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FRESNO COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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HONOR - INTEGRITY - COOPERATION - PROFESSIONALISM



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LETTER FROM CHIEF DUSTIN HAIL

The Fresno County Fire Protection District will continue to grow, change, and evolve, which leads us to seek new approaches to help while collaborating with public, private, and nonprofit sectors. I have found that most people don't like change and for that reason, they don't grow. Growth requires risk and can be very uncomfortable.

For me growth and contribution are paramount in life, and they are intertwined. The more I grow, the more I'm able to contribute. The more I contribute, the more I help others to grow. We should be growing in all aspects of life, family, career, health, hobbies, etc.. We should always surround ourselves with people who push us out of our comfort zone to help us grow. The more we become, the more we can offer others. Contribution is the essences of a purpose driven life.

I am exceptionally proud of our men and women that serve in all areas of the Fresno County Fire Protection District, they are all skilled professionals that remain nimble, creative, and resilient. They are often pushed to their physical, mental, and emotional limits daily. Their passion for serving and their commitment to our mission has become what the community expects, but it is recognized by me as being often a sacrifice to their families, friends, and their health.

2022 brought many opportunities creating foundations and pathways for the future. We hit the ground running with the implementation of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The purpose of the Strategic Plan is a management tool that:

- Provides short-term direction
- Builds a shared vision
- Sets goals and objectives
- Optimizes use of resources

In the spring of 2022, we staffed the second Ladder Truck in the District. We are grateful of our relationship with Table Mountain Rancheria as they provided the funding source for Ladder 72. The District, was able to acquire 5 acres of land in the Millerton New Town area and have been working with architects to design Fire Station 72. We were fortunate to receive a budget request from Senator Mellissa Hurtado to cover the expansion and remodel of Fire Station 71 in Parlier. Construction was started in November with an anticipation completion date of September 2023. In August, we partnered with the City of Selma and City of Kingsburg and started providing emergency dispatch services. This allows seamless automatic aid dispatching ensuring the communities, regardless of jurisdiction, receive the closest fire department resources. In July, the District entered into a cooperative agreement with the City of Fowler for Fire Protection.

It is my honor and privilege to serve the residents, employees, and Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District. Together, we provide superior emergency response, fire prevention, protection planning, and risk-reduction educational services to more than 220,000 residents within our 2600+ square-mile response area. I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report.

Dustin Hail
Fire Chief



HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT



Today, five (5) Special Districts provide fire protection to the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The Fresno County Fire Protection District is the largest of these five (5) Districts covering 2,655 square miles, or over 50% of the County which includes the Cities of Parlier, Mendota, Huron, San Joaquin and the rural communities of Tranquillity, Del Rey, Caruthers, Easton, Malaga, Friant, Cantua Creek, Calwa, Prather, Sand Creek, Tarpey Village and

The Fresno County Fire Protection District was established in 1949 after a series of large devastating fires. Residents formed what was then called the Mid Valley Fire Protection District. The first fire station was constructed at the current Fresno County Fairgrounds at Cedar and Butler Avenues. The Fire District staffed and responded from this single station serving the entire District.

In 1950, under the leadership of William Pennington, State Forest Ranger IV, the Mid-Valley Fire Protection District joined what was then the California Division of Forestry and the Unit Headquarters was moved from the Fresno County Fair Grounds to the newly completed facility at Highway 180 and Academy Avenue in Sanger.

In 1978, the Fig Garden Fire Protection District contracted with the Department of Forestry for fire protection services, and in the early 1980's the Friant and Table Mountain Volunteers were added. The cooperative agreements between these

Wonder Valley. Under an MOU signed with the County of Fresno in 2018, the District assumed operational responsibility for the unprotected areas of the County, in effect becoming the jurisdictional authority for those areas. As part of the agreement, the District also provides support to five true Volunteer Fire Companies in Eastern Fresno County.

The Fresno County Fire Protection District, in cooperation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

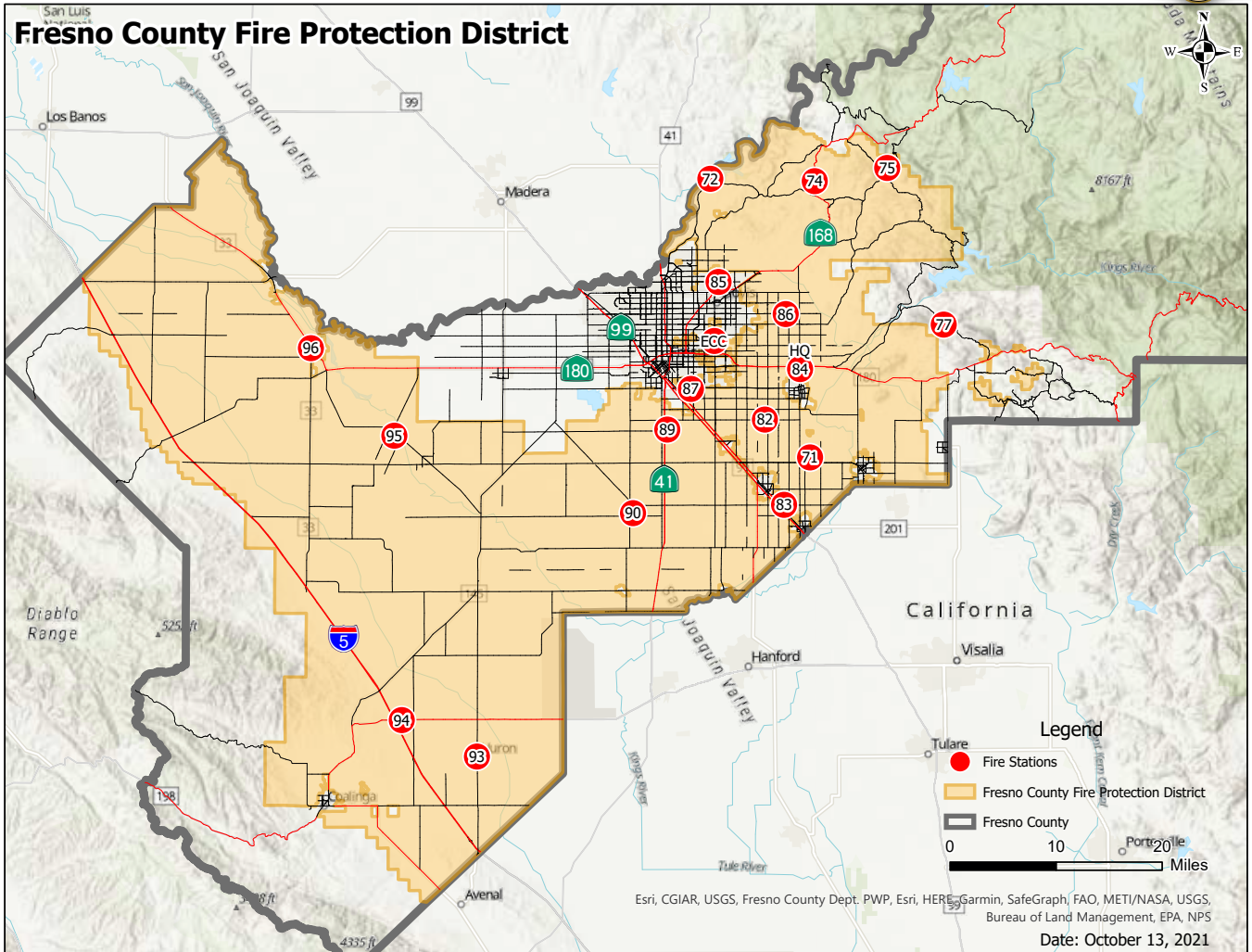


(CAL FIRE), provides all risk emergency services from 17 District Fire Stations, 15 career staffed and 2 paid call fire fighter stations. The District operates with 37 fire fighters on duty daily, plus Chief Officers, prevention staff, emergency communication operators, as well as other staff that help support the mission. The District is directly responsible for approximately 2,655 square miles and 220,000 people. The District provides all risk emergency response, fire prevention, education, and code enforcement services.



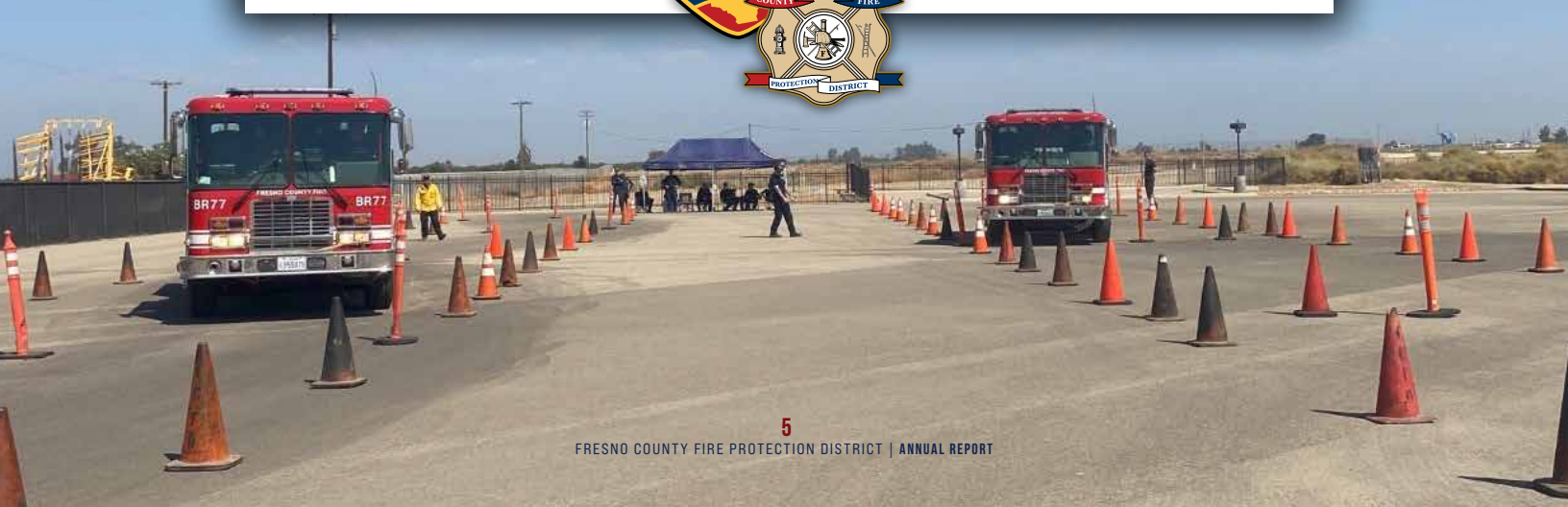
entities were consolidated in the early 1990's under the name Fresno County Fire Protection District.

THE DISTRICT



FCFPD
VISION

FCFPD embraces strong partnerships with the community and other public safety service providers to reliably deliver the highest quality emergency response services in a fiscally sound and sustainable manner.



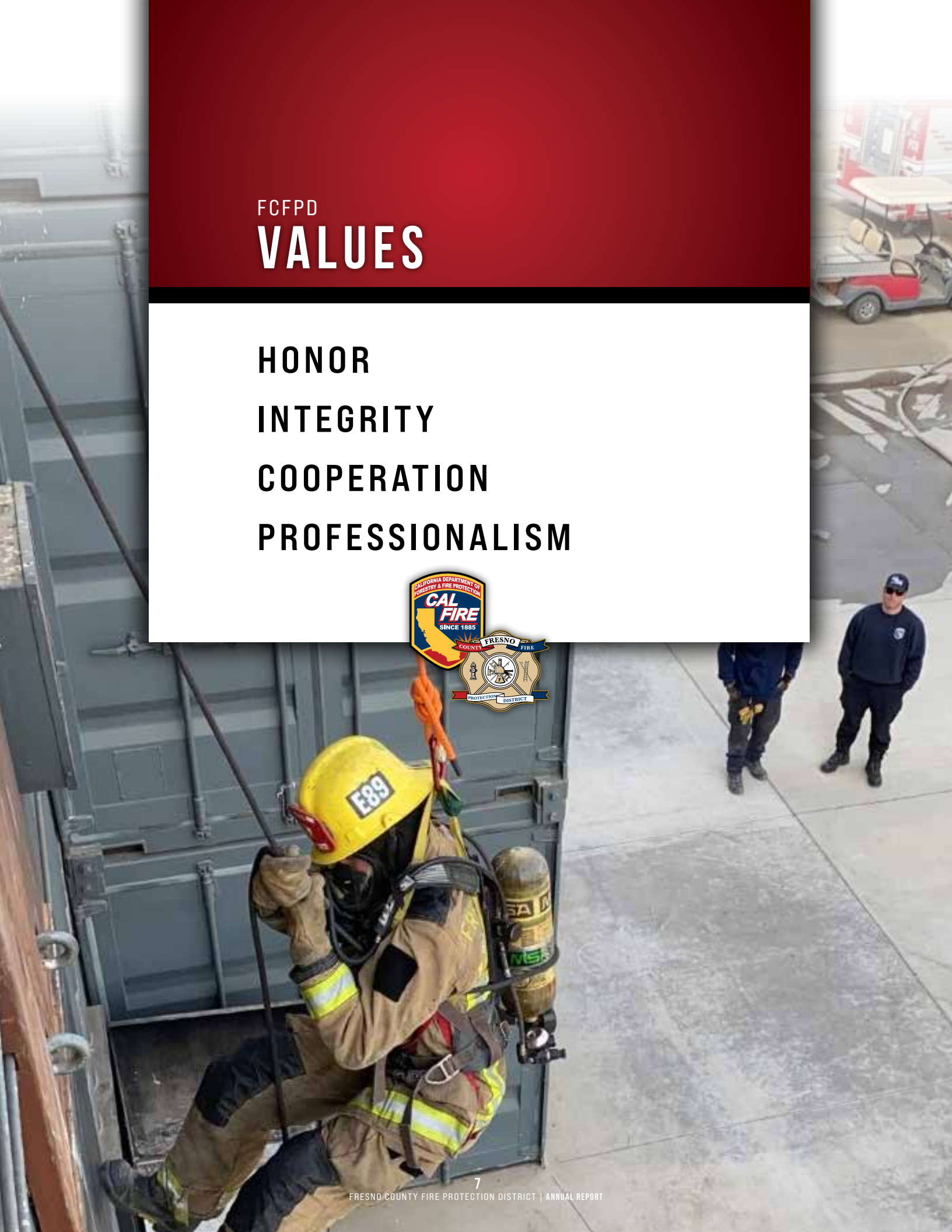
FCFPD
MISSION

FCFPD provides all persons who work, travel, or reside within the Fire District the protection of life, property, and environment.



FCFPD
VALUES

**HONOR
INTEGRITY
COOPERATION
PROFESSIONALISM**





HONOR

We are loyal, proud and respectful of our profession, our leaders, our Unit, our Department, and the people we serve.

INTEGRITY

We are honest, reliable, and adhere to high moral standards. We demonstrate and encourage the highest ethical behavior. Our word is our bond.

COOPERATION

We constantly seek opportunities to make improvements in our jobs, support new ideas, encourage partnerships and develop positive working relationships with our cooperators. Together we are stronger.

PROFESSIONALISM

We strive to be the best at what we do. We perform our jobs to the highest degree of skill and competency.



The Fresno County Fire Protection District was able to see many positive impacts of the adjustments that occurred in 2021 and the value that was produced beyond what was anticipated. The largest of those impacts was the staffing of Station 71 in the City of Parlier that came in December of 2021. This adjustment increased the staffing from no full-time personnel to two full-time professional crew members on duty daily. The biggest improvement came from the average response times from our paid stations. Compared to 2021, the number of emergency incidents increased in 2022 from 780 to 797 within the City of Parlier limits and the average travel time from the first in engine went from 9:13 to 3:47 for the primary responding apparatus. This increase in efficiency has helped mitigate incidents faster, reduced risk sooner, limiting damage, and improved our response outcomes in virtually every way. The cooperative relationship with the City of Parlier is a great example of two entities' coming together to increase service for the public. Another great example of cooperative relationships expanding with the goal of improving emergency response, occurred in August 2022 as we entered into an agreement with the City of Fowler. This agreement declared the Fresno County Fire Protection District as the emergency response force for the City of Fowler. Though no additional resources were added within the city, overall responses time and outcomes have improved for emergencies in the City of Fowler. The Fire District, in cooperation with the Table Mountain Rancheria, in order to prepare for the increased response demands generated from the opening of the new hotel and casino in July 2022, added a Ladder Truck to Station 72. The three-member crew currently cross staffs the Ladder Truck and the Engine depending on call type. As call volume increases and the demand exceeds the reliability of the single crew, we will evaluate the need for additional staffing to have both resources permanently staffed and available. Also in August of 2022, the Cities of Selma and Kingsburg entered into an agreement with us for emergency dispatching services. With the addition of these two cities, our Emergency Command Center now dispatches for 19 agencies in Fresno County.



Though many successful adjustments took place, not everything was positive. With a significant financial impact occurring after the budget was finalized, a nearly 1 million dollar gap needed to be closed. One of the adjustments reduced the hard staffing of water tenders to just station 82. Water tender 86 went back to an either-or option with the two person crew. No employees were displaced, but the adjustment reduced the daily staffing by one person and allowed one overtime shift to be eliminated everyday.

When faced with such difficulties, we turned back to the strategic plan. The established priorities within this living document were used as guidelines and reminders. Even with the challenging budget we were able to move forward on many of the objectives outlined in the strategic plan, with several items nearing completion.

As 2023 begins, we are confident, that though challenges may impact our department, we can overcome and achieve success if we do so as a team.

MID-VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER



2022 was a year of growth for MVRFTC. Not only did the Training Bureau add its 4th Training Captain position, but it also put in service its third multi-purpose classroom. This new classroom will also be used as a board chambers and museum. The cabinetry and display cases were generously sponsored by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Historical Society. The Fresno Kings Chapter of the Historical Society did an outstanding job staging CAL FIRE and Fresno County Fire memorabilia and history throughout the building and I highly encourage anyone who hasn't walked through it yet, to do so.

As a Unit, MVRFTC was able to capture approximately 126,220 hours of training from personnel within the Fresno-Kings Unit; 49,200 more hours than the previous year. Over the course of the year, MVRFTC hosted 56 events and delivered 70 training classes including the Fresno County Fire Truck Academy, Rescue classes, State ICS training, rehire academies, Triple C Handcrew Academy, and other various courses.



Throughout 2022 the common goal and theme for the Training Bureau was to give the field personnel the most amount of calendar space by delivering training both in the field as well as at MVRFTC. This year we focused on delivering as many JAC related courses through MVRFTC so that we could lessen the impact on employees traveling far from their home unit. Realizing we wanted to focus

not only on JAC employees, but all personnel within the unit, we started hosting monthly MCD's that incorporated both Schedule A and Schedule B operations. The interdisciplinary training has been well received and this is now the normal training process that has been assigned to the 4th Training Captain to coordinate and plan monthly drills.

Towards the end of 2022, Training Staff and your Executive Chief Officers conducted a meeting with the sole intent of bridging the training gap of the ever-changing field positions within the unit. I am excited to announce that from this meeting, the Training Bureau will be constructing a new single story residential training prop as well as a two-story apartment prop to mimic garden style apartments that are common in the areas we cover. These are very exciting additions to the training site, and we are anticipating the residential prop to be completed by Summer 2023.

As previously mentioned, 2022 was a year of growth. Whether it was hiring new employees to the unit or adding additional courses to the calendar, or the work done on site, it was a big year. None of this could have been accomplished without the help from all of you. Most of you were involved in the On-boarding process for new employees proctoring their training at the stations. Many assisted with MCD's, and training classes offered at MVRFTC and spent many hours building props, running logistics, coordinating classes and instructing. On behalf of the Training Bureau thank you for making 2022 as successful as it was.

FIRE PREVENTION & INVESTIGATION



The Fresno County Fire Protection District/CAL FIRE, Fire Bureau has a vast role of responsibilities. These responsibilities include, but not limited to Fire Investigations, Law Enforcement, Civil Cost Recovery, Custodian of Records, Hazard Reduction Inspections, Employee and Records Subpoenas, and reviewing all employees Fire Investigation reports. The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for enforcing Criminal and Civil law and maintaining District confidential records.

In 2022, our Law Enforcement Officer Investigators conducted 213 Fire Investigations, assisted other agencies with seven different investigations, 62 Law Enforcement actions including 13 arrests and issuing 13 citations. The Bureau also handled approximately 47 criminal case subpoenas and 35 subpoenas for records.

Four District Civil Cost Recovery actions were taken. The Custodian of records handled 193 public records requests.



FIRE PROTECTION & PLANNING



The Protection and Planning Bureau is committed to providing professional fire and life safety engineering, permitting and inspection services for the citizens, developers and the business community in Fresno County. The Bureau works closely with the County of Fresno building and planning departments and other jurisdictions to implement new construction and development standards consistently throughout the County of Fresno. Under contract, the District provides protection and planning services to the Auberry and Shaver Lake Community Service Areas and the Bald Mountain Fire Protection District.

2021								
ACTIVITY	DISTRICT	PARLIER	MENDOTA	HURON	SAN JOAQUIN	AUBERRY CSA	SHAVER LAKE CSA	BALD MTN FPD
Conditioning Letters	131	3	1	4	0	6	7	0
Over the Counter Meeting	51	6	3	6	4	2	7	0
Plan Reviews	358	11	15	8	3	23	27	0
Field Inspections	715	59	68	49	49	20	31	0

2022								
ACTIVITY	DISTRICT	PARLIER	MENDOTA	HURON	SAN JOAQUIN	AUBERRY CSA	SHAVER LAKE CSA	BALD MTN FPD
Conditioning Letters	119	4	0	2	0	0	1	0
Over the Counter Meeting	74	2	1	3	0	3	1	0
Plan Reviews	377	12	20	15	1	20	20	0
Field Inspections	640	39	64	43	47	13	44	5

FLEET SERVICES



2022 was another busy and challenging year for Fleet Services. From supply shortages to staffing levels the challenges were constant. Despite these setbacks we were able to accomplish an impressive amount of work throughout the year. A new Aerial Apparatus was outfitted and put in service at Station 72 as part of the Table Mountain Rancheria agreement, As well as a type 1 Engine for Station 82. A new Battalion 4317 command vehicle was built and placed in service. Breathing Support 82 received a new Cab and chassis and refurbishment. Our I.T. coordinator received a brand-new outfitted truck, and we were able to refurbish a first generation Smeal Fire Engine to be placed in service at station 74. On the CAL FIRE side of the house we were able to outfit a new type three engine as well as a new command vehicle. This of course is in addition to the everyday repair and maintenance of our two fleets. Throughout the year we logged 6,924 shop hours, out of an available 8085 Total working hours for the year. This calculates to an 85.64% productivity rate, which is slightly down from the previous year but is to be expected with the extra time taken to source hard to find parts and supplies. We have continued to strive to provide excellent workmanship and customer service. We have stayed on track with the field repair strategy. Overall, 2022 can be chocked up as a success but there is always room for improvement.

In the coming year we will continue to adjust our practices and procedures to improve productivity and most importantly to provide the best fleet possible for our end users.





The Fire District is committed to providing quality fire and life safety education to reduce the high number of fatalities and injuries nationwide related to fires. Fresno County Fire Protection District believes a proactive approach in fire prevention education is the best way to reduce fatalities and injuries. Through various outreach programs, our Public Education Team and firefighters throughout the Fire District educate thousands of children and adults each year on how to keep their homes and business safe from fire. Our Public Education personnel are trained to provide information on a broad range of topics, from teaching pre-school students about fire escape plans to assisting senior citizens in how to recognize and eliminate hazards in their homes.

In 2022, Public Information staff was able to get back to a “normal” routine educating the public. We attended over 85 in person events providing educational information on fire and life safety. These events included, but not limited to, several parades, 3 National Night Outs, Fresno Home and Garden Show, The Big Fresno Fair, multiple trunk or treats as well as multiple career days. At these events we handed out fire prevention and presented safety education information all to help eliminate risk. We also, delivered 20 in person elementary school programs reaching 1,928 school children. These schools included American Union, Caruthers Elementary, and Fairmont Elementary to name a few. We also have installed approximately 20 smoke alarms this past year to homeowners in need of a replacement. The Public Information Bureau currently has over 15,000 Facebook followers, 12,600 Twitter followers 7,248 Instagram followers and 278 Tik Tok followers.





DISTRICT STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

BATTALIONS 11 + 12



BATTALION 11

APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURAL FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASSIST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HAZARDS	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E72	0	181	1	8	25	9	1	5	0	0	21	251
309 CALLS IN 2021 18.77% ↓												
L72	0	82	0	4	11	6	1	1	0	0	1	106
NOT APPLICABLE												
E74	0	325	0	15	31	9	2	7	0	0	22	411
468 CALLS IN 2021 12.17% ↓												

BATTALION 12

APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E75	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
15 CALLS IN 2021 40% ↓												

BATTALIONS 13 + 14



BATTALION 13

APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E77	0	34	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	43
	40 CALLS IN 2021 7.5% ↑											
WT77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	32 CALLS IN 2021 96.87% ↓											

BATTALION 14

APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E93	3	457	4	10	93	17	6	15	0	0	24	629
	621 CALLS IN 2021 1.29% ↑											
WT93	0	7	1	6	32	0	0	0	0	0	15	61
	40 CALLS IN 2021 52.5% ↑											
E94	0	252	0	29	107	10	6	10	0	0	33	447
	360 CALLS IN 2021 24.16% ↑											

BATTALION 15



APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E90	1	877	7	34	161	15	6	38	0	0	33	1172
	941 CALLS IN 2021 24.54% ↑											
WT90	0	11	0	24	35	0	0	1	0	0	19	90
	86 CALLS IN 2021 4.65% ↑											
E95	9	723	14	18	127	12	7	20	0	0	55	985
	854 CALLS IN 2021 15.33% ↑											
E96	0	1150	9	14	201	23	11	24	1	0	69	1502
	1211 CALLS IN 2021 24.02% ↑											
WT96	0	10	3	5	17	0	0	2	0	0	8	45
	70 CALLS IN 2021 35.71% ↓											

BATTALION 17



APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E85	250	143	70	25	36	20	2	16	5	0	22	589
	572 CALLS IN 2021 2.97% ↑											
E86	2	439	5	30	61	21	4	21	0	0	43	626
	589 CALLS IN 2021 6.28% ↑											
WT86	0	33	3	55	43	1	0	2	0	0	51	188
	162 CALLS IN 2021 16.04% ↑											
L87	242	211	401	33	144	22	15	11	15	1	43	1138
	1136 CALLS IN 2021 0.17% ↑											
SQ87	425	480	233	52	216	15	4	31	0	0	84	1540
	1360 CALLS IN 2021 13.23% ↑											
R87	0	48	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	51
	56 CALLS IN 2021 8.92% ↓											
R287	2	44	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	47
	32 CALLS IN 2021 46.87% ↑											
E89	16	876	28	57	192	25	8	32	0	0	48	1282
	1078 CALLS IN 2021 18.92% ↑											

BATTALION 18



APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
E71	9	971	36	73	224	37	23	47	0	0	54	1474
	495 CALLS IN 2021 197.77% ↑											
P71	0	28	0	1	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	37
	38 CALLS IN 2021 2.63% ↓											
E82	9	670	47	71	163	14	7	28	0	0	36	1045
	987 CALLS IN 2021 5.87% ↑											
WT82	0	92	8	106	100	1	1	4	0	0	65	377
	360 CALLS IN 2021 4.72% ↑											
E83	33	482	72	84	164	12	13	20	2	0	39	921
	1528 CALLS IN 2021 39.72% ↓											
WT83*	0	9	2	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	21	55
	*resource was used as relief apparatus county wide.											
E84	83	573	50	54	151	12	4	23	1	0	65	1016
	906 CALLS IN 2021 12.14% ↑											

BRUSH ENGINES



APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	OUT OF UNIT RESPONSE	TOTAL
BR72	0	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	22
	34 CALLS IN 2021 35.29% ↓												
BR73	0	17	0	1	8	5	0	0	0	0	8	5	44
	54 CALLS IN 2021 18.51% ↓												
BR74	0	13	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	25
	28 CALLS IN 2021 10.71% ↓												
BR75	0	14	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	28
	49 CALLS IN 2021 42.85% ↓												
BR77	0	7	0	1	7	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	20
	64 CALLS IN 2021 68.75% ↓												
BR94	0	8	1	3	10	2	0	3	0	0	7	0	34
	63 CALLS IN 2021 46.03% ↓												

DOZER 43 + BREATHING SUPPORT



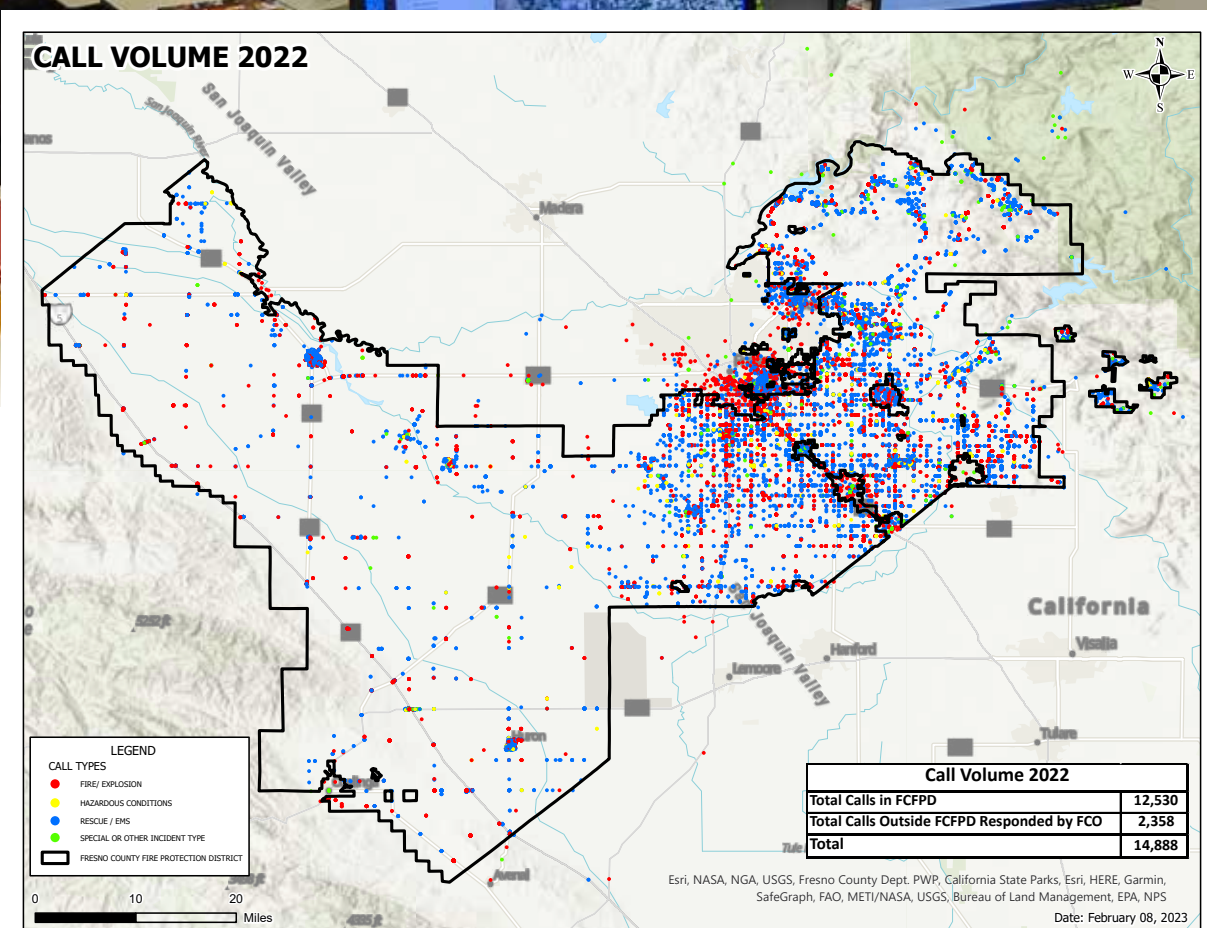
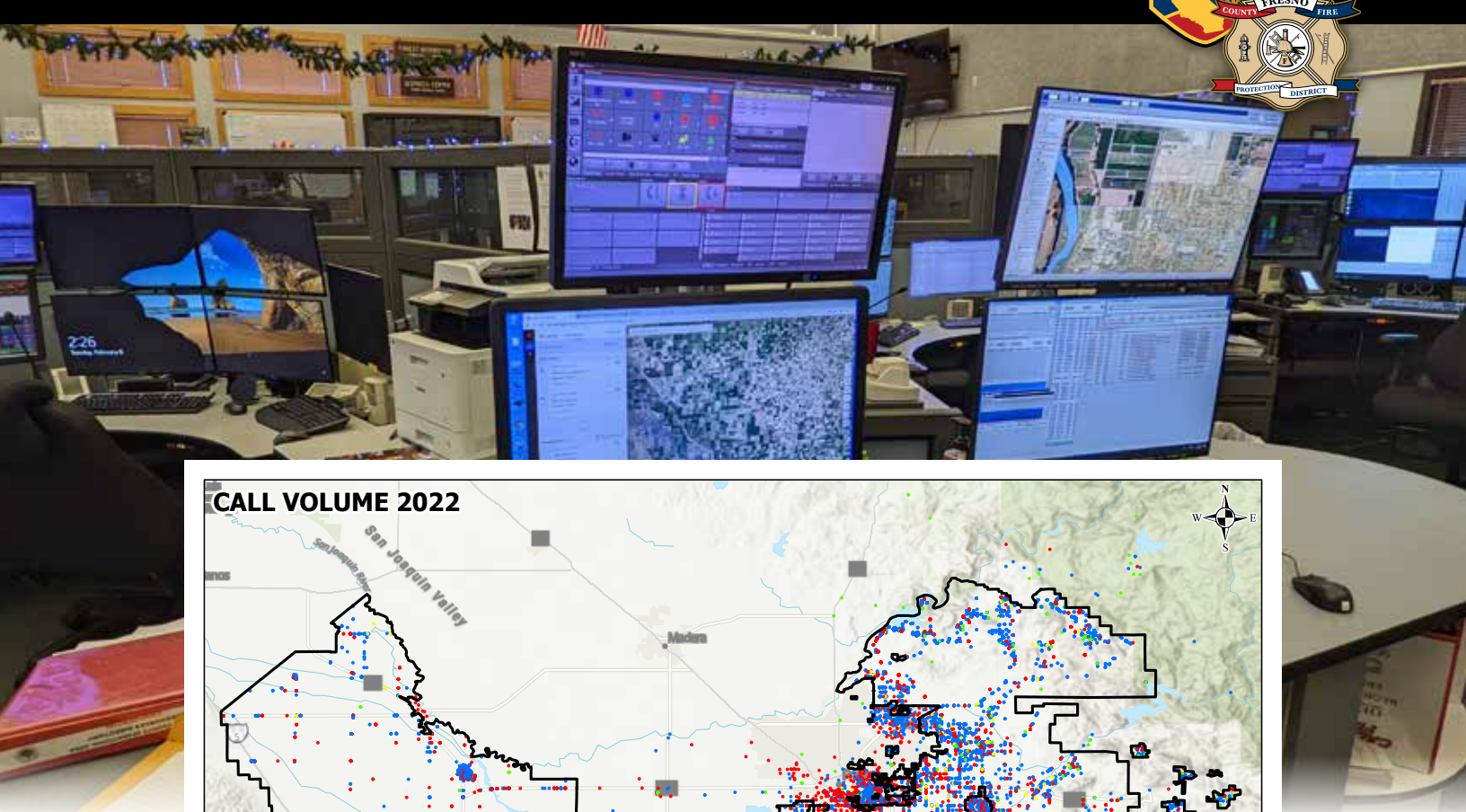
DOZER

APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	OUT OF UNIT RESPONSE	TOTAL
TD43	0	1	5	4	27	0	0	0	0	0	42	2	81
110 CALLS IN 2021 26.36% ↓													

BREATHING SUPPORT

APPARATUS	MEDICAL ASSIST	MEDICAL	FIRE ASSIST	STRUCTURE FIRES	OTHER FIRES	PUBLIC ASST	FIRE ALARMS	HAZARDS	ASST HZRD	LAW	VEG FIRES	TOTAL
BS82	0	4	3	60	23	0	0	0	0	0	4	94
80 CALLS IN 2021 17.5% ↑												

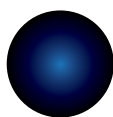
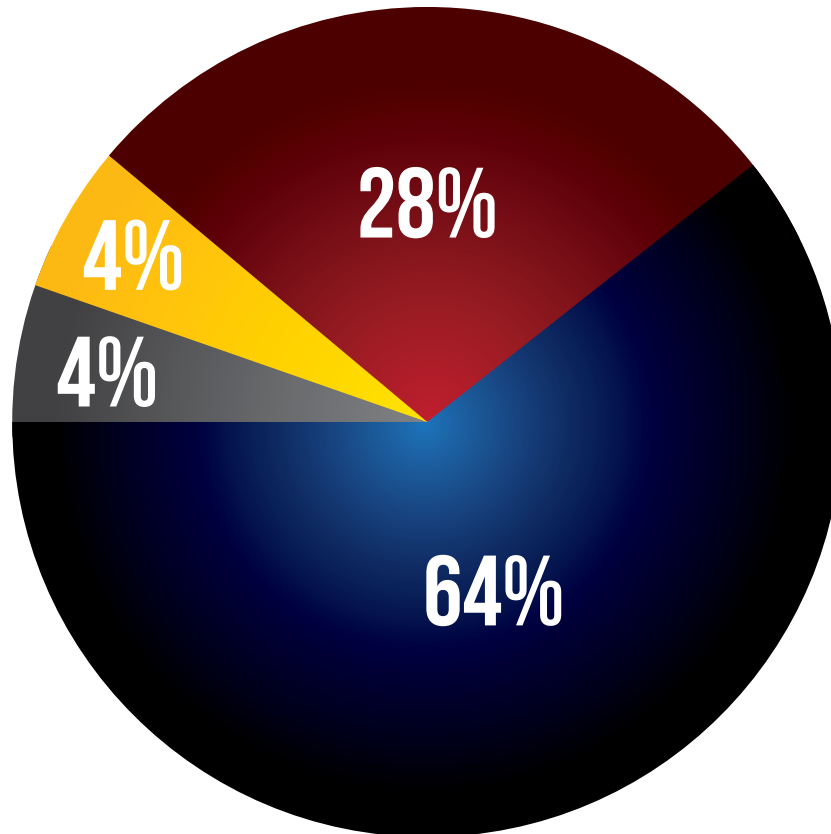
EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTER



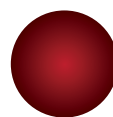
The Fresno Kings Unit Emergency Command Center answered over 20K emergency calls and over 42K administrative calls in 2022.



2022 CALL TYPE BREAKDOWN



RESCUE/EMS



FIRE/EXPLOSION



**HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS**



**SPECIAL OR OTHER
INCIDENT TYPE**



HONOR - INTEGRITY
 PROFESSIONALISM - COOPERATION

15 CAREER STAFFED STATIONS, COVERING 2655 SQUARE MILES

FresnoCoFire CalFireFresnoCountyFire
 CalFire_FresnoCountyFire

