

RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT





RODEO-HERCULES FIRE DISTRICT

RODEO-HERCULES FS 75 (UN)
326 3RD ST

PINOLE FS 73 (AA)
880 TENNANT AVE

RODEO-HERCULES FS 76 (AA)
1680 REFUGIO VALLEY RD

PINOLE FS 74 (UN)
3700 PINOLE VALLEY RD

FS 68
OP DR

Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District is an all-risk department operating individual fire companies specially trained to respond to residential and commercial fires, refinery and industry-related incidents, wildland fires, vehicle extrication, technical rescue, and hazard materials first responder duties. Engine companies are also tasked with determining the origin and cause of fires and providing rescue and advanced life support services. The Fire District provides a minimum of one

advanced life support paramedic on duty 365 days a year in both the Town of Rodeo and the City of Hercules. Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Fire District operates within Battalion 7, a jointly operated Battalion with Pinole Fire Department and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection Fire District. Each participating entity provides a single Battalion Chief to ensure the consistent establishment of incident command, firefighter safety, and judicious resource management at emergencies.



2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The District's five-member Board holds elections during even-numbered years. Board members are elected to staggered four-year terms.

Steve Hill elected 2022

Damon Covington elected 2018

Charles Davidson elected 2020

Marie Bowman elected 2022

Robyn Mikel appointed 2022



STEVE HILL, CHAIR



DAMON COVINGTON,
VICE-CHAIR



DIRECTOR
CHARLES DAVIDSON



DIRECTOR
MARIE BOWMAN



DIRECTOR
ROBYN MIKEL

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



To the Rodeo and Hercules Communities and the RHFD Board of Directors,

I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report. It was an eventful year for our fire district- we hired six firefighters and ran two firefighter academies; congratulated two district employees on their retirements, including that of our previous fire chief; promoted five suppression personnel; resumed company inspections and our annual Open House after Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed; saw our neighbors in Pinole enter into a contract with Contra Costa County Fire Protection District to reopen Station 74 and provide fire and emergency services; logged thousands of hours of training and responded to thousands of calls for service. We continued to persevere through difficult times. The loss of half of our personnel in the first half of the year, from firefighters leaving for other fire departments to retirements, necessitated a massive shift in operations. Our suppression personnel filled a lot of overtime to maintain minimum staffing and train new firefighters. By the end of 2022, we began to feel a return to normal and ended the year with just one vacancy and a promising candidate in the employment process.

I look forward to resuming my position as the District's Battalion Chief and handing over the reigns to a new Interim Fire Chief in 2023. We will continue to work together for the betterment of our district and our community.

In Service,

Darren Johnson



Board of Directors

Fire Marshal

Administrative Services Officer

Administrative Assistant

Fire Chief

Battalion Chief
Con Fire

Battalion Chief
RHFD

Battalion Chief
Pinole FD



Captain/PM
Chuck Coleman



Captain/PM
Jack Clapp



Captain/PM
John Bischoff



Captain/PM
Skye Johnson



Captain/PM
Brian Solidum



Captain
Derek Cochnauer



Engineer/PM
Robert Gelhaus



Engineer
Matt Greiner



Engineer
Jesus Garcia



Engineer
Carlo Granzella



Engineer/PM
Jason Garry



Firefighter
Justin Creecy



Firefighter
Jonah Becton



Firefighter
Kyle DuMond



Firefighter
Anthony Guzman



Firefighter
Joshua Jensen



Firefighter/PM
Kyle Wellington

PM= Paramedic. When fully staffed, the district employs a minimum of nine paramedics.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC JONATHAN BISCHOFF



Captain Bischoff was selected Firefighter of the Year in 2022 by his peers. He has been with RHFD since 2000, promoting to Captain in 2022.

FIRE CHIEF



Darren Johnson was named Interim Fire Chief in 2022. Chief Johnson began his career with RHFD in 1985 as a reserve firefighter and serves as both B/C and Fire Chief.

RETIREMENT



Bryan Craig retired after 35 years of service to the district. He began his career as a reserve firefighter in 1987 and rose through the ranks, becoming fire chief in 2016.

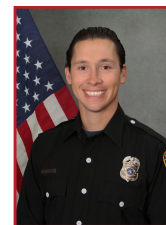


(l-r) Firefighters Kyle Dumond, Jonah Becton, Anthony Guzman and Justin Creecy joined RHFD in March 2022.



Firefighter Josh Jensen (l) and Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Wellington joined RHFD in May 2022.

PROMOTIONS

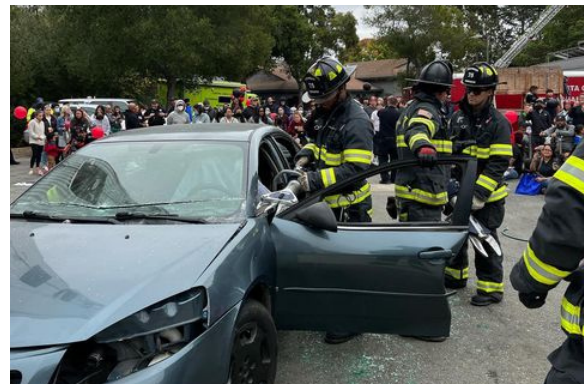


(l-r) Matthew Greiner, Jesus Garcia, Carlo Granzella and Jason Garry promoted to engineer in 2022.

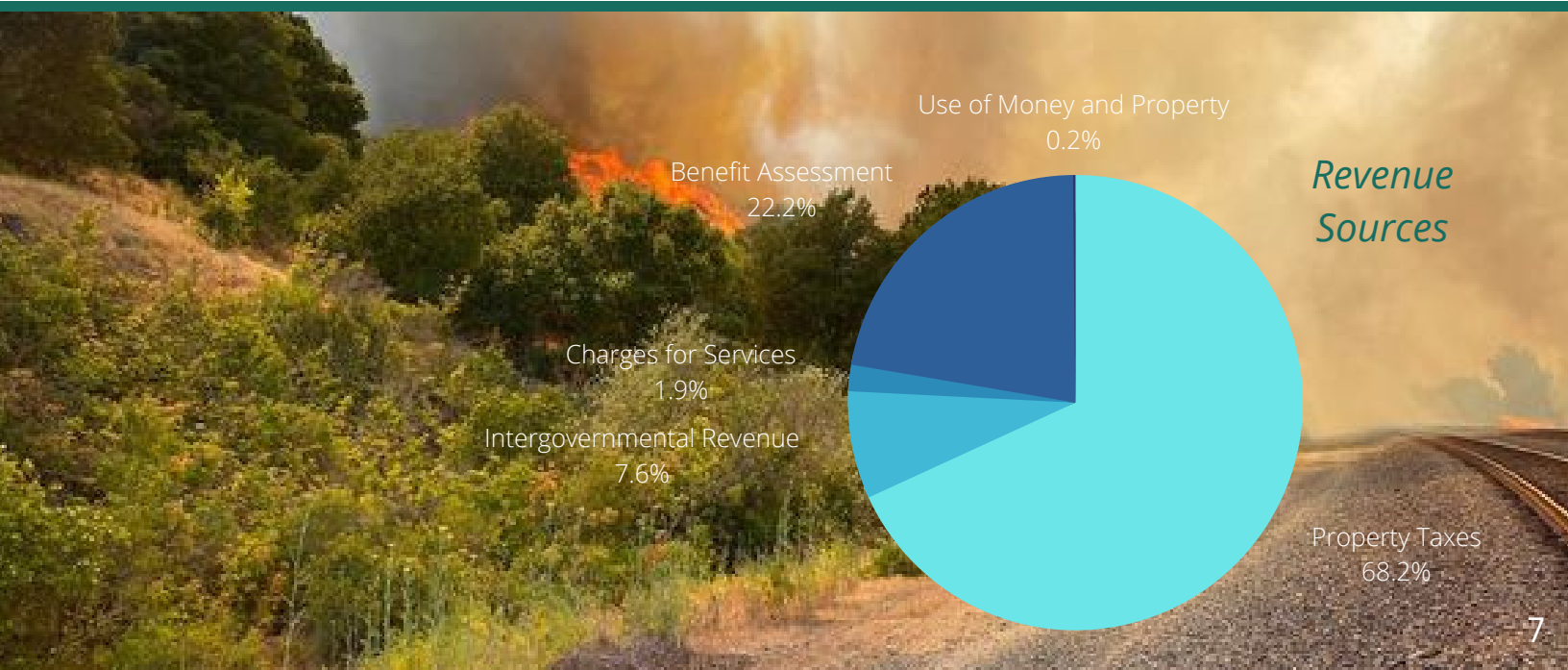
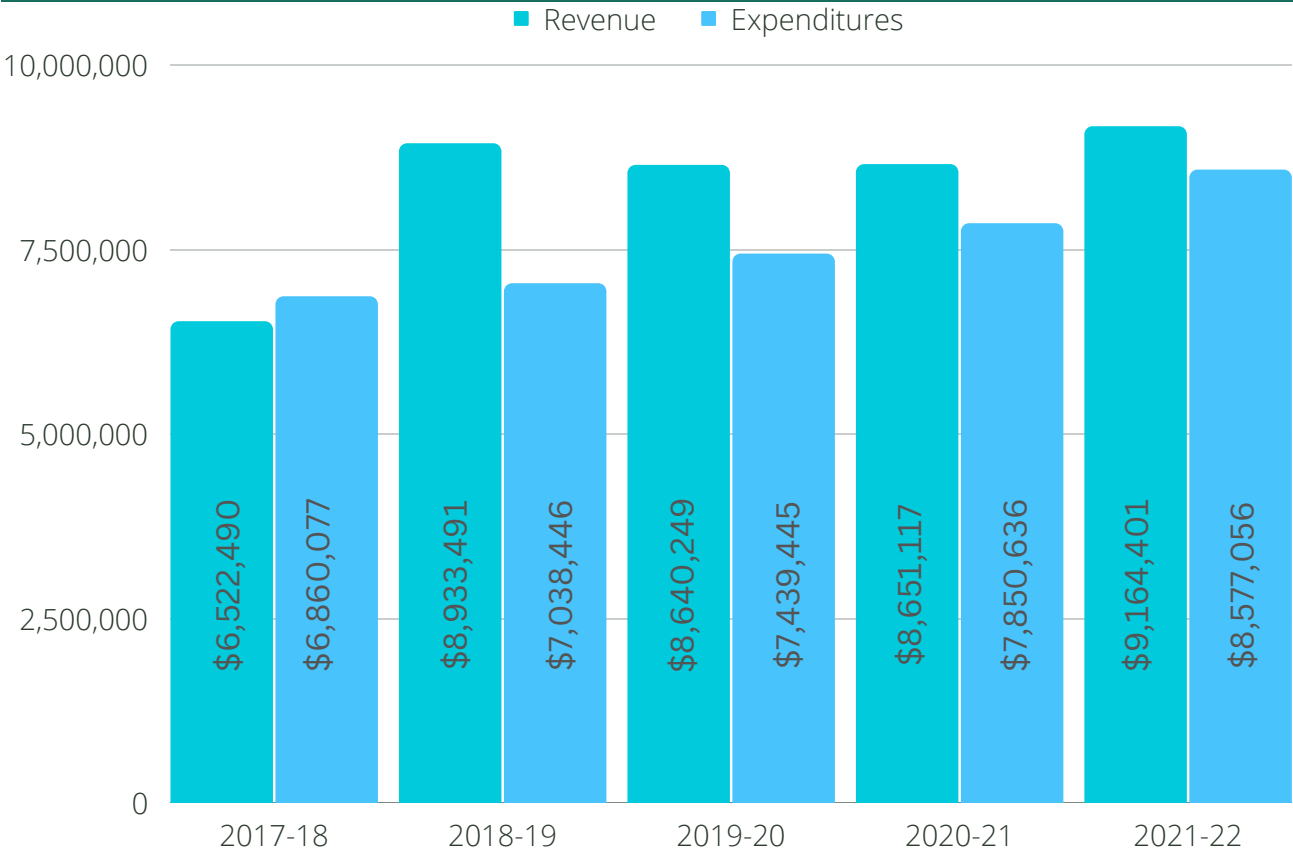
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Open House

We were excited to re-open our doors to the community in 2022 after the pandemic paused our annual Open House in 2020 and 2021. We had a great turnout, with hundreds of people congregating at Station 76 to enjoy free hot dogs, receive bicycle helmets and safety related handouts for the kids, enjoy a reptile show by JNW Reptile Rescue and watch demonstrations by our firefighters. We had representatives from the Hercules Police, American Medical Response, CHP and the Contra Costa County Haz Mat program there to provide information to the public. Our open house was a huge success and we look forward to hosting it again next year!

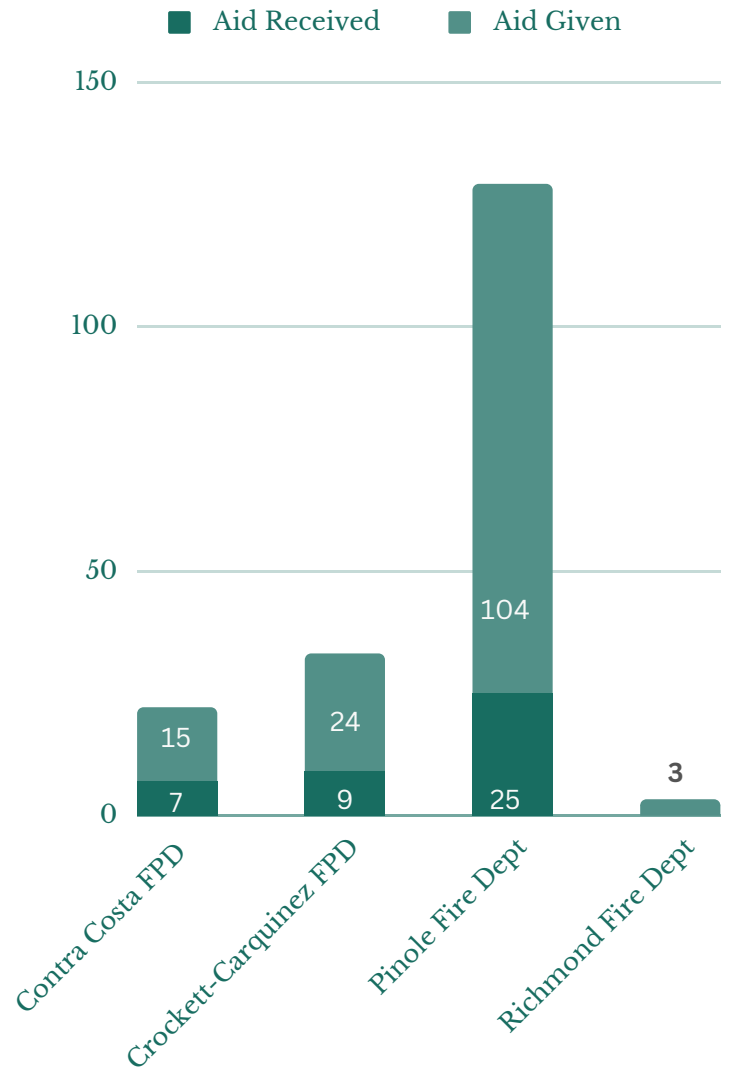


2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



MUTUAL AID

The District participates in mutual and automatic aid agreements with other agencies, which benefits our residents and those in neighboring communities when additional resources are needed.



D. Cochnauer, K. DuMond, M. Greiner, A. Guzman



CAL OES STRIKE TEAMS

RHFD staffed multiple Pre-Position Strike Teams during particularly dry, windy days to deploy immediately to local and regional wildfires. RHFD also sent a strike team to assist with the Mosquito fire in the Tahoe National Forest.

APPARATUS

TYPE 1 ENGINES

2021 Pierce

2014 Spartan/HiTech



TYPE 3 ENGINES

2008 International

2006 International



QUINT AERIAL LADDERS

2021 Spartan/Smeal

2006 Spartan/Smeal



STAFF VEHICLES

2017 GMC Tahoe (2)

2007 Ford Escape

2005 Ford Expedition

2005 Ford F350



SPECIALTY TRAILERS

CERT Trailer

Fire Prevention Trailer

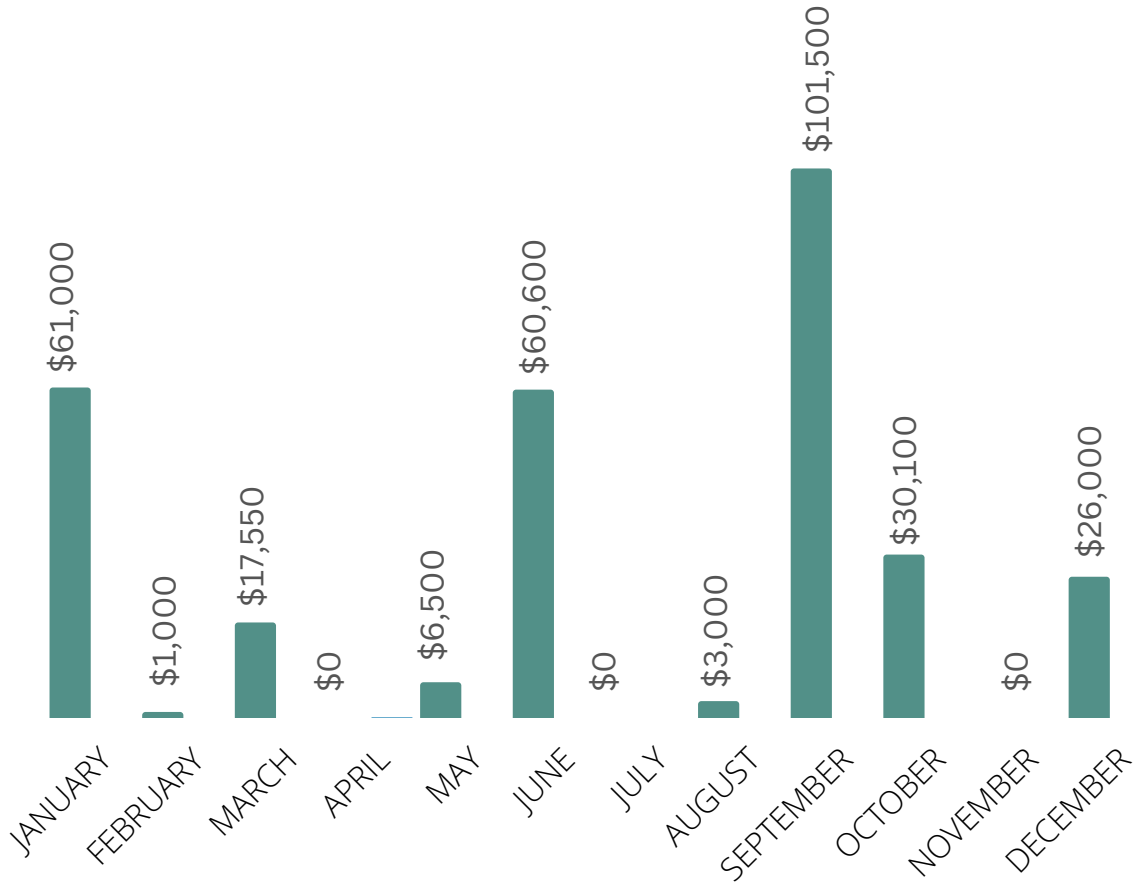
Mass Casualty Trailer

Burn Trailer

Training Tower



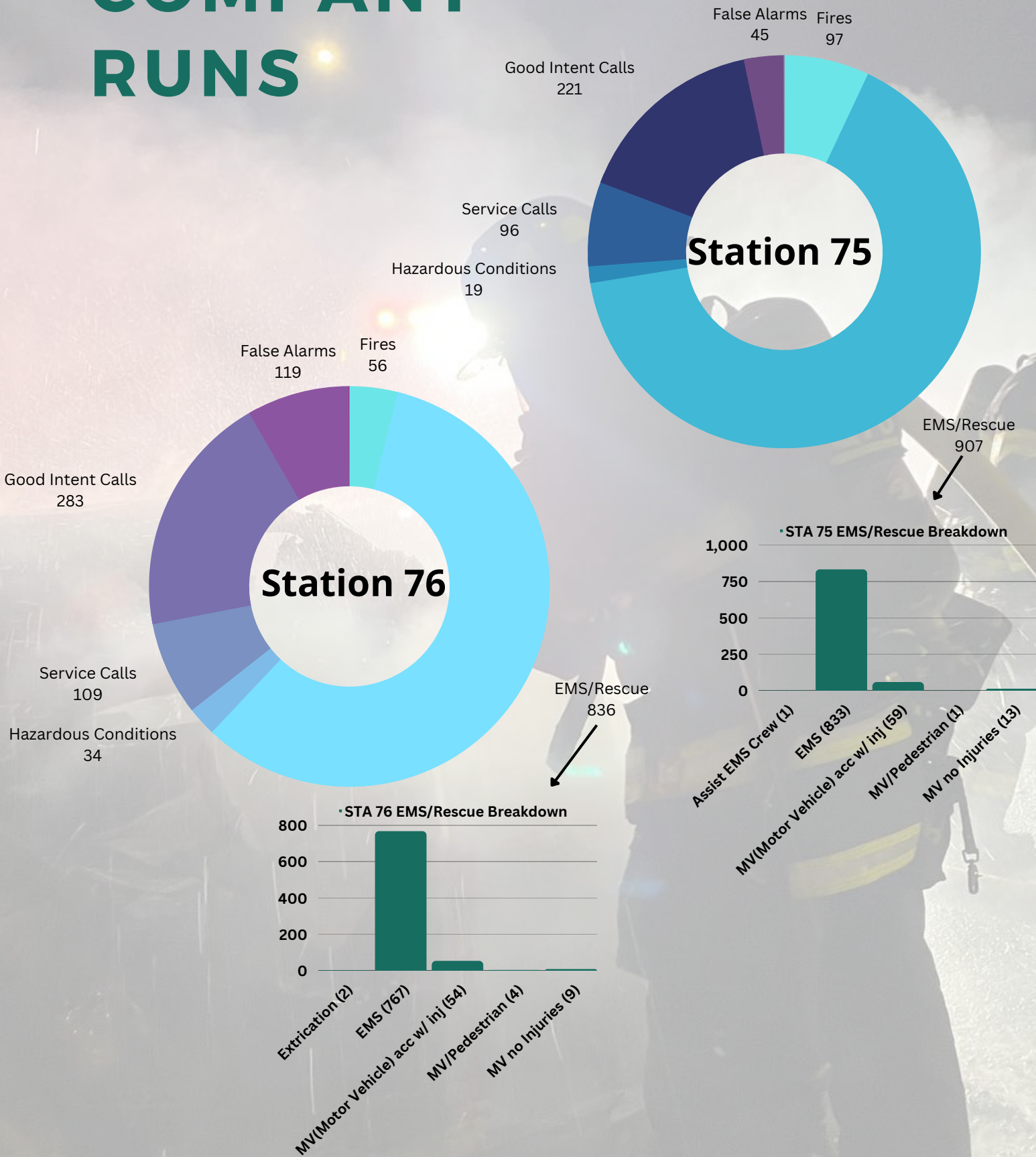
RESIDENTIAL FIRE LOSS BY MONTH



Count of Fires with Loss

January	2
February	1
March	4
April	0
May	2
June	3
July	0
August	2
September	2
October	2
November	0
December	3

COMPANY RUNS





Training with the CHP's Golden Gate Division/Air Operations

5,639

2022 TRAINING HOURS



Multi-Crew Rope Rescue Training with Battalion 7



Wildland Fire Training Burn in Rodeo in Conjunction with Phillips 66

DISTRICT HISTORY

And Where We Are Today

The Rodeo Fire District was formed on February 26, 1937 as an independent special district. The district was established to provide fire protection services in the unincorporated community of Rodeo. In 1978, the City of Hercules was annexed into the fire district and our name was changed from the Rodeo Fire Protection District to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District. The principal act that governs the district is the Fire Protection District Law of 1987. California Health and Safety Code §13800 gives specific enumerated powers to fire districts to provide fire protection, rescue, emergency medical, hazardous material responses, ambulance and any other services relating to the protection of lives and property. The primary delivery of emergency response is by single-engine companies. Responses to more serious incidents include mutual aid units from neighboring agencies. The land area of our district includes the city of Hercules in the southwest, the community of Rodeo in the north, and other areas of unincorporated Contra Costa County to the east. The district has a boundary area of approximately 32 square miles which includes portions of San Pablo Bay. The district has a five-member governing body and board members are elected at large to staggered four-year terms. Board meetings are held monthly. The district's staff consists of 18 paid professional firefighters supported by two chief officers, a part-time fire marshal, an administrative services officer and an administrative assistant.

