

# County, State and Federal Fire Services in Humboldt County

## **Arcata/Eureka Airport Fire Hall** *(Humboldt County Public Works Aviation Division)*

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The Arcata/Eureka Airport Fire Hall provides firefighting services to the travelling public of Humboldt County's regional airport. The Airport Fire Hall operates as part of the Humboldt County Public Works, Aviation Division. The Airport Fire Hall has a 2008 Oshkosh 1500 Stryker, a specialized Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) vehicle. It carries 1,500 gallons of water and 210 gallons of Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF), which creates a barrier over fuel spills, removing the oxygen and smothering the fire. The truck also carries 500 lbs of dry chemical. It has a Caterpillar C-16 engine; the truck can accelerate from 0-50 MPH in under 25 seconds. It can pump 750 gpm at high flow and 300 gpm at low flow. A second ARFF vehicle is a Ford F-450 truck that carries 150 gallons of water/AFFF mix and 500 lbs of dry chemical. Thanks to Measure Z funding, the crew is replacing their expiring "Silvers" for some new "Structural" turnouts.

The Airport Fire Hall staff is also responsible for all the maintenance and fueling at the Arcata/Eureka Airport and the maintenance at the five other general aviation airports in the county (Murray Field, Kneeland, Rohnerville, Dinsmore, Garberville).

Incident Responses			
Vegetation Fire:	Medical/Public Assists:	Emergency Standby:	
1	8	8	
<b>Personnel:</b>	8	<b>Total Responses:</b>	<b>17</b>

## **CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit**

**Unit Chief:** Hugh Scanlon

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The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) serves and safeguards the people and protects property and resources in State Responsibility Areas, as well as portions of federal lands in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. The Humboldt-Del Norte Unit is comprised of Fire Control and Resource Management. The Unit’s Resource Management program operates out of six offices and is focused on sustainability of all natural resources including timber, as well as education and research on forest pests, and fuel reduction programs to reduce fire danger. The Fire Protection program is comprised of fire suppression equipment, personnel and support staff at 11 stations, three conservation camps, one Interagency Command Center, one air tanker base, one helicopter base, as well as a Fire Prevention Bureau, a Fleet Management division, Pre-Fire Planning Battalion, and a Training Bureau.

The Unit was pressed into full local commitment for the majority of the 2015 summer due to increased initial attack activity and four significant large fires. The largest and most demanding was the Humboldt Lightning Complex in SE Humboldt County, where 91 lightning strikes ignited 75 fires in a two-hour event, resulting in one home and 4,883 acres burned.

Unit employees work closely with other local emergency responders from all agencies and disciplines through mutual- and automatic-aid agreements and provide services and education to many local communities. CAL FIRE is committed to working cooperatively with the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Fire Safe Councils, and other community and government organizations.

<b>Incident Responses (Within Humboldt County)</b>							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Other Services	
196	47	343	198	633	50	293	
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>1760</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>							
Conservation Camps	Fire Stations	Emergency Command Center	Air Program	Resource Management	Law Enforcement	Admin Staff	Seasonal Positions
39	30	9	8	15	3	13	111

## US Forest Service Six Rivers National Forest

**Forest Supervisor:** Merv George  
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The Six Rivers National Forest serves the people and protects the wildland, managing fire on the landscape while considering land management objectives, the Forest Service Mission, and the Federal Fire Policy (FFP). We evaluate risks with a broad scientific perspective, as well as years of knowledgeable experience from our staff ranging from biologist to fire management officers. In accordance with our goals from the FFP, we seek to create resilient landscapes, fire adapted communities, and provide, most importantly, a safe efficient wildfire response. In Humboldt County, the Six Rivers National Forest and the Redwoods National Park federal agencies protect both federal, direct protection areas and state protection areas, depending on the location. We work closely with CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Hoopa Wildland Fire Department, as well as local volunteers. When supporting the Incident Command System we both call on and send resources from around the nation and the world.



Incident Responses			
Wildland Fires	Smoke Checks	Law Enforcement	Public Assists
40	41	152	80
			<b>Total Responses</b>
<b>313</b>			
Personnel			
Full Time	Temporary		Seasonal
46	24		8