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Fire Departments:

Arcata Fire Protection District

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department

Arcata Fire Protection District

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Challenges & Needs:
 We continue to experience increasing call volumes due to the growth of our communities. Despite sustained budget cutbacks, we are constantly striving for excellence with diminishing resources. Providing quality training for our members is critical. AFD is seeking Measure Z funding to invest in both a training tower and a burn trailer that will be shared countywide and will provide all members with high quality, realistic training.

EVERY EFFORT

The Arcata Fire District (AFD) is an all-risk combination department, utilizing both career and volunteer members to protect the 37,000 residents living in the City of Arcata and the communities of McKinleyville, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek for a total service area of 62 square miles. We have continued to offset staffing difficulties through increased sharing of resources with our neighboring jurisdictions via our auto and mutual aid agreements. To protect the District's wide mix of industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, beach, and wildland urban interface areas we staff two career firefighters at each of the three stations and operate four Type-1 engines, one Type-3 engine, one rescue truck, one ladder truck, one water tender and one Multi-Casualty Incident Response Trailer. AFD is committed to sharing its members' knowledge with our neighboring agencies through drills and participation in regional classes.

EVERY HOUR

AFD's career staff logged 7,140 incident hours, with its volunteers logging an additional 4,498 hours. Career training hours totaled 8,432, along with an additional 2,722 from volunteers. Finally, our volunteers logged 3,581 ride along hours.

EVERY CALL

On top of responding to 3,156 calls for service, AFD was proud to assist Sonoma and Ventura Counties with a staffed Type-1 engine during the 2017 fire season.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
48	57	85	106	1442	90	498	830
						Total Responses	3156
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Ride along		Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
4498	2722	3581		17	22	14	

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

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Blue Lake and Willow Creek Fire Departments providing extrication services at a motor vehicle collision involving a local news reporter on Hwy 299, 14 miles out of Blue Lake Fire District's response area. Response to this area is currently funded by Measure Z.

Challenges & Needs:

Our biggest challenge is having to continuously search for outside funding to maintain the current level of service. Until funding at the local level can be achieved, the future of the current level of service will be at risk of being reduced. We are hopeful to find additional funding to build a facility to keep our fire engines out of the weather.

The Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department provides service to the Blue Lake Fire Protection District which includes the City of Blue Lake, the communities of West End Road, Liscomb Hill and Glendale Drive. Our district area is just under 14 square miles. We have 21 volunteers and one fulltime employee. This year we attempted to increase our revenue with a new tax. Unfortunately, the tax measure failed. Our board of directors will be making some very tough decisions in the near future that could have a negative impact on the fire district's level of service.

Our equipment includes Rescue A-8546, Engine 8511-Type-1, Engine 8514-Type-1, Engine 8537-Type-3, two water tenders (2,200 gallons and 1,800 gallons), two sets of Jaws-of-Life, 5 defibrillators, BLS medical and low-angle rope rescue gear.

Incident Response							
Veg. Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
12	16	55	31	124	2	21	31
Total Responses:						292	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund-raising	Volunteer		Career	Auxiliary
1890	1854	140	308	21		1	0

Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department

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

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

Challenges & Needs:

KFPD's out of district responses continue to stretch to our limited operating budget.

Maintaining older fire apparatus is the greatest expense. Most of KFPD out of district response areas are unpaved, mountainous, and poorly maintained roads. This reduces apparatus service life, and skyrockets annual maintenance costs. Unfortunately, parcel owners in these “out of district” areas do not share in the financial support of KFPD.

Currently, Kneeland's “out of district” response areas are not officially serviced by any local fire agency for medical, hazardous conditions, structure fire, or vehicle accidents.

Due to response times and close proximity, KFPD is the dispatch choice as a responding agency. Most agree it is time for these communities to take financial responsibility.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
4	3	3	4	16	4	0	0
						Total Responses	34
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Admin.	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
316	687	464	381	9		3	