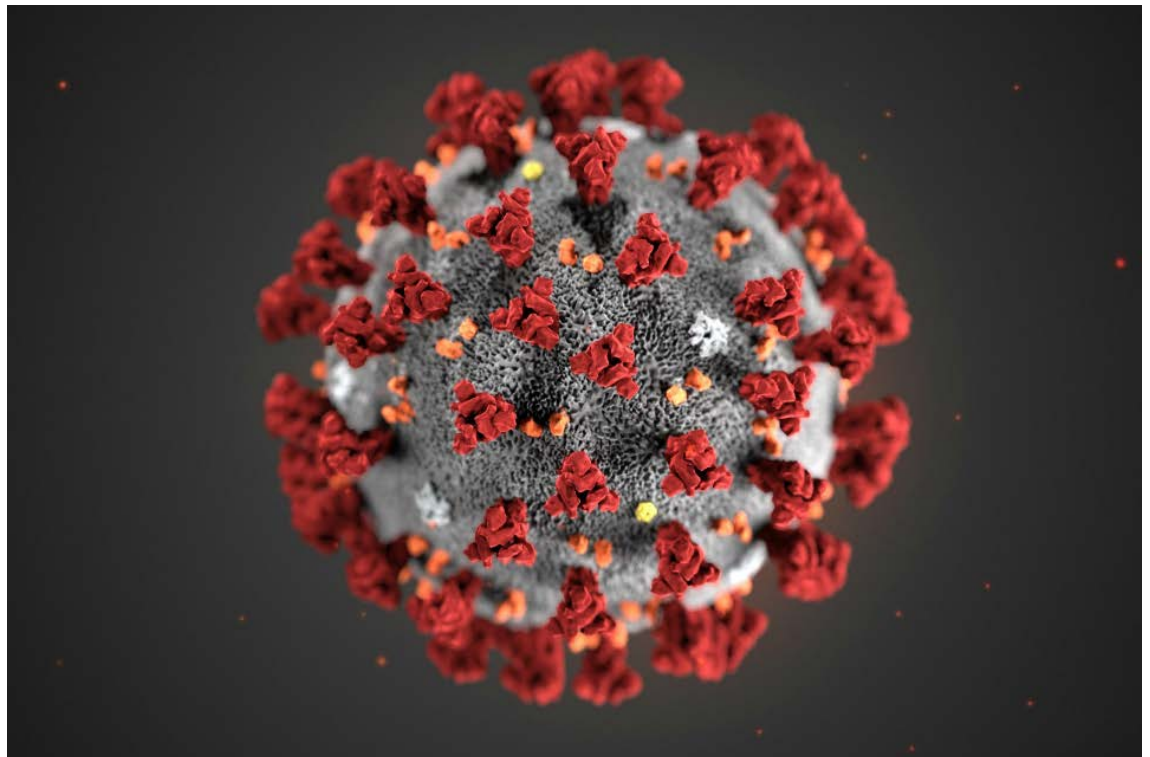
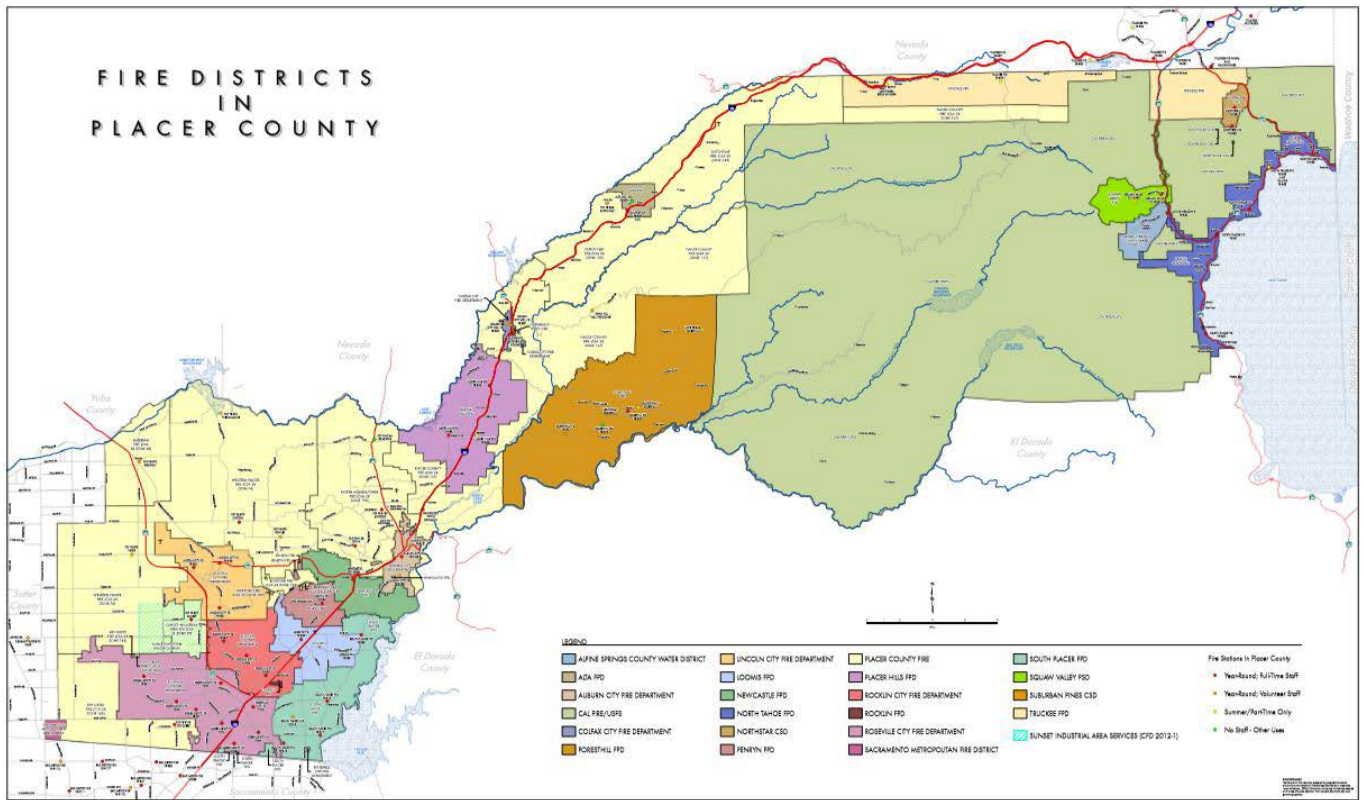




ANNUAL REPORT 2020





FIRE DISTRICT PROFILE

The Foresthill Fire Protection District (FFPD) was created in April of 1946, after over 15 years of service by the Foresthill Volunteer Fire Department. The District exists to provide local services relating to the Protection of Lives and Property of the community members as well as visitors to the Foresthill area.

Located in the rural foothills of Placer County, east of Interstate 80, the Foresthill Fire Protection District provides all risk fire protection services including advanced life support and ambulance transport. The 89 square mile fire district is home to over 6,900 residents with nearly 3,000 homes and 60 commercial properties. The District also provides advanced life support ambulance transport services, rescue services, and wildland fire response, to an expansive area of the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands through auto aid agreements and contract. The auto aid and contract areas account for an additional 411 square miles for a total coverage area of approximately 500 square miles.

The District provides fire protection, Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport ambulance service, rescue services, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property within our jurisdictional boundaries, as well as aiding neighboring communities when a need arises. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors (Board) elected by the general population residing within the district boundaries. Board members are elected for staggering four-year terms. The District has a part-time (20 hours per week) Fire Chief and two part-time (10 hour per week) Assistant Chiefs. The Fire Chief operates the District with one (1) Full-time Business Manager, one (1) part-time (10 hour per week) Administrative Assistant, three (3) Full-time Fire

Captains, three (3) Full-time Engineers, five (5) full time firefighters and a variable number of part-time paid Firefighter Paramedics, and part-time Firefighter EMT's.

The District operates 2 fire stations staffed with 2 personnel at each station and maintains Advanced Life Support Ambulance service. During calendar year 2020, the Fire District responded to 746 emergency calls or 2.04 per day, with the largest percentage of these as requests for medical services.

Population 6,900 +/- people and nearly 3,000 residential structures

Current Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating is 3/3Y

Area Covered - 89 Square Miles Fire and nearly 500 Square Miles for Ambulance Transportation

Vision Statement

We will set the standard for dedicated leadership in emergency services while providing collaborative, innovative, and effective solutions.

Mission Statement

“We protect life, property, and environment while serving our Community with Professionalism and Compassion.”

Core Values

Integrity

Professionalism

Community

Compassion

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

On behalf of the Foresthill Fire Protection District, I am pleased to present you with the 2020 Annual Report.

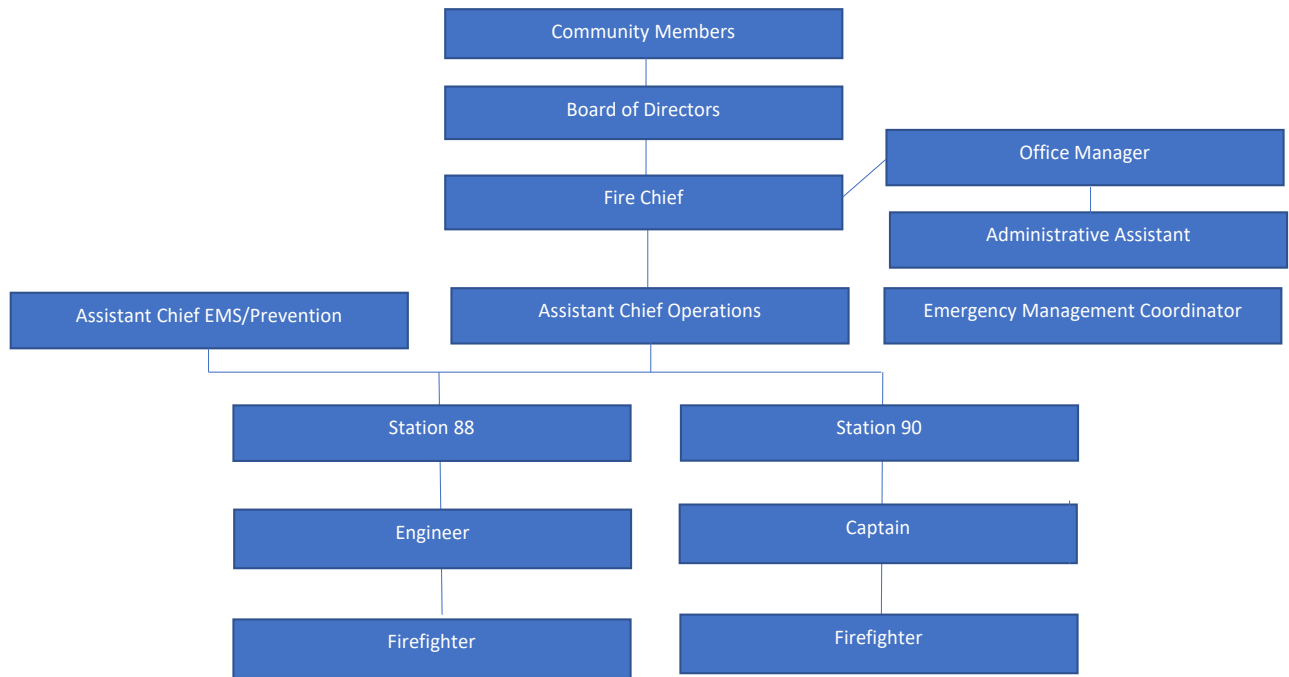
Highlighted in this report are call trends, major fires, property value and loss statistics, training statistics and the risk reduction programs. As you will see, the year 2020 was once again a challenging one for the fire service, as we responded to a world pandemic and the worst fire season on record.

As we reflect on our many accomplishments and on the many things, we are thankful for this year, none of it would be possible without the close bond and trust that we have with our community, our partners and our fire fighters.

On behalf of all the personnel working for the Foresthill Fire Protection District, I want to express my appreciation for your support. I am humbled and honored to share the hard work of our Fire District with you and look forward to an even better 2021.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Ridley



Executive Summary

This was busy year for the Foresthill Fire Protection District as we continue to make progress in the services provided, training of our members, and equipment and funding opportunities available to our district for the year 2020. The district continues to look at providing the very best in Fire and EMS services to our citizens and visitors while being financially responsible to the people we serve.

FACILITIES AND APPARATUS

The Foresthill Fire Protection maintains facilities and apparatus to ensure timely and efficient responses to emergencies. The department has two stations that cover responses for the district and one for the storage of apparatus.

Fire Headquarters – 24320 Main Street

The offices of the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and Training and the Assistant Fire Chief of Community Risk Reduction/EMS/Support Services are all located there. Administrative staff are located here as well. The Department's Operations Center (DOC) is also located at Fire Headquarters.

The following apparatus being assigned to Headquarters:

- 2006 – Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Pick-up
- 2006 – Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Pick-up

Station 88 – 5981 Gold Street

Station houses two full-time fire personnel per day.

The station currently houses the following apparatus:

- 2001 – Westates 1000 gpm Type 1 Engine
- 2003 – West Mark 500 gpm Type 3 Engine
- 2020 – Leader Type 1 Ambulance

10Kw Trailer Generator

Station 89 – 22700B Foresthill Road

Unstaffed. Used as a storage location.

The station currently houses the following apparatus:

- 2001 – West Mark 3000 gallon Type 1 Water Tender

Station 90 – 20540 Foresthill Road

Station houses two full-time fire personnel per day.

The station currently houses the following apparatus:

- 2017 – Spartan 1500 gpm Type 1 Engine
- 2003 – West Mark 500 gpm Type 3 Engine
- 1999 – Hytec Rescue
- 2017 – Horton Type 1 Ambulance

Porter Garage – 24495 Foresthill Road

Used as a storage location.

The station currently houses the following apparatus:

- 2014 – Horton Type 1 Ambulance (Reserve)

FIRE ADMINISTRATION

24230 Main Street, Foresthill



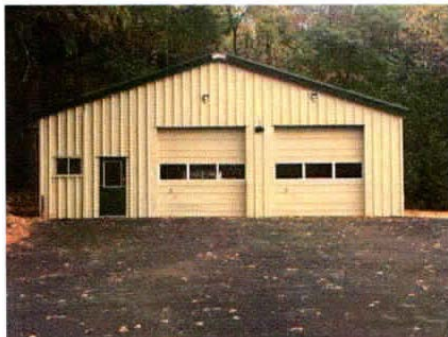
FIRE STATION 88

5981 Gold Street, Foresthill



FIRE STATION 89

22700B Foresthill Road, Foresthill



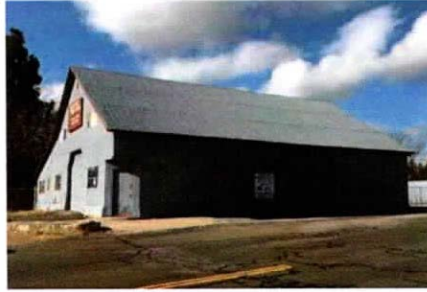
FIRE STATION 90

20540 Foresthill Road, Foresthill



PORTER GARAGE

24495 Foresthill Road, Foresthill



Engine 88



Water Tender 89



Medic 90



Rescue 90



Reserve Medic



Brush 90 (Brush 88 is identical)



Medic 88



Engine 90

Operations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The fire department operations and EMS divisions are managed by Assistant Fire Chief's Dave Whitt and Assistant Chief Jed Matcham. This is the largest division of the fire department. Operations/EMS personnel respond to all requests for service.

In addition, personnel also continually conduct mandatory training requirements, assist in public education, conduct fire prevention inspections supporting the risk reduction division and maintain the fire stations and apparatus.

The ability to improve our service is generated through many ideas and initiatives that originate from the operational/EMS members. Their values, energy, commitment, and compassion drive many of the departments' functions, programs, and activities throughout the year. The personnel are faced daily with accomplishing our mission to provide extraordinary service to the community.

Training & Education

Over the years, the fire service has evolved into an “all hazards” approach agency with the Foresthill Fire Protection District being no exception. Firefighters are the initial responders to all emergencies.

Training hours for 2020 averaged **147.2** per person including the Chief Officers.
Training hours for 2020 averaged **176.8** per person without the Chief Offices.

The ISO goal is **192** hours of fire related training per person. Not including Chief Officers.

Community Risk Reduction Division

The Community Risk Reduction division (CRR) is headed by Assistant Fire Chief Jed Matcham. The division focuses on all aspects of life safety. Their primary objective is to reduce preventable deaths, injuries and property loss through public education programs, fire inspections of all commercial and non-owner-occupied occupancies and through enforcement of the California Uniform Fire Code.

The division educates building owners and tenants while conducting fire safety inspections. This helps to gain voluntary compliance, as well as limit the number of repeat violations in the future. The division and firefighters conduct annual fire safety inspections of existing commercial properties each year which may result in follow-up inspections to ensure compliance.

Foresthill Fire Protection District's CRR was busy throughout 2020, working locally as well as with regional and national stakeholders to improve the safety of our community. Although COVID-19 presented challenges to operations, the CRR division was able to make some very significant impacts throughout the year.

FFPD was selected by the International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Program as a recipient of its Targeted Risk Reduction Assistance. We were selected after a nationwide, open application process and are now receiving guidance and financial assistance for our wildland fire community education and outreach, and implementation of a defensible space demonstration day. This opportunity allows us to strengthen community-wide wildland fire preparedness, adaptation, and resiliency efforts. Along with this grant also came assistance with the development of our new Community Wildfire Preparation Plan, which we expect to have completed in 2021.

Other efforts within CRR resulted in the drafting and adoption of the updated California Fire Code with amendments that are specific to Foresthill as well as Placer County. We also adopted a new hazardous vegetation ordinance that implements standards for vegetation management on all parcels of land within our fire district. To enhance the ability to enforce the hazardous vegetation ordinance we entered into an agreement with Placer County Code Enforcement.

CRR was also active with the local schools, providing mandated annual inspections of the school campuses, reviewing and making recommendations on each schools' emergency plan, and meeting with school officials to provide wildfire preparation and evacuation information.



Office of Emergency Management

Assistant Fire Chief Gil Dong heads the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for the Foresthill Fire Protection District. The mission of the Emergency Management Division is to assist the Fire Chief develop plans and procedures that provide effective responses to all threats facing District. By developing and exercising the all-hazards plans we strive to minimize the impacts of an emergency or disaster on our citizens, visitors, property, the environment.

During 2020 the OEM continued to update several areas of the District's Emergency Operations Plan. Constant review and updating of this plan allow the District to be ready in the event of a disaster or emergency that requires the implementation and activation of various emergency support functions.

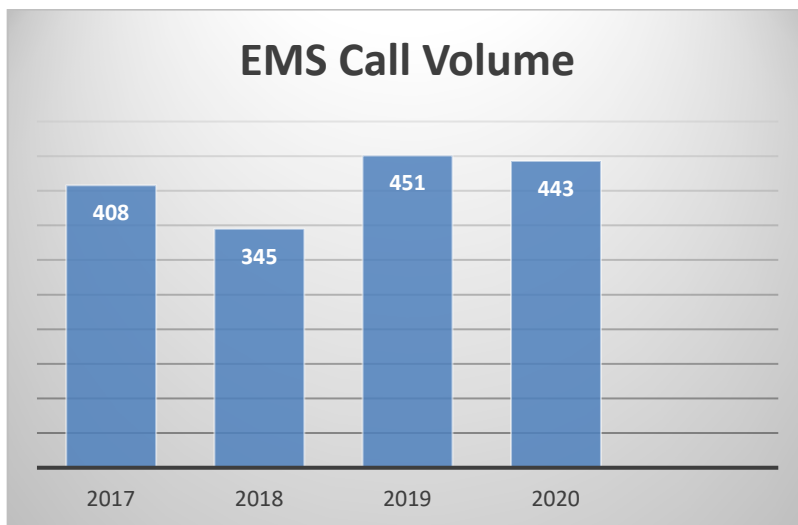
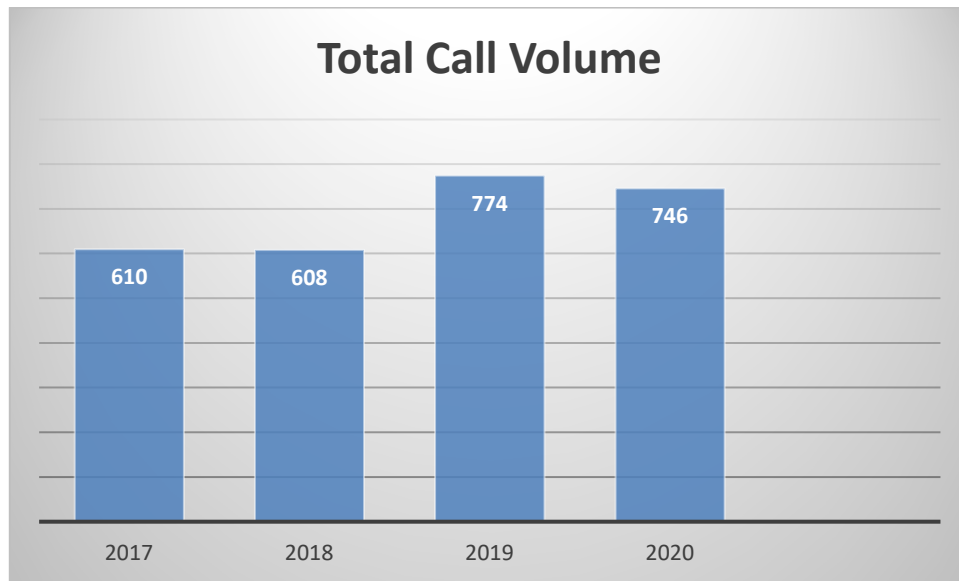
The division also wrote many of the grants that were sought by the district.

Community Relations and Outreach

The Foresthill Fire Protection District has always been very active within the promoting the betterment of the city. The pandemic has had a major impact on our abilities to partake in events, as these actives were cancelled to comply with Federal, State, County, and local guidelines.

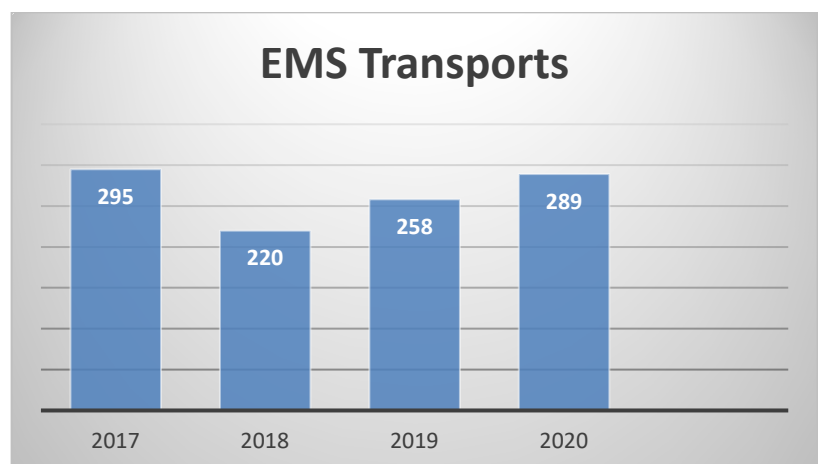


HIGHLIGHTS BY THE NUMBERS

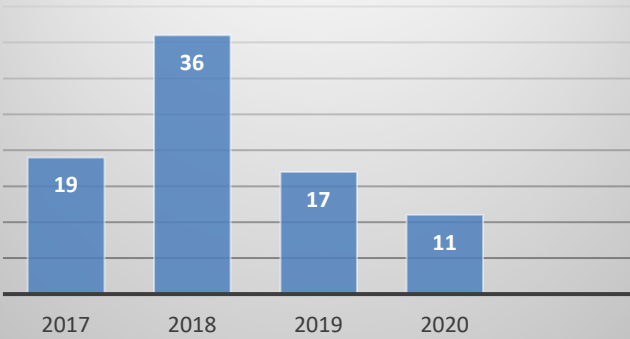


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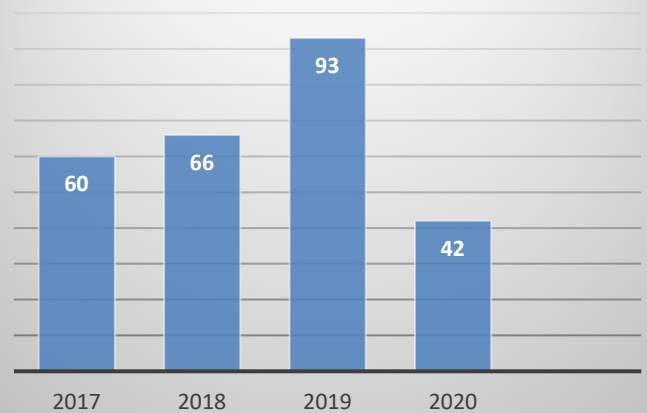
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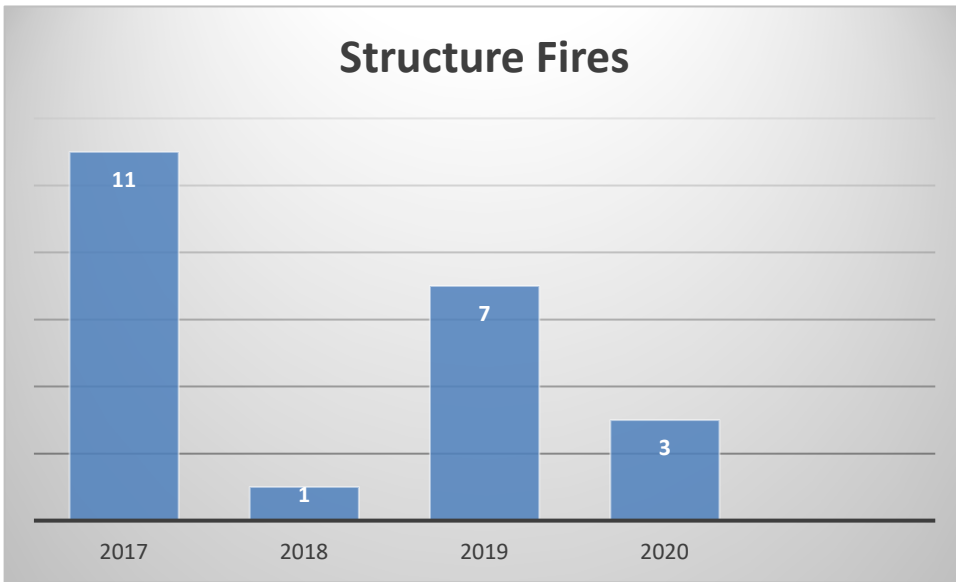
Vehicle Accidents w/o Injury



Public Assists



Structure Fires



Structure Fire

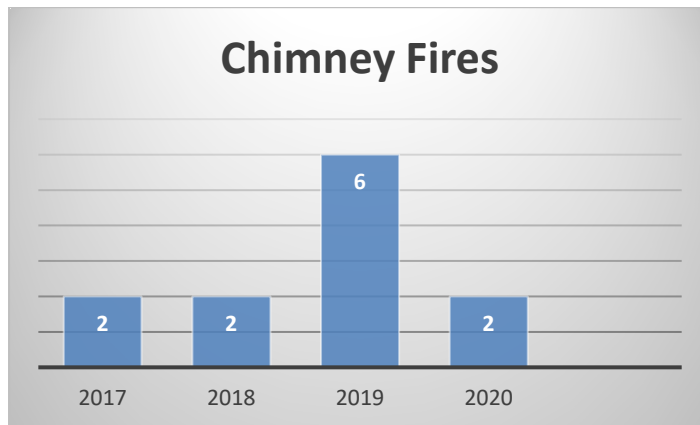
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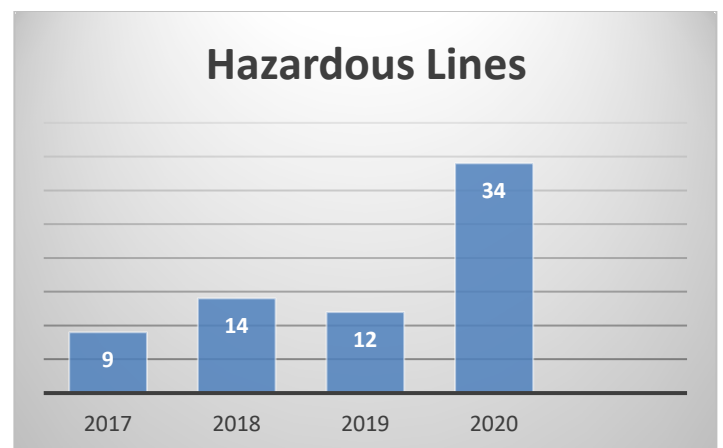
Saved:

\$252,000

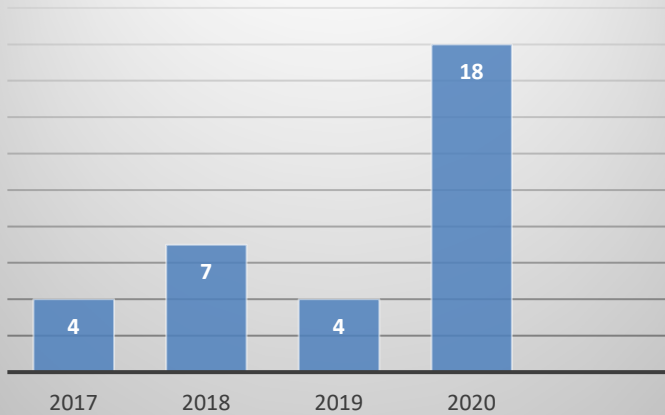
Chimney Fires



Hazardous Lines



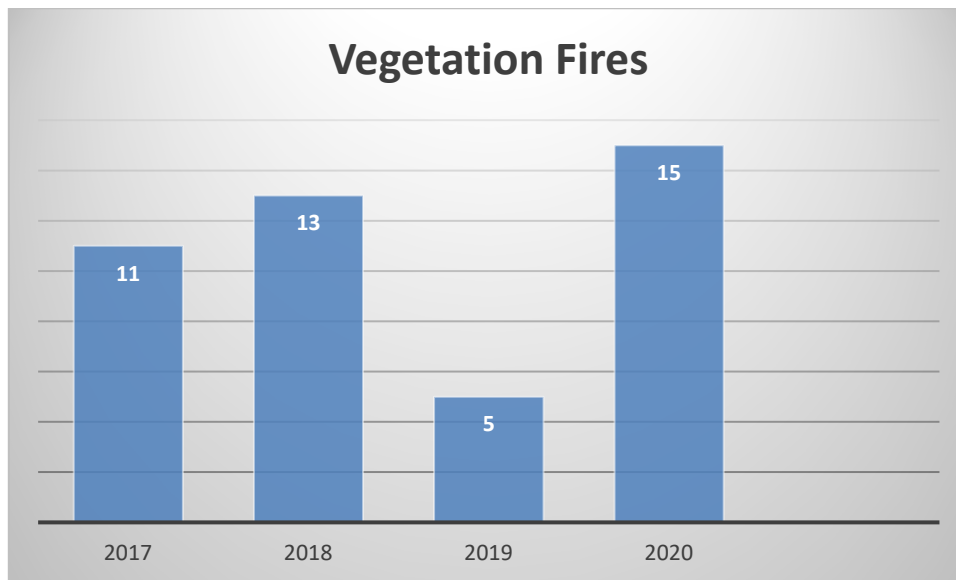
Burn Piles and Trash Fires



Mutual Aid

Received	105
Given	63

Vegetation Fires



MAJOR INCIDENTS

- Structure Fire at 22010 Todd Valley Road on March 29th. Mobile home full involved on arrival of E90. Crews pulled a 2 ½" attack line. Fire went well. Public comment fielded was positive. Total damage was \$60,000, with \$2,000 saved.
- Structure Fire: 22451 Foresthill Road on August 2nd. Single family residential structure. Fire in living room. Damage limited to area of origin. Unintentional cause. Working Smoke Detector, with no one home. Loss: \$5,000. Saved: \$250,000. Assisted by CalFire, Placer Hills FPD, Placer County Sheriff, AMR.

- Vegetation Fire: At 3:20 pm on August 17th, Foresthill Road West of Monte Verde Estates. 2.2 acres. Stopped by aggressive fire attack on the ground with hose lays and a dozer. Resources were limited do to the fact that there were numerous other fires burning and the Jones Fire was aggressively burning in Grass Valley and Nevada City. 5 Engines, 3 Water Tenders, 1 Medic, 1 Dozer, 1 Hand Crew. No fire air assets were available. CHP H24 was there for the initial part of the fire. Incident Commander was CalFire, supported by numerous other Chiefs and Staff Officers including Chief Matcham and Chief Ridley. Fire was checked by our crews for several days. Hose lays were removed on the 22nd. Responding Agencies: CalFire, United State Forest Service, Colfax Fire, Placer Hills Fire, South Placer Fire, Placer County Sheriff, California Highway Patrol, California State Parks. Newcastle FPD covered our District. Cause: Under Investigation

STRIKE TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

An Engine from the Fire District answered a request for assistance from the State on four occasions. Staffed with three personnel. We responded one engine as a part of a five engine Strike Team to the Poeville Fire outside Reno, to the Hog Fire near Susanville, to the North Fire Complex West in Quincy, and the Glass Fire in Sonoma County. We also helped cover Placer County with one engine for two days because of the resource drawdown.



- Brush 90 participated in Strike Team XPL4126C. Poeville Incident – Reno, NV. June 27-29. (Captain Reams, Engineer Pierce, Fire Fighter Sett).
- Brush 90/88 participated in Strike Team XPL4127C. Hog Incident – Susanville, CA. July 20-30. (Captain Reams, Engineer Hinkle, Fire Fighter Dilly).
- Brush 88 participated with Strike Team XPL4129C – North Fire Complex – Quincy, CA Sept. 18-27. (Engineer Pierce, Fire Fighter Sett, and Fire Fighter Dilly).
- Brush 88 participated with Strike Team XPL4130C – Glass Fire- Sonoma, CA - Sept. 29 - Oct. 11 – (Captain Reams, Fire Fighter Dilly, Resident Fire Fighter Wicklund).



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Delivered a balanced budget**
- **Managed COVID-19 Impacts**
- **Placed new power cots into service on two of the Medic Units**
- **Purchased a LOCUS Device (hands free CPR)**
- **New Records Management Software**
- **Increased the amount of new Structural Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)**
- **Purchased 4 Gas Detectors**
- **Purchased 2 CO₂ Detectors**
- **New roof on Station 90**
- **Purchased 4 new handheld portable radios**
- **Discussions on a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Foresthill Public Utility District**
- **Began the development of a training facility**

- Purchased 5 new laptop computers
- Wi-Fi upgraded
- New printers at the stations
- New printer for the Department Operations Center (DOC)
- Activated a Department Operations Center
- New Medic Unit brought online
- New Remounted Medic Unit
- MOU with Bureau of Reclamation
- Added a “new” Administrative Assistant position
- Staffed the Emergency Management Coordinator position
- Bauer Breathing Air Compressor upgrade
- Relocated PPE storage from the Administration building
- Installed new dishwasher at Station 90
- Four Strike Team deployments
- Recipient of the Ready, Set, Go grant to enhance the plans to harden our community against wildland fires
- Received our 2020 Insurance Services Office (ISO)
- Participant in the “Red Flag Warning” program
- Received a PlacerOES PSPS grant (\$25,642) for the Emergency Alert Radio System
- Received a Fire grant (\$15,000) for the Emergency Alert Radio System
- MOU with Columbia Southern University

COMMENDATIONS

November 24, 2020 Cardiac arrest “Life Save”

Eric Reams, Brandon Esquer, Cameron Kramer, Addison Gibson, Tyler Smith

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Assistant Fire Chief Jed Matcham – 530-367-2465
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Fire Administration:

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pmetz@foresthillfire.org

Shonne Epperly-Elgin – 530-367-2465
selgin@foresthillfire.org

Fire Facilities:

Headquarters Phone (non-emergency) – 530-367-2465
Headquarters Fax # - 630-367-3498

Station 88 – 530-367-2766
(5981 Gold Street)

Station 90 – 530-367-2311
(20540 Foresthill Road)





North Complex Fire



Setting of antenna pole for the Emergency Notification Radio



Setting of the poles of a Training Platform by PG&E



Picking up a hose lay off the Portofino Fire



Hydrant hook up training



Station 90 repairs