



JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Independence Day Weekend:** The 3rd and 4th of July weekend the fire department upstaffed additional units in the city, including AMR, CALFIRE. No significant calls for service to report, appreciate the additional help and support of our staff, Winters PD, AMR and CALFIRE.
- **OES Strike Team Deployments:** Winters Firefighters deployed on two assignments in the month of July. Captain Schechla, Firefighters Luis Herrera and Miquel Zaragoza were deployed to the Beckwourth Fire from (7/10-7/18). Captain Baumgart, Engineer Marquez and Firefighter Tscherner were deployed to the Tamarack Fire (7/18-7/25).
- **Yolo County Fire Safe Council (FSC):** Fire Chief Becky Ramirez (Chair) with Yocha DeHe Fire and Fire Chief Brad Lopez (Vice-Chair) both voted in on July 28th to serve permanent positions on the Yolo County FSC for one year. Information on meeting minutes, bylaws and membership applications can be found [here](#).
- **Council Goal Setting:** City Department Heads, Staff and Council conducted a goal setting exercise on July 23rd and 24th at the Public Safety Facility.
- **Incidents:** On July 9th the Fire Department responded to a reported Structure Fire in the 900 block of Taylor Street. Firefighters arrived on scene to an exterior fire on the side of a residential home extending to the roof and attic, residents evacuated safely. Firefighters were able to quickly contain the fire and minimize damage to property. A week later, the department received a Thank You letter in the mail.

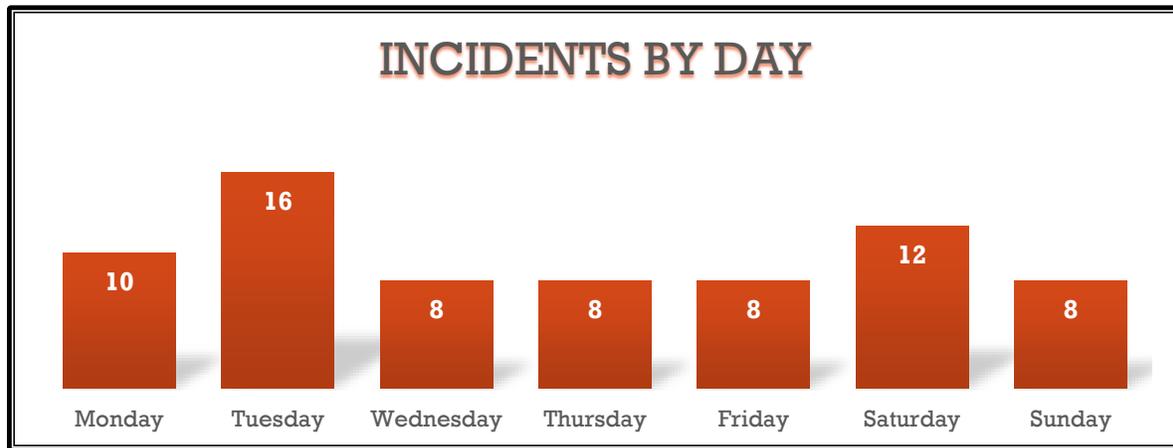


We wanted to say thank you so much for saving our house the night of 7/9/21. Thank-you all for your high level of professionalism and compassion, that every one of you showed. Your team made a very stressful situation less stressful. And most of all you saved my childhood home and for that I am forever grateful! My pets and my family. Thank-You!
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- Rotary and Fire Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** The joint Pancake Breakfast by Winters Rotary and the Fire Department was a success. The event netted approximately \$1,438 which will be split between the organizations. Thank you to Rotary and our Volunteers who came out to support this event!

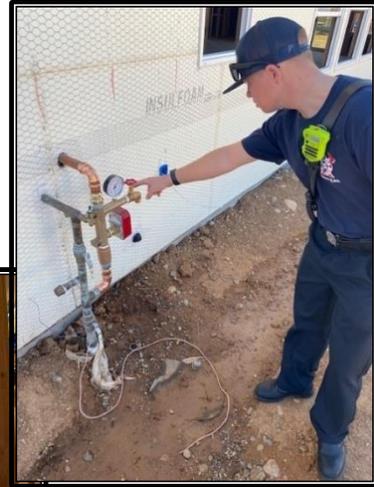
JULY EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

Fires	6
Rescue & Emergency Medical	38
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	9
Good Intent	7
False Alarms	6
Other	2
TOTAL FOR MONTH	70



FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Residential Fire Sprinklers: A Firefighter inspects a residential sprinkler system for compliance. These “rough” inspections allow fire inspectors to view the piping before insulation and drywall is installed. The California Fire Code requires that all new residential construction is required to have an automatic sprinkler system installed.



Inspections

Fire Department conducted 13 residential fire sprinkler inspections.



OPERATIONS & TRAINING

Winters Fire Department staff completed 114 hours of training in the following areas.

- Firefighter Skills
- Fire Prevention
- Physical Fitness
- Wildland Firefighting
- Ladders and hose deployment

OPERATIONS & TRAINING CONTINUED

Training at night adds a level of complexity and danger to routine firefighter tasks. Night drills require firefighters to rely on each other since they lose their ability to see anything other than what's directly in front of them. Firefighters are prompted to focus on good clear radio and face to face communication.

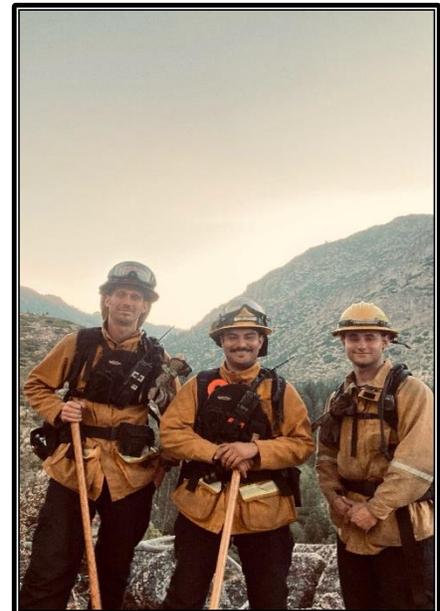


OES DEPLOYMENTS

Beckwourth Complex



Tamarack Fire



Daily Staffing

The Winters Fire Department is largely supported by Volunteer Firefighters to supplement daily staffing. The chart here demonstrates average daily staffing levels for the month of July. Our goal is to maintain a 4-person engine company to include one career Company Officer and up to three Volunteer/Reserve firefighters 24/7.



EMS, FLEET & FACILITIES

- **EMS Protocol updates**

Yolo Medical Services & Emergency Preparedness (YEMSA) notified all agencies that new & existing medical protocols will be updated and implemented to assist first responders in providing the best and most up to date medical interventions. These protocols touch on CPR, C-spine, and shock treatment. Winters Fire personnel have been made aware of the changes and are fully prepared to implement the new standards of care when appropriate.

- **Fleet Maintenance**

Utility 226 was sent in for annual maintenance. These types of inspections are vital to ensuring that our fleet stays ready to respond for incidents. A third party was contracted to perform the inspection and conduct any necessary maintenance to meet the standards of the industry for service needs. Additionally, Brush 26 was sent into for maintenance involving the tires, being properly rotated, and balanced to ensure the apparatus is operating safely.

- **Facility Repairs**

The Winters Fire Department Staff identified several faulty sensors that are used to stop the automatic apparatus bay doors when they detect resistance. These doors are very large and heavy and without sensors functioning properly could cause serious injury to people or damage to equipment. The doors were inspected and repaired to meet the required safety standards outlined in OSHA ANSI/UL 325 and NFPA 80. Additionally, the brick wall repairs, and finishing was completed this month in front of the station.

UNDER THE HELMET

Under the Helmet is an opportunity to highlight the firefighters who serve and protect our community.



LEFT: Reserve Firefighter

Michael Curran new to WFD graduated from the Solano College Fire Academy #101 this year. Michael played sports growing up and thrived in a team environment. He is a personal trainer and working towards a career in the fire service. Michael resides in Woodland, CA and enjoys camping, hiking, watching movies and spending time with family and friends.

RIGHT: Reserve Firefighter

Chase Dombrowski is also new to WFD and graduated from the Solano College Fire Academy #101 this year. Chase grew up in Vacaville with three generations of his family in the fire service, this inspired him to follow the family profession. Chase enjoys being spending time with family and friends, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and riding his dirt bike.

