



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMUNITY UPDATE 2008

MISSION

Protect life, property, and the environment by:

- ▶ Providing professional, “all risk” emergency response to fires, rescues, medical emergencies, vehicle accidents and entrapments, hazardous materials incidents, and a variety of other hazardous situations
- ▶ Providing a 9-1-1 dispatch facility dedicated to fire, hazard, and EMS calls, with highly experienced staff
- ▶ Maintaining a strong fire prevention emphasis with plan reviews and inspections, code enforcement, vegetation management, fire and arson investigation, and public education, including support for local CERT programs
- ▶ Maintaining comprehensive support services such as maintenance and repair of fire apparatus, management of district facilities, communications, supplies, risk management and loss control, and information technology

SERVICE AREA AND PROPERTY TYPES PROTECTED

Our 30 fire stations proudly serve the communities of Antioch, Bay Point, Clayton, Concord, El Sobrante, Lafayette, Martinez, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, San Pablo, Walnut Creek as well as large areas of unincorporated County land. The District encompasses 304 square miles, nearly half the county. We serve urban and suburban residential areas; business; industry, including petroleum refineries and chemical plants; major rail lines, public transit, and utilities; and thousands of acres of steep, open areas of grass, brush, and trees with potential for wildland-urban interface fires with many homes bordering the open space. We maintain 470 miles of fire trails and we inspect thousands of parcels of land for fire risk every year.

POPULATION SERVED

Our 600,000 residents comprise about 50% of the total County population. Hundreds of thousands more County residents regularly receive assistance from our personnel when we respond on “automatic aid” and “mutual aid” with neighboring fire agencies to help citizens in Crockett-Carquinez, East Contra Costa, El Cerrito, Moraga-Orinda, Pinole, Richmond, Rodeo-Hercules, and San Ramon Valley fire districts. One reason seamless, effective service is provided is that our 9-1-1 center provides contract dispatch services to five of those adjacent fire districts.

PERSONNEL, STAFFING, AND EQUIPMENT

Daily minimum staffing is comprised of thirty 3-person firefighting companies (90 personnel total), with every company staffed to provide Advance Life Support services. Total staffing is 339 uniformed personnel and approximately 65 civilian personnel. In addition to 24 engine companies, the District staffs 6 aerial truck companies daily and can cross-staff 2 light rescue vehicles, 2 mobile breathing support units, 22 wildland engines, and a water rescue boat, as well as operating a variety of support equipment including multi-casualty trailers, decontamination units, and a trench rescue unit. 24/7 command staff coverage includes a dedicated Chief Officer for each of the 4 battalions, along with back-up staff available on call for major incidents, mutual aid responses, and simultaneous emergencies.

District personnel responded to 43,566 calls for service in 2008, of which 70% were EMS-related.

BUDGET

When adopted, the District's total operating budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 was projected at \$99.7 million. The projected budget is under review and is subject to significant reduction due to the impact of the State budget and the loss of local property tax revenue.

STRUCTURE FIRES WITH TOTAL LOSS* 2008

CITY	FIRES	\$ LOSS
Alamo	1	16,000
Antioch	48	5,063,425
Bay Point	9	630,100
Bethel Island	1	18,800
Clayton	4	592,600
Clyde	1	225,000
Concord	50	5,138,502
El Sobrante	1	\$225,000
Lafayette	6	181,000
Martinez	20	2,035,100
Oakley	1	102,000
Pittsburg	41	5,016,850
Pleasant Hill	14	2,038,800
Richmond	13	407,700
San Pablo	31	1,259,100
Walnut Creek	32	7,420,600

(*Estimated loss over \$1,000)

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