

Fire Department Monthly Report to City Council

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To: City Council Members

From: Logan Conley, Fire Chief

Subject: January Monthly Fire Department Report

1. Incident Summary: During the month of January, the Colusa Fire Department responded to a total of 77 incidents. Below is a breakdown of the call types:

- Structure / Vegetation Fires: 2
- Medical Emergencies / Rescue: 45
- Vehicle Accidents: 2
- Mutual aid Provided: 2
- Mutual aid Received: 0
- Strike Team / Pre-Po: 1
- Other Calls: 25

Total calls in January **increased** by **35.7%** compared to January 2024.

2. Notable Incidents:

- **Strike Team,** E553 was sent with 3 fire personnel to participate in a county strike team deployment that assisted with the Palisades Fire in the Los Angeles area.
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3. Department Activities & Training:

- **Training:** Firefighters participated in the mandatory Medical Provider CPR class, and the instructor was John Hughes of Emsces911. Weekly training for January was heavily focused on Medical and rescue lesson plans to improve the readiness and skills of both career and volunteer staff.
 - **Inspections:** Conducted 18 fire safety inspections of businesses, schools, and public buildings, ensuring compliance with fire codes.
 - **Equipment Maintenance:** Routine checks and servicing were performed on all apparatus and equipment to ensure operational readiness.
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4. Community Engagement & Public Education:

- We did not participate in any community events in January. Our next planned community event is scheduled for the month of March.
 - Smoke detector installation program assisted 2 households in improving fire safety at home.
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5. Staffing & Apparatus Updates:

- **Staffing**
 - Currently, the department operates with 6 full-time and 17 volunteer firefighters.
 - We are happy to report that the vacant F/F position is successfully being filled with minimum wage per-diem F/Fs and hope to sustain this staffing through 2025 to keep overtime accrual to a minimum.
 - We accepted 3 new volunteer firefighters at our February 1st officers meeting.
 - Recruitment efforts have been through word of mouth, social media, and online outlets.
 - **Apparatus**
 - **E551** – (2013) Type 1 pumper, **first-out** for all **structural fires** and **rescue calls**.
 - **E552** – (2002) Type 1 or 2 pumper, **reserve unit**, **second-out** for **structure fire calls**.
 - **E553** – (2009) Type 3 **Wildland Urban Interface**, **first-out** for **grass/wildland fires**.
 - **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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6. 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.

During our last ISO audit, we were close to falling short in pumping and ladder capabilities. With the city's continued growth, we now face a greater risk of failing to meet these standards, which could negatively impact our ISO rating and increase insurance costs within city limits. Investing in a new ladder truck is critical to maintaining both safety and compliance.

I have repeatedly expressed this need to the City Council and staff throughout 2024 and in recent meetings. City Manager Cain has been supportive in these discussions, and during our last staff

meeting, he requested that I arrange a time to meet with him to review funding options and potential solutions.

- **Structural Gear for New Members** – Protective equipment (helmets, turnout gear, gloves, boots) to ensure firefighter safety and compliance.
 - **AEDs for First-Out Units** – 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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7. Goals for Next Month:

- Continue training efforts with a focus on Medical Skills and Wildland Firefighting.
 - Complete fire safety inspections for businesses located on Bridge Street
 - Evaluate and improve emergency response strategies for multistory, multifamily dwellings within the city.
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