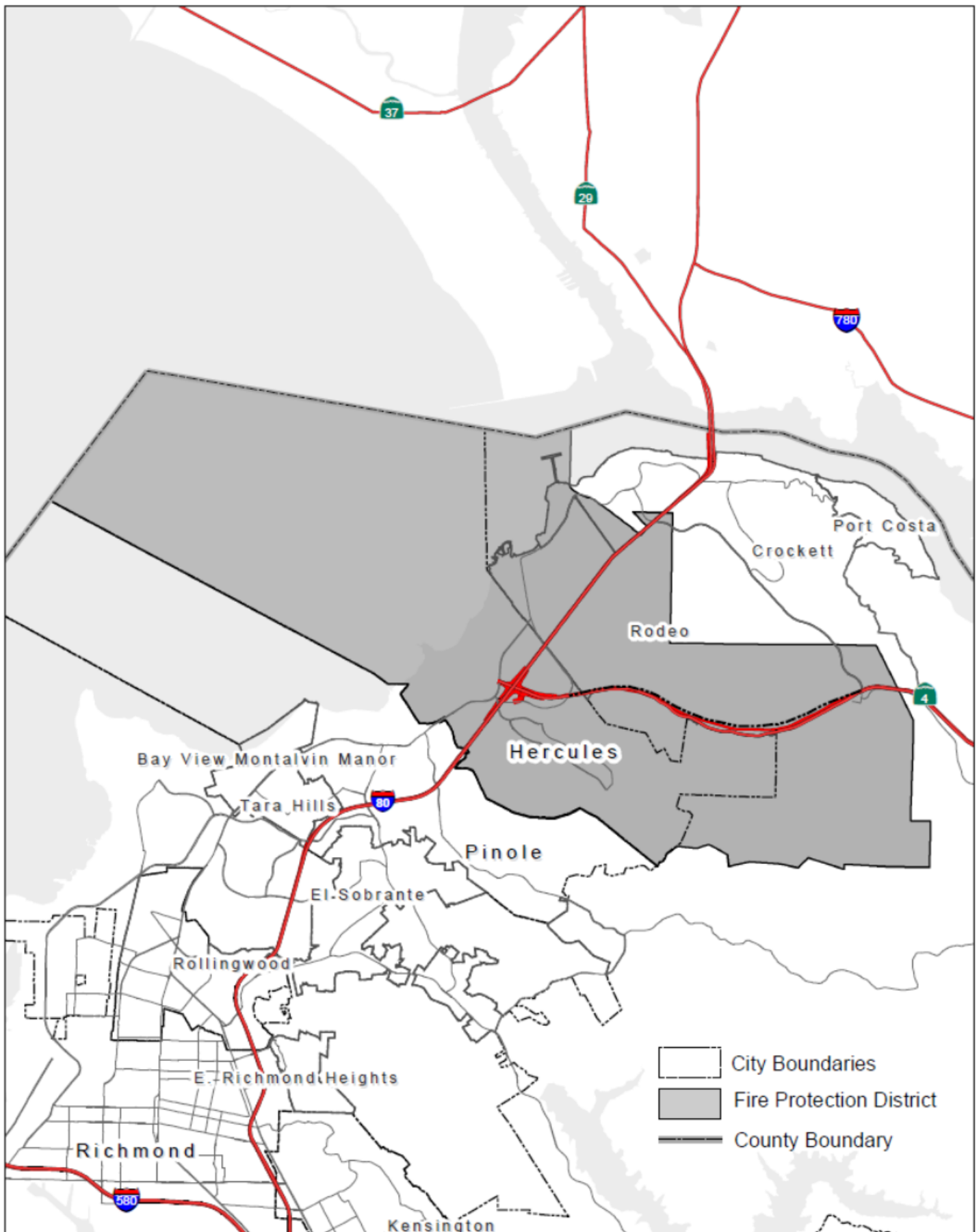





2019 Annual Report





Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District



-  City Boundaries
-  Fire Protection District
-  County Boundary

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DISTRICT HISTORY



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 subsequently, the name of the District was changed from the Rodeo Fire Protection District to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District (RHFPD).

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 RHFPD 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, of which includes portions of San Pablo Bay. The Fire District's firefighters are led by Fire Chief Bryan Craig. The District has a five-member governing body. 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 and two Administrative Assistants.

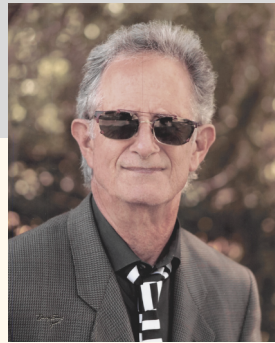
2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Andrew Gabriel
Appointed 2/2016



William "Bill" Prather
Appointed 12/2018



Marc Thorpe
Appointed 12/2016



Damon Covington
Appointed 12/2018



Steve Hill
Appointed 12/2018

The five-member Board of Directors holds elections during even numbered years. Board members are elected to staggered four-year terms. The Board holds meetings at the Hercules City Council chambers on the second Wednesday of every month.

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF BRYAN CRAIG



Citizens of Rodeo and Hercules,

As the Fire Chief of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, it is my pleasure to present the Annual Report. This report spotlights the District's continued commitment to providing emergency response service to Rodeo and Hercules residents, a commitment that has never wavered throughout our 93-year history. The Fire District continues to provide uninterrupted emergency services from its two fully staffed fire stations. Although the type and frequency of responses have changed over the years, the inherent danger associated with emergency response has remained the same.

The personnel of the R.H.F.P.D put service before themselves to protect the community in which they serve. Always vigilant, Fire District members responded to over 3,000 calls for assistance from its two fire stations. Calls for service include, but are not limited to, structure and wildland fires, vehicle accidents, rescues, and medical emergencies. In addition, Fire District members assisted in incidents within Contra Costa County and neighboring jurisdictions and throughout California.

The Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District is one-third of Battalion 7, a regional cooperative agreement between our agency, Pinole Fire Department, and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. This resource-sharing agreement provides a 24-hour Battalion Chief and three additional staffed fire stations that respond to Rodeo, Hercules, Pinole, El Sobrante, San Pablo, and unincorporated Contra Costa County. This arrangement serves as an example of how an efficient fire protection model can service multiple communities.

Our continued relationship with Phillips 66 San Francisco Refinery has provided extensive specialized training opportunities, apparatus and equipment replacement, and other subsidies. Their cooperation and assistance continue to be a shared benefit to all the communities we serve. The Fire District has successfully received several grants to develop and train personnel, make energy-efficient improvements, and continue our co-sharing agreement. In addition, the Fire District continues to participate in several regional grants to help continue its fiscal conservancy.

The Fire District will continue its focus on environmental consciousness by reducing our carbon footprint. Firefighter safety and cancer prevention also remain a priority. The Fire District will continue to put in place mitigation that will reduce the risks associated with the unburned products of combustion and reduce the amount of diesel exhaust produced by the fire engines. Both of these carcinogens play a pivotal role in firefighter mortality.

The Fire District is governed by a five-member elected Board of Directors who volunteer their time to provide guidance and sound conservative fiscal decisions to ensure a viable, stable future. The Board's dedication to transparency and building a foundation of community trust ensures the Fire District's continued success.

RODEO-HERCULES EST. 1927 FIRE DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Fire Chief

Fire Marshal

Administrative Assistants

CCCYPD
Battalion Chief

RHFPD
Battalion Chief

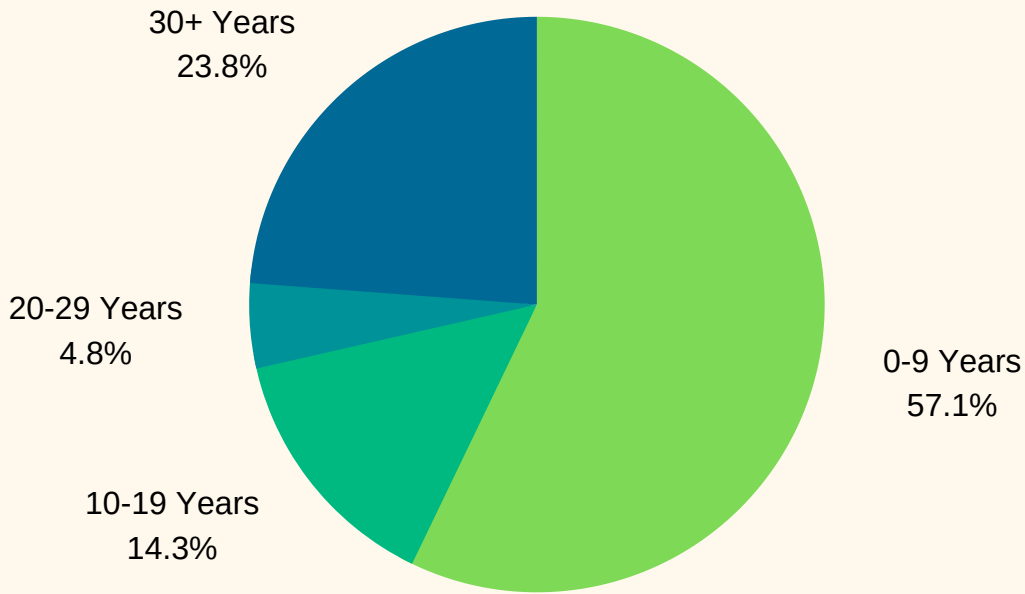
Pinole FD
Battalion Chief

6 Captains

6 Engineers

6 Firefighters

YEARS OF SERVICE



Firefighter/Paramedic Shannon Thompson joined RHFD in 2019

2019 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



BARRON FLANDERS

Engineer Flanders joined the District in 2014. He was chosen Firefighter of the Year by his peers with the support of the Hercules Rotary Club.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Annual Training Hours: 5,701



Hazmat Decon Training



Ventilation Training



High Angle Rescue



Live Burn Training



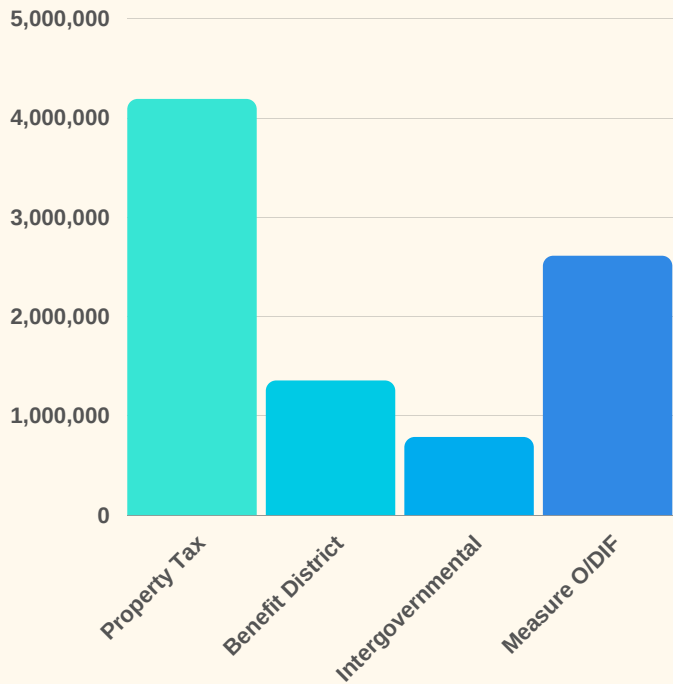
Active Shooter Training with Hercules PD



Firefighters maintain and update critical skills to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations. The following is a partial list of what District personnel trained for in 2019:

- Search & Rescue Procedures
- Hazmat Decontamination
- Simulated Emergency Incidents
- Wildland Fire Behavior
- Earthquake Preparedness
- Live Burn Training
- High Angle Rescue
- Inspection Practices
- Evacuation Procedures
- Search & Rescue Procedures
- Vehicle Extrication
- Breathing Apparatus Training
- Post-Incident Analysis
- Rope Procedures & Technical Applications

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



2018-19 REVENUE

Property Tax	\$4,188,533
Intergovernmental	\$783,435
Benefit District	\$1,352,535
Measure O/DIF	\$2,608,977

TOTAL \$8,933,481

The General Fund Budget provides the funding source to fully compensate all Fire District employees. It also contains revenue to support operations and activities of its two fully staffed fire stations. Some of these expenses range from training equipment, apparatus repair and facility maintenance to firefighter protective clothing, fire prevention, and administrative goods and supplies.

REVENUE

EXPENSES

FY 2014-15	\$6,683,609	\$9,275,239
2015-16	\$6,840,789	\$6,830,700
2016-17	\$6,872,897	\$6,865,773
2017-18	\$6,522,490	\$6,860,077
2018-19	\$8,933,481	\$7,038,446

Firefighters are at increased risk for many types of cancers. While most studies focus on exposures encountered while fighting fires, exposure at the fire station is also a cause for concern. Diesel exhaust exposes firefighters to fumes both in the station as equipment leaves and enters, and in the field as equipment idles during a response. Thanks to a \$90,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA, the total cost of equipment and installation of a Plymovent Diesel Exhaust Filtration System was completed at no cost to the District.



APPARATUS

TYPE 1 ENGINES 3

- 2014 Spartan
- 2000 Spartan
- 1995 Spartan

TYPE 3 ENGINES 2

- 2008 International
- 2006 International

QUINT AERIAL LADDER 1

- 2006 Smeal

STAFF VEHICLES 5

- 2017 GMC Tahoe (2)
- 2007 Ford Escape
- 2005 Ford Expedition
- 2005 Ford F350

SPECIALTY TRAILERS 4

- 2006 CERT Trailer
- 2005 Fire Prevention Trailer
- 2005 Mass Casualty Trailer
- 2004 Burn Trailer



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Firefighters visit third-grade classes within the District and present a variety of fire prevention and fire safety information programs to the students. In addition, the District provides demonstrations with its Fire Safety House at community functions throughout the year.

The District continues to offer smoke detectors and CO2 detectors free of charge to its residents. CPR training is also available through an appointment with District personnel, as well as being incorporated into the CERT training program.

The District's Open House is held annually in October during Fire Prevention Week at Hercules Station 76. Firefighters perform demonstrations and give station tours as well as provide public information handouts, free children's bicycle helmets and life jackets.



B Shift with Kindergarteners at Lupine Hills Elementary



Hanging lights on holiday tree for the Hercules Rec Dept



Open House 2019



Open House 2019



Open House Demonstration

During National Water Safety Month, RHFD distributed children's life jackets donated by UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Trauma Services and Injury Prevention Program.



The Phillips 66 Refinery of Rodeo presented the District with a check for \$25,000 to assist in replacing our aging inventory of 5" LDH (large diameter hose) on fire apparatus.



MUTUAL AID RESPONSES



The District has participated in automatic aid (*additional unit response regardless of jurisdictional boundaries*) and mutual aid (*request for additional resources for large incidents or due to multiple simultaneous incidents*) agreements for decades. Citizens of all communities locally and throughout the state benefit from this sharing of emergency resources.

	Aid Received	Aid Given
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District	2	9
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District	1	12
Pinole Fire Department	1	82
Richmond Fire Department	0	1
Strike Teams	-	8
Total	4	112

2019 California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony



William E. Baker III

August 13, 1989
Rodeo-Hercules

REMEMBERING
CALIFORNIA'S
FALLEN HEROES
2019 MEMORIAL



The 17th Annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony was held on Saturday, September 28th, 2019 at the California Firefighters Memorial in Capitol Park, Sacramento. Members of RHFDP attended in remembrance of all fallen heroes and specifically our own William "Bill" Baker, whose name now joins those of more than 1,300 California firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1850.



Retired and current RHFDP members with Mrs. Baker and son Brendan

STRIKE TEAMS



2019 was another challenging year for firefighters battling wildfires throughout California. Although there were fewer and less destructive fires in 2019 than in record-breaking 2018, it was nevertheless a reminder that the "new normal" is here to stay.

In 2019 RHFD was prepared to assist with wildfires if needed by the use of pre-positioned strike teams, which were ordered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) throughout the dry season.

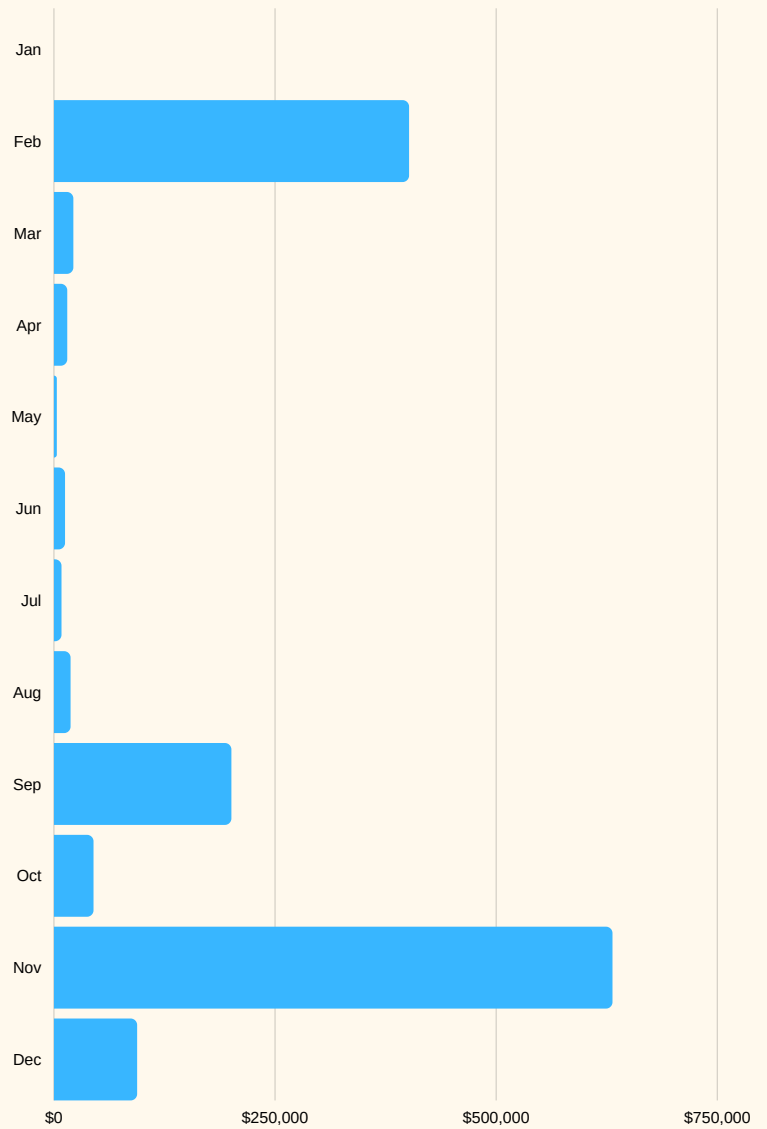
Strike teams consist of additional personnel and equipment who are on standby and ready to deploy if wildfire erupts, allowing a fully staffed crew to remain behind to respond to emergencies within the District.





2019 FIRE LOSS BY MONTH

January	\$0
February	\$401,000
March	\$21,400
April	\$14,500
May	\$2,700
June	\$12,000
July	\$8,000
August	\$18,250
September	\$200,100
October	\$44,200
November	\$631,000
December	\$93,525
TOTAL	\$1,446,675



IT IS THE MISSION OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY; TO MITIGATE THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF FIRES AND OTHER DISASTERS; TO DELIVER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND MAINTAIN A CONSTANT STATE OF READINESS.

STATION 75



Company Runs

Fire 65
EMS/Rescue 738
Hazardous Conditions 21
Service Call 60
Good Intent Call 175
False Alarms 93
Other Calls 3

Town of Rodeo

Area Served 18 mi sq
Population Served 8,500
Assessed Valuation \$2.8 billion*
Total Fire Loss for 2019:
\$510,250

*County Figure Includes Crockett and Port Costa

OUR CORE VALUES:

- *SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY*
- *PUBLIC TRUST*
- *PROFESSIONALISM*
- *AN EDUCATED WORK FORCE*
- *COMPASSION*
- *TEAMWORK*
- *SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ORGANIZATION*

STATION 76



Company Runs

Fires **40**
EMS/Rescue **770**
Hazardous Conditions **25**
Service Call **102**
Good Intent Call **363**
False Alarms **131**
Other Calls **0**

City of Hercules

Area Served **14 mi sq**
Population Served **25,500**
Assessed Valuation **\$4.6 billion**
Total Fire Loss for 2019:
\$936,425

BATTALION 7

Area Served (populated)	36 sq. mi.
Area Served (parks & wildland)	1,215 sq. mi.

NuStar facility fire, October 2019



Battalion 7 is a cooperative agreement between the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, Pinole Fire Department and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Each participating agency provides a Battalion Chief to ensure the establishment of incident command, scene safety and resource management at emergencies in the communities of Pinole, Tara Hills, Bayview, Montalvin Manor, Montara Bay, East Richmond Heights, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Rodeo, Hercules, and unincorporated Martinez. Each of these areas presents a unique set of complex hazards and the rapid establishment of fire ground command and control is essential to the successful resolution of an array of calls for service.

