

SAN MATEO CONSOLIDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



PROUDLY SERVING THE CITIES OF BELMONT, FOSTER CITY, & SAN MATEO

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OUR MISSION

Enhancing the quality of life for our community through professionalism, collaboration, and public trust.

OUR VALUES

Respect • Compassion • Integrity • Dedication • Innovation



"It is an honor to serve as the leader of one of the most premier fire service organizations in the country. The members of the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department are committed to service above self. It is a privilege to be part of such a wonderful organization filled with talented individuals. As an unstoppable team, we will overcome any challenge or obstacle put before us. Together, we will achieve greatness!"



The year 2020 has proven to be a tumultuous year that will go down in the history books as one that will never be forgotten. This year has been full of pivotal events of historical proportions. First, we experienced the global pandemic outbreak called COVID-19. Second, we experienced civil unrest and protest of epic proportions that rocked our nation. Third, we held front row seats to the worst fire season on record with over four million acres burned in the State of California. Our operations personnel were deployed on multiple major campaign fires for weeks at a time all over the State of California. This fire activity was unprecedented based on over 100 years of recorded fire history. Lastly, as if that was not enough, we saw

the presidential elections unfold with the largest voter turnout on record. Truly, 2020 has been a challenging year! On the bright side, we have a lot to be thankful for as well. In 2020, we have seen promotions for Battalion Chief and Fire Captain vacancies, implementation of the Training Captain positions, and temporary assignment of a Deputy Fire Chief position. In 2020, we have also seen continued progress on the construction of the new Fire Station 25, which is rapidly nearing completion. Additionally, we applied to FEMA and received \$816,758.43, of which, \$343,030.59 was apportioned to San Mateo Consolidated Fire for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). We also applied to FEMA and received \$85,000.00 for Fire Prevention and public education. Additionally, we have received a bequest for \$20,000.00 from the Wong family estate for our CERT program. This year, we took delivery of our new Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) and two new Personal Watercrafts (PWC), otherwise known as Jet Skis. We received confirmation from Cal OES that we will be receiving two brand new Type 6 fire engines. During the month of December, our members were fortunate enough to be offered the COVID-19 vaccine. I am proud to report that over 86% of our members took advantage of this opportunity and have been vaccinated. With the COVID-19 vaccine being made available, we remain hopeful that the end to the global pandemic is on the horizon. Despite all of the challenges the year 2020 has brought us, we were still able to get a lot of things accomplished. We have been able to pivot and change several of our operations and procedures to continue to serve our community. I am truly proud to lead one of the most premier fire departments in the nation. Every member of this organization has played a fundamental role in our successful year. I would like to send best wishes to all those who have left the organization this year due to retirement. You will all be truly missed, and thank you for your service. Special thanks to all those who have contributed to the success of the organization as I attribute all of our continued success to the members who make up this great organization. Together, we have demonstrated our ability to be resilient, and together, we have proven to be an unstoppable team. We hope you enjoy reviewing the contents of our 2020 Annual Report, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at fire@smcfire.org.

- Fire Chief Ray Iverson

On January 3, the department hosted the Transfer of Command Ceremony in the Council Chambers at San Mateo City Hall to formally recognize the retirement of outgoing Fire Chief John Healy and the badge pinning of incoming Fire Chief Ray Iverson. The event included the presentation of colors by the Fire Honor Guard, blessing of the badge by Father Greene, administering the Oath of Office by Fire Board Chair Joe Goethals, and the traditional passing of The Bugle.



The Honor Guard



Piper Jones



Father Greene



Chief John Healy



Badge pinning



The Oath of Office



Passing of the Bugle



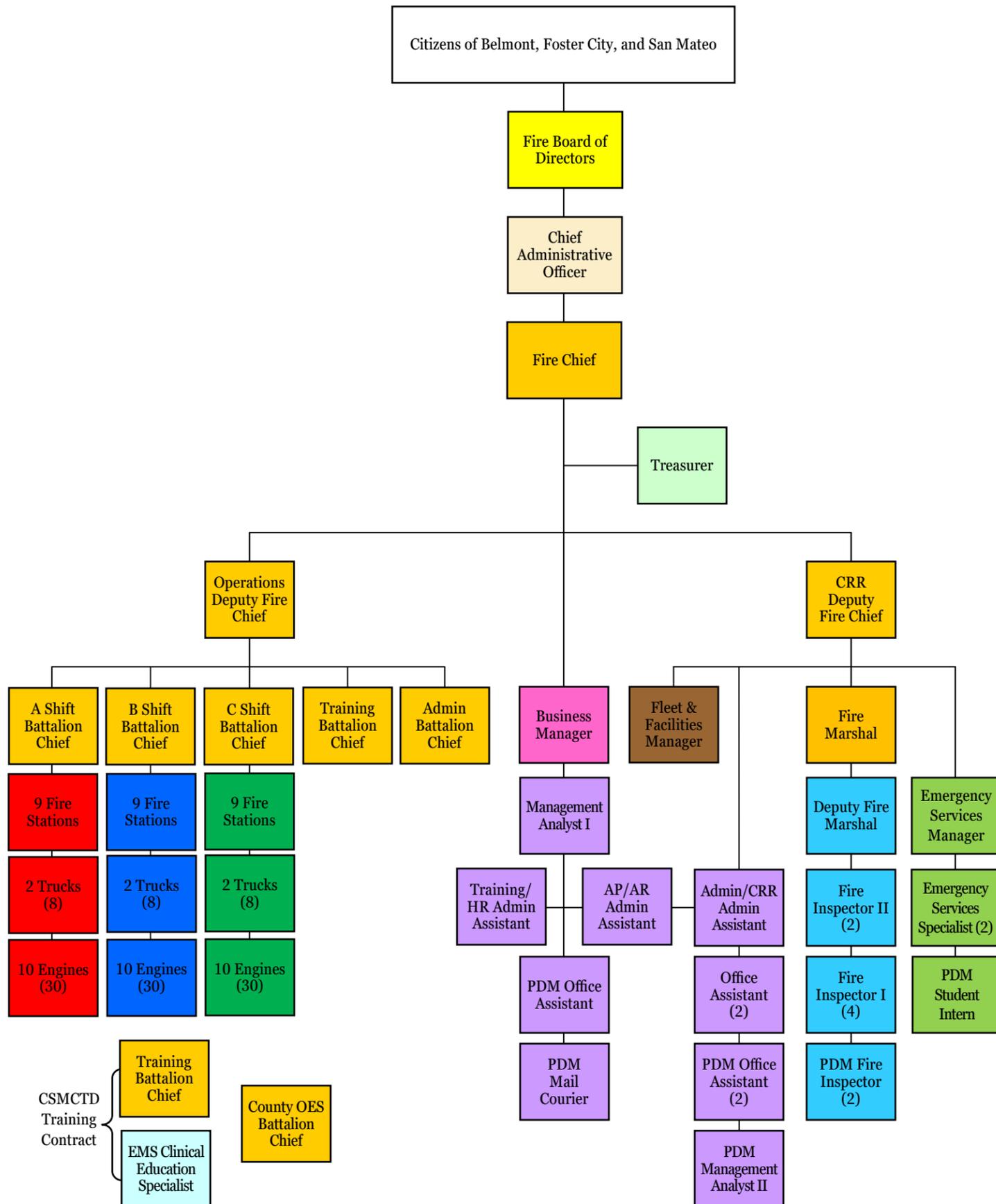
Chief Ray Iverson



Command Staff and the Honor Guard



The Bugle



The Fire Board is comprised of one City Council member from each of the three cities within our jurisdiction. Each Board member has an alternate who serves as a backup representative in the event of a Board member's absence. The Fire Board is responsible for making decisions on major matters for the department, including budget approval. Regular Fire Board meetings are open to the public and scheduled quarterly with the option for additional meetings and Special Meetings as needed.

Board of Directors		
Joe Goethals	Warren Lieberman	Catherine Mahanpour
		
Board Chair City of San Mateo (Mayor)	Board Member City of Belmont (Mayor)	Board Member City of Foster City (Mayor)

Member Alternates		
Diane Papan	Charles Stone	Sanjay Gehani
		
Representative City of San Mateo (Council Member)	Representative City of Belmont (Vice Mayor)	Representative City of Foster City (Vice Mayor)



Belmont Station 14
911 Granada Street
 Engine 14—3 personnel
 Hazmat 14—cross-staffed



Belmont Station 15
2701 Cipriani Boulevard
 Engine 15—3 personnel



San Mateo Station 21
120 S. Ellsworth Avenue
 Engine 21—3 personnel
 Truck 21—4 personnel



San Mateo Station 23
31 West 27th Avenue
 Engine 23—3 personnel
 Truck 23—4 personnel
 BC 5—1 Battalion Chief



San Mateo Station 24
319 S. Humboldt Street
 Engine 24—3 personnel



San Mateo Station 25
545 Barneson Avenue
 Engine 25—3 personnel



San Mateo Station 26
1500 Marina Court
 Engine 26—3 personnel



San Mateo Station 27
1801 De Anza Boulevard
 Engine 27—3 personnel
 OES Engine 405—cross-staffed



Foster City Station 28
1040 E. Hillsdale Boulevard
 Engine 28—3 personnel
 Engine 29—3 personnel
 Boat/Jet Ski 28—cross-staffed

Since the groundbreaking on November 12, 2019, the department formed a committee of employees to assist with the build of the new Fire Station 25. During the weekly construction meetings, the committee had the opportunity to work side-by-side with the contractors and the City of San Mateo to provide feedback on the project and to ensure a great final product. The committee has also been responsible for choosing the interior materials, selecting the colors, and making recommended changes that would help the firefighters better serve the community.

The crews at Fire Station 25 will be relocated from their current location at 545 Barneson Avenue to this modernized facility at the northeast corner of Borel Avenue and Shafter Street in San Mateo. The new station sits on a 0.41-acre parcel and will consist of a single engine bay in a two-story structure totaling 4,950 square feet. The design includes a kitchen, a dining area, an office, an exercise room, a day room, private sleeping quarters with shared bathroom facilities, lockers, storage areas, and an emergency generator. The completion of the new Fire Station 25 is expected to be in April 2021.



Tristan Holsgrove—Firefighter



Tristan accepted a full-time Firefighter Trainee position, effective October 2, 2019. After graduating from San Mateo Consolidated Fire's 2020 Firefighter Academy 5, he became a full-time Firefighter, effective February 3, 2020. Tristan's previous experience includes Fire Cadet with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, paid Call Firefighter (EMS only) with Unified Fire Authority in Utah, Fire Intern with Central County Fire Department, and volunteer Firefighter with Half Moon Bay. Tristan also served 10 years as a Police Officer with the Burlingame Police Department.

Jackson Sturtevant—Firefighter



Jack accepted a full-time Firefighter Trainee position, effective October 2, 2019. After graduating from San Mateo Consolidated Fire's 2020 Firefighter Academy 5, he became a full-time Firefighter, effective February 3, 2020, and shortly after, a Secondary Paramedic on February 23, 2020. Jack's previous experience includes Fire Cadet with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, EMT with Falck Northern California, Firefighter I with Cal Fire (Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit), General Apprentice with Breen Gravesend Incorporated, and Park Aide with San Mateo County Parks.

John Bruni—Firefighter



John accepted a full-time Firefighter Trainee position, effective March 2, 2020. After graduating from San Mateo Consolidated Fire's 2020 Firefighter Academy 6, he became a full-time Firefighter, effective July 26, 2020. John's previous experience includes Fire Cadet with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, EMT with United Ambulance, EMT with California's Great America, and EMT from American Medical Response. John was also the recipient of the 2018 Cadet of the Year Award.

Adan Peña—Firefighter



Adan accepted a full-time Firefighter Trainee position, effective March 2, 2020. After graduating from San Mateo Consolidated Fire's 2020 Firefighter Academy 6, he became a full-time Firefighter, effective July 26, 2020. Adan's previous experience includes Fire Cadet with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, EMT with Westmed Ambulance Company, and EMT with American Medical Response San Mateo County. Adan has also served his community in South San Francisco's St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and St. Anthony's in the Tenderloin District. Adan was also the recipient of the 2019 Cadet of the Year Award.

Francesco Panacci—Firefighter



Frankie accepted a full-time Firefighter Trainee position, effective March 2, 2020. After graduating from San Mateo Consolidated Fire's 2020 Firefighter Academy 6, he became a full-time Firefighter, effective July 26, 2020. Frankie's previous experience includes Fire Cadet with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, EMT with Royal Ambulance, and Advanced EMT with American Medical Response.

Tony Blackman—Battalion Chief

February 23, 2020



Tony started his 25-year fire service career in 1995 as a Firefighter with the Humboldt Fire District. He joined the Foster City Fire Department as an EMT Firefighter on March 13, 2000, became a Paramedic in 2003, and was promoted to Fire Captain on March 4, 2013. Tony has been an active member with the Water Rescue Committee. He is assigned to several of San Mateo Consolidated Fire's committees, including Special Operations, Water Rescue, Training, Apparatus, Consolidation, Recruitment, the PEER Review Board, and the Mentorship Program. Previously, he was also Fire Cadet Coordinator for the Foster City Fire Department, Shop Steward, District Vice President, and a CPR and Community Emergency Response Team Instructor. Tony has experience working with various City leaders on FEMA's Local Hazard Mitigation Plans and has performed MOU negotiations with the Foster City Fire and San Mateo Consolidated Fire Departments. He is a U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue Council Member.

Mark Volkman—Fire Captain

January 16, 2020



Mark started as a Fire Cadet with the San Mateo Fire Department in 2010. He then joined the San Mateo Fire Department as a Firefighter on October 19, 2011, and became a Paramedic in 2013. Mark was honored with the Directors Award for his overall outstanding achievement with the Santa Clara County Fire Academy. Additionally, he was honored with the 2018 Hugh F. Morris Award with a Special Merit Medal under the category of Day-to-Day Excellence. Mark currently serves as the Treasurer for the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department's Firefighter's Association. Mark also currently serves as the Chair of the Fire Action Consensus Team (FACT) and has spent a significant number of hours providing guidance to the department to create the new FACT Charter. Mark is a member of the Department's Firefighter's Holiday Toy Drive program where he assists with toy collections and distribution of toy barrels.

Corey Lingafeldt—Fire Captain

March 12, 2020



Corey started his fire service career in 1994 as a Fire Control Technician in the Regional Occupational Program with the City of Sacramento Fire Department. In 1996, he became a Firefighter/EMT with the Columbia College Fire Department and a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT with the Tuolumne County Fire Department. In 1998, he became a volunteer member and EMT with the Tuolumne County Search & Rescue and became a Seasonal Firefighter EMT with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service for the Stanislaus National Forest and the CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. In October 2000, he joined the Butte County Emergency Medical Service/Ambulance as an EMT and was promoted in February 2001 to Paramedic. Corey joined the San Mateo Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic on April 19, 2001. On August 13, 2019, Corey became a certified active Hazardous Materials Team member. He has recently performed as a Co-Instructor for Water Rescue Training during San Mateo Consolidated Fire's Probationary Academies.

The San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department would like to congratulate Chief Towns, Deputy Fire Marshal Henderson, Manager Lucett, Firefighter Lucchesi, Firefighter Gonzalez, Firefighter Hogan, Firefighter Strambi, and Firefighter Gambelin on their retirements. Thank you all for your many years of hard work and dedication to the fire service.

Michael Towns—Acting Deputy Fire Chief

December 30, 2020



Mike started his 30-year fire service career as a Firefighter/Paramedic on September 17, 1990, with the Foster City Fire Department. While serving the Foster City Fire Department, he served as a paid On-Call Firefighter with East Diablo Fire Protection. Mike was promoted within the Foster City Fire Department to Fire Captain/Paramedic in March 2002 and promoted on December 1, 2014, to Administrative Battalion Chief. On February 10, 2020, he was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief as a temporary assignment under the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, managing IT and Communications, backing up the Operations Battalion Chiefs, assisting with the budget, and participating in agency, City, County, and State-level committees. Mike heads the Policy & Procedures Committee and possesses exemplary computer, budgetary, and communication skills.

Vorisia Henderson—Deputy Fire Marshal

December 30, 2020



Vorisia began her fire service career as a Communications Operator with the Tulare County Fire Department from July 1991 to May 1992. She was promoted to Fire Inspector in May 1992 and became a Senior Fire Inspector for the Visalia Fire Department from April 2001 to July 2008. Vorisia worked as a per-diem on ambulances for American Medical Response and Exeter Ambulance from 1993 to 1998 in Tulare County while also working for their fire department and as a Reserve Officer with their police department. She was hired as a Safety Inspector III with the South San Francisco Fire Department from July 2008 to September 2010 and became a per-diem Fire Inspector in January 2013 with the San Mateo Fire Department. On July 7, 2013, she became a full-time Fire Inspector and was later promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal on July 1, 2015, initially assigned to serve Foster City under the new Fire Prevention Services contract.

Matt Lucett—Business Manager

November 13, 2020



Matt began his public service career in San Mateo County as an EMT in 1985 with Mobile Life Support Services. He was promoted to Paramedic and worked at Baystar and American Medical Response where he became Paramedic Operations Supervisor, Director of Paramedic Operations, and Administrative Supervisor. In 1997, he moved to the County's Health Department and Office of Emergency Services as Emergency Medical Services Program Specialist, Bioterrorism Coordinator, and District Coordinator. In 2007, he became Preparedness & Planning Chief at North County Fire Authority and later joined the City of Belmont on April 22, 2013, as Management Analyst. On January 13, 2019, he was promoted to Business Manager with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department.

Anthony Lucchesi—Firefighter

February 1, 2020



“Lucca” began his fire service career as a Firefighter with the Foster City Fire Department on November 24, 2002. He served as a crew member of Truck 23 and Water Rescue OES. He trained personnel in water rescue, tiller operations, and rope rescue. Lucca was also an Eagle Scout and a San Mateo County Sheriffs Officer Volunteer for their Search & Rescue Dive Team.

Pete Gonzalez—Firefighter

March 31, 2020



Pete began his fire service career as a Firefighter for the CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection and a paid Call Firefighter for the Central Fire Protection District in Santa Cruz County. He became a Firefighter Paramedic with the South County Fire Authority on September 24, 1999, and a Hazardous Materials Team member in 2000. In 2010, Pete moved to the Belmont Fire Protection District.

Craig Hogan—Firefighter

April 28, 2020



Craig began his fire service career as a Firefighter with the CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection in Springville in 1987. He became a Firefighter with the Tulare County Fire Department in 1989, Fire Engineer with the Kings County Fire Department in 1992 while also a Reserve Firefighter, paid Call Firefighter from 1990 to 1993, Firefighter with the City of Visalia in 1993, and Firefighter with the San Mateo Fire Department on May 20, 1996, and later Tiller Operator. He received the 2007 Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs Service Award for his work on the Firefighter’s Holiday Toy Drive.

Daniel Strambi—Firefighter

October 2, 2020



Dan began his fire service career on February 3, 1992, when he was hired as a Firefighter with the Foster City Fire Department. During his fire career, he participated in the Firefighter’s Holiday Toy Drive program as the Program Coordinator, was the City of Foster City’s Arts and Wine Festival Chili Booth Coordinator, worked on Foster City Fire’s radio program, and ran Foster City Fire’s power tools program.

Dan Gambelin—Firefighter

November 2, 2020



Dan began his fire service career on September 8, 1998, when he was hired as a Firefighter with the San Mateo Fire Department. He served as a Paramedic and a Tiller Truck Operator and assisted in educational assemblies. Dan was also the recipient of the 2013 Peninsula Council of Lions Club Valor Award.

Cadet Program

The Cadet Program is a year long work experience program for young adults in conjunction with the College of San Mateo's Cooperative Education Programs. The program fulfills the volunteer requirement for students to earn their California State Firefighter I Certificates. It includes a minimum of 48 hours per month of ride along experience and 60 hours per year in either of the following divisions: Fire Administration, Training, or Bureau of Fire Protection and Life Safety. The Cadets ride along as student firefighters with the department's fire engines and truck companies. In addition to ride alongs and administrative duties, the Cadets volunteer for many of the department's events throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, most of the events were cancelled. Before the Cadet Program was suspended in March 2020, the Cadets completed over 1,500 hours.



Top row (from left to right): James Benson, Matthew Brosnan, Cole Carrithers, Sean Caruso, David Flouty, Lucas Hagberg, Colton Hicks, and David Ibarra. Bottom row (from left to right): Ryan Jacquemet, Nathan Jordan, Jake Kelly, Nick LaBombarda, Daniel Morales, William Sapp, Souvanna Sophabmixay, and Michael Zambrana.

Explorer Post 904

Explorer Post 904 is a program that allows young adults, ages 15 to 21, to explore the career of firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical services. Over the course of a year, Explorers attend regularly scheduled meetings and training sessions that are taught by our firefighters. The trainings include topics such as fire science, fire hose, forcible entry techniques, search, and CPR. The Explorers also participate in the department's ride along program where they ride on fire engines and truck companies to observe and use some of their new training and skills. Typically, about 15 Explorers participate in the program and put in many hours of community service at multiple events throughout the year, including the Firefighters' Association's Chili Cook-Off, the Firefighter's Holiday Toy Drive, and pancake breakfasts. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many community and department events were cancelled and the program was suspended in March 2020.

Our Internal Training Division is responsible for probationary training and testing, career development, promotional testing, implementation of safety programs, supporting individual company-level training, driver training, and any training that maintains our mission to keep our personnel and community safe. The Internal Training Division has hosted four intense entry-level firefighter academies at our Foster City Training Complex. Despite being held during a global pandemic, our recruits were able to complete live fire training, water rescue, fire hose management, auto extrication, wildland fire training, emergency medical services training, hazardous material incident awareness, ventilation skills, ladders, forcible entry, and many other basic firefighter skills.



Outdoor classroom



Exterior fire operations



Auto extrication



Rope rescue operations



Academy 6: Frankie Panacci, Adan Peña, & John Bruni



Live fire training



Ladder pipe operations



Elevator rescue training

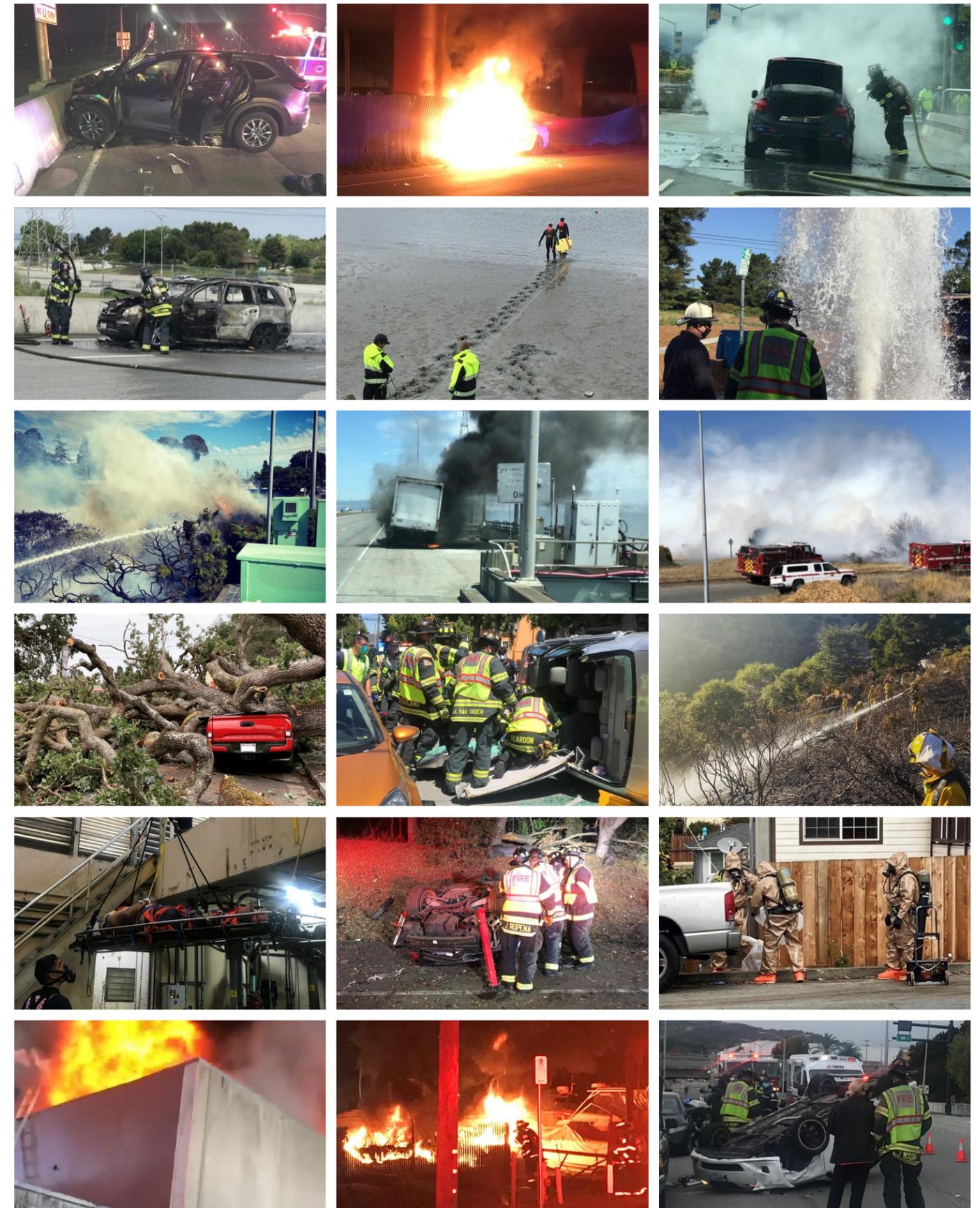


Hose training in South SF

Significant Incidents

Date	Description	City
January 11	Vehicle accident into Fire Station 14 on Granada Street	Belmont
January 23	Vehicle accident with fatality on Peninsula off-ramp by Highway 101	San Mateo
January 29	Vehicle accident into building on Catalpa Street	San Mateo
February 13	Vehicle accident with secondary fire on Fashion Island Boulevard	San Mateo
April 16	Vehicle fire on J. Hart Clinton Drive	San Mateo
April 17	Fully-involved vehicle fire on N. Bayshore Boulevard	San Mateo
April 17	Water rescue for dog stuck in SF Bay mud on Airport Boulevard	Burlingame
April 20	Structure fire in single-family home on Newlands Avenue	Belmont
May 5	Closet fire in single-family home on Newbridge Avenue	San Mateo
May 9	Hazardous material incident on E. 40th Avenue	San Mateo
May 21	Traffic accident involving a sheared fire hydrant on Poinsettia Avenue	San Mateo
May 29	Vegetation fire in cloverleaf on E. Hillsdale Boulevard	San Mateo
June 2	Truck fire on Highway 92 on San Mateo-Hayward Bridge	Foster City
June 8	Debris and structure fire in single-family home on Dartmouth Avenue	San Carlos
June 30	Grass fire on Highway 92 by Ralston off-ramp	San Mateo
July 6	Vehicle accident involving a boat on E. 5th Avenue	San Mateo
July 18	Public assist for a fallen tree and downed power lines on 9th Avenue	San Mateo
July 23	Multi-vehicle accident on Highway 92	San Mateo
August 3	Vehicle rollover with extrication on Monte Diablo Avenue	San Mateo
August 14	Vegetation fire on Highway 101 and Hillsdale Overpass	San Mateo
August 25	Multi-vehicle accident with head-on collision on N. El Camino Real	San Mateo
September 21	4-alarm vegetation fire in San Juan Canyon on E. Laurel Creek Road	Belmont
September 24	Medical aid and extrication at Wastewater Treatment Plant	San Mateo
September 25	Traffic collision into building on S. El Camino Real Avenue	San Mateo
September 25	Water rescue kite surfer in SF Bay on Beach Park Boulevard	Foster City
September 29	Vehicle rollover with double extrication on Highway 92	San Mateo
October 1	Building fire at the VIBE Teen Center on Shell Boulevard	Foster City
October 5	Hazardous material incident on 87th Street	Daly City
October 16	4-alarm wildland fire on Sign Hill	South SF
October 16	4-alarm building fire in warehouse on Starlite Street	South SF
October 20	Water vehicle fire in boat yard on Old County Road	San Carlos
November 12	Vehicle rollover on E. Hillsdale Boulevard by S. El Camino Real	San Mateo
November 12	Two-vehicle collision involving an overturned vehicle on Highway 101	San Mateo

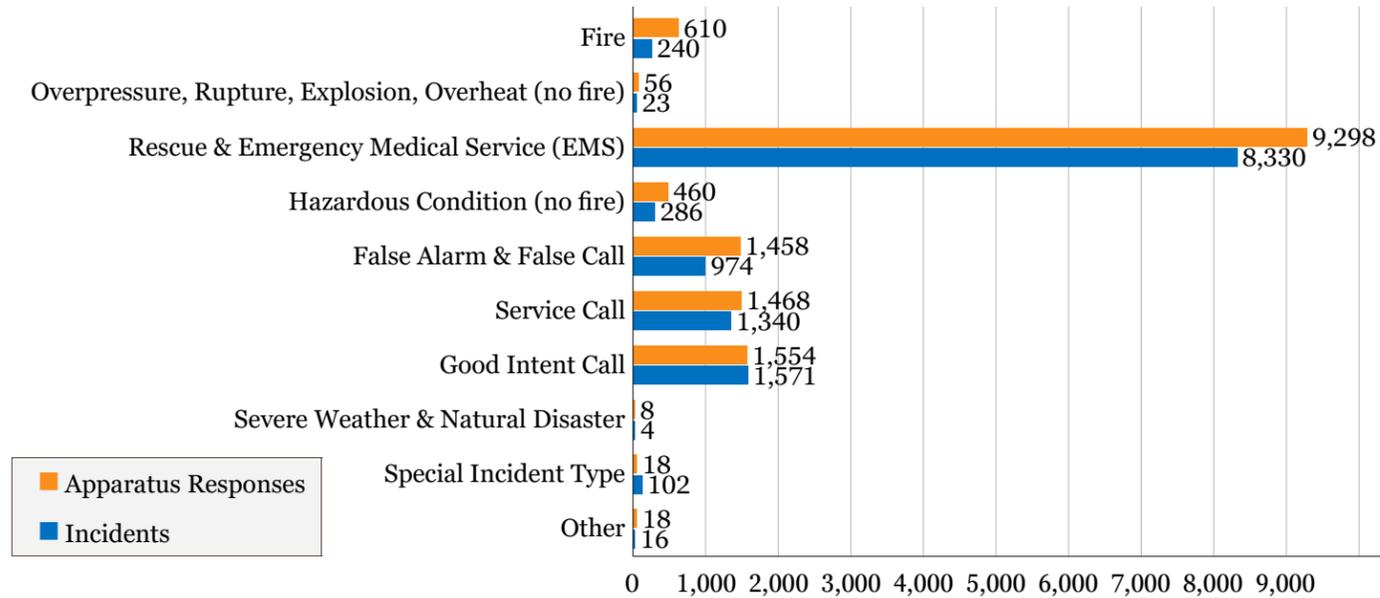
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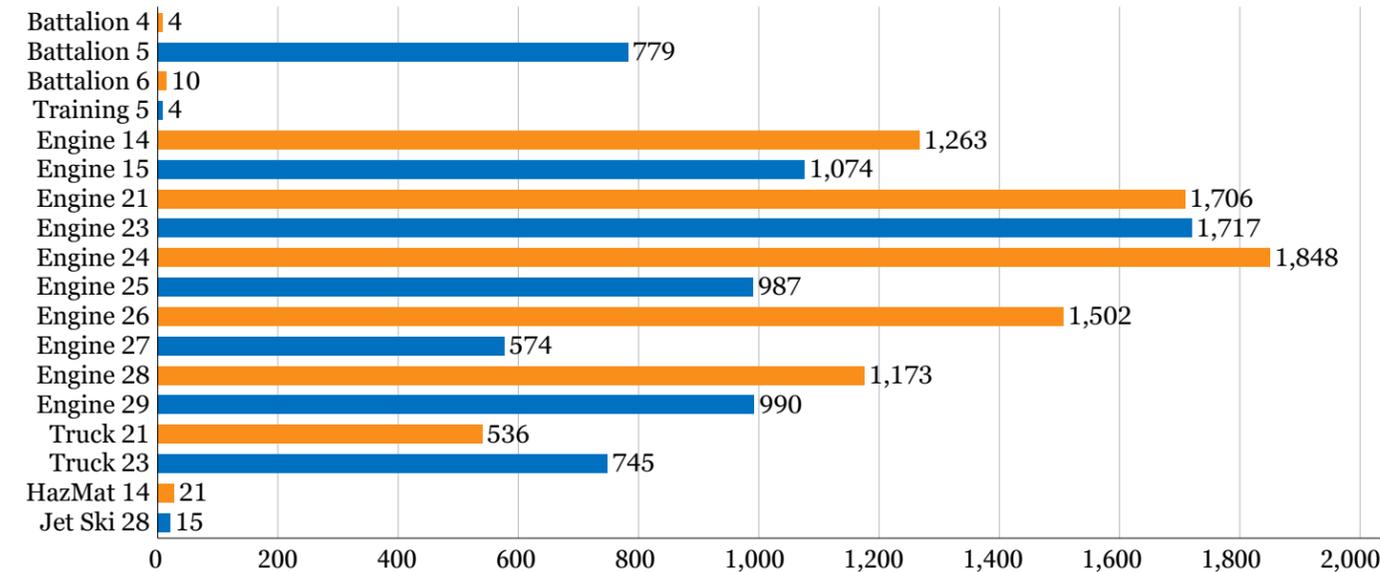
Department Statistics

Mutual Aid Responses

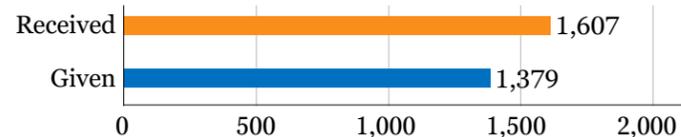
Apparatus Responses (14,948 total) & Incidents by Type (12,886 total)



Responses by Unit (14,948 total)



Automatic Aid Responses (2,986 total)



Average Response Time

04:58

4 minutes 58 seconds

(only includes priority 1 calls and first engine in)

State Mutual Aid	# of Staff Deployed	From	To	Hours
Crews Fire	1	July 6	July 12	139.50
Hog Fire	6	July 21	July 31	910.50
River Fire	9	August 16	August 29	2,050.00
CZU Lightning Complex Fire	10	August 16	August 30	2,456.00
Woodward Fire	1	August 31	September 14	324.50
El Dorado Fire	1	September 5	September 18	321.00
Creek Fire	15	September 5	September 29	4,446.00
North Complex USAR Fire	3	September 21	September 26	399.00
Glass Fire	17	September 27	October 9	3,928.50
OES Prepo/Mobilization	5	October 25	October 26	190.00
Blue Ridge	5	October 26	October 29	360.00
Grand Total:				15,525.00

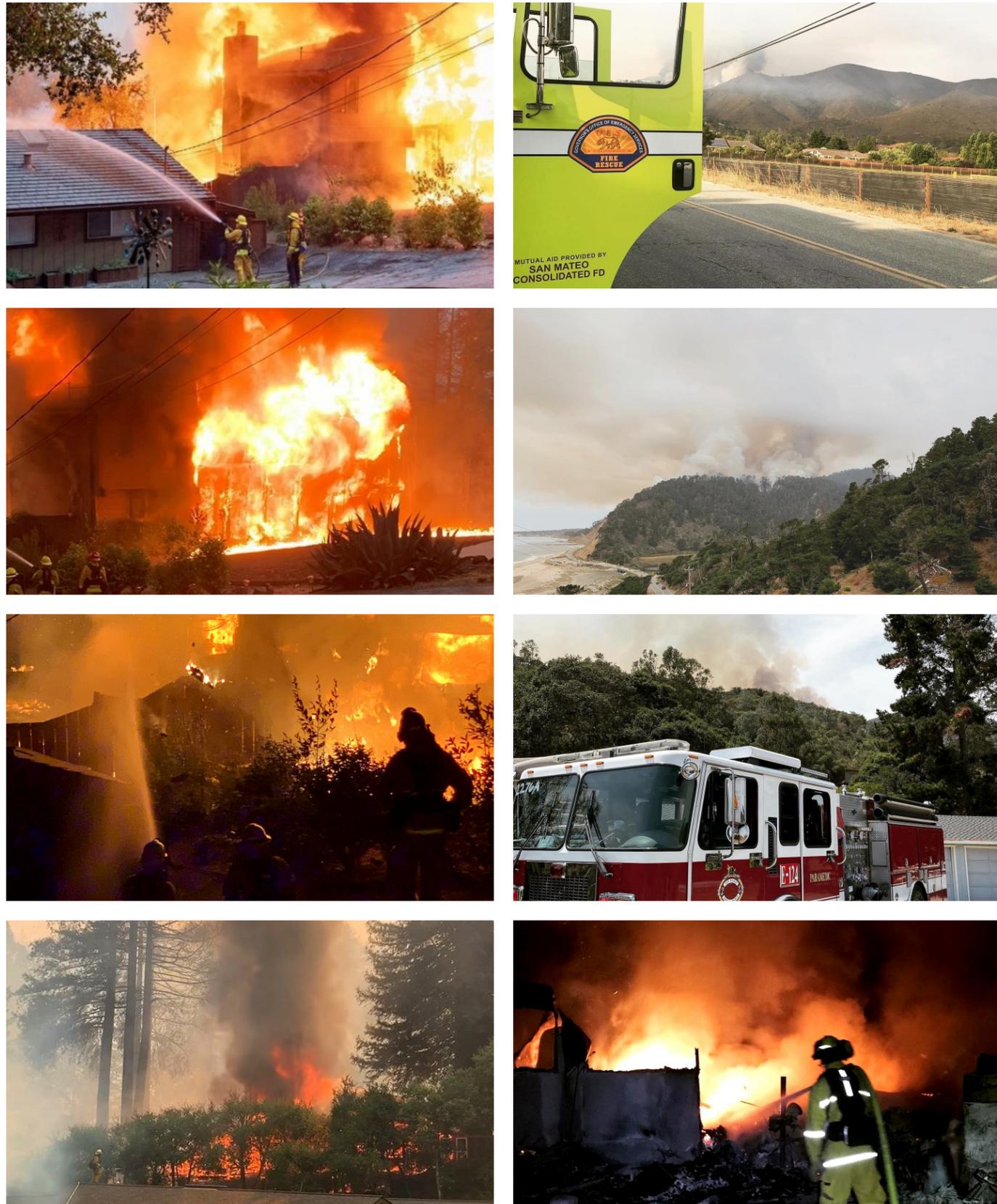
Federal Mutual Aid	# of Staff Deployed	From	To	Hours
ONC Staging Fire	1	July 21	July 30	91.00
Mile Post 21 Fire	1	July 22	July 27	129.00
Adams Fire	4	July 27	July 29	208.00
Red Salmon Complex Fire	4	August 5	November 3	3,097.00
Ranch 2 Fire	1	August 14	August 26	298.00
OSC Fire	1	August 15	August 17	43.00
Dome Fire	1	August 17	August 23	142.00
Castle Fire	10	August 23	September 27	1,196.00
El Dorado Fire	1	September 9	September 27	433.00
North Complex Fire	6	September 11	October 30	1,702.00
August Complex Fire	1	November 9	November 14	128.50
Mountain View Fire	1	November 18	November 24	144.00
Grand Total:				7,611.50



Note: All deployments are reimbursed by the State or Federal Agencies.

Mutual Aid Responses

CZU Lightning Complex Fires in Santa Cruz County and River Fire in Monterey County



Mutual Aid Responses

Creek Fire in Fresno County



Glass Fire (Shady Fire) in Sonoma County



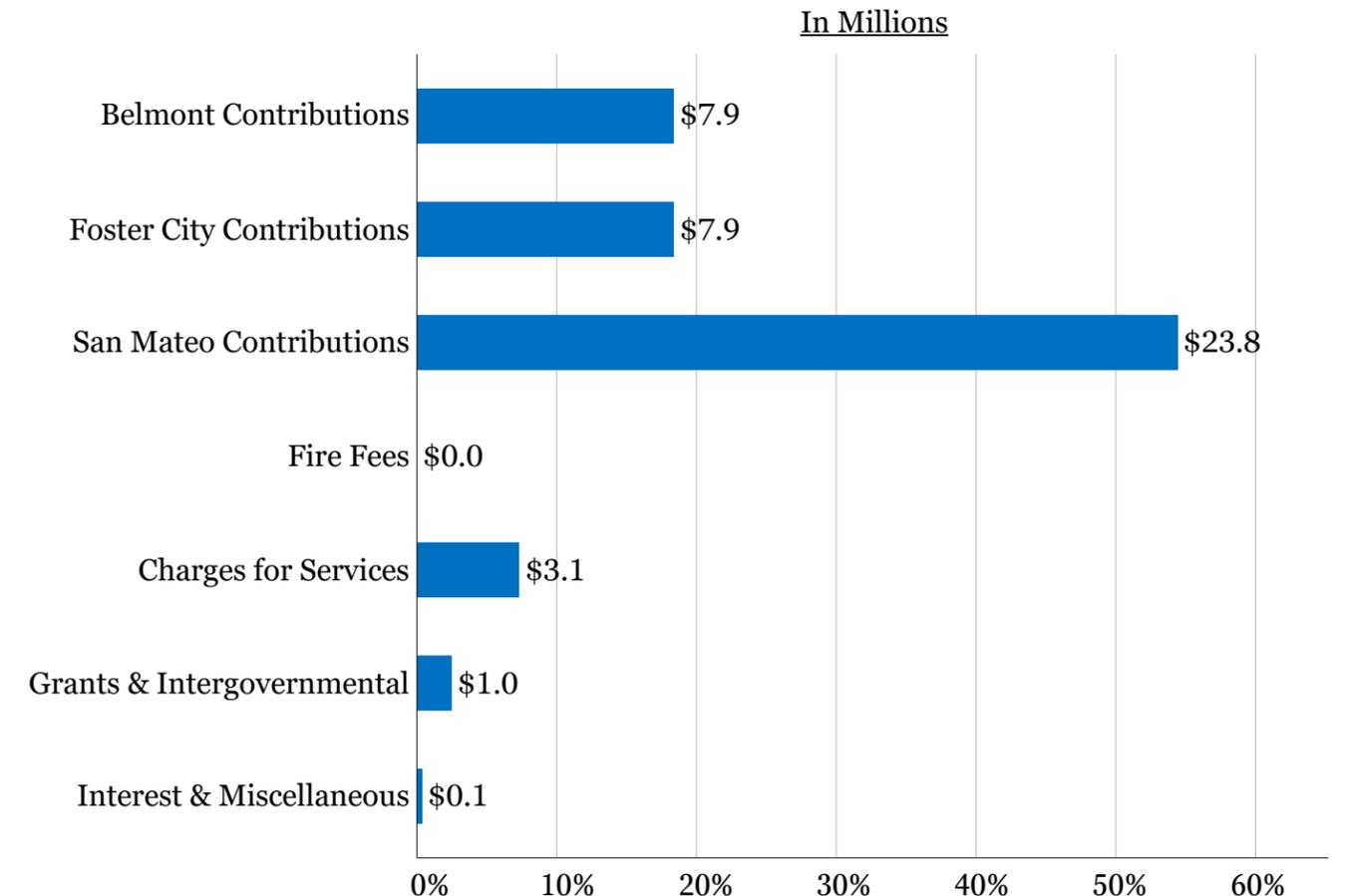
<u>Department Financials</u>		
Financials	2019-2020 Adjusted Budget	2020-2021 Adopted Budget
Expenditures by Category		
Personnel	\$36,674,443	\$39,300,676
Operating	\$4,445,696	\$4,205,299
Capital Outlay	\$1,100,000	\$1,099,000
Total Expenditures	\$42,220,139	\$44,604,975
Expenditures by Program		
Administration	\$2,892,396	\$3,037,384
Community Risk Reduction	\$3,767,200	\$3,857,987
Hazardous Materials	\$643,780	\$675,969
Office of Emergency Services	\$467,110	\$494,612
Operations	\$34,449,653	\$36,539,023
Total Expenditures	\$42,220,139	\$44,604,975
Funding Sources		
General Fund	\$38,452,939	\$40,746,988
Special Revenue Fund	\$3,767,200	\$3,857,987
Total Funding Sources	\$42,220,139	\$44,604,975

Expenditures by Program
2020-2021 (\$44.6 million)



<u>Sources of Funding</u>		
Category	2019-2020 Adjusted Budget	2020-2021 Adopted Budget
Belmont Contributions	\$7,487,307	\$7,939,627
Foster City Contributions	\$7,487,307	\$7,939,627
San Mateo Contributions	\$22,461,923	\$23,818,880
Charges for Services	\$356,737	\$11,000
Fire Fees	\$3,093,449	\$3,119,388
Grants & Intergovernmental	\$1,016,402	\$987,854
Interest & Miscellaneous	\$8,160	\$79,160
Total Sources of Funding	\$41,911,285	\$43,895,536

Sources of Funding
2020-2021 (\$43.9 million)



FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant—COVID-19 Supplemental (\$819,764.45)

The department submitted this regional project on behalf of all 12 fire departments in San Mateo County to procure desperately needed personal protective equipment (PPE). The purchase and use of the PPE keeps our first responders safe from COVID-19 so that they can continue to serve our communities during its time of greatest need while limiting additional spread of the virus. With this funding, the following purchases were made and distributed to the 12 fire agencies:

- 3,275 sets of eye protection
- 16,749 protective coveralls
- 16,760 isolation gowns
- 322 cases of gloves
- 11,080 pairs of shoe covers
- 1,004 P-100 respirators
- 3,680 P-100 respirator filters
- 53,400 N-95 masks
- 50,200 surgical masks
- 124 positive air pressure respirators (PAPRs)

FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program (\$85,000)

The goal of this project is to mitigate wildfire risk to high and moderate risk parcels identified by a formal wildfire risk assessment conducted in 2018. This will be achieved through an extensive public education and outreach plan utilizing the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Firewise USA workshops, in conjunction with other methods, to educate the community about wildfire risk, mitigation practices, and local ordinances. This funding will allow the department to:

- 1) Create videos and cable TV commercials that will help advertise the NFPA's Firewise USA workshops while addressing the wildfire risks in the area
- 2) Deliver 10 Firewise USA workshops
- 3) Establish two homeowners' groups that will commit to becoming Firewise communities and expand in subsequent years
- 4) Reduce risk as evidenced by a repeated risk assessment in several years

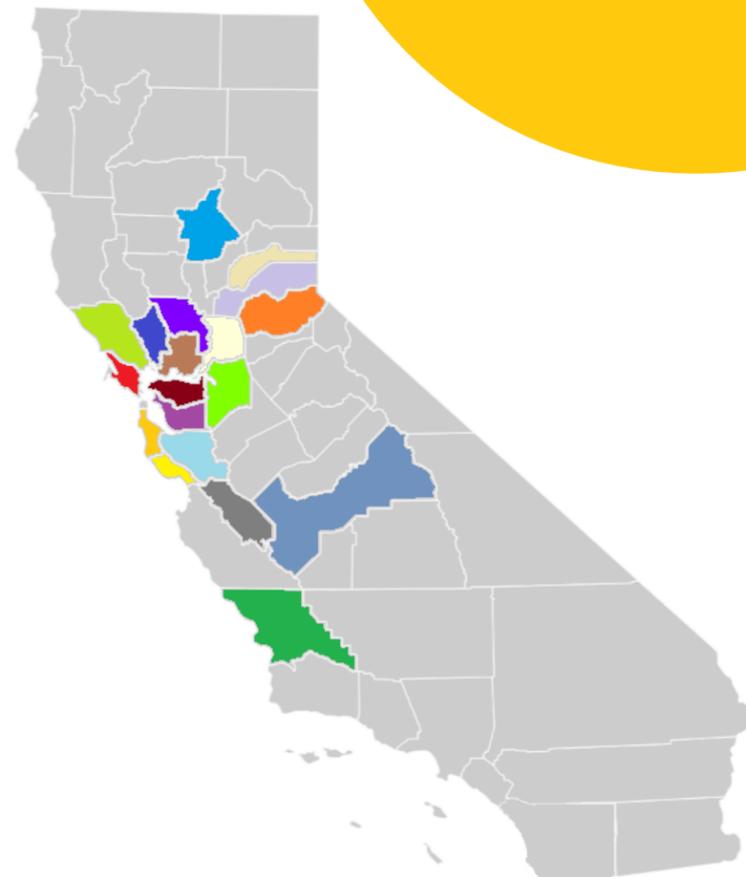
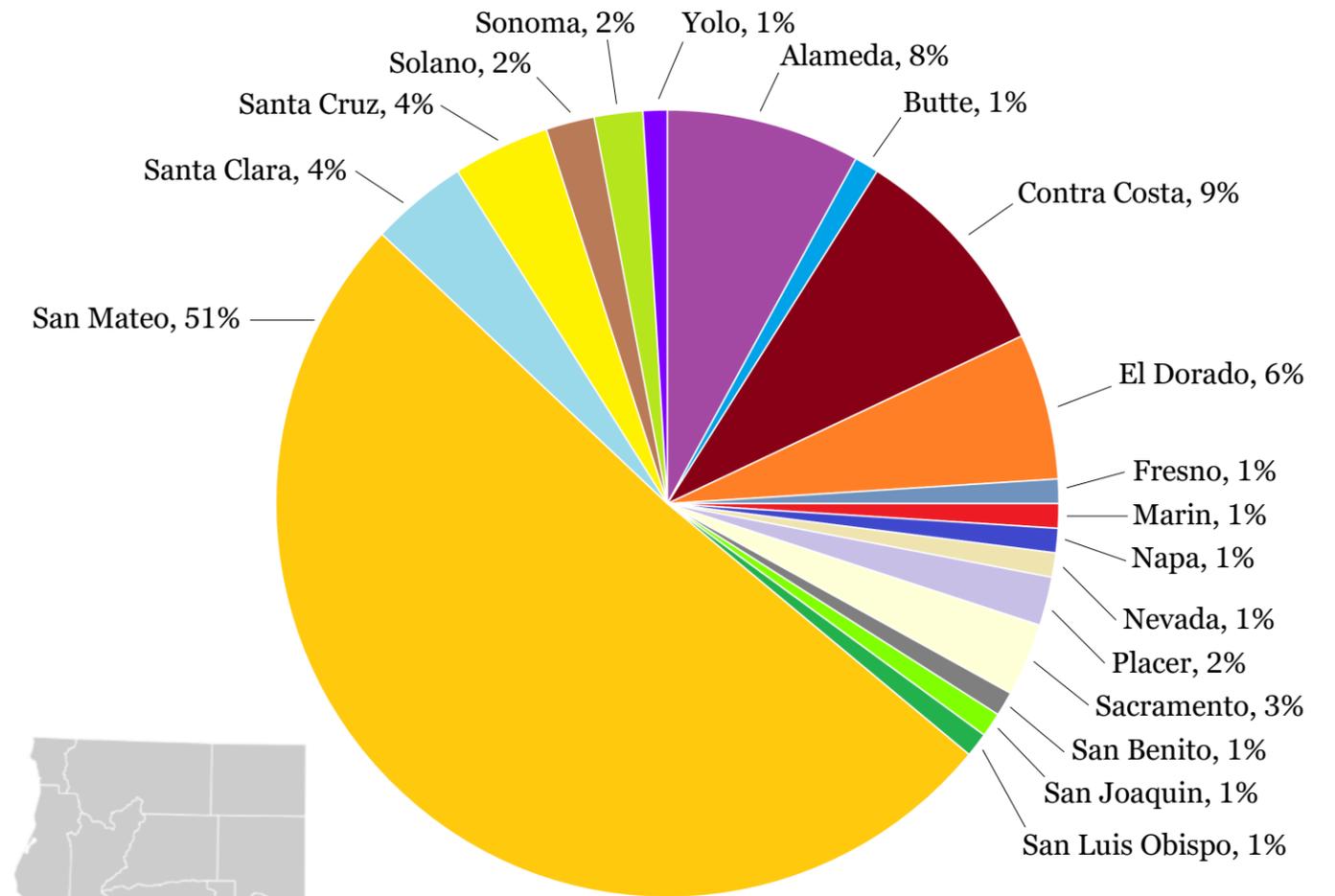
Fire Service Training Institute Sub-Grant of the Listos California Grant (\$10,000)

The grant allows eligible programs to select supplies and equipment to enhance response capabilities for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) programs. Each public education engagement resulted in a \$20 credit toward the award. The department met a goal of 500 engagements, which totaled up to \$10,000 worth of supplies and equipment. With the grant, the program will be able to ensure parity among supply and equipment caches in all three cities through the purchase of first aid training materials, generators, CERT backpacks, search and rescue items, and field-use laptops.

Gilead Grants Program (\$178,709)

The department is responsible for delivering state-required firefighter training in order to maintain professional competency. To better meet these standards, our department has an immediate need for a temporary training facility at our Foster City Training Complex. This facility is anticipated to serve our community for approximately five years while a permanent regional facility is built. The grant will fund the initial start-up costs and one year of operational costs: site preparation, structure, 1st year lease, installation, furnishing, utilities, communications, security, permits, and insurance costs.

Residence by County



MAP LEGEND	
Alameda	San Benito
Butte	San Joaquin
Contra Costa	San Luis Obispo
El Dorado	San Mateo
Fresno	Santa Clara
Marin	Santa Cruz
Napa	Solano
Nevada	Sonoma
Placer	Yolo
Sacramento	

The San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department is committed to serving the communities of Belmont, Foster City, and San Mateo. In addition to responding to fire, medical, and other emergencies, our staff participates in many neighborhood and community events every year, such as the Firefighter's Holiday Toy Drive, the Annual Firefighter Chili Cook-Off, and open houses. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the department was unable to host or partake in its usual community events. Despite the outbreak, the department did its best to stay involved in the communities while adhering to all COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines set by San Mateo County Health.



Leadership Academy at Fire Station 28 (pre-COVID-19)



Job Fair at City College SF (pre-COVID-19)



Foster City Little League Opening Day (pre-COVID-19)



San Mateo Little League Opening Day (pre-COVID-19)



Honoring hospital workers at the San Mateo Medical Center



9/11 Memorial Service at Fire Station 21



SF Fire Department's Firefighter Cortez's Funeral



San Mateo's Retired Training Chief Piazza's Funeral



Gift card donations for the Firefighter's Holiday Toy Drive

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the observance of Fire Prevention Week™ since 1922. It is observed during the week of October 9th in memory of the Great Chicago Fire. On October 8, 1871, this fire destroyed over 17,400 structures, burned over 2,000 acres of land, killed more than 250 people, and left 100,000 homeless. Fire Prevention Week™ focuses on teaching others how to prevent and stay safe from fires. Each year, our department educates its communities by hosting an Open House, complete with fire station tours and live demonstrations. However, due to COVID-19, the in-person event was cancelled and converted into an online virtual experience.

Fire Prevention Week Goes Virtual

This year, Fire Prevention Week™ was observed from October 4th to 10th. "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen™" was the NFPA's 2020 theme. Our department's Fire Prevention Week™ was hosted on our website, www.smcfire.org, and featured several videos, live streaming, interactive games, a coloring contest, story time, and other educational resources. Some of the topics covered included:

- Home fire safety and fire preparedness
- How to prevent a home fire
- Fire engines and fire trucks
- How fast a firefighter can get dressed
- A breakdown of the fire hoses
- Precautions firefighters take to keep people safer during COVID-19
- Firefighter practice and training
- Disaster distress
- Emergency family plans





In an effort to create efficiencies in required training and maintain consistent standards between our department and our partner agencies in the County, our department is a participating member of the Central San Mateo County Training Division (CSMCTD). This division delivers annual emergency medical services and state and federally-required fire suppression/rescue training via a “task force” configuration. They are responsible for these annual trainings for the Central County Fire, San Bruno, and San Mateo Consolidated Fire Departments.

2020 Major Accomplishments

- Coordinated the 2020 Spring Academy
- Provided Prehospital Trauma and Life Support Training and 4-year Certification
- Maintained all member Emergency Medical Services Certifications
- Provided Rapid Intervention Crew Training
- Provided Pediatric Advanced Life Support Training and Recertification
- Coordinated all agencies’ Promotional Exams
- Hosted Company Officer 2E Class
- Hosted S-230/S-231
- Provided Crew/Engine Crew Boss Classes
- Provided Wildland and CAD Training
- Coordinated Off-Road Training
- Provided CPR Training and Recertification
- Provided state-required training
- Hosted Driver Operator 1E Class
- Hosted Fire Control 4 Class
- South San Francisco Fire joined CSMCTD
- Provided in-house COVID-19 testing
- Developed Infectious Control Plan
- Provided joint infection control officers
- Provided Designated Infection Control Officers to the Central Zone for COVID-19
- Coordinated with San Mateo County Health & Emergency Medical Services for COVID-19
- Provided AB1825 Training
- DMV 546 Form Completions

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Key Program Goals & Strategies

- Coordinate the 2021 Spring Academy
- Provide Live Fire Training
- Provide Advanced Cardiac Life Support Training and Certification
- Provide state-required training
- Coordinate Promotional Exams
- Provide S-Level Classes
- Continue joint venture with South San Francisco Fire
- Coordinate Company Officer Classes
- Provide Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and Bloodborne Pathogen Training
- Provide OSHA and NFPA-required Training
- Provide Active Shooter Training
- Provide Infrequently Used Skills Training
- Continue improvements to training sites
- Maintain all member Emergency Medical Services Certifications

2020 Performance & Workload Measures	2020	2019	2018
Completion of Required Continued Education Training—Paramedics/EMTs	100%	100%	100%
Training Hours—Operations	22,048	18,995	12,427
Training Hours—Driver	2,290	2,143	1,876
Training Hours—EMS	4,327	3,632	3,549

The Bureau of Fire Protection and Life Safety provides services to enhance its citizens’ protection. The Commercial Inspection Program (CIP) inspects commercial occupancies to ensure fire safety, including those mandated by the state. Our plan review program checks all newly constructed and remodeled buildings for Fire and Building Code compliance. Once reviewed, our CIP verifies the plans are followed. We also provide fire investigation services to determine the cause of fires. In 2020, we completed 357 commercial inspections (mandated and non-mandated occupancies), 631 construction inspections, and 2,397 plan reviews, and we assessed 178 planning applications.

Mandated Inspections

After the 2017 Ghostship Fire in Oakland, the State Legislature passed SB 1205, which requires that a notification to the governing body of each fire department report on the status of their inspections mandated by law in Section 13146 of the Health and Safety Code. Subsequent to this law, the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury released a report titled “Fire Safety Inspection Programs on the Road to Recovery” in which they made several recommendations, one of which asked that the department report the results on the status of the inspections via an annual report before March of each year.

Inspection Results			
Occupancy	Total # of Buildings	# Inspected	% Complete
High-rise buildings	25	25	100%
Schools	56	56	100%
Residential	1,829	1,829	100%
Jails	1	1	100%



520 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo

A complete revamping and renovation project for an existing high-rise building downtown, which presented some very specific challenges.



1650 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo

A large multi-family complex in the old Bay Meadows Site, this project provides much needed housing for the surrounding area.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) strives to maintain, sustain, and improve upon a comprehensive, multi-city, risk-based emergency management program. This is accomplished through community disaster preparedness; training and exercise; Emergency Operations Center (EOC) readiness; emergency response roles; and recovery, resilience, and mitigation strategies.

Training and Exercise

Despite a global pandemic, OES ensured that EOC staff training continued by hosting training and exercises. These classes help ensure that City and Fire personnel are ready for their roles in a disaster response.

- G-191: Incident Command System (ICS) EOC Interface in conjunction with San Mateo County
- G-205: Recovery from Disaster
- G-611: EOC Section Training Series
- G-626E: EOC Action Planning
- G-775: EOC Management and Operations
- ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- ICS-400: Advanced ICS
- ICS-402: ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Officials

Emergency Operations Center Activation

OES managed a Multi-Agency Coordination EOC for two months in response to COVID-19 in order to provide a coordinated response among the cities of Belmont, Foster City, and San Mateo. This approach demonstrated the benefits of sharing scarce resources, establishing a joint approach to public messaging, and coordinating response actions among the communities and department. In June, San Mateo's EOC was also partially activated in response to demonstrations for the Black Lives Matter movement to support situational awareness and public information.

Emergency Response Roles

In September, OES responded to the San Juan Canyon Fire that occurred in Belmont to establish a temporary evacuation center for evacuated community members, to obtain information, and to have a safe place to stay until the orders were lifted. All activities were conducted while observing COVID-19 safety protocols. OES also provided logistics support, provided alerts and warnings, and monitored social media inquiries regarding the incident.

Recovery, Resilience, and Mitigation Strategies

OES supported the City of Belmont, Foster City, and San Mateo, as well as our own department, in preparation for the documentation needed to support financial recovery through the Federal Public Assistance Grant programs.

2020 Highlights

3	City Council Proclamations in honor of September's National Preparedness Month
41	Community members trained in CPR
67	Total staff assigned to the multi-agency EOC for the COVID-19 response
76	Community members who attended the CERT course
117	Community members who attended a "Get Ready" Preparedness Class
132	Responses to the Annual Preparedness Survey
371	Website and video views for our Annual Fire Prevention Week™
431	CERT members who volunteered this year
448	Disaster Training certificates earned by City staff
2,249	Hours volunteered by CERT members
3,000	Hot lunches delivered to senior citizens in San Mateo



Staff setting up the EOC to coordinate information and resources to the residents



Staff from all three cities within our jurisdiction assisting during a crisis in the EOC



OES providing support to front line responders and residents during a large incident



Setting up and inventorying manikins for CPR Training that is provided to staff and residents

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates communities about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, team organization, search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and their exercises, members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Since the 1st CERT course was offered in 2004, about 2,500 neighbors and City employees have been trained in emergency preparedness and response. The highlight of 2020 was the overwhelming response our CERT members offered in the face of COVID-19, taking all their training and safety protocols to heart for the greater benefit of our communities.

2020 Program Highlights

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, our CERT program stayed active. The shelter-in-place orders issued in March resulted in a special request from the San Mateo Senior Center for CERT volunteers to support a meal delivery program to senior neighbors who were staying home. 28 CERT volunteers were given special training in COVID-19 precautions for handling food during a pandemic, and they volunteered to deliver hot lunches every weekday. Roughly 200 hot lunches were delivered each week for 14 weeks. They also helped with making hand sanitizer available to front line responders, delivering bilingual information about a free pop-up COVID-19 Test Site, staffed the COVID-19 Test Site, and shared information about preparedness with neighbors. In addition, CERT volunteers helped staff an evacuation center by request of San Mateo County for those evacuated from the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire.

CERT offered two CERT Core Courses this year, training 76 more residents in disaster preparedness and response. The training was converted into a hybrid model, making San Mateo Consolidated Fire one of the 1st in California to put the Hybrid CERT model into practice. The hybrid made it possible to offer CERT training in English and Spanish. Students from the 2020 program will complete the hands-on portion of the course in 2021 to become fully certified. CERT members are also provided with Continuing Education (CE) opportunities, much of which were offered virtually this year. Some of the courses offered included: Urban Search & Rescue, Disaster Preparedness for Pets, Disaster Psychology, HAM Radio Basics, Sandbag & Flood Control training, and Traffic Management. CERT volunteers remain active in their neighborhoods and maintain their skills by taking the CE classes, participating in a monthly Amateur Radio Net, and by taking advantage of certification courses (when safe to do so), such as CPR, Shelter Management, and First Aid.

Last year, our CERT program was awarded a \$25,000 grant by Listos California and Cal OES. The grant enabled us to educate over 2,700 Californians in preparedness skills, enhance our reach into multi-language communities where English is not the 1st language, and continue building a culture of preparedness in our three cities. Thanks to the grant, we translated many of our public education materials into Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Tagalog, and Tongan. We also converted our 2-hour “Get Ready!” preparedness class into Spanish and will be offering “¡Prepárese!” throughout 2021.

While CERT is a national program, its heart is at the neighborhood level. CERT volunteers are about neighbors helping neighbors and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. To learn more about the program, visit www.smcfire.org/CERT.



CERT volunteers training on filling and stacking sandbags in preparation for the rainy season



CERT members during a briefing for traffic safety assistance for a high school graduation



CERT members preparing to distribute bilingual information about COVID-19 pop-up Test Sites



CERT volunteers helping direct residents at a COVID-19 pop-up Test Site



A CERT volunteer Safety Briefing before the COVID-19 pop-up Test Site opens



Preparedness information handed out to local residents at the COVID-19 pop-up Test Site



CERT volunteers lining up their cars for their lunch packages and delivery routes



Hot lunch meal delivery to senior neighbors during the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place order

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