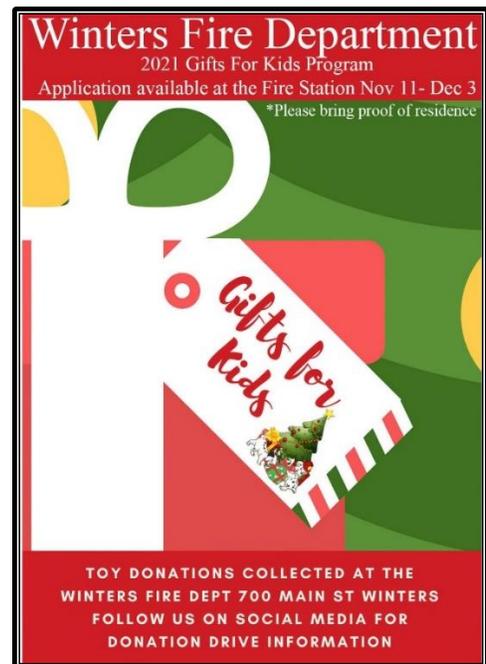




# OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

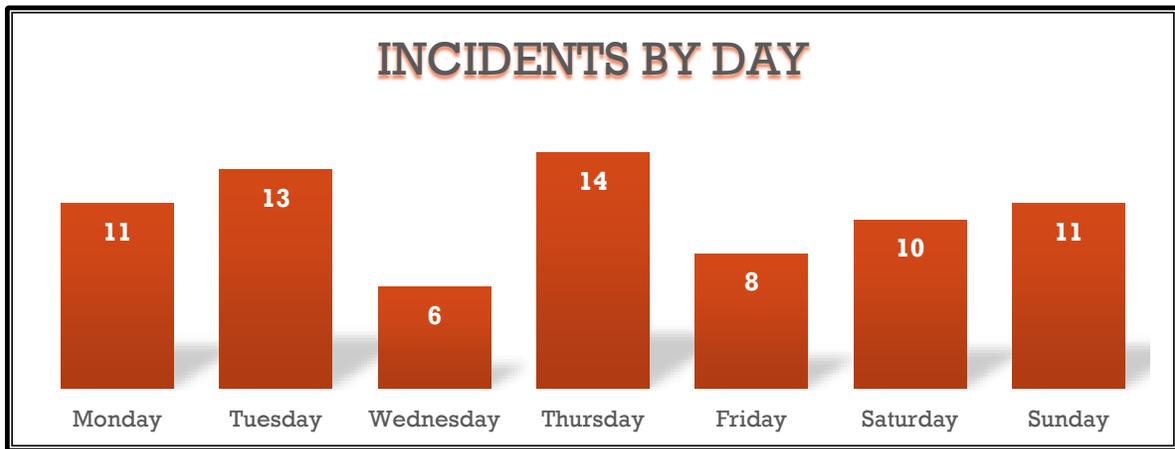
## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG):** The AFG grant application period is open now for the FY2021 period from November 8<sup>th</sup>-December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Staff has begun the application process and will be working to apply in two categories under AFG. Operations & Safety for structural personal protective equipment and Vehicle Acquisition for a Water Tender replacement. We will refine our applications from last years as these are identified as high funding priorities under AFG. Stay tuned for more!
- **ALERT Wildfire Cameras:** I am happy to announce we have two cameras installed and live now on the communications tower at the Winters Public Safety Facility. This was a collaborative effort by Yolo County Fire Chiefs, Eric Zane of Woodland Fire, Rebecca Ramirez of Yocha Dehe Fire, Steve Binns of West Sacramento Fire and me. PG&E was the funding partner providing cameras throughout Yolo County and made possible by PG&E Public Safety Specialist, Senior Patrick Ellis. A link to the cameras can be found [here](#).
- **Gifts for Kids Program:** The Winters Fire Department has opened applications for our Gifts for Kids program which assists families in need during the holiday season. We are proud of this program and enjoy helping our local families and youth who may have very limited to no resources. Applications are available at the Winters Fire Department Monday-Friday 8:AM-6:PM in the Lobby. Captain Cheyne Baumgart is leading this year's program.



## JULY EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Fires                      | 5         |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical | 44        |
| Hazardous Conditions       | 5         |
| Service Calls              | 8         |
| Good Intent                | 5         |
| False Alarms               | 5         |
| Other/Weather              | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL FOR MONTH</b>     | <b>73</b> |



## 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. 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.



## FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Winters Fire Department has conducted 28 residential fire sprinkler inspections for the month.

- **Thanksgiving Holiday Safety**  
We want you to have a safe and happy thanksgiving! Here are some tips to help make this happen.

### National Fire Protection Association- Public Education Links

- [“Thanksgiving Safety”](#)
- [“Cooking Safety”](#)
- [Dangers of Turkey Fryers](#)

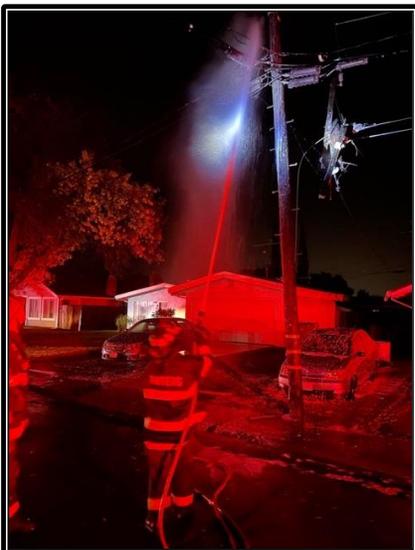


## OPERATIONS & TRAINING

Winters Fire Department staff completed 87.5 hours of training in the following areas.

- Firefighter Skills
- Rope Rescue
- Physical Fitness
- Live Fire
- Ladders and hose deployment
- Swiftwater rescue

### “Atmospheric River” Storm aftermath



(Left): FF Maroquin extinguishes a de-energized power pole that caught fire on Taylor St.

(Bottom): Mutual Aid Fire in Esparto. On October 12 at 2:09 pm the Winters Fire Department was requested under Mutual aid to Esparto for a Structure Fire. The fire destroyed the attic.

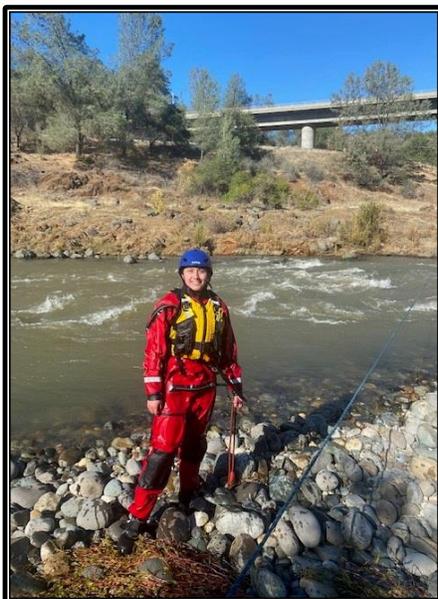
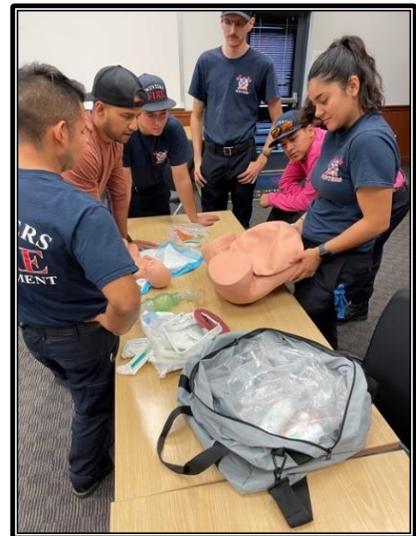




(Left): Thank you to all that voted for our Fire Department scarecrow. We took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the “Spookiest Scarecrow.”

**\*Congratulations to our new Paramedic Diana Marroquin!**

(Right): This last month Diana completed her Napa College Paramedic program and passed the National Registry test. The paramedic program consists of 1100 hours of classroom, hospital, and field training. (Picture) Diana is teaching a brief lesson on Childbirth to WFD reserves.



(Left): This last month Firefighter Aide Aguilera completed a two-day course in Swiftwater Rescue Operations in Chico, Ca. Her class began the day after the atmospheric river storm that hammered northern California, so she was able to train in some intense conditions. Firefighter Aguilera stands next to the Yuba River where her training was conducted.

## EMS/ FLEET/ FACILITIES

- **Fleet**

Brush 226, a 1996 Ford F250 was retired and sent out for auction after over 25 years of service to the Winters Community. Brush 226 served as a Duty Officer vehicle earlier in its life with WFD and was attached to our alarm matrix as part of our wildland response. The auction will be held at Richie Brothers in Dunnigan on December 8<sup>th</sup>.



- **Equipment**

The Department was able to acquire 5 new Digital Bendix King Portable radios, that are P-25 compliant. These radios will meet the standards of NFPA 1977 and will enhance interoperability in communications when responding to wildfires in the urban interface.

By removing the obsolete older models that cannot effectively communicate with our mutual aid partners, this new equipment will increase communication operations, and provide safer conditions in which firefighters work. This purchase is phase 1 in an effort to replace our stock of non-compliant radios with the tools necessary to engage in wildland firefighting.



## APPARATUS OF THE MONTH

Engine 26 (E26) is our front-line Type 1 engine our department uses as an “All Risk” response vehicle. This means that E26 is equipped respond to multiple types of emergencies and calls for service. With a full complement of medical equipment, including an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). E26 provides for fire suppression of residential and commercial fires, rescue for motor vehicle accidents, technical rope rescue and swift water rescue as some examples. E26 has a 750-gallon tank paired with a 1500 gallon-per-minute pump making it capable of delivering water in large quantities if needed. E26 is staffed daily with a minimum of One Fire Captain and One Volunteer/Reserve Firefighter.



## Farewell's & Thank You...

**Rigo Garcia**, after spending over 13 years with the WFD, he has decided to step down from the department. Rigo, was an outstanding person and enjoyed responding to calls for service, training and helping with fundraising events. He eventually began working as a firefighter with CALFIRE where he is today. Due to his commitment with CALFIRE and new engagement, he is beginning a new chapter in his life. We appreciate his dedication to the community, the profession and congratulate him on his new engagement, we wish him well!



**Victor Diaz**, became a Reserve Firefighter with WFD in late 2011 when we moved into the new Public Safety Facility. He spent 10 years with the department serving our community helping with fundraising events and played a critical role as an Honor Guard member as we laid our past Fire Chief, Scotty Dozier to rest. Victor currently works in the refinery and is apart of a Fire Brigade, he also serves in the National Guard as a Pararescue Medic on a helicopter. We wish him well in his next chapter!