



# NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

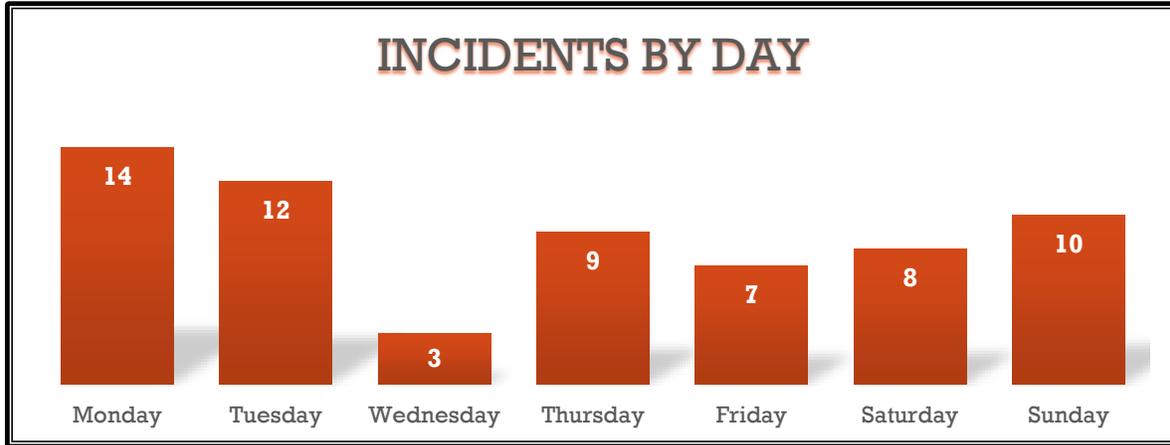
## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Yolo Food Bank Thanksgiving Meals Distribution:** Winters firefighters assisted Yolo Food Bank and Rise Inc. distributing Thanksgiving meals to families in a drive-through distribution.



## JULY EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

Fires	4
Rescue & Emergency Medical	37
Hazardous Conditions	3
Service Calls	4
Good Intent	7
False Alarms	8
Other/Weather	0
<b>TOTAL FOR MONTH</b>	<b>63</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

### Fire Drills

The Winters Fire Department performed a fire drill at the Winters Senior Apartments. This was a great exercise and really gave us a chance to provide feedback on exit strategies and safety tips.

### Winter Holiday Fire Facts

- Between 2015-2019, U.S. fire departments responded to an average 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year
- Candles caused 45 percent of home decoration fires in December.

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- Cooking equipment was involved in one of every five (19%) of home decoration fires. This can happen when a decoration is left on or too close to a stove or other cooking equipment.

### **Public Education**

The Winters Fire Department held a field trip from Waggoner elementary. The field trip was split up over 2 days for 4 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes with over 90 students in attendance. The students got a firsthand look at the fire truck, climbed inside, saw a firefighter put their gear on and sprayed water with the hose! This also gave us a chance to provide safety Huge thanks to Waggoner Elementary for visiting!



## OPERATIONS & TRAINING

Winters Fire Department staff completed 68 hours of training in the following areas.

- Vehicle Fires
- Hose deployment
- Search and Rescue
- Pump Operations
- Tool Maintenance

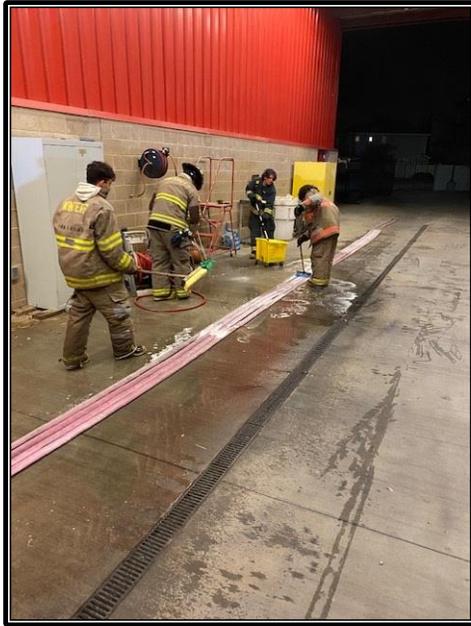


### WFD Cadet Program

7 Students from the Winters high school are participating in the fire department's cadet program. In this program, they learn basic fighting skills, teamwork, problem solving and get some basic career experience outside the school atmosphere. Senior student's use the cadet program as their capstone project. Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of training and community service as part of their capstone requirement. You may have seen them at our events. Winters Fire staff works closely with these individuals helping them meet requirements and benchmarks set in the program. Eventually with training and education, these cadets will be participating in live fire training and ride-a-longs towards the end of the program.



Pictured > Cadets are learning about the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).



Pictured < Equipment maintenance is important part of firefighting. Cadets are washing and drying fire hose after structure hose deployment drills.

**Cadets**

- Joel Barrera
- Anthony Durant
- Natasha Diaz
- Sofia Chavez
- Conner Ray
- Jacob Baker
- Atanacio Garcia jr.

**EMS/ FLEET/ FACILITIES**

- **Fleet:** Brush 226 Update- Our recently auctioned Brush Truck successfully sold!



*Winters Fire Department welcomed a new vehicle to the fleet, Chief 2600! The 2021 Chevy 1500 has been introduced to service and will serve as the Fire Chief's primary vehicle. It will provide greater Incident Command Capabilities than previously achievable by other apparatus within the fleet. Various upgrades such as code 3 lighting and communication are in the process of being installed; when completed this vehicle will meet the standards of NFPA 1901 & 1561 pertaining to emergency vehicles and incident management and command safety.*



- **Equipment:** The Department submitted a request to acquire proposed funding from the “2021-2020 Cannabis Tax Revenue Allocation One-Time Wildfire Preparedness & Safety Funding Request”. This money became available through the County Fire District Board of Supervisors for qualifying requests pertaining to wildfire mitigation. The WFD submitted a request to obtain 10 new sets of wildland PPE, and 6 additional BK portable radios to assist in our equipment replacement program. If awarded the WFD will receive \$15,500 to put towards these needed assets.