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## Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Company

**Chief:** Sterling W. Kercher  
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Alderpoint Volunteer Fire Company (AVFC) 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 apparatuses include a 3 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. Both engines are equipped with firefighting and medical emergency supplies including oxygen and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). We just recently had a 2 bay fire truck garage installed to store trucks and equipment that was spread out before. 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. AVFC proudly serves our large coverage area to the best of our abilities.

### Challenges & Needs:

We have a large coverage area, and it can take 30+ minutes to drive the firetruck from the north to the south end. We are hoping to get a new firetruck in the near future so that we can have a truck at each end of our area. We are also in need of a vehicle specifically for medical calls as we are currently using personal vehicles to haul medical equipment since transport in the firetruck takes so long. Since GPS doesn't work well in our area, another challenge we have is the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system sending us to the wrong place.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
6	2	6	10	19	-	-	3
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>46</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1910	1050	-	515	17		3	

# 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 is an active member of the fire service in Humboldt County, participants in the countywide fire protection mutual aid agreement, and has an active role in the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team. The BVFD provides the 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: 6 Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediates (EMT-I) and 12 First Responders on our roster. Services are financially supported by community contributions, fundraising events, CAL FIRE cover assignments, and now revenue from the BFPD special tax. Our team of new recruits from 2015 is now a well-functioning team of seasoned firefighters. Our team of experienced long term members and new recruits spent 4,749 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 beginning 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 are in the process of replacing our older type 1 engine with a newer 4wd type 1. Apparatus used are one Type 1 engine, two 4WD Type 3 engines, two 4WD Type 6 engines, one 1500 gallon capacity type S3 water tender, one Type 3 BLS ambulance, and one 4WD Command/EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Sports Utility Vehicle.

**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 fund-raise and will potentially need to complete our project in stages as funds become available.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
4	3	2	6	11	0	8	7
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>41</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
351	976	375	4985	28		22	

## Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

**Chief:** Ben Fleek  
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**Asst. Chief:** Dane Pond

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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 10 trained firefighting personnel members. BFPD offers non-transport Basic Life Support (BLS) services and all members are first responders.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Like most small rural departments, aging equipment and facilities is a challenge. In addition Local, State and Federal fire service requirements demand more training to be obtained, making it more difficult and challenging to recruitment and retain volunteers.

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.

The community of Bridgeville received national recognition as a Firewise Community in 2010 and has continued efforts to reduce fuels, and offers preparedness and prevention activities throughout the District.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
4	3	9	38	53	2	4	6
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>119</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
658	542	115	120	10		0	

## Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** John Church  
**Asst. Chief:** Todd Calvo  
**Asst. Chief:** Kevin Burke  
**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 10 First Responders, for a total of 13 volunteers. New this year, with a big thanks to Measure 'Z,' we have a very low mile (14,000) 2001 Emergency One pumper with 1000 gals, as our first-out engine. For medical/rescue, we have a 2008 F350 4x4 Super-Duty Rescue Truck outfitted new this year with state of the art Hurst Portable Jaws/Ram/Cutter equipment. A 1986 GMC ¾ ton rescue contains rope and rescue gear as a utility truck. Our backup fire pumper is a 1977 Ford Van Pelt Pumper with 850 gallons of water. For wildland fires, rope rescues, and traffic control duties, we have a 1983 Chevy Utility Truck that carries rope gear, 150 gallons of water and foam. Primarily for wildland and structure support, we have a 1980 Ford F600 Pumper with 550 gallons of water. We 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:**

Our main challenges are acquiring enough volunteers and keeping them motivated enough to keep them in attendance on a regular basis.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
3	2	10	31	48	1	2	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>99</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
600	220	180	100		13		0

# 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 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 six fire engines, two ladder trucks, two water tenders, two rescue trucks, and three command vehicles. Fortuna’s Fire Department is technically a combination department with three 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:**

The decline in the number of volunteers willing and able to devote their time and energy as volunteer firefighters is taking its toll on the Humboldt County Fire Service. The demands and requirements have become overwhelming. Providing adequate equipment and facilities, efficient training and developing new ideas to motivate will be critical if we are to sustain the volunteer fire service as we know it today.

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Others Services
28	13	52	86	269	89	121
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>658</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Career	Volunteer	Auxiliary
2290	2545	200	200	3	80	22

## Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District

**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.

The FRFPD participates in the local Easter Egg Hunt, Weekly Summer BBQs, Fall Festival BBQ, and Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest.

**Challenges & Needs:**

The Fire Hall requires repairs for the roof, heating, and water system. We would like to replace the bay doors with roll-ups. 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. Challenges: Recruitment and retention of Volunteers and Auxiliary.

2016 provided a \$60 property parcel tax, giving Fruitland a reliable and adequate source of revenue. 2016 Measure Z funding purchased a 2010 Ford 550 4X4 Quick Attack and Rescue Vehicle. Apparatus used are a 1974 900-gallon International Fire Engine Pumper, and a 1994 2250-gallon Freightliner Water Tender.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Others Services
2	1	1	4	5	3	-	1
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>17</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
112	220	16	475	7		10	

## Garberville Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Kent Scown  
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**Asst. Chief:** Todd Barton

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Members of the Garberville Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) provide 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 the Foltz Station in downtown Garberville. The Foltz Station currently provides a home for the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team. In 2015, GFPD added a new Rescue vehicle which carries our extrication equipment.

**Challenges & Needs:**

We are still involved in a multiple year long process to redefine boundaries for the district. 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.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
11	3	69	47	173	9	6	5
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>323</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
1,437	1,143	170	872		15		6

# 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. The majority of support funding is received from the MCSD, a Fourth of July event and donated contributions. MVFD works with CAL FIRE for mutual response inside and outside the MCSD boundaries.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Our needs include an addition to our main hall so all trucks can be housed in one location indoors and a more recent model of the Jaws of Life.

The engines in the fleet include:

Engine 6039, a 4x4 Type 3 1999 international 500 gpm with a 500 gallon tank; Engine 6036, a 4x4 Type 3 1994 international 500 gpm with a 500 gallon tank; Engine 6016, a 2004 Type 1; a Spartan engine with 1250 gpm and a 750 gallon tank; Engine 6046, a 2005 Type 6 4x4 dodge, 250 gpm with a 250 gallon tank; and a Wt 6066, a 1997 4x4 freightliner water tender ,375 gpm, with a 2070 gallon tank.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
15	4	35	41	71	5	7	3
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>181</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer			Auxiliary
3200	1422	425	192	12			4

## Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department

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**Chief in Training:** Keith Lambert

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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. Apparatuses 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), a portable 2000-lumen LED scene light, as well as other medical equipment. Measure Z provided funding for bunker gear, breathing apparatus, and wildland gear.

**Challenges & Needs:**  
 Although we have up-to-date apparatus, we are in need of operators and firefighters to use them. The demographic of the community is changing and we have a lack of firefighters as a result. Another challenge we face this year is getting everyone to pass the medical inspection and be properly trained.

MFVFD contracts out two four-day weekends each summer and heads up the fire protection crew for music festivals in Northern Mendocino County. The department earned \$3,300 total for the two events. These fundraisers generate one-fifth of our annual budget. We have a new volunteer Chief, in Academy training, and two potential volunteers.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Pubic Assists	Other Services
2	-	6	19	26	2	2	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>58</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
0	188	0	188	1		0	

## Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Christoph Fisher  
**Asst. Chief:** Chad Gonzalves

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The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department (PVVFD), was established in 1983, and responds to 115 square miles and approximately 4,000 residences. Its apparatus include a 1978 Dodge Quick Attack/Medical Response Truck, a 1990 International Type 3 Engine, and a 1978 Water Tender (2,500-gal). The PVVFD has strategically placed a total of 50,000-gallons of water storage though-out our response area. Our department as grown over the years into a professional year-round fire and emergency services company committed to providing 24/7 Fire/Rescue/BLS services, conducted by a membership of 15 first responders and 15 wildland firefighters.

The PVVFD receives no funding through land parcel assessments. Equipment, totaling \$40,000, provided from Measure Z funds has greatly increased our response capacity and the safety of the community served.

Training of response personal is an on-going issue. Training events sponsored by CAL FIRE and other fire departments has 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. Our wish list includes the replacement of the 1978 Dodge Quick Attack/Medical Response Truck with something from this century.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Pubic Assists	Other Services
0	0	1	1	6	0	0	3
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>11</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
80	700	200	500		30		10

## 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:**

We are looking into a district to address funding needs. We are in need of more volunteer firefighters and board members. Our department is also lacking in administrative skills such as computer skills and filing paperwork. CAL FIRE staffing is minimal and their fee (the California State Responsibility Area fire prevention fee) detracts from the community's willingness to pay a new tax to support local fire services. We really need increased community involvement to support the Company (general participation, donations, help with fundraising, any little thing has a big impact). We also just need increased awareness about how we are organized, what we do, and the fact that we are all volunteers.

We were grateful to receive eight new SCBAs from Measure Z in 2015.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
7	2	15	11	14	-	1	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>52</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
82	580	100	90	3		3	

## Redway Fire Protection District

**Chief:** Brian Anderson  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief:** Pete Genolio

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In 1958, the Redway Fire Protection District was formed to provide fire protection and other emergency services for our community. We continue to serve the unincorporated community of Redway and surrounding communities of Southern Humboldt with honor and pride. Our all-volunteer department 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 response responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing year round emergency fire protection and emergency medical response. Redway's fleet includes one utility pickup, two Type 1 fire engines, one Type 4 quick attack and one 2000 gallon water tender.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Recruiting new volunteers into the volunteer fire service is a wide spread problem, and Redway is no exception. Providing adequate training facilities in a close proximity to our district continues to be a challenge. Our Measure Z funded self-contained breathing apparatus continues to enhance our ability to work with other fire departments and has elevated our level of safety.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
16	7	30	27	83	7	-	22
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>192</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
594	769	450	430	11		0	

## Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Shane Wilson  
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The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department (RDVFD) was formed in 1944 and operates to 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 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, we consist of two assistant chiefs and two fire companies, totaling 25 volunteer firefighters.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Station Expansion  
 We need to add two bays to our station and improve facilities as well as ADA requirements.

Equipment  
 We need a new water tender that is smaller and has less maintenance issues.

Our apparatuses include an E 7112 Type 1 1996 Freightliner 1000 gallon, 30 gallon foam, 1250 GMP Pump; an E 7134 Type 3 1995 Freightliner 750 gallon, 1250 gpm Pump; an E 7135 Type 3 2015 International 750 gallon, 30 gallon foam tank, 1250 gpm Pump; a R 7171 Type 4 2005 Ford F550 4x4, 250 gallon, 15 gallon foam, 300 gpm Pump, auto extrication; a T 7151 Water Tender, 1986 International 3800 gallon, 10" quick dump, 4000 gallon fold-a-tank; and a C 7100: Ford Expedition Incident Command/ Immediate Response/ Duty Chief Vehicle.

We retired our 1972 International E 7123 and replace it was a 2015 International E 7135 in December 2016. This won't be the last of E 7123 being it has found a new home in Shively Ca.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
16	14	43	25	256	11	53	12
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>430</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1325	2145	175	575		25	4	

## Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company

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Salmon Creek is a remote community of about 300 homes and a private school serving a 30-40 square mile area. It's located about six miles west of Highway 101. Our volunteer fire company consists of twelve dedicated members including two EMT, seven Emergency Medical Responders, four fire engines and two AEDs. We have a 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.  
Other needs include internet infrastructure for training needs, radios for our crew, and heated storage for our apparatus.

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							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Others
2	-	6	2	5	3	1	3
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>22</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
180	1920	900	80		12	0	

## Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief Duty Officer:** Sal Gurreri  
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**Captains:** Jesse Gurreri, Frank Wilson

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Shelter Cove Fire Department provides Firefighting, Technical Rescue, and Ocean Rescue as well as advances 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, nine hotel/motels, two popular beaches, and a public airport can be found within this district. The Shelter Cove Fire Department protects this District with four fire engines, one ALS/BLS 4x4 ambulance, two ATV rescue units, and two ocean rescue units. The Shelter Cove Fire Department also owns a hydraulic- and battery-powered Jaws of Life. Shelter Cove Fire Department is dedicated to providing the upmost level of emergency medical care and fire rescue services to the residences and visitors with 10 Firefighter First Responders four Firefighter EMTs and two Paramedics. Shelter Cove's 4x4 ambulances allows us to reach the outskirts of our District regardless of weather conditions faster and more safely. In 2016 Shelter Cove Fire responded to 157 local responses. Our 24/7 Duty Officer Program provides response times of less than five min.

**Challenges & Needs:**

We would like to develop a sustaining source of income so that our department can replace two engines and increase apparatus housing when necessary. We are in the process of requesting an increase of the 21 year old tax that funds the fire department. This takes a tremendous amount of time and planning from our volunteers and community to accomplish. 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.

In 2014, the Shelter Cove Fire Department collaborated with community members and the Resort Improvement District No. 1 to help make Shelter Cove a nationally recognized Firewise Community. The fire department assists with the implementation of the community's Firewise Action Plan to help reduce the community's vulnerability to damage from wildfire.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
6	1	6	9	65	0	49	21
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>157</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1064	1608	96	24	16		1	

## Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company

**Chief:** Britt Johnson  
**Asst. Chief:** Nate Kempe  
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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 apparatuses include: two 4WD fire engine pumpers, each with a 300 gallon capacity; and 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	
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>0</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
0	240	240	1,032		20+	0

## Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Peter Lawsky

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Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District (TRFPD) completed our expansion in 2015 and is now about 23,000 acres. We have also contracted with Briceland Fire Protection District to provide coverage in the Crooked Prairie area of their district, which gives us a total primary response area of over 25,000 acres.

Our crew was appreciative to receive six new SCBAs and new PPEs for both structure and wildland firefighting, due to Measure Z funds. Our apparatus currently consists of three, 4X4 Quick Attack trucks carrying from 100 to 300 gallons of water each, a 1500-gallon water tender, and our main engine, a 32 year old surplus CAL FIRE 500 gallon Pumper. We are looking forward to receiving a 2007 rural/urban interface 500 gallon 4X4 pumper engine that is being purchased with Measure Z funds.

TRFPD has continued to pursue purchasing the closed Ettersburg School property in order to erect a fire station, which we hope to complete in 2017. In 2016, we noted an increase, from past years, in volunteer firefighter participation in training and response. We attribute this to the new gear we are using and the promise of a newer engine and future fire station.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
4	2	8	5	11	5	2	2
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>39</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
305	620	85	260	12		3	

## Weott Volunteer Fire Department Disbanded March 28, 2017

**Chief:** Vacant

**Assistant Chief:** Vacant

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***“The Times, They are a Changing”*** A foretelling song from Bob Dylan who’s lyrics reflect the closure of the Weott Volunteer Fire Department. This year we lost the facility from which Weott VFD operated since 1964. The present day owners of the property, on which the Firehouse sits, requested future compensation for “rent or purchase” in an amount that the community could not afford. This and our inability to recruit much needed volunteers to maintain service, led the Weott Community Services District Board to close the fire department and initiate the termination of fire services associated with the District. The District will be selling the Type 2 Fire Engine, E6821, because there is no facility in Weott to properly store it or its equipment. We will however, store as much equipment as possible in a freight container purchased with the funds generated from the sale of the engine. The remaining proceeds from the sale will be saved for future opportunities to secure fire and rescue services for the community. We would like to thank all those who have supported our department and all those who have served as volunteers and hope that the future will bring positive change for our community.

The following volunteer hours and personnel numbers reflect our accomplishments and status in 2016 and our current circumstances, described above, are as of April 2017. Representatives of the District will continue to work with the Avenue Fire Cooperative to identify and pursue options for providing services to the residents of Weott.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
5	0	7	18	23	2	2	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>58</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fund Raising	Volunteer		Auxiliary (Non-Active)	
230	168	150	200	7		1	

## 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 & Humboldt Counties. The Department was founded in 1973 (after the Finley Creek Fire), & 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 new Quick Attack, which carries 280 gallons. Our new volunteers are catching up on their trainings, both medical & wildland firefighting. We look forward to a quiet Summer & Fall!

### Challenges & Needs:

Unfortunately, the Measure Z tax doesn't benefit us, as it does our neighboring Southern Humboldt departments. We continue to depend on the generosity of our own community & the greater community for purchasing wildland & structure gear necessities, and the many expenses of a 100% volunteer fire department. Remember to attend our 2-day event at Four Corners on Labor Day weekend, this year on September 2 & 3, 2017!

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Public Asst.	Other Services
-	-	2	-	4	-	3
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>9</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
150	150	75	200		22	0

# Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Robert Puno  
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The Whitethorn Fire Protection District (WFPD) is an all-volunteer department. We provide service to 300+ residents in our district. We also provide mutual aid to our neighboring departments (Whale Gulch, Shelter Cove, and Telegraph Ridge). Our funding comes from a percentage of property taxes from our district, donations, and our Annual Dinner & Dance Fundraiser.

Whitethorn Fire has two stations. Station #1 is located in the southern part of our district. It houses E5331, a type 3 brush trucks, and R5370, a BSL/Rescue Ambulance. Station #2 is in the north end of the district. This station houses E5330, a type 3, and E5320, a type 2 pumper. We have 5 volunteers that live in the northern part of the district and respond to station #2 with 6 volunteers living on the southern part of the district that respond to station #1. This gives us a total of 11 active volunteers. This provides a quick response time in or just outside our district to serve our community.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Keeping our 'i's dotted and our 't's crossed is a challenge with the ever growing new rules, regulations, and expiration dates on expensive necessary equipment and personal protection gear (keeping in compliance when equipment/gear is in useable/workable condition, but is expired according to a date). Our needs include more volunteers and tools to be better equipped for any type of emergency situations.

This past year we made improvements to station #2: a cement apron, a loft for storage, internet & TV for trainings, a phone, and a heater. This year we are going to do some renovations to station #1 and hope to purchase a water tender.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
2	-	4	5	3	3	4	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>23</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
150	250	-	250	11		0	