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## Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Jack Sheppard  
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The Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) was established in 1955 and provides fire protection and emergency medical services through the Fieldbrook-Glendale Community Services District (CSD). The FVFD serves approximately 1,235 residents. In addition, a mutual aid agreement has been established with Arcata and Blue Lake FPDs to allow sharing of resources when necessary.

Work continued through 2015 to annex parcels that are in the response area of the FVFD, but outside of the CSD district boundaries. This annexation was approved and the Department commenced coverage in the Fall of 2016 with the FVFD parcel assessment applied to the 16-17 County tax role.

The Department is staffed by 23 firefighters, six of which are certified EMTs. The Department is equipped with the following apparatuses: a 2006 Rosenbauer Quick Attack truck (8747), a 1996 International Becker Pumper (8715), a 1990 Beck Pumper (8717), and a 2007 Peterbuilt water tender (8756).

**Challenges & Needs:**

In their effort to maintain firefighter safety and NFPA & OSHA compliance the Department is actively seeking:

1. Turnout washer-extractor.
2. Integrated breathing air cylinder recharging system.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	12	10	3	23	0	3	16
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>70</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1623	1200	1695	450	23		6	

## Hoopa Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services

**Chief:** Rod Mendes  
**Division Chief:** Raldon Brown  
**Battalion Chief:** Nels Nelson  
**OES Assistant Chief:** Serene Hayden

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The Hoopa Fire Department is a chartered stand-alone organization within tribal government, and is solely operated and managed by the Hoopa Valley Tribe. The Hoopa Fire Department is a national resource and responds across the nation to provide assistance to Local, State, and Federal agencies when requested. The Department functions with three (3) Type 3 and two (2) Type 4 engines and a Type 2 water tender, plus various overhead. The Department is fully integrated in the National system as a leader for Tribal Fire Departments across the Nation. The Department not only responds to fires, but provides additional assistance when requested for other all-risk response arenas. The Fire Department was established in 1987. The Hoopa Fire Department also has the pleasure of hosting the Tribal Office of Emergency Services within its organization. The Office of Emergency Services is an all risk program that is responsible for disaster planning, response, preparedness, and recovery from disasters. With both programs attached under the leadership of the Chief of the Department, the Fire Department is tasked with operational responsibilities all year round.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
218	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>251</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Full Time	Temporary	Seasonal	
<i>Not Applicable.</i>				11	-	14	

# Hoopa Volunteer Fire and Rescue

## HOO-9600

**Fire Chief:** Amos Pole  
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Training burn, with our good friends at Willow Creek VFD

Hoopa Volunteer Fire and Rescue (HVFR) is a community-based volunteer organization established in the late 1970s by the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as an all-risk organization, with its primary mission of structural fire suppression.

The Department strives to provide our community members and traveling sightseers with dedicated, professional firefighters in medical, technical rescue. The HVFR provides protection services to approximately 4,400 people within a 144 square mile area and surrounding communities, and a portion of the southernmost area of the Yurok reservation on Hwy 169. In addition, we have mutual-aid agreements with the Orleans VFD and the Willow Creek FVD. Our members are from all walks of life, some being police officers and local dispatcher workers, medical and health care workers, H.U.D. housing employees, electrical linemen, E.P.A scientific employees, fish habitat technicians, and social services workers. Having numerous swift water rescue technicians, high/low angle rope rescue operators and extensive knowledge of our surrounding backcountry and rivers helps us to provide a faster response to any incident that may arise. Apparatus available are two Type-1 fire engines, a Ford Utility F150 Rescue vehicle, a Ford Excursion Command vehicle, and two 16-foot outboard jet boat units. We also have a retired ambulance vehicle as our new rescue-2 support unit. The department is funded by donations from the Hoopa Valley Tribe, our small community and support from the BIA.

Humboldt County and Measure Z has been an invaluable asset over the last few years with the purchasing of Turnouts, Radios and SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) which our department would never be able to purchase on our own.

### Challenges & Needs:

As all volunteer fire departments know, the lack of funding to properly operate is a huge challenge. Our fire house was built in the early 1970s, and is in desperate need of rebuilding. Our older engine is on its last leg! Out of the two type-1 engines we operate one has major problems, which puts our community & business at risk. Several of our rescue vehicles are stored off site due to the lack of a building.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Hazmat/Menace	Other Services
-	51	26	16	24	6	34
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>157</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
775	208	140	188		19	3

## Orick Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** James Simmons  
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The Department's new Measure Z funded 4 wheel drive fire engine will allow us to access all roads in our district as well as outlying areas. This engine also has a larger pump, which will improve our structure fire suppression capabilities.

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 (OCSD). The OVFD responds to calls within the OCSD boundary, which is 2.3 square miles, and beyond, with a total response area of 123.8 miles. Apparatuses used include one water tender, one engine (1991 Pierce Engine Pumper), a 1998 F-450 4x4 pickup truck that carries water and a Jaws-of-Life, and a rescue van that also carries a Jaws-of-Life. The OVFD is made up of 13 volunteers and has mutual aid agreements with CAL FIRE and Redwood National Park. We are currently working on a mutual aid agreement with Klamath Fire Department, which will improve the response time for areas on the north end of the bypass. We have training for two hours a week, with part of that training for equipment maintenance. We typically have one fundraiser a year—our booth at the Orick Rodeo. Our community supports us greatly. Last year we were grateful to have received equipment from Measure Z, including turnouts, wildland PPE, SCBAs and portable radios. This year the department received a Measure Z funded 4 wheel drive fire engine that will allow access to all roads in the district.

**Challenges & Needs:**

We are in need of a generator to provide emergency backup power for the water system (during power outages the pumps currently do not work), the fire hall, the OCSD office, and the community hall which could serve as an emergency evacuation site. We are also in need of a computer and internet connection or phone at the station to help with training and general communications, as well as a camera.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
5	1	19	31	87	5	3	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>152</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
250	300	150	200		13		8

## Orleans Volunteer Fire Department

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**Asst:** David Medford

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**Chief Phone:** 530-509-5218



The Orleans Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) provides fire and ALS/BLS medical service to the lower-middle Klamath River community. Incorporated in 1968, our response area extends from two miles north of Weitchpec, north through Orleans and Somes Bar to Ti-Bar in Siskiyou County. The department maintains a 1985 Kenworth Type Structure Engine (9711), a 1985 Ford F800 Type 3 Wildland Engine (9741), a 1973 Kenworth 3,500 gallon water tender (9751), and a 1988 Ford F250 Rescue Rig (9771). We were unsuccessful in our request for a grant from AFG to replace the rescue rig and, at FEMA's request, re-submitted this year.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Some of our current needs are replacing outdated vehicles and equipment. Our first-out structure rig is not NFPA compliant and its replacement is top priority. We also need to replace our deteriorating fire hall. Paying for training for our new volunteers and medical examinations for all is difficult without reliable income.



Some of the OVFD's accomplishments in 2016, in addition to responding to incidents and keeping up on our training, included recruiting several new volunteers. We also helped with another successful Firewise day at the two local elementary schools in coordination with the Forest Service and the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council. Orleans has been a Firewise community since 2011. In 2016, we installed blue dots, purchased with a Firewise grant, on paved roads in Karuk Tribal Housing and on county and state roads to indicate location of fire hydrants in the central Orleans area. We received a wonderful gift from Phil and Susan Sanders of a parcel of land in 2016 so that we can build a new fire hall on land outside of the flood zone. In 2016, we completed a lot line adjustment through Humboldt County Planning, and hope to build a new hall in 2017. In 2017, we welcome our newly elected chief Jesse Meyers and thank Todd Salberg for his service to our department and our community.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
7	2	8	7	45	3	3	0
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>75</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Support	
752	864	850	1950	18		8	

## Trinidad Battalion CSA #4 (Amador Program)

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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 CSA #4 resources work 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 two sets of the Jaws-of-Life, a full complement of rope rescue equipment, and a thermal imaging camera.

Of the 366 emergency responses, 200 were within the CSA boundaries, and 94 responses were to assist the City of Trinidad, Orick, and the Trinidad Rancheria. The remaining 72 responses were primarily vegetation fires, illegal burns and vehicle accidents throughout Humboldt County.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fire	Struct. Fire	Other Fire	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	HazMat	Public Assists	Other Services
49	10	49	40	190	5	9	14
<b>Total Responses:</b>						<b>366</b>	
Career Hours:				Personnel:			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Fulltime	Volunteer	Auxiliary	Seasonal
746	1359	1,907	0	10	0	0	19

## Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Tom Marquette

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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 Company. Our apparatuses include a Type 1 fire engine, a Type 4 4x4, and a Type 7 rescue vehicle.

Our original fire house was constructed in 1917 with volunteer labor and materials. In 1958, the department building received an addition to house a new Type 1 vehicle of that era.

**Challenges & Needs:**

At this time we have plans to further modify the firehouse to accommodate today's larger Type 1 vehicles and are currently seeking funds for construction.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
0	2	12	2	35	1	3	0
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>55</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
120	450	194	0	9		0	

## Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department

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Founded in 1950, the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD), which is a volunteer fire company not a fire protection district, is supported solely by donations and our annual bake sale, *“The Wild Blackberry Festival.”* The festival 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. All WVFD equipment is funded through grants and donations.

Apparatus used include an E8411 1963 Crown Fire Coach (1000 gpm/750gal), an A8444 1986 F350 E-One (250 gpm/250 gal), an E8455 1975VanPelt (300 gpm/2500 gal) water tender, and a Rescue 8477 2001 Expedition 4x4. WVFD is hoping to soon replace its 53-year-old primary engine with a more modern apparatus.

### Challenges & Needs:

The Westhaven Fire Station is not adequate to meet the needs of the department and WVFD is working to secure funds to construct an addition to the station in the near future to be able to continue to improve the service WVFD provides to the community.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
8	6	14	5	73	5	12	2
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>125</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
250	190	80	1,020	9		15	

## Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Nathan Falk  
**Asst. Chief:** Timothy La Londe  
**Captain:** Cory Hicks  
**Captain:** Beverly La Londe  
**Captain:** Samantha Smith

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The Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department (WCVFD) was founded in 1957 after two major business fires in downtown Willow Creek. The original fire department consisted of nine members and responded to 10-15 calls per year. The Willow Creek Fire Protection District was established in 1959. WCVFD serves the town of Willow Creek and a large portion of Eastern Humboldt. Our population is around 1,800. WCVFD is an all risk fire department and we are dedicated to serving our community with integrity and professionalism. Currently, WCVFD is in the process of replacing our aging rescue truck. We hope to have a new rescue truck in service by early 2017.

The WCVFD 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 2016. The fire department continues to assist with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan. Firewise actions include those things that will reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.



Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
11	6	26	57	171	6	11	8
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>296</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
910	1200	200	300	16		0	

## Yurok Volunteer Fire Department

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The Yurok Tribe Volunteer Fire Department (YTVFD) 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 YTVFD is overseen by the Yurok Tribe Department of Public Safety. The YTVFD operates out of a fire station in Weitchpec and serves an area of 80 square miles, with approximately 350 residents. The YTVFD is made up of six volunteer firefighters with 10 auxiliary firefighters who respond to structural and wildland fires, as well as calls for medical and rescue services. The YTVFD uses one Type 4 wildland Initial Attack vehicle and one F-250 first responder vehicle.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Communication in our service area is very difficult and with limited resources it has been a huge challenge to equip all our firefighters with the proper radio equipment. We are in desperate need of upgrading our communication and call out systems. With only one initial attack vehicle and such a large response area our response times are at over 30 mins on average. Ideally we would like at least one more Type 4 Initial Attack vehicle and one more first responder vehicle.

The YTVFD is also committed to participating in the newly developed cultural fire burns and works with the Cultural Fire Management Council to bring traditional fire practices back to the Yurok Tribe ancestral territory. The YTVFD supports community wellness events and traditional ceremonial dances as well.

***Note:** The developers of this document were not able to retrieve the necessary information to complete the following table as they were unable to make contact with the Yurok VFD. Consequently, there are no volunteer hours reported and the personnel numbers are the same as reported for 2015. In addition, the incident response data are provided by CAL FIRE and were not confirmed by the department.*

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
15	1	7	-	3	-	1	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>28</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
No Report	No Report	No Report	No Report		6		10