

# **Fire Department Monthly Report to City Council**

**Date: 09-24-2025**

**To: City Council Members**

**From: Logan Conley, Fire Chief**

**Subject: August Monthly Fire Department Report**

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## **1. Notable Incidents:**

- Strike Team, E553, was sent with 3 fire personnel to participate in several out-of-county strike team deployments that assisted with the Green Fire, Garnet Fire, TCU September Lightning Complex, and Gifford Fire.
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## **2. Department Activities & Training:**

- Firefighters participated in live fire training located at Pirelli Cable Property.
  - Conducted multiple fire safety inspections of businesses and public buildings, ensuring compliance with fire codes.
  - One Red tag was issued for one of Colusa's Marijuana Extraction Facilities.
  - Routine checks and service were performed on all apparatus and equipment to ensure operational readiness.
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## **3. Community Engagement & Public Education:**

- Through September and October, Fire Personnel will be busy with Fire Prevention Assemblies and Station tours, as well as performing all EMS standby for Colusa RedHawks football games.
  - Smoke detector installation program
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## **4. Staffing & Apparatus Updates:**

- Currently, the department operates with 6 full-time and 18 volunteer firefighters.
- We currently have one Vacant F/F Position that has been filled in past months by Per-Diem F/F's. This is an ongoing struggle as we are losing 2 of our Per-Diem F/F's to CalFire next month.
- We accepted **3** new volunteer firefighters at our September 3rd officers meeting. This will bring our volunteer count to **21** and a total of **27** members, including paid staff.
- Recruitment efforts have been through word of mouth, social media, and online outlets.
- 2 of our Per-diem Firefighters have been recruited and hired by CalFire, both will remain volunteers during their off time.
  
- E551 – (2013) Type 1 pumper, first-out for all structural fires and rescue calls.
- E561 – (2007) Type 1 pumper, second out for all structural fires and Rescue calls
- E552 – (2002) Type 1 or 2 pumper, reserve unit, second-out for structure fire calls.
  - Needs Aux Pump rebuilt, parts are ordered and will be repaired in-house.
- E553 – (2009) Type 3 Wildland Urban Interface, first-out for grass/wildland fires.

- Needs A/C repairs
  - E556 – (2019) Type 6 quick attack, first-out for non-structural fire calls.
  - T571 – (2027) BLS transport unit.
  - T572 – (2007) BLS transport unit, reserve unit.
  - C770 – (2018) Chief staff unit.
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## **5. Budget & Resource Needs:**

- Ladder Truck – A new ladder truck is essential for firefighting, rescues, and elevated access during emergencies. In addition to improving response capabilities, this purchase ensures compliance with NFPA standards and helps maintain our ISO rating of 3.
  - Command Vehicle – The Fire Department’s current staff/command vehicle is a 2018 Ford Explorer with nearly 40,000 miles. While this mileage may be considered relatively low compared to civilian use, the vehicle’s engine and idle hours are significantly higher due to the operational demands of emergency services. Extended idling, use of onboard electronics, and high-frequency short trips place greater wear on the drivetrain, cooling, and electrical systems than traditional civilian use.
  - Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) – Life-saving devices for rapid response to cardiac emergencies, improving survival rates. Our current AEDs that are 10-15 years old are units donated to us through county OES surplus.
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## **6. Goals:**

- Continue training efforts with a focus on EMS and Firefighting skills.
  - Refresher training for flood response and sandbagging operations.
  - Prepare for ISO audit planned for the first quarter of 2026
  - Evaluate and improve emergency response strategies for multistory, multifamily dwellings within the city. submitted,
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NOTE: PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FIRE INCIDENT TYPE BREAKDOWN.

Submitted,

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# Fire Index - Incident Type Breakdown

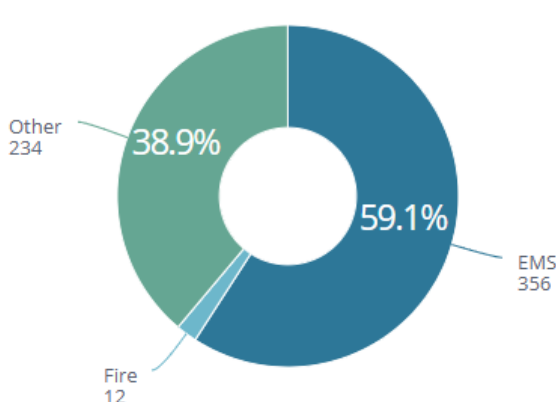
This measure comes from the ESO Fire Index. See national performance at: <https://www.eso.com/resources/fire-index/>

<div>Count of Total Incidents &amp; Exposures</div> <div>Count of Incidents <b>602</b></div> <div>Additional Exposures <b>0</b></div>	<div>Aid Given/Received</div> <div>Aid Given <b>5</b></div> <div>Aid Received <b>1</b></div>
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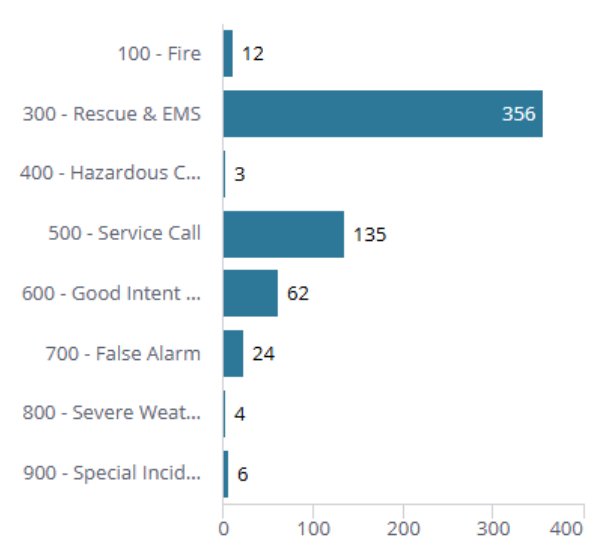
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EMS/Fire Incident Breakdown



Incident Type	Count	Percentage
EMS	356	59.1%
Other	234	38.9%
Fire	12	

Count of Incidents by Incident Type



Incident Type	Count
100 - Fire	12
300 - Rescue & EMS	356
400 - Hazardous C...	3
500 - Service Call	135
600 - Good Intent ...	62
700 - False Alarm	24
800 - Severe Weat...	4
900 - Special Incid...	6