

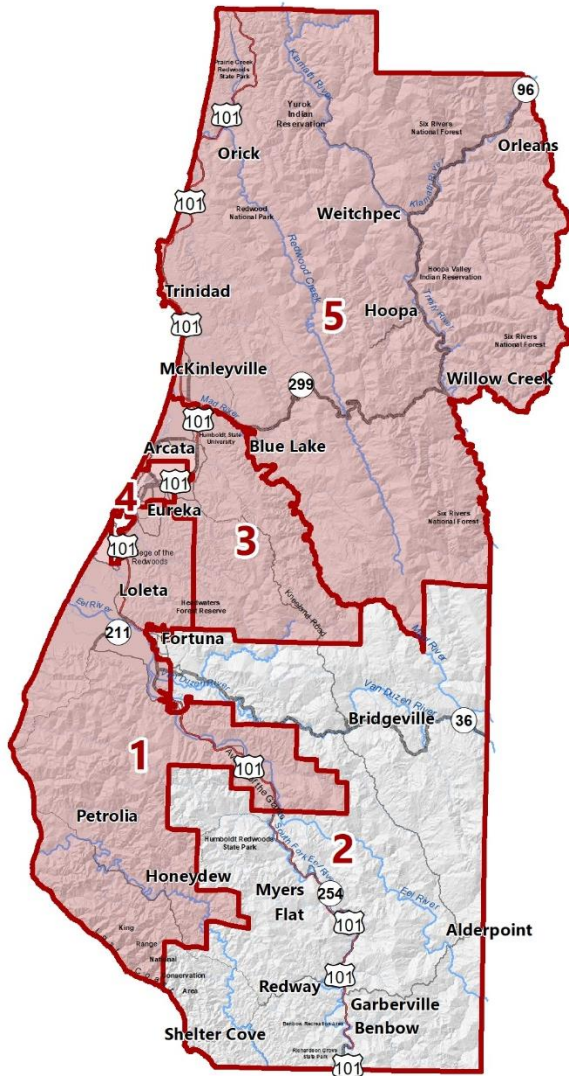
Humboldt County Second District

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Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Company

Briceland Volunteer Fire Department

Bridgeville Fire Protection District

Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Garberville Fire Protection District

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Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department

Sprovel Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Sterling W. Kercher
Asst. Chief: Michael Joe Vall
Asst. Chief: Robin Craig

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Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Department (APVFD) was established in November 2007. The Company has 17 dedicated volunteers, which includes nine first responders and three EMTs. We have a coverage area of 128 square miles in Southern Humboldt. Our apparatus include a three-passenger Ford 900 Type-2 engine with 750-gallon capacity and a five passenger 1990 Ford F-800 Type-3 engine with 500-gallon capacity. We recently received a 1991 Ford F-800 4WD Type 3 engine with 500-gallon capacity from the Federal Excess Program. This engine will be in service in the near future. All engines are equipped with firefighting and medical emergency supplies including oxygen and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). We also have Jaws-of Life and a ropes rescue kit. We provide mutual aid to Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Company, Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, Kettenpom-Zenia Volunteer Fire Department, Garberville Volunteer Fire Department and aid California Highway Patrol in traffic control. APVFD proudly serves our coverage area to the best of our abilities.

Challenges & Needs:

Since we got our new truck, we are now in need of supplies to get the truck stocked and in-service. We are in need of a vehicle specifically for medical calls. Transport to medical calls in the firetruck is very time consuming so we tend to take personal vehicles for faster response times. We are in the process of remodeling our fire hall to provide storage for volunteers and a training space for the Department. Our biggest challenge is that GPS doesn't work well in our area, so the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system tends to send us to the wrong place.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
9	2	7	6	34	1	-	2
Total Responses							61
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,910	1,150	-	435	17		3	

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Briceland Volunteer Fire Department

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Firefighting services for the Briceland Fire Protection District (BFPD) are provided by the Briceland Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD). The BVFD, an active member of the fire service in Humboldt County, participates in the countywide fire protection mutual aid agreement and has an active role in the Southern Humboldt County Technical Rescue Team. The BVFD provides a full range of fire protection services, including structure, wildland and wildland-interface suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, and general public assistance responses. We presently maintain 2 emergency medical technicians and 13 emergency medical responders on our roster. Services are financially supported by community contributions, fundraising events, CAL FIRE cover assignments, and revenue from the BFPD special tax.

Challenges & Needs:

Although we are embarking on our station building project with the help of Measure Z funding, we are still short of the total funds necessary for this ambitious project. We are continuing to fundraise and will potentially need to complete our project in stages as funds become available.

Our team of experienced long-term members and new recruits spent many additional hours over the season fighting fire both in Humboldt County and beyond, gaining valuable experience and helping to serve the wider community in their time of need. With the help of Measure Z funding and community support, we are continuing the process of designing and building our permanent station on a lot we have owned in downtown Briceland for many years. In addition, with the help of Measure Z funding, we have replaced our older Type-1 engine with a newer 4wd Type-1 (5416). Other apparatus used include two 4WD Type-3 engines (5436 & 5437), one 4WD Type-6 engine (5446), one 1500-gallon capacity Type-3 water tender (5463), and one 4WD Command/EMS Vehicle (5405).

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
2	0	11	5	8	0	50	2
Total Responses							78
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
668	1,520	255	560	19		17	

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Bridgeville Fire Protection District

Chief: Ben Fleek

Asst. Chief: Brandon Barnwell

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The Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) began operating in 2005 providing fire suppression, rescue services, emergency medical services, and hazardous material response to the Community of Bridgeville and the Van Duzen Watershed. In August 2012, the Bridgeville Fire Protection District (BFPD) was formed to establish an ongoing revenue source to support the delivery of fire protection and emergency services by BVFD. BFPD covers 196 square miles and approximately 126,000 acres – the largest district in the County of Humboldt. BFPD serves many micro-communities within the district, as well as coverage of State Highway 36, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline, and adjacent United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands which present a high risk of wildfire. BFPD currently has 12 trained firefighting personnel members, of which 2 are EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and all others trained as first responders. BFPD offers non-transport Basic Life Support (BLS) services.

In 2017, Bridgeville Fire Protection District received County of Humboldt Measure Z funding to purchase a 2017 Ford Rescue Truck. This multipurpose rescue is able to respond to medical calls, traffic collisions, fires, public assists needs and a variety of emergency situations with all first response resources on board. BVFD continues to submit proposals to local, State, and Federal funding opportunities for new modern equipment.

Challenges & Needs:

Local, State and Federal fire service requirements demand more training to be obtained and maintained by Volunteers making member recruitment and retention extremely challenging. As with most small rural departments, BFPD is challenged with aging equipment and facilities. Despite these challenges, BFPD continues to offer timely response and the ability to coordinate mutual aid when necessary to minimize the loss of life and property.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medicals	Haz-Mat/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
9	2	14	30	38	3	1	8
Total Responses							105
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
740	819	140	115	12		0	

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Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Kevin Burke
Asst. Chiefs: Todd Calvo
Captain: Rob Hayes

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The Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) provides firefighting services through the Carlotta Community Services District. The CVFD supports three EMTs and 7 First Responders, for a total of 10 volunteers. Our first-out engine is a 2001 E-One pumper (purchased with Measure Z funds, THANK YOU!) with 1,000 gallons. For medical/rescue, we have a 2008 F350 4x4 Super-Duty Rescue Truck outfitted with a state-of-the-art Hurst Portable Jaws/Ram/Cutter equipment, and a new portable air-bag stabilization system. A 1986 GMC ¾-ton rescue vehicle contains rope and rescue gear. Our backup fire truck is a 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper with 850 gallons of water. For wildland fires, rope rescues, and traffic control duties, we use a 2000 Ford F350 4x4 Utility Truck that carries rope gear, 150 gallons of water and foam. We also have two water tenders: a 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper/Tender Combo with 2,000 gallons, and a 1985 converted Military 6-wheel drive truck with 3,000 gallons.

Challenges & Needs:

One of our main challenges is trying to keep up with the increased medical training requirements (initial and recertification). The increase in required training hours for First Responders makes it difficult to retain volunteers.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
8	2	8	22	34	0	6	0
						Total Responses	80
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
500	260	180	100	10		0	

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Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Lon Winburn
Div. Chief-Ops: Rus Brown
Div. Chief-Safety: Jim Hinrichs

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Since 1904, the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department has been honored to be a part of this community. Our unpaid volunteers endeavor to provide the best fire protection possible for your families, homes, and businesses. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and give the gift of their time to protect our community.

The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of five fire companies which respond to Fortuna, Fernbridge, Palmer Creek, Hydesville, Alton, and the Metropolitan area. The eighty-position roster is comprised of one Chief, three Division Chiefs, a Chaplain, five Captains, ten Lieutenants, and sixty Firefighters. Volunteers respond from three fire stations—Hydesville, Campton Heights, and Fortuna, which house five fire engines, two ladder trucks, two water tenders, two rescue trucks, and support vehicles.

While Fortuna’s Fire Department is technically a combination department with 3 full-time positions on the roster, our long term goal is to provide the community we serve with a cost-effective, well-trained and professional volunteer fire agency through the implementation of modern and efficient programs while providing a variety of opportunities to our volunteers.

Challenges & Needs:

We, like all volunteer fire service agencies, continue to struggle with not only recruiting new volunteers but retaining them as well. The demands that we are forced to put on our volunteers due to mandates as well as routine training to assure their efficiency and safety are, for many, overwhelming. For those that stick it out and become one of the “fire family”, the benefits realized are immeasurable. For the communities they serve, they are a true blessing and an extremely valuable asset.

Incident Responses						
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Other Services
42	13	78	82	813	30	233
Total Responses					1,291	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Career	Volunteer	Auxiliary
2,921	3,111	200	200	3	77	22

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Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Michael Lake
Captain: Jimi Hensley

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The Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District is an all-volunteer department that provides firefighting and emergency services to Fruitland Ridge. Fruitland Ridge is a village approximately three miles east of HWY 254 (the Avenue of the Giants), located between Myers Flat and Miranda. The community contains 223 residences. The FRFPD has a service area that is approximately 35 square miles, spanning west to Elk Creek Road, east to Whitlow Road, north to McCann, and south to Eel Rock Road.



Challenges & Needs:

Needs: The Fire Hall requires repairs for the heating and water system. The fire hall kitchen needs to be upgraded for commercial use during disasters. Our plans include replacing our 1974 Type 3 engine for structure fires and get a set of "Jaws".

Challenges: Recruitment and retention of Volunteers and Auxiliary personnel.

In 2018, FRFPD staffed the first aid station at both of the Avenue of the Giants Marathons. Thursdays, all summer, were our local Bar-B-Qs. We put on a nice display at both County fairs showing our appreciation to the whole county for their contributions to the Measure Z funding.

Apparatus used are a 2010 Ford 550 4X4 Quick Attack and Rescue Vehicle, 1974 900-gallon International Fire Engine Pumper, and 1994 2250-gallon Freightliner Water Tender.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medicals	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
3	2	2	3	16	4	4	1
Total Responses							35
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
200	260	30	600	6		10	

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Garberville Fire Protection District

Chief: Kent Scown
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Asst. Chief: Todd Barton

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The Garberville Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) provides fire, medical, and extrication services to the Garberville Fire Protection District (GFPD). Formed in 1940, the GVFD also serves a large area outside of their district, including areas in Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino counties. The GVFD operates from Foltz Station in downtown Garberville. The Foltz Station also provides a home to the Southern Humboldt County Technical Rescue Team. In 2015, GFPD added a new Rescue vehicle which carries extrication equipment.

Challenges & Needs:

GVFD is continuing to explore expansion of district boundaries. Expansion would increase the number of potential volunteers, improve service and response times, and is expected to provide additional funding for resource and training improvement. Finding qualified and motivated volunteers is always a challenge.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
19	3	73	35	143	8	8	10
Total Responses							299
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,460	868	130	30	18		6	

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Miranda Volunteer Fire Department

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The Miranda Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) provides firefighting services through the Miranda Community Services District (MCSD). The MVFD is made up of 16 responders. Specialized equipment consists of a Jaws-of-Life. MVFD has very strong support from the MCSD and the citizens of Miranda. MVFD works with CAL FIRE for mutual response inside and outside the MCSD boundaries.

The engines in the fleet include:

Engine 6039 4x4 Type-3 1999 international 500 gpm and 500-gallon tank; Engine 6036 4x4 Type-3 1994 international 500 gpm and 500-gallon tank; Engine 6016 2004 Type-1; Spartan 1250 gpm and 750 tank; Engine 6046 2005 Type 6 4x4 dodge 250 gpm and 250 tank; and a Wt 6066 1997 water tender 4x4 freightliner 375 gpm 2,070-gallon tank.

Challenges & Needs:

Our needs for the future include an addition to our main hall so all trucks can be housed in one location indoors. We need more volunteers and additional funding to support the increased call volume.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
0	1	6	3	29	0	5	0
Total Responses							44
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
3,562	1,202	562	112	12		4	

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Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department

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The Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department (MFVFD) provides firefighting services to the Myers Flat Fire Protection District (MFFPD). The MFVFD serves approximately 200 residents at its peak but 100-150 fulltime. Apparatus used include Engine 6931, a Type-3 engine, and Engine 6930, a Type-3 engine with Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS), which was purchased in 2006. We recently complimented our emergency equipment with a full set of RESCUE 42 stabilization struts, cribbing, a new state-of-the-art Sager Emergency Fracture Response System (which can splint ANY extremity fracture in the position it is found), and a portable 2000-lumen LED scene light, an AED Unit as well as other medical equipment. Measure Z provided funding for SCBA's and wildland gear.

MFVFD contracts out for 1 four-day weekend each summer and heads up the fire protection crew for a music festival in Northern Mendocino County. The department earned \$1,200 total for the year 2018. We now have 9 volunteers, 3 have their EMS training and the others are beginning training and will be completed by the end of summer 2019.

Challenges & Needs:
With the growing number of volunteers, we are now in need of additional personal protective equipment – turnouts, helmets, boots etc.
The station is in need of repairs, especially a new roof but with the growing number of volunteers we have outgrown the space. We are looking at property now to expand our station.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Pubic Assists	Other Services
0	1	2	3	3	0	0	0
Total Responses							9
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
20	150	50	0	9		1	

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Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Christoph Fisher

Asst. Chief: Chad Gonsalves

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The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department (PVVFD) is a non-district fire company established in 1983. The department operates a fleet of four vehicles, which serve of population of approximately 4,000 across 115 square miles in Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino Counties. The PVVFD has strategically placed a total of 50,000-gallons of water storage tanks throughout our response area. Our department has grown over the years into a professional year-round fire department, operated by a membership of 12 first responders and 13 wildland firefighters.

The PVVFD receives no funds from parcel assessments. All revenue is generated from donations, payments from CAL FIRE calls, and the hard work of our fundraising volunteers.

Training of response personnel is an on-going issue. Training events sponsored by CAL FIRE, Reach Life Flight and other fire departments have greatly benefitted our department. Providing better aid to the community served is a goal of the PVVFD and a regional training facility is needed to provide volunteers current and up to date skills.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
2	0	3	1	5	0	0	0
Total Responses							11
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
250	1000	600	1200	25		15	

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Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Company

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The Phillipsville Volunteer Fire Company (PVFC) was formed in March of 1973. We provide medical and fire services for the town of Phillipsville and surrounding areas along the southern portion of the Avenue of the Giants. Using our water tender pictured above, the PVFC also responds to wildland fires throughout Southern Humboldt.

The PVFC does not have a tax-based fire district and exists solely on fundraising efforts by members of the community and the company for continued operations. We are always eager to recruit additional volunteers. Starting in 1989, the Phillipsville Community Services District (PCSD) began supplying water to the town and the PVFC. In 1998, the PVFC and the PCSD constructed a building to house equipment for the PVFC and the offices for the PCSD, also pictured above. Looking to the future, the community plans to join the administration of each entity in order to provide consistent funding and increased operations and emergency response services.

Challenges & Needs:

With an aging community and hard economic times, PVFC currently has only one member, the Fire Chief. He is hoping that by keeping trucks minimally maintained and actively pursuing volunteers the Company will come back to serve the community. Anyone that is interested in joining the PVFC please contact Chief Toberg.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
0	0	2	0	11	0	1	0
Total Responses							14
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
50	50	20	50	1		0	

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Redway Fire Protection District

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Asst. Chief: Brian Harper
2nd Asst. Chief: Pete Genolio

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The Redway Fire Protection District was established in 1958 and primarily serves the unincorporated town of Redway, located in southern Humboldt County. Our all-volunteer department also provides emergency service assistance to our neighboring local and state public safety partners. The RFPD is funded by a percentage of property taxes generated within our district, partial reimbursement from Proposition 172 funding, and our annual deep pit BBQ. Our responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing year-round emergency fire protection and emergency medical response and vehicle collision extrication. The RFPD fleet includes one utility pickup, two Type 1 fire engines, one Type 6 quick attack engine and one 2000-gallon water tender. This year, RFD purchased new vehicle extrication tools giving us the ability to remove collision victims from the most modern vehicles. In addition, a heavy lift airbag system was acquired.

As a result of the California *Subdivision Map Act*, all lands outside of established fire districts are prohibited from subdivision. Because of this, the County of Humboldt is pursuing fire districts (like Redway) to expand into these areas via district expansion. Funding to cover these expanded areas remains a sticking point between the fire districts and the county. Until this impasse is resolved, growth of property tax potential as well as reliable fire protection will remain severely handicapped.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
17	8	34	20	49	2	8	16
Total Responses						154	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
432	881	440	460	13		0	

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Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Shane Wilson
1stAsst. Chief: Ryan Heussler
2ndAsst. Chief: Josh Miraglia

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 Rio Dell, CA 95562



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The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department (RDVFD) was formed in 1944 and operates in the Rio Dell Fire Protection District (RDFPD), which serves the City of Rio Dell and surrounding areas of Monument Road and Blue Slide Road, with a total response area of 62 square miles. The district is governed by an elected board consisting of five commissioners. The district depends upon property taxes and assessments for the majority of our funding. Under the direction of the Fire Chief, are two assistant chiefs and two fire companies, totaling 27 volunteer firefighters.

Our apparatus include Engine 7112 a Type-1 1996 Freightliner 1000 gallon, 30 gallon foam, 1250 GMP Pump; Engine 7134 a Type-3 1995 Freightliner 750 gallon, 1250 gpm Pump; Engine 7135 a Type-3 2015 International 750 gallon, 30 gallon foam tank, 1250 gpm Pump, Rescue 7171 a Type-4 2005 Ford F550 4x4, 250 gallon, 15 gallon foam, 300 gpm Pump, auto extrication; Water Tender 7157 a 2010/2019 Freightliner 3000 gallon 10" quick dump; and C 7100 a 2013 Ford Expedition Incident Command/Immediate Response/Duty Chief Vehicle.

This year we retired our 1986 International Water Tender WT 7151 and replaced it with a 2010/2019 Freightliner WT 7157 in June of 2019.

Challenges & Needs:

Station Expansion

We need to add two bays to our station and improve facilities and fulfill ADA requirements.

Equipment

We need to replace our 1994 Freightliner engine pumper E7134. We also need to replace our current hydraulic Jaws equipment.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
11	4	43	24	231	13	38	8
Total Responses							372
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1,250	1,750	150	575	28		6	

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Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Joe Nolen
Asst. Chief:

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 Miranda, CA 95553

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Salmon Creek is a remote community of about 300 homes and a private school serving a 40-30 square mile area. It's located about six miles west of Highway 101. Our volunteer fire company consists of twelve dedicated members including one EMT, six Emergency Medical Responders, four fire engines, and two AEDs. We have an 1,800-gallon Type-3 water tender, a Type-2 1988 International Model 5 engine, and a 4 four-wheel drive Quick Attack. We are lucky to have many able bodies on our crew as well as a very supportive community.

Challenges & Needs:

Our main need is a new apparatus, with our present equipment being over 30 years old. Increased funding is always a need as well.

With the addition of our new personal protective equipment, provided through the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association Measure Z grant, we have been able to provide our community with wildland and structural firefighting capabilities from our entire staff.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
0	0	2	0	4	1	6	0
Total Responses							13
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
180	1920	900	80	12		0	

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Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Duty Officer: Nick Pape
Asst. Chief: Cheryl Antony Frank Wilson
Captains: Cassdy Etter, Logan Edwards

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Shelter Cove Fire Department provides Firefighting, Technical Rescue, and Ocean Rescue as well as advanced EMS services to the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District. The immediate District covers 49 square miles with extensive response well beyond district boundaries. Over 600 homes, numerous businesses, 9 hotel/motels, 2 popular beaches, and a public airport can be found within this district. The Shelter Cove Fire Department protects this District with 5 fire engines, 1 ALS/BLS ambulance, 2 ATV rescue units, and 2 ocean rescue units. The Shelter Cove Fire Department also owns hydraulic- and battery-powered extrication sets, heavy lift airbags, and various other specialty equipment. Shelter Cove Fire Department is dedicated to providing the upmost level of emergency medical care and fire rescue services to the residences and visitors of Shelter Cove with 10 Firefighter First Responders, 6 Firefighter EMTs, and 2 Paramedics/RNs. Our 24/7 Duty Officer Program ensures a fire officer is at the station during the day and allows them to take a fully equipped type-6 engine home at night providing response times of less than 5 min. The year 2018 was our first with a new budget. We have been able to complete some of our larger projects including a remodel of our fire hall, purchasing 2 state of the art TICs, a new command truck, and started the process of building a new type 6/ mini rescue from the ground up. We also acquired 7 new firefighters including 5 new female recruits, making 2018 our most successful recruiting year in 10 years.

Challenges & Needs

As a department and a county, we need to make sure that we meet the state and county training standards. This can be difficult for a rural department who already asks a lot of its volunteers.

It is extremely hard to keep our firefighters proficient without regular fires or live fire training opportunities. Some challenges we continue to have are convincing absentee property owners to reduce the fuel loads on the undeveloped lots and clean up and prevent illegal grows that become toxic dumps when abandoned. Shelter Cove is at a high risk of a deadly and devastating wildfire event. We have one way in and one way out. Due to poor culvert conditions our evacuation routes are in an unsafe condition, with temporary single lane bridges installed as a quick fix.



Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
1	0	22	6	49	2	100	0
Total Responses							180
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
928	2,039	150	48	17		1	

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Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company

Chief: Matt Kempe

Asst. Chief: Nate Kempe

President of the Board: Bruce Proctor

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707-223-1070

707-223-1449

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Incorporated in 1998 as a non-profit corporation, the Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company serves the Nielsen Ranch Subdivision in Garberville—a response area of 4 square miles. Our area of responsibility is rugged and isolated. To keep response times to a minimum, we presently maintain three separate, strategically located fire stations. Plans are in the works for adding one more fire station. Our response apparatus include two 4WD fire engine pumpers, each with a 300-gallon capacity; two 2WD fire engine pumpers, with capacities of 350 and 700 gallons, and two newer 4WD trucks that work for rough terrain. The equipment is old but well-maintained. We fund ourselves by selling ice cream at Summer Arts Fair and Reggae on the River. We have 20+ active volunteer members.

Incident Responses					
Vegetation Fires		Structural Fires		Other Fires	
0		0		0	
				Total Responses	0
Volunteer Hours				Personnel	
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Auxiliary
0	240	240	1,032	20+	0

*Due to the nature of available data, the incident responses reported above may over or underestimate actual responses.

Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Peter Lawsky

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Asst. Chief: Travis Strange

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Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District is about 30 square miles in the Ettersburg Area of Southern Humboldt. Our apparatus consists of two type 3 engines: a 2007 4x4 crew cab wildland pumper, purchased with Measure Z funds; and a 1985 2x4 ex-Cal Fire wildland pumper. We also have two type 6 quick response trucks, and a 2500-gallon water tender. We respond to traffic accidents, medical calls, wildland and structure fires within our district, as well as mutual aid with our neighbors in Briceland, Honeydew, Whitethorn, Whale Gulch, and Shelter Cove.

In 2018, our department responded to 6 abandoned vehicle fires, including a travel trailer and an RV. Two of these fires were crime scenes. The county abandoned vehicle abatement program has helped to reduce these incidents. We have continued in our quest to build a new fire station at the Ettersburg School site. We had hoped to have it erected in 2018, but things often take longer than expected. Pre-construction site preparations and the permit process were nearly completed in 2018, and we are confident the new station will be completed in 2019.

Challenges & Needs:

Our biggest issue is still financial. We have had mechanical problems with our engines that are more expensive than expected. There are also a variety of large expenses related to firehouse construction. The fire district board of directors, along with the fire company members, continue to work on fundraising efforts, including direct appeals, participating in events, and applying for grants.

Incident Responses						
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Public Assistance	Other Services
7	7	9	8	0	2	3
Total Responses					36	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	
235	750	50	460	12	2	

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Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

Fire Chief: Mike Leskar

Asst. Chief: Kyle Umina

Administrator: Nancy Peregrine

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We are a bi-county department, with our response area covering a portion of both Mendocino and Humboldt counties. We were founded in 1973 (after the Finley Creek Fire) and trained in wildland fire hand line construction from our nearby Thorn CAL FIRE Station. Our equipment has evolved from a small toolshed in our community meadow, to a firehouse with three engines: two Type-3 engines, both carrying 500 gallons, and a newer Quick Attack, which carries 280 gallons. The department supports itself in part with fundraising events like the Annual Labor Day Fundraiser at Four Corners. Our new volunteers are catching up on their trainings, both medical and wildland firefighting. We look forward to a quiet summer and fall!

Challenges & Needs:

Eventually we will need to upgrade our full size engines (1986 & 1987), but for now we are focused on putting together a side-by-side vehicle with a tank, pump and rescue basket, slip-on unit as a number of slides and slip outs have made the Needle Rock Road to Bear Harbor accessible only to small vehicles..

Incident Responses						
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Public Assistance	Other Services
5	2	0	0	3	0	1
					Total Responses	11
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Auxiliary	
150	150	75	250	20	0	

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Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Robert Puno
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Whitethorn Fire Protection District is an all-volunteer department. We are located in the upper Mattole Valley and provide service to approximately 300 residents in our district.

Challenges & Needs:

Some challenges are having enough volunteers to respond at any given time.

The problem with having more volunteers is having the funds to outfit them properly. Thanks to Measure Z, outfitting volunteers and small departments with needed gear has helped improve safety and the financial strain we all face. Some needs are more volunteers and more specialized equipment (water tender, extrication tools, thermal imaging, etc.).

Our department consists of 11 volunteers and 2 fire stations. Station #1 is located at 16312 Briceland Thorn Road. It houses a wildland Type-3 (E5331), a quick attack pickup (E5346), and a BLS/Rescue ambulance (R5370). Station #2 is located approximately 4 miles north at 498 Shelter Cove Road and houses a wildland Type-3 (E5330) and a 1000-gallon Type-2 pumper (E5320).

We are funded by district property tax, fundraising, and donations. Our annual Dinner & Dance fundraiser is held the third weekend in August.

We are excited to announce we are working on expanding Station #1 to provide us with two more bays to fit our engines and hopefully a water tender that we would like to purchase this coming year. As we expand our stations, engines, tools, gear, volunteers we really feel we can better serve our community!

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
2	1	3	2	13	0	4	2
						Total Responses	27
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary		
75	350	200		11	0		

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