

2025 *SISKIYOU COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL REPORT*



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SISKIYOU COUNTY FIRE WARDEN

Honorable members of the Board,

It is my pleasure to present the 2025 Siskiyou County Annual Fire Report. Siskiyou County Fire Departments are dedicated to the protection of life, property and natural resources within Siskiyou County.

As the appointed Siskiyou County Fire Warden, Department Head for Siskiyou County Service Area No. 4 (CSA-4) and Siskiyou General County Fire (GCF), I perform the duties and expectations in relation to fire incidents, fire protection and fire prevention as required by the Board of Supervisors. I am tasked with providing for a system of fire protection services to all areas of the county by administration of Auto and Mutual Aid agreements, including the Amador plan, and by providing each fire agency with emergency response resources and support when needed in the service of the citizens of Siskiyou County.

CSA-4 provides extended county services for fire protection, as well as other fire and medical related services for the protection of life and property outside of cities and existing fire protection districts. CSA-4 encompasses the entire county which includes four "Fire Zones" and four "Hose Companies". The Fire Zones have special tax assessments that generate revenue to provide emergency service for their areas. The Fire Zones include Hammond Ranch, McCloud, Mt. Shasta Vista, and Pleasant Valley. The Hose Companies are donation-based departments that provide emergency services to their areas. The Hose Companies include Hilt, Klamath River, Salmon River, and Seiad Valley. Areas within the County outside of fire districts receive services from Auto Aid, Mutual Aid and the Cooperative Amador Agreement between the County of Siskiyou and CALFIRE.

GCF maintains an inventory of emergency preparedness and response equipment that includes fire engines, mobile air self-contained breathing apparatus trailers, emergency response trailers, a fuels reduction excavator, and brush chippers. These items are used throughout the county in support of emergency incidents, training, fuel reduction projects and special events. GCF fire equipment is often rented by CAL FIRE in support of state fire emergencies which has created an annual revenue source. The revenue generated in fiscal year 24/25 is currently \$861,361. These funds are utilized by the County to fund the County Agreement with CALFIRE as well as reinvested in equipment purchases, maintenance, and replacement. Fire equipment is often purchased and then given or loaned to departments that have needs to provide better service to the public and provide better safety of their volunteers.

GFC had several successes in 2025 with the assistance of the Board of Supervisors, CALFIRE, the County of Siskiyou and the County Chiefs Association.

- GFC received a Direct Award Grant from CALFIRE in the amount of \$460,144 to purchase an excavator and trailer for fuels reduction. After the purchase the equipment operated by CALFIRE completed over 300 acres of fuel reduction within the County. These pieces of equipment will continue to be utilized for fuels reduction throughout the County into the future with no purchase cost.
- CALFIRE, County Finance, County Radio Tech's and the County Chiefs association worked cooperatively to fund, install and bring to use the very archaic Siskiyou County Command frequency. This collaboration led to the implementation of a useful command net that can now be utilized for significant emergency incidents in Siskiyou County.
- With the backing of the Board of Supervisors Siskiyou County committed funding for needed fire equipment items for departments to better serve its citizens within Siskiyou County. 16 sets of battery-operated vehicle extrication equipment were purchased and distributed to departments that needed them. In 2026 an additional 35 handheld radios are being purchased and distributed to departments that have a critical need for them.

While fire departments recruitment of volunteers still struggles and lack of significant finances are ever present. These successes show the commitment of working together for the betterment of service to the citizens and the commitment of all entities to safety and wellness of fire personnel within Siskiyou County.



SISKIYOU COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County

2025 has been a year of accomplishments for Siskiyou County Fire Departments. We all would like to thank the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors for the forward thinking and securing over one million dollars for the improvement of the Siskiyou County Fire Service. With this funding we fixed our County Command (now named Siskiyou Command) radio system. We have had this frequency for over 30 years, but it never worked properly to be used. With the movement and upgrade of radio repeaters, we now have a system that is functional. This secondary system can now be used as a front-line dispatching system or give us the ability to move long-term incidents to it, allowing for clearer radio dispatching of new emergencies. These funds were also used to purchase 18 sets of battery powered jaws of life for north county departments and south county departments received 35 handheld radios. The Chiefs would also like to thank the Siskiyou County Finance staff and County Radio Tech for their hard work in purchasing and completing the work on the ground for these projects.

Another big accomplishment is the renewed County Fire Warden contract with College of the Siskiyous. This agreement along with a new web-based platform has given the Siskiyou County fire service a training platform that can reach each firefighter, paid or volunteer, creating a direct line to upcoming training and a place to request training through the College. The College of the Siskiyous Fire Technology program director Chris Delcour built the platform for us, and it looks like it will meet the needs we have had for years. In the past we have struggled to reach firefighters directly, we have tried through the Chiefs Association, but it would never get to the firefighter level, where it is needed most. We are there now and still getting folks to join the platform. This is a huge win, and it makes our county fire service safer and stronger! We have also prepared for the hazard of electric vehicle emergencies. With I-5 we see a lot of electric vehicles and now have the equipment and training to help handle their hazards. We held extrication trainings and have fire blankets, as well as flood bearers to flood them if they are on fire.

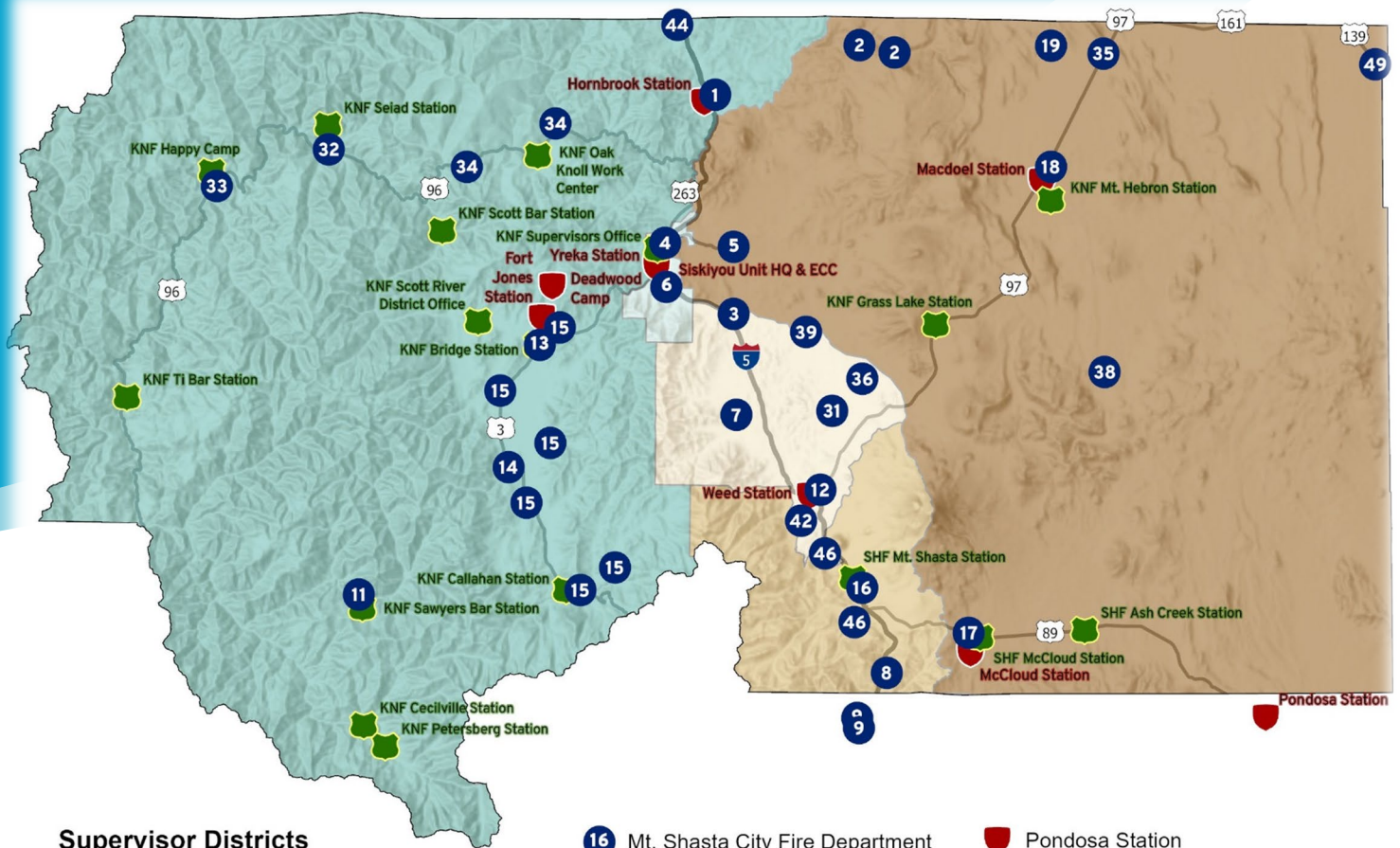
While some departments still struggled with a lack of volunteers in 2025, we saw others with staffing levels on their way up. We now have several departments that have paid firefighters. More than 15 paid fire fighters are working within Siskiyou County Local Government Departments. This is a first for Siskiyou County. I think this new training platform will help bring numbers up for each department. We have taken most of the cost off the table so everyone can attend training. I see more interdepartmental training with all departments. CAL FIRE is also participating in local department monthly training and inviting local government department to attend training.

In 2026, we will continue to work on making the fire service stronger within Siskiyou County. We are refining the Siskiyou County Rescue Group that focuses on specialized rope and swift water rescue. The group has participation from all departments that want to help. Leadership within this group includes paid and volunteers. We continue to assess where specialized equipment needs to be located within the County and the need to purchase new equipment. I see good solid interest from everyone and this being a useful tool for all departments. We are pursuing the possibility of applying for a county wide FEMA radio grant. This will include the upgrade of mobile radios, handheld radios and pagers for all departments within Siskiyou County. We are working on supporting local government structure fire investigations and training with trained lead investigators.

We are continuing to look for ways to reduce exposure hazards to our first responders in the Mt Shasta Vista area and focus on keeping everyone safe. We saw more fires last year in this area than ever before. The hazards are a problem that need to be dealt with. These hazards pose significant health risks to our firefighters and first responders. Additional information and training should be made more readily available for them to recognize hazards that may cause injury to them and others. Some of the hazards that they could be exposed to could take years to cause injury to them. The Board of Supervisors is always invited to attend our Siskiyou Chiefs meeting every other month.

Submitted by Bernie Paul Siskiyou County Fire Chiefs President

FIRE STATIONS



Supervisor Districts

- 1: Jess Harris
- 2: Ed Valenzuela
- 3: Michael Kobseff
- 4: Nancy Ogren
- 5: Ray Haupt

Fire Departments

Department Identifier

- 1 Hornbrook Fire Protection District
- 2 Copco Fire Protection District
- 3 Grenada Fire Protection District
- 4 Yreka City Fire Department
- 5 Montague Fire Department
- 6 South Yreka Fire Protection District
- 7 Gazelle Fire Protection District
- 8 Dunsmuir Fire Department
- 9 Castella Fire Protection District
- 11 Salmon River Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company
- 12 Weed City Fire Department
- 13 Fort Jones Fire Department
- 14 Etna Fire Department
- 15 Scott Valley Fire Protection District

- 16 Mt. Shasta City Fire Department
- 17 McCloud Fire Department
- 18 Butte Valley Fire Protection District
- 19 Pleasant Valley Fire Zone
- 31 Lake Shastina Fire Department
- 32 Seiad Valley Fire Company
- 33 Happy Camp Fire Protection District
- 34 Klamath River Fire Company
- 35 Dorris Fire Department
- 36 Mt. Shasta Vista Fire Zone
- 38 Tenant Fire Station
- 39 Mayten Fire Protection District
- 42 Hammond Ranch Fire Zone
- 44 Hilt Rural Fire District
- 46 Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District
- 49 Tullake Fire Protection District

CAL FIRE

- Deadwood Camp
- Fort Jones Station
- Hornbrook Station
- Macdoel Station
- McCloud Station

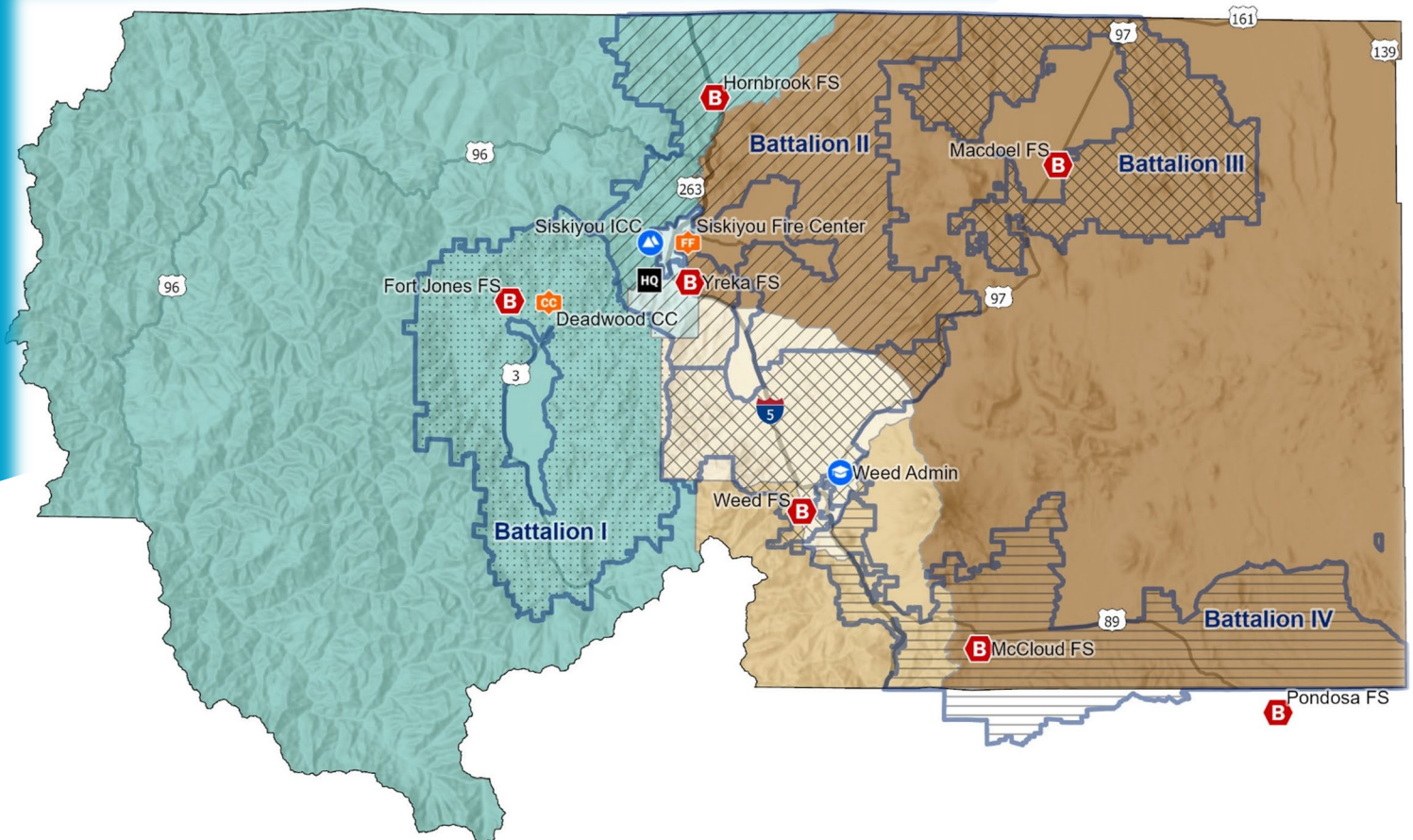
- Pondosa Station
- Weed Station
- Yreka Station
- Siskiyou Unit HQ & ECC

US Forest Service

- KNF Bridge Station
- KNF Callahan Station
- KNF Cecilville Station
- KNF Grass Lake Station
- KNF Happy Camp
- KNF Mt. Hebron Station
- KNF Oak Knoll Work Center
- KNF Petersberg Station
- KNF Sawyers Bar Station
- KNF Scott Bar Station
- KNF Scott River District Office
- KNF Seiad Station
- KNF Supervisors Office
- KNF Ti Bar Station
- SHF Ash Creek Station
- SHF McCloud Station
- SHF Mt. Shasta Station



CAL FIRE STATIONS



Supervisor Districts

- 1: Jess Harris
- 2: Ed Valenzuela
- 3: Michael Kobseff
- 4: Nancy Ogren
- 5: Ray Haupt

CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit

Battalions

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

CAL FIRE Facilities

- HQ Siskiyou Unit Headquarters (1)
- ▲ Interagency Emergency Command Center (1)
- ☺ Training Center (1)
- CC Conservation Camp (1)
- FF Fire Center - Firefighter Crews (1)
- B Fire Station - Schedule B (7)



COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SISKIYOU COUNTY AND CALFIRE

In 1978 a Cooperative Agreement was established between the County of Siskiyou and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection within Siskiyou County. At the time 12 positions were funded by the County for the 6-month winter Amador Contract period. These positions included 3 Station Fire Captains, 3 ECC Fire Captains and 6 Fire Apparatus Engineers. Title VI Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) federal funding provided funding for 9 additional Fire Fighters for the county contract. The contract included staffing of 2 personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 3 fire stations (Weed, Yreka and Fort Jones). Also included in the agreement was 3 Fire Captain positions within the Emergency Command Center providing 7 day a week fire dispatching. The 6-month winter Amador contract provided increased wildland fire protection within the County, Automatic and mutual Aid to local fire departments and fire dispatching for 10 departments within the County.

The legacy of partnership continues today between the County of Siskiyou and CALFIRE through a Cooperative Agreement. The County funds 3 Fire Fighter I positions for the 3-month base staffing Amador period which allows the Hornbrook Station to remain open year-round. 3 Fire Captains, 3 Fire Apparatus Engineers, 1 fire engine and the fire station facility are provided to the County by CALFIRE at no cost. Much like in 1978 this staffing continues to provide additional wildland fire protection within the county and Automatic and Mutual aid to local fire departments. In 2025 CALFIRE responded to 277 incidents on behalf of the County. The Contract also provides that CALFIRE dispatches all Fire and Medical calls on behalf of the County. 2 Communications Operator (dispatcher) positions are funded by the county through this Agreement. An additional 6 Fire Captains, 2 Communications Operators and 1 Communications Operator Supervisor which are State funded positions assist in accomplishing this task. In 2025 CALFIRE dispatched 7,945 calls on behalf of the County for all 31 Local Fire Departments within Siskiyou County. A County funded Office Technician is also included in the contract which provides fiscal, documentation and liaison services between the County of Siskiyou, County Fire Departments and CALFIRE. This critical position works daily to bridge the gap between County, State and local process to make all entities successful together.

The 47-year cooperative agreement relationship between CALFIRE, the County of Siskiyou, and Local Government Fire Departments remains strong through decades of partnership to protect its citizens, infrastructure and natural resources within Siskiyou County. As Local Government call volume continues to increase the need to add additional positions to this agreement to support dispatching and response will continue to increase as well.





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SISKIYOU COUNTY WILDLAND INCIDENT REPORT

In 2025, Siskiyou County experienced a highly active and challenging wildland fire season. The county responded to over 200 initial attack wildland fire incidents outside of National Forest boundaries, in addition to several major fires that significantly impacted the region. Notable incidents included the Butler Fire, Root Fire, SKU Early June Lightning Complex, and the SKU Late August Lightning Complex. These incidents required substantial engagement from CAL FIRE, Federal and Local government fire resources.

Although the county received periods of rain and snow accumulation during the winter months, the 2025 fire season remained challenging. Numerous lightning events caused widespread ignitions, while human-caused fires, combined with wind events and receptive fuel moistures, resulted in rapid fire spread and increased suppression challenges.

Early June Lightning Event

In early June 2025, Siskiyou County experienced a significant lightning event that ignited seven fires within State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. The largest incident, the Table Rock Fire, burned 99 acres and was contained within the first operational period. Collectively, the seven fires burned a total of 108 acres. The successful containment of these fires to minimal footprints was the direct result of aggressive initial attack by local, state and federal fire resources.

During this period, the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit and the Klamath National Forest experienced a significant drawdown of available firefighting resources. Local government fire agencies played a critical role by responding to incidents across federal, state and local jurisdictions, ensuring effective suppression efforts despite limited resource availability.



Butler Fire (Orleans Complex)

The Butler Fire ignited on July 3, 2025, at approximately 1800 hours. The fire was caused by dry lightning within the Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) of the Six Rivers National Forest, south of the community of Salmon River, California. The fire ultimately burned 22,117 acres as part of the Orleans Complex.

Federal resources initially responded to contain and control the fire. As fire activity increased, Six Rivers National Forest identified the need to activate a Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT 1). The fire later advanced into the Klamath National Forest, prompting coordination with the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit to support community protection efforts within Salmon River and Somes Bar.

On July 18, 2025, CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit deployed four Type 3 engine Strike Teams and four Type 1 Crew Strike Teams to the incident in support of containing the incident, protecting communities and the counties natural resources. CAL FIRE remained engaged in direct fireline suppression operations for ten days until the Butler Fire was contained within the Klamath National Forest and the threat to Siskiyou County communities was mitigated. Local Government departments throughout the County also supported the incident with numerous resources during the duration of the incident.

Late August Lightning Event

In late August 2025, Siskiyou County experienced another significant lightning event, resulting in 37 wildland fires starting over a five-day period. All fires were successfully contained by CAL FIRE, the USFS and local government resources. The combined incidents burned a total of 107 acres, with zero structures damaged, demonstrating effective coordination of fire resources and rapid suppression efforts within the county.

Root Fire

The Root Fire ignited on September 1, 2025, within the Federal Responsibility Area of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, west of the community of Dunsmuir and southwest of the City of Mount Shasta. The CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit with local government fire departments, responded with federal resources and engaged in direct fire attack. The fire burned 668 acres before being contained.

The cause of the Root Fire was determined to be an abandoned campfire. CAL FIRE and local government resources remained committed with federal resources to suppression operations until full containment was achieved.

Siskiyou County fire agencies cannot be successful alone in the suppression of wildland fires incidents. A cooperative and aggressive approach with overwhelming dispatch of available resources is key in containing and controlling unwanted fires. Prevention of human caused fires through public education continues to be a top priority. Community, infrastructure, and natural resource protection through fuels reduction, home hardening, and property inspections also continue to be a top priority for naturally occurring unwanted fires.





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FUELS REDUCTION



In 2025 fuels work remained a top priority to reduce the risks of catastrophic wildfire, protect communities and create a more fire resilient landscape throughout Siskiyou County. The success of fuels reduction can be measured on the engagement of local partnerships. Within Siskiyou County, State, Federal, Local Government, Private Contractors, Conservation Districts, Non-Government Organizations (NGO's), and private landowners work together to accomplish the monumental task of fuels reduction. By leveraging a "All Hands, All Lands" philosophy in 2025, the CALFIRE Siskiyou Unit along with its many partners treated more acres and inspected more homes than the previous five-year average. This accomplishment is a testament to not only the exceptional work being done but the many partnerships within Siskiyou County being fostered to complete it. Local Fire departments are not only completing fuels reduction within their Districts and Cities but also supporting CALFIRE and other entities in their efforts throughout Siskiyou County. Siskiyou County continues to be a top contributor in fuels reduction acres being completed throughout the State of California.

2025 Siskiyou County Fuels Reduction Success:

- Over 40 different fuels project areas worked on throughout Siskiyou County.
- Over 3,100 acres of manual and mechanical fuels reduction work completed.
- Over 2,300 acres of prescribed fire completed.
- Over 4,800 Defensible Space inspections completed.

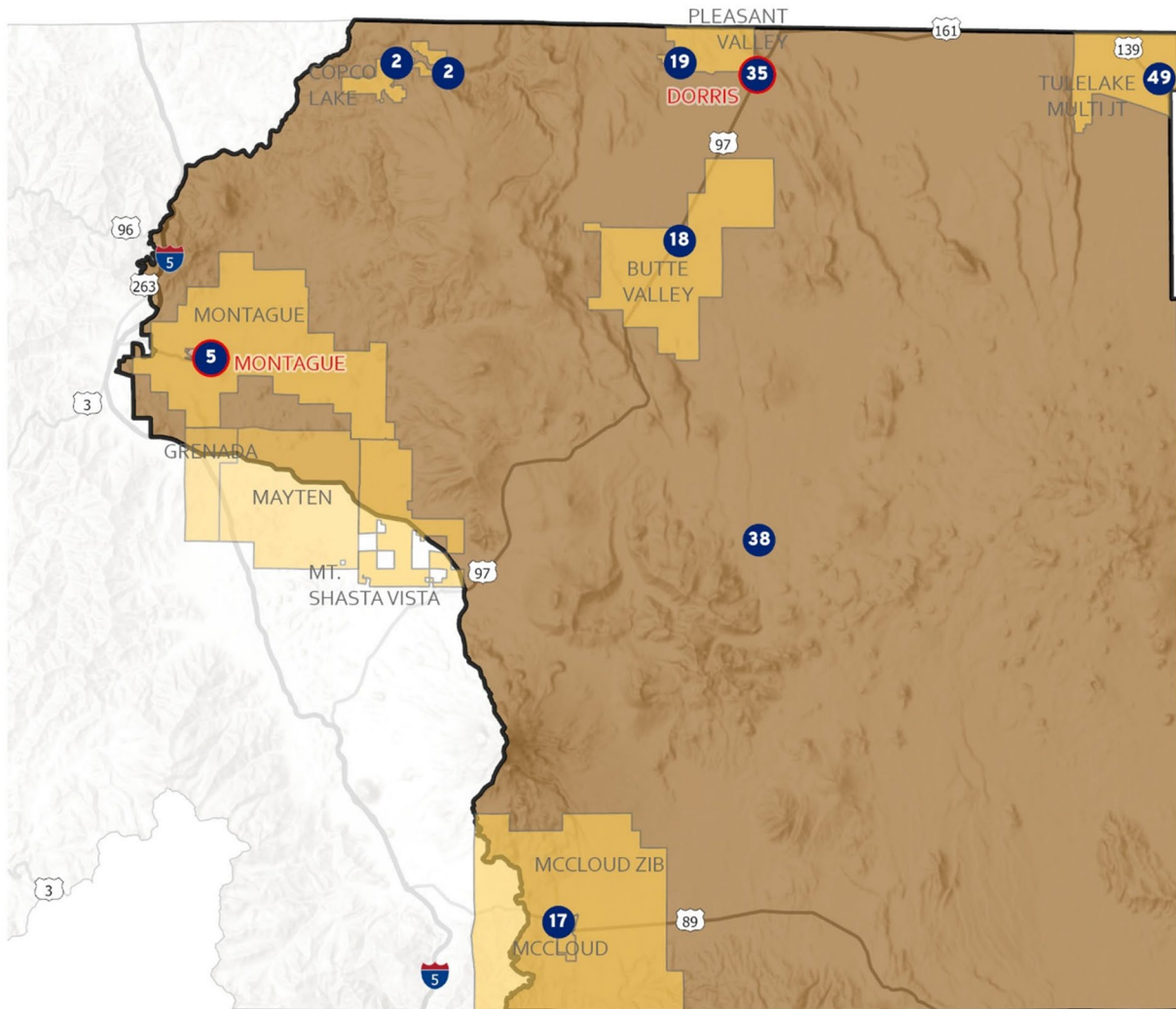




Jess Harris

District 1 Supervisor

Siskiyou County



Supervisor Districts

1: Jess Harris

Fire Districts

County Fire

City Fire

Fire Departments

Department Identifier

2 Copco Fire Protection District

5 Montague Fire Department

17 McCloud Fire Department

18 Butte Valley Fire Protection District

19 Pleasant Valley Fire Zone

35 Dorris Fire Department

38 Tenant Fire Station

49 Tulelake Fire Protection District



Butte Valley Fire Protection District

The Butte Valley Fire Protection District (BTE) was established in 1965. Our coverage area is approximately 33 square miles and has a population of approximately 1000. Our funding sources are from special district taxes and community donations.

The Board meets the first Tuesday of every month and training is scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. We train with CAL FIRE, Dorris Fire and Gazelle Fire. We have completed about 120 hours of training this year. Our main goals to accomplish in the up-coming year are active recruitment of new volunteers, quality training and updating some fire personnel equipment.

Equipment

1984 Type I Engine

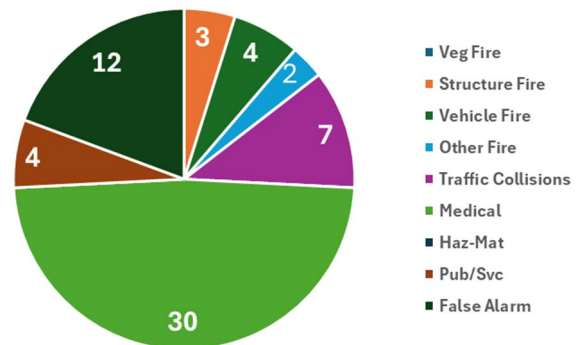
1996 Type VI Engine

2003 Type III Engine

1988 Water Tender

Personnel

5 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Brandon Criss

Assistant Chief: Chet Porterfield

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Phone: 530-398-4332



Copco Fire Protection District

The Copco Fire Protection District (COC) was established in 1970. We cover the residential areas around Copco Lake as well and some wildland areas. The population is about 60-100 people, some being seasonal.

We have one main station and a smaller station on Patricia Ave in Montague that houses one Engine. Our funding sources are from County Tax Revenue and Fire Auxiliary.

The Board meets once a month. Training is held every Sunday, with additional sessions scheduled on other days when coordinating with another department.

Equipment

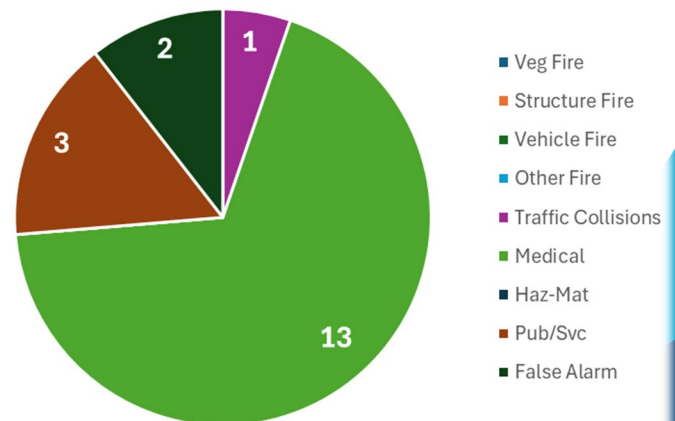
1996 Type II Engine

1986 Type III Engine

1996 Water Tender

Personnel

6 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Ken Oliver

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: copcolakefd@gmail.com

Phone: 530-643-3959



Dorris Fire Department

The Dorris Fire Department (DOR) was established in 1937. We cover approximately 15 square miles, covering within city limits, North to the Oregon border, South to Butte Valley Airport, East to the Vista Point on Hwy 161 and West to School House Hill. The population is approximately 905. Our funding source is through the City General Fund.

The City Council meets the first and third Mondays of every month and trainings are the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

Equipment

1990 Type I Engine

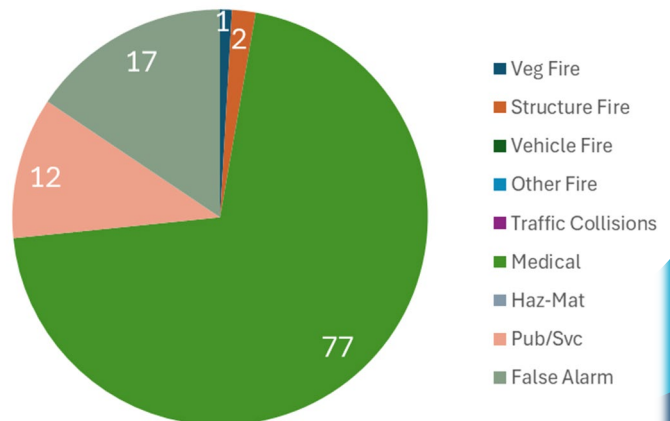
1990 Type I Engine

2003 Water Tender

2004 Type VI Squad

Personnel

5 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Matthew Smith

Assistant Chief: Warren Smith

Email: firehall35@dorrisvfd.com

Phone: 530-397-2121



McCloud Fire Department

McCloud Fire Department is a branch of the McCloud Community Service district and is served by a part-time paid Fire Chief who is supported by three paid full-time paramedics and a group of dedicated volunteers.

The Department operates out of one fire station and provides fire protection, rescue, and Advanced Life Support transport services to the community of McCloud and the surrounding area. Our fire-responders are professionally trained to deal with fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, hazardous materials incidents and more.

Equipment

2001 Type I Engine

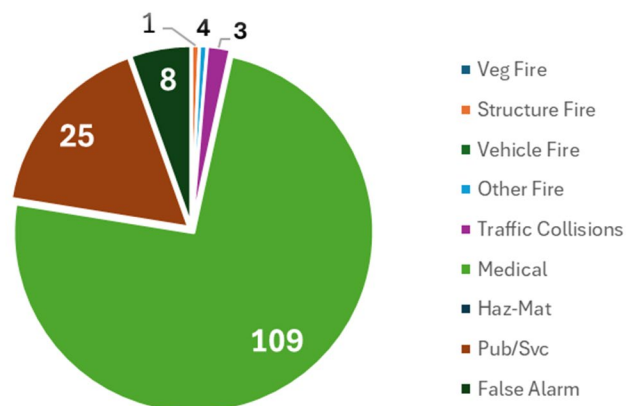
2007 Type I Engine

2001 Type III Engine

Personnel

25 Volunteers

3 Paid Fulltime



Fire Chief: Trent Vogus

Assistant Chief: Steve Clark

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Montague Fire Department

The Montague Fire Department (MTF) was established in 1935. The Montague Fire Department is an all-volunteer city agency that is tasked with all emergency services covering 1 square mile within the city limits of the City of Montague. The City of Montague also extends our same emergency services by contract to an additional 89 square miles of the Montague Fire Protection District making our fire department a dual role city and district all risk fire & EMS agency. The population of the City of Montague is approximately 1250, while the Montague Fire Protection District is approximately 1500, and services are funded by volunteers and a small fire tax assessment in both jurisdictions respectively.

Montague Fire Department currently has one station, centrally located in the City of Montague. We have 4 bunks for work experience sleepers looking to attend the COS Fire Academy and get real world experience.

The Montague Fire Department conducts training every Thursday night at 1800. The Montague Fire Department has a two-story mock house-training structure inside our station that allows us to train on fires/emergency situations in any season, condition or time as well as outdoor city owned spaces that provide for real world Wildland/WUI/TC training experiences that allow for a high level of readiness.

In the coming year, we hope to procure funding to add three more bays to house apparatus on our station property or in the fire protection district (sub-station) and pay off our new type 6 brush truck by participating in fire strike teams and assignments throughout the state and county respectively.

Equipment

1992 Type I Engine

2002 Type I Engine

2002 Type III Engine

2023 Type VI Engine

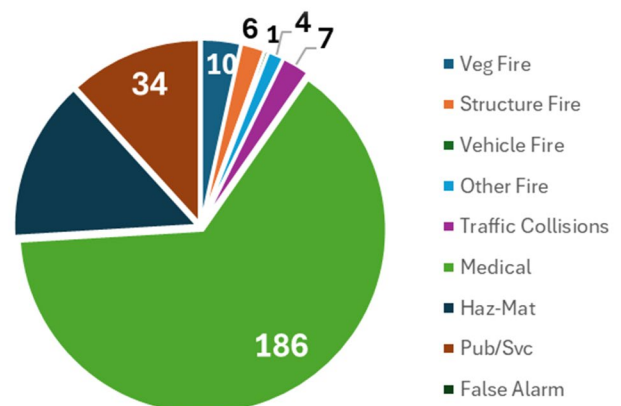
1995 Water Tender

2019 Water Tender

Personnel

22 Volunteers

1 Sleeper



Fire Chief: Takeshi Murakami

Assistant Chief: Vacant

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Phone: 530-340-5175



Pleasant Valley Fire Zone

The Pleasant Valley Fire Zone (PVF) was established in 1990. The Zones area of responsibility covers approximately 20 square miles and has an approximate population of 700. Pleasant Valley Fire Zone has one station, currently no serviceable fire equipment and no volunteer firefighters. The zone is funded through a special property tax.

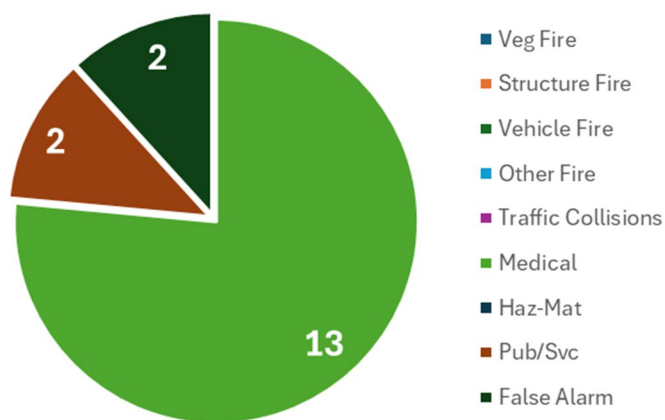
The Pleasant Valley Fire Zone currently contracts with the City of Dorris to provide fire protection to the citizens within its district. Dorris has also been loaned through agreement a County Fire water tender to aid in response to Pleasant Valley. The fire zone, in cooperation with the County Fire Warden, continues to look for volunteers to provide fire protection and medical services to those within its district.

Equipment

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Personnel

0 Volunteers

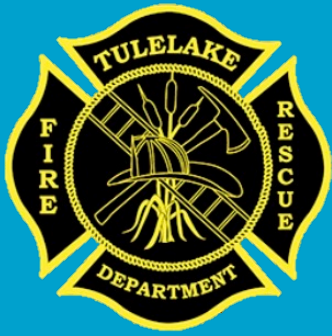


Fire Chief: Greg Roath

Assistant Chief:

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Phone: 530-842-3516



Tulelake Fire Protection District

The Tulelake Fire Protection District (TUL) was established in 1937. We cover approximately 120-square miles from Hill Road in Siskiyou County to County Road 114 in Modoc County, extending from Stateline Road to Lookout Road to the South. The population is approximately 2234.

We have two stations, one in Modoc County and our Main station in Siskiyou County. Our funding source is through property taxes through Siskiyou and Modoc County.

The Board meets every second Wednesday. Our challenges are recruitment and meeting the training standards set by the State and maintaining equipment in an area of declining population.

Equipment

2006 Type I Engine

2001 Type II Engine

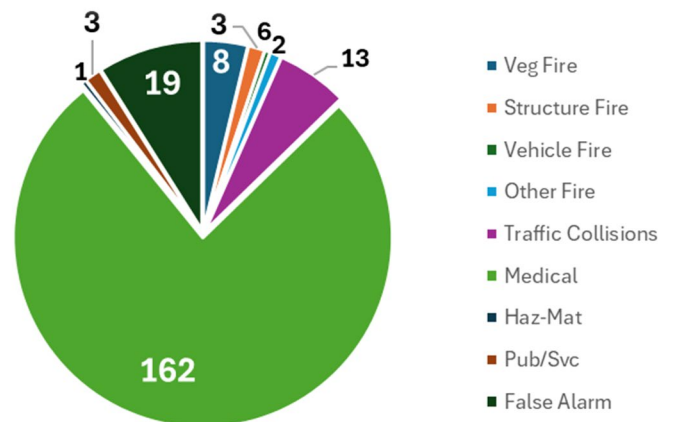
2006 Type III Engine

1997 Water Tender

2018 Water Tender

Personnel

26 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Nick Scott

Assistant Chief: Daniel Warhurst

Email: tlvfd1ray@gmail

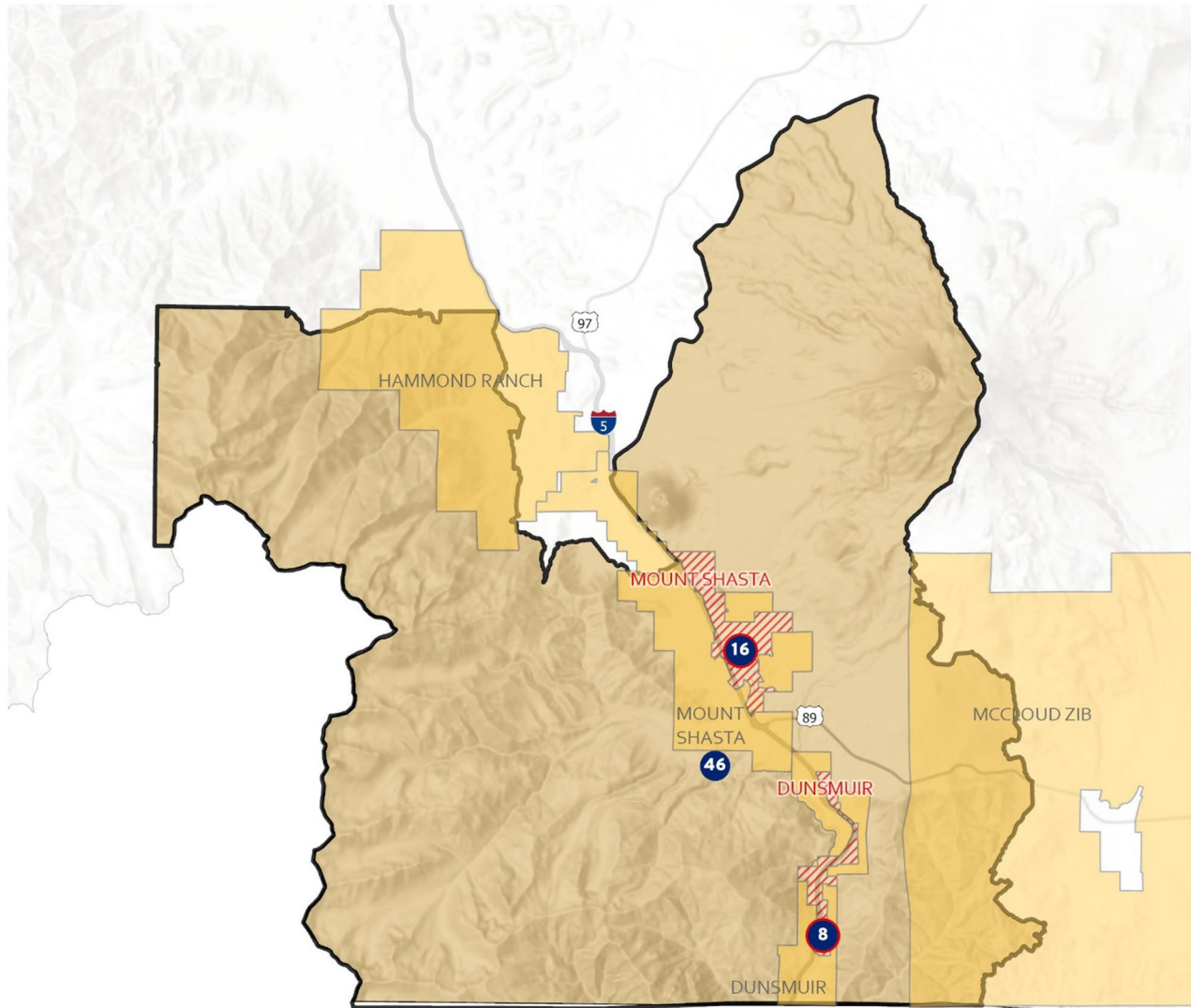
Phone: 530-667-2997



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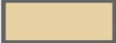
District 2 Supervisor

Siskiyou County

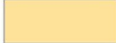


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Supervisor Districts

 2: Ed Valenzuela

Fire Districts

 County Fire

 City Fire

Fire Departments

Department Identifier

-  Dunsmuir Fire Department
-  Castella Fire Protection District
-  Mt. Shasta City Fire Department
-  Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District



Castella Fire Protection District

Castella/Dunsmuir Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire department, that response to Fire, EMS, Traffic Accidents and performs rescues in the surrounding landscape The department is made up one paid Chief and 24 volunteers. The volunteers are men and women that are committed to providing the highest level of service while responding to medical calls or fire related dispatches.

The department's challenges continue to be a lack of funding to maintain or purchase new PPE, SCBA's, and vehicle replacement/maintenance. The department applies for grants and host fund-raising dinners, to help fill the gaps in funding.

Equipment

2000 Type I Engine

2004 Type I Engine

2000 Type III Engine

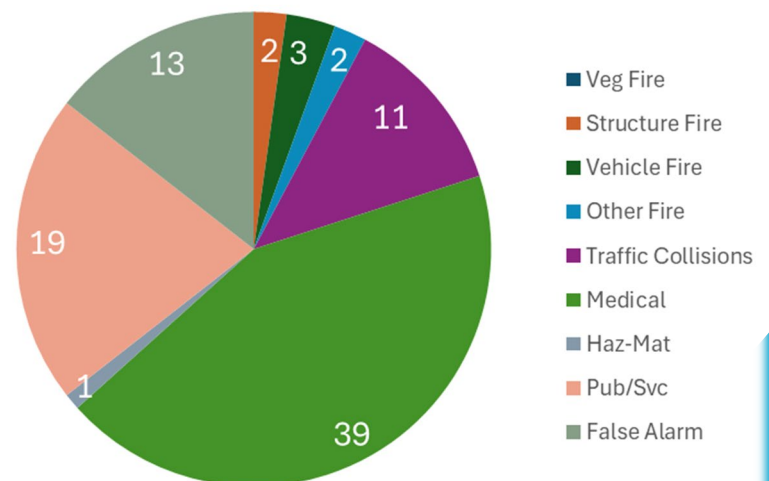
2008 Type III Engine

1997 Water Tender

2007 Utility

Personnel

24 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Dan Padilla

Assistant Chief: Gene Meyer

Email: dpadilla@ci.dunsmuir.ca.us

Phone: 530-235-4822 x106



Dunsmuir Fire Department

Dunsmuir/Castella Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire department, that response to Fire, EMS, Traffic Accidents and performs rescues in the surrounding landscape The department is made up one paid Chief and 24 volunteers. The volunteers are men and women that are committed to providing the highest level of service while responding to medical calls or fire related dispatches.

The department's challenges continue to be a lack of funding to maintain or purchase new PPE, SCBA's, and vehicle replacement/maintenance. The department applies for grants and host fund-raising dinners, to help fill the gaps in funding.

Equipment

2010 Type I Engine

2006 Type II Engine

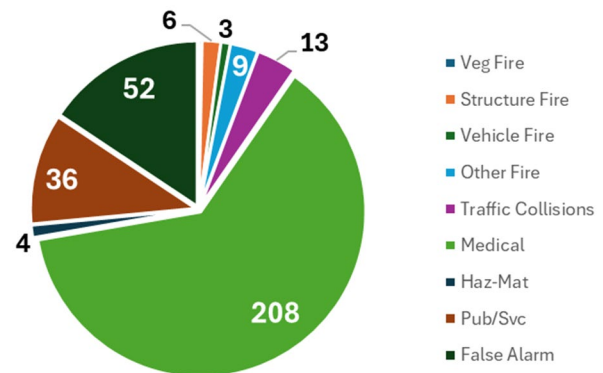
1999 Type III Engine

2008 Squad

2013 Ladder Truck

Personnel

24 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Dan Padilla

Assistant Chief: Gene Meyer

Email: dpadilla@ci.dunsmuir.ca.us

Phone: 530-235-4822 x106



Mt. Shasta City Fire Dept.

Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District

The Mt. Shasta Fire Department (MTS) and Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District (MSH) were established in 1905. Coverage area is 58 square miles with a population of approximately 7165 between district and the city. Our funding sources are from property tax, sales tax, and fire district assessments.

We have four stations with twenty volunteer firefighter and four paid firefighters and one paid Chief for a total of twenty-five personnel.

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month and District Board meets the third Thursday of every month. Our goal for the upcoming year is to retain personnel.

Equipment

1997 Type I Engine

2007 Type I Engine

1999 Type II Engine

2020 Type III Engine

2021 Type III Engine

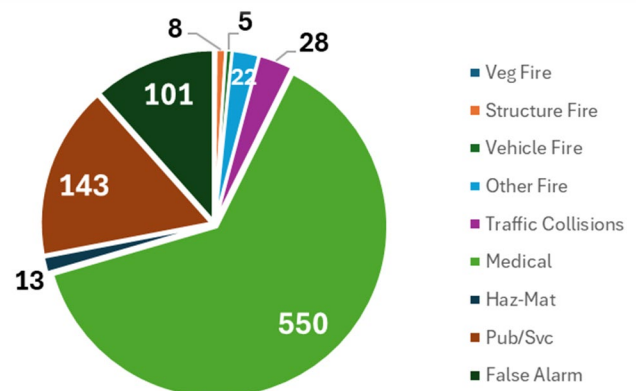
1993 Water Tender

2004 Water Tender

Personnel

20 Volunteers

4 Paid Firefighters
1 Paid Chief



Fire Chief: Cory Burns

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: cburns@mtshastaca.gov

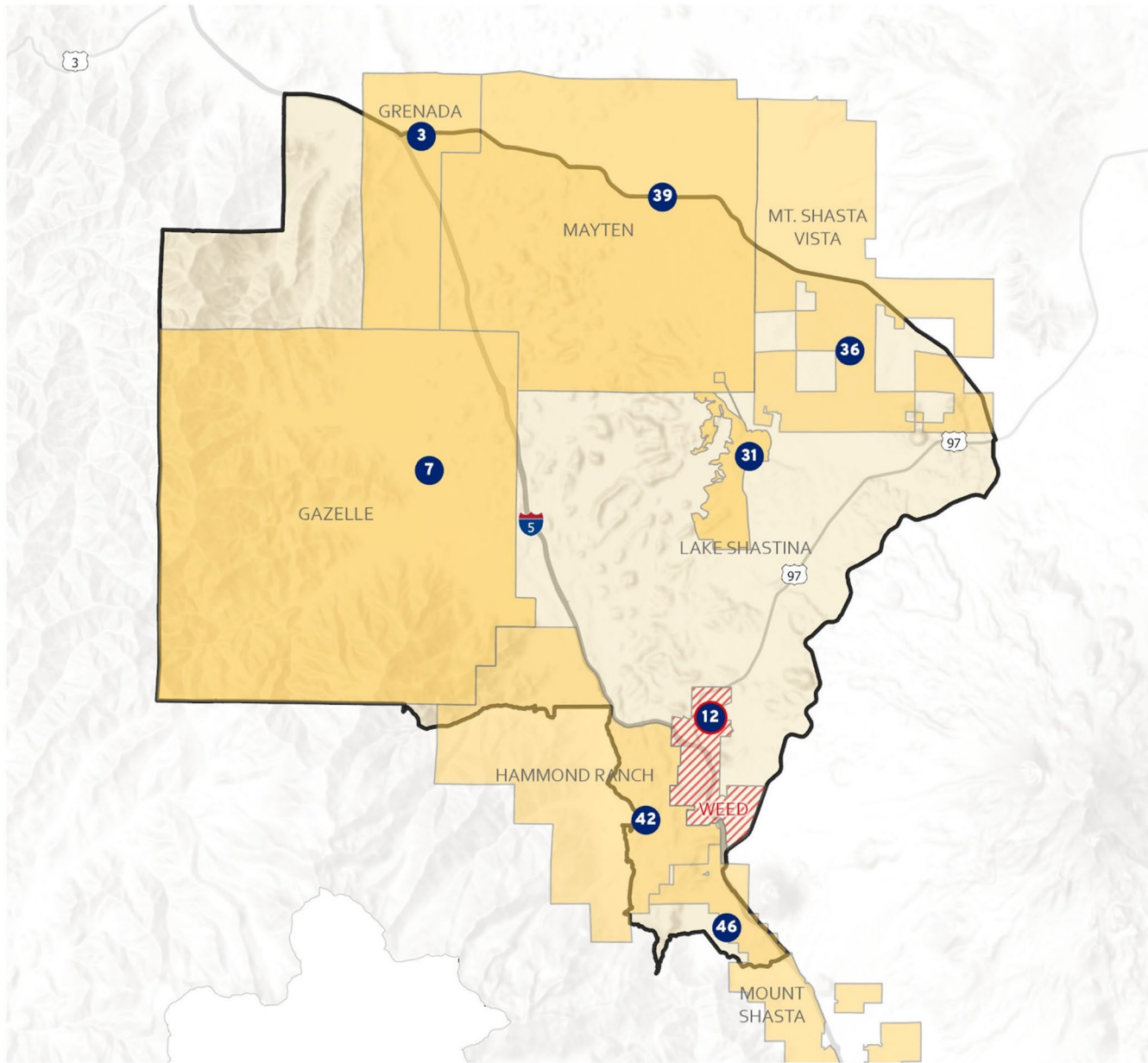
Phone: 530-926-7546



Michael N. Kobseff

District 3 Supervisor

Siskiyou County



Supervisor Districts

3: Michael Kobseff

Fire Districts

County Fire

City Fire

Fire Departments

Department Identifier

- 3 Grenada Fire Protection District
- 7 Gazelle Fire Protection District
- 12 Weed City Fire Department
- 31 Lake Shastina Fire Department

- 36 Mt. Shasta Vista Fire Zone
- 39 Mayten Fire Protection District
- 42 Hammond Ranch Fire Zone
- 46 Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District



Gazelle Fire Protection District

The Gazelle Fire Protection District (GAZ) was established in 1985, and the population is approximately 70. Our funding source is through county taxes, auxiliary and fundraising.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of every month, and training is held every Tuesday. Auxiliary meetings are held as needed. We have spent approximately 400 hours holding various fundraisers, the auxiliary has an annual BBQ every September.

Even with such a small number of volunteer firefighters, we have responded to almost every call in the last three years. Our department goals are to continue to operate and serve the Gazelle Fire District.

Equipment

1994 Type I Engine

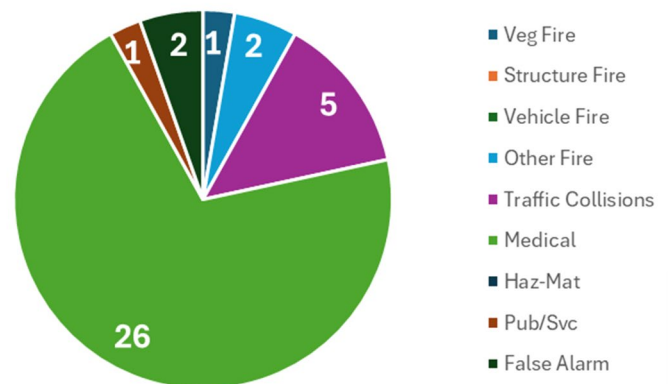
1992 Type III Engine

1982 Type VI Engine

1989 Water Tender

Personnel

13 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Jason Starks

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: leeamcdon@gmail.com

Phone: 530-435-2331



Grenada Fire Protection District

The Grenada Fire Protection District (GND) was established in 1984. Our coverage area is approximately 16 square miles: 2 miles North of Hwy A-12, South to Grenada OIC, West to Old Hwy 99 in the same coverage area, 2 miles East on Hwy A-12 including Grenada proper. Grenada has a population of approximately 400.

The board meets the second Tuesday of every month, and trainings are scheduled for Thursdays of every month. We have interagency training once a month with surrounding departments.

Our funding sources are from county taxes from pre prop 13 funding.

Equipment

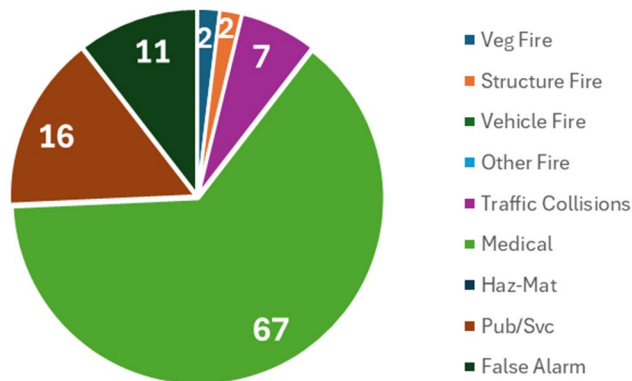
1991 Type I Engine

2003 Type II Engine

2003 Water Tender

Personnel

18 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Jasen Vela

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: grenadafire@gmail.com

Phone: 530-842-3516



Hammond Ranch Fire Zone

The Hammond Ranch Fire Zone (HMM) was established in 1989. Our coverage area is approximately 32 square miles between North Old Stage Road from Shasta Cove to Mussolini Point: College Avenue from Old Stage Road to Weed city limits, and West into the Eddy mountains. The population residing in our coverage area is approximately 2000. Our funding source is a Special Tax Assessment. The HMM Firefighters Auxiliary is actively managing private funds to assist with purchasing more equipment (radios, decals, etc.) as well as updating the station logo. Sam and Chris Ordway donated \$5000.00 to our auxiliary.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. Training is scheduled for every Wednesday. HMM provides prompt all-service fire and medical service to our community.

Equipment

2007 Type I Engine

2001 Type VI Engine

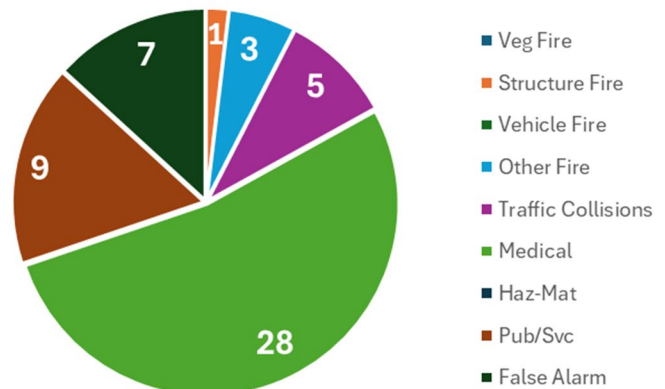
2007 Water Tender

2012 Rescue

2015 Utility

Personnel

5 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Kyle Lunsford

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: kyle.lunsford@fire.ca.gov

Phone: 530-938-4200



Lake Shastina Fire Department

The Lake Shastina Fire Department (LST) was established in 1971. We cover 71 square miles within the community services district and automatic aid agreements with surround departments. The population of the Lake Shastina Community is approximately 2500 and the department is funded through an annual property fee.

The Board meets the second Wednesday of every month, and training is held every Wednesday evening.

Equipment

1999 Type I Engine

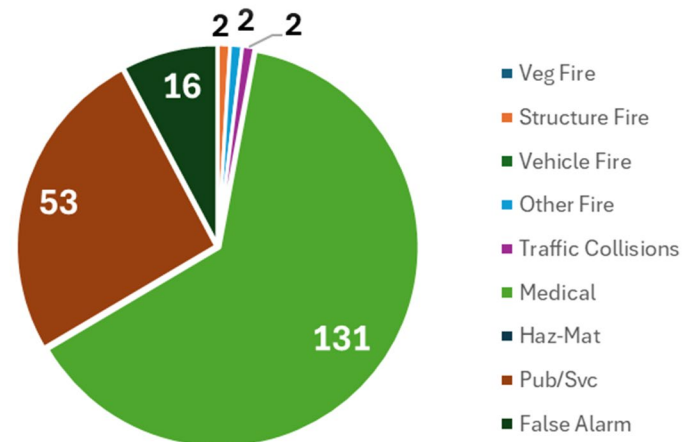
1997 Type III Engine

2001 Type III Engine

2024 Type III Engine

Personnel

20 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Steve Pappas

Assistant Chief: Chris Pappas

Email: firechief@lakeshastinacsd.gov

Phone: 530-938-3161



Mayten Fire Protection

The Mayten Fire Protection District was established in 1990 in the Big Springs Area. Our District covers the central area of the Shasta Valley from Hart Rd to Harry Cash Rd, then west toward Grenada to the Shasta River. From there, we go south to Louie Rd, back east to power transmission lines and back north to Harry Cash near Hart. Big Springs Road and County A-12 are primary transportation routes through the district. Our static population is around 1000 residents. Our funding sources are property taxes, fundraising events/donations and grants when possible.

The Board of Directors meet the first Tuesday of each month at our Fire Station/Community Hall.

Equipment

1989 Type III Engine

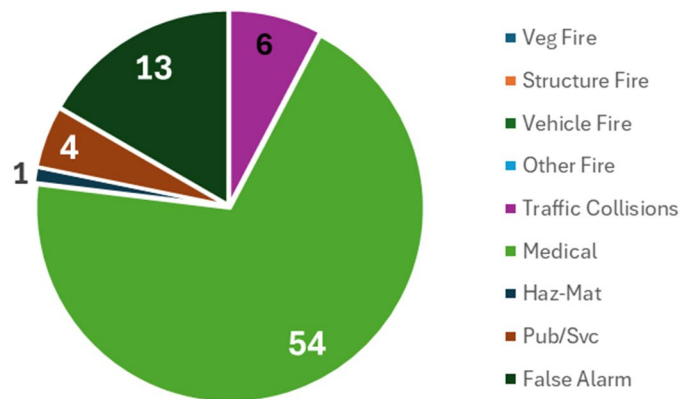
1992 Type I Engine

2020 Rescue Squad

2008 Water Tender

Personnel

18 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Jasen Vela

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: jasen.vela3900@gmail.com

Phone: 530-340-1114



Mt. Shasta Vista Fire Zone

The Mt. Shasta Vista Fire Zone (MSV) was established in 1997. The Zones coverage area is approximately 36 square miles, covering east along Hwy A-12 to Hwy97, north from Harry Cash Road to Hart Road within the Mt. Shasta Vista subdivision of Big Springs and Juniper Valley. The population has grown to approximately 1500. The fire zones funding source is from a Special Tax Parcel Assessment.

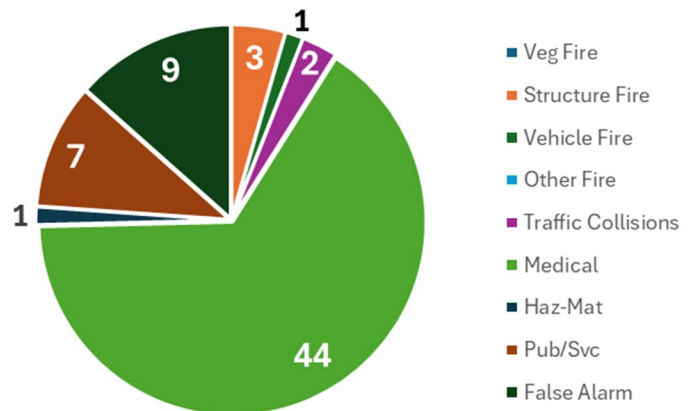
The Mt. Shasta Vista Fire Zone has two stations, no volunteers and one Type 6 engine. The Engine is on loan to the neighboring Mayten Fire District that provides Automatic Aid to incidents within the Mt. Shasta Vista Zone. A contractual agreement with Lake Shastina Fire Department to provide fire protection and medical services for the Mt. Shasta Fire Zone is currently in place.

Equipment

0

Personnel

0 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Greg Roath

Assistant Chief: Kent Cunningham

Email: greg.roath@fire.ca.gov

Phone: 530-842-3516



Weed Fire Department

The Weed Fire Department (WED) was established in 1923. Our coverage area is 5 square miles within city limits and automatic aid covering an additional 20 square miles. The population is approximately 3000. Our funding sources are from the City General Fund and Grants.

The City Council meets every 2nd Thursday. We have completed approximately 1500 hours of training. This year we have completed several Fuel Breaks throughout the city. Our goals for the upcoming year are to continue to serve the community of Weed and surrounding areas by responding to all hazard emergencies, being proactive in training, continuing to provide fire prevention programs to the community and continue work on reducing fuel loading through a grant funded project covering over 700 acres of land in and around the city of Weed.

Equipment

1997 Type I Engine

2017 Type I Engine

2024 Type III Engine

2008 Utility

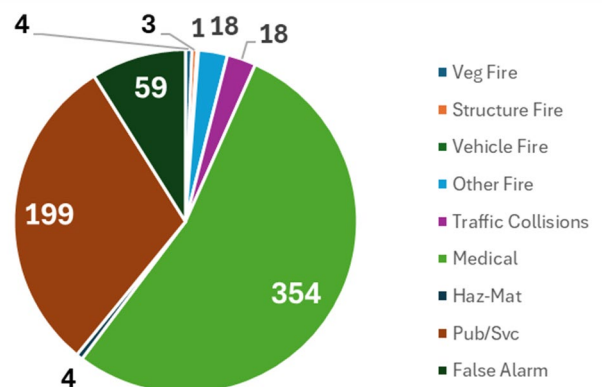
2018 Utility

Personnel

20 Volunteers

2 Paid Full time

1 Grant Funded



Fire Chief: Brian Carter

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: brian.carter@ci.weed.ca.us

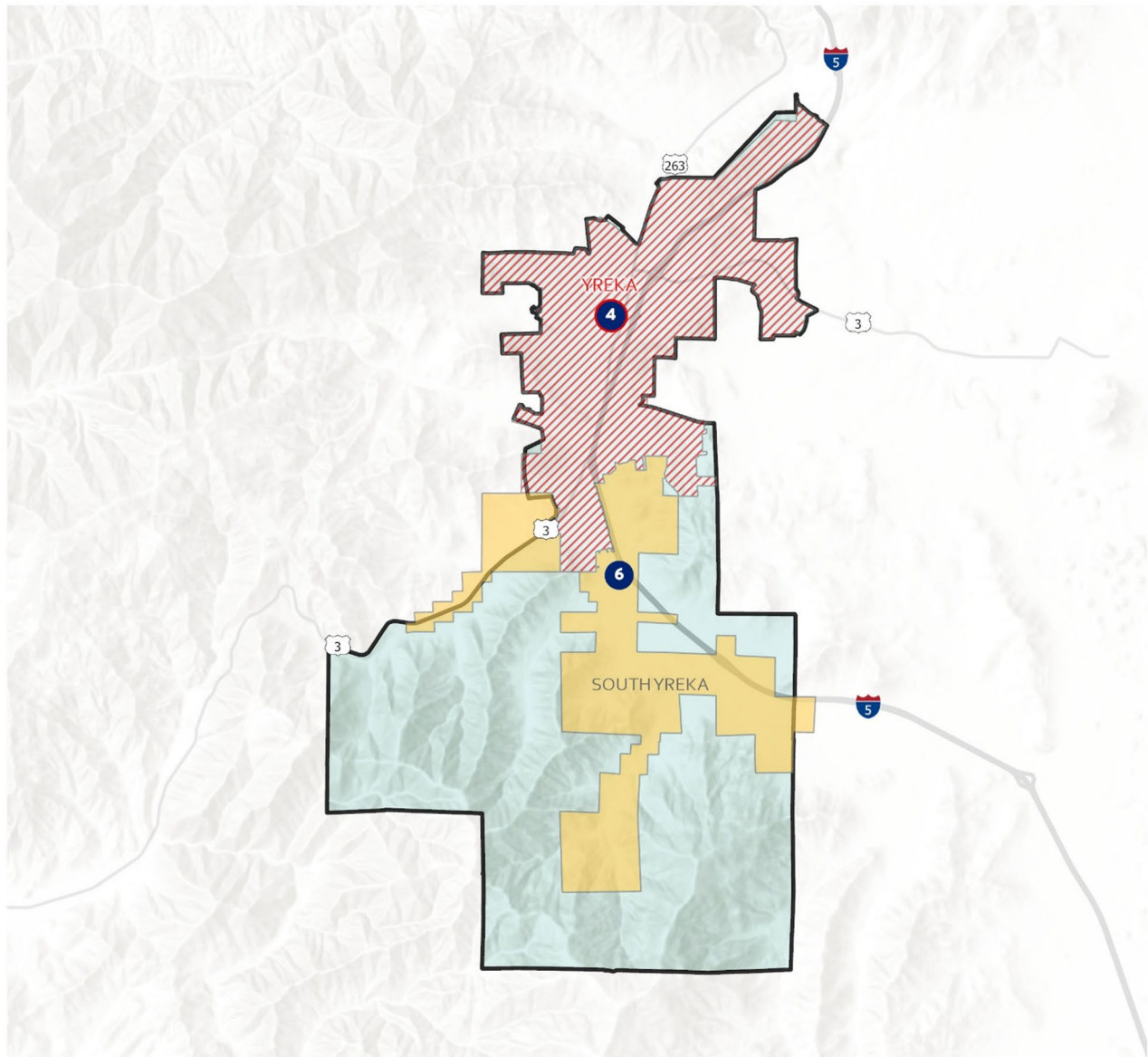
Phone: 530-938-5030



Nancy Ogren

District 4 Supervisor

Siskiyou County



Supervisor Districts

4: Nancy Ogren

Fire Districts

County Fire

City Fire

Fire Departments

Department Identifier

4 Yreka City Fire Department

6 South Yreka Fire Protection District



South Yreka Fire Protection District

The South Yreka Fire Protection District (SYR) IS A Special District formed in 1973 in Siskiyou County. Currently the District is 18 square miles in size, with a population of 1800 citizens with 544 residents. South Yreka Fire Protection District has one station at 3420 Easy Street, Yreka, CA 96097. Yreka City limits are ½ mile north of the station with Hwy 3 and I-5 flowing through the district.

All structures within the district are less than 5 miles from the station. There are 7+ commercial structures that are required to meet the California Fire Marshall fire flow. South Yreka Fire Protection District meets the rural level of service (MSR2004). This level is arrival to fire incident within 15 minutes and water flow of 500gpm. The district's responsibility is for all improvements and rescue responses. However, all Wildland within the district is State Responsibility (SRA). The district does respond to all Wildland fires to assist CAL FIRE. All South Yreka Fire Fighters meet the SB 1207 training requirements and receive 4 hr. of training every week.

In 2025, SYR has responded to approximately 300 calls, including mutual aid. As our sphere of influence has expanded, so has our uncompensated workload. Properties within the expanded area receive fire response but no insurance benefit, and some struggle to maintain coverage.

Currently, our Type 3 engine is housed at a SYR firefighter's residence and must be winterized each year, taking it out of service. A local homeowner has offered to construct a garage to properly house the engine and keep it operational year-round.

Local stakeholders have done their part to support expansion. We are asking the County to fulfill its commitment and complete its portion so we can provide reliable, sustainable fire protection to the entire service area.

Equipment

1988 Type I Engine

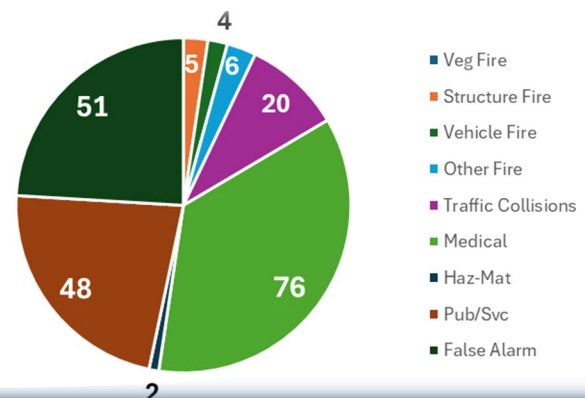
1997 Type III Engine

1985 Type VI Engine

2005 Water Tender

Personnel

18 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Bernie Paul

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: syrchief@southyrekafire.com

Phone: 830-842-1477



Yreka Fire Department

The Yreka Fire Department currently has 4 full time staff and 24 volunteer firefighters. Three full time staff were hired in 2025 consisting of one Captain, one Engineer and one Firefighter. Plans are to hire additional staff with the goal of having 24/7 coverage. Yreka Fire responded to 2019 calls for service in 2025.

In November 2024, the City of Yreka placed a sales tax measure (Measure V) on the ballot during the 2024 general election and was successful in that endeavor, thus creating a funding source for the full-time staff and to begin the construction of a new fire station (see photo). The station will have pull through engine bays, training and conference rooms, lobby with vintage apparatus displayed, office space, full kitchen, barracks and fitness room.

Equipment

2008 Seagrave Truck

2014 Type I Engine

2019 Type III Engine

2023 QTAC Type VI

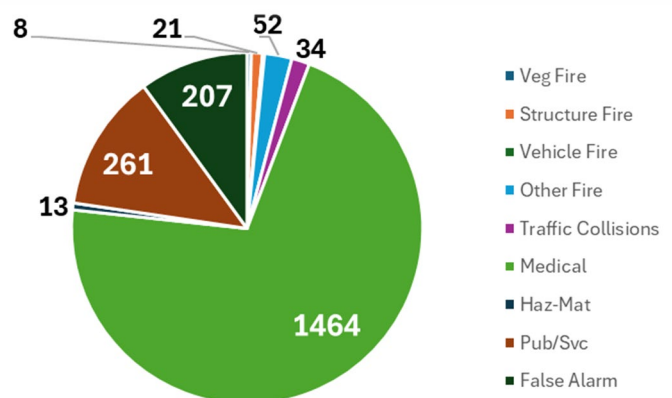
2012 Type VI Rescue

2021 Water Tender

Personnel

24 Volunteers

4 Fulltime Paid



Fire Chief: Jerry Lemos

Assistant Chief: BJ Laustalot

Email: jlemos@ci.yreka.ca.us

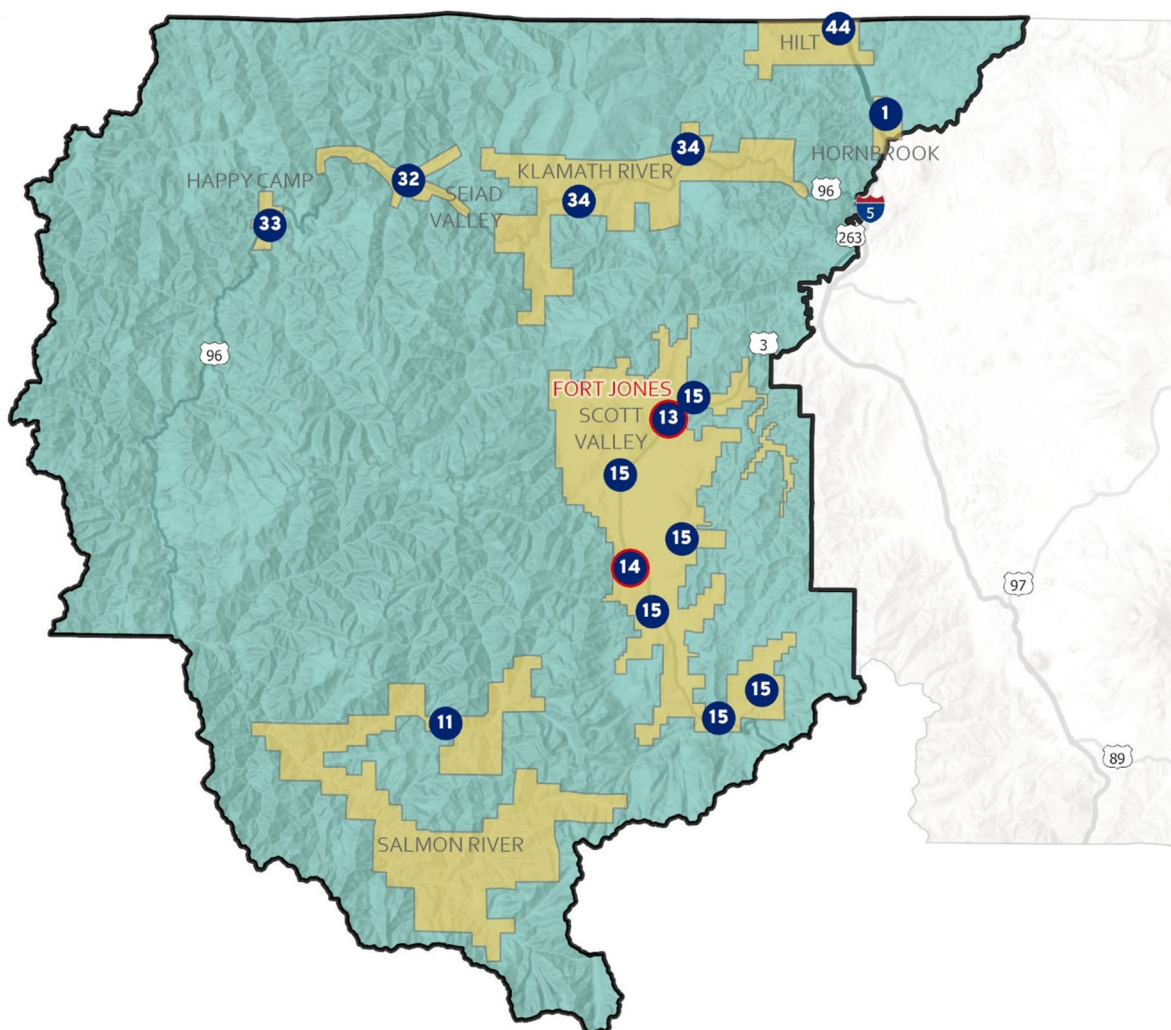
Phone: 530-841-2383



Ray A. Haupt

District 5 Supervisor

Siskiyou County



Supervisor Districts

5: Ray Haupt

Fire Districts

County Fire

City Fire

Fire Departments

Department Identifier

- 1 Hornbrook Fire Protection District
- 11 Salmon River Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company
- 13 Fort Jones Fire Department
- 14 Etna Fire Department
- 15 Scott Valley Fire Protection District

- 32 Seiad Valley Fire Company
- 33 Happy Camp Fire Protection District
- 34 Klamath River Fire Company
- 44 Hilt Rural Fire District



Etna Fire Department

The Etna Fire Department (ETN) established in 1899. We cover one square mile within city limits and mutual aid throughout Scott Valley. The population is approximately 720. Our funding source is through the Etna City General Fund.

The City Council meets the last Monday of every month, and training is every Wednesday at 18:00 every month.

Equipment

2008 Type I Engine

2002 Type II Engine

1997 Type III Engine

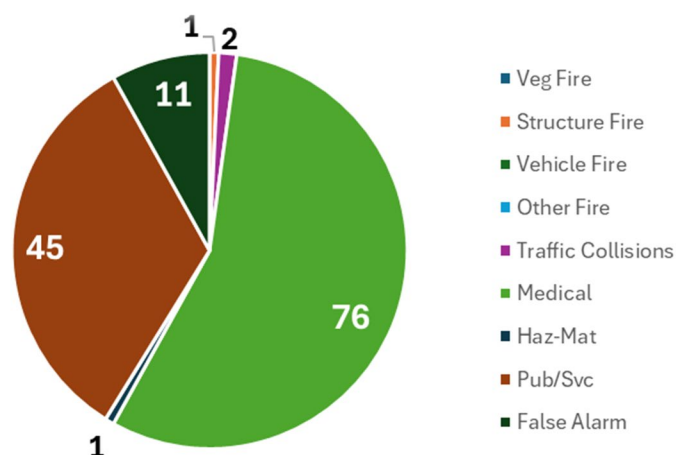
2008 Type V Engine

2008 Type VI Engine

1991 Water Tender

Personnel

16 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Jacob Deegan

Assistant Chief: Larry Hicks

Email: etnafire@etnaca.gov

Phone: 530-467-3295



Fort Jones Fire Department

The Fort Jones Fire Department (FTJ) was established in 1877. We cover the town limits of Fort Jones and automatic aid for all calls within the Scott Valley Fire District response area and all non-medical calls in Etna City limits. Fort Jones has a population of approximately 800. Our funding sources are from the Town General Fund, unanticipated revenue from strike team assignments, and fundraising.

We have one station with barracks. We have 2 full-time Officers (Fire Chief and a FEMA grant funded Recruitment and Retention Captain).

The Town Council meets the second Monday of every month. Trainings are held Wednesday evenings and one Sunday afternoon a month. Our goals for the upcoming year are to recruit and retain volunteers, upgrade our older apparatus and equipment, and continue collaboration with Etna Fire Dept and Scott Valley Fire Dist. In training and response capabilities.

Equipment

1992 Type I Engine

2001 Type I Engine

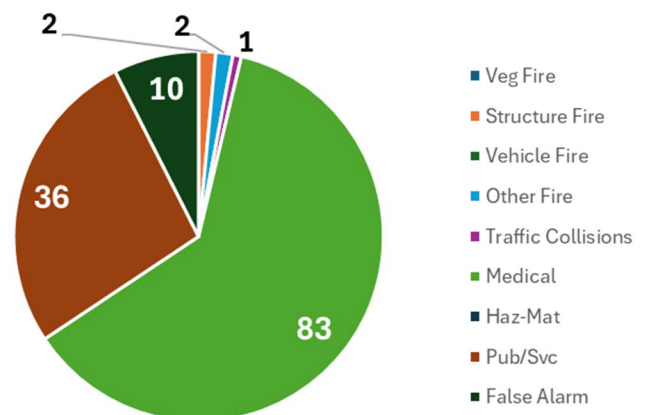
1996 Type III Engine

2008 Type III Engine

2026 Utility

Personnel

17 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Joseph Hess

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: ftjfire@sisqtel.net

Phone: 530-468-2261



Happy Camp Fire Protection District

The Happy Camp Fire Protection District (HAP) was established in 1949 and consists of one station. Our coverage area is 12 miles within city limits, 80 miles of mutual aid coverage from Hwy 96 to the Humboldt County Line, plus Indian Creek Road and Greyback Road to Oregon State line. Happy Camp has a population of approximately 1000. Our funding sources consist of the District property tax and County General Fund.

The Fire Board meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm; training/meetings are held twice a month on the second and fourth Monday at 6:00pm, with two to three Saturdays of training a year.

Equipment

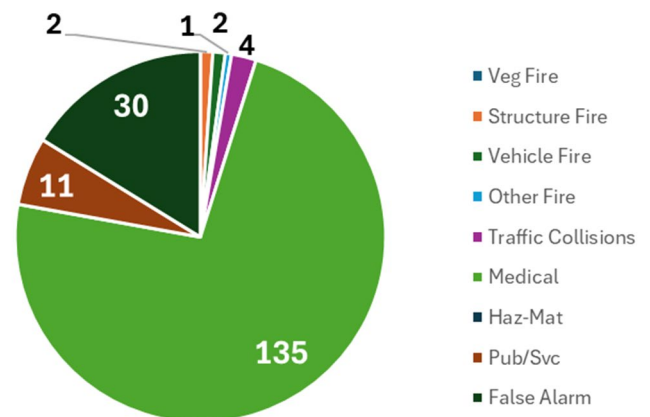
1998 Type II Engine

2008 Type II Engine

2023 Water Tender

Personnel

10 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Denver Lantow

Assistant Chief: Robert Perez

Email: happycampfire@yahoo.com

Phone: 530-589-4667



Hilt Volunteer Fire Department

The Colestin Rural Fire District dissolved on January 1st. We are now the Hilt Volunteer Fire Department (HIL). We cover seventeen square miles in Oregon and six miles in California: north to Mt. Ashland Ski Road, south to Bailey Hill Road, approximately one mile West and two miles East of I-5. The population of our is approximately 50. Our funding source is through California donations and Oregon tax base.

We have two stations, one in Hilt and one in Colestin.

The Board meets the second Tuesday of every month, and training is scheduled for every other Friday. The current Department challenges are recruitment and funding in California.

Equipment

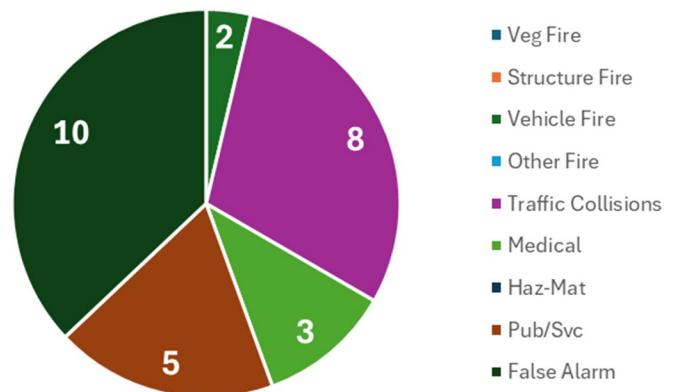
1987 Type III Engine

1987 Type VI Engine

1991 Water Tender

Personnel

6 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Steve Avgeris

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: hiltcoleston@gmail.com

Phone: 541-821-8339



Hornbrook Fire Protection District

The Hornbrook Fire Protection District (HOR) has been proudly serving our community since 1963. Our coverage area is from Ager Beswick Road to Iron Gate, north to Oregon State line, and top of Anderson Grade to Hwy 96 at Lumgrey Creek Road. With a population of approximately 1200, we are committed to ensuring the safety of every individual within our coverage area.

At the Hornbrook Fire Protection District, we are committed to continuous improvement. We hold weekly training sessions, ensuring that our team is always up to date with the latest techniques and technologies. We have recently expanded our medical training program, and we are proud to have two licensed EMT's and a licensed EMR on our department staff.

Looking towards the future, our primary goal is to continue our training and increase recruitment of new volunteers. We are also focused on acquiring modern rescue and firefighting equipment to ensure that we are always prepared to serve our community to the best of our abilities.

Equipment

1985 Type I Engine

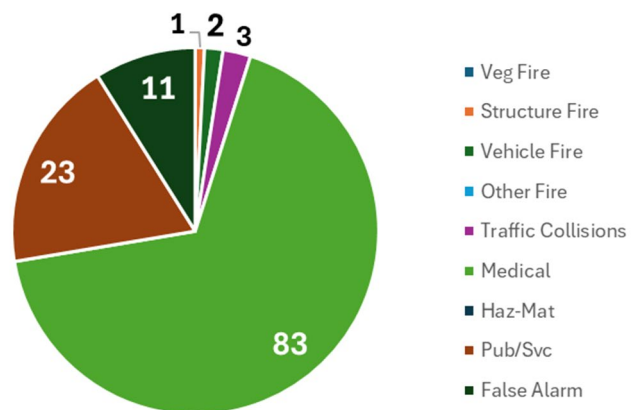
2000 Type VI Engine

2002 Type III Engine

1989 Water Tender

Personnel

3 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Tim Thurner

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: hornbrookfiredistrict@gmail.com

Phone: 707-260-4858



Klamath River Fire Company

The Klamath River Fire Company (KLR) was established in 1984. Our coverage area is Hwy 263 and Hwy 96 to the east of Seiad Valley and seven miles north and south of Hwy 96. The population of our coverage areas is approximately 450. Our funding sources are through various fundraising, grants, and donations. Fundraisers such as: Smash burger Wednesday, Siskiyou Golden Fair parking, Crab Fest and the occasional strike team assignment are our biggest source of income. Klamath River Fire is a non-profit department with no tax base.

The Board meets every third Tuesday, and trainings are twice a month. Multi-Agency, neighboring departments, county and college trainings happen periodically throughout the year. Our goal is to purchase property along the Highway 96 corridor to build another station, to better serve our community.

Our communities are still recovering from the wildfires over the past few years, and recovery from the 2022 McKinney Fire has officially wrapped up, with the Long-Term Recovery Group now disbanded. We received a grant to install water tanks in our communities to improve water supply during wildfire season. We're grateful for the ongoing support from local government, Cal Fire, and the Forest Service (Oak Knoll). Over the past year, our department and Happy Camp have also been helping Seiad Valley as they work to rebuild their volunteer fire department.

Equipment

1995 Type II Engine

1998 Type II Engine

1987 Type III Engine

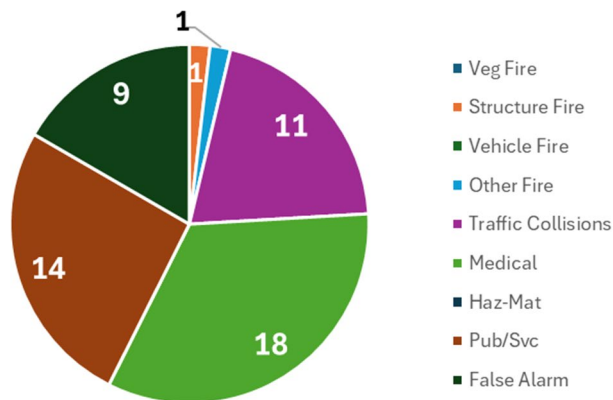
2004 Type III Engine

1995 Water Tender

2003 Water Tender

Personnel

14 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Janet Jones

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: kir@sisqtel.net

Phone: 530-526-2568



Salmon River Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

The Salmon River Volunteer Fire & Rescue (CCL) was established in 1986. Our response area is from Forks of Salmon to Highway 96 on the northwest side. We also respond to the northeast side of Salmon River and Forks of Salmon to Idlewild Campground. On the southeast direction the response is Forks of Salmon to Shadow Creek. Salmon River Volunteers also take in the forest 39 road to Black Bear Ranch, Blue Ridge Ranch and Godfrey Ranch area. Our biggest fundraiser is the 4th of July. We have crosscut competitions, a horseshoe tournament, sell T-shirts/sweatshirts, and sell burgers and fries among other things.

The Board meets four times per year. Training is conducted every Tuesday. Our challenges are declining number of volunteers, recruitment and retention, along with funding and training.

Salmon River Volunteers have two stations, one in Cecilville and one in Forks of Salmon.

Equipment

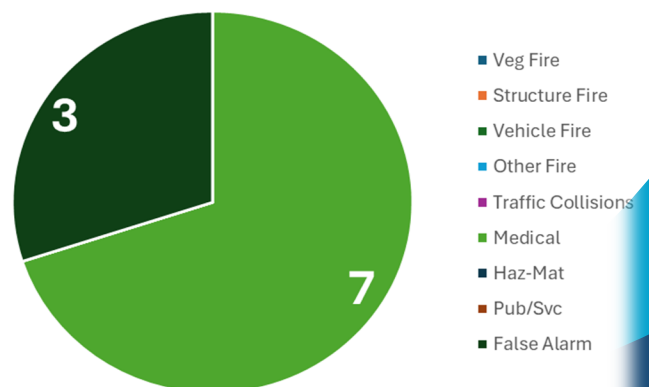
1981 Type I Engine

1987 Type III Engine

1988 Type II Engine

Personnel

9 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Tina Bennett

Assistant Chief: William Keller

Email: tinabennett2@gmail.com

Phone: 530-462-4771



Scott Valley Fire Protection District

Scott Valley Fire Protection District (SVF) was established in 1979. Our coverage area is 847 square miles, population approximately 3500, with the exclusion of Etna and Fort Jones.

Board meetings are the second Thursday of every month. Training is scheduled for every Wednesday of each month and is conducted in collaboration with Fort Jones FD, Etna FD and Etna Ambulance, rotating training delivery between departments. We conduct and participate in local training and attend the annual Siskiyou County Interagency Drill Day. We are down to 4 stations, Greenview, Moffett Creek, French Creek and Callahan. We are looking to expand back to our historic number of stations and are currently in the process of preparing to erect a station on Scott River Road. We erected a training center in Greenview and have been utilizing that for our trainings. Our department has continued treating properties to meet statewide 100' defensible space standards in our district protection area. We have been participating with local Prescribed Fire organizations and have helped conduct prescribed burns in French Creek, Etna, and in multiple locations and Quartz Valley. We have Automatic Aid Agreements with Ft Jones and Etna Fire Departments and are researching and negotiating the future possibility of consolidating the three fire departments in Scott Valley.

Our goals for 2026 are recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters, apply for prevention, equipment and facility grants, continue fuels treatment in local areas, and to participate in strike teams where needed.

Equipment

1997 Type I Engine

1994 Type II Engine

1994 Type III Engine

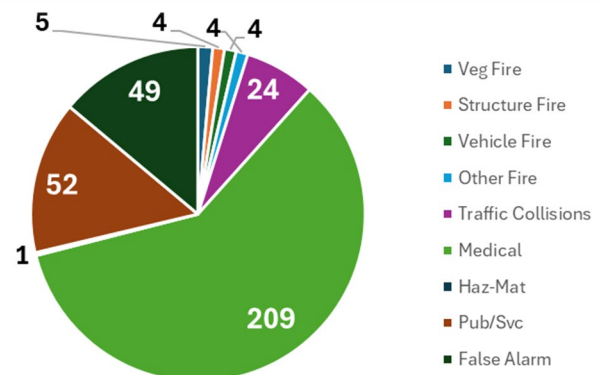
1993 Water Tender

1997 Water Tender

Personnel

14 Volunteers

3 Paid Volunteers



Fire Chief: Paul Buchter

Assistant Chief: Steve Poling

Email: pbutter@live.com

Phone: 530-468-2170



Seiad Valley Fire Company

The Seiad Valley Fire Company (SEI) was established in 1973. We cover east to west State Hwy 96 from mile marker 52 to mile marker 67; north to south from the Oregon border to Grider Creek. The population in our coverage area is approximately 379.

We have one station and our funding source is 100% donation through various fundraising efforts.

Equipment

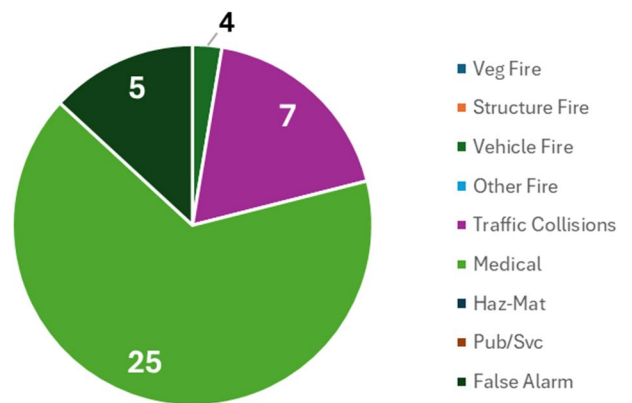
1995 Type I Engine

1984 Type III Engine

1974 Water Tender

Personnel

8 Volunteers



Fire Chief: Rick Jones

Assistant Chief: Vacant

Email: brat96086@yahoo.com

Phone: 530-496-3164

