

Central Calaveras Fire & Rescue Protection District

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Fire Chiefs Report November 2010

Engineers Exam – The Engineers assessment center has been created and will be administered on Friday November 12, 2010 at 1000 hours at the San Andreas library. There will be six assessors grading the two scenarios. Assessors will be:

Jim Carroll- Fire Chief West Point Fire
Bill Fullerton- Fire Captain West Point Fire
Pat Murphy Member- Murphy's Fire

Michael Siligo- Fire Chief Foothill Fire
Nichole Vasquez Operations- Manager ALA.
Jeff Stone Fire- Captain Central Fire

Glencoe CWPP – The CWPP program is moving forward and was presented to the County Chiefs Association for consensus and approval of the program. Pat McGreevy, a Glencoe resident, has been very instrumental in developing the fire breaks along the Highway 26 corridor in Glencoe. Pat will continue to assist CCF and Cal Fire in moving west on Highway 26.

Engine 123 – E-123 is back in service after repairs to the hydraulic ladder assembly. The part were purchased and the repairs done in house by Jed Skrobecky and Bret Belshe.

Spring Cleaning – A dumpster was placed at Station-4 the week of October 25 and items that cannot be of use have been discarded. A Resolution will be brought forth to surplus all remaining items.

Training – We continue to train with West Point and Mokelumne Hill. We will be working on a Joint powers Agreement to secure our relationships with each agency.

Engine – 121 was placed in service on September 15th, the following day a leak developed behind the pump panel. Cal Fire was gracious enough to repair the engine; CCF remunerated the part to Cal Fire.

Living Quarters – Board member Sutherland-Moore, Debbie Grant and I traveled to Shingle Spring and to take a look at facilities for new offices and living quarters.

Apparatus Surplus – A resolution will be brought forth recommending the sale of certain apparatus.

Water Tender – Tender-121 was taken to burtons for repair to a leak in the pump packing. Also a resolution will be coming forth at the December Board meeting for CCF to take title.

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Fire Chiefs Report October 2010

Engineers Exam – The Engineers exam has been created and approved by the exam committee as well as the personnel committee. The exam will be held Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 1000 hrs at the San Andreas library.

Old Ponderosa Way – Michael O’Keefe and I drove Old Ponderosa Way from West Murray Creek Road to Mountain Ranch Road. The road is easily accessible with a command vehicle but will need brushing for larger apparatus. This would be a valuable asset as a fire break for the Mountain Ranch community as well as deployment and staging areas for fire resources. I will be recommending this route to the Fire Safety Council as a project through the county wide CWFPF.

Glencoe CWFPF – Pat McGreevy, a Glencoe resident, has been very instrumental in developing the fire breaks along the Highway 26 corridor in Glencoe. Pat will continue to assist CCF and Cal Fire in moving west on Highway 26.

Engine 123 – E-123 is still out of service waiting on parts for the hydraulic ladder assembly.

Station 5 – A work project to re-roof the back portion of the roof of Station-5 was conducted by the volunteers and paid staff on Saturday September 25.

Spring Cleaning – A dumpster will be placed at Station-4 the week of October 25 to discard items that cannot be sold as surplus, after which time the remaining items will be sold.

Training – We continue to train with West Point and Mokelumne Hill Fire and have concluded Haz-mat refresher. The month of October will include Strategies and Tactics and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Wildland Fire Class – I am working through the Chiefs and Training Officers associations along with Chiefs Chris Post and Vivian De La Rosa of Cal Fire in attempt to host a Cal Fire wildland fire class this winter/spring for Calaveras County. Tuolumne County has already begun the process which will be hosted through the college, I anticipate we will follow suit.

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Budget – Completed the final budget which was approved at a special Board meeting.

Living Quarters – I have made contact with a local expert on modular housing and will be meeting to discuss our options.

Cal EMA – The rates for Cal EMA have been updated.

Facilities and Apparatus Insurance – We have reviewed the quote and updated our policy; the quote will be presented at the Board Meeting.

DMV- We have replied back to the DMV inspection in the appropriate manner and within the required time frame.

Apparatus Surplus – I have been working with used apparatus vendors for appraisals and requirements to place apparatus for sale.

Open House – An open house was held on October 3rd, the first day of fire prevention week where we also held a ceremony to place Engine-121 in service.

Meetings - I attended the following meeting:

County Chiefs –secretary duties

Training Officers

West Point Fire Board Meeting

County Chiefs Operations Committee

West Point, Cal Fire – local operations

Apparatus Committee

Personnel Committee

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Fire Chiefs Report September 2010

New Apparatus – The new model 34 apparatus has arrived; the crews will be working on equipping the apparatus throughout the next few weeks. Training on the new engine will be conducted by HME on Wednesday the 15th at 1800 hours. As soon as the engine is in service, we will be holding a traditional fire service ceremony placing the apparatus in house.

Apparatus Committee – The Committee gave me direction on researching the value of apparatus we may wish to surplus.

Day in the Park – Lee Williams along with the on duty crew assisted in cleaning Mountain Ranch Park for Day in the Park. Two members also stood by with an engine while an adjacent property was mowed for parking.

Engine 124 – was taken to High Tech Custom Trucks Works in Stockton for a new siren and replacement of a low air pressure warning device.

Captains Exam – I have been working on the exam and hope to have the two internal candidates through the process by September 30th.

Training – CCF hosted training at Glencoe Station 4 with West Point Fire, Cal Fire West Point, Cal Fire Esperanza, and Mokelumne Hill Fire. A program delivered by Fire Chief Jim Carroll, California Parks Environmental Scientist Patty Raggio and Cal Fire Battalion Chief 4413 Chris Post covered wild land intermix, wild land fire behavior and fire regimes.

Landing Zone - Met with Ed Robinson to establish a new permanent helicopter landing zone on his ranch.

Tax Audit – We have received a memorandum from the county indicating that through an internal audit our Secured Property Tax **may** have been underpaid. We will be waiting on a State Controllers audit to determine the final findings.

CWFPP – I attended the West Point Emergency preparedness meeting in regards to development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. I also meet with Pat McGreevy and Chief Post of Cal Fire to tour the areas in Glencoe that Mr. McGreevy has already had treated and was well as future sites. We also met with Ed Robinson for approved access to his property to redevelop a fire road from his property to the river.

Vegetation Fire – We assisted Cal FIRE with a Vegetation fire at the end of Garabaldi in Mountain Ranch, the Fire was held to three acres.

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Fire Chiefs Report May 2010

New Fire Apparatus – I have arranged for a new fire apparatus to be here on May 12th at 11am for anyone's review.

Website – Mike Burns is has the updated website online, please view it at you leisure and provide me with your comments. The website is centralcalaverasfire.org

USDA Grant – The staff met with a representative of the USDA on a grant to build a new station, I will be presenting this information to the finance committee

Sheep Ranch – We have received correspondence from residents in Sheep Ranch concerning a metal roof being placed on Station 5.

Miscellaneous – I meet with Jim Carroll and Skip Cavalli on operational Issues.

Training – Training with West Point and Mokelumne Hill has been scheduled for May 15 at 0900.

Volunteer Training – I attended and assisted in the live burn at Vallecito for the volunteer academy as well instructing Wildland Interurban Interface for the academy.

Mandatory Training – Blood Borne Pathogens and Harassment in the workplace where conducted.

Calaveras Chiefs – Attended the County Chiefs Association

BLM Grant – Through the BLM grant we have received monies and have purchased Fire Shelters which have already arrived.

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Fire Chiefs Report April 2010

RIC/Mayday Drills – This past month we have had excellent Mayday/Rapid Intervention Training with the trailer that was donated to the District. We had intended to dispose of the trailer after use however we are in talks with Mokelumne Hill and West Point about retro fitting the trailer into a RIC trailer that can be used by fire agencies within this area of the county. A determination will need to be made as to the licensure and insurance holder.

Personnel Performance Reviews (PPR) – I have completed PPRs on paid employees and will be setting six month goals and objectives in May. PPRs for interns will be completed in the month of March prior to the next shift move up.

New Apparatus – I have been researching new apparatus needs, types and cost that would be most suited to our District and will bring forth to the next Board meeting my recommendation.

Jack Horner – I spent the day with Jack Horner on March 16th and became well acquainted with the equipment and layout of Mountain Fire Rescue and the capabilities.

Mike Vonada – Mike Vonada is a retired Fire Chief from Riverside City California. As well as working at Riverside, Mike also works for Union City, Santa Rosa and Roseland Fire departments. Upon retirement Mike became a senior facilitator and consultant with Innovations International. Mike spent the day with me on March 17th touring the district and stations giving the benefit of his experience providing me direction for the beginning phases of creating our five year strategic plan. Mike will also be available to use in the future as we go through the process.

Director Workshop – The beginning phases of our five year strategic plan will need to start with a Director workshop. I would like to establish a date and time that will work into everyone's schedule.

EMSOC Subcommittee – I attended the EMSOC subcommittee meeting on April 7th in which a workgroup will be formed to work on developing possible private/public partnerships.

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Fire Chiefs Report

March 2010

Calaveras Valley Village (CVV) – Back in November I reported the following. “We received a request from Mr. Castro in regards to the fire flow at CVV. He received a letter from the state of California stating concerns to the Fire flow and requested a letter from CCFRPD certifying a significant fire flow exists. Upon our testing we found less than 5psi static pressure in the hydrant system. I notified Mr. Castro that we are not able to provide a letter at this time and suggested he invest in a booster pump for the system.” We were contacted by Mr. Castro again on March 1st requesting we retest the hydrants as we were able to further open the valve to the system. The retest of the system did not show any increase in flow pressure. We have once again advised Mr. Castro that in order to increase the pressure he will have to install a booster pump.

Lieutenants Exam – The exam was conducted on March 5th at Station 1 with the written test commencing at 0900 and the oral assessment at 1030. Both candidates passed well beyond the required score. With Board approval, I intend to appoint them to their new position April 1st and place them on 90 days probation.

Board Policies and Procedures – I have taken the liberty for drafting a set of policies and procedures/bylaws for the Board. This project started with Director Overacker providing me with the P&P manual from Menlo Park. I have researched other districts and have adopted the best parts of each that fall in line with our operations. I have shared this document with the P&P committee but because of its importance, I believe that all members of the Board should review the text and provide comments at the April Board meeting.

Steve Wilinsky – I met with Supervisor Wilinsky once again on the status of the water tenders and whose responsibility it is to maintain the apparatus. He believes that the County is still collecting monies from the water fund and also still holds title; therefore we should be able to get reimbursed from the County for repairs. However others, including County Counsel differ with his opinion. I will bring this item forth to the county fire chief's water tender committee suggesting that they meet with the proper authority at the county to bring a resolution to this issue.

Apparatus - Engine 124 has returned from Lynch's and it is my understanding there is no charge for the most recent repairs. However, the account # 5182 is in the negative by \$10,871.83 so a budget adjustment will be requested to balance this account. I will be recommending that the District put off pump testing until the end of this fiscal year or the beginning of next fiscal year depending on our overall budget balance. One exception to this will be the need to have one engine tested and prepped to be strike team ready.

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Big Meadow Fire – The District received a reimbursement for the Big Meadow Fire in the amount of \$34,188.48. These monies will be used to offset apparatus maintenance and salaries.

Ledger – The current ledger does not reflect a real time balance; it reflects 60 days in arrears. Therefore, I have requested the Administrative Assistant to place on the ledger invoices that the District has sent to the county waiting on warrants to be paid. This process may result in minor inaccuracies however it will better reflect real time balances giving the Board better information for fiscal decision making.

Pet Mask – The District received from the ladies auxiliary of American legion Post 376 four sets of Pet Mask kits. The cone-shaped plastic masks, come in three different sizes and fit snugly on snouts, and can resuscitate animals suffering from smoke inhalation. This mask set is very versatile taking care of just about any air breathing animal species from a tiny bird or reptile to a St. Bernard. I shared information with the PR Committee about the 11 year old girl, Monica, who was the brainchild for the Pet Mask idea. A thank-you letter from our District has been drafted by the Administrative Assistant for the PR Committee's review and signature.

Public Relations Committee – I requested the PR committee meet with me and several volunteers to brainstorm on what attracts a volunteer, what makes them stay and ideas for recruitment.

Chris Post – I met with our new Cal Fire Battalion Chief for our area, Chief Chris Post BC 4413. Chief Post has a background of working for several different agencies and holds a high regard for fire districts. I provided Chief Post with the Districts apparatus fleet inventory and a roster. We also discovered that the District does not have an agreement with the local unit for response. Chief Post and I will be working together to achieve an agreement prior to fire season.

West Point – Chief Jim Carroll will be in and out of the office for the 30 days or so. I will be assisting him in covering the West Point Fire District.

EMSOC – I attended the EMSOC committee meeting on February 25th at 1800. Although much discussion transpired, the EMSOC did not present any formal recommendations to the County Supervisors. I hope to be meeting with Al Lennox, President of American Legion Ambulance, within the first few weeks of March to discuss the problematic length in response times within our District.

Training Officers – I attended the Mother Lode training Officers Association meeting in February; I will be assisting that body in designing new bylaws.

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Station: 1 - STATION # 1 JESUS MARIA ROAD	
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	2
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
510 - Person in distress, other	1
550 - Public service assistance, other	1

Incidents for 1 - Station # 1 Jesus Maria Road: 11

Station: 3 - STATION # 3 WASHINGTON STREET MT. RANCH	
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1

Incidents for 3 - Station # 3 Washington Street MT. Ranch: 1

Station: 4 - STATION # 4 HWY 26 GLENCOE	
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	2

Incidents for 4 - Station # 4 Hwy 26 Glencoe: 2

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APPARATUS	February	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME, minutes (Dispatch to Arrived)
C-120	17.00	10.78
E-121	N/A	N/A
E-122	N/A	16.75
E-123	12.91	14.07
E-124	12.33	19.50
U-121	14.00	20.80
R-121	N/A	N/A
R-123	16.00	14.71
P-124	6.00	6.00
WT121	N/A	N/A

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME minutes (Dispatch to Arrived)	
February	Year to Date
13.55	14.81

		Jan	Feb	YTD	Percent
MA	Medical Aids	19	13	32	68.0%
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2	4.25%
SC	Smoke Checks	1	1	2	4.25
WF	Wild Land Fires	0	0	0	7.5%
VF	Vehicle Fires	0	0	0	1.3%
SF	Structure Fires	2	0	2	4.25
PSA	Public Service Assist	1	3	4	8.5
HZ	HazMat	2	0	2	4.25
FIU	Fire Investigation	0	0	0	0.00%
FA	False Alarm	2	1	3	6.38
ES	Emergency Standby	0	0	0	0.00
Annual Total (with Aid)		30	20	47	100.00%
Auto AID		2	1		
Mutual AID		0	0		

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Fire Chiefs Report February 2010

Intern Program – I have completed the draft of the intern program; the packet contains a rewritten Policy and Procedure section 1550 that establishes the need for the program. Also you will find newly created Intern program outlining duties and expectations as well as a rewrite of the MOU for the interns to sign. These documents have been passed through the P&P committee as well as the personnel committee and are ready for discussion and your approval

Lieutenants Exam – I have completed creating the Lieutenants Exam test and have established a date of March 5th for both the written and the Chief's assessment. I anticipate Captain Jeff Stone to assist me with the Chief's assessment.

First Responder Class – The medical First Responder course has been completed. I would like to thank Brandon Wilson, Jeff Stone, and Lee Williams for their time in instructing the class.

West point – I spent the day on February 4th with Chief Carroll becoming familiar with the West Point District. Chief Carroll showed me fire roads access, staging areas throughout the district as well as residential concerns with only one way in and one way out scenarios. From our visit we discovered that our agencies do not have compatible passport accountability systems. I have discussed this at the County Chief's Meeting and it has been assigned to the Operations Committee for review to make recommendations for assuring the future compatibility of the PASS.

Apparatus - Engine 124 is at Lynch's for engine retarder problems that should be repaired with a new accelerator spring. The engine also has developed engine acceleration issues. We are waiting for diagnoses from Lynch's.

Structure Fire – CCFRPD responded to a structure fire 5807 Rail Road Flat Road. The fire was confined to the kitchen with very little extension into the attic. The house and attic were completely charged with smoke. The incident was handled alone by CCFRPD members who did an outstanding job. Besides fire extinguishment, removal of burned debris in the attic and smoke evacuation, the crew did an excellent job in assisting the homeowners with clean up.

Staff Meeting- A staff meeting was held on February 3, 2009 from 0730 to 1200. Inside your packet you will find a copy of the topics discussed at the staff meeting should you have any questions. The meeting was very constructive and productive.

Paid Period – Currently our pay periods end on the same day as pay days. This has caused some discontent among employees by not having regular set paydays. We have adjusted the pay period so it no longer coincides with pay days.

Trailer – Ed and Judy Tyler of Railroad Flat have offered to donate to us a 30 foot travel trailer for training. Kris Hinds will be looking into the detail of disposal once we are through with it.

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Michael O'Keefe – Michael continues to keep our maps books up to day and will be working on adding additional information by way of adding cross country roads (private roads or fire roads) that intersect with county roads to use during wildland fire season.

BLM Grant – CCFRPD has received a grant that Jeff Stone applied for in the amount of \$5,940.00 our portion of the grant is \$594.00. The grant will be used to purchase new wildland fire shelters that have been mandated for all agencies to use.

Committee – I will be asking for volunteers to assist in creating a committee or taskforce to look at the short and long range goals of this agency. Such goals would include our capital infrastructures, current and future apparatus needs, JPA with our local cooperators, etc. I anticipate including members of our agency as well as representatives from Mokelumne Hill and West Point as well as stakeholders from all areas of our community.

Vallecito Conservation Camp – The roof leak at fire station #3 continues to worsen. I have submitted a request to the Vallecito Camp to provide labor to repair the roof.

Public Relations Committee – I anticipate having a PR committee meeting along with firefighter volunteers.

EMSOC- On January 21, 2010 at 6pm I attended the EMSOC meeting in which I and several other Chief Officers of the County voiced concerns about the response times. ALA and Mountain Valley will take our comments under consideration. The next meeting will be on February 25th. My comments at this meeting can be reviewed in a document, located at Station #1, of Public Comments provided by Mountain Valley EMS.

County Chief's Meeting- I have been elected by the County chief's to be their representative on the EMSOC.

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Incident Type Count per Station for Year

Year: 2010

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Station: 1 - STATION # 1 JESUS MARIA ROAD	
111 - Building fire	4
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	3
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	9
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
143 - Grass fire	1
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	2
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
160 - Special outside fire, other	2
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	17
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	72
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	16
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	9
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	10
400 - Hazardous condition, other	3
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2
444 - Power line down	1
531 - Smoke or odor removal	3
550 - Public service assistance, other	7
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	4
553 - Public service	1

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571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4
653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	4
713 - Telephone, malicious false alarm	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	3
911 - Citizen complaint	3

Incidents for 1 - Station # 1 Jesus Maria Road: 203

Station: 2 - STATION # 2 SWISS RANCH ROAD	
111 - Building fire	1
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1

Incidents for 2 - Station # 2 Swiss Ranch Road: 8

Station: 3 - STATION # 3 WASHINGTON STREET MT. RANCH	
120 - Fire in mobile prop. used as a fixed struc., other	1
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1
138 - Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	4
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	14
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2

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322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	4
550 - Public service assistance, other	3
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2
641 - Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1

Incidents for 3 - Station # 3 Washington Street MT. Ranch: 40

Station: 4 - STATION # 4 HWY 26 GLENCOE	
120 - Fire in mobile prop. used as a fixed struc., other	1
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	2
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	3
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	18
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	3
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	5
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1

Incidents for 4 - Station # 4 Hwy 26 Glencoe: 43

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Station: 5 - STATION # 5 SHEEP RANCH ROAD	
100 - Fire, other	1
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1

Incidents for 5 - Station # 5 Sheep Ranch Road: 8

APPARATUS	December	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME, minutes (Dispatch to Arrived)
C-120	6.0	12.8
E-121	N/A	14.7
E-122	40	19.3
E-123	16.2	14.5
E-124	N/A	14.3
E-125	N/A	14.6
R-121	N/A	17.4
R-123	N/A	15.3
P-124	N/A	12.9
WT121	N/A	28.8

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME minutes (Dispatch to Arrived)	
December	Year to Date
17	15.5

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		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	YTD	Percent
MA	Medical Aids	13	15	17	10	122	53.7%
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	2	2	24	10.6%
SC	Smoke Checks	1	3	6	0	14	6.2%
WF	Wild Land Fires	2	7	1	3	17	7.5%
VF	Vehicle Fires	0	1	0	1	3	1.3%
SF	Structure Fires	0	3	0	3	16	7.0%
PSA	Public Service Assist	3	3	3	0	13	5.7%
HZ	HazMat	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
FIU	Fire Investigation	0	0	0	0	1	0.00%
FA	False Alarm	1	0	1	3	11	4.8%
ES	Emergency Standby	0	2	1	0	7	3.1%
Annual Total (with Aid)		22	35	31	22	227	100.00%
Auto AID		0	0	0	0		
Mutual AID		0	0	0	0		

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Intern Program – We have reduced staffing from two interns per shift to one intern per shift keeping the senior interns on full time. This measure was taken to save funding to be able bring back the remainder of the interns at the beginning of fire season. The two junior interns we currently have will continue to work one 48 hour shift per month to keep up skills level and to receive training updates.

Generator – The new generator has arrived and has been installed. However the electrician doing the installation has not been able to get the generator to switch in to the automatic mode. He will be calling tech support and will return to continue installation. The old generator will be disposed through advertising for sealed bids.

Thermal Imaging Camera – We have been notified by the manufacture that the cost to repair the unit is \$3,647; the cost for new unit is \$4,092. I will be requesting the Board to allow the manufacture to destroy the old unit and allow us to search for a grant to purchase a new unit.

Policies and Procedures Committee – I have drafted a rewrite of polices 1270, 1350, 1370, and 1460. I have met with the P&P committee for their comments and revisions. The final drafts have been presented to the board for approval.

First Responder Class – A medical First Responder has been started which is being taught in house by Brandon Wilson and Jeff Stone. Lee Williams taught the CPR portion of the class.

SAFER Grant – I will be submitting the SAFER grant by the end of the week, we will be requesting funding for recruitment and retention of volunteers. My hope is to receive funding for an updated training library.

Apparatus - Engine 124 is at Lynch's for repair to the fuel injector. Utility 121 has had recall warranty maintenance done.

Structure Fire – CCRFPD aided by Mokelumne Hill and San Andreas responded to a structure fire on December 25th on Michel Rd. Upon arrival found a flue fire in a two story house. FF Gonzalez, FF Buchanan, and FF Bain did an outstanding job along with our cooperators in extinguishing the fire and preventing and smoke or water damage.

Communications – Lt Hinds had made great progress in reprogramming our new pagers and trading out our old ones.

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