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Fire Departments:

- Arcata Fire Protection District**
- Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department**
- Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department**
- Humboldt Bay Fire** (*see 4th District for 2015 Report*)

Arcata Fire Protection District

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Every Effort. Every Hour. Every Call.

The Arcata Fire Protection District is a combination department, utilizing both career and volunteer firefighters, to protect the 37,000 residents living in the City of Arcata and the communities of McKinleyville, Bayside, Manila, and Jacoby Creek for a total service area of 62 square miles.

Providing service to over 27% of the total population of Humboldt County is increasingly difficult as our population continues to grow and our call volume increases, given the current budgetary climate. We, just as everyone else, have come to rely on our neighboring jurisdictions through auto and mutual aid agreements where we share resources and ensure that the closest and most appropriate resources are dispatched first. It is now commonplace to see vehicles from multiple agencies at incidents throughout the County.

To protect the District’s wide mix of industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, beaches, and Wildland Urban Interface areas we staff two career firefighters at each of the three stations and operate five Type 1 Engines, one Type 3 Engine, one Rescue, one Ladder Truck, one 3,000-gallon water tender, and one Multi Casualty Incident Response Trailer.

As it becomes more challenging to maintain staffing and response capabilities, we will continue to evolve and meet our community’s diverse needs with *Every Effort. Every Hour. Every Call.*

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
30	62	64	80	1,438	65	302	889
Total Responses						2,930	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
6,256	4,773	-	-	25	25	12	

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

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Blue Lake and Willow Creek fire departments providing extrication at a motor Vehicle Collision involving a local news reporter. Response to this area is currently funded by Measure Z. Location: Hwy 299, 14 miles out of Blue Lake Fire district response area.

The Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department provides service to the Blue Lake Fire Protection District which includes the City of Blue Lake, the communities of West End road, Liscom Hill and Glendale Drive. Our district area is just less than 14 square miles. We have 18 volunteers and one full time employee. This year we will be presenting a tax measure on the November ballot in hopes of securing funding for the one full time employee that has been funded for the past 10 years by a service agreement with the Blue Lake Rancheria. The funding request will also be to fund building additional truck bays to house our apparatus that is sitting out in the harsh North Coast weather.

Challenges & Needs:

We are continuing to replace our aging apparatus. As we find used apparatus to meet our needs, housing them inside is no longer possible due to the size of our station. Continuing to park our apparatus outside will have a negative impact on the length of time the engines will be useable and will require more frequent replacement. We will attempt to pass a tax this year in hopes of expanding our current station or building a satellite station.

Our equipment includes Rescue A-8546, Engine 8511-Type 1, Engine 8512-Type 1, Engine 8537 –Type 3, two water tenders (2,200 gallons and 1,750 gallons), two sets of Jaws-of-Life 5 defibrillators, BLS medical and low-angle Rope rescue gear.

Incident Response							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
12	16	55	31	124	2	21	31
Total Responses:							292
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
1551	1672	125	252	18	1	0	

Kneeland Volunteer Fire Protection District

"Making a positive difference within our community in which we live and serve"

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The Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) provides structure fire, medical-aid, vehicle accident rescue, and vegetation fire response for residents and visitors within the Kneeland Fire Protection District (KFPD) response area and beyond. KFPD is a rural, 38+ square mile district; however, their response area is nearly 120 square miles. In 2014 the KFPD "supplemental property tax", was approved by voters with over 82% of the votes. This new financial resource provides the much needed funding for department development, apparatus maintenance and outdated equipment replacement. The completion of a fire station is the primary focus for 2017-18. KVFD has five certified EMT, one paramedic, one Chief, and two Captains. All firefighters are trained annually in structure firefighting, low angle rope rescue, BLS/CPR-PRO/AED, Jaws of Life vehicle forcible entry, and basic wildland fire response.

Challenges & Needs:

KFPD's out of district responses continue to stretch our limited operating budget. Maintaining older fire apparatus is the greatest expense. Most of KFPD out of district response areas are unpaved, mountainous, and poorly maintained roads. This reduces apparatus service life, and skyrockets annual maintenance costs. Unfortunately parcel owners in these "out of district areas" do not share in the financial support of KFPD. Currently, Kneeland's "out of district response areas" are not officially serviced by any local fire agency for medical, hazardous conditions, structure fire, or vehicle accidents. Due to response times and close proximity, KFPD is the dispatch choice as a responding agency. Most agree it is time for these communities to take financial responsibility.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	2	1	7	14	2	2	2
Total Responses						33	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Admin.	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
246	727	335	411	9		5	