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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 Defibrulators (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. 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. We also, don't have an actual fire hall where we can leave our fire trucks or equipment, so our stuff is spread out. 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
15	2	9	4	19	1	3	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>54</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1925	1125	80	475		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, a participant 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: eight 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. This year, we improved our PPE with equipment provided by Measure Z funding. We have many enthusiastic new recruits that were trained and had chances to have valuable experiences this summer fighting fires both locally in the lightning series and out of the area with our local government strike team. Our team of experienced long term members and new recruits spent over 7,000 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.

### Challenges & Needs:

Briceland's needs have outgrown its current station and we have been working towards the goal of building a new fire station closer to the center of our district in "downtown" Briceland. While we are working on fundraising for the building project, the expense is larger than we can provide for in a timely manner. In addition, the time has come to replace our aging Type 1 structure fire engine with a 4WD truck more capable of accessing the remote residences of our district.

Apparatus used are one Type 1 engine, two 4WD Type 3 engines, two 4WD Type 4 Quick Attacks, one 1500 gallon capacity water tender, one Type 3 life support ambulance, and one 4WD Command/EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Sports Utility Vehicle.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
11	4	16	19	19	1	6	5
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>81</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
860	1675	465	1200	28		22	

# Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

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

**Challenges & Needs:**  
 Like many small rural departments, BVFD is challenged with aging equipment and facilities, and member recruitment and retention. Despite the challenges BVFD 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 fuels reduction efforts, 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
6	4	13	29	20	5	1	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>79</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
470	692	96	120	10		0	

# Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** John Church  
**Asst. Chiefs:** Todd Calvo & 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 11 First Responders, for a total of 14 volunteers. We have a new 2008 F350 4x4 Super-Duty Rescue Truck that responds to all medical/rescue calls. The previous 1986 GMC ¾-ton rescue is now based for traffic collisions/rope rescues as it has been transitioned to utility. For traffic accidents, wildland, and structure fires, we have 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 has foam. Primarily for wildland/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:**

One of our main challenges is acquiring enough volunteers and keeping them motivated enough to keep them in attendance on a regular basis. We would also like to replace our 39 year old first-out Fire Engine.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
9	5	6	26	58	-	9	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>114</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
684	230	170	100	14		0	

# Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief:** Lon Winburn  
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The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) provides firefighting services to the Fortuna Fire Protection District. The FVFD serves a population of approximately 15,000 residents within the City of Fortuna and outlying communities of Hydesville, Alton, Metropolitan, Fernbridge and Palmer Creek, encompassing approximately 26 square miles. The FVFD operates out of three fire stations, with five fire companies of 13 members each, as well as one Safety Officer, two Assistant Chiefs, and one Fire Chief. All of these are volunteer positions, with the exception of the Fire Chief. The district utilizes one Type 1 Pumper, three Type 2 Pumpers, one Type 3 wildland engine, two water tenders, two rescues, and one 100-foot aerial platform, and in reserve, one 50-foot quint aerial.

### 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
21	8	36	55	182	92	131
<b>Total Responses</b>					<b>525</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Career	Volunteer	Auxiliary
1775	3250	200	200	1	68	22

# Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District

**Chief:** Michael Lake  
**Captain:** Jimi Hensley

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The Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Company (FRVFC) is an all-volunteer department that provides firefighting services to the newly formed Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District (FRFPD). Fruitland Ridge is a village approximately three miles east of the Avenue of the Giants, located between Myers Flat and Miranda. The community contains 223 residences. The FRVFC 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:**

We would like to acquire a 4WD Quick Attack Vehicle and replace the outdated 1974 Fire Engine. The Fire Hall also requires repairs for the roof, heating, and water system.

The FRVFC participated in the local Easter Egg Hunt, Weekly Summer BBQs and Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest.

In 2015, the FRVFC sought and won formal Fire District formation. 2016 will provide a \$60 property parcel tax, giving Fruitland a reliable and adequate source of revenue. Measure Z funding has upgraded our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Wildland and Structure Turnouts to meet required NFPA standards.

Apparatus used are a 1974 900-gallon International Fire Engine Pumper, a 1994 2250-gallon Freightliner Water Tender, and 1973 Chevrolet Rescue Rig.

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	
275	380	45	475	7		10	

# Garberville Volunteer Fire Department

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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 Foltz Station in downtown Garberville. The Foltz Station also currently provides a home to the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue Team. In 2015, GFPD added a new Rescue vehicle which carries our extrication equipment.

**Challenges & Needs:**

We are currently working toward closure of 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
15	12	63	26	146	6	4	10
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>282</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary	
1,080	972	153	138		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 for the future include an addition to our main hall so all trucks can be housed in one location indoors. We also need a more recent model of the Jaws of Life.

We are pleased to announce two new trucks this year:

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.

This brings most of our fleet up to 4x4. Other engines in the fleet include: 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 2070 gallon tank.

Through Measure Z funding, we received 14 SCBA's, which allows us to now be interoperable with other fire departments. We also received 15 sets of wildland PPE and 15 sets of structure PPE.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
18	3	18	18	36	1	-	4
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>98</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1600	1422	322	192	16		4	

# 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. 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.

**Challenges & Needs:**  
Although we have up-to-date apparatus, we are in need of operators and firefighters to use them. The department is working on that end as we have two potential volunteers ready to fill out applications.

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 earns \$1,000 for each event. These fundraisers generate one-fifth of our annual budget.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Pubic Assists	Other Services
5	1	10	13	43	-	1	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>75</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
110	250	60	400		1		0

# Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Company

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The Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department (PVVFD) was established in 1983, and has 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 20 First Responders and 15 Wildland Firefighters. The PVVFD has a 1978 Dodge Quick Attack/Medical Response Truck, a 1990 International Type 3 Engine, and a 1976 International 2,500-gallon water tender, which respond to 115 square miles and approximately 3,000 residences. Community fundraising has allowed the PVVFD to strategically place a total of 50,000-gallons of water storage throughout our response area. The PVVFD receives no funding through land parcel assessments. Donations and fundraising pay for insurance, workers compensation, PPE & response equipment, vehicle maintenance, and other minor costs, with little or no monies remaining at years end.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Challenges facing the PVVFD are adhering to Firefighter/First Responder training standards and the replacement of an aging fleet. As training standards progress, the need for a central training facility for Southern Humboldt is paramount and the Measure-Z funds are the only realistic means for rural fire departments to upgrade response vehicles. Only the continued support by the Board of Supervisors can help meet these needs and challenges.

The support the Measure-Z funds have provided the PVVFD has been a game changer for our fire company. Adding modern SCBA's, structural turn-outs, and hand-held radios to our equipment would have been impossible without the funds provided by Measure-Z and has greatly increased our response capacity and the safety of the community served.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
8	1	3	3	6	1	1	0
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>23</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer		Auxiliary
400	1500	300	800		35		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
8	2	11	7	20	1	-	1
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>50</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
82	580	100	90	3		5	

## Redway Fire Protection District

**Chief:** Brian Anderson  
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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 from within our district, and our annual deep pit BBQ. 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:**  
 Providing adequate training facilities continues to be a financial challenge for our district.

With the allocation of Measure Z funds in 2015, we were able to replace our inventory of SCBAs. We are now able to safely co-mingle our personnel with all other local fire departments at emergency scenes, thus increasing our operability and efficiency.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
17	12	30	12	79	2	8	5
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>165</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
724	572	410	450	11		0	

# Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department

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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 three fire companies, totaling 23 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 7123 Type 2 1972 International 1000 gal, 1000 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 have purchased a new Type 3 engine from Rosenbauer. The district has utilized the new assessment funds approved by voters last year to make this project happen. We expect delivery in August 2016. We received 16 new SCBA air packs as well as 5 sets of structure gear from Measure Z funds.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
20	12	51	23	310	16	33	11
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>476</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
1325	2145	175	575	23		4	

# Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company

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Salmon Creek is a remote community of about 300 homes and a private school. It's located about six miles west of Highway 101. Our volunteer fire company consists of twelve dedicated members including one EMT, four Emergency Medical Responders, four fire engines and two AEDs. We have a 1,800 gallon Type 3 water tender, a Type 3 two-wheel drive GMC engine, an 1988 International Model 5 engine, and a Type 3 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 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
3	-	6	1	2	2	-	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>16</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
680	1500	300	1,000	12		0	

# Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department

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 Asst. Chief: Cheryl Antony  
 Captain: Jesse Gurreri, Frank Wilson

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Shelter Cove Volunteer Fire Department (SCVFD) provides Firefighting, Technical Rescue, and Ocean Rescue as well as advanced EMS to the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District No.1 (RID). 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 SCVFD protects this district with four fire engines, one ALS/BLS 4x4 ambulance, two ATV rescue units, and two ocean rescue units. The SCVFD also owns a hydraulic and battery-powered Jaws-of-Life. SCVFD is dedicated to providing the upmost level of emergency medical care and fire rescue services to the residences and visitors of Shelter Cove with seven Firefighter First Responders four Firefighter EMTs and two Paramedics. Shelter Cove's 4x4 ambulance allows us to reach the outskirts of our district regardless of weather conditions faster and more safely. In 2015 Shelter Cove Fire responded to 119 dispatched calls plus an additional 20 local responses. Our 24/7 Duty Officer Program provides response times of less than 5 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. Some challenges we have are convincing absentee property owners to reduce the fuel loads on undeveloped lots and clean up and prevent illegal grows that become toxic dumps when abandoned.

In 2014, the SCVFD collaborated with community members and the RID 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
4	2	22	13	51	2	21	4
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>119</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
899	1,243	96	32	12		1	

# Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Company

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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: a 1,000 gallon, 4WD water tender; 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

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Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District (TRFDP) completed our expansion in 2015. With the assistance of county staff, we were able to finalize and get Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCo) approval to add about 9000 acres to our fire district, to include areas we have traditionally responded to. TRFPD 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, giving 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. This new gear not only enhances our ability to safely respond to incidents; it has also motivated our volunteers to drill and train more. Our apparatus now 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 surplus CAL FIRE 500 gallon Pumper. Most of our engines were built in the 1980's. Our main Pumper is 31 years old.

### Challenges & Needs:

We hope, with help from Measure Z funds, to acquire an engine manufactured more recently, to be able to provide consistently reliable coverage.

We have been working with the Southern Humboldt Unified School District and are still hoping to buy the empty Ettersburg school property to have a place to erect a fire station.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
8	2	6	8	12	3	2	2
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>43</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
285	530	90	165	18		0	

# Weott Volunteer Fire Department

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C6800 and FF Ken Bates go over new Scott SCBA's during Training session.



New Measure Z SCBA's mounted on Weott E6821

Weott Volunteer Fire Department is administered by the Weott Community Services District. We operate out of one facility on Lum Street in Weott which houses our light rescue Chevrolet Suburban, R6871 and our Type two Fire Engine, E6821. Our Department has a business meeting once on the last Thursday and a Training Meeting once on the second Saturday of each month.

This past year, John Conn has taken over the responsibilities as Chief for Weott VFD. Our recruitment program in association with the California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA) has been progressing although most all recruit applicants have been sent to us from outside Weott's response area. We have only one new recruit living in Weott. Our annual Halloween Haunted House and Avenue of the Giants Marathon Spaghetti Feed fund raising functions continue to be successful, contributing to supplementing our operating budget.

This past year, because of Measure Z, our Department received four new Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBAs). Without this funding, Weott would not have been in compliance with certified equipment requirements.

**Challenges & Needs:**  
 Currently, our most pressing needs will be continued local training opportunities for mandatory certification, upgrading our PPE and replacing outdated and worn fire hose.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other
2	2	4	11	37	2	3	1
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>62</b>	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
224	200	150	200	8		1	

# Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company

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Our department has a new chief and five new volunteers, for which we are appreciative. We are a bi-county department, with our response area covering a portion of both Mendocino & Humboldt Counties. Founded in 1973 (after the Finley Creek Fire), & trained in wildland fire handline 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 Type 4 Quick Attack, which carries 250 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 SoHum departments, so 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 100% volunteer fire departments. Remember to attend our 2-day event at Four Corners on Labor Day weekend, this year (2016) on September 3 & 4!

Incident Responses						
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Public Asst.	Other Services
1	2	3	-	5	1	2
<b>Total Responses</b>						<b>14</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel		
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Auxiliary
168	180	75	192		22	0

# Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department

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The Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) is an all-volunteer department that provides firefighting services to the Whitethorn Fire Protection District (WFPD). We provide fire protection and emergency services to approximately 300 residents within the district, but our services sometimes extend beyond our boundaries with Mutual Aid to our neighboring fire departments in Whale Gulch, Shelter Cove, Telegraph Ridge, and Briceland. Active members have completed various levels of training. We are proud to have eight of our 12 volunteers as Medical First Responders, which is crucial in this community where we are far away from any hospitals. Our primary funding is tax-based, along with donations and an annual dinner and dance fundraiser.

**Challenges & Needs:**

Some challenges we are facing are having the equipment to train our volunteers. We would like to invest in new computers and TV's to stream training videos. We find it quite a challenge trying to keep up with the required hours of training to be compliant. Our volunteers are committed to their community but also struggle with fitting in personal lives along with the required trainings and calls. Ongoing spotty radio reception continues to affect our area. There are 'dead' spots in our coverage area that sometimes make it difficult to have radio contact with dispatch, each other, or even to receive the call for our volunteers to respond to the incident.

The WVFD operates out of two stations. Station #1 is located in the old town of Whitethorn on Briceland Thorn Road. Station #1 houses an E5316, a 1976 Type 1 engine with a 1,000 gallon capacity; an E5346, 1993 Type 4 engine with a 350 gallon capacity; an E5331, a 2001 Type 3 engine with a 5,000 gallon capacity; and a R5370, a 1994 Rescue/BLS Ambulance that we bought from a local ambulance company. We hope to add on to Station #1 this year where we are also working on storage and shelving for our gear and equipment. Station #2 is located near Whitethorn Junction on Shelter Cove Road. Station #2 houses an E5320, a 1986 Type 2 engine with a 1,000 gallon capacity; an E5348, a 1981 Type 4 engine with a 300 gallon capacity; an E 5530, a 1990 Type 3 engine, with a 750 gallon capacity. We were excited to receive eight new SCBA from Measure Z funding. It was perfect timing for our department since our old SCBAs were going to be expired this year. We feel strongly that because of this funding we are now better equipped to serve our community and their homes.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
8	5	12	8	7	3	1	2
<b>Total Responses</b>							<b>46</b>
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
150	250	-	250	12		0	