

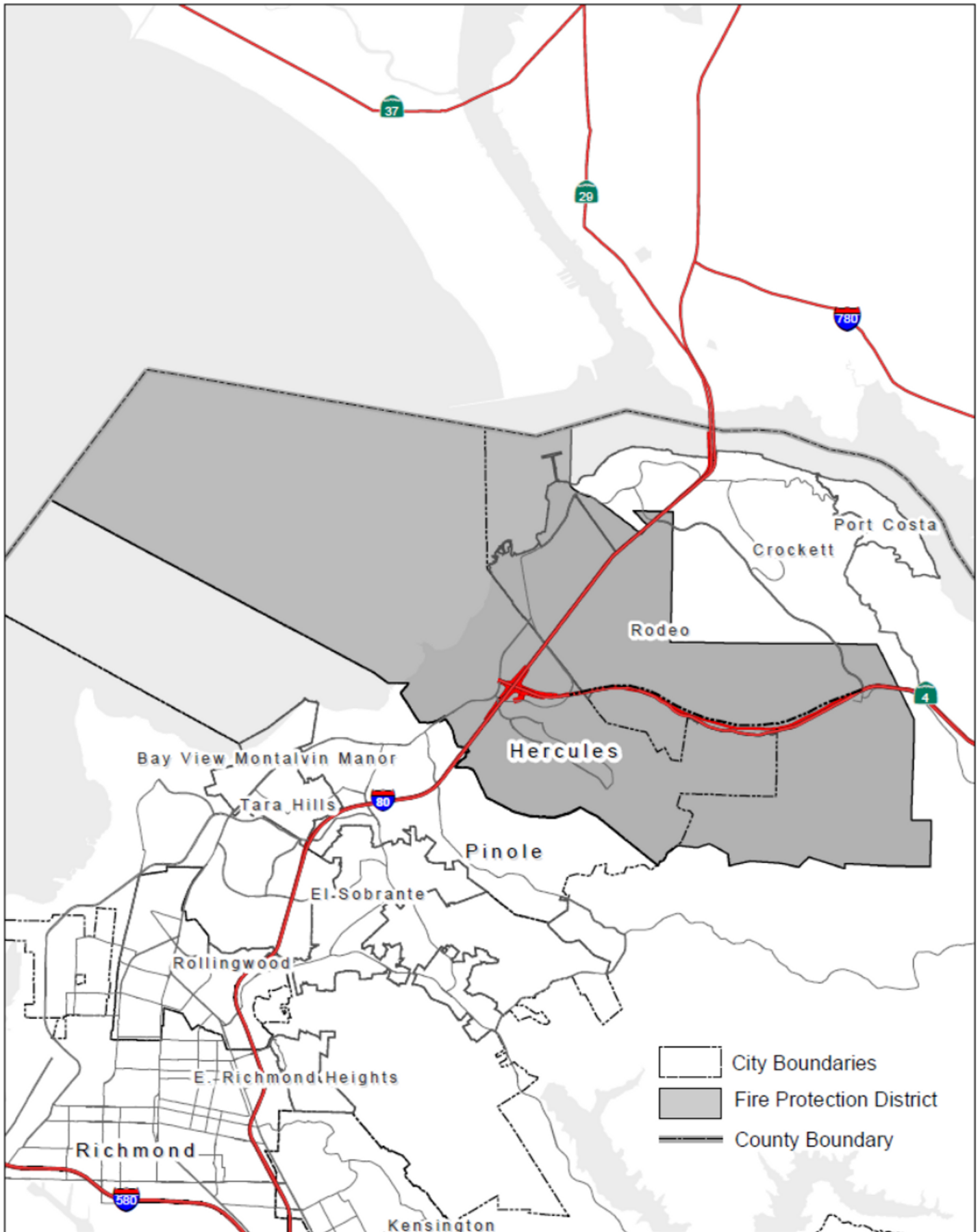
# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT










# Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District



-  City Boundaries
-  Fire Protection District
-  County Boundary

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# OUR BEGINNINGS



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.

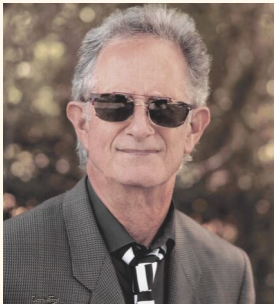
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



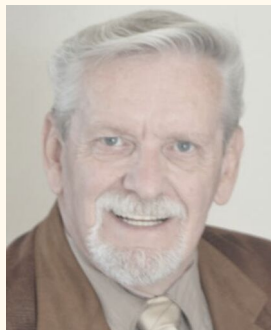
**Andrew Gabriel**  
*Appointed 2/2016*



**William "Bill" Prather**  
*Appointed 12/2018*



**Marc Thorpe**  
*Appointed 12/2016*



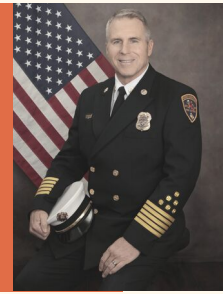
**Ernest Wheeler**  
*Appointed 12/2014*



**Raemona Williams**  
*Appointed 12/2014*

*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.*

# MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF BRYAN CRAIG



## Citizens of Rodeo and Hercules,

I am honored as the Fire Chief to present the Annual Report for the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District. This past year has continued the District's aligned effort to consistently move forward in a positive, productive direction. Any of our adversities were overcome with one goal in mind- to continue to deliver emergency services to the residents of Rodeo and Hercules and to provide them the emergency protection they so rightfully deserve.

The District has been providing emergency services from its two fire stations located in the communities of Rodeo and Hercules for over 89 years. Although the type and frequency of responses have changed over the years, the inherent danger has remained the same. Never wavering, District members responded to over 3,000 calls for service from its two staffed fire stations. Responses include, but are not limited to; structure and wildland fires, vehicle accidents, rescues, and medical emergencies. In addition, Fire District members assisted in large and small scale incidents throughout Contra Costa County and neighboring jurisdictions and throughout the state.

The Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District is one-third of Battalion 7 which is a regional cooperative agreement between our agency, Pinole Fire Department and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. This is a resource-sharing agreement that provides a 24-hour Battalion Chief and staffed fire stations to respond into 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 been successful in receiving several million dollars in grant funding that allowed us to develop and train personnel, make energy-efficient improvements, and continue our co-sharing agreement. In addition, the District continues to participate in several regional grants to help continue its fiscal conservancy. These grants have allowed the District to upgrade its Self-Contained Breathing apparatus and purchase new face masks with built-in thermal imaging, allowing all firefighters the ability to perform rescues in smoky conditions. In its effort to be more environmentally conscious, the District has applied for a grant for equipment to help reduce the amount of diesel smoke produced by the fire engines.

The District is governed by a five-member elected Board of Directors that continues to guide the District into the future with sound conservative fiscal decisions. The Board's dedication to transparency and to building community trust has secured the District's financial stability.

I look forward to continuing our shared commitment to the safety of the residents of Rodeo and Hercules and the fiscal conservancy of the District.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Board of Directors

Fire Chief

Fire Marshal

Administrative Assistants

CCCFPD  
Battalion Chief

RHFPD  
Battalion Chief

Pinole FD  
Battalion Chief

6 Captains

6 Engineers

6 Firefighters

# DISTRICT PERSONNEL

## *FIRE CHIEF*

Bryan Craig (31 years of service)

## *BATTALION CHIEF*

Darren Johnson (33 years of service)

## *CAPTAINS*

Chuck Coleman (32 years of service)\*

Greg Fernando (32 years of service)

Brian Solidum ( 21 years of service )\*

Skye Johnson (18 years of service)\* 2013 Firefighter of the Year

Jack Clapp (18 years of service)\* 2017 Firefighter of the Year

Jerry Short (5 years of service) 2014 Firefighter of the Year

## *ENGINEERS*

Bill Clark (34 years of service)\* 2012 Firefighter of the Year

Rich Clarine (31 years of service)

Jonathan Bischoff (18 years of service)\*

Robert Gelhaus (5 years of service)\*

Clint Ballard (5 years of service)\*

Donovan Kiel (4 years of service)\* 2015 Firefighter of the Year

## *FIREFIGHTERS*

Theresa Vouchilas (4 years of service)\*

Barron Flanders (4 years of service)

Derek Cochnauer (1 year of service) 2018 Firefighter of the Year

Matthew Greiner (1 year of service)

Miguel Carvajal (1 year of service)

Anthony Paolini (1 year of service)

## *FIRE MARSHAL*

Bill Lellis (20 years of associated service)

## *ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS*

Kimberly Corcoran (3 years of service)

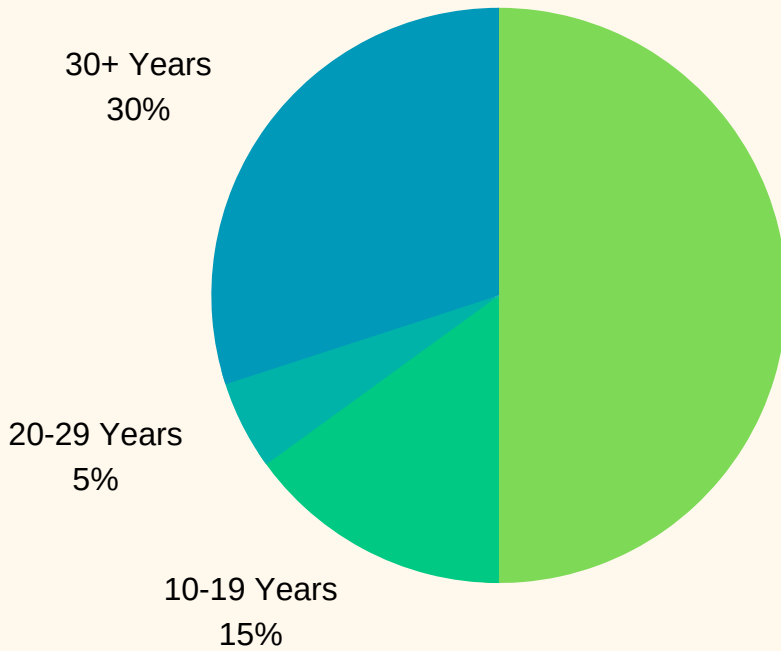
Tammy Tomas (<1 year of service)

\* Paramedic





# YEARS OF SERVICE



*Firefighters Miguel Carvajal (l) and Anthony Paolini joined RHFPD in 2018*

## 2018 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



### **DEREK COCHNAUER**

Firefighter Cochnauer joined the District in 2017. He was chosen Firefighter of the Year by his peers with the support of the Hercules Rotary Club.



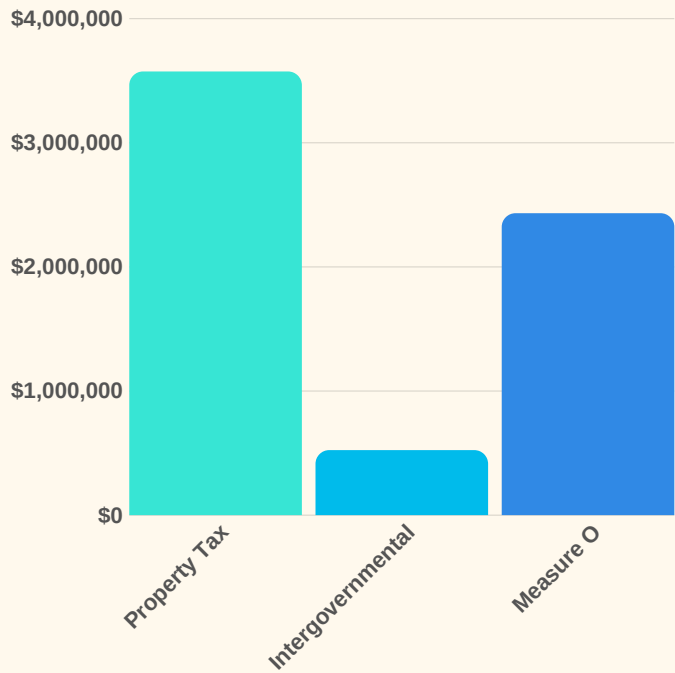
# TRAINING & EDUCATION

**Annual Training Hours: 2,692**

*The following is a partial list of what District personnel trained for in 2018. Firefighters are constantly updating their skills to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations*

- Engine Company Standards
- Paramedic Program
  - Continuing Education
- Emergency Medical Technician - Continuing Education
- Industrial Firefighting School
- Wildland Training
- Command Classes
- Confined Space Rescue
- Forcible Entry
- Multi-Company MCI
- Vehicle Extrication
- SCBA Training
- Hazmat FRO Refresher
- Hazmat Decontamination
- Multi-Company Drills
- Management Classes

# REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



## 2017-18 REVENUE

Property Tax	\$3,571,996
Intergovernmental	\$520,738
Measure O	\$2,429,756
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,522,490</b>

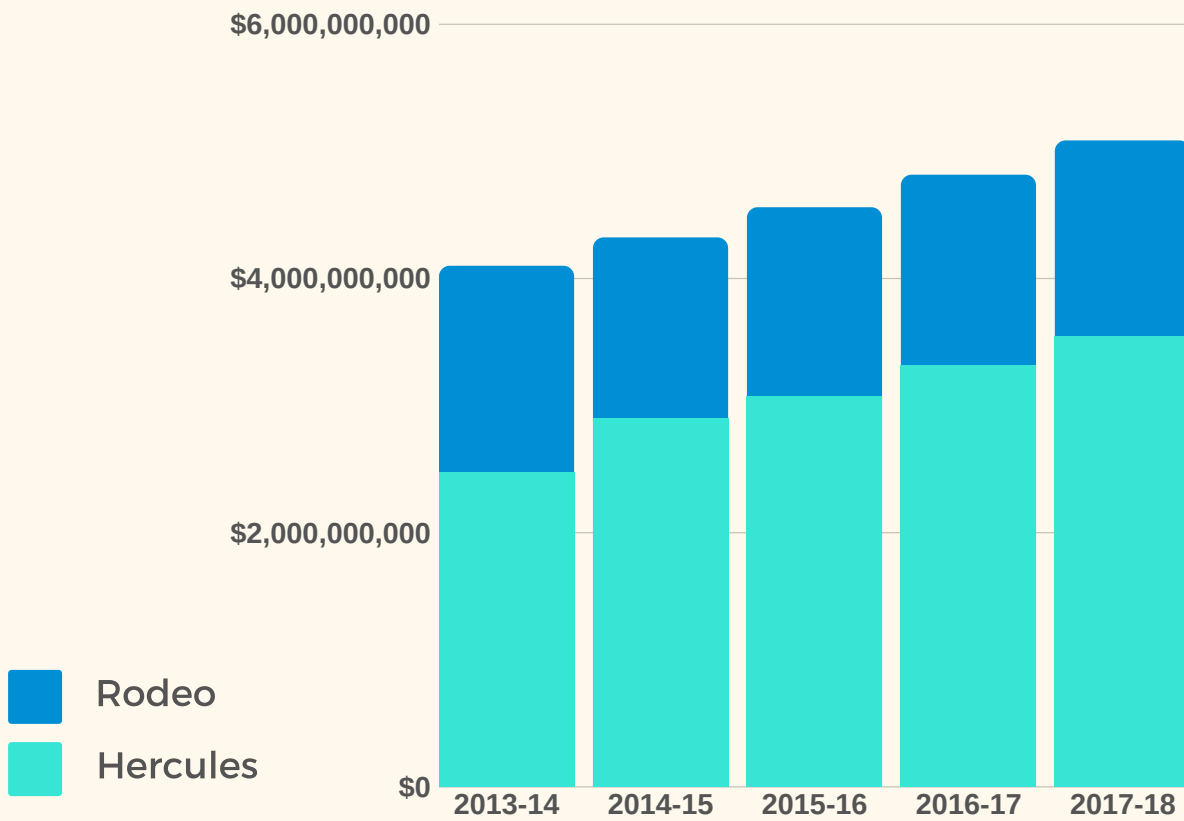
**The General Fund Budget** provides the funding source to fully compensate all Fire District employees. It also contains revenue to support operations and activities of its two fully staffed fire stations. Some of these expenses range from training equipment, apparatus repair and facility maintenance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

## REVENUE

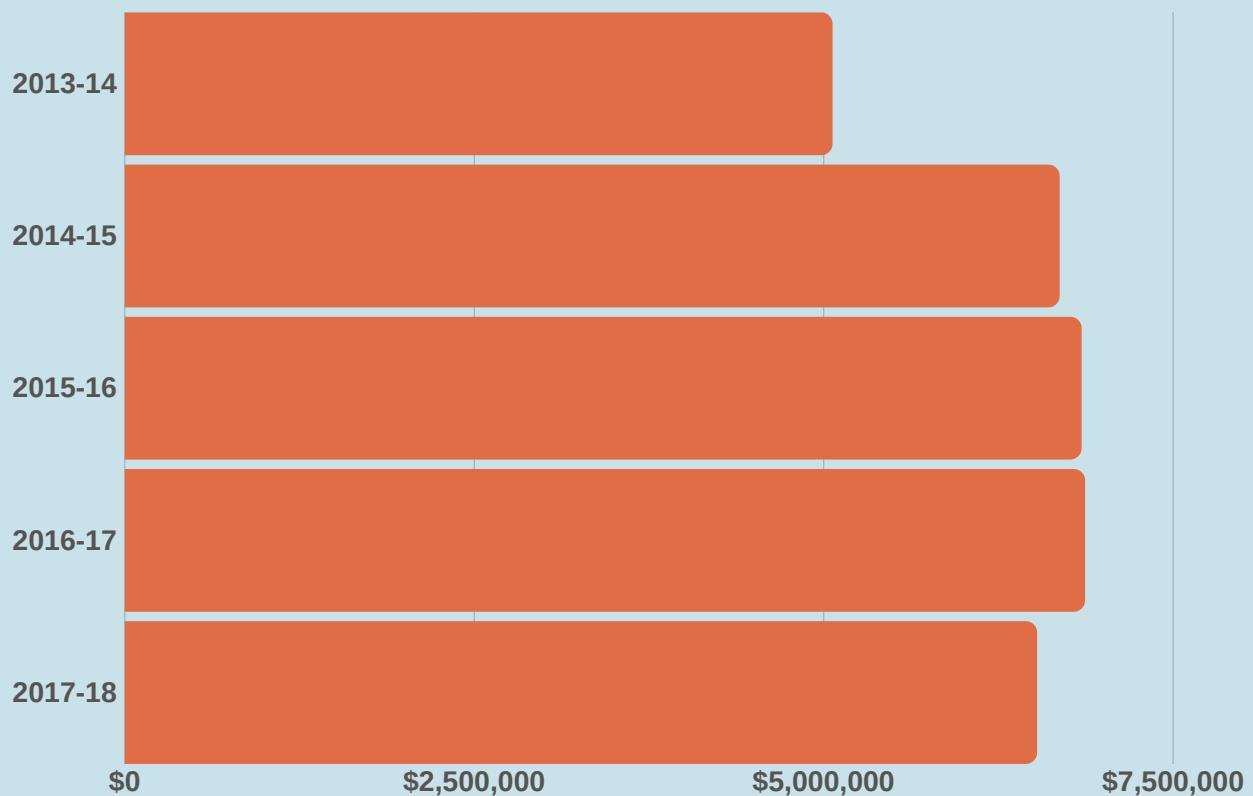
## EXPENSES

	REVENUE	EXPENSES
FY 2013-14	\$5,058,796	\$5,453,361
2014-15	\$6,683,609	\$9,275,239
2015-16	\$6,840,789	\$6,830,700
2016-17	\$6,809,586	\$6,865,773
2017-18	\$6,522,490	\$6,860,077

## 5-Year Assessed Valuation History (in billions of dollars)



## 5-Year Budget History (in millions of dollars)



# APPARATUS

The Fire District deploys several types of apparatus depending upon the emergency we are responding to. These apparatus types are placed into categories that are used in the Incident Command System as a means of organizing multi-agency resources. The District maintains this variety of fire apparatus and equipment to meet the public safety needs of our service area that includes major highways and streets, undeveloped wildland, urban interface areas, developed urban residential areas and refinery/industrial areas.

## 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.



# 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 benefit from this sharing of resources and a regionalized approach.

Aid Received    Aid Given

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District	6	32
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District	10	19
Pinole Fire Department	14	155
Richmond Fire Department	1	3
Strike Teams	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>114</b>

# STRIKE TEAMS

New for this year, firefighters throughout the state as well as RHFPD firefighters were pre-positioned in Strike Teams (five of the same type of firefighting vehicle, with crews that are led by a strike team leader) as requested by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. These teams are able to provide expedited emergency response in the event of a fire during hazardous weather events.

RHFPD sent strike teams to 5 wildfires in 2018, including the largest in California history (Mendocino Complex Fire) and the deadliest and most destructive in California history (Camp Fire). Strike team crews also helped in the efforts to fight the Klamathon, Delta and Carr fires of 2018. Together, these fires consumed nearly one million acres of land across Northern California.





# FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

## Fire Prevention and Investigation is responsible for:

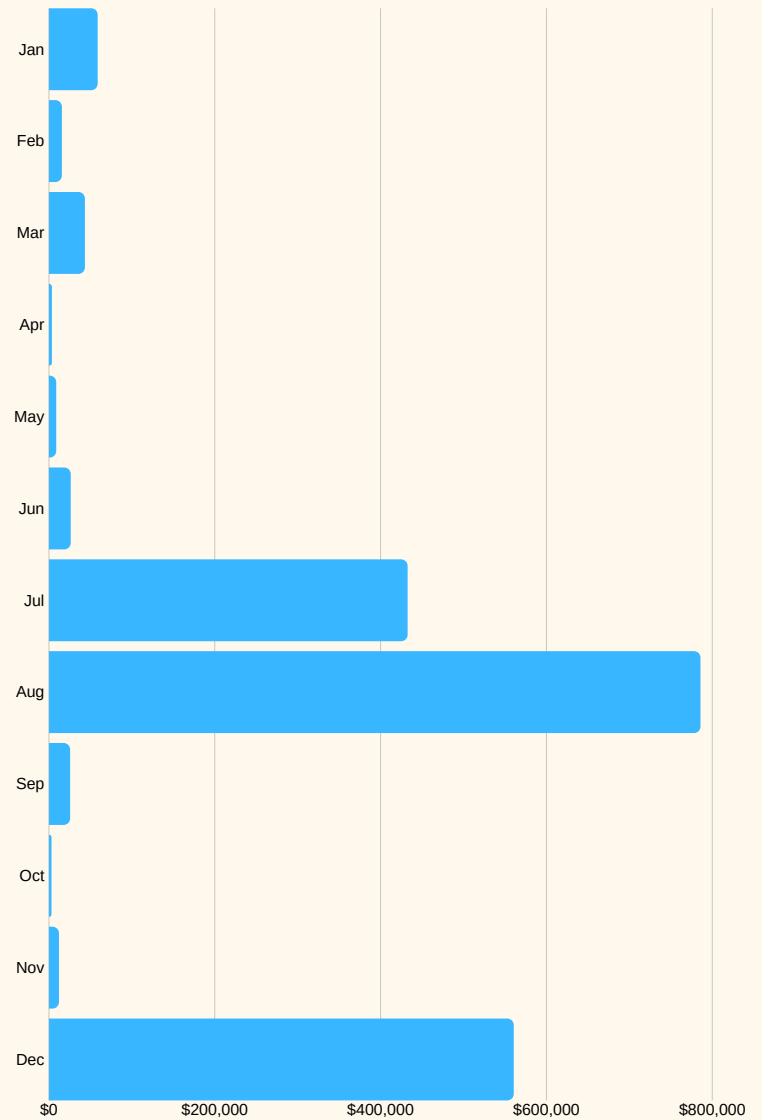
- **Fire Investigation** — determining the origin and cause of fires and the investigations of fire-related incidents
- **Plan Review** — review of construction plans and specifications for compliance with local and state requirements
- **Code Enforcement** — inspection of public and private properties for unabated hazardous and/or combustible fuels (including weeds), which would allow a fire to travel from property to property
- **Inspection** — annual inspections of all school properties, businesses, licensed daycare facilities, adult care facilities and apartment buildings. On-site inspections of commercial tenant improvements and new construction





## FIRE LOSS BY MONTH

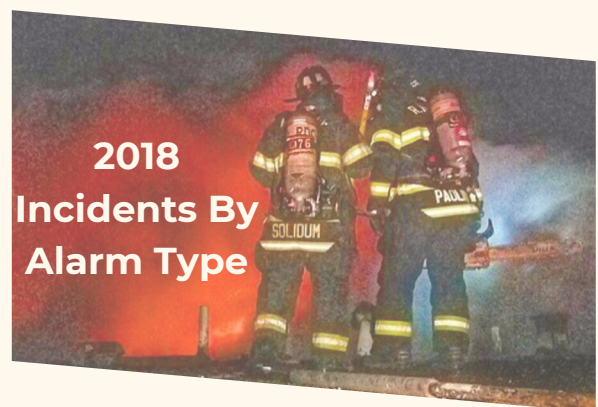
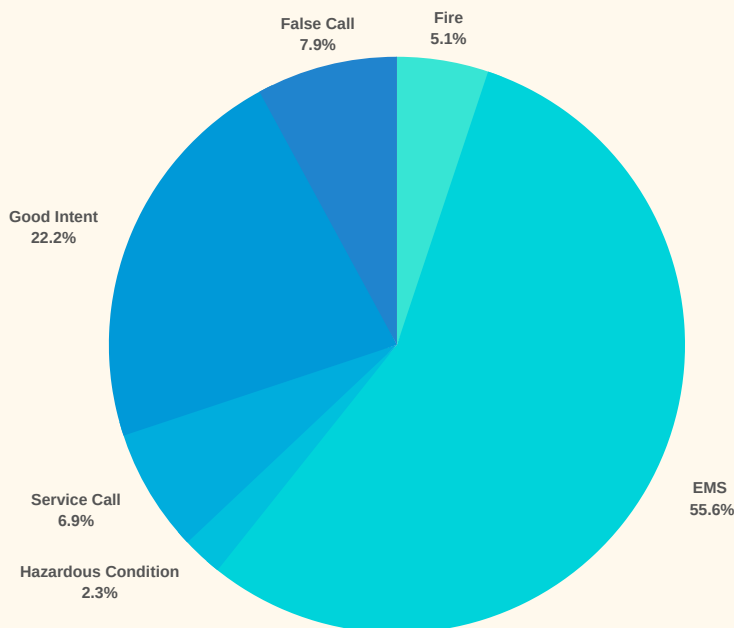
<b>January</b>	<b>\$58,200</b>
<i>February</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<b>March</b>	<b>\$42,800</b>
<i>April</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<b>May</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>
<i>June</i>	<i>\$25,700</i>
<b>July</b>	<b>\$432,000</b>
<i>August</i>	<i>\$785,200</i>
<b>September</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<i>October</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<b>November</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
<i>December</i>	<i>\$560,000</i>



# OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is responsible for:

- **Suppression** - Personnel are specially trained to respond to residential and commercial structure fires, refinery fires and industrial emergencies and fires occurring in the wildland and wildland-urban interface
- **Rescue** - Personnel receive specialized training in vehicle extraction, high- and low- angle rope rescue, and shore based water rescue
- **Emergency Medical Services** - All engine companies have a minimum of one advanced life support paramedic. The RHFPD is part of the Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services Systems and works in cooperation with all pre-hospital care providers in the county



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

Fires **83**  
Rescue & EMS **688**  
Hazardous Conditions **34**  
Service Call **67**  
Good Intent Call **216**  
False Alarms **88**  
Other Calls **1**

## Town of Rodeo

Area Served **18 mi sq**  
Population Served **8,500**  
Assessed Valuation **\$2.6 billion**  
Total Fire Loss for 2018:  
**\$1,205,900**

TO THAT END WE VALUE:

- 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 44  
Rescue & EMS 715  
Hazardous Conditions 26  
Service Call 113  
Good Intent Call 351  
False Alarms 117  
Other Calls 4

## City of Hercules

Area Served 14 mi sq  
Population Served 25,500  
Assessed Valuation \$3.5 billion  
Total Fire Loss for 2018:  
\$771,200

# BATTALION 7

Area Served (populated)

36 sq. mi.

Area Served (parks & wildland)

1,215 sq. mi.



Battalion 7 is jointly operated by the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, Pinole Fire Department and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection 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 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 is essential to the successful resolution of an array of calls for service.



