



Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District

Overview of RHFD

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District History

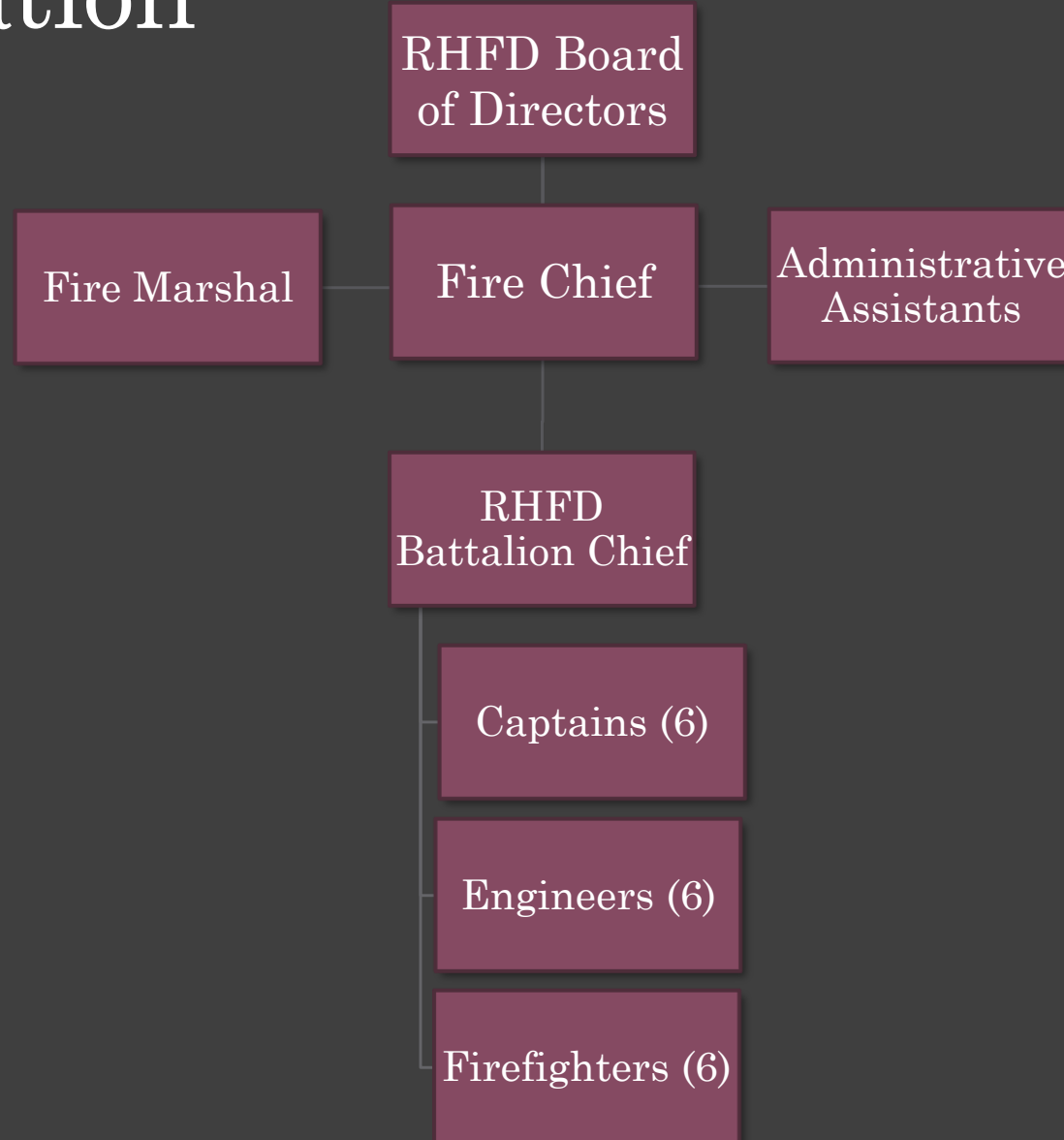
- The Rodeo Fire District was formed on February 26, 1937 as an independent special district. The District was established to provide fire protection services in the unincorporated community of Rodeo.
- In 1978 The City of Hercules was annexed into the Fire District and subsequently, the name of the District was changed from the Rodeo Fire Protection District to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District (RHFPD).
- The primary delivery of emergency response is from our two fire stations located in Rodeo and Hercules. Responses to more serious incidents include units from Rodeo-Hercules and 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 which includes portions of San Pablo Bay.
- 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, one Administrative Services Officer and one Administrative Assistant.



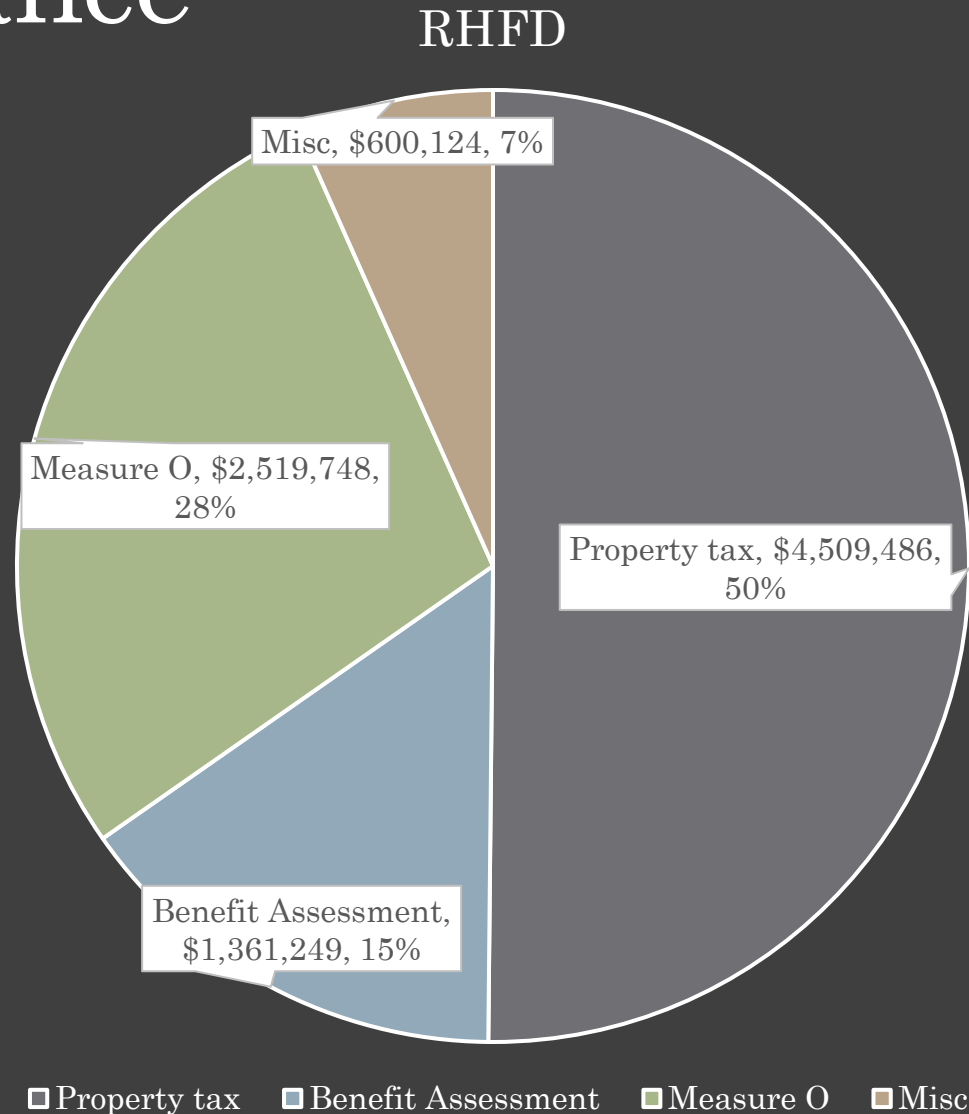
Administration

- Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal, Administrative Services Officer, Administrative Assistant
- The Administrative Services Officer and Administrative Assistant provide support for Management, Operations and Prevention while serving as Clerk of the Board. Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Providing support to District employees and the Board of Directors
 - Hiring and promotions, training, payroll, worker's comp, budget management, bookkeeping, audit prep and assistance, quarterly reports, accounts payable, investigations, plan checks, business inspections, board agendas and public records requests

Organization



Finance

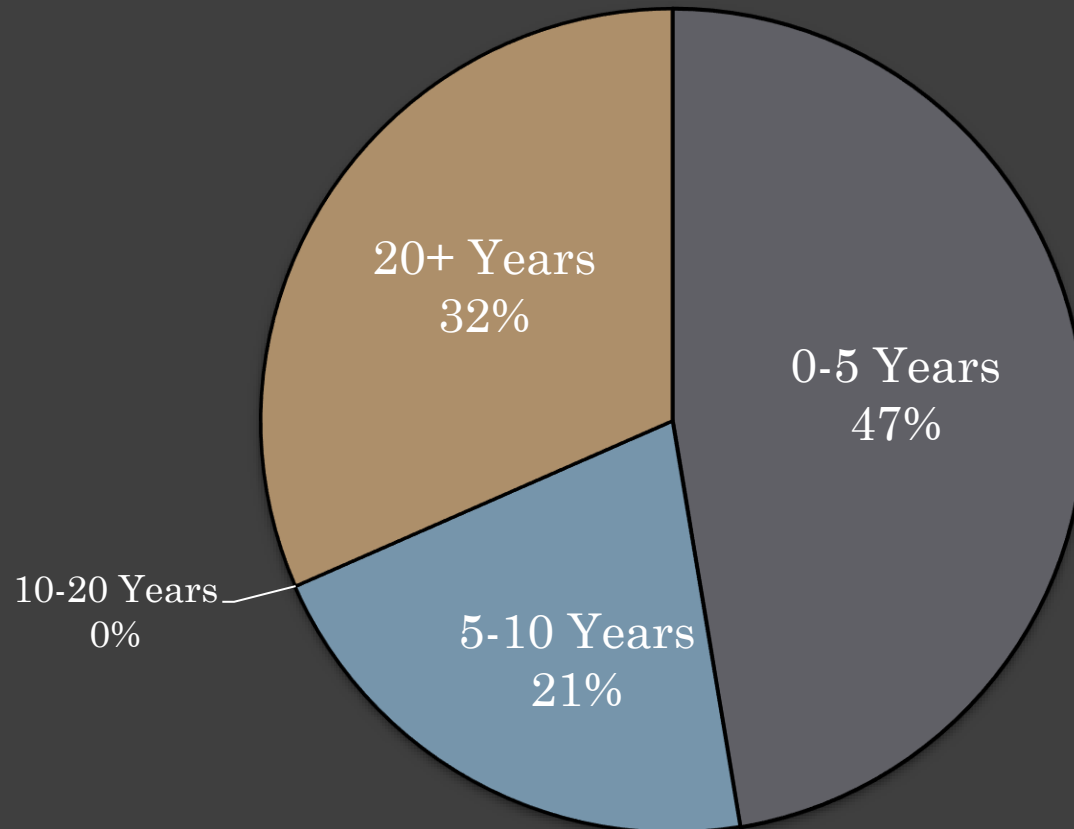


- Misc: Plan fees, DIF fees, Measure H, earnings on investments, etc.
- Property Tax: District receives share of the ad valorem property tax collected by the County and distributed to qualifying agencies
- Measure O: \$231 per property
- Benefit assessment: $\$52 + \$59 = \$111$

Planning & Analysis

- Weak area for our District due to lack of administrative staff. Focus is on day-to-day, month-to-month forecasting. Difficult to plan 1,3, & 6 years out.

Suppression-Years Experience



Operations

The Operations division has primary responsibility for responding to emergencies and urgent calls for help from the public. Services provided (but not limited to):

- Residential and commercial fire response, refinery and industry-related incidents, wildland fires, vehicle extraction, technical rescue, hazardous materials first responder duties
- Advanced life support services provided with a minimum of one paramedic on duty per station
- Battalion 7 is jointly operated with Pinole Fire Dept and Con Fire, each providing a Battalion Chief
- Automatic and mutual aid with other departments including Con Fire, Crockett-Carquinez, Pinole, Richmond, El Cerrito, Moraga-Orinda and Vallejo
- Participates in agreement with Office of Emergency Services to provide services for wildfires across California, Oregon and Nevada



Deployment

Responses:

Medical: 1 Engine or Quint*, 1 Ambulance

Structure Fires: 4 Engines, 1 Quint, 2 BC's

Vegetation Fire: 3 Engines, 1 BC

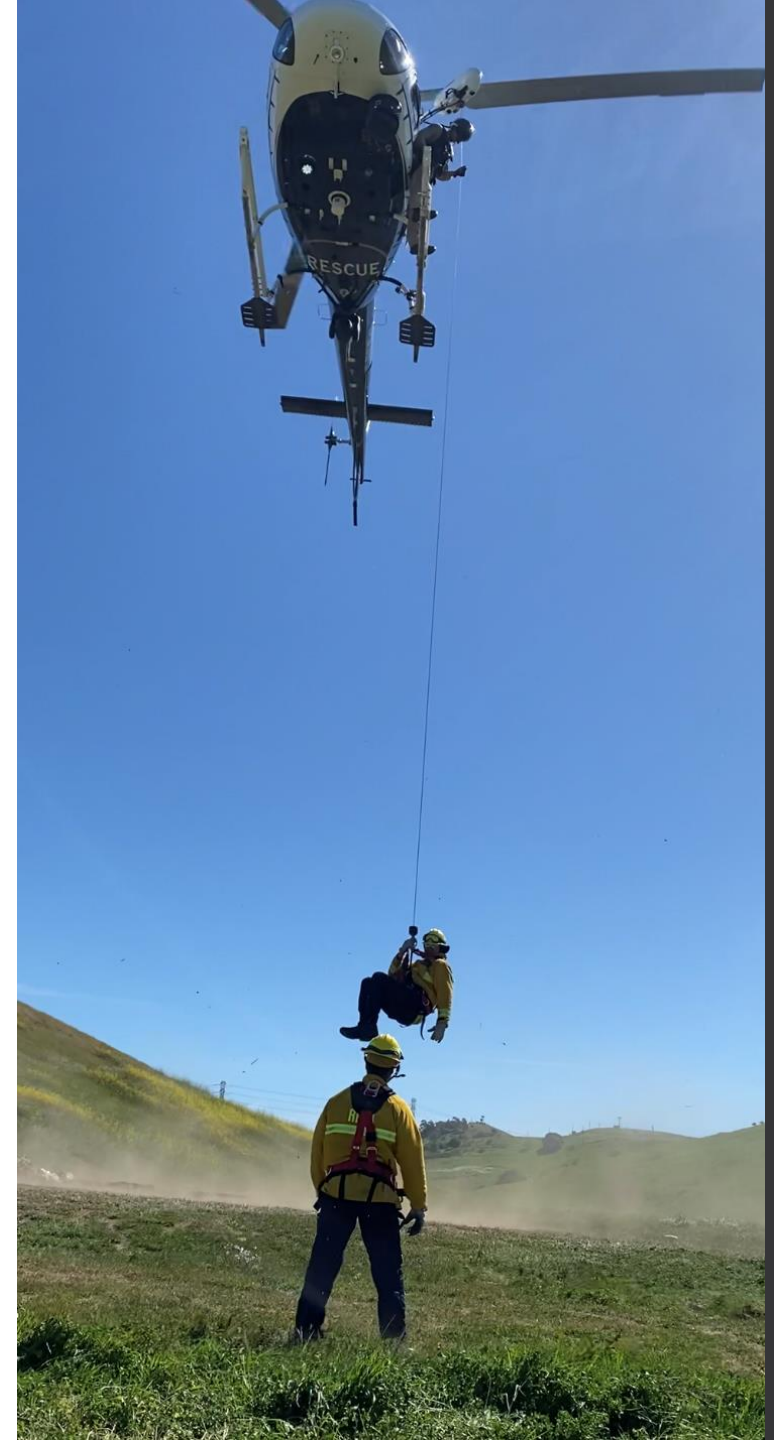
Vehicle Accident: 1 Engine, 1 Quint, 1 BC

* A Quint is a dual-purpose apparatus serving as both engine and ladder truck. It has five functions: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device and ground ladders

- One Type 1 and one Type 3 engine deployed from station 75 in Rodeo, cross-staffed
- One Quint and one Type 3 deployed from station 76 in Hercules, cross-staffed
- **Cooperative Agreement for Battalion 7 Operations** since September of 2000, The Rodeo Hercules Fire District, The Pinole Fire Department and the Contra Costa Fire Protection District have equally provided shared battalion chief coverage in areas protected by the three agencies.

Training

- The department does not have a dedicated training Officer
- CA requires a considerable amount of mandated training
- Dedicated training officer is necessary to track and schedule daily, monthly and annual training

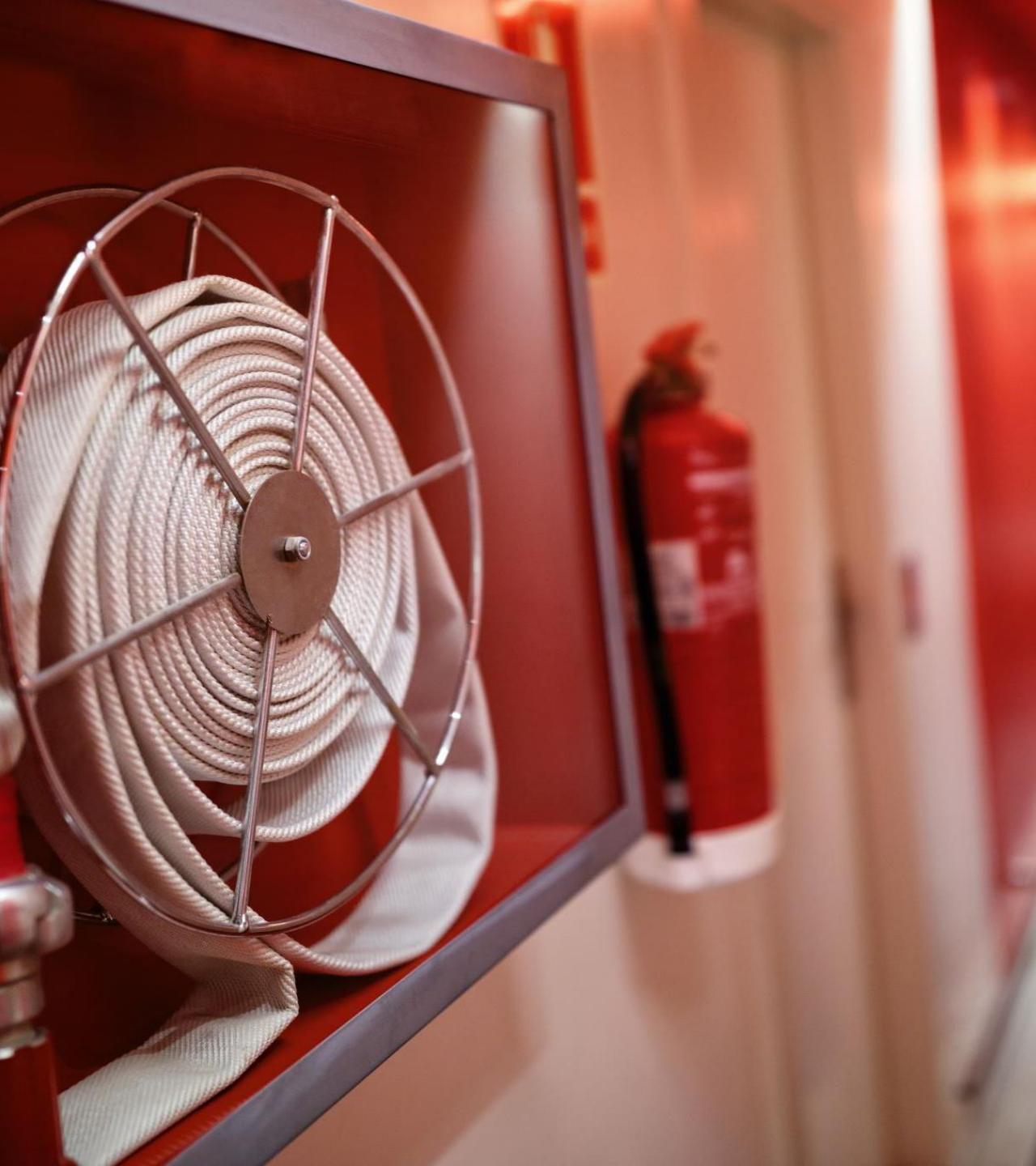


Prevention

- The district does not have a dedicated Prevention Officer
- Each Fire Company is assigned a fire prevention inspection workload and public education responsibilities
- Engine companies conduct fire and life safety inspections of all schools and businesses within the District
- The district has responsibility for maintaining safety in the community by investigating fires, ensuring compliance with existing codes and ordinances, and enforcing laws where necessary

Public Education

- Engine companies visit Rodeo and Hercules elementary schools for youth fire prevention education
- Blood pressure screening for Rodeo and Hercules senior citizens
- Providing bicycle safety helmets to children who live in the District through donations
- Conduct Open House during fire prevention week (October). Distribute bicycle helmets and personal flotation devices
- Provide smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to residents



Investigations

- Due to the vacancies in the Fire Prevention Division, the Fire District currently relies on Contra Costa County Fire Protection District for Fire Cause investigation.
- Code Compliance and enforcement is performed by part-time veteran fire marshal/fire inspector for the District.



Communications

- RHFD contracts with Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's Communication Center for radio communications