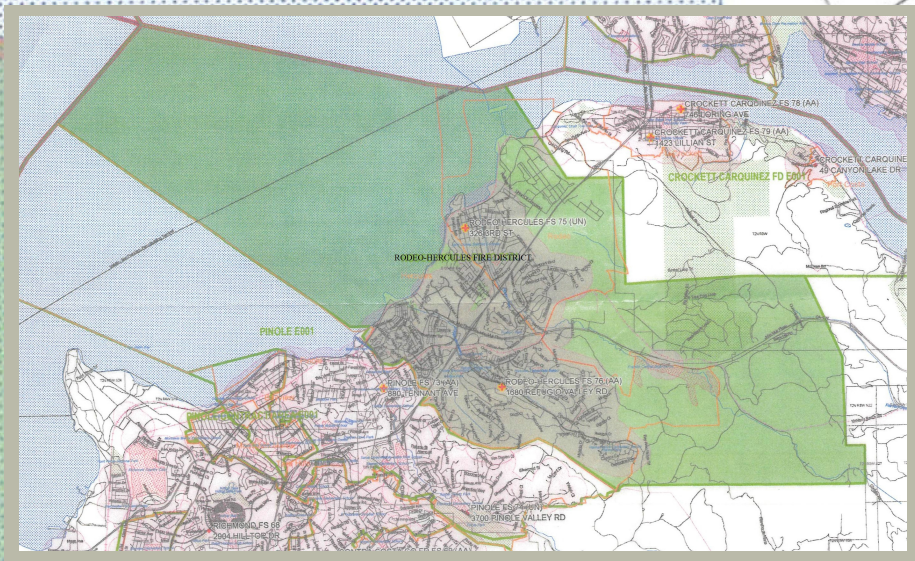


# Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District

2020

Annual Report





RODEO-HERCULES FS 75 (UN)  
326 3RD ST

RODEO-HERCULES FIRE DISTRICT

PINOLE E001

PINOLE FS 73 (AA)  
880 TENNANT AVE

RODEO-HERCULES FS 76 (AA)  
1680 REFUGIO VALLEY RD

PINOLE FS 74 (UN)  
3700 PINOLE VALLEY RD

# DISTRICT HISTORY



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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 from our two fire station 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 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, one Administrative Services Officer and one Administrative Assistant.

# 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Mark Thorpe**  
*Appointed 12/2016*



**Damon Covington**  
*Appointed 12/2018*



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



**Steve Hill**  
*Appointed 12/2018*



**William "Bill" Prather**  
*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 (due to Covid-19, meetings are temporarily being held via Zoom).*

# 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 94-year history, even when faced with the significant challenges brought on by a global pandemic. The Fire District continues to provide uninterrupted emergency services from its two fully staffed fire stations.

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.

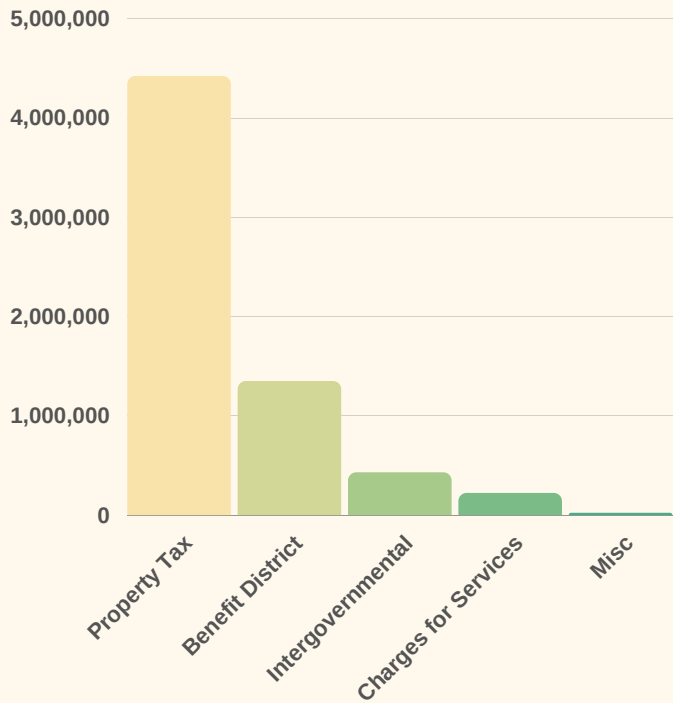
The Fire District will continue its focus on environmental consciousness by reducing its carbon footprint. Firefighter safety and cancer prevention also remain a priority. The Fire District will continue to put in place mitigation that will reduce the risks associated with the unburned products of combustion 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.

# R.H.F.P.D. Organizational Chart



# REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



## 2019-20 REVENUE

Property Tax	\$4,419,569
Intergovernmental	\$427,275
Benefit Assessment	\$1,347,040
Charges for Services	\$219,818
Misc	\$19,691

**TOTAL \$6,433,393**

**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.

	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>
FY 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
2019-20	\$6,433,393	\$5,321,323

# 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

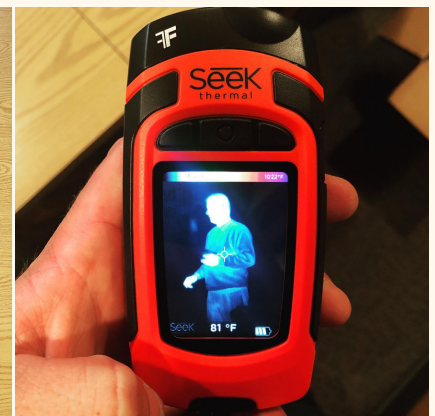
- 2017 GMC Tahoe (2)
- 2007 Ford Escape
- 2005 Ford Expedition
- 2005 Ford F350

## SPECIALTY TRAILERS 4

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



*RHFD Firefighters have been equipped with handheld thermal imaging cameras (TICs). A TIC is used inside a residential or commercial structure fire in low visibility conditions. The TIC has the ability to read internal temperature differences in fires to allow interior firefighters to locate victims still trapped within the structure.*





# TRAINING & EDUCATION

*2020 Training Hours: 4,230*



RHFPD recruited and hired three firefighters in 2020. All eligible recruits hired by RHFPD have completed a Firefighter 1 academy prior to employment. Each probationary firefighter must then complete an 18-month probation which provides them with a strong foundation of training and familiarizes them with the daily operations of the District. During this probationary period, firefighters complete multiple manipulative evolutions, drills, classroom sessions, and daily written exams. This foundation prepares each firefighter for a career that includes constant training to maintain and update their skills.

# TRAINING & EDUCATION



Firefighters revisit locations of previous fires to perform training. Utilizing these structures for training is useful for passing on experience and information to new firefighters as well as those who were not on duty on the day of the incident.

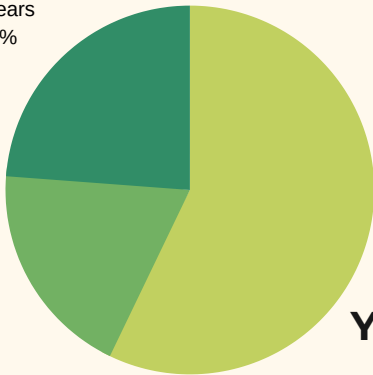


Live fire training occurs annually in Rodeo in the open space of the old Bayo Vista housing area. While the burn is used for firefighter training, it also minimizes grass and brush fuels and decreases the threat of intense grass fires in the area.



*(L to R) Firefighters Jesus Garcia, Carlo Granzella and Jason Garry joined RHFD in 2020*

30+ Years  
23.8%



0-9 Years  
57.1%

20-29 Years  
19%

## YEARS OF SERVICE

## 2020 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



### MIGUEL CARVAJAL

Firefighter Carvajal joined the Fire District in 2018 and has quickly risen to be a well-respected member. Firefighter Carvajal was chosen as the 2020 Firefighter of the year by his peers and presented with a commemorative plaque by the Pinole and Hercules Rotary Clubs.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COVID-19 altered the normal interaction between RHFD firefighters and the people they serve for much of 2020.

Most of the District's programs were put on hold, such as classroom visits and the annual open house.

Despite facing these limitations, firefighters were able to interact with the community in other ways, such as participating in the City of Hercules' Halloween contest (and winning first place!). Quint 76 also brought Santa to the Hercules swim center for the City's annual tree lighting ceremony.

The District partnered with the Marine Corps on their annual *Toys For Tots* toy drive.

We received a remarkable amount of donations, and with the help of a local car club and the community as a whole, the District was able to donate an incredible amount of toys and bikes to children in need.



Station 75's scarecrow



Station 76's "Headless Horseman" scarecrow



Quint 76 and Santa



TOYS FOR TOTS



# 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	11	30
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District	8	27
Pinole Fire Department	33	94
Richmond Fire Department	0	2
Strike Teams	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>160</b>



# STRIKE TEAMS



Strike Teams consist of additional personnel and equipment from throughout the operational area who are deployed if a large scale wildfire or disaster occurs.

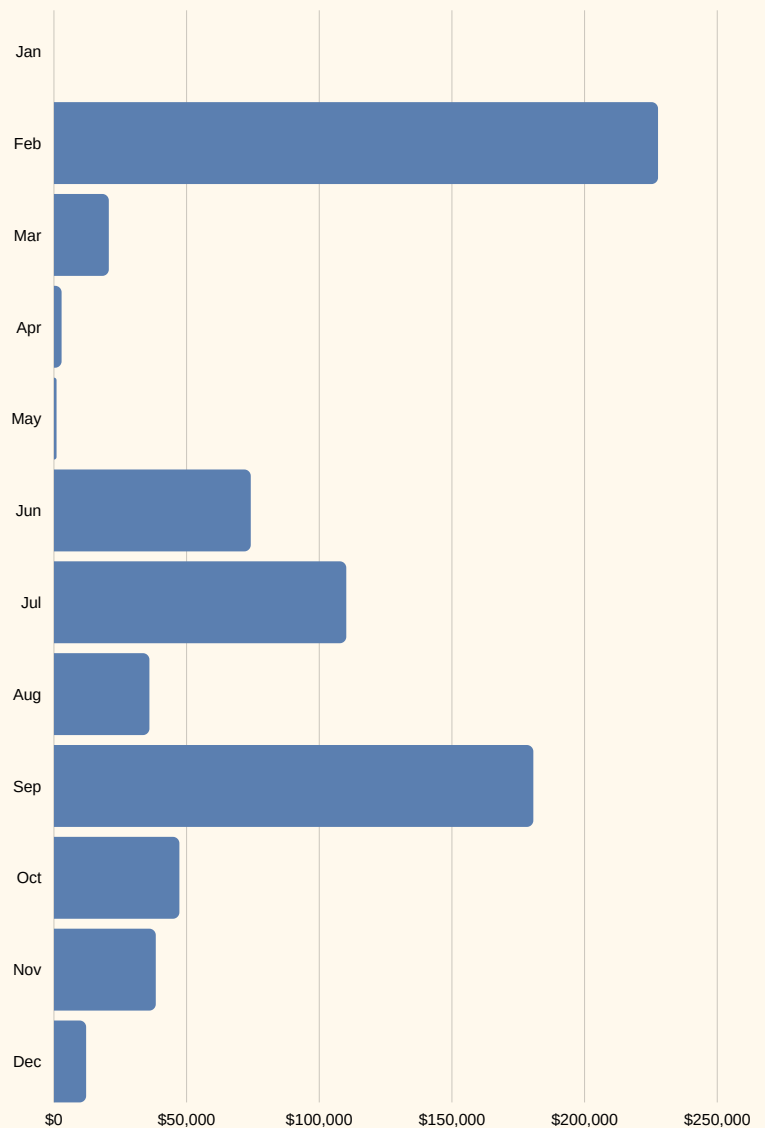
2020 was a record-setting year for wildfires; scorching over 4 million acres across California, damaging or destroying over 10,000 structures, and taking the lives of 33 people. RHFPD personnel responded on strike teams to multiple Northern California incidents including Napa and Sonoma County's Glass Fire and the multi-county Lightning Complex Fire.





## 2020 FIRE LOSS BY MONTH

<b>January</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>\$227,500</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>\$35,800</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>\$180,500</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>\$47,100</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>\$38,200</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>\$11,950</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$749,050</b>





# STATION 75



## Company Runs

Fire 86  
EMS/Rescue 742  
Hazardous Conditions 20  
Service Call 81  
Good Intent Call 214  
False Alarms 71  
Other Calls 1

## Town of Rodeo

Area Served 18 sq. mi.  
Population Served 10,409  
Assessed Valuation \$2.8 billion\*  
Total Fire Loss for 2020:  
**\$333,200**

\*County Figure Includes Crockett and Port Costa

# STATION 76



## Company Runs

Fires 60  
EMS/Rescue 700  
Hazardous Conditions 14  
Service Call 121  
Good Intent Call 311  
False Alarms 62  
Other Calls 1

## City of Hercules

Area Served 14 sq. mi.  
Population Served 25,616  
Assessed Valuation \$4.6 billion  
Total Fire Loss for 2020:  
\$415,851

# BATTALION 7

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



**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.

