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Fire Departments:

- Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department**
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- 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 33 members, with a Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, four Captains and Lieutenants, and 22 firefighters. Some of our current volunteers are third and fourth generation FVFD members.

Challenges & Needs:

Replacing outdated SCBA bottles, and maintaining a strong volunteer base with increasing training requirements and regulations.

The historic Fire Hall was built in 1910 and still houses front line apparatus. Larger, modern engines and water tenders are housed in the new building across the street from the original hall, which was completed in 2010. FVFD has one light Rescue Truck, three Type 1 Engines, two water tenders, a Quick Attack Truck and other assorted equipment. The FVFD continues to conduct its Annual Fund Drive, visiting every home and business in the district checking smoke detectors and providing information about the department. Other community events include the Annual Fireman’s Games on Ferndale’s Main Street held on President’s Day weekend, fire truck rides on the Fourth of July, two annual community blood drives, fire safety presentations, and the lighting of the tallest living Christmas tree in the world every December.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	10	24	13	115	5	4	8
Total Responses						182	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
3,880	1,920	635	275	33		0	

Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company

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Established in 1987 as a 501(c)(3) 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. We respond with a 6-wd water tender, three Kaiser Type-6 engines (federal excess 4wd's from the Vietnam War era), and a new-to-us 2003 Ford 550 crew cab. 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, the 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 another newer fire truck competes for the money we raise each year. We will be turning in the oldest FEPP Kaiser engine, and would like another newer quick-attack 4-wheel-drive brush rig to replace it.

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 2016. The fire company continues to assist with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan, which include those things that will reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire. We are currently starting a fuels reduction project on Doreen Drive, which will help protect the homesteads along that road above Honeydew, in cooperation with the Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	2	4	4	16	1	-	2
Total Responses							32
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
300	800	500	800	16		4	

Loleta Volunteer Fire Department

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Asst. Chief: Andy Helzer

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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 we 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, and one water tender. Our fundraisers include the Loleta Antique Show, Pit BBQ and Annual Flea Market. Funds from the antique show assist in maintaining the pavilion and funds from the flea market assisted us in purchasing composite cribbing for auto extrication. In 2015, we purchased a new Type 1 Engine from Pierce. Thanks to Measure Z we were able to complete our SCBA project and we received wildland and structure turnouts to replace some aging sets.

Challenges & Needs:

Our goal is to build our number of volunteers up to 30. We also need to recruit more volunteers who don't work outside of the district and can be available for daytime calls.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	10	31	42	140	10	8	20
Total Responses						264	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,624	1,224	425	850	23		0	

Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department

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Captain: Drew Barber
Captain: Jim Stephens

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

Our apparatus include one 2,100 gallon water tender, two Type 3 engines, a Type1 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. We also receive miscellaneous donations throughout the year.

Challenges & Needs:

It has been challenging to stretch our 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.

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 2016. 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.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
4	3	5	6	20	5	5	5
Total Responses							53
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1000	2200	600	900	20		5	

Redcrest Volunteer Fire Company

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Captain: Steve Jones

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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: 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, and is utilized for traffic accidents and minor incidents.

Challenges & Needs:

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

Through the Fire Chiefs Association Measure Z funding we received our new engine, a 2000 Quality Spartan with a 1000 gallon tank and Extrication equipment in April, 2017.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
2	0	9	18	25	-	-	1
Total Responses							55
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
-	150	60	40	4		7	

Scotia Volunteer Fire Company

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

Apparatuses used include Engine 7012, a 2016 Rosenbauer Type1, 1,250 gallons per minute (gpm) Pumper; Engine 7014, a 1985 Type 1, 1500 gpm pumper; Engine 7047, a 250 gpm Mini Pumper; Rescue 7075, a medical Response Vehicle; a Chiefs Pickup 7000; and a Rescue Trailer 7071 which carries Jaws-of-Life and rope rescue equipment.

This year, the SVFD was able to purchase a UTV vehicle for off road responses from donations and fundraisers.

Challenges & Needs:

As per Measure Z, acquiring wildland turnouts is the main need for this Fire Department; however, we did not receive an equipment inquiry this year. Additionally, in the future we would like to increase volunteer staffing to 20 members, with an ultimate goal of 30 volunteers.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
5	9	36	16	75	3	10	0
Total Responses							154
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
494.57	523.25	-	80	13		3	