
RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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WHO WE ARE

Pride, Excellence and Professionalism

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 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.



2021 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 2018*

Damon Covington *elected 2018*

Charles Davidson *elected 2020*

Collene Couzens *elected 2020*

Marie Bowman *appointed 2021*



STEVE HILL, CHAIR



**DAMON COVINGTON,
VICE-CHAIR**



**DIRECTOR CHARLES
DAVIDSON**

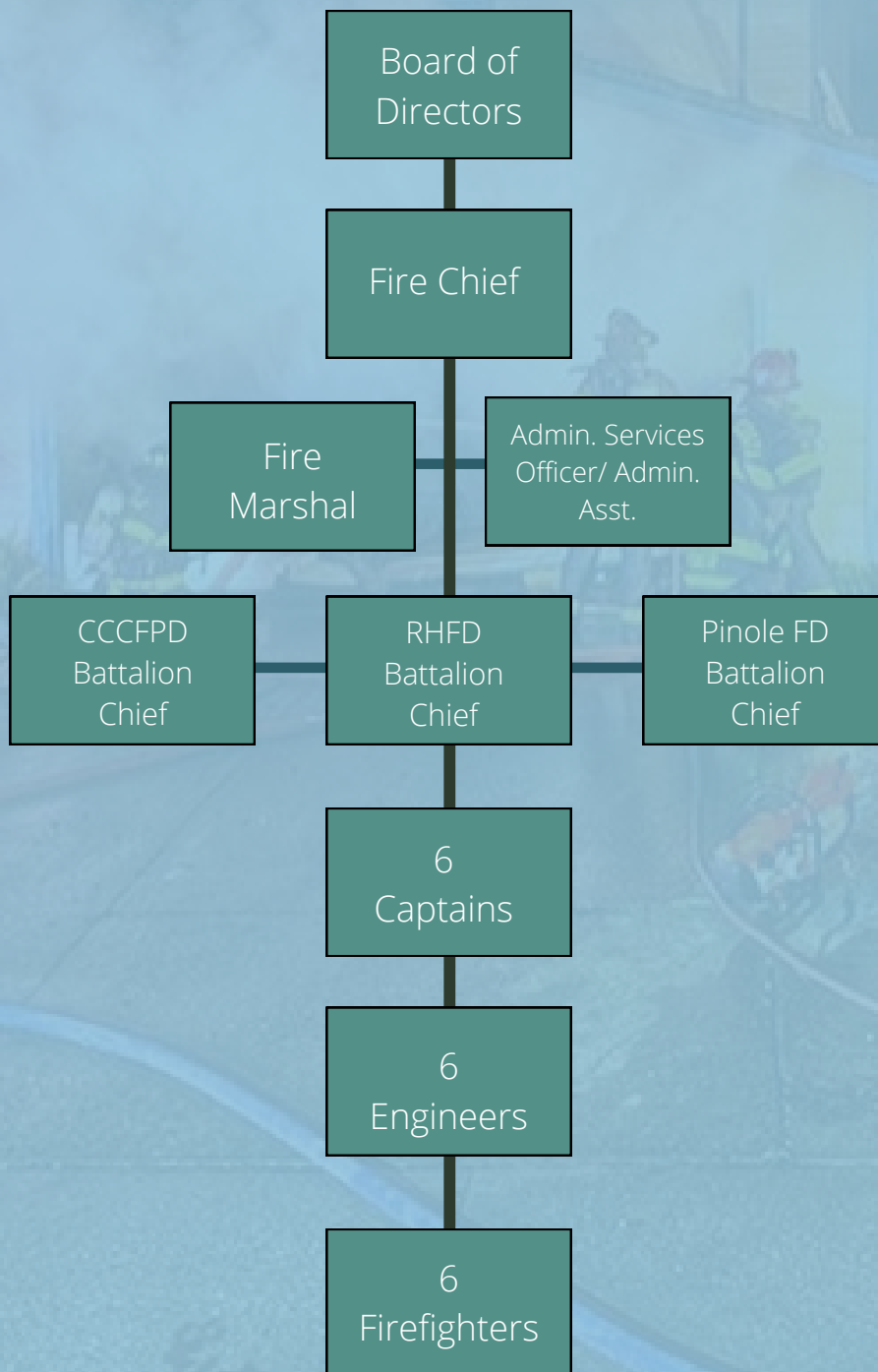


**DIRECTOR COLLENE
COUZENS**



**DIRECTOR MARIE
BOWMAN**

RHFD Organizational Chart



The District employs a minimum of nine paramedics

2021 HIGHLIGHTS



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC CHARLES COLEMAN

Captain Coleman was selected Firefighter of the Year in 2021 by his peers. He has been with RHFD since 1986, promoting to Engineer in 1991 and Captain in 2011.



Derek Cochnauer was promoted from Firefighter to Captain in 2021. Captain Cochnauer joined RHFD in 2017.



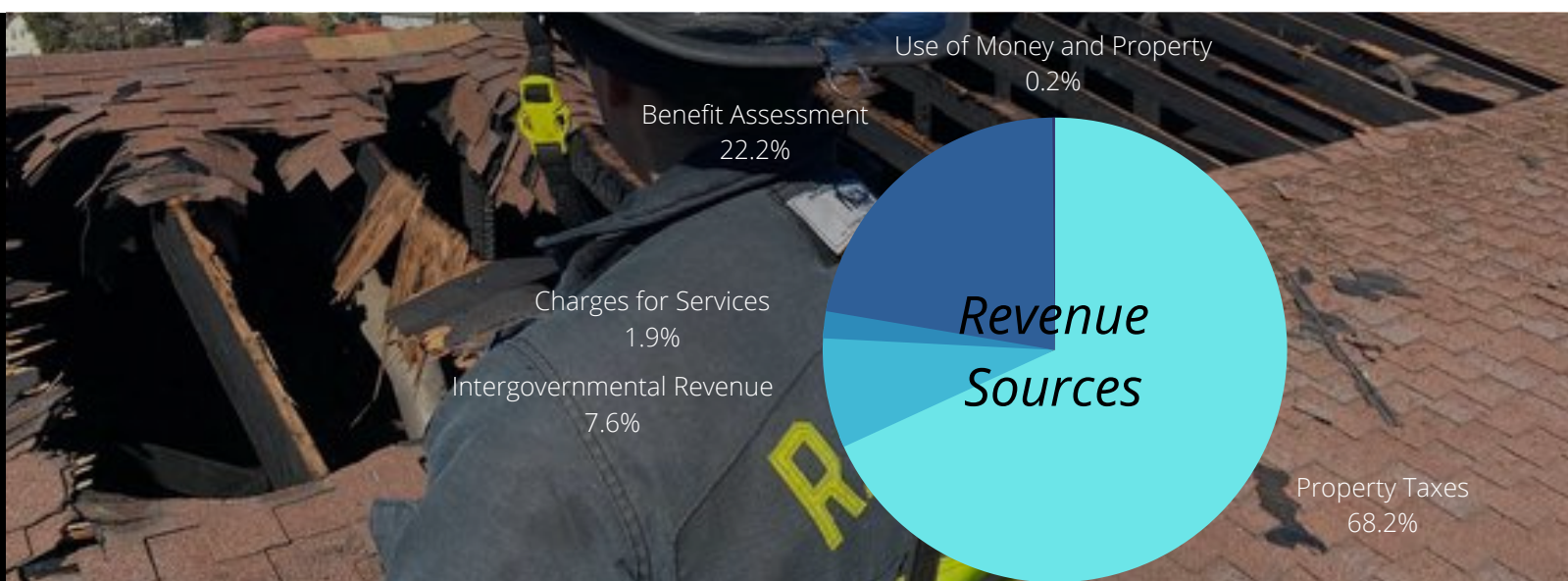
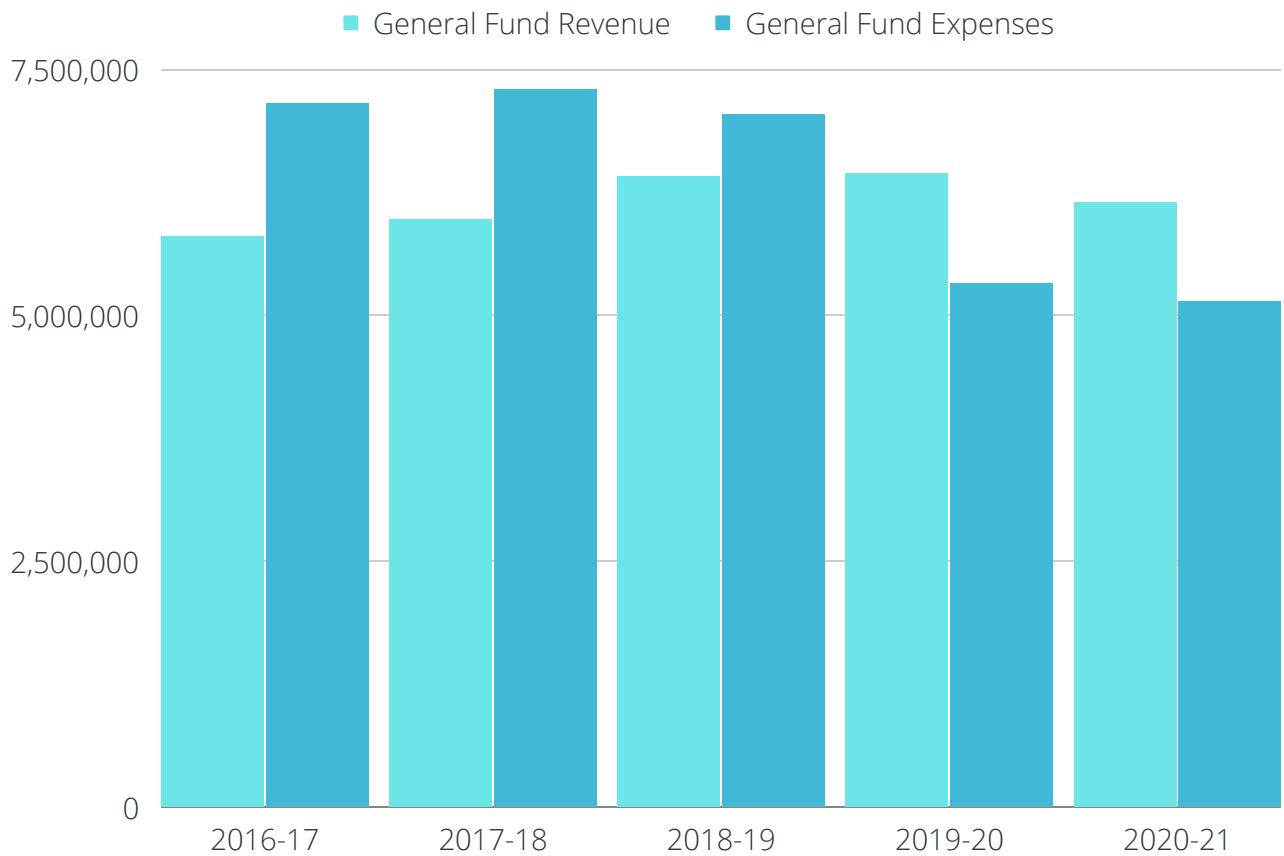
Captain Greg Fernando retired after 35 years of service with the District. Captain Fernando began his career in 1986, becoming an Engineer in 2000 and Captain in 2014.



Firefighter Jesus Garcia completed his 18-month probationary period. Firefighter Garcia joined our District in 2020.

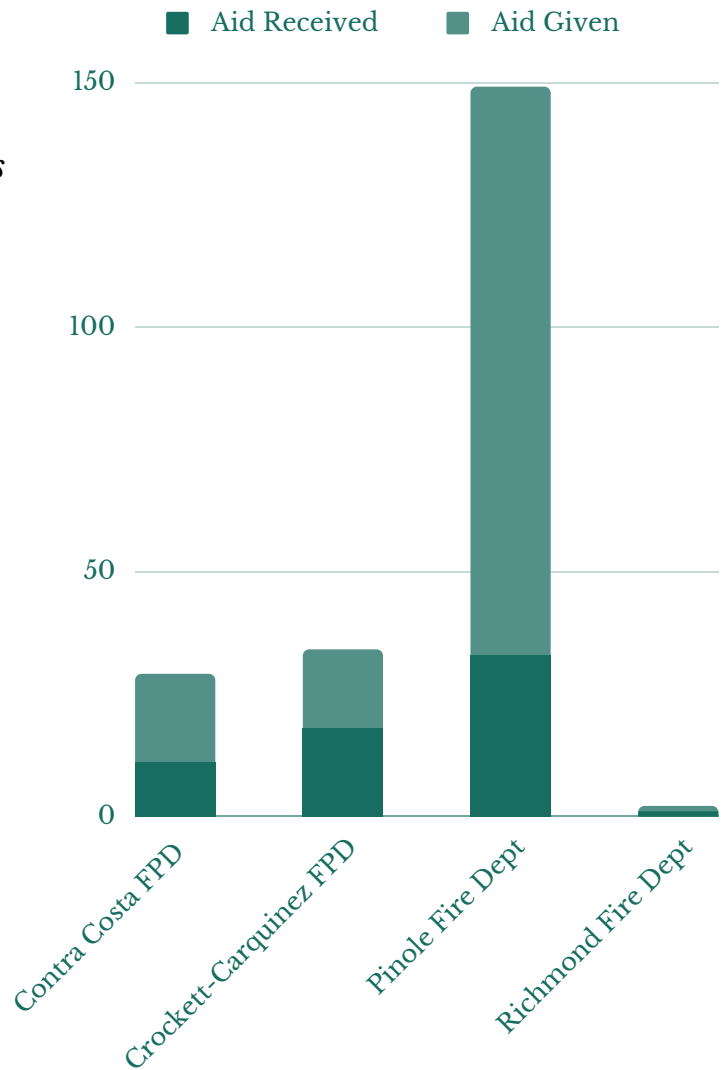
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

The General Fund budget: provides the funding source to fully compensate all Fire District employees



MUTUAL AID

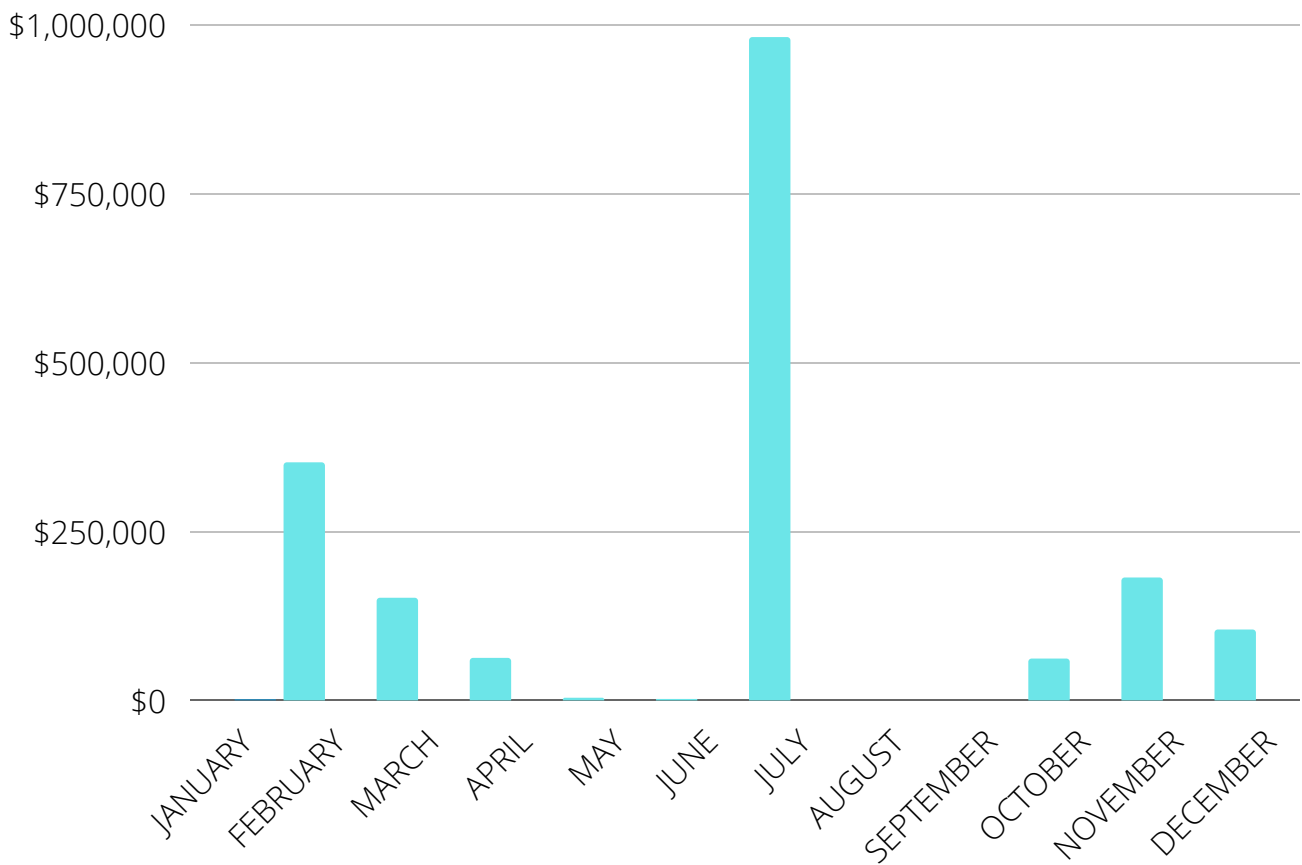
The District has participated in mutual and automatic aid agreements with other agencies, benefitting our constituents and neighboring communities.



CAL OES STRIKE TEAMS

RHFD sent strike teams to assist with the Dixie fire (963,309 acres, pictured), Monument fire (223,124 acres) and Caldor fire (21,835 acres) in Northern California.

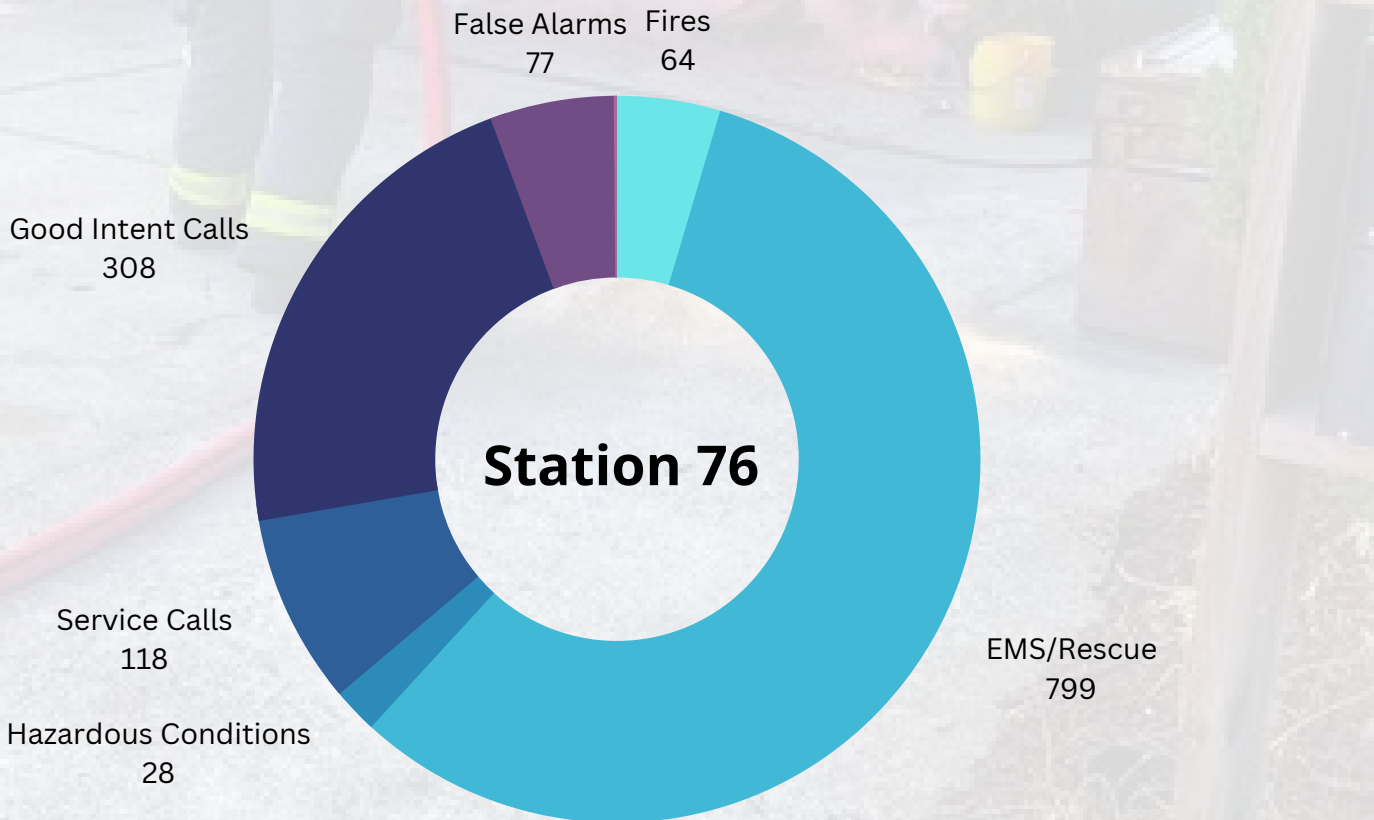
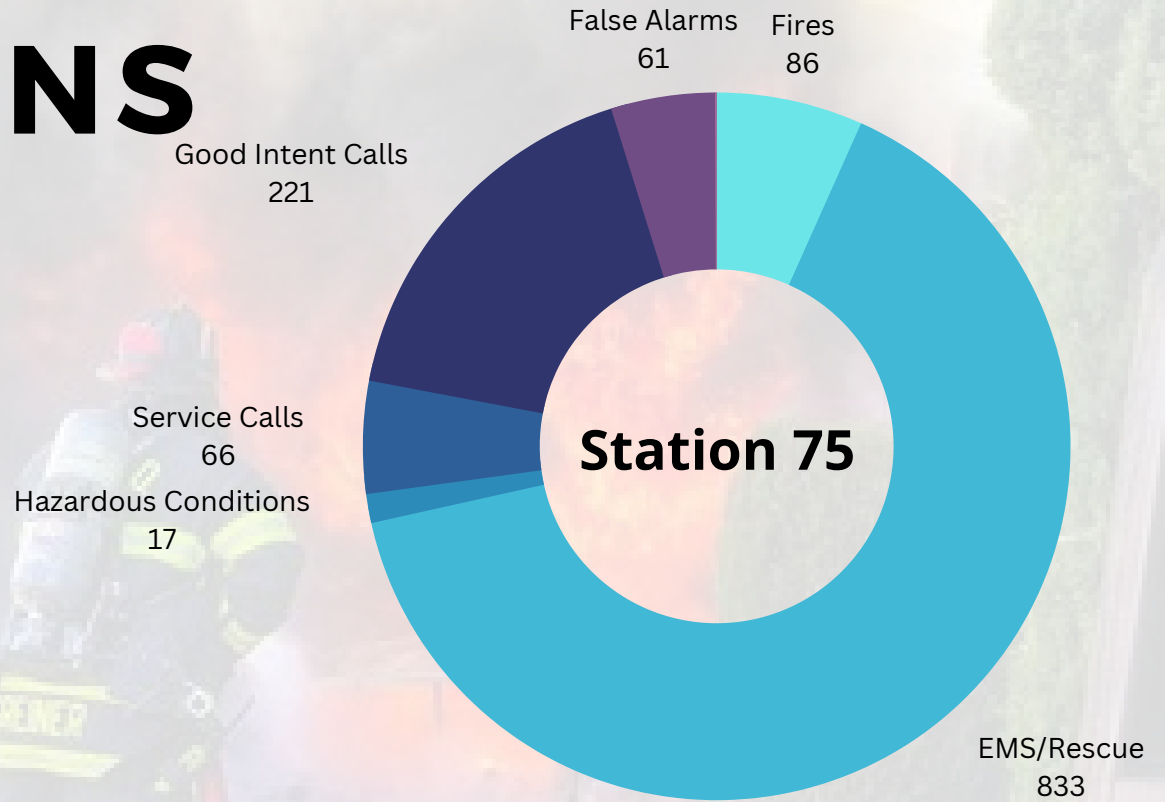
RESIDENTIAL FIRE LOSS BY MONTH



Count of Fires with Loss	Month	Count
	January	0
	February	4
	March	2
	April	2
	May	1
	June	1
	July	3
	August	0
	September	0
	October	1
	November	1
	December	2



COMPANY RUNS



RHFD IN THE COMMUNITY

Throughout 2021, Covid-19 continued to affect the District's ability to interact with the public like in years past. We postponed October's Open House for the second year in a row and continued to put our third grade class visits on hold. Despite this, we were able to assist the County with its drive-thru Covid vaccine injection site at Valley Bible Church in Hercules and we helped collect toys for the holidays with the US Marines.





3,093

2021 TRAINING HOURS



Annual Bayo Vista Training Burn

After a structure fire, crews return to learn and improve on their level of service and to share their experience.

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 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.