

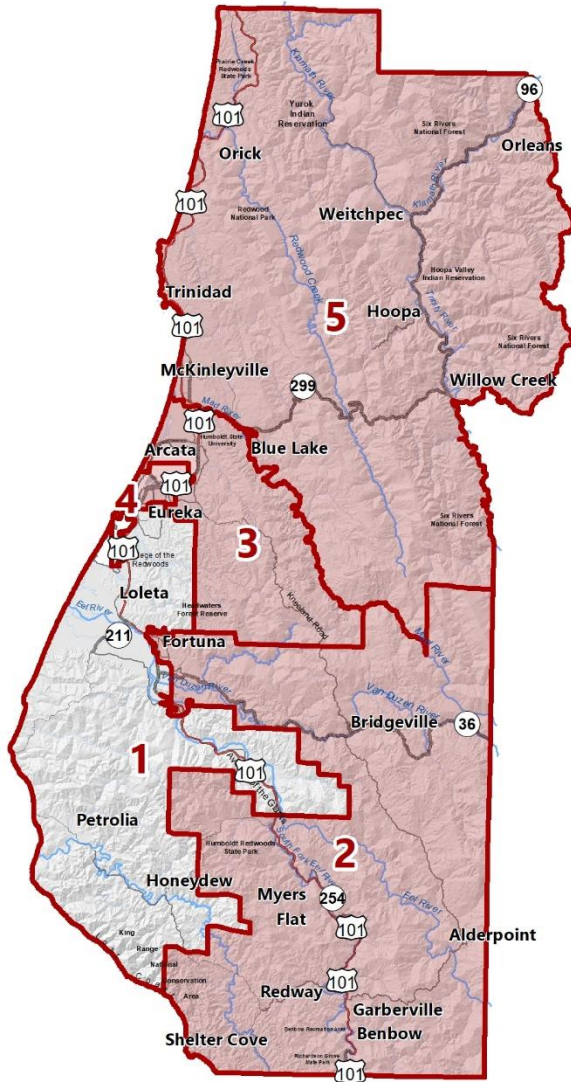
# Humboldt County First District

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## Fire Departments:

**Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department**

**Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company**

**Loleta Volunteer Fire Department**

**Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department**

**Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company**

**Scotia Volunteer Fire Company**

## Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department

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The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) provides firefighting and emergency services to the Ferndale Fire Protection District (FFPD). The FFPD is responsible for a 42 square mile area containing the City of Ferndale, rural communities and farmland of the lower Eel River Valley on the south side of the river, and the Wildcat Ridge. The FVFD was founded in 1897 and is comprised of 27 members, with a Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, four Captains and Lieutenants, and 16 firefighters. Some of our current volunteers are third and fourth generation FVFD members.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Maintaining a strong volunteer base with increasing training requirements and an increasing number of calls each year.

The historic Ferndale Fire Hall was built in 1910 and still houses front line apparatus. Larger, modern engines and water tenders are housed in the new building across the street from the original hall, which was completed in 2010. FVFD has one light rescue truck, two Type-1 engines, one Type-2 engine, two water tenders, a quick attack truck and two Polaris UTV’s. The FVFD continues to conduct its Annual Fund Drive, visiting every home and business in the district checking smoke detectors and providing information about fire safety. Ferndale Fire is also providing address markers to rural residents free of charge to assist in finding their address in case of an emergency. Other community events include the Annual Fireman’s Games on Ferndale’s Main Street held on President’s Day weekend, two community blood drives, fire safety presentations, and the lighting of the tallest living Christmas tree in the world every December.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
8	6	26	14	138	10	27	5
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>234</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
5,000	1,002	240	275	27		16	

\*Due to the nature of available data, the incident responses reported above may over or underestimate actual responses.

# Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company

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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 three separate, strategically located fire stations, and are in the process of establishing a fourth in Panther Gap. We respond with a 6-wd water tender, two Kaiser Type-6 engines (federal excess 4wd's from the Vietnam War era), a 2003 Ford F-550 crew cab brush rig, and a new-to-us 2000 Ford F-450 brush rig, both Type 6 engines. Our community is approximately 400 strong and has consistently supported us financially. With their collaboration, we have completed three first-rate single-purpose stations, the third adjacent to the CAL FIRE Mattole Station. Annually, HVFC produces the "Roll on the Mattole," an all-day music, crafts, and family-fun fundraiser that includes the Mattole Wildland Firefighters' Challenge.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Our community is small in population but large in area. Keeping our roster of volunteer firefighters and providing adequate training is always a challenge. New training requirements call for increased class time and costs. The cost of complete insurance coverage for our company and board of directors keeps us striving for grant funds and donations, which is constant and time-consuming. Raising money for the next newer fire truck competes for the money we raise each year. We have 2 remaining FEPP Kaiser Engines and would like a third newer quick-attack 4-wheel-drive brush rig to replace one.

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 2018. The fire company has become an Organizational Member of the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association, participating in 4 projects, assisting in the successful and beneficial burning of hundreds of acres and gaining invaluable experience. In collaboration with the Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council, we completed a fuels reduction project on Doreen Drive. This work greatly enhances ingress and egress for a major subdivision and significantly improves a vital evacuation route.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
12	1	3	1	8	0	12	1
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>38</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
400	1,000	600	1,500	12		4	

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## Loleta Volunteer Fire Department

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The Loleta Volunteer Fire Department provides firefighting services to the Loleta Fire Protection District, which was formed in 1900 and currently has 23 active members. We currently have one paramedic and are registered as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Department. We serve over 1,500 community members by utilizing the district's Type-1 Engine, two Type-2 Engines, one Type-3 Engine, one quick attack Gator with slide in pump and tank for off-road use, and one water tender. Our fundraisers include the Loleta Antique Show, Pit BBQ, and Annual Flea Market. Funds from the antique show help maintain the pavilion, which provides a public rental location for many events. Thanks to Measure Z we received wildland and structure turnouts to replace some aging sets. In 2017, we added a Gator OHV with a slide in pumping unit, capable of carrying a stokes basket for our many rural responses, with funding from a USDA 75/25 grant. Over the past couple years, we have graduated firefighters from the Explore program to active members in our fire department. One of the challenges and needs we face is the lack of daytime responders; luckily, we have a great relationship with our neighboring Departments that lend us a hand when needed.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
28	7	10	44	154	2	9	29
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>283</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,458	1,324	450	800	25		0	

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# Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department

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**Captain:** Jim Stephens

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The Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) provides firefighting services to the Petrolia Fire Protection District (PFPD) and its outlying areas.

Our apparatus include one 2,000-gallon water tender, two Type-3 engines, a Type-1 engine, an ambulance-type medical rescue vehicle, and an ATV with a winch and side-by-side setup for medical rescue. For as much as we give to this community, they give back. Two examples are the outstanding turnout and generosity we receive at our yearly BBQ and auction. This is in addition to the many miscellaneous donations we receive throughout the year. We also recently purchased a used fire engine, personal protective clothing and breathing apparatus with Measure Z funding. This enabled us to replace some old and unsafe equipment.

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 2018. PVFD 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.

**Challenges & Needs:**

It has been challenging to stretch resources to cover a large response area, including areas located outside of the PFPD boundary. We looked at expanding our boundaries to match where we regularly respond to emergency calls but after much discussion and evaluation, we decided not to move forward at this time.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
3	2	7	4	17	3	4	5
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>45</b>
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>				<b>Personnel</b>			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1250	2250	600	900	23		6	

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# Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company

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The Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company (RVFC) 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.

We respond with the following apparatus: a 2000 Type-1 Quality Spartan 6716 that has 1,000-gallon tank 1250 gpm pump acquired with Measure Z funds; a 1996 5-person rescue rig 6775 equipped with Amkus extrication gear; a Type-2 6725 engine and Type-4 6745 engine, which are stored on the Shively side of the river.

Through the Fire Chiefs' Association Measure Z funding, we are looking forward to building a structure for our apparatus.

### Challenges & Needs:

RVFC still does not have a firehouse where apparatus can be kept secure and out of the elements. A firehouse would also provide a central point for training and bringing volunteers together. The company has been fundraising and reaching out to foundations for assistance. It has been difficult for the RVFC to attract and retain volunteer firefighters, but efforts are underway to improve participation. Since the Weott department was disbanded, we have been providing services outside of our response area.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
0	0	4	5	16	0	34	4
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>63</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
100	140	15	12	8		0	

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**Challenges & Needs:**  
 One of the biggest challenges for SVFD is the number of volunteers.  
 The SVFD would like to extend a huge Thank You for Measures Z and O to assist those who serve.

The Scotia Volunteer Fire Department has 10 volunteers who provide fire protection, medical, and rescue services to approximately 800 people in a response area of 2.2 square miles. The SVFD takes pride in our volunteers who provide the best services to those in need.

Apparatus consist of 2016 Rosenbauer Type 1 Engine - 1250 gpm pumper; 1985 Pierce Type 1 Engine - 1500 gpm Pumper; 1997 Ford Quick Attack - 250 gpm Pump; 1990 Chevy Suburban Medical Response; 2017 Dodge Fire Chiefs Command Vehicle; 2006 Chevy Pickup Utility; and 2015 Polaris Side x Side off road response.

With funding from Measure Z and Measure O, SVFD was able to purchase 12 sets of Wildland Fire Fighting Equipment last year.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
7	12	13	13	62	0	14	0
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>121</b>	
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>				<b>Personnel</b>			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
229	520	0	39	10		3	

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