

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

**Date: 2-03-2026**

**To: City Council Members**

**From: Logan Conley, Fire Chief**

**Subject: January Fire Department Report**

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## **2. Department Activities & Training:**

- Conducted multiple fire safety inspections of businesses and public buildings, ensuring compliance with fire codes.
  - Routine checks and service were performed on all apparatus and equipment to ensure operational readiness.
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## **3. Community Engagement & Public Education:**

- Scheduled to participate in CHS Career Day on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2026
  - Fire personnel working with Colusa High School to put together a program to assist with recruitment and engagement opportunities for the Colusa Senior class.
  - Multiple senior citizens utilized the smoke detector installation program.
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## **4. Staffing & Apparatus Updates:**

- Currently, the department operates with 6 full-time and 19 volunteer firefighters, bringing our roster count to a total of 25 personnel.
- We currently have one Vacant F/F Position that has been filled by Per-Diem F/F's. Staffing the vacant position is an ongoing challenge due to a high turnover rate.
- E551 – (2013) Type 1 pumper, first-out for all structural fires and rescue calls.
  - Needs to be scheduled for repairs to the onboard charging unit and electrical issues when performing a cold start.
- 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.
- E553 – (2009) Type 3 Wildland Urban Interface, first-out for grass/wildland fires.
  - Wheel hubs rebuilt on 01/27/2026.
- E556 – (2019) Type 6 quick attack, first-out for non-structural fire calls.
- T571 – (2020) BLS transport unit.
- T572 – (2007) BLS transport unit, reserve unit.
- C770 – (2018) Chief staff unit.
  - Tire replacement scheduled for 01/29/2026 by Superior Tire.

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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) Our current AEDs, which are 10-15 years old, are units donated to us through county OES surplus. I am looking into grant funding through Colusa County OES to purchase AED units.

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## 6. Goals:

- Sending three personnel to swift water rescue technician training mid-February.
- Continue training efforts with a focus on EMS and Firefighting skills.
- Prepare for the ISO audit planned for the first quarter of 2026
- Evaluate and improve emergency response strategies for multi-story multifamily dwellings within the city.

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NOTE: PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FIRE INCIDENT TYPE BREAKDOWN.

Submitted,

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ALARM DATE RANGE 01/01/2026 TO 01/28/2026

