

CITY OF ROCKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2022

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Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to minimize risk, increase safety, and improve the quality of life in our community by responding quickly, solving problems, and being nice!

Background

In June 1894, Rocklin's first fire department was formed when seventeen men paid a \$2.00 initiation fee, elected officers, and founded Rocklin Hose Company Number One, also known as Rocklin's first fire department. The group elected Irishman William J. Byrne as company foreman and Rocklin's first Fire Chief.

For almost 130 years the department has evolved and grown to meet the expanding mission and needs of the community. Today, the department is comprised of 43 full time employees, including suppression and administrative staff whom operate out of three fire stations, one Fire Administration office, and continue protecting a population of over 73,000 residents.

Finance

The fire department's budget is part of the overall City general fund and is approved by the City Council on an annual basis. The City operates on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. The budget includes all aspects necessary for the fire department's operation including personnel, operations, and capital costs. The FY 2021/2022 adopted budget for the department was \$12,061,500.

The Fire Chief and Executive Staff are tasked with being the stewards of the organization's financial resources. They continually evaluate the department's programs and service delivery models to ensure their cost effectiveness and efficiency, but more importantly to ensure we are meeting the emergency service needs of our community. The Rocklin Fire Department's commitment to providing the best possible service within available funding constraints ensures stabilized finances, enhances the delivery of essential emergency services, and keeps the department on a fiscally sustainable path moving forward.

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A message from the Office of the Fire Chief...

In 2022, the Fire Department remained focused on providing high-quality customer service to the citizens and visitors of Rocklin through education, prevention, and response. The Department provided more public education to our public and private schools, increasing awareness to fire and medical safety to all age groups. We also used community events such as the Civic Celebration, Hot Chili Cool Cars, and Patriot's Day as opportunities to engage the community and provide basic training and education on hands only CPR and how to prevent fires.

Fire Prevention is another area the Department continued to expand on this year. We hired an additional Deputy Fire Chief who will be the dedicated Fire Marshal to oversee day-to-day fire plan review and inspections. The Fire Marshal has reestablished a formal Fire Arson and Investigations Unit responsible for determining cause and origin of fires within the city and ensuring all criminal fires are investigated and prosecuted to keep our community safe.

Response to emergencies is a high-priority of the Department as we continue to experience a marginal increase in calls for service. In 2022, the Department reviewed our three response districts for Fire Stations 23, 24, and 25 to ensure the closest fire station responds appropriately to calls for service. Also in 2022, the Department responded to 6,422 calls for service, which resulted in a 2.1% increase from 2021. The greatest increase in calls for service by category was for "Good Intent," which increased 7.7% from 2021. A good intent occurs when the fire department responds to a reported emergency and arrive to determine that no such emergency exists (e.g., smoke from barbeque, wrong location, unknown odors, etc.).

Your Rocklin Fire Department remains committed to providing a safe and healthy community and will continue to respond to all calls for service 24-hours a day, 365 days of the year.

I continue to be proud of the men and women of the Rocklin Fire Department as they work diligently to keep our community and visitors safe.

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Respectfully,



Reginald O. Williams
Fire Chief

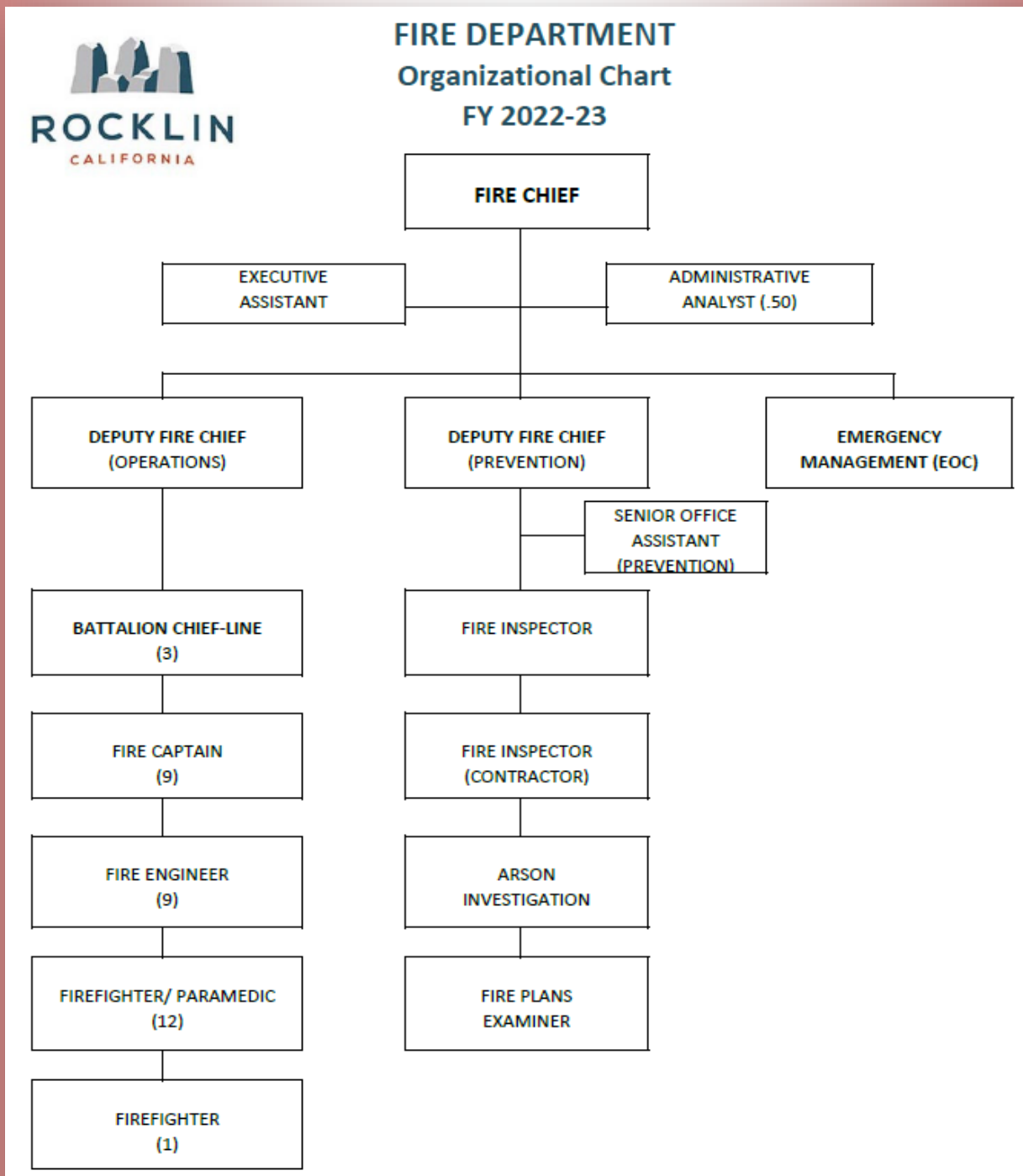


Fire Chief Williams

Organizational Chart

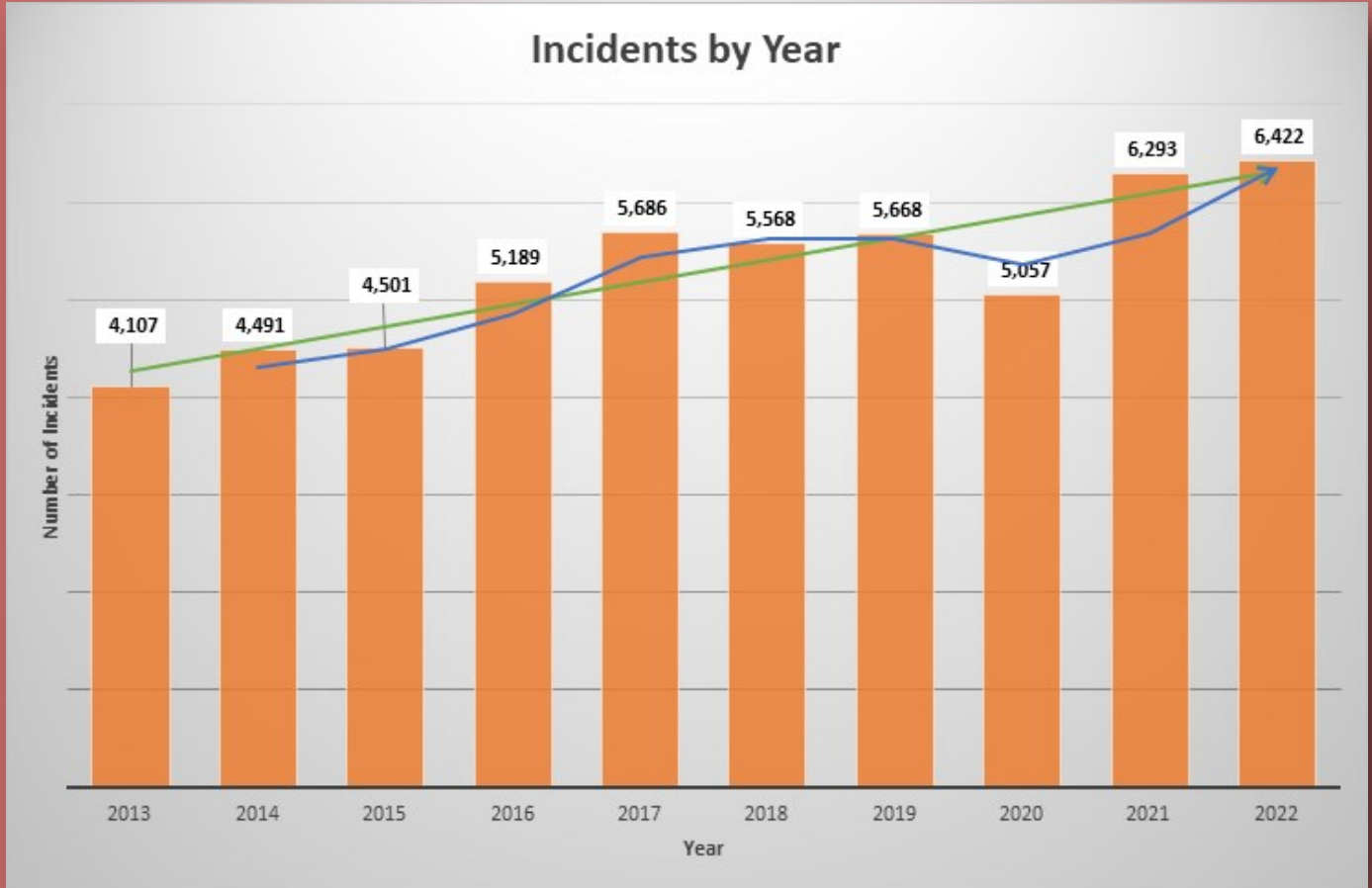
1-Fire Chief
 1-Deputy Fire Chief-Fire Prevention
 1-Deputy Fire Chief-Operations
 3-Battalion Chiefs
 9-Fire Captains
 9-Fire Engineers
 12-Firefighter-Paramedics
 1-Firefighter

1-Fire Inspector
 1-Fire Inspector-Contractor
 1-Fire Prevention Plans Examiner
 1-Executive Assistant
 1-Administrative Analyst
 1-Senior Office Assistant
 3-Fire Volunteers



Incident Responses in 2022

Fires	156
Emergency Medical Services	4,243
Rescue	134
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	83
Service Call	617
Good Intent Call	855
False Alarm & False Call	329
Weather Related Incidents/Other	5
TOTAL RESPONSES:	6,422



Incident Responses in 2022

The Rocklin Fire Department responded to 3,146 incidents during the first six months of 2022, experiencing a 7.25% increase when compared to 2,918 incidents responded to during the same period in 2021.

During the second half of 2022, the department responded to 3,276 incidents with a 2.85% decrease when compared to 3,372 incidents during the same period of 2021. Overall, the department responded to **6,422 incidents** between January 1st and December 31st that resulted in an overall 2.1% increase from last year's totals.

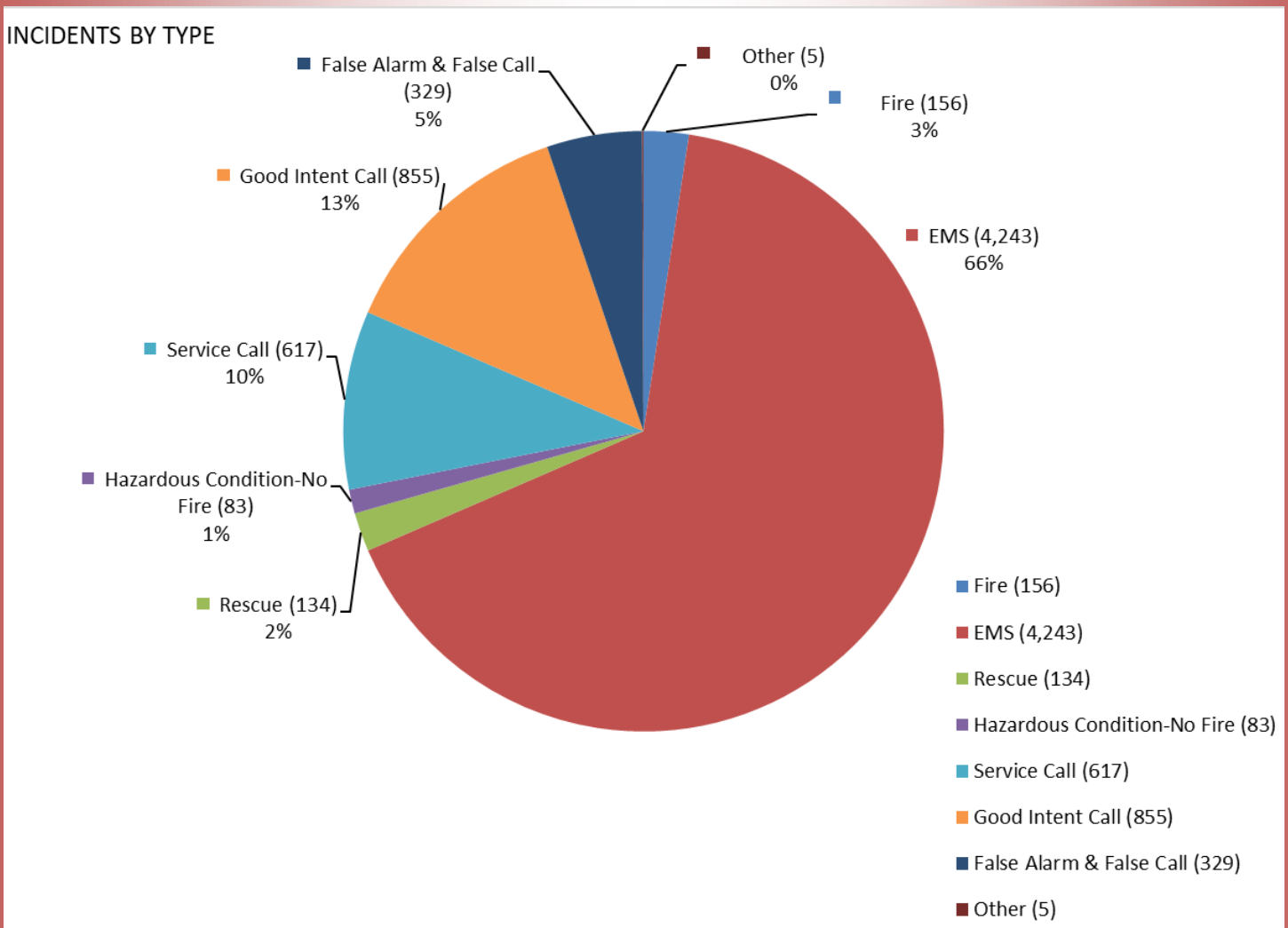
	2022	2021
TOTAL	6,422	6,290
Emergency Medical	4,243	4,338
Illness/Injury		
Vehicle Accidents with non-injury		
Medical Assists		
Service Calls	617	603
Assist Invalid		
Cover assignment, standby, move-up		
Assist Police or other Governmental Agency		
Smoke or odor removal		
Other (water or steam leak, unauthorized burning, etc.)		
Good Intent	855	668
Dispatched and Cancelled En-route		
No Incident Found on Arrival at Address or Wrong Location		
Smoke scare, odor of smoke		
Other (Hazmat release investigation, no release, authorized control, etc.)		
False Alarms	329	302
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction or unintentional Alarm system sounded, activation due to malfunction or unintentional		
Other (CO detector activation due to malfunction, sprinkler activation-no fire)		
Hazardous Materials	83	72
Gasoline, oil or other flammable liquid spill		
Other (Electrical, Arcing equipment, Power line down, chemical spill, etc.)		
Carbon Monoxide Incidents		
Fires	156	177
Structures		
Vehicle		
Grass, Wild Land		
Other (cooking, chimney, trash, etc.)		
Rescues	134	13
Extrication of victim from stalled elevator, vehicle, or building/structure		
Vehicle Accidents with injuries		
Animal rescue		
Weather or Other	5	117

Incident Types

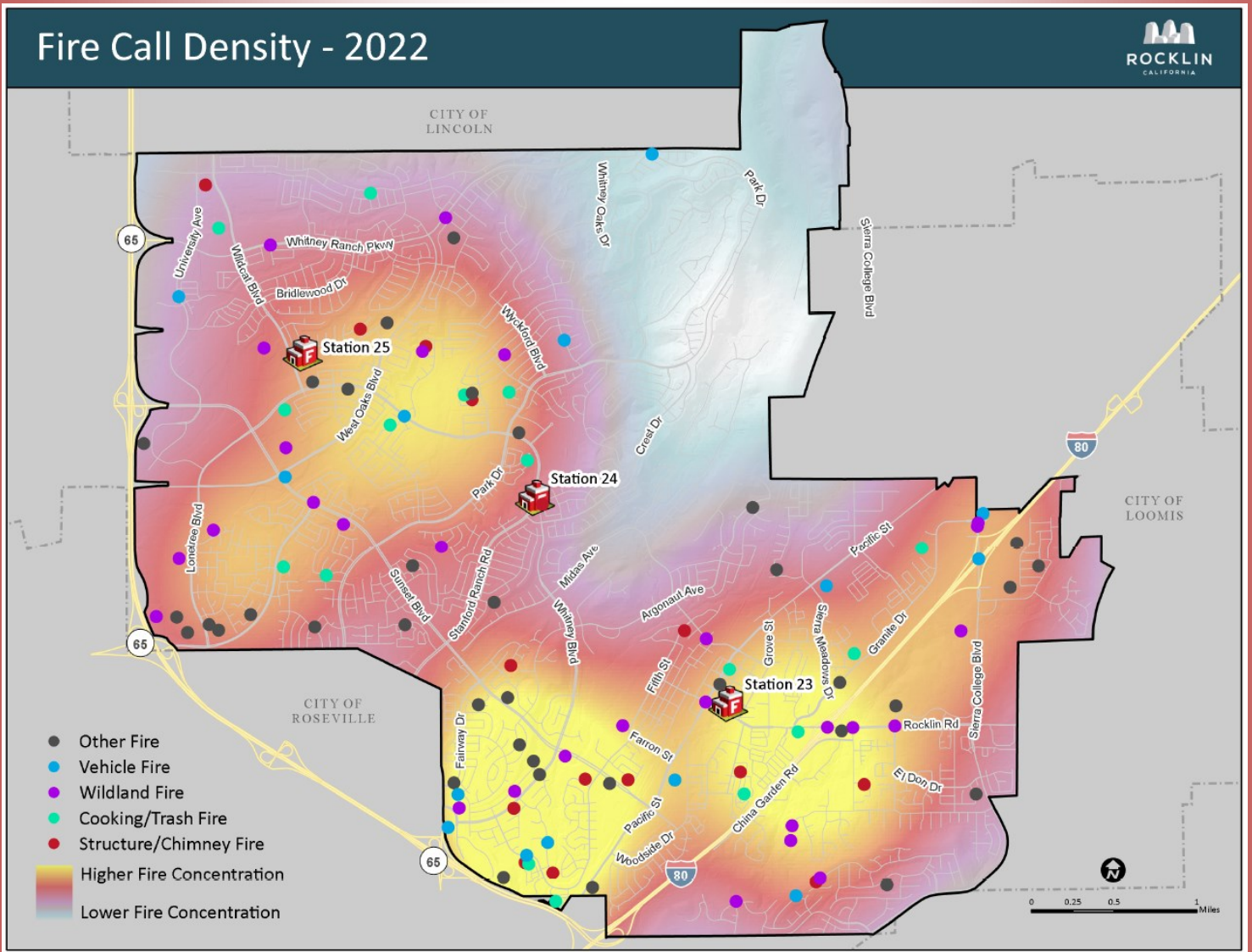
Emergency Medical Service (EMS) incidents accounted for 66% of Fire Department activity during the 2022 calendar year. EMS incidents decreased from 4,338 in 2021 to 4,243 in 2022, accounting for a 2.3% decrease. Fire incidents saw a 11.9% decrease during the same time period reducing from 177 incidents in 2021 to 156 incidents in 2022.

Service Calls and Good Intent responses accounted for 10% and 13% respectively of the total incidents during the year. Approximately 90% of all activity captured during the calendar year is attributed to EMS, Service Calls, and Good Intent Calls.

It should be noted that Good Intent Calls are incidents which 911 callers perceive as an emergency (medical, fire, hazardous conditions, etc.) but is later deemed by first responders as a non-emergency. Other is recorded as severe weather related incidents or other special type of incidents.

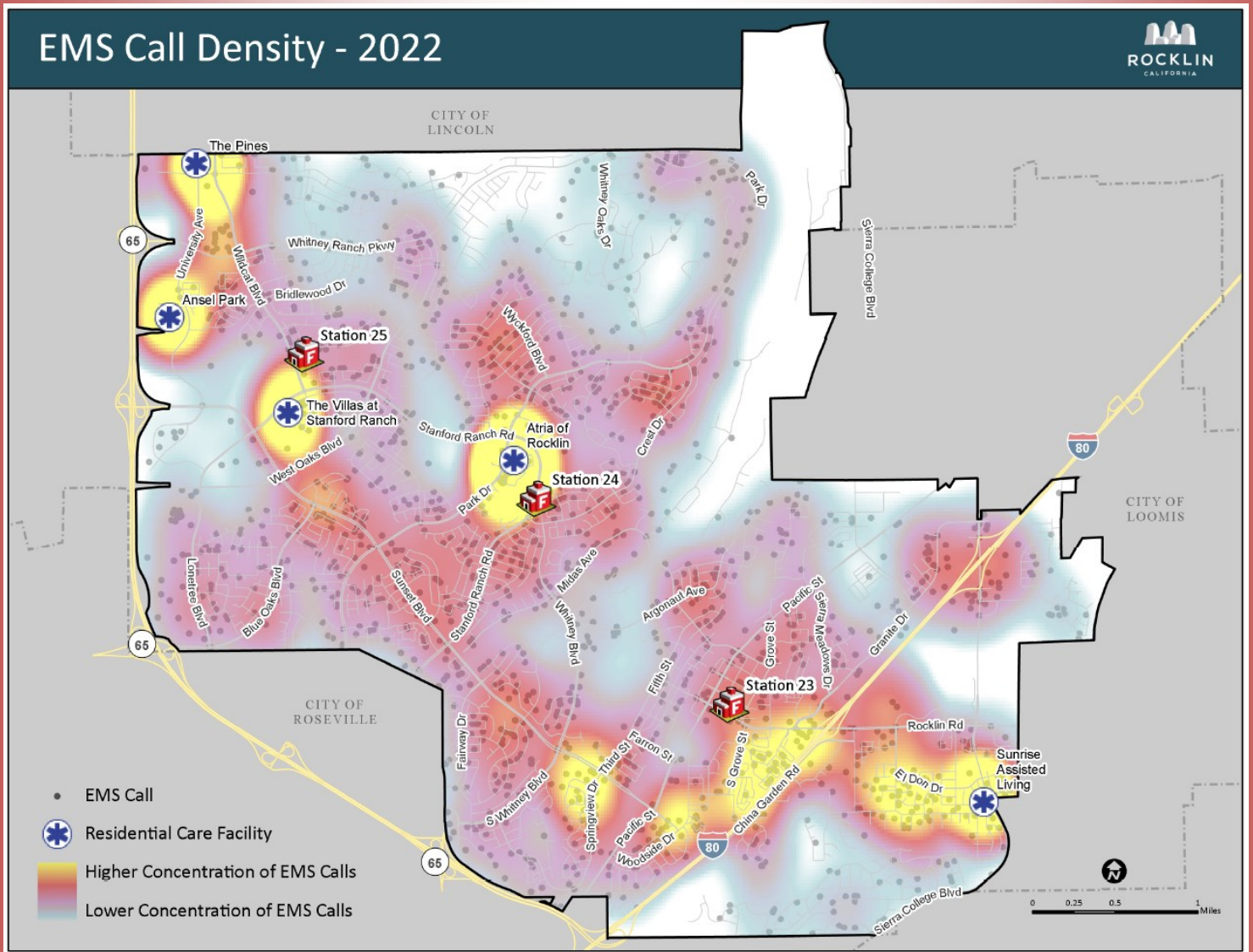


Map of Fire Call Density



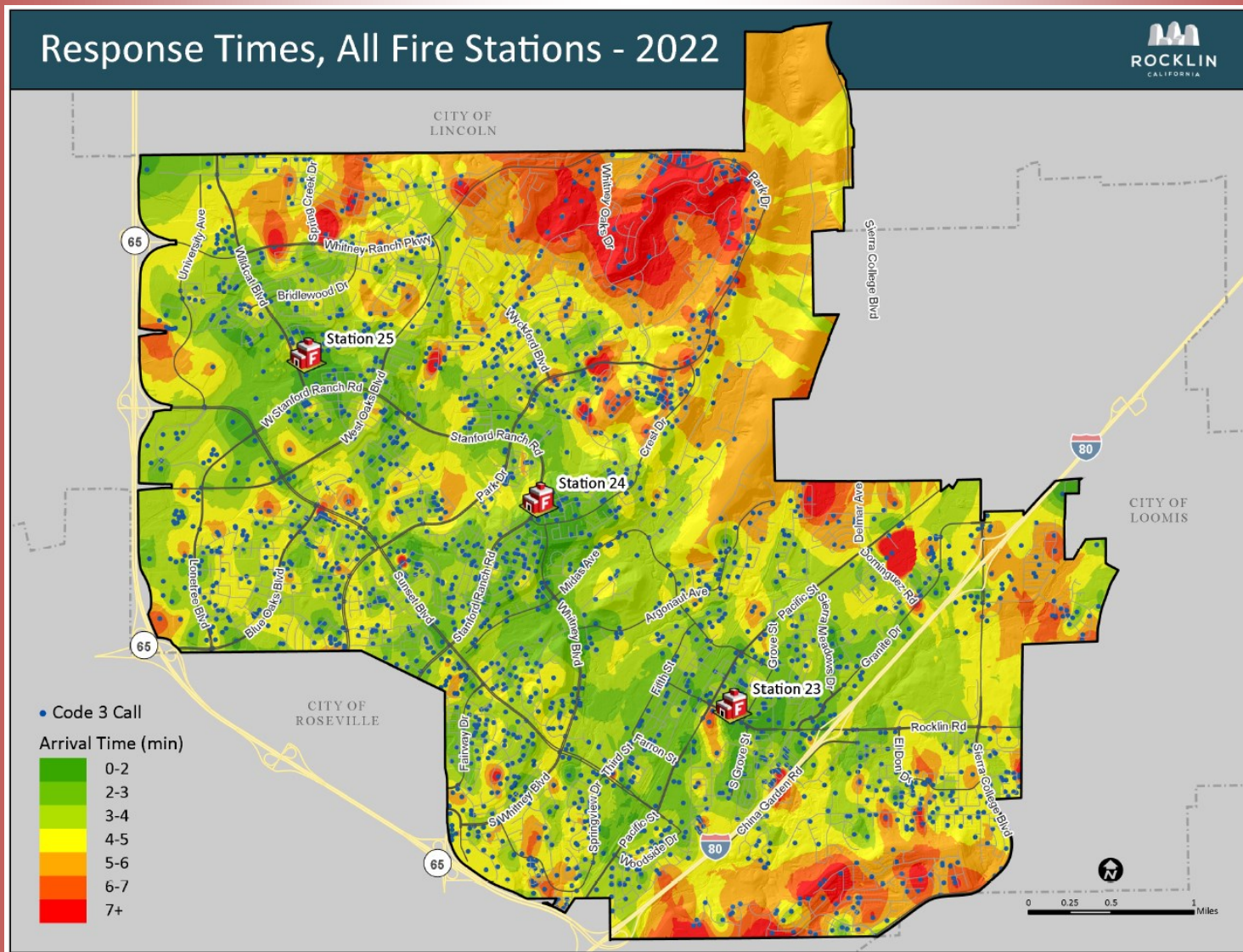
In 2022, fire incidents decreased by 11.9% throughout the calendar year reducing from 177 incidents in 2021 to 156 incidents in 2022. In total, fires accounted for 3% of all incidents; with residential structure fires accounting for the majority of property loss for the year and highest risk for fire-related injury.

Map of EMS Calls



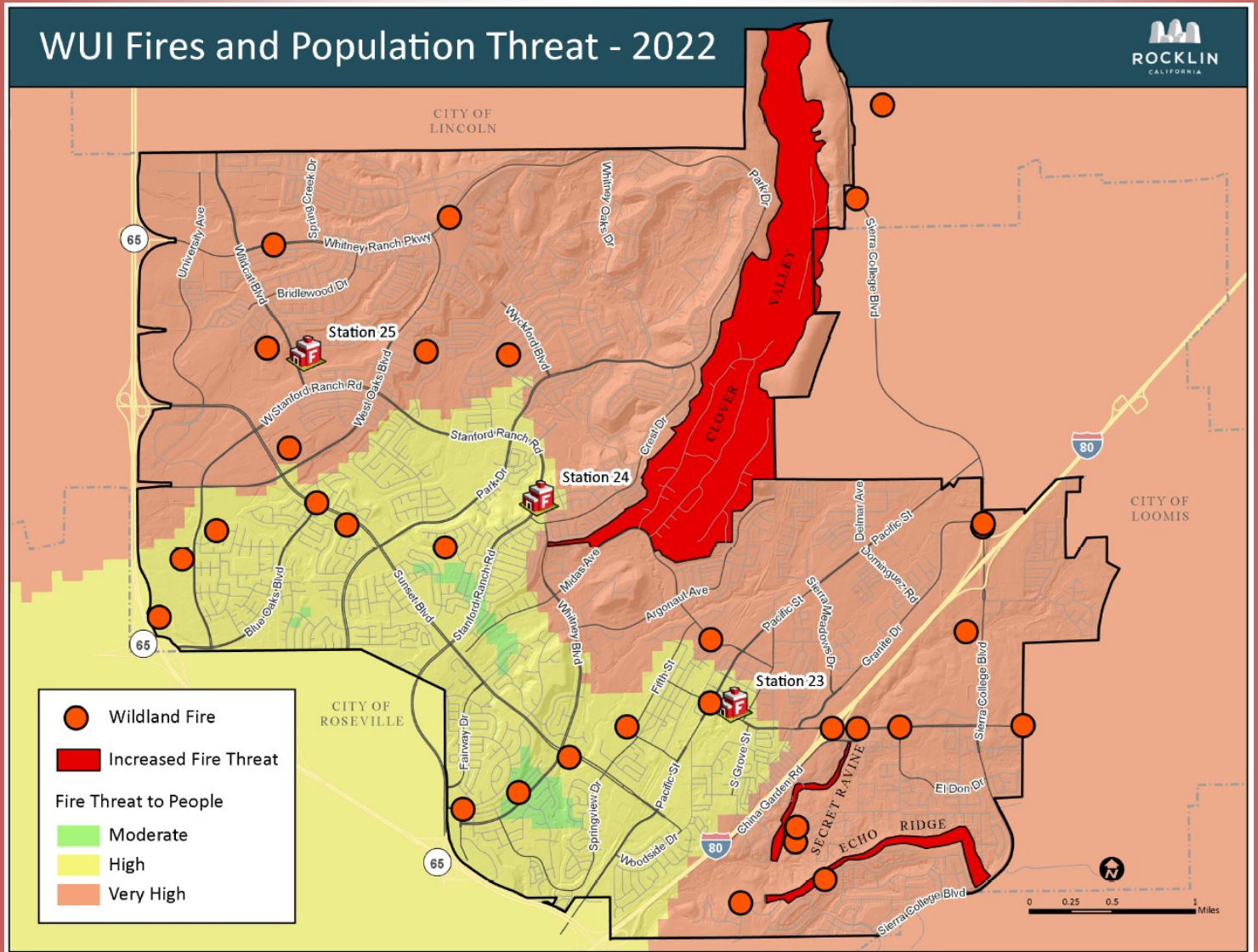
The map above represents all EMS calls for service in 2022, including vehicle accidents with injuries. Emergency medical calls account for 66% of response from the fire department. Rocklin Fire responds to all medical emergencies with at least one paramedic/firefighter on each apparatus, providing a higher level of service and documented improved patient outcomes.

Map of Travel Times



This map represents travel time for emergent calls (Code 3) in the City of Rocklin in 2022. Code 3 calls require the use of lights and sirens to expedite response to save lives and property. The data is derived from the department's record management systems (ImageTrend), which uses unit data provided by the City's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The travel time intervals vary from zero to two (0-2) minutes to greater than seven minutes (>7), not accounting for alarm handling or turnout time. Fire crews obtain a zero-minute travel time when reporting new incidents or arriving prior to being dispatched by the Police/Fire Communications Center.

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Fires And Population Threat



The map above represents all vegetation fires in 2022 and relation to the “wildland threat to population.” Rocklin Fire Department strives to prevent and reduce wildland fires through annual mailers that remind our community of the importance for creating defensible space. The department also encourages grazing and other fire mitigation strategies to reduce the rapid spread of vegetation fires. Fire threat is a combination of two factors: 1) fire frequency, or the likelihood of a given area burning, and 2) potential fire behavior (hazard).

Fire Operations Division

Deputy Fire Chief Watkins has served as the Deputy Fire Chief of Operations for two years. In his current role with the department, Chief Watkins is responsible for recruitment and promotions, standards of cover, pre-incident planning, quarterly inspections, and supporting A, B, and C shift Battalion Chiefs with day to day operations.

The Fire Department provides emergency response services within our community from three strategically located fire stations. Housed within each station are fire apparatus precisely placed to provide the optimum most efficient response model for all incident types throughout the City.

Daily, our response force is made up of two Fire Engines, one Ladder Truck, and a variety of Command/Support vehicles. During the dry season, Wildland Engines are placed into service providing fire protection to our Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) response zones. Common daily responses include fire suppression (structural, wildland, and vehicle), emergency medical services, vehicle extrication, and technical rescue in addition to a variety of other assistance calls.

Emergency response is provided by highly motivated, well-trained professional men and women who are prepared to answer all calls for service every minute of the day. Personnel are assigned to one of three shifts (A, B, or C shift) led by a Battalion Chief. Staffing for each Fire Engine is (3) personnel and (4) personnel for the Ladder Truck. At a minimum, staffing on each apparatus is a Fire Captain, Fire Engineer, and a Firefighter(s), with one being Paramedic trained in providing Advanced Life Support pre-hospital care.



Deputy Fire Chief Watkins



All play an integral role in every response no matter the size or complexity.

All personnel comprising the Operations Division of your Fire Department, stand at the ready to provide the most efficient, expeditious, and professional response to all of our community's needs.

Emergency Medical Services

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division is responsible for the management of the City's EMS system, which currently operates two Advanced Life Support (ALS) engines and a truck company. The Rocklin Fire Department employs 25 paramedics and 10 emergency medical technician's (EMT) to staff these units which provides ALS care 24/7.

Medical calls account for approximately 66% of the calls for service received by the City each year. The City also works closely with our allied partners to include the receiving hospitals and American Medical Response (AMR) for transport services.



Battalion Chief Hertel



Although our paramedics provide ALS care 24/7, they also have the specialized assistance of three LUCAS device's. The department carries one device on each Fire apparatus and they are utilized as an additional resource for life saving efforts. The LUCAS device extends the reach of care by maintaining chest compressions during transport of patients suffering from Cardiac Arrest.

With tools such as the LUCAS device, combined with highly trained EMS personnel, the Rocklin Fire Department prides itself with ensuring we provide the highest level of care to the residents and visitors of Rocklin.



Operations and Suppression

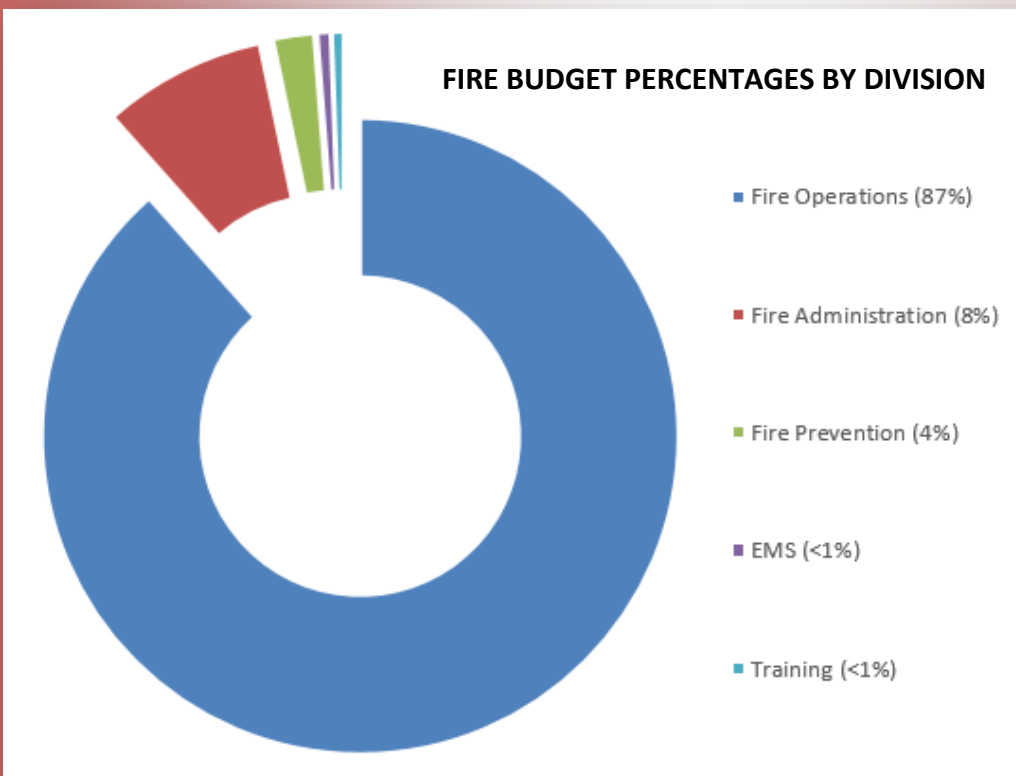


Battalion Chief Holmes

Day to day operations of the firehouse can vary and having the appropriate tools, equipment, pre-planning and suppression necessities prepares fire personnel to be at the ready for any and all types of emergencies. In the fire service this type of response capabilities is referred to as a “All-Hazard” fire department. An “All Hazards” fire department represents every level of a hazard response whether it is rope rescue, hazardous materials, building collapse, EMS, vehicle extraction, fire extinguishment and the list can go on and on.

The Operations Division currently supports equipping not only our firefighters with the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and tools necessary to appropriately respond to the vast variety of call types we receive annually, but also properly equips our primary response apparatus. The Rocklin Fire Department’s primary response apparatus includes; two Type I Engines, one Type I Truck, three Type III Wildland apparatus and various utility vehicles.

Some of the essential firefighter’s PPE consist of structural and wildland turnouts and helmets, as well as individually issued thermal imaging cameras and portable radios. These are just a couple of the tools and equipment provided to our fire personnel which allow them to do their job to the best of their ability. The Operation Division also provides apparatus tools and equipment such as; hose, ladders, chainsaws, extrication tools, air monitors and much more. This equipment is all essential in equipping our fire department and it’s personnel to properly respond to the community we serve in any emergency that we may encounter.



Operations and Suppression account for 87% of the Fire Department’s fiscal budget.

This means that 87% of the department’s budget supports all tools & equipment purchased for all apparatus as well as providing all Fire personnel with their required personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to respond to each call for service.

Department Training



Battalion Chief Molinaro

In 2022, the department was fortunate to participate in several multi-agency drills and training opportunities. Department training is crucial to the ongoing tasks and challenges of day to day incident responses.

Common training topics that we worked on in 2022 included some of the following:

Rope Rescue, Truck Operations, Rapid Intervention Crew Operations (RIC), Annual Wildland Fire Safety Training (RT-130), Fire Attack and Primary Search of a structures; Wildland Firefighting, Auto Extrication, Urban Interface classes, Gas Emergency training, Radio Communications, Incident Command classes, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Active Shooter, continuous EMS renewals, Driver/Operator series classes as well sending Engineers to the Rio Hondo Truck Academy in Southern California annually.

Multi-agency drills as well as department coordinated training assessments are facilitated throughout the year to assist with the preparedness of ad-hoc situations and day to day incidents that may arise. Training options include burning structure simulations, rescue scenarios, RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety, and Red Card Pack testing.

Additionally, the department completed various in-house training programs facilitated by on-duty staffing. These in-house training opportunities give the subject matter experts in the department their time to shine with the specific training and background.

Examples include:

- Outfitting our newest apparatus, a 107' aerial ladder truck, with ground ladders, extrication tools and specialty equipment. Truck 24 is equipped with a section of high-pressure LDH (large diameter hose) designed to allow a pumper to supply water to our ladder pipe at high pressures for elevated firefighting operations.
- This year we were fortunate to enlist Ross Ladder Co. to conduct our annual hose testing. Contracting out this service will make our hose testing process more streamlined, efficient and safe. It will also reduce the wear and tear on our front line apparatus. Furthermore, Ross Ladder Co. keeps meticulous records of our hoses condition and department-wide inventory.



Department Training

Lastly, we continue to work with local agencies for various training opportunities to increase the specialized training and knowledge that prepares fire personnel to be prepared and ready for when the citizens of the community and visitors need us.



Department Training



Academy 22 - 01

In May 2022, four new Firefighters joined the Rocklin Fire family and underwent an in-house 6-week training academy specifically designed for lateral transfers.

Many of our department personnel join our department with skills and knowledge acquired from other Fire department agencies. An in-house training academy ensures the cohesiveness of applying the policies and procedures of the Rocklin Fire department and learning the “Rocklin-way”.



Training to Fight Fires: The Red Card Pack Test

Rocklin Fire Department responds to dozens of fire related incidents each year. Aside from working structure fires, we also respond to other situations outside of structure fires that require a thorough size up by the first in Company Officer or Battalion Chief. Providing a detailed, consistent size up not only paints a picture for all other responding units but it also sets the tone of the incident and mitigation at a wildland fire incident.

The *Red Card Pack Test* is a physical fitness test for firefighters who have the potential to respond to a wildland fire incident. To earn a *Red Card*, firefighters are required to complete a simulated test consisting of a 3-mile hike over level terrain carrying a 45 pound pack. To qualify for arduous fireline work, firefighters must complete the pack test in 45 minutes or less. Firefighters move quickly in order to complete the testing, however, running is not allowed and one foot must always have contact with the ground.

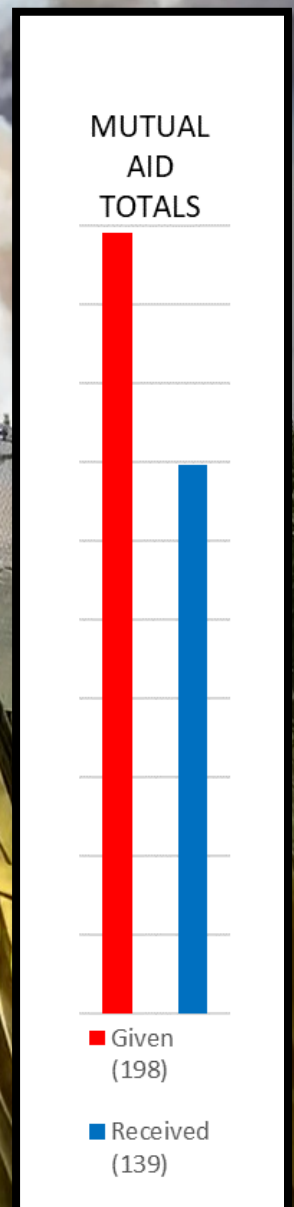
The *Red Card Pack Test* is designed to insure that our fire personnel are trained as an organization and work cohesively together. Incidents continue to be mitigated in a timely manner with safety as our number one priority.



Mutual Aid and Wildland Fire Responses

Rocklin is often requested for assistance during wildland fire incidents occurring outside of the City. In 2022, Rocklin Fire responded to three separate single resource requests for assistance in and around Placer County. A single resource request consists of a specialized single increment of any resource, considered fully operational when deployed with department equipment. Example: a single crew member from a department with a specialized skill set and/or specific request of a specialized engine, dozer, etc.

The department has several specialty trained and skilled firefighters that respond to single resource requests including a Public Information Officer (PIO), Strike Team Leader, Communications Unit Leader, and Division Supervisor. Rocklin Fire also provided mutual aid on 198 occasions and received mutual assistance on 139 occasions in 2022.



**Mill Fire Incident
Siskiyou County
248 miles NW of Rocklin**

**Started: September 2, 2022
Contained: September 13, 2022**

Rocklin Response: Single Resource

Active for 11 days

Acres burned: 3,935

Structures destroyed: 118

Cause: Under investigation

**Rocklin Fire personnel assisted for
3 days**

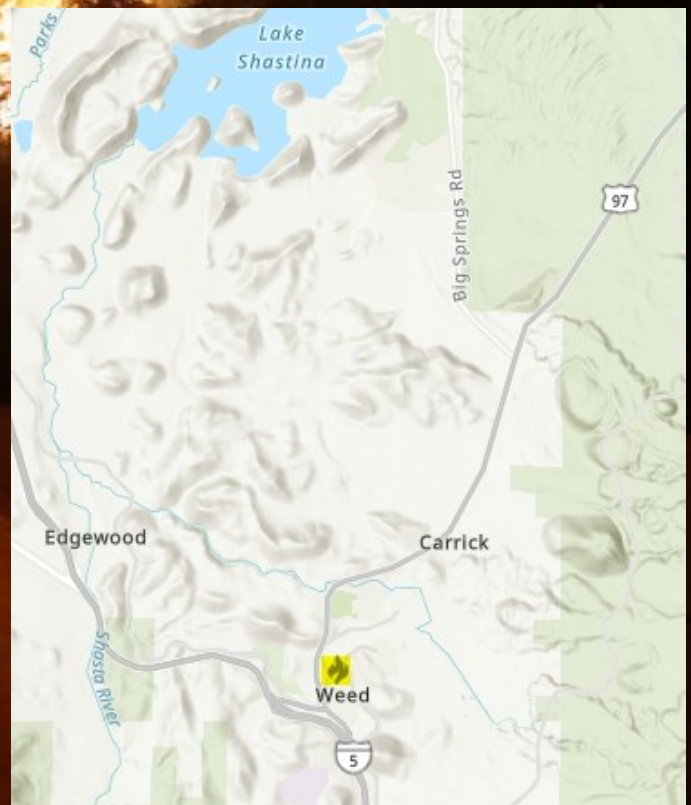


Photo and containment data provided by Cal Fire:
www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022

**Mountain Fire Incident
Siskiyou County
270 miles NW of Rocklin**



**Started: September 2, 2022
Last Updated September 21, 2022**

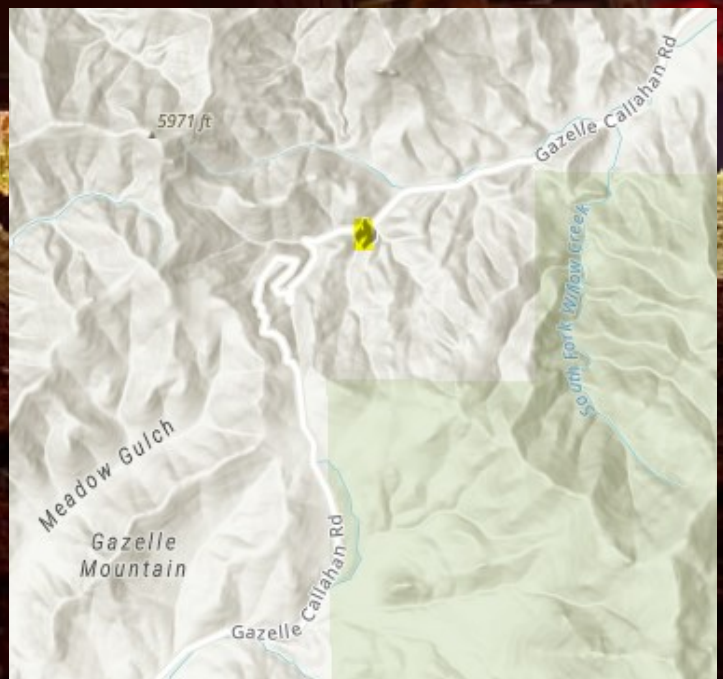
**Rocklin Response:
Single Resource**

Acres burned: 13,440

Structures destroyed: 4

Cause: Under investigation

**Rocklin Fire personnel assisted
for 10 days**



Mosquito Fire Incident

El Dorado and Placer Counties

50 miles NE of Rocklin

Started: September 6, 2022

Contained: October 27, 2022

Background:

The Mosquito Fire was detected the evening of Tuesday, September 6th and burned east of Foresthill, predominantly on the Tahoe and Eldorado National Forests in Placer and El Dorado counties.

Rocklin Response: Single Resource

Active for 50 days

Acres burned: 76,788

Structures destroyed: 78

Cause: Under investigation

Rocklin Fire personnel assisted for 14 days



Photo and containment data provided by Cal Fire:
www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022

Fire Prevention Division

Deputy Fire Chief Brayton has served as the department's Fire Marshal just under a year in his new role. Chief Brayton is responsible for overseeing the Fire Prevention Division and Arson Task Force in the department.

The Fire Prevention Division of the Rocklin Fire Department provides City residents with the highest level of community risk reduction and active fire prevention through education and enforcement by working with businesses and residents. The Fire Prevention team is divided into four areas of focus: Fire Prevention and Inspections, Public Education, Fire Plans Review, and Fire & Arson Investigations.

The primary function of the Fire Prevention Division is to attempt to prevent fires from occurring by enforcing standards referred to as the Fire Code. Enforcement happens through locally adopted international, national, and State standards. The City of Rocklin has adopted the California Fire Code, in its entirety, including Appendix BB: Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings; Appendix C: Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution; and Appendix D: Fire Apparatus Access Roads.

Fire and Life Safety Inspections are administered under the California Fire Code, NFPA standards, and the Rocklin Municipal Code. Annual inspections of businesses and assemblies are regulated under these laws and standards and include, but are not limited to, schools, hotels/motels, apartment complexes, high-rise buildings, apartments, and assemblies.

The Fire and Arson Investigation Unit includes an experienced group of highly trained investigators. The men and women in this team are professional firefighters and inspectors who are cross-trained in fire cause determination, fire scene forensics, fire laws, and enforcement. Working closely with the Rocklin Police Department and allied agencies, these individuals are skilled and have a high success rate in determining whether suspicious fires are arson. Fire and Arson Investigation Unit members are peace officers under penal code 830.37.



Deputy Fire Chief Brayton

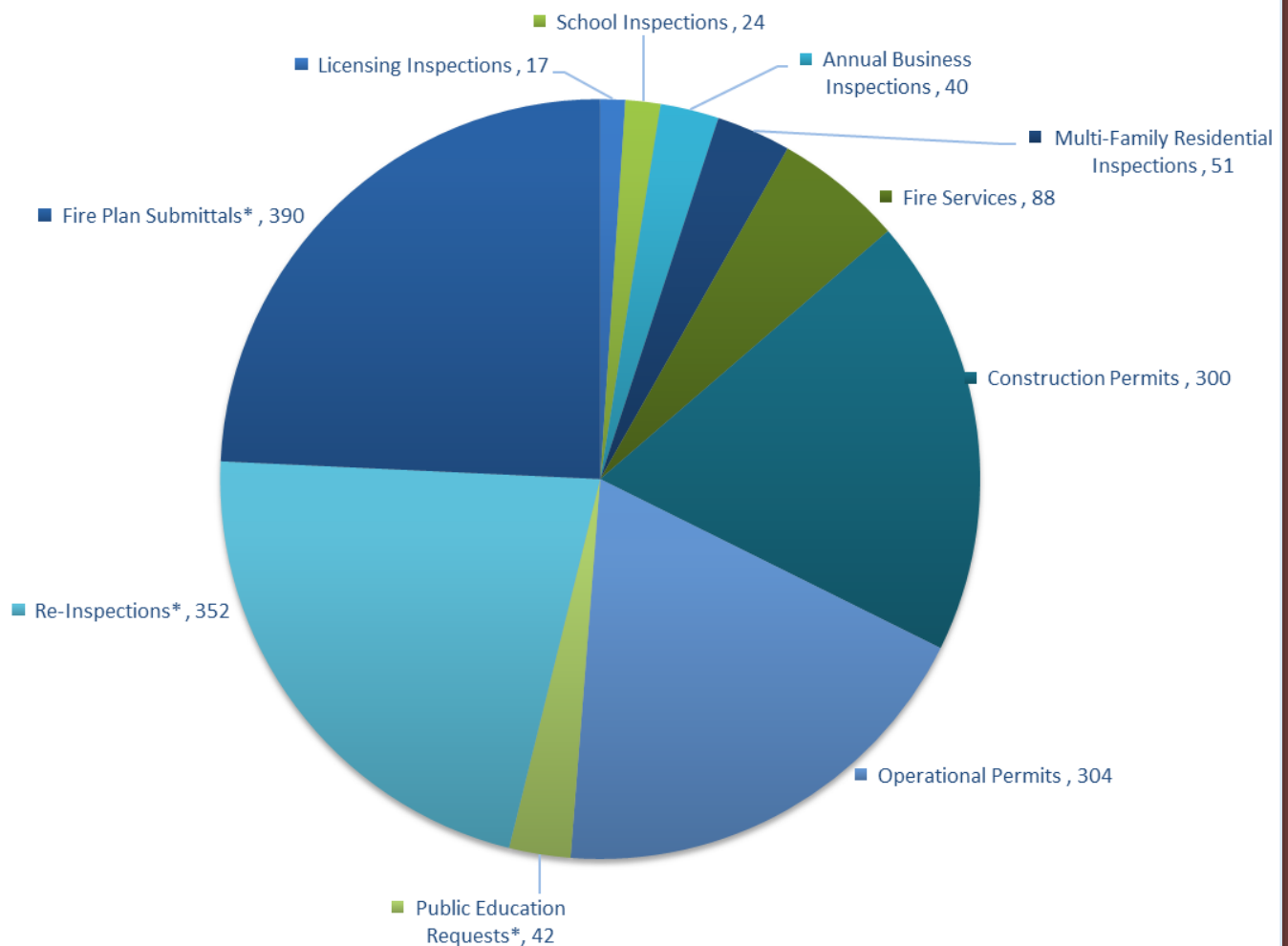


Fire Prevention Activities

The Fire Prevention team conducted 824 initial fire inspections and 352 re-inspections between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. In addition to providing fire and life safety inspections, the Fire Prevention Plans Examiner completed 390 initial fire plan examination reviews.

During the 2022 calendar year, the Prevention team and fire crews conducted a total of 42 public education events, reaching almost nine thousand individuals of all ages. The Administrative office receives various public education special requests throughout the year that include school visits, harvest festivals, career fairs, and City-wide special events. Rocklin Fire Department is happy to attempt to accommodate most requests with the approval of the Fire Chief and as emergency responses allow. Fire crews that are able to attend events are required to continue to serve emergency calls and remain in-service. At times, fire crews will need to leave an event and return as soon as an emergency response has been cleared.

PREVENTION ACTIVITIES COMPLETED JANUARY - DECEMBER 2022



*These totals are not included in the inspection counts.

Arson Task Force and Fire Investigations

Established in April 2022, The Fire and Arson Investigation Unit conducted 20 fire investigations determining fire origin and cause. These fire cause analyses allow the fire department to identify trends in the community to address fire safety, as well as provides analytical data to develop fire engineering safety standards, and investigate and enforce fire-related crimes including arson.

Working closely with the Rocklin Police Department and allied agencies, the investigative efforts of the Fire and Arson Investigation Unit led to three felony arrests for arson in 2022. The Fire and Arson Investigation Unit strives to ensure that Rocklin remains a family-friendly and safe community.



Fire Inspections

Rocklin Fire Department's Prevention team completes construction related and annual fire and life safety inspections of all City businesses including professional offices and specialty services; as well as gathering locations such as churches, recreation facilities, and restaurants. Additionally, annual inspections are regulated under State laws and standards and include, but are not limited to, schools, hotels/motels, apartment complexes, high-rise buildings, apartments, and assemblies.

New construction inspections can include businesses, residential, fire alarms, and sprinklers installations. Fire Inspectors work collaboratively with the department's Fire Prevention Plans Examiner to facilitate what our Fire Inspectors are looking for at on-site inspections.



Station Inspections

Rocklin Fire Station Inspections are completed annually.

The Rocklin Fire Department continues to move forward on implementing internal strategic goals. Stations rotate for annual inspections upon the Fire Chief's discretion and are announced approximately 30 days in advance of the planned inspection date.

The Fire Chief's annual station inspections allow stations to demonstrate their preparedness. The inspections rotate by shift each year beginning with the A-shift this year, B-shift in 2023, and C-Shift in 2024.

In 2021, the Fire Chief and Chief Staff in the Department began conducting annual station inspections. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure all facilities, tools, and equipment are maintained, clean, and in operational readiness.

The Fire Chief conducts a comprehensive inspection of each fire station, including the interior, exterior of facilities, and all apparatus. All items are checked for condition, functionality, and cleanliness. Station inspections are approximately 45 minutes and are completed in chronological order by station number. Personnel are expected to wear their Class B uniforms and have their Class A uniform available upon request.



Keeping the stations interior, exterior, and apparatus inspection-ready can be a challenge. The Fire Chief sets expectations that all ceilings, walls, and floors are dusted and cleaned.

The apparatus also goes through a top to bottom cleansing and inspection process. Additionally, the Fire Chief inspects each tool for proper operation, cleanliness, and for the correct utility markings.

Fire Administration

The Fire Administration office is a multi-faceted environment that requires an intense amount of concentration while simultaneously supporting the fire crews and serving the citizens of Rocklin. In order for the Administrative office to run smoothly, many deadlines and responsibilities must be met. Excellent internal and external customer service is crucial to the success of the administration office running simultaneously with the crews in the traditional Monday through Friday day to day office environment.

Some of the daily functions performed by Administrative staff include:

- Assisting the Chief staff with special projects, reports, analysis, and presentations
- Answering multi-division general phone inquiries and helping with public requests including report requests, City fee inquiries, and directory assistance
- Responding to multi-division email requests, distributing mail and parcels, ordering public education products, office supplies, and managing maintenance services for stations
- Proofreading documents and assisting with computer software and database updates for all ranks in the department
- Preparing correspondence letters, scheduling inspection services, and entering data for tracking inspection services
- Maintaining updates to department policies and procedures
- Processing department purchase requests and finalizing purchase procedures from start to finish for department staff
- Maintaining all logistical preparation for badge pinning's, annual awards celebration, and other department-wide special events
- Assisting with new staff on-boarding and uniforms ordering for department staff



Rocklin Fire Department

Strategic Plan

As part of the department's strategic planning, stakeholders identified three themes with identified objective's through 2026. The objective's are outlined below:

Themes identified:

- 1) *"How do we continue to improve on protecting lives, property, and the environment during and prior to emergency events?"*
- 2) *"How do we meet the increasing service demands over the coming years?"*
- 3) *"How do we better market our services and demonstrate our value to our community?"*



Strategic Objective 1:

- ⇒ Improve survivability for victims of fire, hazardous material release, entrapment, or other crisis incidents
- ⇒ Survivability of patients experiencing acute medical emergencies
- ⇒ Improve firefighter safety and survival
- ⇒ Improve agency resiliency during crisis level events

Strategic Objective 2:

- ⇒ Financial and legal risk/liability to the fire department and the City of Rocklin
- ⇒ Improve efficiency within the current budget system
- ⇒ Prepare the agency for the next economic downturn
- ⇒ Prepare for rapid population growth

Strategic Objective 3:

- ⇒ Promote a positive agency reputation within the community
- ⇒ Mitigate fire related damage to allow occupants to remain in the impacted structure after suppression operations
- ⇒ Provide downward pressure on fire insurance premium costs within the community
- ⇒ Provide value beyond the 911 call

The Strategic Plan can be located on the City's web site:
www.rocklin.ca.us/rocklin-fire-strategic-plan

Fire Department Organization

The Fire Chief oversees day-to-day Operations and Administration with the assistance of two Deputy Fire Chiefs

Each Deputy Fire Chief manages the Department's Fire Prevention Division and Operations Division with the assistance of three Battalion Chiefs

Each Battalion Chief manages their respective program to include:

Emergency Medical Services
Operations and Suppression
Training, Facilities, and Apparatus

and, the Firefighting Personnel that make up the bulk of the Department consists of Fire Captain's, Fire Engineer's, and Firefighter/Firefighter-Paramedics

They are who make it all happen and bring the Department's Mission to fruition!



Suppression Staff

Special Assignments

Rocklin Fire personnel are each tasked with a special assignment for the year, in addition to their day to day duties of firefighting. Special assignments include but are not limited to some of the following:

- Maintain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Maintain Department Scheduling and Attendance Reporting
- Manage Mobile Technologies and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs)
- Manage Portable and Mobile Radio Communications
- Facilitate and Lead Department Apparatus Committee and respond as City Fleet Liaison
- Coordinate Emergency Medical Support Training
- Manage Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Program
- Facilitate as Rescue Coordinator (Rope Rescue)
- Maintain Apparatus Tools, Inventory, and Equipment
- Manage and Oversee Emergency Medical Support Supplies, Purchasing, and Inventory
- Assist with Fire Arson Investigation Unit (FAIU)
- Maintain Workout Equipment Repair, Maintenance, and Purchasing of Equipment
- Maintain Narcotic Tracking and Active-911 Program
- Facilitate the Critical Incident Stress Management Program
- Facilitate and Lead Hands-Only CPR and Vehicle Extraction Training
- Maintain and update Pre-Fire Plans



Public Education

Public Education in 2022 happened differently than in years past. Rocklin provided public education to many schools and Rocklin citizens to the best of their availability post-Covid.

Due to Covid, hosting gatherings such as an open house or other classroom style learning sessions were not an option. Therefore, informing the public of safety information and tips was primarily through social media, a visit to the station via video, and several parking lot or apparatus bay presentations visible from a safe distance.

A new addition this year was the red flag day feather flags, distributed in high visibility areas throughout the City. Each station would post these 15' feather flags in front of the stations whenever the National Weather Service designated that day as a red flag day.

The problem of informing people about red flag days (which are considered for extreme fire danger conditions) was identified and the feather flags were a new program to help keep people in the know.

These feather flags can easily be identified when in effect and we feel they are a positive contribution to remind citizens to be fire safe during fire season in and around of the City.



Community Events

Rocklin Fire is proud to be present at several annual City events that includes the Civic Celebration in the Spring, followed by the annual Patriot Day hosted by the City's Police Department and the Hot Chili & Cool Cars event hosted yearly by the City's Chamber of Commerce, both occurring in the Fall. Rocklin citizens will often see the Fire Chief at several events including the National Night Out celebrated in late summer.

Hands-only CPR demonstrations were provided to the community this year and with the increase in Firefighter recruitment, Rocklin was happy to participate at the Veteran's Day Public Safety Career Fair hosted at Sierra College.

Additionally, the Rocklin Firefighters Local 3847 hosts three main events annually: Easter egg hunt, Santa Tours, and pancake breakfast for Rocklin residents.



OUR ANNUAL SANTA TOUR

Every year, our citizens young and old wait on their frosty driveways and peer through their windows to get a look at Santa driven around the City by our beautiful Christmas Engine as it cruises through every neighborhood, bringing joy and smiles to all City residents.

This annual tradition is beloved by our community for over 40 years and our Firefighter's Association loves making it happen for them!



Fire Department Volunteers

The Fire Department has committed volunteers that serve the department in a variety of public service and administrative tasks as well as attend numerous City annual events including the Civic Celebration, Patriot Day, and the popular Hot Chili Cool Cars.

In November of this year, the City of Rocklin volunteers for both the Police and Fire departments were recognized during their annual appreciation dinner as they celebrated the 20th year of the City's Volunteer Program.

Fire Volunteers assist with many projects involving the Fire Department including Administrative tasks, hydrant painting, Fire Access mapping, weed abatement, File of Life, fall safety education, and hands only CPR demonstrations.

Fire Volunteers

Administrative



Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and the BSU



The self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is the air supply carried on the backs of firefighters for structural firefighting. The current life expectancy of SCBAs is 10 years and are required to be replaced based on the manufacturer recommendation.

The Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICs) give firefighters a thermal image for victim search, and heat signatures inside the walls of structures that can not be seen with the naked eye. This gift of sight inside of a structure fire is unparalleled.

Training enables firefighter staff to manage the SCBA carefully and make certain determinations when responding to emergent fire situations.

The Fire Department currently has dedicated City volunteers who support the organization during major emergency incidents including wildland fire responses where the departments Breathing Support Unit (BSU) is utilized. The BSU is used to replenish depleted air cylinders that allow firefighters to continue to fight fires with continuous oxygen support.

Fire Volunteers

Breathing Support Unit - BSU





STATION APPARATUS

Each Station houses specialized apparatus that is dispatched to respond to a variety of emergency situations.

Department apparatus that can be seen often around the City include:

Type 1 Engine - used for most medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, hazardous materials, and public assistance.

Type 3 Engine - used for wildland response and is equipped with 4-wheel drive.

Type 1 Aerial Ladder Truck - specifically designed and equipped with a 107' aerial ladder along with multiple ground ladders that aid in suppression and rescue operations.

Foam Tender (FT) - built specifically to transport foam for large flammable liquid fires.

Breathing Support Unit (BSU) - specifically designed to provide stored compressed air at emergencies.

Emergency Utility Vehicle (EUV) - an all-terrain vehicle designed to maneuver in areas with limited access for Engine response.

Battalion Chief Unit (BC) - a passenger vehicle utilized for emergency response by the on-duty Battalion Chief.

Remember to pull to the right for sirens and lights.

STATION APPARATUS



Type 1 Engine



Type 3 Engine



Type 1 Aerial Ladder Truck

STATION APPARATUS



FT-Foam Tender



BSU-Breathing Support Unit



EUV-Emergency Utility Vehicle

STATION APPARATUS



Battalion Chief



Department Recognitions

Promotions, New Hires, and
Administrative Staff were recognized at our
annual awards ceremony



Promotions included: 1-Deputy Fire Chief, 1-Battalion Chief, 1-Captain, and 2-Engineers

New Hires included: 4-Firefighter-Paramedics, 1-Senior Office Assistant,
1-Fire Prevention Plans Examiner, and an Administrative Analyst

welcome
TO THE FAMILY

Special Recognition

In June of this year, Mr. Lee “Smokey” Browning received a special recognition by the City Council for his dedication to the community of Rocklin.

Mr. Browning became a member of the City of Rocklin Volunteer Fire Department in 1968 and is the longest serving volunteer in the history of the City of Rocklin. In 2012, Mr. Browning was recognized

for over 45 years of service by having his name engraved outside of Fire Station #23, located at 4060 Rocklin Road.

Mr. Browning has been instrumental in every aspect of what the present-day Fire Department has become.

Mr. Browning continues to be an advocate for the fire department and continues to support the organization during major emergency incidents and community events. During multiple alarm fires and other extended fire department incidents, Mr. Browning could be found operating the Department's Breathing Support Unit, which is used to replenish depleted air cylinders that allow firefighters to continue to fight fires.

On behalf of the Fire Department, the City Council presented a special commendation to Mr. Lee “Smokey” Browning for 60 cumulative years of volunteer service.



Retirements



Battalion Chief Holm
Station 24



Captain Vidaurri
Station 24



Firefighter-Paramedic Dolley
Station 25

Congratulations are in order for the following department staff who retired in 2022:

**Battalion Chief Holm served our agency for 17 years
Captain Vidaurri served our agency for 23 years
Firefighter-Paramedic Dolley served our agency for 15 years**

We are grateful for their fine service to our City!



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