



Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association



2012 Annual Report

COVER PAGE INCIDENT: FAIRHAVEN FIRE

The photographs on the cover page were taken during the Fairhaven Fire in November, 2012. Shortly before three o'clock in the morning on November 1st, several fire crews responded to a massive structure fire blazing in the Fairhaven Industrial Complex, located in Samoa.

The fire, which began in an outbuilding, spread to a 250,000 square foot warehouse and carried the potential to wreak serious destruction on the area. Fire Chief, Ken Woods, of Humboldt Bay Fire was present throughout the incident and described it as a "career fire" for all agencies involved, meaning that the fire was so large that it demanded the collaboration and resources of all the County's fire protection services. A total of sixteen separate fire agencies responded to the incident, including: Arcata Fire Protection District (FPD), Blue Lake Fire FPD, CAL FIRE, Crescent City Fire, Ferndale FPD, Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Fortuna FPD, Humboldt Bay Fire, Humboldt Bay Port Authority, Loleta FPD, Miranda VFD, Redway FPD, Rio Dell FPD, Samoa Peninsula FPD, Scotia VFD, and Westhaven VFD. Several fire engines, including pumpers, aerial trucks, as well as a fireboat were necessary to fight the blaze. Additionally, the Salvation Army was present, supporting firefighters by providing food and coffee.

As a result of the effective cooperation and mutual aid executed during this fire event, firefighters responding to the incident were able to bring the Fairhaven Fire to a successful conclusion. Within approximately seven hours, firefighters had contained the blaze and saved 75 percent of the building, without any injuries or loss of life. The rapid response to and successful outcome of such an enormous fire event demonstrates the value and importance of the robust cooperative capabilities among Humboldt County's fire service organizations.

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Top: Humboldt Sentinel. (November 1, 2012.) "Samoa's Burning Inferno." Available at HumboldtSentinel.com

Middle-left: Times Standard. (November 1, 2012.) "Third Update: Three businesses damaged in early morning Samoa Fire." Available at Times-Standard.com

Middle-right: Humboldt Sentinel. (November 1, 2012.) "Samoa's Burning Inferno." Available at HumboldtSentinel.com

Bottom: Lost Coast Outpost. (November 1, 2012.) "Major Fire in the Eureka Area." Available at LostCoastOutpost.com

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

An overview of the Humboldt County Fire Service of 2012;

An incredible year for the Humboldt County Fire Service! will likely be said in future reflections on the year 2012. We have witnessed the finalization of the formation of two new fire protection districts, Bridgeville and Briceland. In 2011, we saw the Fire Chief positions for both Humboldt Fire District #1 and Eureka Fire Departments become one, followed in 2012 by the consolidation of the two departments into one, Humboldt Bay Fire. This was a truly monumental step.

We also witnessed, sadly but with great gratitude, the retirement of Chief John McFarland. John, a friend, mentor, and leader to all of us here in the fire service, not only in Humboldt County but Del Norte as well, will be missed but will forever have an influence on the direction of the Local Fire Service.

District formations, annexations of areas currently outside any jurisdictional boundaries, and consolidations will continue to be goals which the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association (HCFCA) will support and strive for. In order for the fire service in Humboldt County to move forward and realize these goals, it is currently and will be into the foreseeable future, absolutely critical to have assistance from County Planning and the Fire Safe Council, with the cooperation and support of the Board of Supervisors. The ultimate goal of the HCFCA is to provide the best emergency response possible to all of our communities, from the more densely populated cities, to the rural property owners.

The recent Fairhaven Fire was a true testimony to the immensely improved working relationship within the fire service throughout the county and beyond. It was through the development of aid agreements and a positive spirit of cooperation that we witnessed an event of great magnitude be successfully mitigated with minimal property loss, no injuries, and no loss of life. Bringing together the number of agencies that responded, from as far away as Crescent City to the north and Redway to the south, in such short notice was nothing short of amazing.

For the immediate future, the HCFCFA will continue to move forward with strategies that will ultimately improve the response and mitigation capabilities of all county fire agencies. Included and in process is the upgrade of the County Fire Net communications system, which is owned by the HCFCFA and primarily operated through the Emergency Command Center at Cal-Fire Headquarters in Fortuna. With the assistance of grant funding through FEMA and matching funds supported by all fire departments in the county, we will soon have replaced our antiquated system of repeaters and console dispatching equipment with new state of the art technology. This equipment will immensely improve our communications ability and move us into the 21st century.

In development and soon to be a reality is an Incident Management Support Team, comprised of members of the fire service from various departments within the county that have the expertise to assist any jurisdiction in the management of a major event. We are continuing the development and promotion of countywide policies and procedures, training standards, and cooperative agreements and are committed to the constant improvement of our interoperability.

We sincerely appreciate the support and consideration we receive from you, our Board of Supervisors.

Lon Winburn

President, HCFCFA

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL FIRE SERVICES THROUGHOUT HUMBOLDT COUNTY

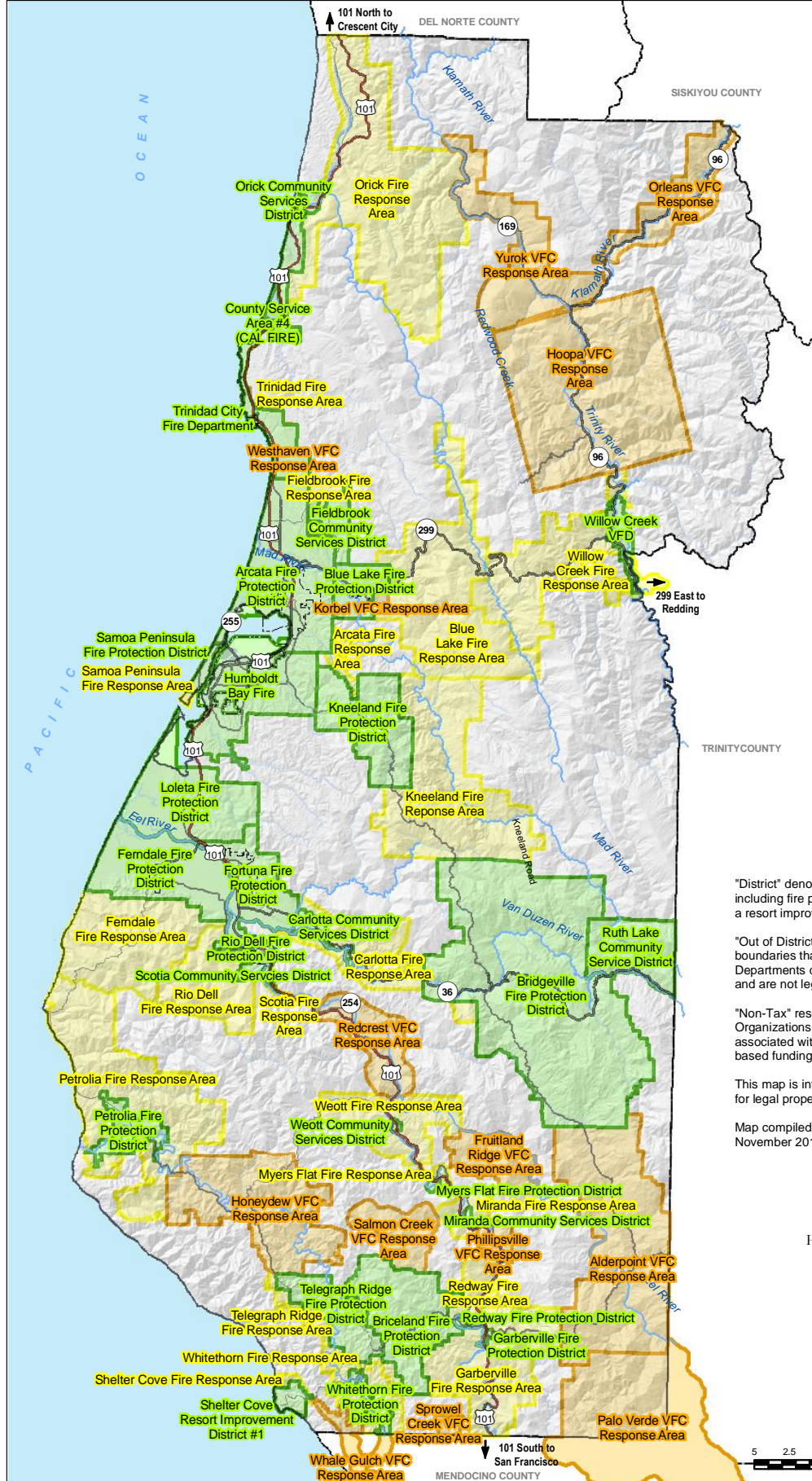
The map on the next page provides a geographic illustration of where and what type of local fire protection is provided throughout Humboldt County. The majority of local fire service providers in the county are associated with a special district. The special districts that provide fire services, including 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

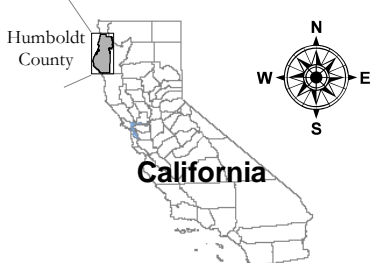
"District" denotes all special districts that provide fire service, including fire protection districts, community services districts, a resort improvement district, and a county service area.

"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



Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Working Together

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association

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Meetings: *The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association meets from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.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. At their monthly meetings, the group receives regular reports from fire instructors/training and fire prevention officers, fire/arson investigation, Cal EMA, 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.

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.

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.

The Fire Chiefs is in the process of developing the Humboldt County Incident Support Team, which will help standardize and increase the efficiency of incident response and management countywide. The team, composed of individuals from multiple agencies, is being trained in the *Incident Command System* and roles are being assigned based on the necessary overhead positions. This team will be available to any fire service organization to call upon during a large emergency to assist with communication, coordination, and decision making.

In November, 2012, Humboldt Bay Fire Chief Ken Woods was awarded the 2012 Ronny Jack Coleman Fire Chief of the Year award at the California Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference. The award recognizes Chief Woods's many years of multifaceted service as well as his role in uniting Humboldt No. 1 FPD and Eureka City Fire Department under Humboldt Bay Fire. The California Fire Chiefs Association states that, throughout his service, "Chief Woods has proven to be a model of fire service leadership, at all times displaying the unsurpassed character and integrity necessary to be a leader both within the fire service and the community at large."

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 6:00pm.*



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 15 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 fifth Sunday of any month with five Sundays, 1:30 to 3:00.

Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs Association

Ben Fleek, Bridgeville FPD: 707-777-3424; **Carol Brownfield**, Carlotta CSD: 707-768-1714;
John Broadstock, Scotia VFD: 707-845-2995; **Ken Nielson**, Loleta FPD: 707-733-5407;
Lon Winburn, Fortuna FPD: 707-725-5021; **Shane Wilson**, Rio Dell FPD: 707-764-3329;
Tom Grinsell, Ferndale FPD: 707-768-9909;



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



Right: Eel River Valley Fire Academy

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 group, representing seven fire departments (Scotia, Rio Dell, Ferndale, Loleta, Fortuna, Carlotta and Bridgeville), 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.

The goal of the Eel River Valley Fire Chiefs is to improve and streamline administrative and operational objectives with the primary objective being interoperability throughout the immediate area.

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

Incidents

28,183

Training

45,150

Maintenance

7,526

Fundraising

21,162

Total Hours

102,021

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
2012 Report)
Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department
Scotia Volunteer Fire Department

Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Tom Grinsell
Asst. Chief: Jerry Lema
Asst. Chief: Daniel DelBiaggio

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 Ferndale, CA 95536

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<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 34 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 this 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	Service
10	9	14	4	117	4	14
Total Responses					172	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
2800	1150	550	220		34	5

Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Marcus Dube

PO Box 74
Honeydew, CA 95545

707-373-4631



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 Type-3 Water Tender, three Type-4 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 and other events and trainings, go to <http://mattolenews.com/honeydew-fire.html>.

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 2012. 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	Other Services
4	1	0	5	16	2	2
Total Responses						30
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
53.3	120	86	72		14	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 (VFD) provides firefighting services to the Loleta Fire Protection District, which was formed in 1900 and currently has 30 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	Other Services
4	4	9	29	104	3	38
Total Responses					191	
Volunteer Hours					Personnel	
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1272	2340	1170	1800		30	18

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 (PFPD). In 2012, the PFPD totaled 4,002 volunteer hours, taken from incidents, training, maintenance, fundraising, prevention, community service, and other department related functions. We have 26 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 2012. 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	Other Services
10	1	8	2	31	7	2
					Total Responses	61
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
701	1301	1500	500		18	8

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	Other Services
2	1	2	9	15	0	5
Total Responses					34	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
140	144	80	440		6	14

Scotia Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: John Broadstock
Deputy Chief: Bruce Reback

145 Main St.
 Scotia, CA 95565

707-764-4322
Cell: 707-845-2995
www.svfdfire.com



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 Department has 19 volunteers who provide fire protection, medical, and rescue services approximately 800 people in a response area of 2.2 square miles. The Scotia Volunteer Fire Department is one of the few rope-rescue trained departments in the county, with a current active team of eight volunteers.

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; Rescue Trailer 7071; and a Chiefs Pickup 7000 that carries Jaws of Life and rope rescue equipment.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
2	8	23	10	43	0	8
Total Responses						94
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
630	1600		40		19	3

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 Company
Redway Volunteer Fire Department
Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department
Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company
Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department
Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Telegraph Volunteer Fire Department
Weott Volunteer Fire Department
Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Department
Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Michael Joe Valk
Asst. Chief: 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
7	3	10	6	21	2	2
					Total Responses	51
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
304	240	50	1500		12	0

Briceland Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Tim Olsen

4438 Briceland Road/ P.O. Box 1249

Office: 707-923-7204

Asst. Chief: Tony Mengual

Briceland, CA 95560

Cell: 707-223-0822

<http://bricelandfire.org>



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	Other Services
7	2	5	12	12	4	4
					Total Responses	46
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1540	3400	198	205		18	7

Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ben Fleek
Asst. Chief: Tim Smith

P.O. Box 51
 Bridgeville, CA 95526

707-777-3424



The Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) provides firefighting services to the Bridgeville Fire Protection District. 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 an 11 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 2012. 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	Other Services
2	3	12	29	24	3	9
Total Responses					82	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
340	1800	128	1506		10	1

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. Recently, the CAL FIRE- Humboldt-Del Norte Unit appointed Tom Hein to the Unit Chief position, following the retirement of Unit Chief Mike Howe. 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	
212	19	125	156	455	24	280	
				Total Responses		1271	
Personnel							
Conservation Camps	Fire Stations	Emergency Command Center	Air Program	Resource Management	Law Enforcement	Admin. Staff	Seasonal Positions
36	28	7	8	14	4	13	100

Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Carol Brownfield
Asst. Chief: John Church

P.O. Box 33
 Carlotta, CA 95528

707-768-1714



The Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides firefighting services through the Carlotta Community Services District. The Carlotta VFD supports three EMTs and nine First Responders, for a total of 12 volunteers. The Rapid Response 1986 GMC ¾-ton responds to all medical calls. For traffic accidents, wildland, and structure fires, we have a 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper with 850 gallons of water. For wildland fires and traffic control duties, we have a 1983 Chevy Utility Truck that carries 150 gallons of water and has foam. This truck carries rope gear for low/high angle rescues. 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 1971 International Tender with 350 gallons.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
5	2	3	30	26	3	2
Total Responses						71
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
400	168	100	140		12	0

Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Lon Winburn
1st Asst. Chief: Rus Brown
2nd 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	
20	9	25	54	83	26	236	
Total Responses					453		
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Career	Volunteer	Auxiliary
1451	3000	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 8 volunteers: five firefighters, two EMTs, and two 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
8	1	2	2	8	4	1
Total Responses						26
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
29	325	20	580		8	10

Garberville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Kent Scown
Asst Chief: Scott Weaver
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	Service
12	9	37	27	120	9	5
Total Responses						219
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1078	490	163	335		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 12 responders. The Miranda VFD's apparatuses include 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 4th 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	Other Services
5	4	11	14	31	3	2
Total Responses					70	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Volunteer hrs		Volunteer	Auxiliary
345	642	92	122		12	1

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, 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	Other Services
3	0	7	13	21	1	2
Total Responses						47
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
100	400	75	200		3	0

Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department

President: Sally Peterson
Treasurer: Charlene Khan

P.O. Box 1381
 Redway, CA 95560

707-223-0571



The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department (PVVFD) was established in 1983 by the residents of the "Rancho Palo Verde" subdivision. Our fire department has grown over the years into a professional year-round fire and emergency services agency, with an active membership of 8 volunteer firefighters, all of whom are committed to 24/7 Fire/Rescue/BLS service to a population of approximately 500. We have two fire engines in service; a Federal surplus 1989, Type-3 wildland fire engine, and a 1978 4x4 quick attack/brush truck. We exist because of the support of our community and through fundraising at local concerts. We have received Federal assistance to support our department from the U.S. Forest Service (surplus fire engines) and the Bureau of Land Management (funding for fire shelters, webbing gear, and fire hose). At the end of 2012, Fire Chief Joel Ficklin retired; the department is still in the process of identifying a new chief.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
0	0	2	0	3	1	0
Total Responses					6	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
200	500	24-30	250		10	30

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. 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	Service
7	2	5	4	17	2	2
Total Responses						39
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
176	174	52	148		3	10

Redway Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Brian Anderson 155 Empire Avenue/P.O. Box 695 707-923-2617
1st Asst. Chief: Roger Ralsten Redway, CA 95560
2nd Asst. Chief: Pete Genolio



The Redway Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is an all-volunteer department that provides firefighting services to the Redway Fire Protection District and proudly serves the community of Redway, located in Southern Humboldt County. In 2012, our district purchased a 2002 Pierce Contender Type-1 fire engine to update our fleet of apparatuses. Our eleven dedicated department members provide year-round fire and emergency medical services. Apparatuses operated by the Redway VFD include: two Type-1 structure engines, one 2,000 gallon water tender, one Type-4 quick attack engine, and one utility vehicle. Primary funding for our department is tax-based and is supplemented with our annual BBQ fund raiser in May.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medical Aid	Hazard / Menace	Other Services
15	10	5	11	63	6	19
Total Responses					129	
Total Hours			Total Personnel			
Incident	Training	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
395	341	460	11	1	0	

Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Shane Wilson
1st Asst. Chief: Ryan Heussler
2nd Asst. Chief: Glenn Brooks

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 two assistant chiefs and three fire companies, totaling 30 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	Other Services
12	8	29	21	242	4	36
Total Responses						352
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	
395	100	25	250	23	7	

Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Dan Gribi
Asst. Chief: Matt Stark

P.O. Box 662
 Miranda, CA 95553

707-943-3006



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 twelve dedicated members including one EMT, two 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	Other Services
1	0	0	5	5	1	0
Total Responses					12	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel (2011 data)		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
120	120	40	40		8	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

Capt.: Jesse Guerreri

Email: scfd@sheltercove-ca.gov

Capt.: 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 ambulance, 2 ATV rescue units, and 2 ocean rescue units. The Shelter Cove 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. Working with the Humboldt Area Foundation brought the VFD a Trauma/Medical Mannequin training module. The Shelter Cove VFD also acquired a hydraulic Jaws of Life through a Homeland Security grant. 2012 culminated in the Shelter Cove VFD being awarded \$20,489 in tools, communications, and teaching aids.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
2	1	18	7	33	1	24
Total Responses					86	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
739	1359				12	1

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		
					Total Responses	0
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
0	60	340	500		20+	0

Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Peter Lawsky
Asst: Chief: Travis Strange

P.O. Box 1152
 Redway, CA 95560

707-986-7488



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

In 2012, the Telegraph Ridge FPD purchased Engine 5547, a 1985 Ford, 4x4, Type-4 quick attack with 5 gallons of foam and 200 gallons of water. In 2009, the FPD 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	Other Services
0	2	5	8	4	3	3
Total Responses					25	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
92	278	45	180		10	2

Weott Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Tom Milligan
Asst. Chief: Lou Iglesias

PO Box 269
 Weott, CA 95571

707-946-1953
Email: weottvfd@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 have obtained a replacement Rescue Vehicle, (R6871). It’s a newer Chevrolet Suburban 1998 with close to 60,000 miles. With the assistance of the Miranda aVFD, we were able to have most of our running gear transferred from our original vehicle to the new one. Thank you Miranda VFD! This year we started a Facebook page. So far, we’ve attracted quite a few followers. Many followers are current and past Weott neighbors who enjoy our postings. We are also able to use the Facebook page to announce upcoming events.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
4	1	8	8	15	3	7
					Total Responses	46
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Service Hours		Volunteer	Auxiliary
450	200	150	200		8	1

Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

Acting Chief: Archie Umina

76850B Usal Road
Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-986-7341



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
5	0	5	5	5	3	1
Total Responses					24	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
24	24	24	48		16	0

Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ben Fieseler
Asst. Chief: Kent Griggsmiller
2nd Asst. Chief: Robert Puno

P.O. Box 483
 Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-986-7728



Source: Redwood Times, August 13, 2012

The Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) provides fire protection and emergency services to the Whitethorn Fire Protection District (FPD)—an independent special district formed in 1967. There are approximately 259 residents living in 126 housing units within the District boundaries, but fire services are often extended beyond these boundaries. The Whitethorn VFD has 18 members (13 volunteer firefighters and 5 Auxiliary). The department is headed by one Chief, and three Assistant Chiefs. Whitethorn VFD firefighters have completed various levels of training including: Fire Fighter I or above, Wildland (CICCS), and medical First Responder. The Whitethorn VFD operates from a primary fire station located in the community of Whitethorn on Briceland Thorn Rd., and a second station located at Whitethorn Construction near Thorn Junction on Shelter Cove Rd.; each station houses two apparatuses. The Whitethorn VFD's apparatuses include: E5316, a 1976 Type-1 engine with a 1,000 gallon capacity (750gpm); A5346, a 1993 Type-4 engine with a 350-gallon tank (300gpm); E5320, a 1986 Type-2 engine with a 1,000-gallon capacity (1,000gpm); and E5348, a 1981 Type-4 engine, with a 300-gallon tank (250gpm).

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
1	1	5	8	14	2	0
Total Responses					31	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
171	100	140	80		13	5

**Mark Lovelace
Humboldt County
Third District Supervisor**

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Phone: (707) 476-2393



Fire Departments:

**Arcata Volunteer Fire Department
Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department
Humboldt Bay Fire (see 4th District for
2012 Report)**

Arcata Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: John McFarland
Asst. Chief: Desmond Cowan
Battalion Chief: Sean Campbell

631 9th Street
 Arcata, CA 95521

707-825-2000
www.arcatafire.org



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

The Arcata Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency services to the Arcata Fire Protection District. 2012 was a year of growth for Arcata Fire Protection District. Overall the district saw a 7% increase of responses for a record setting 2,414 calls for the year. We were awarded the SAFER hiring grant which allowed us to hire three additional full time firefighters for two years. On November 22, we staffed the downtown Arcata station with two full-time career firefighters, bringing our daily staffing up to six. By staffing the Arcata station, we have greatly reduced the response times for emergencies in the downtown area as well as in Sunny Brae, Bayside, and Manila. The District was also fortunate to receive a second FEMA grant to increase volunteer recruitment and retention, which included a half-time coordinator staffing position. 2012 concluded with the retirement of John McFarland after his six year tenure as Fire Chief. The District is currently in the midst of a recruiting a new Fire Chief. Justin McDonald is the acting chief in the interim.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service	
26	34	65	51	1095	78	1066	
					Total Responses		2414
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary
5074	3578	1496	8024		25	22	5

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ray Stonebarger
Asst. Chief: Ryan Masterson

P.O. Box 245
 Blue Lake, CA 95525

707-668-5765
www.bluelakefire.net



The Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department provides firefighting services to the Blue Lake Fire District, which has 24 volunteers and 1 fulltime employee funded by a donation from the Blue Lake Rancheria. Our District serves the City of Blue Lake, the communities of West End road, Liscomb Hill and Glendale. 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 areas. Equipment includes: Rescue A-8546 placed in service March 2012; 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; a generator; BLS medical and low-angle Rope rescue gear.

Incident Response						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
3	13	8	14	133	8	45
Total Responses:					224	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary
1702	1118	N/A	N/A	24	1	3

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: 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), a rural, 38+ square mile district. Kneeland Volunteers operate on a \$26,000 annual budget with the main expenses being insurance, apparatus maintenance, and fuel. KFPD recently received a Hurst Jaws of Life, a much needed addition, due to our rural district. KFPD has four certified EMT1, two certified wildland firefighters, 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.

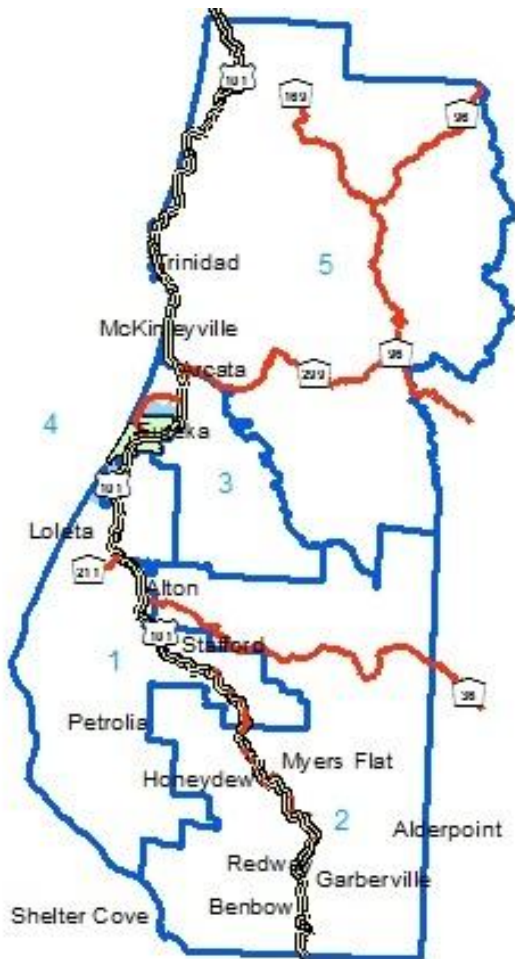


The following data represents only the operational Volunteer Firefighters hours and responses. It does not include scores of donated hours by board of directors, auxiliary or fundraising volunteers.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
0	0	5	10	14	0	1
Total Responses					30	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer Firefighters	Auxiliary
336	605	92	94		8	6

Virginia Bass Humboldt County Fourth District Supervisor

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Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2394



Fire Departments:

Humboldt Bay Fire

Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District

Humboldt Bay Fire

Chief: Ken Woods
Asst. Chief: Bill Gillespie

533 C Street
 Eureka, CA 95501

707-441-4000
www.HBFire.org



Humboldt Bay Fire is a Joint Powers Authority between the Humboldt No.1 Fire Protection District and the City of Eureka Fire Department. It protects approximately 56,000 residents including the City of Eureka and 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, HazMat 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 monthly 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 District.

Apparatus Include:

Nine Type-1 Engines; one Type-3 Engine; two Ladder Trucks; one 2,000-gallon Water Tender; one HazMat Response Unit; one Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Trailer ; and one Technical Rescue Trailer.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Emergency Medicals (including Veh. Accs.)	Haz/Menace	Other Services	
38	91	95	3,396	233	1,611	
Total Responses					5,464	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Career
500	3,000	N/A	N/A	25	0	58

Samoa Peninsula Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Dale Unea
Captain: Dom Vitali

1982 Gass St.
 Fairhaven, CA 95564

707-443-9042
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 18 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	Other Services
0	3	12	3	32	3	3
Total Responses					56	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
90	1890	1000+	1100		18	0

Ryan Sundberg Humboldt County Fifth District Supervisor

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



Fire Departments:

Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department
Hoopa Wildland Fire Department
Hoopa 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
Asst. Chief: Joe Moello

4584 Fieldbrook Road
 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 to the Fieldbrook Fire Protection District, which includes approximately 1,200 residents of the Fieldbrook Valley that rely on the Fieldbrook VFD for their services. In addition, a mutual aid agreement has been established between Fieldbrook Fire and Arcata Fire to allow sharing of resources when necessary. The Fieldbrook VFD is staffed by 22 firefighters, 5 of which are certified emergency medical technicians. The VFD 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.	Medical	Haz/Menace	Other Services
2	9	2	5	35	2	6
Total Responses						59
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	
209	1,805	462	196	22	13	

Hoopa Wildland Fire Department

Chief: Gary Risling

P.O. Box 369

530-625-4366

Div. Chief Op.: Dick Kersh

Hoopa, CA 95525

Div. Chief Op. Pre-Training: Carl Smith



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
<i>No Report.</i>						
					Total Responses	
Hours				Personnel (2011 data)		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Full Time	Temporary	Seasonal
<i>No Report.</i>				10	7	6

Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Duffy Mott
Asst. Chief: Amos Pole

P.O. Box 1321
 Hoopa, CA 95546

530-625-1118
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 February, 2013.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
4	16	6	4	13	0	4
					Total Responses	47
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
500	100	24	0		14	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 1 ½ hours a week, with part of that training for equipment maintenance. We 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	Other Services
1	0	17	28	41	1	4
Total Responses					92	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
<i>No report.</i>					10	0

Orleans Volunteer Fire Department

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 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 south from Orleans to two miles north of Weitchpec, and north along Highway 96 to Ti-Bar in Siskiyou County. The department maintains a 1985 Kenworth Type-1 Structure Engine, a 1985 Ford F800 Type-3 Wildland Engine, a 1973 Kenworth 3,500 gallon water tender, and a 1988 Ford F250 Walk-in Rescue Rig. Some of the OVFD's accomplishments in 2012 included organizing a 2nd annual interagency community public safety meeting, participating in a countywide video training program, and sponsoring an air ambulance insurance drive. The OVFD also sponsored a series of neighborhood meetings with the Orleans-Somes Bar Fire Safe Council, which contributed to the completion of the Orleans-Somes Bar Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The OVFD has also collaborated with members of the local community to help make Orleans a nationally recognized Firewise Community. Orleans has been Firewise since 2011 and has maintained this status through 2012. The OVFD 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	Other Services
5	2	11	3	42	1	7
Total Responses					71	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Support	
2130	2477	300	1576	12	6	

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 compliment of rope rescue equipment.

Incident Responses								
Struct. Fire	Veg. Fire	Other Fire	Medical/ Veh. Accident	Good Intent	Hazardous Condition	Service Call		
4	3	22	122		31			
					Total Responses: 182			
Hours:				Personnel:				
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Fulltime	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Seasonal
250	1520	350	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



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 two Type-1 fire engines and a rescue vehicle.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services
0	2	2	1	19	1	2
					Total Responses	27
Volunteer Hours				Personnel (2011 data)		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
<i>No Report.</i>					10	0

Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Paul Rosenblatt 446/460 6th Avenue | P.O. Box 2143 707-677-0388
Asst. Chief: Shawn Worth Westhaven, CA Trinidad, CA 95570



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 received several grants, including a \$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	Other Services
4	7	11	14	53	10	3
Total Responses					102	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1251	1320	167	2472		12	25

Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Nathan Falk
Asst. Chief: Timothy La Londe
Capt.: Steven Marshall
Capt.: Beverly La Londe

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

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



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. Today, the Department consists of 22 volunteers. Apparatuses include a Type-2 water tender with a 3,000 gallon capacity (9257), two Type-2 engine pumpers (9224 & 9226), and a medium-duty rescue vehicle (9271). The Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department has put into service a new 2012 Ford F550, Type-6 wildland truck (Attack 9243), which has 400 gallons of water, 10 gallons of foam, wildland firefighting equipment, our second set of jaws, and our secondary rope rescue system. Plans for our second fire station are still in the design phase.

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 2012. 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	Other Services
16	4	15	36	79	9	13
Total Responses						172
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1884	635	200	180		22	0

Yurok Volunteer Fire Company

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

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 Wautech--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	Service
13	3	6	2	9	0	1
Total Responses					34	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
60	40	40	20		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 17 volunteer firefighters from eight 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 apparatus 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
1	2				
Total Responses					3
Volunteer Hours				Personnel	
Incidents	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer	Auxiliary
216	980	180	300	17	7

Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team

Team Commander:

Trevor Miller

Squad Leaders:

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



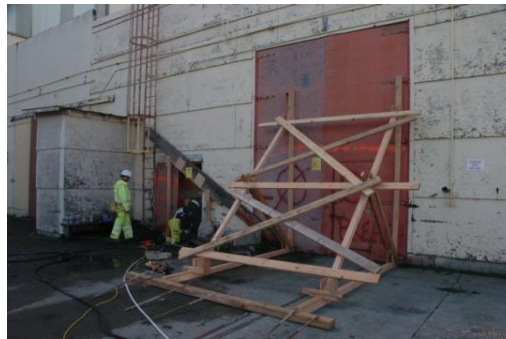
The Eel River Valley Technical Resource Team (ERVTRT) was formed in the Fall of 2010. The Team, which consists of members from the fire departments of Scotia, Rio Dell, Ferndale, Loleta, Fortuna, Carlotta, and Bridgeville, covers emergency response for the Eel River Valley and the Highway 36 corridor 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 21 members.

Incident Responses			
Over the Bank Rescue	Water Rescue	Vehicle Accident	Medical Aid
5	2	3	1
Total Responses			6
Volunteer Hours		Personnel	
Incidents	Training	Volunteer	Auxiliary
12	1260	21	

Humboldt Urban Search and Rescue

Humboldt Bay Fire: 707-441 4000

Arcata Fire: 707-825-2000



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 CalEMA provided a medium cache of rescue equipment to Humboldt Fire District. 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 recently participated in the Samoa Urban Search and Rescue drill and previous small local drills. In September 2011, HUSAR was activated for a roof collapse at the St. Vincent DePaul building in Eureka. Crews worked to shore up the building from the basement to the roof after a roofing contractor overloaded one side of the roof with debris. HUSAR meets quarterly and consists of up to 24 persons.

Hazardous Materials Response Team

Battalion Chief: Ed Laidlaw



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 four 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.

The HMRT achieved Cal-Ema 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 required 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 2012 instruction was provided for over 75 agency personnel, not including ongoing skill maintenance for Hazmat Technicians and Specialists.

In 2012, 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 determine if the incident requires response or clean up.

North Coast Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Executive Director: Larry Karsteadt
Associate Director: Louis Bruhnke
Programs Manager: Wendy Chapman

3340 Glenwood Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-2081

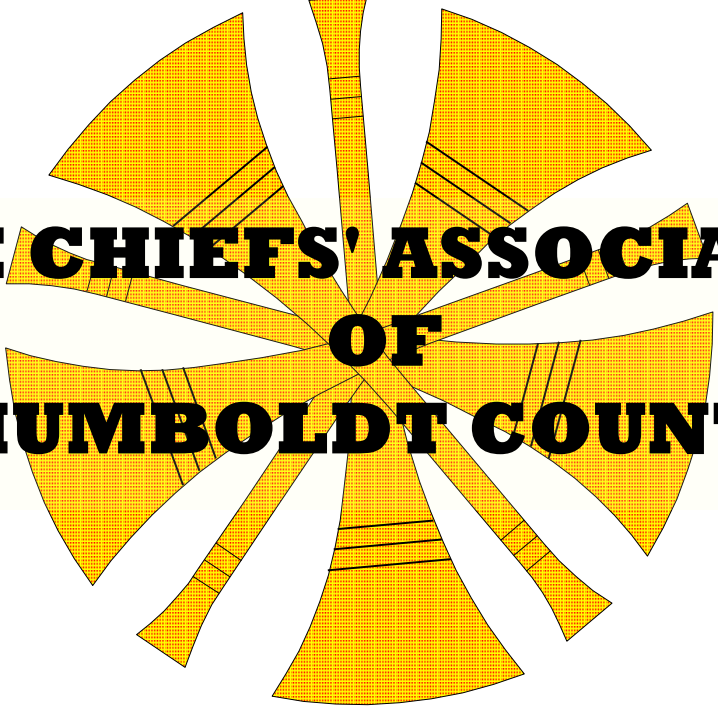


North Coast EMS has provided local EMS agency services for the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and southern Trinity since 1976. Our overall responsibility is to provide coordinated medical oversight for all aspects of the three-county EMS system. The Agency serves as the primary coordinating entity for this life saving EMS system, which is made up of hundreds of prehospital 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 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 2012:

- Certified EMT-I: 390
- Accredited Paramedics: 52
- Approved EMT Training Programs: 2
- Approved 1st Responder Training Programs: 10
- Advanced Life Support Agencies: 7



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