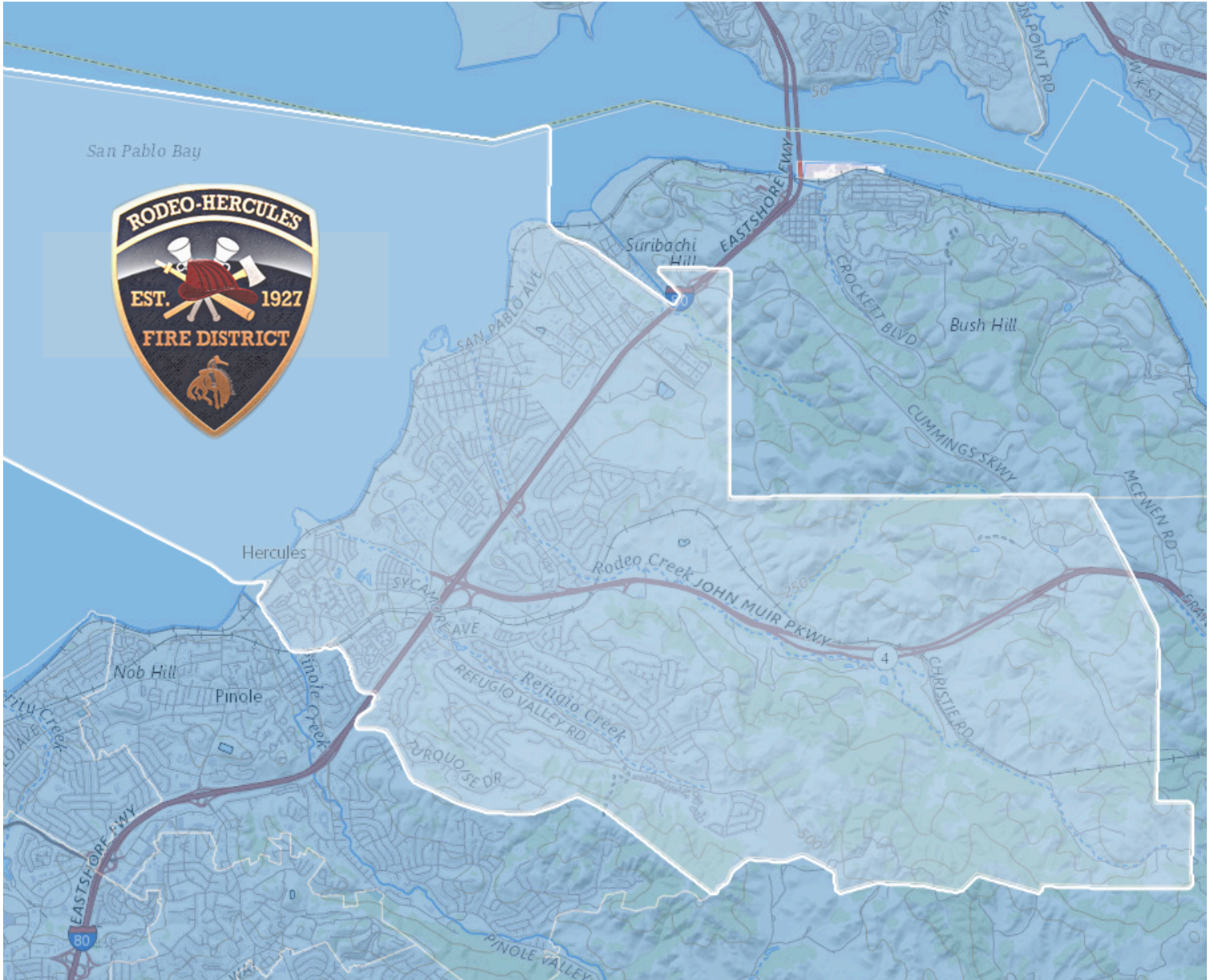


RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



2023 ANNUAL REPORT





Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection

District is a multi-risk fire district operating two fire companies specially trained to respond to residential and commercial fires, refinery and other industry-related incidents, wildland fires, vehicle extrication and other technical rescues, hazardous materials incidents, and medical emergencies. Both engine companies are also tasked with daily duties, public education, business inspections as well as practicing continuing education.

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 District operates within Battalion 7 along with the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. RHFD provides one Battalion Chief to CCCFPD's two B/Cs to ensure the consistent establishment of incident command, firefighter safety, and judicious resource management at the scene of emergencies.



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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



MS. MARIE BOWMAN

*Elected
12/2022*



MR. STEVE HILL

*Elected
12/2022*



MR. CHARLES DAVIDSON

*Elected
12/2020*



MS. ROBYN MIKEL

*Appointed
4/2022*



MR. DELANO DOSS

*Elected
12/2022*



A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



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

I am happy to present our annual report. 2023 was an eventful year- I was honored to join the Rodeo-Hercules team in May of 2023. Together we have many accomplishments to celebrate:

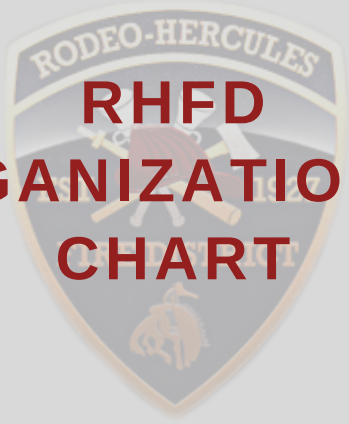
- **Update of the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan and Business Plan**
- **Adoption of updated Fire Prevention Fees Schedule**
- **Adoption of the Weed Abatement Plan**
- **Completion and reporting of all state mandated fire prevention inspections**
- **Installation of new alerting system in stations 75 and 76**
- **Completion of bathroom renovations in all bathrooms at Stations 75 and 76**
- **Execution of multiple contracts for service to fill service gaps including fire prevention, financial assistance, grant writing, and EMS training support**
- **Promotional process which culminated in the promotion of a Captain, two Engineers, and the hiring of a new Firefighter**
- **Completion of an Area Operating Agreement with CalFire and an Automatic Aid agreement with Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District.**

Our crews participated in the National Night Out event and the Cultural Festival, hosted a successful open house and, thanks to our community, collected a significant amount of toys for the Toys for Tots organization and warm coats for Rotary's Warm Things donation drive. Our firefighting personnel responded to thousands of emergency calls throughout the district and beyond, trained hard to gain and maintain their skills, read to kids, educated 3rd graders on fire safety, participated in active shooter training with the Hercules police department and hosted visits to both stations by schools and others. Please peruse the following pages to learn more about who we are and what we do in our community.

I look forward to making more progress in 2024 by working with the Board of Directors on establishing and achieving goals that reduce risk and improve the safety of our citizens and our firefighters. I am excited to move the district towards a fiscally sustainable and stable future that offers the highest level of fire and emergency services.

In Service,

Rebecca Ramirez
Fire Chief



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Fire Marshal
Bill Lellis

Administrative Services Officer
Kimberly Corcoran

Administrative Assistant
Tamara Tomas

REBECCA RAMIREZ
FIRE CHIEF



DARREN JOHNSON
RHFD BATTALION CHIEF
(A Shift)

**Con Fire
Battalion Chief**
(B Shift)

**Con Fire
Battalion Chief**
(C Shift)



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



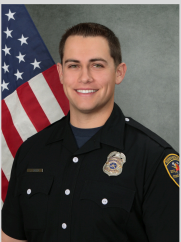
Engineer
Jesus Garcia



Engineer
Carlo Granzella



Engineer/PM
Jason Garry



Firefighter
Justin Creecy



Firefighter
Jonah Becton



Firefighter
Kyle DuMond



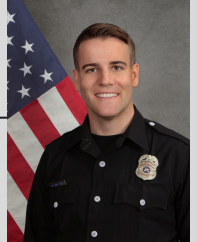
Firefighter
Anthony Guzman



Firefighter
Joshua Jensen



Firefighter/PM
Kyle Wellington



Firefighter/PM
Daniel Collyer

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

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Engineer Carlo Granzella was selected Firefighter of the Year in 2023 by his peers. He entered RHFD in 2020, promoting to Engineer in 2022.

FIRE CHIEF



The Rodeo-Hercules Fire District is led by Chief Rebecca Ramirez, retired fire chief from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Fire Department and the Woodland Fire Department. She began her career in the fire service with the West Sacramento Fire Department, where she served as a firefighter, engineer, captain, battalion chief and deputy chief throughout her decades-long career.



Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Collyer joined RHFD in February 2023.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Open House 2023

We had another great turnout for our annual open house in October. Hundreds of people came to Station 76 in Hercules to enjoy demonstrations by our firefighters, fire safety handouts, free bike helmets for kids, face painting, free food, and visiting with animals brought by our friends at Safari Adventures! There were CPR demonstrations given by RHFD's R.N. Greg Kennedy and we also had visitors from the CHP, Hercules Police Department, American Medical Response, Phillips 66 Community Advisory Panel, Contra Costa County HazMat, the Contra Costa Wildfire Mitigation Program, and the West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council who hosted a Firewise USA booth.





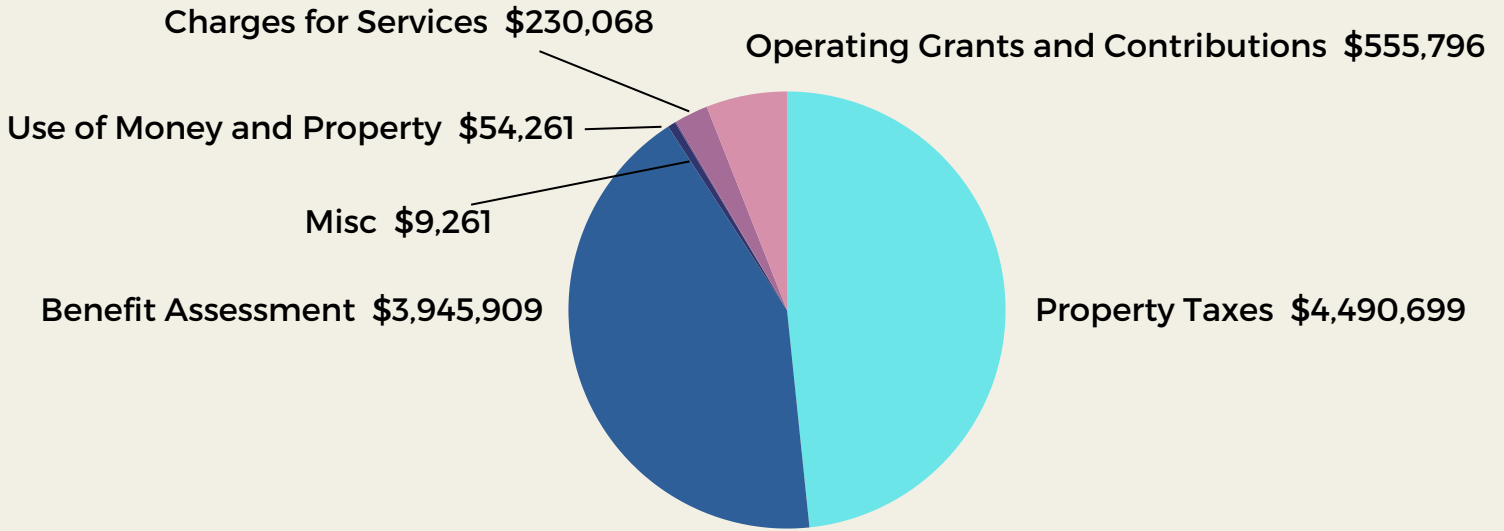
RHFD prides itself on its outreach and being an active part of the community it serves. Firefighters teach kids about fire safety and participate in local events and host station visits for schools and other organizations. A few highlights: In 2023 we participated in the city of Hercules' Youth in Government Day, attended the annual Rock the Block Celebration hosted by the New Horizons Career Center in Rodeo, and hosted a Toys for Tots toy drive and a Rotary "Warm Things" coat drive during the month of December.



2022-23 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

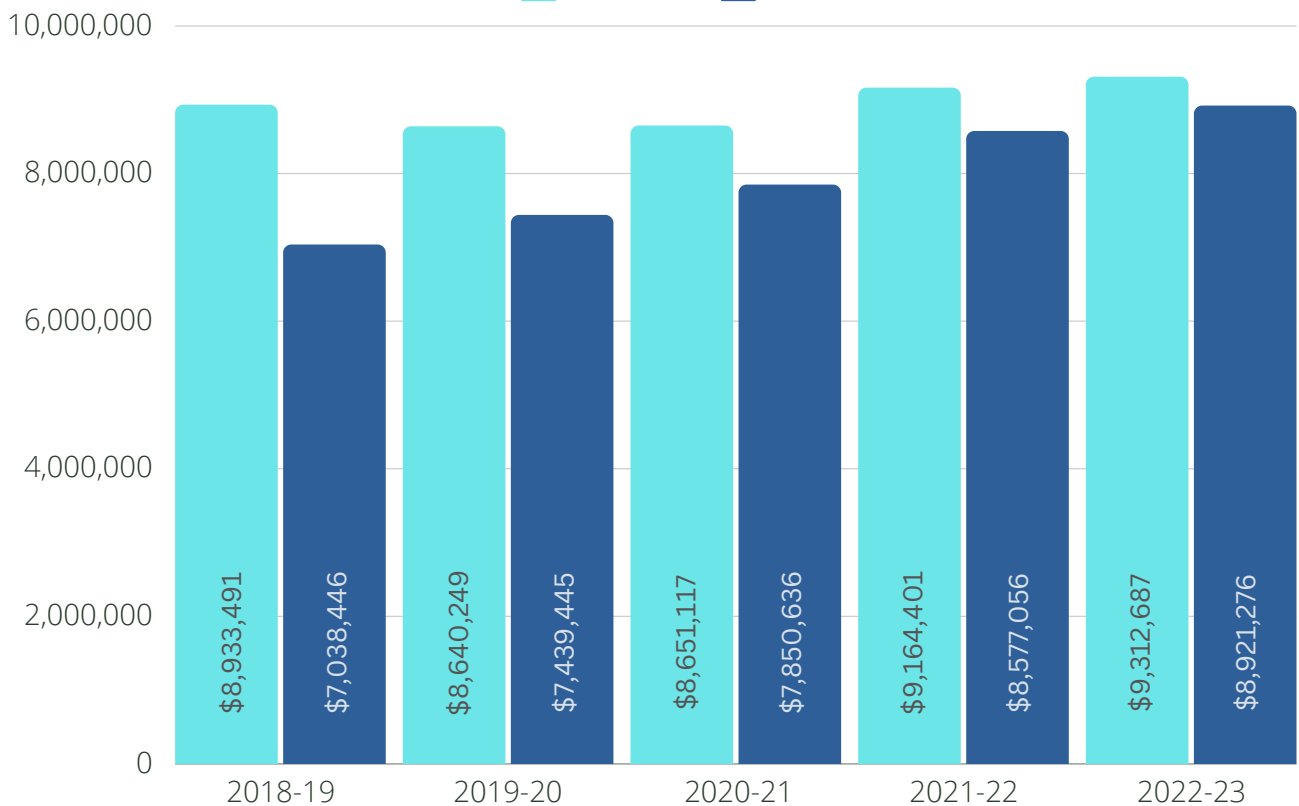
All Funds

Revenue Sources



rhfd.org 510-799-4561 1680 Refugio Valley Rd, Hercules

Revenue Expenditures

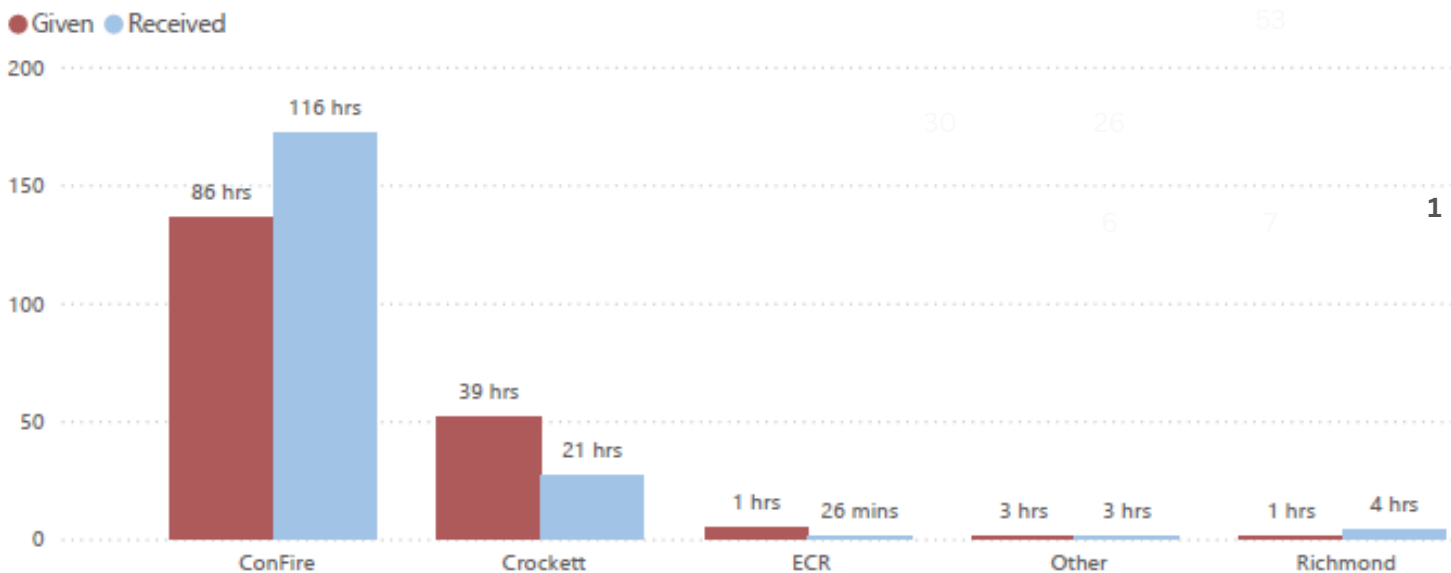


MUTUAL AND AUTOMATIC AID

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



Aid Given and Received
Number of Unit Runs - 2023



CAL OES STRIKE TEAMS



RHFD staffed multiple pre-position strike teams during destructive weather events over the winter months and sent strike teams to large fires over the summer. RHFD crews helped contain the Happy Camp Complex fire that scorched over 20,000 acres in the Klamath National Forest and the South Fork Complex fire in Trinity County that burned across almost 4,000 acres.



APPARATUS



The district maintains its fire suppression apparatus for an average of 15-20 years while staff vehicles are replaced every 10 years.

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

2022 GMC Tahoe
2017 GMC Tahoe (2)
2007 Ford Escape
2005 Ford Expedition
2005 Ford F350

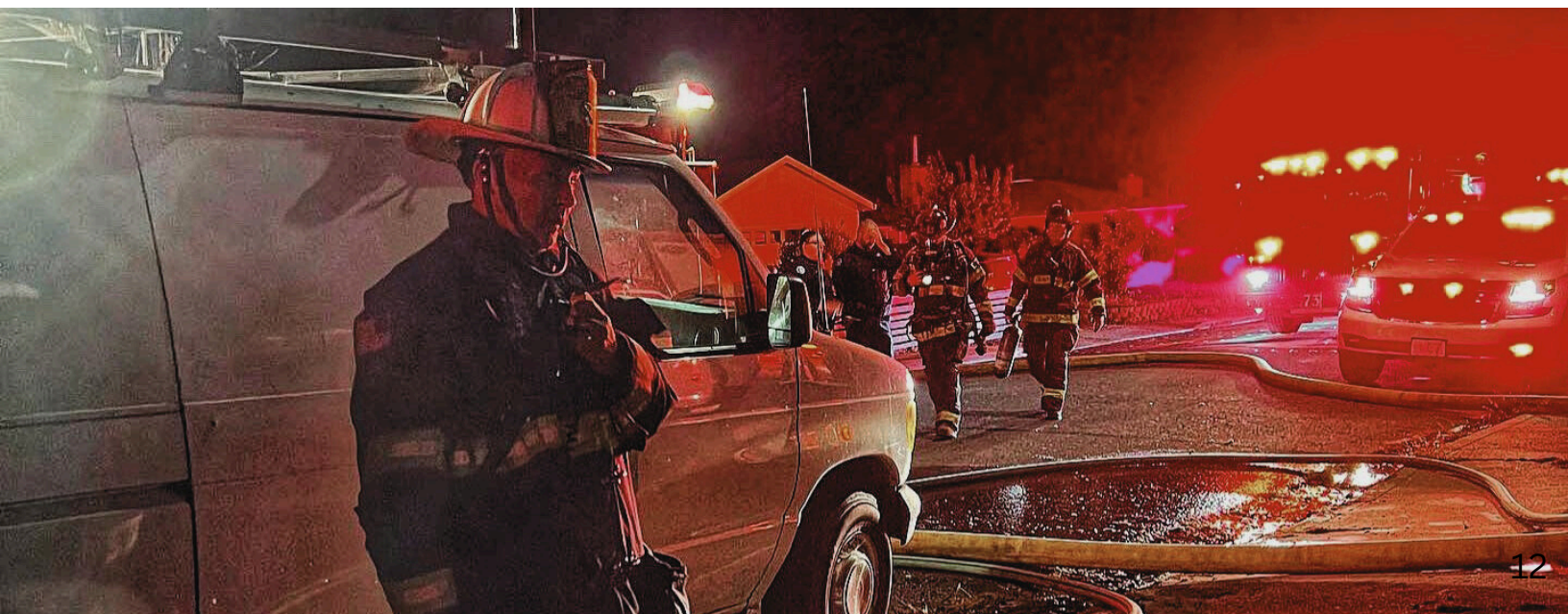
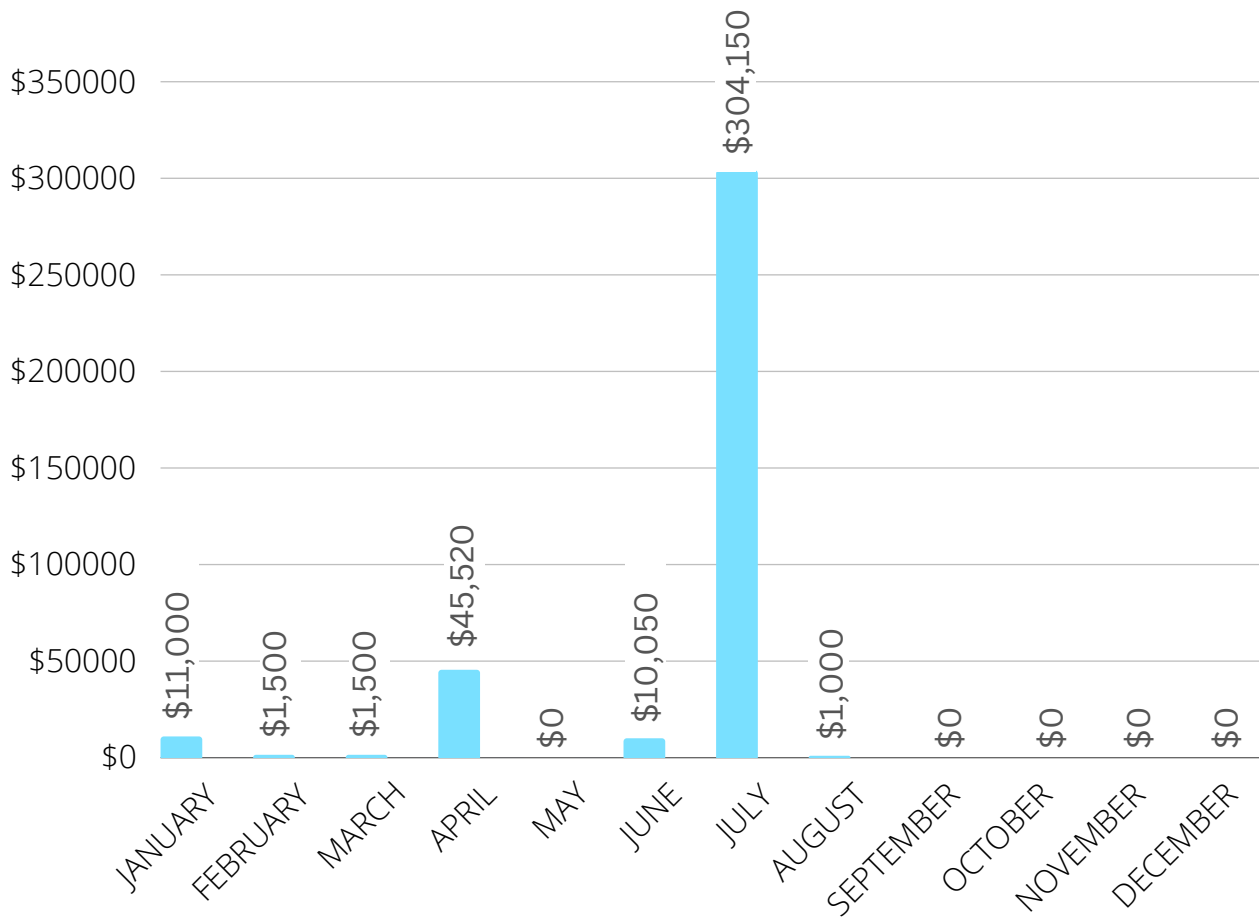


SPECIALTY TRAILERS

CERT Trailer
Mass Casualty Trailer
Training Tower



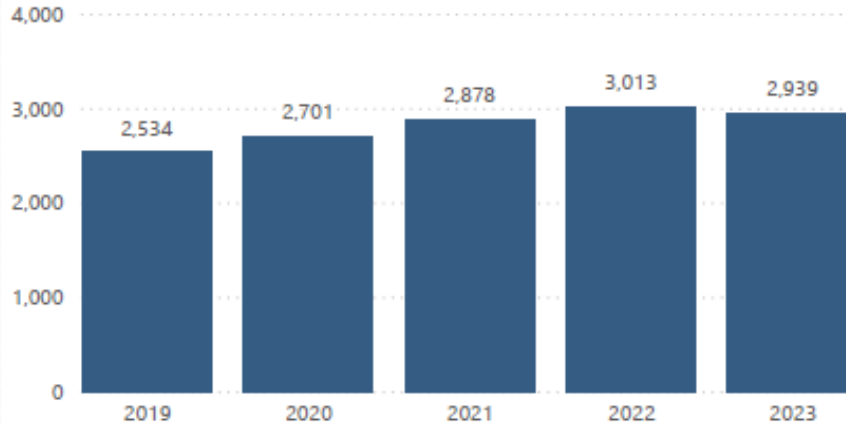
RESIDENTIAL FIRE LOSS BY MONTH



COMPANY RUNS

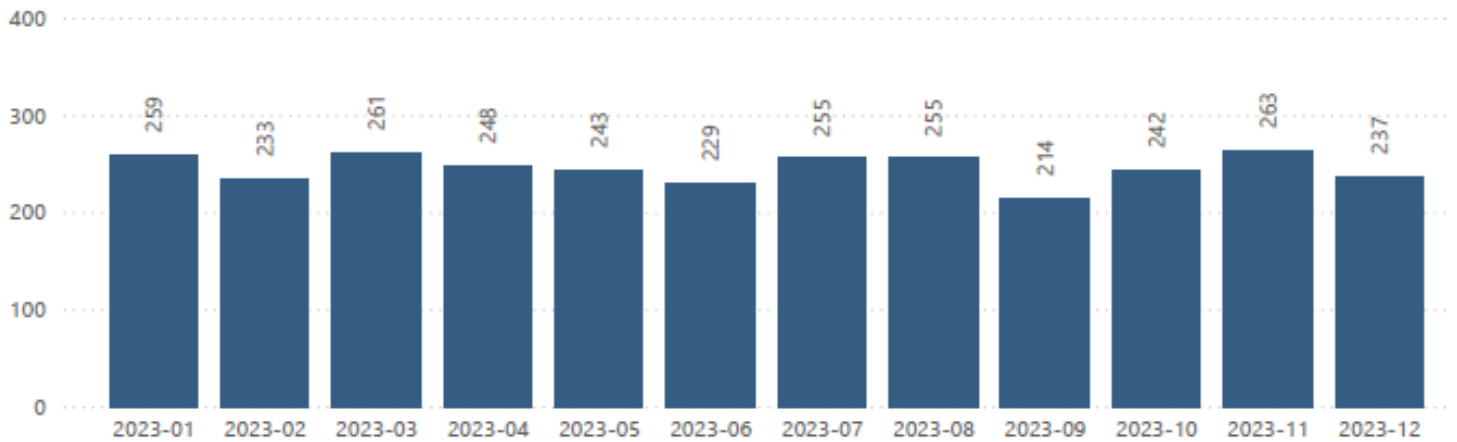
Number of Incidents by Year

2019 to 2023



Number of Incidents by Month

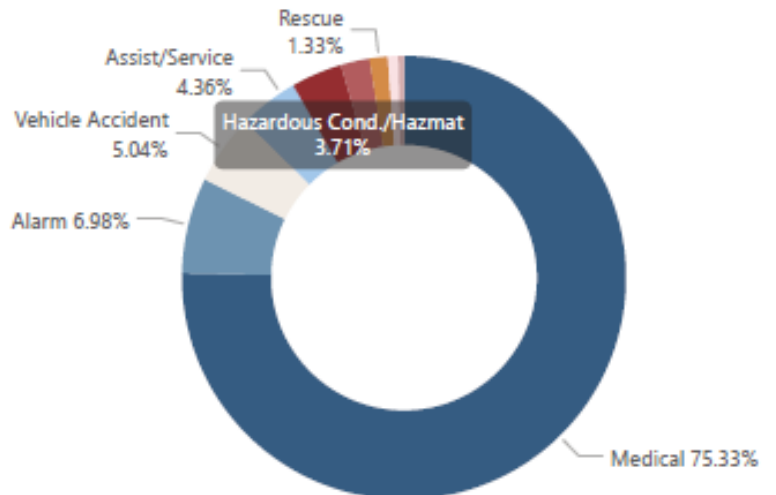
2023



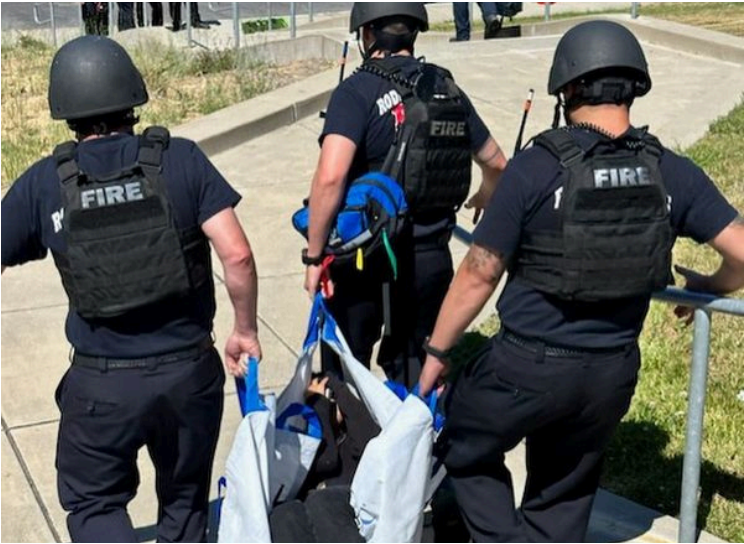
Number of Incidents by Type

2023

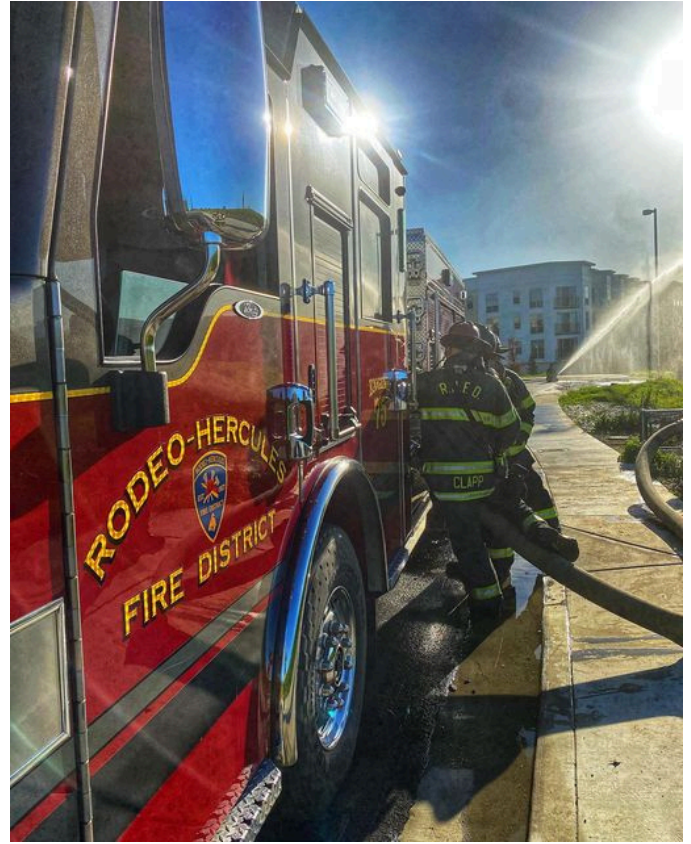
Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Medical	2,214	75.33%
Alarm	205	6.98%
Vehicle Accident	148	5.04%
Assist/Service	128	4.36%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	109	3.71%
Fire - Other	62	2.11%
Rescue	39	1.33%
Fire - Structure	22	0.75%
Fire - Vegetation	12	0.41%
Total	2,939	100.00%



TRAINING



Active Shooter Drill with Hercules Police Dept.



Driver/Operator Training



Oil Fire School in Texas



Live Fire Training Burn



Annual Hose Testing

6,993

2023 TRAINING HOURS

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 change 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 automatic and 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.

