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Fire Departments:

- Arcata Fire Protection District
- Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department
- Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department
- Humboldt Bay Fire (*see 4th District for 2015 Report*)

Arcata Fire Protection District

Chief: Desmond Cowan
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A vegetation fire started on July 16th, 2015 on the West side of Hwy 255 in Manila. The fire was driven by high winds, high heat, and low humidity and was eventually contained at just less than 13 acres with the help of mutual-aid from neighboring agencies.

The Arcata Fire Protection District (AFPD) is a combination department of career and volunteer firefighters, protecting 37,000 residents living amongst industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, beaches, and Wildland Urban Interface areas. We protect the City of Arcata, the communities of McKinleyville, Bayside, Manila, Jacoby Creek and other rural areas for a total service area of 62 square miles.

The AFPD continues to grow and change to meet the needs of our communities. As home to over 27% of the total population of Humboldt County, we serve a growing constituency in a dynamic and challenging variety of occupancies. As our population grows and call volume increases, we are looking to build our staffing and response capabilities. We will continue to work to advocate on behalf of our residents throughout McKinleyville, Arcata, Manila and the surrounding areas and provide them the best service possible.

Apparatus used are five Type 1 Engines; one Type 3 Engine; one Ladder Truck; one 3,000-gallon water tender, and one Multi Casualty Incident Response Trailer.

Challenges & Needs:

We continue to face the challenge of increasing costs in a district that includes the County Airport, Humboldt State University, United States Coast Guard Air Station and 37,000 residents.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Asst.	Other Services
38	71	468	161	1607	91	268	293
						Total Responses	
						2977	
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary
1250	5247	N/A	N/A		35	21	5

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Ray Stonebarger
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Motor Vehicle Collision involving a public transportation bus, Hwy 299, nine miles out of our district response area

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, Liscom Hill and Glendale Drive. Our district area is just less than 14 square miles. We have 16 volunteers and one fulltime employee. This year we are initiating a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of a volunteer resident program. We will be supplementing our regular volunteer staff with up to four resident volunteers that will reside at the station and assist with the day to day operations and respond to calls for aid. This program is intended to aid in the career development for college students that may have an interest in the fire service. This program will give them the training and experience in hopes that they will look closer at the fire service as a career.

Challenges & Needs:

We need to replace aging apparatus and secure housing for all of our apparatus. We are operating a 31 year old wildland interface engine that has become a scavenger hunt for parts when it breaks down. We are having difficulty replacing it due to the height limitations on our current station. We are regularly asked to respond to emergencies outside of our district which is getting to be a burden on our already limited resources. We are working with the County and LAFCo to find solutions to this problem.

Our equipment includes Rescue A-8546, Engine 8511-Type 1, Engine 8512-Type 1, Engine 8533 –Type 3, two water tenders (2,200 gallons and 1,750 gallons), two sets of Jaws-of-Life, two defibrillators, BLS medical and low-angle Rope rescue gear.

Incident Response							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
18	24	38	44	133	9	13	28
						Total Responses:	307
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising		Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary
1526	1511	140	254		16	1	0

Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department

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Challenges & Needs:

KFPD's out of district responses continue to stretch their limited operating budget. Maintaining 35 year old apparatus is the greatest expense. Most of KFPD out of district response areas are unpaved, mountainous, and poorly maintained roads. This reduces their 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 to the KFPD, KVFD is the dispatch choice as a responding agency. Most agree it is time for these communities to take financial responsibility.

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 the much needed funding for department development, apparatus maintenance and outdated equipment replacement. The completion of a fire station and replacement of 35 year old fire engines are the primary focus for 2016-2017. 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.

Incident Responses							
Veg. Fires	Struct. Fires	Other Fires	Veh. Acc.	Medicals	Haz/ Menace	Public Assists	Other Services
4	2	4	5	15	3	-	-
Total Responses							33
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Admin.	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
205.93	786.5	133.5	234.5	10		5	