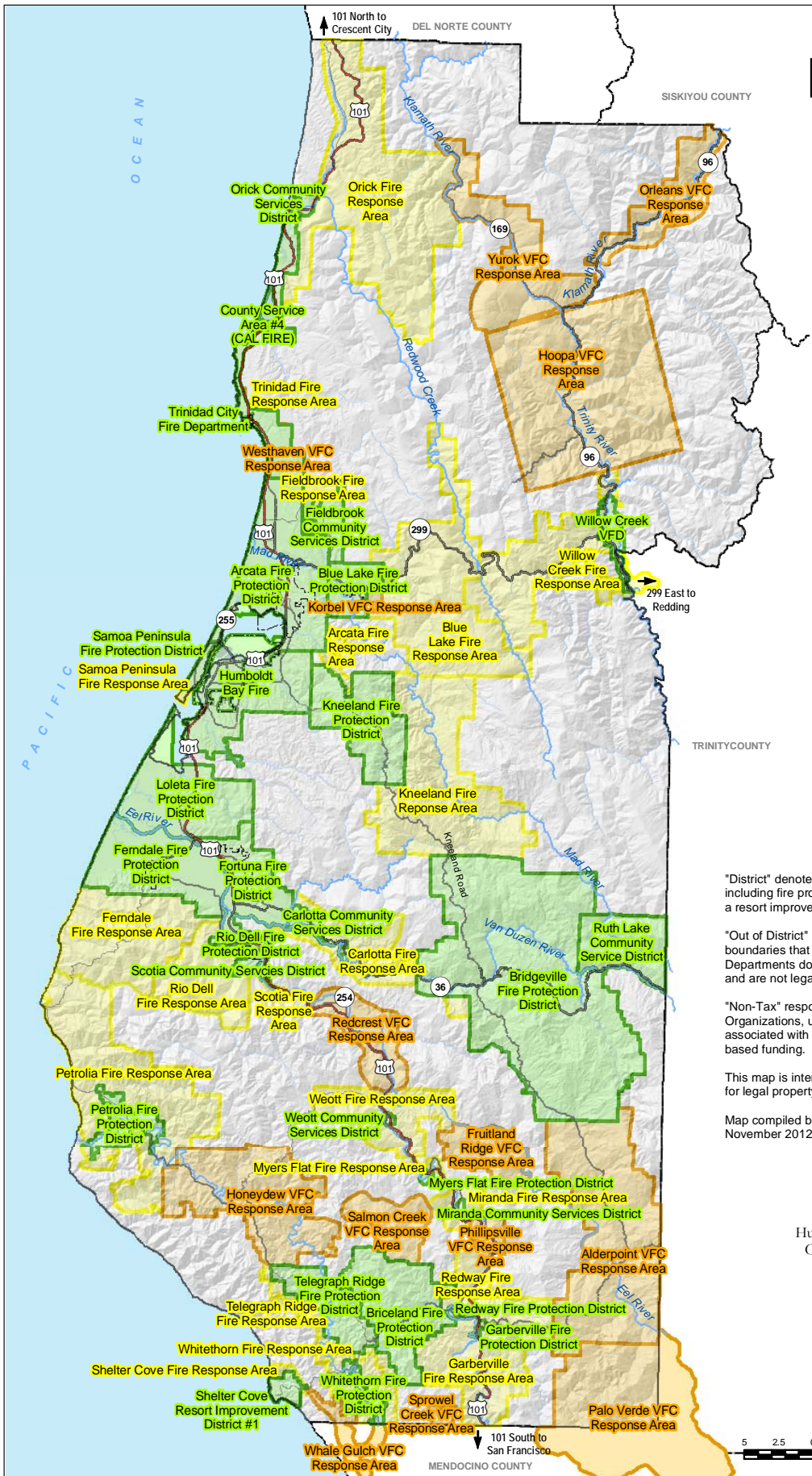
"District" denotes all special districts that provide fire service, including fire protection districts, community services districts, a resort improvement district, and a county service area.

"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](mailto:jvondohlen@co.humboldt.ca.us)



# Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Working Together

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

## Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs Association

**President:** Robert Richardson  
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**Vice President:** Lou Iglesias  
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**Meetings:** *The Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs Association meets at 5:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16 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;

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

**Dennis DelBiaggio**, Ferndale FPD: 707-768-9909;



Left: Eel River Valley; source: [www.lostcoastoutpost.com](http://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 primary objective 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 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.**

**Total Volunteer Hours**  
**for Humboldt County**  
**Fire and Technical Rescue**  
**Services**

**Incidents**

29,276

**Training**

39,941

**Maintenance**

11,579

**Fundraising**

19,185

**Total Hours**

99,981

# Rex Bohn Humboldt County First District Supervisor

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Eureka, California 95501  
Phone: (707) 476-2391



## Fire Departments:

Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department  
Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company  
Loleta Volunteer Fire Department  
Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department  
Humboldt Bay Fire (*see 4<sup>th</sup> District for 2013 Report*)  
Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department  
Scotia Volunteer Fire Department

## Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Dennis DelBiaggio  
**Asst. Chief:** Daniel DelBiaggio  
**Asst. Chief:** Jerry Lema

P.O. Box 485  
 Ferndale, CA 95536

707-599-5382

<http://ferndalefire.org>



The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) provides firefighting services to the Ferndale Fire Protection District (FPD). The FVFD was founded in 1897 and is comprised of 30 members. Some of our current volunteers are 3rd and 4th generation FVFD members. The historic Fire Hall, built in 1910, is located on Brown Street. A new building across the street from the original hall was completed in 2010 to help house the modern equipment.

FVFD has one Rescue Truck, one Type-1 Engine, two Type-2 Engines, two Water Tenders, a Quick Attack Truck and other assorted equipment. Our FPD follows the Eel River from the north side of Price Creek down to the mouth of the river, to just south of the Navy base back to Price Creek, crossing the Wildcat.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
10	11	33	13	164	9	28	2
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>270</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
4,125	1,400	600	275		30	3	

# Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company

**Chief:** Marcus Dube

PO Box 74  
Honeydew, CA 95545

707-373-4631

**e-mail address:** honeydew@asis.com



Established in 1987 as a 501c3 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 two first-rate single-purpose stations, are nearing completion of a third, adjacent to the CAL FIRE Mattole Station, and have ambitious plans and support for a fourth station in the Panther Gap area. Also in collaboration with our community, the Engine Modernization Fund is nearing its trigger point. 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 2013. 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
3	2	4	1	14	0	1	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>25</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
304	402	500	300		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	4	39	35	114	6	5	12
						<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>227</b>
Volunteer Hours					Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1,997	1,331	500	800		26	0	

## Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Travis C. Howe  
**Capt.:** Carson Morgan  
**Capt.:** Kailan Meserve

58 Sherman Street, P.O. Box 169  
 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 2013. 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
10	3	-	8	38	2	4	6
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>71</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1,952	1,046	987	875		20	7	

## Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Larry Halstead  
**Asst. Chief:** Joy Oiler

P.O. Box 27  
 Redcrest, CA 95569

707-722-1967



The Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department 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.

**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
0	2	3	8	11	2	1	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>28</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
180	160	85	709		5	16	

## Scotia Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** John Broadstock  
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**Deputy Chief:** Bruce Reback  
**Asst. Chief:** Nathan McKnight

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 Scotia, CA 95565

707-764-4322  
 www.svfdfire.com  
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Significant Event—May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Department has 14 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 Department 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
6	10	20	10	59	0	6	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>111</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
322	705	80	40		14	0	



# Estelle Fennell Humboldt County Second District Supervisor

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## Fire Departments:

Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department  
Briceland Volunteer Fire Department  
Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department  
*CAL FIRE* – Humboldt-Del Norte Unit  
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 Department  
Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Department  
Redway Volunteer Fire Department  
Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department  
Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company  
Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department  
Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Weott Volunteer Fire Department  
Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Department  
Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

# Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department

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

P.O. Box 164  
 Alderpoint, CA 95511

707-923-1665



Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) was established in November, 2007. The department is made up of 12 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 VFD 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	Other Services
11	2	8	10	22	6	1
					<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>60</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
375	360	147	1,500		12	0

# Briceland Volunteer Fire Department

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**Asst.:** Tony Mengual  
<http://bricelandfire.org>

4438 Briceland Road/ P.O. Box 1249  
 Redway/Briceland, CA 95560

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**Cell:** 707-223-3323  
**e-mail:** bricelandfire@yahoo.com



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, 200gal, 250gpm, 4wd, 3-FF's; WT5466 Type-T2 Water Tender, 1200gal, 250gpm, 4wd, 2-FF's; and R5471 Type-3 Life Support Ambulance, 2-EMT/FF's. **Station #2** – Located in Crooked Prairie, is a two apparatus bay. Apparatuses include: E5432 Type-3, 500gal, 500gpm, Crew cab 5-FF's 2wd; and WT5462 Type T2 1500gal, 2wd, 2-FF's. **Station #3** – C5400 Chief, Command/EMS, 4wd SUV, medical/Lt. Rescue, EMT-I level response w/AED.

All engines are foam-capable, with EMT-1 level EMS response equipment.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
9	3	10	14	23	1	1	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>63</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,720	3,250	210	155	18		8	

## Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Ben Fleek  
**Asst. Chief:** Tim Smith

P.O. Box 51  
 Bridgeville, CA 95526

707-777-3424

**e-mail:** bcf@netzero.net



The Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) provides firefighting services to the Bridgeville Fire Protection District (BFPD). BVFD members have been serving this rural area since 2005. In 2012, the Bridgeville Fire Protection District was formed as the largest (in geographic area) fire protection district in Humboldt County. Our fire department plays a critical role in emergency services in that it provides rapid response, carries out BLS, provides medical intervention, auto extrication, and we can have the patients ready for transport when ambulance personnel arrive. We are a 12 member team of first responders and volunteer firefighters who are dedicated to providing fire suppression and emergency services to this community and travelers on State Route 36. Our services also include technical rescue (rope, swift water and confined space), hazardous materials response, Jaws of Life equipment, and general public assistance. We train with our mutual aid neighboring fire departments and participate in the services of the Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team.

The BVFD has also collaborated with members of the local community to help make Bridgeville a nationally recognized Firewise Community. Bridgeville has been Firewise since 2010 and has maintained this status through 2013. 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
5	2	13	38	37	4	6	1
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>106</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
1,700	800	150	600		12		0

## **CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit**

**Unit Chief:** Tom Hein

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.

<b>Incident Responses</b>							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services	
216	10	130	147	255	19	411	
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>1,188</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>							
Conservation Camps	Fire Stations	Emergency Command Center	Air Program	Resource Management	Law Enforcement	Admin Staff	Seasonal Positions
36	28	7	8	14	6	13	100

## Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** John Church  
**Assistant Chief:** Todd Calvo  
**Captain:** Kevin Burke

P.O. Box 33  
 Carlotta, CA 95528

707-768-1714

**Captain's cell:** 7017-768-3681



The Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) provides firefighting services through the Carlotta Community Services District. The Carlotta VFD supports three EMTs and ten First Responders, for a total of 13 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
2	4	6	31	18	2	1	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>66</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
406	160	140	144		13		0

# Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Lon Winburn  
**1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief:** Rus Brown  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief:** Tom Daetwiler

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 two Type-1 pumpers, two Type-2 pumpers, one Type-3 wildland engine, two water tenders, two rescues, and one 100-foot aerial platform. In reserve, are one Type-2 engine and one 50-foot quint aerial.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
31	14	35	67	105	20	231
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>503</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Career	Volunteer	Auxiliary
1,904	2,545	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 Phillippsville.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
7	1	3	3	8	1	0
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>23</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
171	350	35	620		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
14	6	34	19	106	10	3	7
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>199</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
989	532	170	298		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
9	2	18	17	26	4	3	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>81</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
455	767	126	132		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  
**Asst.'s Cell:** 707-350-3813



The Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department has three full-time volunteers who serve approximately 200 residents. Apparatuses include: Engine 6931, a 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
6	1	8	14	28	2	5	1
				<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>65</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
110	250	60	400		3	-	

## Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department

**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 Department (PVVFD) was established in 1983 by the residents of the “Rancho Palo Verde” subdivision. Our department 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 1,000. The PVVFD has an active membership of eight first responders and 20 wildland firefighters, eight of whom have structural firefighting training. We have two fire engines in service; a Federal surplus 1989, Type-3, wildland fire engine (E5231), and a 1978, Dodge Pumper, 4x4, quick attack/brush truck (A5246). 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.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
2	1	5	4	8	1	-	-
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>21</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
300	900	400	400		25	10	

# Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Company

**Chief:** Hank Toborg  
**Asst Chief:** Rich Toten

P.O. Box 39  
 Phillipsville, CA 95559

707-943-3555



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
7	3	7	3	11	1	0	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>33</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
70	580	100	90		3	5	

## Redway Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Brian Anderson  
**Asst. Chief:** Roger Ralsten

155 Empire Avenue/P.O. Box 695  
 Redway, CA 95560

707-923-2617

**e-mail:** [redwayfire@gmail.com](mailto:redwayfire@gmail.com)



The Redway Volunteer Fire Department provides firefighting services to the Redway Fire Protection District. The Redway Fire Protection District proudly serves the community of Redway and surrounding areas in southern Humboldt County. Our dedicated volunteers provide emergency medical response, routine calls for service and fire protection. Funding for our district comes from a percentage of the property taxes with no augmentation from benefit assessments. Our long term goal is to construct a second fire station in the Evergreen Business Park.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Hazard/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
19	9	4	9	68	3	-	19
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>131</b>
Volunteer Hours				Total Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
424	501	410	271	10	1	0	

## Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Shane Wilson  
**1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief:** Ryan Heussler  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief:** Glenn Brooks

50 West Center St.  
 Rio Dell, CA 95562

707-764-3329

[www.riodellfire.com](http://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 two assistant chiefs and three fire companies, totaling 23 volunteer firefighters.

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
14	14	32	22	275	9	24	8
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>398</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
965	2,179	250	2,580	23		5	

## 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 department consists of ten dedicated members including one EMT, three fire engines and an AED. We have a 1,800 gallon Type-3 water tender, a Type-3 two-wheel drive GMC 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
1	1	6	1	5	2	1	0
				<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>17</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
120	120	40	40		10		4

## Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department

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



Source: Shelter Cove Fire Rescue website.

Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is an all-volunteer fire department that provides firefighting services to the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District, which covers 49 square miles, with over 600 homes, 9 hotels, 2 beaches, and a public airport. The Shelter Cove volunteers protect this District with 4 fire engines, 1 ALS/BLS 4WD ambulance, 2 ATV rescue units, and 2 ocean rescue units. The Shelter Cove VFD also owns a hydraulic Jaws of Life. 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. The Shelter Cove VFD has been successful in obtaining grant funding to purchase much-needed hand tools, radios, hose and technical nozzles for unit 5116. 2013 culminated in the Shelter Cove VFD being awarded \$4,346 in tools, fire hose and communications equipment

A major wildfire incident of note in 2013 was the Fourth of July fire known as the Black Incident. It kept our volunteers on the fire line for 25 hours straight a required assistance from our state and local partners. No structures were lost but one home was significantly damaged.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
5	2	14	2	46	2	20	8
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>99<sup>1</sup></b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
623	1,204	140	72	11		1	

<sup>1</sup> This number is based on CAL FIRE records; VFD records show a total of 105 calls.

# Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Department

**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 Department 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		
					<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>0</b>
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

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The Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District, an all-rural district formed in 1988, comprised of timberland, grazing land, and rural residential. Over the last three years, the District has been in the planning phase for expanding district boundaries. Currently, the District covers 25 square miles; once the expansion is complete, it will cover 40 square miles.

In 2012, the District purchased Engine 5547, a 1985 Ford, 4x4, Type-4 quick attack with 5 gallons of foam and 200 gallons of water. In 2009, the District replaced an aging engine with Engine 5548, a 1988 Ford Diesel, 4x4, Type-4 mini-pumper/quick attack with a 300-gallon water capacity and 5 gallons of foam. Engine 5533 is a 1985 Type-3 diesel pumper with a 500-gallon capacity. All engines carry wildland gear and tools, have the ability to draft from water sources, to pump-and-roll, to fight structure fires, and are supplied with medical bags and oxygen.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
6	1	7	10	10	2	2	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>38</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
155	240	35	220		9	2	

# Weott Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Kim Frame

PO Box 269

707-946-1953

**Assistant Chief:** Debbie Archer

Weott, CA 95571

**email:** dogwood62@att.net



Weott Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is administered by the Weott Community Services District. We are located in the “Heart of the Redwoods” on the Avenue of the Giants, south of Fortuna. This past year we celebrated Chief Milligan’s thirty years of service with the department during his retirement party, held at the Community Center. Supervisor Estelle Fennel attended as well as many from the community, along with Tom’s family. Also this year, we hosted our first Halloween/Haunted House dance event. Our ghoulish volunteers and community members organized this successful fundraiser, which will continue as an annual affair. We started using the Target Solutions training program and will be continuing to progress with this new learning tool. We continue our sponsorship of the “Weott Heat,” whose prowess on the hardwoods strike fear into their rivals.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
2	2	8	9	21	2	3	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>47</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Service Hours		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
376	200	150	175		7	1	

## Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

**Chief:** Archie Umina  
**Asst. Chief:** Will Salter

76850B Usal Road  
 Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-986-7341  
 707-986-7356



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.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
4	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>5</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
76	150	100	264		16	0

## Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Robert Puno  
**Asst. Chief:** Kent Grigsmiller

P.O. Box 485  
 Whitethorn, CA 95589

**Chief's phone:** 707-986-7561  
**Asst. Chief's phone:** 707-986-7229  
**e-mail:** whitethorn.fire@gmail.com



*Source: Redwood Times, August 13, 2012*

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 13 active members and 5 auxiliary. Active members have completed various levels of training. We are proud to have 8 of our 13 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. This station houses E5316 a 1976 type 1 engine with a 1000 gallon capacity and E5346 a 1993 type 4 with a 350 gallon capacity. Station #2 is located near Whitethorn Junction on Shelter Cove Road. This station houses E5320 a 1986 type 2 with a 1000 gallon capacity and E5348 a 1981 type 4 with a 300 gallon capacity.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
5	1	6	10	16	2	0	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>40</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
200	250	150	250		13	5	

**Mark Lovelace  
Humboldt County  
Third District Supervisor**

825 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> District for  
2013 Report)**

## Arcata Fire Protection District

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

631 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Arcata, CA 95521

707-825-2000  
[www.arcatafire.org](http://www.arcatafire.org)



Arcata Firefighters work to extricate a victim of an early morning traffic collision on NB Highway 101 at Bayside.

The Arcata Fire District experienced a number of transitions in 2013. Interim Chief Justin McDonald served until July, when Desmond Cowan was hired as Fire Chief. We continued to see an increase in call volume, with another 7% added to our total, bringing us up to 2621 incident responses for the year. We have increased staffing and added career personnel to our Arcata Fire Station, resulting in a reduction in response times of about 18% throughout the Fire District.

We are finalizing our first strategic plan and have refocused our longstanding commitment to the community to update our fire facilities. Both the Arcata and McKinleyville Fire Stations will be modernized and expanded and our administrative offices will relocate to McKinleyville once construction is complete.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
58	74	42	80	1,217	197		952
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>2,620</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary
833	3,392	N/A	N/A		16	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](http://www.bluelakefire.net)



The Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Blue Lake Fire Protection District. The Blue Lake VFD has 22 volunteers and one fulltime employee funded by the Blue Lake Rancheria. Our District serves the City of Blue Lake, the communities of West End Road, Liscomb 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 the 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	8	6	18	149	26	-	21
				<b>Total Responses:</b>			<b>246</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
946	1,265	170	465	22	1	5	

# 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](mailto:rcrhardin@earthlink.net)

Kneeland, CA 95549

**Cell:** 707-616-1889

**Asst. Chief:** Bryson Rasmussen

**Website:** <http://kneelandfire.org/>



The Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department provides structure fire, medical-aid, and vehicle accident 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. Kneeland Volunteers operate on a \$26,000 annual budget with the main expenses being insurance, apparatus maintenance, and fuel. KFPD has four certified EMT1, one paramedic, one Chief, one Assistant Chief, and one Captain. 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.

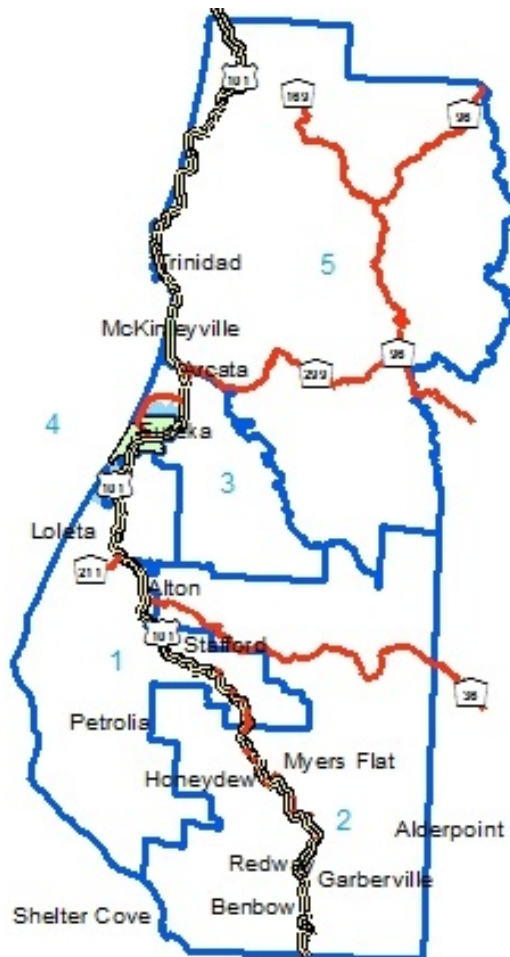


The following data represents only the operational Volunteer Firefighters hours and responses. It does not include scores of donated hours by board of directors, auxiliary or fundraising volunteers.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
5	3	1	2	18	1	-	-
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>30</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer Firefighters	Auxiliary	
160	1,056	178	206		10	5	

# Virginia Bass Humboldt County Fourth District Supervisor

825 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Asst. Chief:** Rusty Goodlive

533 C Street  
 Eureka, CA 95501

707-441-4000  
[www.HBFire.org](http://www.HBFire.org)



Humboldt Bay Fire is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District and the City of Eureka Fire Department. It protects approximately 56,000 residents within the City of Eureka and the Greater Eureka Area. It is an all-risk fire department that responds to a wide range of emergencies including all types of fires, medical emergencies, vehicle collisions, Hazardous Materials Incidents, technical rescues, Urban Search and Rescue, and public assists. The Department has upgraded a portion of its medical care from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support capabilities. In addition to responses for service, Humboldt Bay offers a wide range of public education programs, including CPR and First Aid classes, school presentations, fire extinguisher training, in-home safety inspections, and an annual Open House. The Department's Prevention staff 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 the 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 Trailer, and one Technical Rescue Trailer.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Emergency Medicals (including Veh. Accs.)	Haz/Menace	Other Services		
96	100	104	3,409	232	1,447		
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>5,388</b>		
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Career	
487	2,800	N/A	N/A	20	0	65	

# Samoa Peninsula Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Dale Unea

1982 Gass St.

707-443-9042

**Captain:** Nick Bollier

Fairhaven, CA 95564

[www.samoapeninsulafire.org](http://www.samoapeninsulafire.org)



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 six fulltime firefighter/EMT's.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
3	6	18	1	35	9	2	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>76</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
110	2,872	1,000+	1,350		19	0	



# Ryan Sundberg Humboldt County Fifth District Supervisor

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Eureka, California 95501  
Phone: (707) 476-2395



## Fire Departments:

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

## Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department

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

707-839-0931  
[www.fieldbrookfire.org](http://www.fieldbrookfire.org)



The Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) was established in 1955 and provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the approximately 1,200 residents living in the Fieldbrook Fire Protection District. In addition, a mutual aid agreement has been established between Fieldbrook Fire and Arcata Fire to allow sharing of resources when necessary. In 2013, the FVFD remodeled and expanded their fire house. The project was funded by a special tax assessment and funds, labor, and materials donated by the community. The Department is staffed by 19 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	4	6	8	37	2	1	3
<b>Total Responses</b>							63
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
262	1,472	2,833	314	19		5	

## Hoopa Wildland Fire Department

**Chief:** Kevin Lane  
**Div. Chief Op.:** Raldon Brown

P.O. Box 369  
 Hoopa, CA 95525

530-625-4366



The Hoopa 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. Hoopa personnel additionally participate on National, Regional and Local (Type I and Type II) Incident Management Teams.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
<b>No individual report – The majority of responses were vegetation fires.</b>						
					<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Hours</b>				<b>Personnel</b>		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Full Time	Temporary	Seasonal
<i>No Report.</i>				16	6	0

## Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Amos Pole

**Asst. Chief:** Duffy Mott

P.O. Box 1321

Hoopa, CA 95546

530-625-1118

[www.hoopa-nsn.gov](http://www.hoopa-nsn.gov)



The Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) 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. The HVFD provides protection services to approximately 3,000 people within a 144 square mile area. Apparatuses include two Type-1 fire engines, a Ford Utility F150 Rescue vehicle, a Ford Bronco Command vehicle, and a 19-foot Yamaha outboard jet unit. The department is funded by donations from the community and support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Hoopa Tribe. The HVFD underwent a change in leadership when Assistant Chief, Amos Pole became the new Fire Chief in January of 2013.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
21	31	6	19	38	0	16
					<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>47</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
550	140	36	40		16	0

# 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 10 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
3	0	22	22	40	0	2	3
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>92</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
184	52	52	0		10	0	

## Orleans Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Todd Salberg  
**Asst:** Tom Bouse

PO Box 312  
 38176 St Hwy 96  
 Orleans, CA 95556

**Station Phone:** 530-627-3344  
**Chief Phone:** 530-627-3601  
**e-mail:** [Roberta.ori@gmail.com](mailto:Roberta.ori@gmail.com)



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

The Orleans Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) 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 department 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). Some of the OVFD's accomplishments in 2013 included initial response and support for the Forest Service and CAL FIRE during multiple wildfires, working with neighborhoods in the aftermath of the Orleans Complex Fires to improve fire preparedness, working with the Orleans-Somes Bar Fire Safe Council and the Karuk Tribe to produce Emergency Preparedness Map Books, and participating in Firewise and Fire-Safe Council activities. This includes maintaining Orleans as a Firewise community since 2011. The OVFD 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
5	3	9	10	21	0	9	11
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>68</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Support	
2,965	1,560	456	1,125	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								
Struct. Fire	Veg. Fire	Other Fire	Medical/ Veh. Accident	Good Intent	Hazardous Condition	Service Call		
1	1	13	76	1	26	8		
					<b>Total Responses: 126</b>			
Career Hours:				Personnel:				
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Fulltime	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Seasonal
250	1,710	360	0		8	0	0	11

## 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](http://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 Department. 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	3	3	3	33	1	-	6
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>50</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel (2011 data)			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising			Volunteer	Auxiliary
112	500	130	0			8	0

## Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Paul Rosenblatt  
**Asst. Chief:** Shawn Worth

446/460 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Westhaven, CA

707-677-0388



Founded in 1950, the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) 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. WVFD 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
11	6	15	9	57	7	3	0
				<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>108</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1,301	1,122	134	2,603		11	22	

## 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 2013. 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
6	5	23	47	108	3	11	8
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>211</b>
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>				<b>Personnel</b>			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
977	818	375	280	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
19	2	7	4	3	1	0	0
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>36</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
80	30	30	60		10	5	



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

## Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team

**Chief:** Kai Ostrow

P.O. Box 458

707-223-0042

**Captains:** Genairo Gray  
& Shawn Studebaker

Redway, CA 95560



The Southern Humboldt County Technical Rescue Team is made up of 15 volunteer firefighters from five different fire departments. The 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. 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 responds auto-aid 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 apparatuses consist of a Light Rescue Truck equipped with ropes and hardware, and a Rescue Trailer that we use to transport our Swift-Water Rescue equipment and 14 ft. inflatable boat.

Incident Responses						
Rope Rescue	Rope Rescue (Veh. Acc.)	Swift Water/Flood	Swift Water/Flood (Veh. Acc.)	Wilderness SAR	Urban SAR	
5	3	1	-	-	-	
					Total Responses	
					9	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incidents	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
220	980	180	300		15	7

## Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team

**Team Commander:**

Tim Smith

**Squad Leaders:**

Tim Smith, Bridgeville  
 Eric Justesen, Carlotta  
 Rick Nicholson, Ferndale  
 Phil Mullins, Fortuna  
 Matt Forsell, Loleta  
 Adam Saler, Rio Dell



The Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team (ERVTRT) was formed in the Fall of 2010. The Team, which consists of members from the fire departments of Scotia, Rio Dell, Ferndale, Loleta, Fortuna, Carlotta, and Bridgeville, 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. 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 26 members.

Incident Responses				
Over the Bank Rescue	Water Rescue	Vehicle Accident	Medical Aid	
1	0	4	0	
			<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>5</b>
Volunteer Hours			Personnel	
Incidents	Training		Volunteer	Auxiliary
70	1,260		26	0

## 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. The HMRT is staffed primarily by career firefighters as well as three individuals from the Yurok Tribe, Humboldt Waste Management 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. Anyone interested in becoming a team member should contact Ed Laidlaw for details.

The HMRT achieved 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 2013 Hazardous Materials training was provided for over 60 agency personnel, not including ongoing skill maintenance for Hazmat Technicians and Specialists.

In 2013, the HMRT did not respond to any incidents that required a full team response. Individual HMRT members responded to 7 incidents providing assistance to agencies with mitigation and identification. The majority of assistance provided is phone consultations to assist agencies with identification, mitigation and determine if the incident requires response or clean up.

## North Coast Emergency Medical Services

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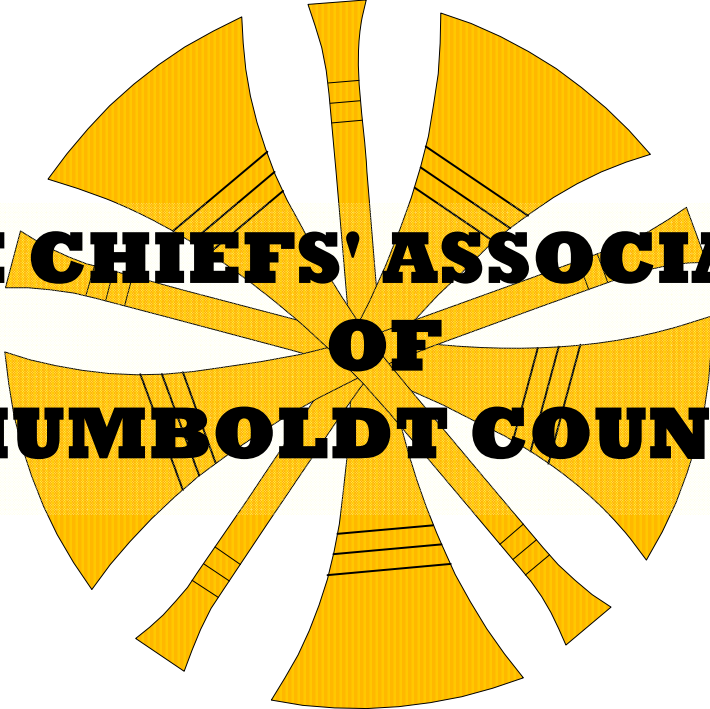
North Coast Emergency Medical Services (NCEMS) has provided local EMS agency services for the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Lake since 1976. Our overall responsibility is to provide coordinated medical oversight for all aspects of the three-county EMS system. The Agency serves as the primary coordinating 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 2013:

- Certified EMT-I: 411
- Accredited Paramedics: 54
- Approved EMT Training Programs: 2
- Approved 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Training Programs: 10
- Advanced Life Support Agencies: 7



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