



NAPA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to present our 2021 Annual Report on behalf of the Napa Fire Department. In some ways this past year continued to present our community and our department many challenges. Our calls for service continue to increase, and NFD crews faced an intense and lengthy wildland fire season, assisting many communities during firestorms throughout the state. The amount of suffering and loss is unparalleled. However, I have also witnessed our community, our city team, and our fire department band together and find ways to continue to collaborate and to compassionately serve. I am so very grateful to our community and business partners and our Fire Department personnel for demonstrating the very best Napa has to offer.

This year, Napa Fire Department was focused improving our internal processes and programs, training our workforce, and learning to safely adapt our work environments so we could continue providing excellent service to our community. As Chief, I am proud to say despite ongoing challenges related to the pandemic and the economy, the Department has proven we have the ability to enhance the services we provide to our community.

In 2021 we were able to recruit and train an additional six firefighter/paramedics, continue our workforce development training, develop new internal efficiencies, refine our fire prevention programs, our operations, and budgets for our specialty teams, and make significant improvements and investments into our apparatus, equipment, and health & wellness programs. In December, we were able to complete our specifications and purchase for three new fire engines.

2021 has again proved that your Napa Firefighters, Paramedics, and Fire Prevention teams are here to serve you and are dedicated to finding ways to enhance and improve that service. It is that drive for excellent service and constant learning that makes our department so great.

To our Napa community and to our Operations and Fire Prevention teams, thank you.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Zach Curren".

Zach Curren

Fire Chief

VISION STATEMENT

The Vision of the Napa Fire Department is to be an organization that:

Is recognized for delivering excellence in Fire-Rescue Emergency services and Community Risk Reduction through best practices;

Is dynamic, diverse, and proactively collaborates with others to meet the changing needs of our community;

Consistently demonstrates our core values;

Utilizes data, technology, and streamlined processes for greater efficiencies; and

Is dedicated to the professional development of our members

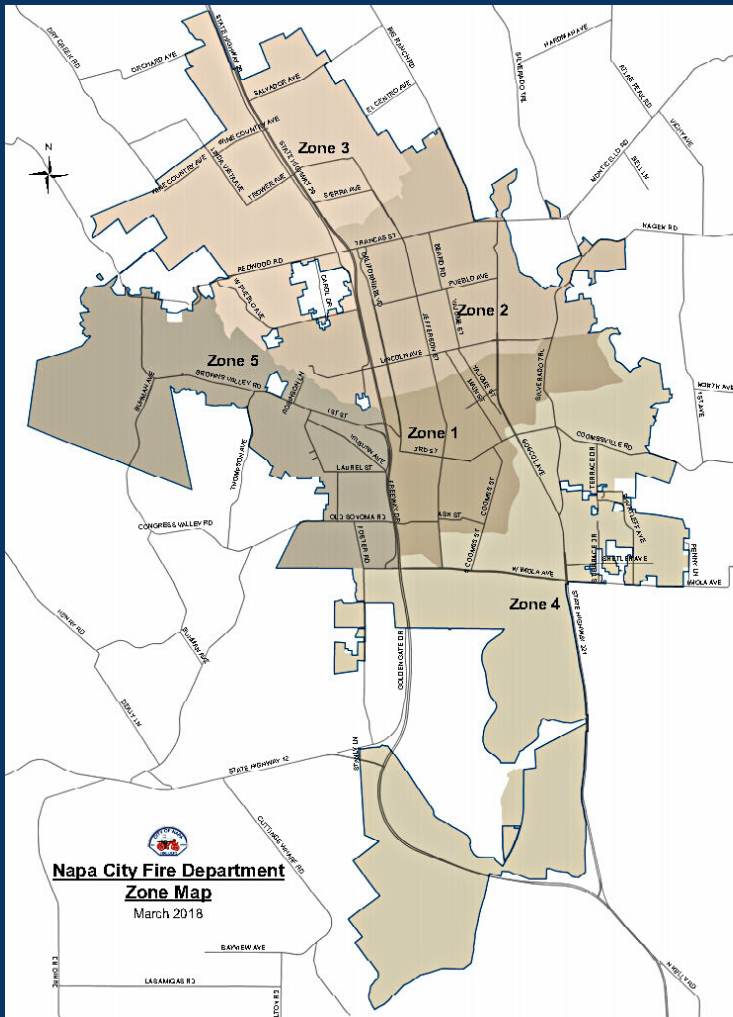
MISSION STATEMENT

"Always Here, Always Ready,
Serving You With Pride and Excellence"

CORE VALUES

- * Knowledge
- * Responsibility
- * Integrity
- * Service
- * Professionalism
- * Cooperation

AT-A-GLANCE



2021 TOTAL CALLS: 10,199

Fires.....	255
Hazardous Condition.....	218
EMS/Rescue.....	6,602
Rupture/Explosion.....	4
Service Calls.....	1,091
Good Intent.....	1,473
False Call.....	547
Miscellaneous.....	9

POPULATION:

Napa City - 76,498
 Napa County - 135,654

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE:

Napa City- \$14.9 Billion

LAND AREA:

Napa City - 17.8 sq mi
 Napa County - 748 sq mi

JURISDICTION:

Residential - 57.63%
 Commercial - 17.95%
 Industrial - 4.3%
 Open Land* - 20.12%
*Includes Parks, Agricultural, and Vacant Parcels

ISO RATING:

Class 2

STATIONS:

5

IN SERVICE:

4 Engine Companies
 1 Truck Company
 1 Squad Company
 1 Battalion Chief

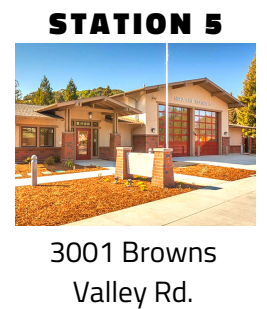
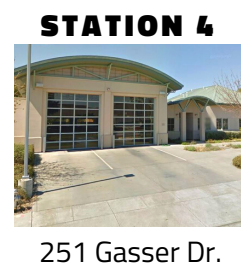
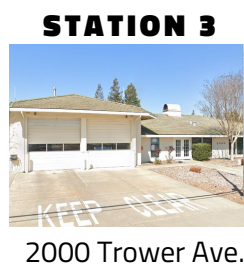
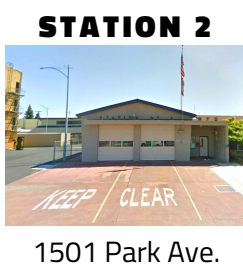
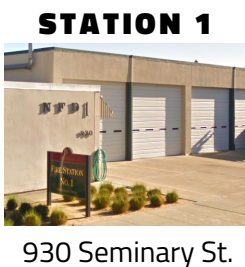
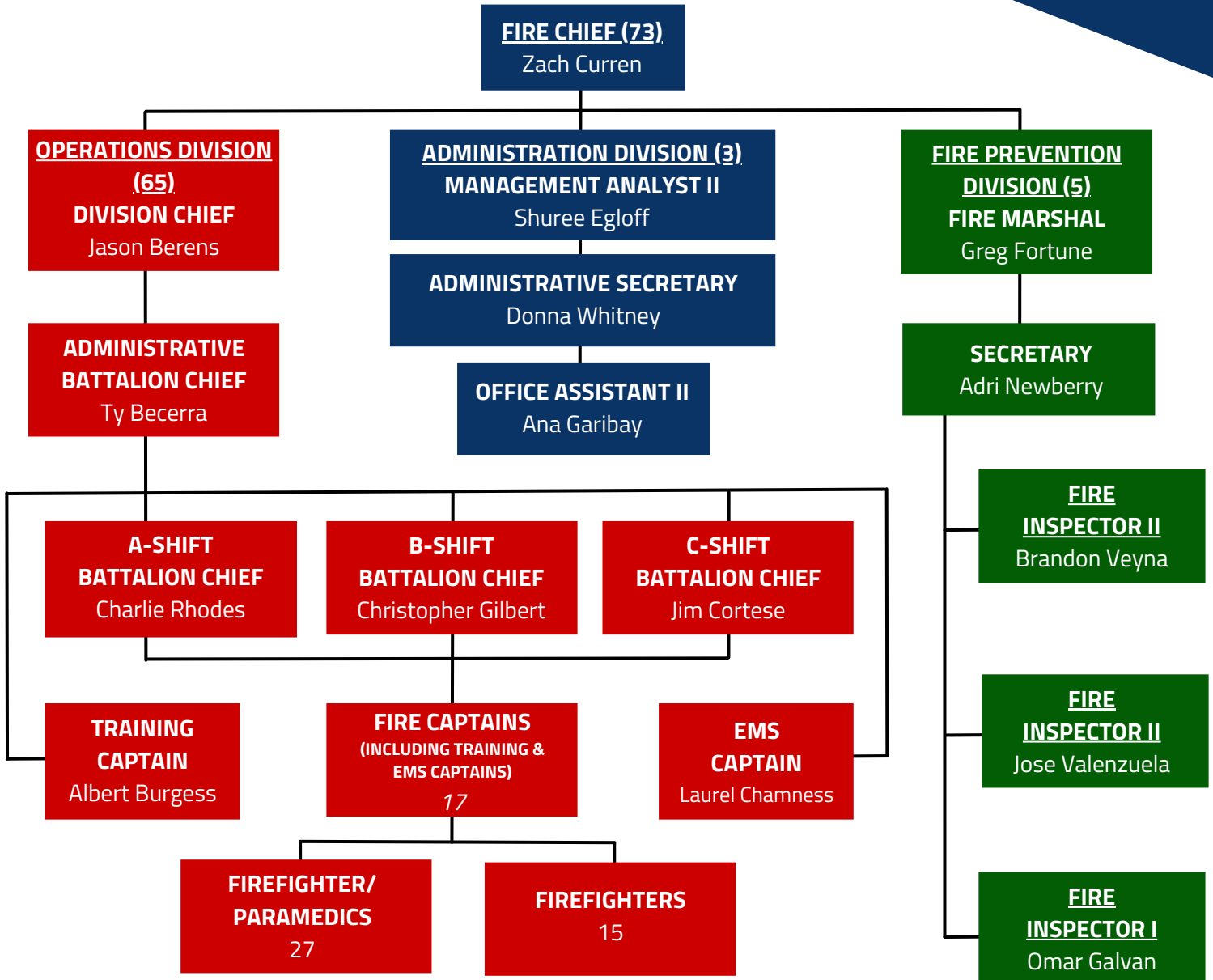
STAFFING:

3 Shifts
 18 / Day / Shift

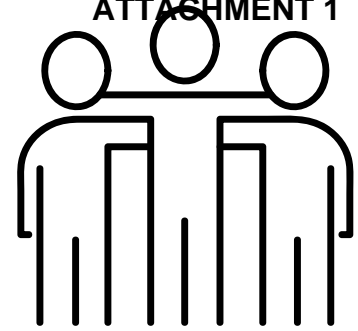
STAFFING RATIO:

Averages 1 on-duty FF per 4,250 residents

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFFING



PROMOTIONS

Jason Berens - Division Chief
 Ty Becerra - Administrative Battalion Chief
 Ryan Chagonjian - Captain
 Devon Ulitin - Captain
 Ryan Aimar - Captain
 Anthony Genaro - Captain
 Jose Valenzuela - Fire Inspector II
 Ana Garibay - Office Assistant II

NEW HIRES

Felix Barba - Firefighter/Paramedic
 Nicolas Pruett - Firefighter
 Scott Beckler - Firefighter
 Shea Barrett - Weed Abatement Officer (P/T)
 Adri Newberry - Fire Prevention Secretary
 (Transfer from Police Department)
 Bobby Sekine - Firefighter/Paramedic
 Daniel Nelson - Firefighter/Paramedic
 Sean Keenan - Firefighter/Paramedic
 Angelo Baracco - Intern (P/T)

APPOINTMENTS

Rick Boatman - Apparatus Specialist
 James Stanic - Napa Interagency Rescue Team
 Jeff Squibb - Napa Interagency Rescue Team
 Chris Morrison - Peer Support
 Hattie Hamilton - Peer Support
 William Schimpf - Peer Support
 Jeremie Hannon - Fitness Coordinator
 James Stanic - Apparatus Specialist
 Jim Callanan - Apparatus Specialist
 Rick Boatman - HazMat Specialist
 Chris Gonzalez - HazMat Specialist

RETIREMENTS

Eli Cronbach - Captain
 Steve Becker - Captain
 Dan D'Angelo - Captain
 Eileen Spanier - Fire Prevention Secretary

DECEASED RETIREES

Joe Baez - Captain



Top to Bottom, Left to Right

Academy 2021-1

Felix Barba
 Nicolas Pruett
 Scott Beckler

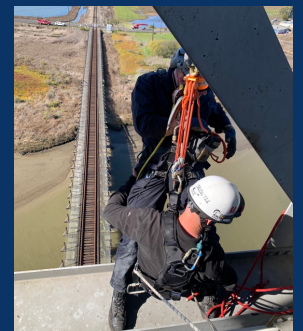
Academy 2021-2

Bobby Sekine
 Sean Keenan
 Daniel Nelson



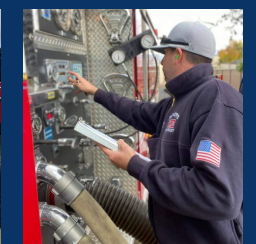
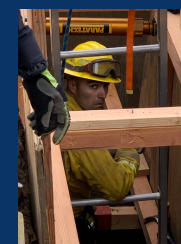
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued to Provide City Leadership for the Ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and Wildfires
- Captain Aimar secured a \$21,000 Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant
- Updated the Department Controlled Substance Storage Program
- Fire Prevention Inspectors Successfully Completed 100% of State Mandated Inspections
- Fire Administration Offices Relocation



2022 GOALS & INITIATIVES

- Workforce Development
- Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Update Program Metrics
- Research & Secure Additional Grant Opportunities
- Continue Community Outreach Through Social Media
- Initiate Standards of Cover Study
- Update the City's False Alarm Ordinance



DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS UPDATE



City Manager Steve Potter presented Battalion Chief Christopher Gilbert with his 20 year service award as well as recognition as a 2020 Outstanding Performer on behalf of the City of Napa and in recognition of his tireless efforts during the height of the Covid pandemic which included being the liaison for city employees to get testing, vaccinations, advocating for employees to have proper fitting PPE, and general guidance. On behalf of the NFD, we congratulate Battalion Chief Christopher Gilbert on this major accomplishment.

Congratulations to the following personnel who have completed their Acting Captains & Acting Battalion Chiefs Task Books in 2021:

- Acting Captains
 - Rick Boatman
 - Nate Bjorgum
 - Matt Gonsalves
 - Will Schimpf
- Acting Battalion Chief
 - Erik Mortimore



2021 marked the 20th Anniversary of the tragic September 11 events. We all swore to never forget that day and this year NFD payed tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Pictured are members of our Honor Guard at the 9/11 memorial in Napa.



ACADEMY GRADUATION



Academy 2021-1

This year, we hosted 2 academies and welcomed 2 new firefighters and 4 firefighter/paramedics. All of our new hires come with a plethora of experience and an eagerness to serve their Napa community. Pictured from left to right, Nicholas Pruett, Felix Barba, Scott Beckler, Fire Chief Zach Curren, Daniel Nelson, Bobby Sekine, and Sean Keenan.



Academy 2021-2

MAJOR WEATHER & CITY WIDE INCIDENTS

BOTTLEROCK

Bottlerock made a comeback this year, after being canceled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We had crews on scene to provide fire and life safety, as well as, the Fire Chief making a special appearance on the Culinary Stage. Famed chef Guy Fieri, invited first responders and law enforcement to participate in a friendly cook off between public safety personnel.



COVID-19

COVID-19 continued to ravage all throughout the 2021 year. We sent four Paramedics/EMT's to assist hospitals in Los Angeles County during a Covid surge.



MAJOR CITY INCIDENTS

This year Napa continued to endure the Covid-19 Pandemic and multiple wildfire deployments. In addition, NFD responded to significant structure fires, HazMat incidents, and increased homeless-related incidents. Pictured to the right are a few photos from some of the calls from this past year.



OUT OF COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS

Wildfire season was calmer this year within our county and NFD Strike Teams were deployed around the state. They were assigned to six wildfires, including one out of state deployment in Oregon.

- Bootleg Fire - Klamath County, Oregon
- Monument Fire - Trinity County
- Airola Fire - Calaveras County
- Dixie Fire - Multi County
- Alisal Fire - Santa Barbara County
- Caldor Fire - Multi County

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION



We were pleased to be a part of the City sponsored Kids Camp at Las Flores Community Center. They had a day dedicated to first aid and CPR. Overall, 64 children and camp counselors were taught hands only CPR and the use of the 911 system. Campers were also given a tour of Engine 3.



Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the Toys-4-Tots program! During the 2021 season, 3,000 children were supported and over 13,000 toys distributed throughout Napa County. We love seeing members of our community come together and make the holiday season more festive during this difficult time.



Due to the ongoing fight against Covid-19, we were unable to host a physical event and decided to host another virtual event with more fun, educational videos for everyone to enjoy. Fire Prevention Division made this year's Fire and Life Safety Day extra memorable by releasing an informative music video called "Don't Burn Down Your House" to the tune of "Burning Down the House" by Talking Heads. See this video and all of our Fire and Life Safety videos on our website: www.cityofnapa.org/962/Fire-and-Life-Safety-Day



EMERGENCY STATISTICS

TYPE OF CALL	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
STRUCTURE	62	61	65	75	47	64	35	30	26	29
GRASS	27	36	32	29	37	47	47	29	25	29
VEHICLE	27	31	22	20	31	20	24	29	11	11
OTHER (FIRES)	78	74	57	62	58	51	94	99	152	186
RUPTURE/EXPLOSION	14	10	7	3	2	2	5	7	5	4
MEDICAL/RESCUE	5305	5473	5977	6228	6189	6763	6943	7154	6411	6602
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	153	161	355	201	205	235	194	297	218	218
SERVICE CALL	814	863	883	962	983	1063	928	956	932	1091
GOOD INTENT	817	826	950	999	1069	1187	1198	1079	1400	1473
FALSE CALLS	347	359	450	389	366	452	511	646	514	547
NATURAL DISASTER	0	1	2	0	0	8	1	9	6	3
CITIZEN COMP./INVESTIGATION	2	1	1	1	8	1	3	5	1	4
MISCELLANEOUS	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	7	1	2
TOTAL CALLS	7646	7897	8802*	8969	8996	9894	9987	10347	9702	10199

*APPROX. 350 ATTRIBUTED TO EARTHQUAKE



5.2%
 Increase in Call Volume
 From 2020 to 2021

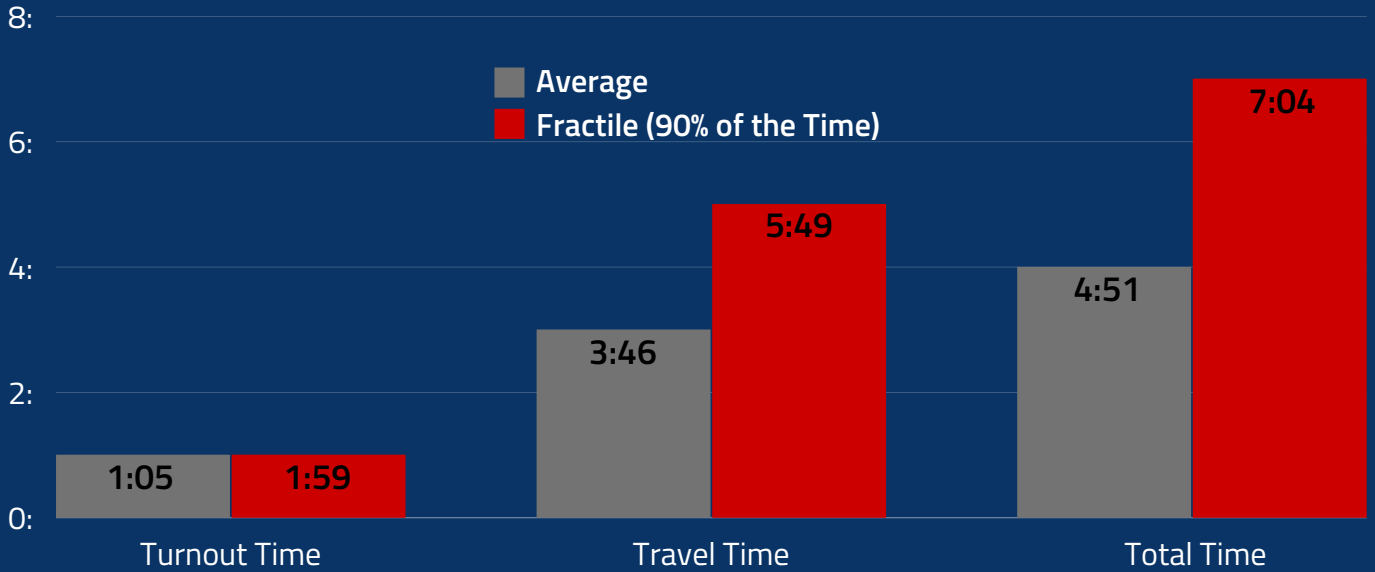
33.4%
 Increase in Call Volume
 Over the Past Decade

RESPONSE OVERVIEW

ON AVERAGE, WE RAN 28 CALLS PER DAY IN 2021

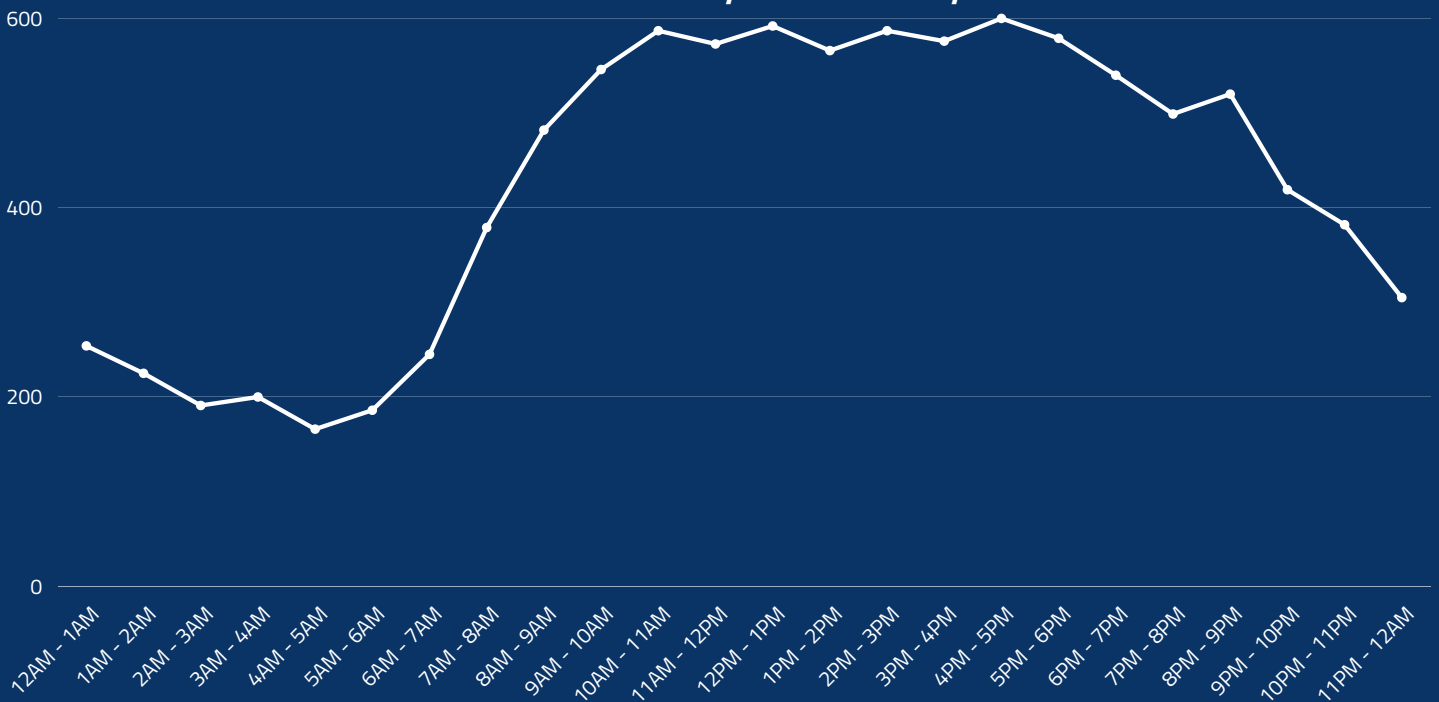
64.7%
Of All Incidents Were Medical-Related

Response Times - Emergent (Code 3) Only
Minutes/Seconds



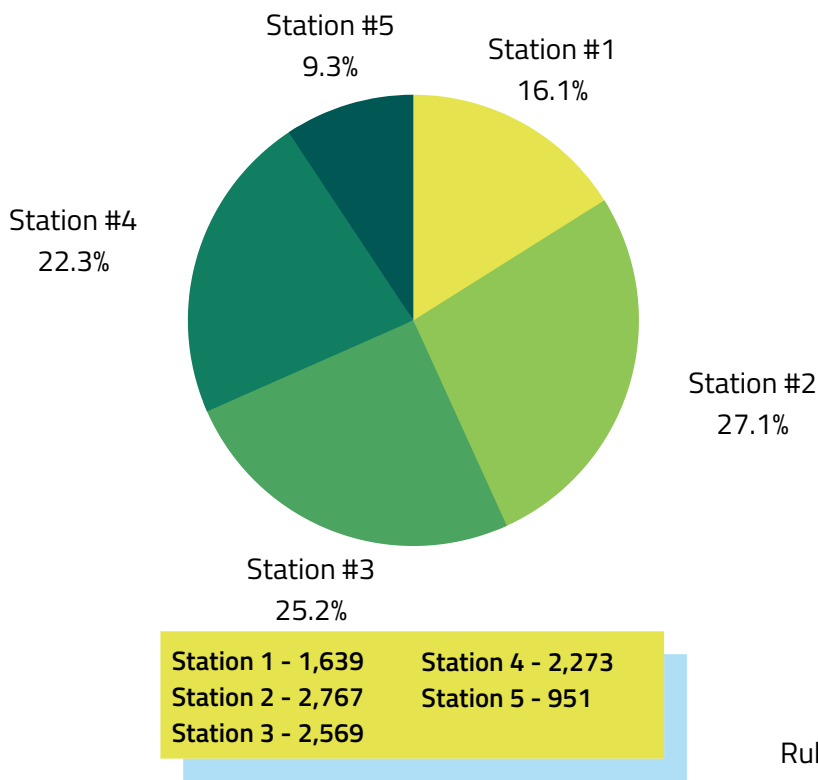
Turnout Time = Unit Dispatched → Enroute Travel Time = Enroute → Arrival
Total Time = Dispatch → Arrival

Call Volume By Time of Day

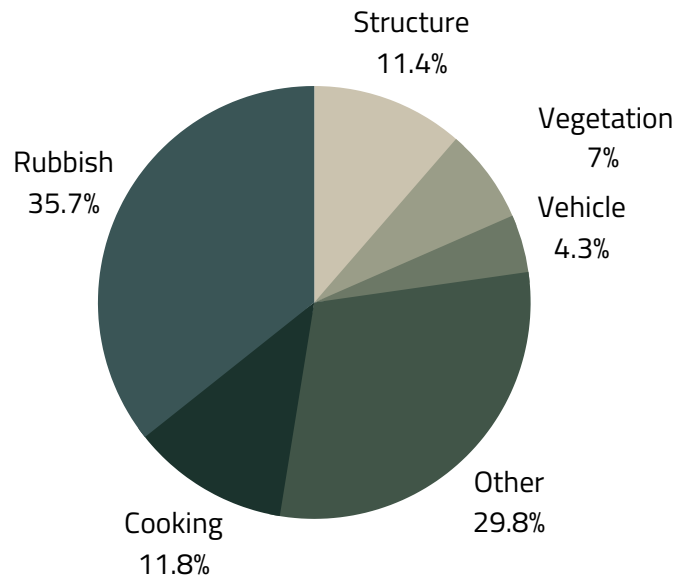


RESPONSE OVERVIEW

Response By Station



Fire Category Types



Structure - 29	Vegetation - 18	Vehicle - 11
Cooking - 30	Rubbish - 91	Other - 76

FIRE PREVENTION

1,710

Total Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections for 2021

1,770

Total Violations Noted & Abated for 2021

Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections

41.2%

Increase Over 2020



Construction Inspections

Underground Fire Service Mains.....	26
Fire Sprinkler Systems.....	461
Alternate Fire-Extinguisher Systems.....	10
Fire Alarm Systems.....	153
Fire Access, Misc.....	33
Fire Final Inspections.....	330

Total - 1,013

Construction Inspections

56.8%

Increase Over 2020

FIRE PREVENTION



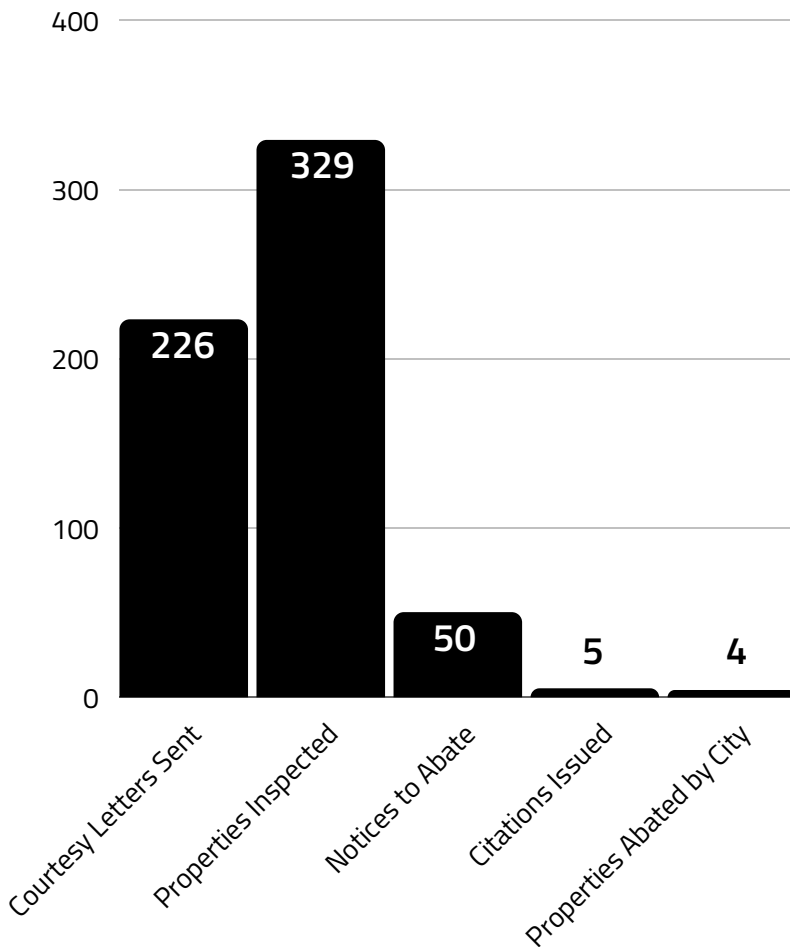
Project Review	
Building Plans Reviewed.....	783
Fire Sprinkler Systems.....	212
Alternate Fire-Extinguisher Systems.....	21
Fire Alarm Systems.....	71
Inter-Department Reviews.....	194
Express Counter Reviews/Solar/Misc.....	895
Total -	2,176

Project Review
97.2%
 Increase Over
 2020

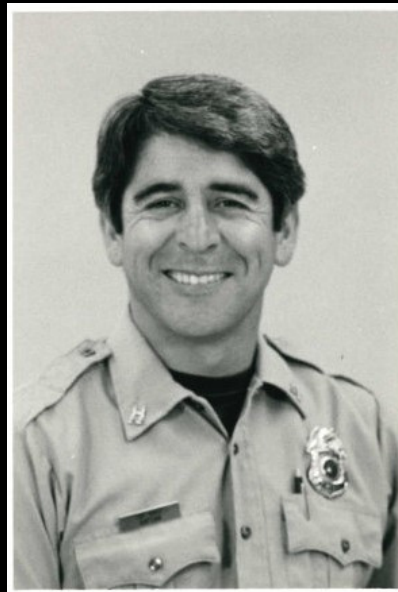


3,052
 Total Inspections
 for 2021

Weed Abatement



In Memory of



**JOSEPH "JOE" ROBERT BAEZ
1943 - 2021**

Captain Baez was hired by the Napa Fire Department on December 21, 1969 by Fire Chief Pete Daglia and was assigned badge #94. Joe and retired Battalion Chief Ken Lloyd were hired on the same day and worked together for many years as part of the C-Shift crew. Joe was one of the first paramedics in the Napa Fire Department Paramedic Program, which was placed into service on July 1, 1978. Joe was the first Hispanic firefighter hired by the Napa Fire Department. A fond memory of Joe happened after Joe had been working as a firefighter for a couple of years. There was a vehicle accident on the highway with a patient who was Spanish speaking only. Fire Chief Milton Ochs requested Joe to respond Code 3 to the scene of the accident to assist with patient care. After Joe arrived on scene, Chief Ochs requested "Joe, ask the patient where he is hurt" and Joe (a bit puzzled) proceeded to ask the patient "where are you hurt?" Chief Ochs then said "No, I mean ask him in Spanish" to which Joe replied "Chief, I don't speak Spanish." Joe would later, good naturedly admit that was one of the most memorable moments in his career at the Napa Fire Department. Joe played on the Napa Fire Department football team, which was undefeated against the Police Department. He was also known for his enjoyment of the game of golf and participated in many golf tournaments over the years. He was also very involved in volunteering at the Napa Fire Department corn booth every year at the Napa Town & Country Fair. Joe Retired from the Napa Fire Department on May 31, 1998 after serving the community of Napa for 28+ years. He will be immensely missed by all who had the honor and pleasure of working with him at the Napa Fire Department.

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**ALWAYS HERE, ALWAYS READY, SERVING
YOU WITH PRIDE AND EXCELLENCE**