

Humboldt County Fire Services Annual Report 2008



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OF
HUMBOLDT COUNTY



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The Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association is pleased to submit to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors the first Humboldt County Fire Service Annual Report for 2008. It is our hope that the statistics that have been compiled will demonstrate our commitment to the overall county fire and life safety. The statistics shown here represent both career departments as well as all volunteer departments.

There are forty two fire departments located within Humboldt County. Of those, only four are paid career fire departments (Arcata, Cal Fire, Eureka and Humboldt Fire District 1). The career fire departments protect approximately 47,500 residents principally located in the greater Humboldt Bay Area. The remainder of the county, which comprises approximately 83,820 residents, is served by thirty eight volunteer based departments. Cal Fire Emergency Command Center in Fortuna provides emergency dispatching and coordinates responses for 35 fire service organizations in the county.

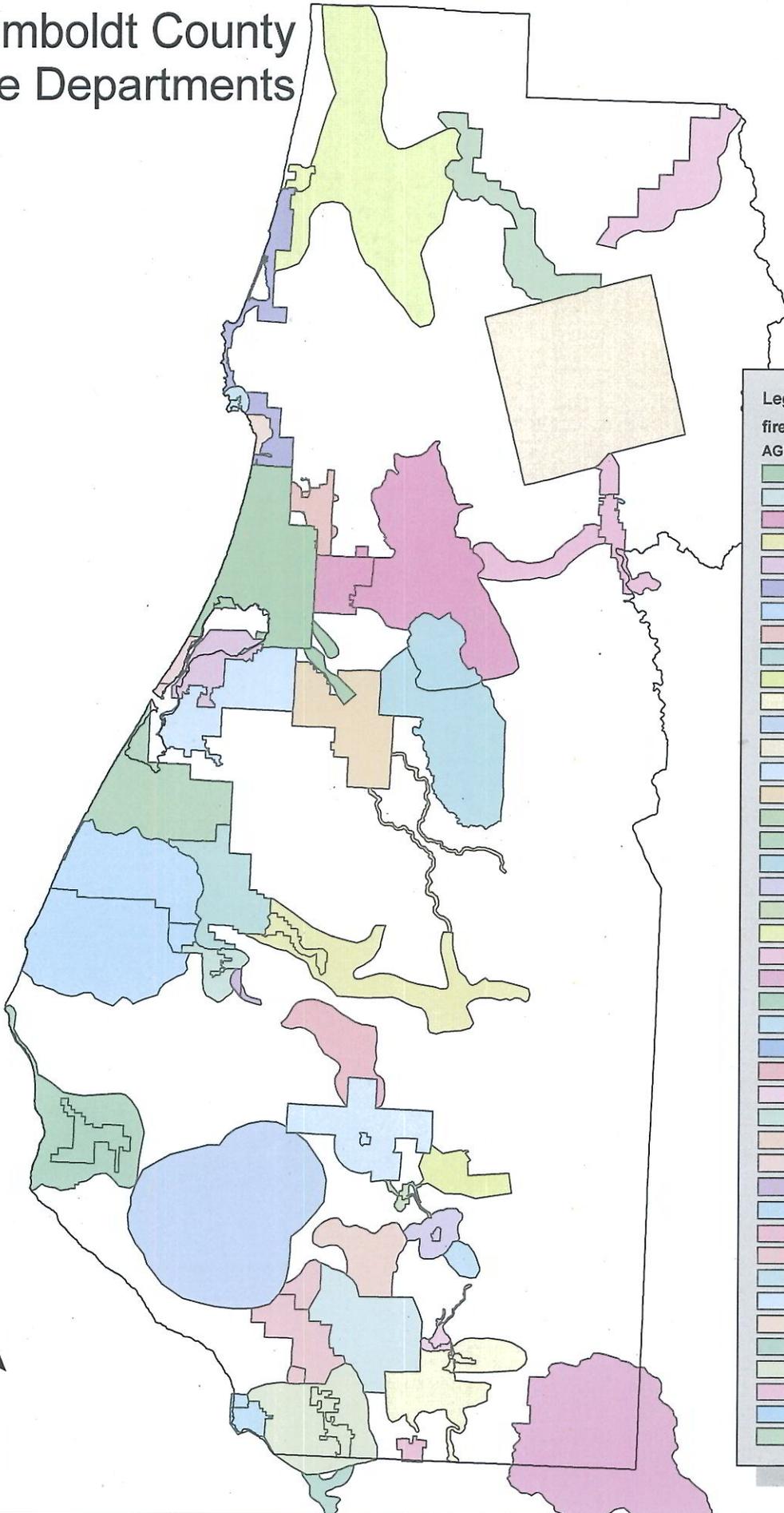
Approximately 90% of the fire service in Humboldt County is provided by volunteers. This is higher than the national average of 85%. Seven of the volunteer departments rely upon donations as their sole source of funding. In addition to fund raising, the members of these seven departments must also attend regular training sessions as well as respond to emergencies.

The Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association is proud of our department's service to the county and our efforts to enhance public safety. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors continued support of the fire service will undoubtedly assist us in saving lives and protecting our vital infrastructure. We appreciate all that the Board has done for the local fire services and look forward to working with the Board in the future.

Sincerely,

Brian Anderson
President, HCFCA

Humboldt County Fire Departments



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AGENCY

- Arcata Fire Protection District
- Beginnings Volunteer Fire Department
- Blue Lake Fire Protection District
- Carlotta CSD
- City of Eureka
- County Service Area #4 District
- Ferndale Fire Protection District
- Fieldbrook CSD
- Fortuna Fire Protection District
- Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company
- Garberville Fire Protection District
- Honeydew Volunteer Fire Department
- Hoopa Valley Tribe
- Humboldt #1 Fire Protection District
- Kneeland Fire Protection District
- Korbel Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Loleta Fire Protection District
- Maple Creek Volunteer Fire Company
- Miranda Volunteer Fire Department
- Myers Flat Fire Protection District
- Orick Community Services District
- Orleans Volunteer Fire Department
- Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department
- Petrolia Fire Protection District
- Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Department
- Prosper Ridge Volunteer Fire Department
- Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department
- Redway Fire Protection District
- Rio Dell Fire Protection District
- Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Department
- Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District
- Scotia Volunteer Fire Department
- Shelter Cover Volunteer Fire Department
- Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Department
- Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District
- Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department
- Weott Volunteer Fire Department
- Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department
- Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company
- Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department
- Willow Creek Fire Protection District
- Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Dept
- Yurok Volunteer Fire Department



Jimmy Smith Humboldt County First District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2391

Fire Departments:

Briceland Volunteer FD
Ferndale Fire Protection Dist.
Honeydew Volunteer FD
Loleta Fire Protection Dist.
Petrolia Volunteer FD



Briceland Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Tim Olsen POB 1249, 4438 Briceland Rd. (707) 923-7204 office
Asst. Aurora Studebaker Redway/Briceland, CA 95560 (707) 223-0822 cell



Station 1 (Briceland) 3 apparatus bay: E5411 Type I, 750gal.,1250gpm, crew cab, diesel; E5436 Type III, 500gal., 1000gpm, crew cab, 4wd, diesel; A5446 Type IV 200gal, 500gpm, 4wd, gas; WT5454 Type II Water Tender, 3200gal, 700gpm . **Station 2**(Crooked Prairie) 2 apparatus bay: E5432 Type III, 500gal, 500gpm, crew cab, gas; WT5466 Type II Water Tender, 1200gal, 500gpm,4wd,gas. All engines are foam capable, along with EMT-I level EMS equipment. **Station 3** C5400 Chief, Command/EMS, 4wd, SUV, medical and Lt. rescue equipment, AED. BVFD is financially supported by community contributions, fund raising events, and Cal Fire cover assignments

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Strut Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menac	Service
20	4	11	13	27	3	5
					Total Responses	83
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenanc	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
3210	110	98	1210		25	5

Ferndale Fire Department

Chief Tom Grinsell
Asst. Mike Thomas
Asst. Dennis DelBiaggio

PO BOX 485
 Ferndale, CA 95536
<http://ferndalefire.org>

707-786-9909



The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1897 and currently is comprised of 35-40 members. Some of our current volunteers are 3rd and 4th generation FVFD members. The historic Fire Hall, built in 1910 is located on Brown St. Ferndale Fire has one Rescue Truck, one Type 1 Engine, two Type Two Engines, two Water Tenders, a Quick Attack Truck and other assorted equipment. Our District follows the Eel River from just this side of Price Creek down to the mouth of the river, to just south of the Navy base back to Price Creek, crossing the Wildcat a mile or two up.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
12	15	11	10	93	4	6
					Total Responses	151
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
2,000	1,800	N/A	500		38	N/A

Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Ian Sigman

PO BOX 74
Honeydew, CA 95545

707-629-3445



Established in 1987, the Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company serves a response area of nearly 100 square miles. The HVFC operates four wildland “quick attack” engines, and one 6x6 water tender, from four stations. The HVFC has no formal district boundaries, and our income from the community is by voluntary contribution. Honeydew's response area is rugged and isolated, presenting challenges for wildland and structure fire fighting, as well as with emergency medical, and rescue services.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
4	0	0	4	10	1	0
					Total Responses	19
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1000	1250	400	750		16	0

Loleta Fire Protection District

Chief Ken Nielsen
Asst Jeff Robison

P.O. Box 119
 Loleta Ca. 95551

707-733-5407



The Loleta Fire District currently has 3 Paramedics and is recognized as an Advanced Life Support Department with North Cal EMS. The last couple of years we have been training with Ferndale, Fortuna, HFD and Eureka Fire Departments for Mutual-Aid requests. This year we have ordered a new Type 2 Engine to update aging equipment. We have (3) Father / Son, (2) Husband / Wife and (2) Brother / Sister Families as active members. Along with most of the wives that help out any way they can, you might say that we are very family oriented.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
18	7	19	30	97	3	15
Total Responses						189
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1662	1425	36	900		25	15

Petrolia Fire Protection District

Chief Travis C. Howe

58 Sherman Street
P.O. BOX 169
Petrolia, CA 95558

707-629-3558



There are 4,100 volunteer hours taken from incidents, training, maintenance, fund raising prevention, community service and other department related functions. We have 22 volunteers who serve as responders, maintainers, secretaries, dispatchers, administrators and fundraisers as well as all the other things it takes to run a department.

For as much as we give to this community, they give back. Two examples would be the outstanding turnout and generosity for our yearly BBQ and auction as well as the great donation for the new addition. We also receive miscellaneous donations throughout the year.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
4	0	3	6	10	1	0
Total Responses					24	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1,000	3,100	0	0		22	0

Clif Clendenen Humboldt County Second District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2392



Fire Departments:

Alderpoint Volunteer FD
Bridgeville Volunteer FD
Cal Fire Humboldt-Del Norte Unit
Carlotta Community Service Dist.
Fortuna Volunteer FD
Fruitland Volunteer FD
Garberville Fire Protection Dist.
Miranda Volunteer FD
Myers Flat Fire Protection Dist.
Palo Verde Volunteer FD
Phillipsville Volunteer FD
Redcrest Fire Protection Dist.
Redway Fire Protection Dist.
Rio Dell Fire Protection Dist.
Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Co.
Scotia Volunteer FD
Shelter Cove FD
S. Humboldt Technical Rescue
Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection Dist.
Weott Volunteer FD
Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company
Whitethorn Volunteer FD

Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Michael Joe Valk
Asst: Sterling W. Kercher

P.O. Box 164
 Alderpoint, CA 95511

707-923-1665



The department was organized in November, 2007. We have 17 members, 10 are certified first responders. Several members have completed the S130 Firefighter training program. Engine 7731 is a 1979 GMC 500 gallon, crew-cab, gas type 3 fire engine. Engine 7732 is a 1979 Chevy 300 gallon, 3 passengers, and gas type 4 fire engine. Both engines were acquired in 2008. Alderpoint VFD has strong support from the community. We have had several fund raisers and have done several community service projects.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
10	2	1	1	5	0	0
					Total Responses	19
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
100	3445	50	705		17	3

Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ben Fleek
Asst. Brian Sturgill

25620 Hwy 36
 Bridgeville, CA 95526

707-777-3424

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
7	4	0	7	40	0	0
				Total Responses		
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
800	400	100	100		8	3

Cal Fire Humboldt-Del Norte Unit

Chief Ralph Minnich

118 South Fortuna Blvd.
Fortuna, CA 95540

707-725-4413



CAL FIRE serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources in State Responsibility Areas and portions of federal ownerships in Humboldt and Del Norte County. Training for employees and other fire service organizations provide the basis for responding to and mitigating emergencies and potential damages. Working from 11 fire stations, 3 conservation camps, 2 aircraft bases and 6 Resource Management offices, Unit employees work closely with and provide service to the many communities with local responders or by mutual aid request. The Fortuna Interagency Command Center, Law Enforcement/Prevention Bureau, Fleet Management and Service Center are disciplines within the Unit. CAL FIRE is committed to working cooperatively with the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and other community and government organizations.

Incident Responses							
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service	
259	56	191	152	283	39	248	
Total Responses						1228	
Personnel							
Conservation Camps	Fire Stations	Emergency Command Center	Air Program	Resource Management	Law Enforcement	Administrative Staff	Seasonal Positions
36	22	7	9	18	4	11	100

Carlotta Community Service District

Chief Darrell Bardin
Asst: Ron Horn

PO BOX 33
 Carlotta, CA 95528

707-768-1714
 707-768-9549



Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department has 3 EMTs and 8 First Responders for 13 volunteers. The Rapid Response 1983 Chevy 1-ton responds to all medical calls is accompanied by a 1986 GMC Utility Truck that carries 250 gallons water & has foam. For wild land & structure fires we have a 1980 Ford F600 Pumper with 550 gallons of Water, 1968 Ford Van Pelt Pumper with 750 gal, 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper/Tender Combo with 2500 gal., and a 1971 International Tender with 3500 gal.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
13	4	4	25	43	5	4
					Total Responses	98
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
400	1075	200	200		350	175

Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Lon Winburn
Asst. Chief Tom Daetwiler
Training Chief Rus Brown

320 So. Fortuna Blvd.
 Fortuna, CA 95540

707-725-5021

Safety Officer Ted Silva



The FFPD provides fire protection services a population of 15,000 plus residents with-in the City of Fortuna and outlying areas including the Hydesville and Alton communities, encompassing approximately 26 square miles. The Fire Department, which is currently 100% volunteer, operates out of 3 fire stations with 5 fire companies of 13 members each, 1 Safety Officer, 2 Assistant Chiefs and 1 Fire Chief.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
34	16	59	54	79	5	300
Total Responses					547	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
1,953	2,382	N/A	N/A		69	27

Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Michael Lake
Captain Mike Wescott

P.O. Box 87
 Myers Flat, CA 95554

707-943-3402



Fruitland Ridge is a bedroom community 3 mi. E. of the Ave of the Giants, located between Myers Flat and Miranda. It has 133 residences. Area served, approx. 35 sq. miles: West to Elk Creek Road; East to Whitlow Road; North to McCann; South to Eel Rock Road. Sole source of funding: community donations, grants, and local events. There are 8 volunteers, two of which are medical first responders. Emergency apparatus: a 1974 International Fire Engine mid-ship pumper, 750 gal.; and a 1994 Freightliner Water Tender, 2250 gal. Auto aid: Cal Fire. Mutual aid is to and from; Myers Flat, Miranda, Weott, Redcrest and Phillippsville.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
9	3	3	2	8	3	1
					Total Responses	29
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
499	589	100	463		8	24

Garberville Fire Protection District

Chief Kent Scown (5700)
Asst: Mark Sigsworth (5701)
Asst: Todd Barton (5702)

P.O. Box 288
 Garberville, CA 95542

707-923-3196



Above: Members of the Garberville Volunteer Fire Dept. in 1962.



Left: Engine 5726 provides initial response to structure incidents.

The district operates from *Foltz Station* in downtown Garberville. *GFPD* provides fire and medical aid services within the defined sphere of influence, as well as extrication services to southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino. *GFPD* also houses *Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue*, a separate agency, and some members participate in staffing for that multi-agency endeavor. *Garberville Fire* has served the southern Humboldt community since formation in 1940.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
9	13	23	23	85	9	8
					2008 Total Responses	170
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
Hundreds of volunteer hours are spent annually in support of this agency					17	10+

Miranda Volunteer Fire Department

Chief 6000 Bob Harris

P.O. Box 160
Miranda, CA 95553

707-946-3100



The Miranda Volunteer Fire Department is made up of 10 responders. The Department has a 2004 Type one engine, a 1971 type two engine, one medical Suburban and a utility pickup. Other specialized equipment consists of a “Jaws of Life”, Rescue bags, Thermal Imager, 3000-gallon Folding Tank and a floatable pump. Miranda VFD has very strong support from the Miranda Community Services District and the Miranda citizens. A majority of support funds received is from water and sewer fees, but a 4th of July event and donations contribute, as well. Miranda VFD works with Cal Fire for mutual response inside and outside the Miranda boundaries.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
9	4	9	14	19	2	3
					Total Responses	60
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Volunteer hrs		Volunteer	Auxiliary
120	234	60	60		10	0

Myer's Flat Fire Protection District

Chief George Monroe

PO Box 131
Myers Flat, CA 95554

707- 943- 3094
Cell 707- 223- 3175



Engine 6930 is a Ferrara apparatus built on a GMC chassis in August of 2006. It's a Type 2, 400 gallon CAF system engine with a 500 gpm pump, driven by a 4 cycle. John Deere turbocharged diesel engine, making it pump and roll capable. E6930 has full medical gear and standard rescue equipment. Its full hose compliment allows it to serve as a structure apparatus as well as a wildland engine. The CAF system more than makes up for only having 400 gallons of water. Myers Flat has a very small population and has a difficult time keeping trained volunteers, having at this time just two on the department.

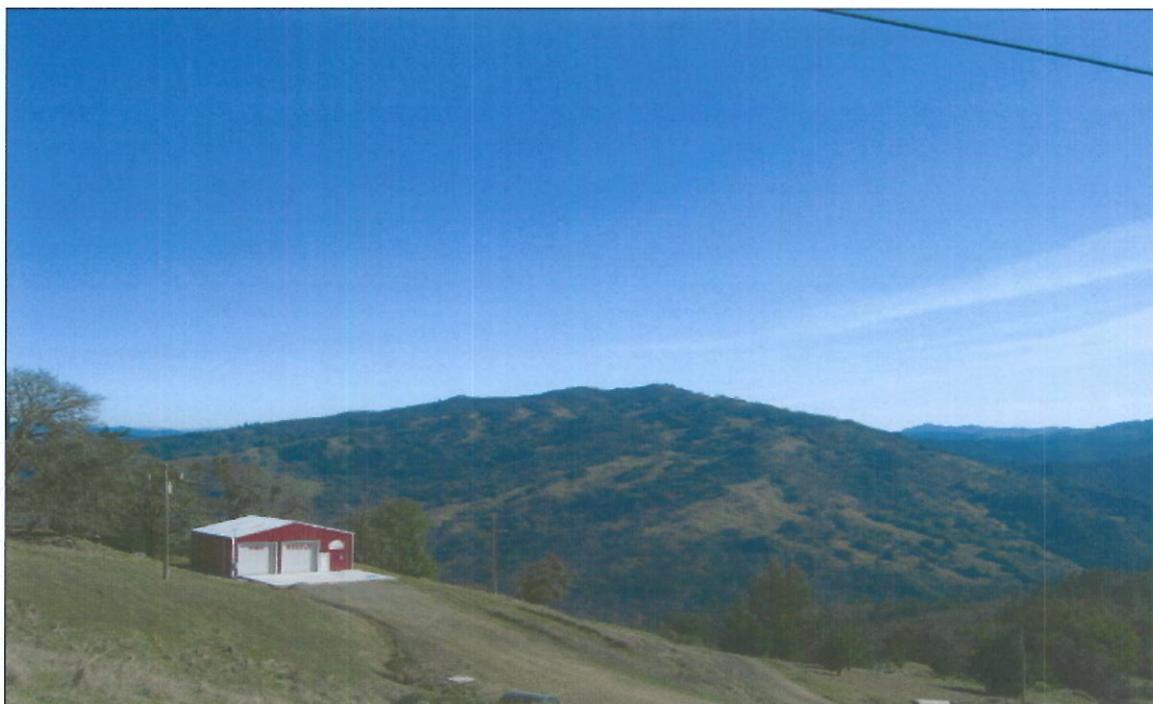
Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
12	6	15	15	24	3	0
					Total Responses	75
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
120	225	42	98		2	2

Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Joel Ficklin
Asst Ed Sher

P.O. Box 1381
 Redway, CA 95560

707-845-3282



The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department (PVVFD) was started in 1982 by the residents of the “Rancho Palo Verde” subdivision. Our Fire Department has grown over the years into a reasonably professional, year-around fire and emergency services agency, with an active membership of 12 firefighters all of whom are committed to 24/7 Fire/Rescue/BLS service. Today we have two fire engines in service, a Federal surplus 1989 Type 3 wildland fire engine and a 1978 4x4 quick attack/Brush truck. We have received Federal assistance to support our department from the U.S. Forest Service (surplus fire engines) and The Bureau of Land Management (funding for fire shelters, webbing gear and fire hose); other than that we exist solely by the support of our community and through fundraising at local concerts.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
7	0	3	3	5	1	0
Total Responses					19	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary
554	750	104	412	12		32

Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Hank Toborg
Asst: Rich Ton

P.O. Box 39
 Phillipsville, CA 95559

707-943-3555

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
5	2	3	6	12	1	0
					Total Responses	29
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
87	580	100	0		5	0

Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Louie Colantonio
Asst. Chief Larry Halstead

P.O. Box 27
 Redcrest, CA 05569

707- 722-4208



Redcrest 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, it is utilized on vegetation, structure, vehicle fires and medical emergencies; it is also equipped with extrication equipment. Rescue 6770 is a 1995 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive Utility Truck also equipped with medical equipment; it is utilized for traffic accidents and minor incidents. Redcrest VFD serves Redcrest, Holmes, Larabee, Shively and Stafford areas and the corridor of Hwy 101 and Hwy 254 from Dyerville Loop to Shively Road

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
10	1	5	10	14	1	0
Total Responses					41	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
70	40	14	25		4	0

Redway Fire Protection District

Chief Brian Anderson
Asst: Roger Ralsten

P.O. Box 695
 Redway, CA 95560

707-223-1498



The Redway Fire Protection District serves the community of Redway located in Southern Humboldt County. This year marks our 50th year of service as a state and county recognized fire protection district. Our all volunteer department serves the local communities with eleven dedicated fire fighters providing year round fire and emergency medical services. Apparatus operated by our members includes three structure type engines, one quick attack engine and one utility vehicle. Primary funding for our department is tax based and is supplemented with our annual BBQ fund raiser.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
9	12	7	4	75	9	9
Total Responses					126	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Paid	Volunteer	Auxiliary
431	280.5		380	1	11	0

Rio Dell Fire Protection District

Chief Shane Wilson
Asst. Bill Dillard
Asst. Kevin Harralson

50 West Center St.
 Rio Dell, Ca. 95562

707-764-3329



The Rio Dell Fire Protection District serves the City of Rio Dell and surrounding areas of Monument Rd, and Blue Slide Rd. The fire department was formed in 1944 and operates with a 100% volunteer staff. The District is an elected board consisting of 5 commissioners. The District depends upon property taxes and assessments for the majority of our funding. Under the direction of the fire chief, we consist of two assistant chiefs and three fire companies, totaling 28 volunteer firefighters.

- **Land Area Served**—62 square miles.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
11	18	18	16	240	8	19
					Total Responses	330
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Board	Volunteer	Auxiliary
300	75	25	125	6	26	12

Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Dan Gribi
Asst: Matt Stark

PO BOX 662
 Miranda, CA 95553

707-943-3006



Salmon Creek is a remote community of about three hundred homes and a private school. It's located about six miles west of Highway 101. Our volunteer fire department consists of twelve dedicated members including one EMT, two fire engines and an AED. We have a type 3 two wheel drive GMC engine and a type 4 four wheel drive quick attack. 2008 was a very active year for our department and with our winter shaping up like it is we are expecting 2009 to be no different. We are lucky to have many able bodies on our crew as well as a very supportive community.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
4	1	0	1	1	1	0
					Total Responses	8
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary
60	120	40	80	12		8

Scotia Volunteer Fire Department

Chief John Broadstock
Deputy Chief Bruce Reback

P.O. Box 185
 Scotia, CA 95565

707-764-4322
 Cell 707-845-2995



Significant Event—May 16th 2008, Big Rig verses passenger vehicle with fire, non injury Mutual Aid request—brought in Rio Dell Fire-Redcrest Fire-Cal Fire (Weott) and Fortuna Fire. (Picture above) with a Scotia Volunteer Fire Dept is one of the few trained rope rescue departments in the county, current active team of eight volunteers. Volunteer base is at twenty-three volunteers with a goal of thirty. Ladies Aux. base is at four members with a goal of ten. Equipment includes: Engine 7014 1500 GPM Pumper-- Engine 7017 1000 GPM Pumper--Rescue 7075 Medical Response--Engine 7047 Mini Pumper 250 GPM--Rescue Trailer 7071 Jaws of Life/Rope Rescue Equip--Chiefs Pickup 7000.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
4	9	8	6	47	2	4
Total Responses					80	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary
27	288	N/A	N/A	23		4



SHELTER COVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

9126 Shelter Cove Road
Whitethorn, CA 95589

707- 986-7507
FAX 986-7852

Chief Duty Officer: Sal Gurreri

Email:scfd@sheltercove-ca.gov



Engine 5111 is a Boardman 1000 gal. diesel Type 1.
 Engine 5131 is a 1984 Beck used in wildland and vehicle fires. It carries 350 gals.
 Engine 5146 is a 2004 1 ton P. U. with a 200 gal. tank for quick attack and is Foam equipped. Engine 5112 is a 750 gal. Pumper in ready reserve. Rescue 5171 is a 1994 1 ton Type III ambulance ALS/BLS capable. In addition, the Department has an 18 foot RHI boat, a Kawasaki, 4WD ATV and trailer and a newer Yamaha jet-ski and rescue sled.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
26	2	3	20	42	5	24
Total Responses						122
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
750	900	200	60		14	12

Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue

Chief Diana Totten

PO Box 1631
Redway, CA 95560

707-223-2455



The Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team is made up of 20 volunteer firefighters from 6 different fire dept. The team specializes in technical high and low angle as well as flood and swift water rescue. Team members are highly dedicated firefighters, who also train for and perform rescue work as an addition to the normal training and duties of their respective fire department. The Team has responded to plane crashes, vehicle accidents, river rescues, and fall victims.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
0	0	0	11	0	0	5
Total Responses					16	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary
1128	3200	80	240	20		0

Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District

Chief: Peter Lawsky
Asst: Howard Phun
Asst: Travis Strange

P.O. Box 1152
 Redway, CA 95560

707-986-7488



Telegraph Ridge Fire District is an all rural district with a mix of timberland, grazing land and rural residential. Engine 5533 is a 1985 used CAL FIRE engine. It is a type III diesel with a 500 gallon capacity. It carries wildland gear and tools along with medical bags and oxygen.

TRVFC hopes to repair or replace our 4WD quick response PU (with a 200 gallon slip in unit), to be in service for the 2009 wildland fire season.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
10	2	6	9	7	1	3
Total Responses						38
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
130	310	40	10		8	3

Weott Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Thomas Milligan
Asst: Bill White

PO BOX 269
 Weott, CA 95571

707-946-1953



Weott Volunteer Fire Department is administered by the Weott Community Services District. We are located in the “Heart of the Redwoods” on the Avenue of the Giants south of Fortuna. Annually, we sponsor two spaghetti dinners for the community and Avenue of the Giants Marathon. These events along with county and district resources help to fund the Department. Additionally, the Department was fortunate to acquire a new Pierce 1250 gpm engine through FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
6	3	5	17	19		1
					Total Responses	51
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Service Hours		Volunteer	Non Active
400	200	120	600		6	1

Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Leif Larson

P.O. Box 271
Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-223-1091

No additional information provided

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
4	2	1	1	1	1	3
Total Responses						13
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0	0

Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ben Fleseler

P.O. Box 183
Whitethorn, CA 95589

707-986-7728

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
9	2	6	5	10	1	4
Total Responses					37	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
100	96	70	0		11	5

Mark Lovelace Humboldt County Third District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2393

Fire Departments:

Arcata Fire Protection Dist.
Fieldbrook Fire Protection Dist
Kneeland Fire Protection Dist.



Arcata Fire Protection District

Chief John McFarland
Asst. Chief Desmond Cowan
Batt. Chief Russell Locatelli
Batt. Chief Justin McDonald

631 9th Street
 Arcata, CA 95521
 707-825-2000
www.arcatafire.org



Fire Capt. Jesse Cummings operates a Blitzfire monitor at 15th Street structure fire, April 1, 2008

Arcata Fire continues to modernize operations with the recent addition of 9 career personnel and the purchase of 3 fire engines and 3 command vehicles. The volunteer association is moving forward on the construction of a new fire station that will house career staff and serve as the business offices for the Fire District and volunteers. Grant funding is still being pursued. This year the District was awarded \$10,800 for the purchase of a turnout washer. Recent grant awards totaling over \$600,000 include new breathing apparatus, protective gear, radios, pagers and fire prevention and public education programs.

Incident Responses						
Struct Fires	Other Fires	EMS	Service	Mutual Aid	Value Saved	Value Lost
52	183	992	705	57	\$33,044,925	\$1,746,427
Total Responses						1989
Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Career	Volunteer	Training	Career	Volunteer	Support
9645	7989	1655	5739	19	24	4

Fieldbrook Fire Protection District

Chief Rich Grissom
Asst Joe Mello

4584 Fieldbrook Road
 Fieldbrook, CA 95519

707-839-0931



FVFD has approximately a 12,000 acre fire protection district with assets of a medical truck (E8747), two engines (E8715 & E8714) and a 2000g water tanker (WT8756). E8715 was acquired in 2007 via a FEMA grant and a truck trade. FVFD is involved with the community and Fieldbrook Elementary School. The department has been active since 1922. We actively train with practice burns, fire and/or medical simulations and truck drills, all in full turnouts. We also work closely with Arcata Fire (Mad River & McKinleyville). FVFD is a well rounded and diverse roster in both age and experience.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
6	5	2	2	22	2	5
					Total Responses	44
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
190	1060	350	30		18	5

Kneeland Fire Protection District

Chief Jim Andresen
Asst Rick Hardin

P.O. Box 55
 Kneeland, CA 95560

707-442-1360



Photo: Our department pictured on the foundation of our fire station.

Kneeland Fire Protection District provides fire and medical service to the residents and visitors of our rural 38+ square mile district. Kneeland Volunteers operate on \$16,000/yr budget with the main expenses being insurances, equipment maintenance and fuel. Recent accomplishments include Auto Defibrillator service, grant award for Automatic Snow Chains for our engine and increased fund raiser events for fire station construction.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
2	1	7	5	5	2	0
					Total Responses	22
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
182	504	172	338		7	7

Bonnie Neely
Humboldt County
Fourth District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2394



Fire Departments:

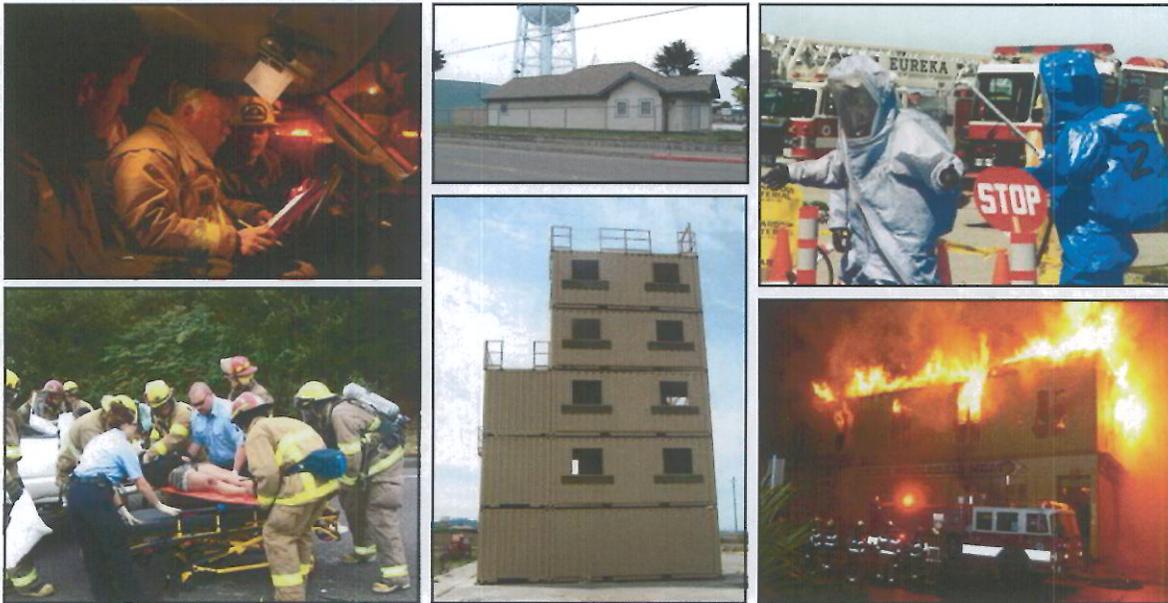
Eureka City Fire Department
Humboldt Fire Protection District #1
Samoa Peninsula Fire District

Eureka Fire Department

Eric M. Smith
Fire Chief

533 C Street, Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-4000

Bill Gillespie
Assistant Fire Chief



Mission Statement

To serve and protect our community through prevention, education, preparation, and emergency response.

To respond effectively with professionalism, courtesy, and pride whenever our services are requested.

The Eureka Fire Department is an active, full-service municipal fire department which provides service to the greater Eureka area. EFD strives to provide leadership within our community and the fire service. The recent implementation of the County-Wide Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement, Unified Vehicle Numbering System, and Multi-Alarm Matrix are prime examples of our commitment to improve coordination and effectiveness on a county-wide level. An additional and significant milestone is the recent completion of the Regional Multi-Discipline Training Tower and Classroom, which was only possible through a partnership with our neighboring fire department, Humboldt Fire District #1.

2008 Responses		Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis	
Structure	80	Fire Loss	\$1,624,045
Vegetation	43	Property Saved	\$26,515,665
Other Fire	77	Percent Saved	94%
Medical	1937	Hours	
Collision	91	Incident	5553
Haz Mat	117	Training	8390
Service	324	Maintenance	6037
Explosion	7	Personnel	
Good Intent	541	Paid	44
False Call	159	Volunteer	12
Total	3,376		

Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District

Chief Ken Woods
Asst: Marcus McCoy

3455 Harris Street
 Eureka, CA 95503

707-445-4900



Humboldt #1 FPD used donations in 2008 to purchase rescue jacks and air bags to facilitate responses to vehicle accidents. The District assists in funding the Fire Training Tower and the Fire Training Classroom, both owned by City of Eureka, and used by many agencies for public safety and fire training. The Assistant Chief acts as a full time Training Officer for the District.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
35	77	16	25	1026	37	452
					Total Responses	1668
Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Paid	Volunteer	Auxiliary
75756	6102	0	0	18	10	0

Samoa Peninsula Fire District

Chief Kevin Pope

1982 Grass St.
Samoa, CA 95564

707-443-9042



The Samoa Peninsula Fire District provides Fire and EMS services to two communities, a K through 8 grade school, the Samoa Cookhouse, a pulp mill, DG Fairhaven Power, an airport, a Coast Guard base, a county RV camp ground, a light industrial business park and over 6 miles of recreational beach. Our volunteers train every Monday night and put in many hours of additional training. Our department was successful in obtaining a FEMA grant in 2008 which allowed us to outfit each volunteer with much needed new protective clothing and breathing apparatus. The SPFD has a successful auto aid agreement with the Arcata Fire District for the town of Manila.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
18	12	15	5	66	5	2
				Total Responses		123
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
217	126	30	0		14	6

Jill Duffy Humboldt County Fifth District Supervisor

825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501
Phone: (707) 476-2395

Fire Departments:

Blue Lake Fire Protection Dist.
Hoopa FD
Hoopa Volunteer FD
Orick Community Service Dist.
Orleans Volunteer FD
Trinidad Amador
Trinidad Volunteer FD
Westhaven Volunteer FD
Willow Creek Volunteer FD
Yurok FD



Blue Lake Fire Protection District

Chief: Ray Stonebarger
Asst: Bob Giroux

P.O. Box 245
 Blue Lake, CA 95525

707-668-5765



Blue Lake Fire Department will use a portion of the money that was earned thru local agency agreement (assistance by hire) to purchase a type 3 wildland engine. This will provide needed protection for the growing urban interface areas of our district.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
24	13	23	27	82	6	14
					Total Responses	189
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
2785	1157	N/A	N/A		24	0

Hoopa Fire Department

Chief: Gary Risling
Div. Chief Op. Dick Kersh
Div. Chief Op. Pre/ Training Carl Smith

P.O. Box 369
 Hoopa, CA 95525

530-625-4366



The Hoopa Fire Department is the first wildland fire program within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the United States to be managed and operated by a tribe. The department prides itself for being a national leader within BIA funded fire programs. To develop and maintain the department, Hoopa is the first Indian program to operate and maintain Type III Urban Interface Engines as our standard pumping platform and is responsible for bringing this type resource to the BIA. This has allowed Hoopa to fully integrate suppression resources with our cooperators as a local, state or national resource. Hoopa personnel additionally participate on National, Regional and Local (Type I and Type II) Incident Management Teams.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
183	0	73	0	0	0	0
Total Responses						256
Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Full Time	Temporary	Seasonal
23,740	1240	0	0	10	7	6

Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Duffy Mott
Asst: Willie Hostler

P.O. Box 1321
 Hoopa, CA 95546

530-625-1118



The Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department established in 19— is a community volunteer organization established by the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council as an all risk organization with its primary mission of structural fire suppression. The department is funded by donations from the community and support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Hoopa Tribe.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
25	22	7	10	38	6	40
					Total Responses	148
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
500	120	80	60		14	0

Orick Community Service District

Chief: Ken Frick
Asst: Ed Roane

P.O. Box
 Orick, CA 95555

707-488-2475



We have one water tender, one engine, one 4x4 pickup that carries water and a rescue van. We have a jaws of life that is carried on the pickup. Our next purchase that we are saving for is a new pickup. We have two fund raisers a year and they are our booth at the rodeo and our fish fry at the end of August. We have ten Volunteers and have mutual aid with Cal Fire and Redwood National Park. We have training 1 ½ hours a week, with part of that training for equipment maintenance. Our community supports us greatly.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
2	4	6	28	42	6	2
Total Responses					90	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
360	550	100	200		11	0

Orleans Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Todd Salberg
Asst: Tom Bouse

PO Box 312
 38176 St Hwy 96
 Orleans CA 95556

Chief 530-627-3601
Station 530-627-3344



From L-R: Wildland Engine 9741, 1953 Mac Parade Rig, Rescue 9771, Structure Engine 9711, & Tender 9751

The Orleans Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated in 1968 to provide fire protection to the Orleans Somes Bar area. We currently provide fire and ALS/BLS medical service to the lower middle Klamath River community. Our response area extends south from Orleans to 2 miles north of Weitchpec and North along highway 96 to Ti-Bar in Siskiyou County. The department maintains a 1985 Kenworth Type I Structure Engine, a 1985 Ford F800 Type III Wildland Engine, a 1973 Kenworth 3,500 gal Water tender, and a 1988 Ford F250 Walk-in Rescue Rig.

Incident Responses for 2008						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
9	3	2	10	38	18	9
					Total Responses	89
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Support	
712	1628	550	424	20	9	

Trinidad Battalion CSA#4 (Amador Program)

Chief: Steve Hartman

923 Patrick's Point Drive
P.O. Box 749
Trinidad, CA 95570

707-677-3638



The Trinidad Cal Fire Station provides winter protection to the residents included in CSA#4. The residents are protected 24 hours per day by a 2002 Model 15 Fire Engine staffed with a Fire Captain and Firefighter. This Engine carries a variety of fire suppression equipment as well a compliment of medical gear including a life saving defibrillator. The Engine is also equipped with auto extrication gear such as the “Jaws of Life” and a full compliment of rope rescue equipment. The Trinidad crew works hand in hand with the local Volunteer agencies on a variety of incidents through out the winter months.

Incident Responses						
False Alarm	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
6	1	1	3	12	3	5
Total Responses					31	
Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Paid	Volunteer	Auxiliary
84	99	200	0	8	0	0

Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Tom Marquette

409 Trinity St.
P.O. Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

707-677-0224



The Trinidad Volunteers provide services to the city of Trinidad, and aid to Cal-fire and Westhaven.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
2	2	4	5	40	2	3
					Total Responses	58
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		10	0

Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Paul Rosenblatt
Asst: Shawn Worth

446/460 Six Ave. Westhaven 707-677-0388
 PO BOX 2143 Trinidad, CA 95570 707-496-6455



WVFD has a primary response area (450 homes) from Crannell and Clam Beach on the south to the Trinidad city limits with auto-aid on structure fires and major incidents north to Big Lagoon, and mutual aid as far north as Orick. Our apparatus is: A8444 a 1986 Ford F350 E-ONE 250 gpm/250 gal Attack/Mini-pumper (our rescue/medical truck); E8411 a 1963 Crown Fire Coach 1000gpm/750gal and Utility 8400 a 1992 Crown Victoria. A8444 was acquired in 2008 from the Fortuna VFD via a truck and \$ trade, U8400 from Arcata Fire in '08 and E8411 from EFD for \$1 in '04. Founded in 1950 we are supported solely by donations and our annual bake sale. The "Wild Blackberry Festival" is held the last Sunday in July, featuring blackberry pies and jam handmade by the Westhaven ladies club.

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
8	7	8	6	27	5	4
					Total Responses	65
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
310	1275	235	842		11	10

Willow Creek

Chief: Nathen Falk
Asst: Tim Lalonde
Asst: Corey Hicks

P.O. Box 51
Willow Creek, CA 95573

707-629-4161

No additional information provided

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
10	10	17	37	100	4	12
Total Responses						190
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
0	0	0	0		0	0

Yurok Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Barbra Coolie
Asst: Frankie Myer

HC 67
 P.O. Box 194
 Hoopa, CA 95546

530-625-4917

Incident Responses						
Veg Fires	Struct Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Service
12	1	6	9	16	3	3
Total Responses					50	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
400	100	0	Grant Money		15	0

**Total Volunteers Hours For
Humboldt County Fire Services**

Incidents

136,863

Training

50,286.50

Maintenance

9,633

Fund Raising

8,752

Total Hours

205,534.50