



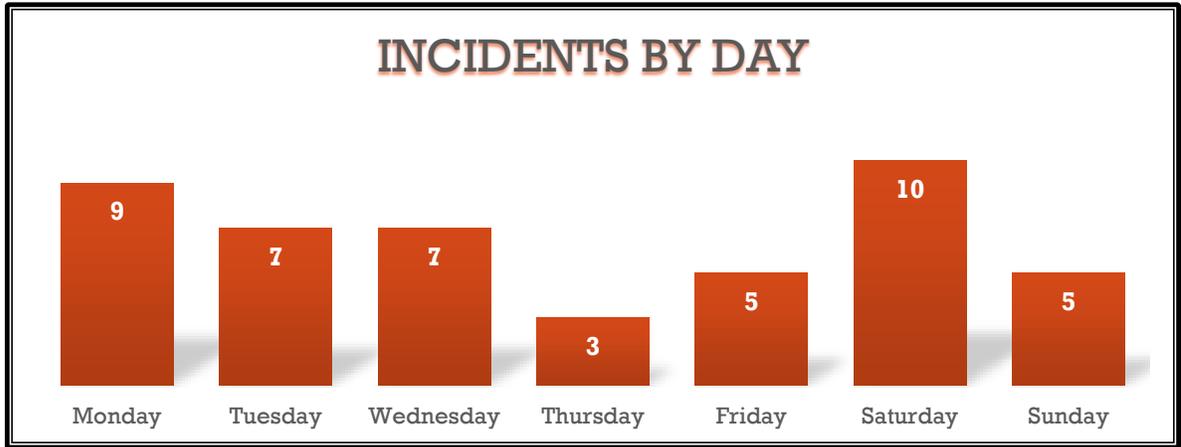
FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

- Yolo Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) provided training to career staff to administer COVID-19 testing.
- Calls for service are down this month compared to January, mostly attributed to a decline in emergency medical service calls.
- Solano Community College (SCC) has purchased two new fire training props totaling over \$100K for the Fire Academy. A Fire Blast Fire Control 4 prop and a vehicle fire training prop. Our partnership with the SCC will provide Winters Fire access to these valuable training resources.
- Fire Season 2021, firefighters are gearing up for the fire season which is just ahead. Staff is making repairs and replacing personal protective equipment. Staff will begin annual refresher training and training new hires in preparation for the coming summer.
- Requests for Information: If you have questions and would like to speak with the Fire Chief, please feel free to contact me via email at brad.lopez@wintersfire.org or office phone number (530) 794-6762.

FEBRUARY EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

Fires	3
Rescue & Emergency Medical	23
Hazardous Conditions	1
Service Calls	3
Good Intent	6
False Alarms	7
Other	3
TOTAL FOR MONTH	46



FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Daylight Savings Smoke Detectors**

Daylight savings time is approaching which means it is time to test and change the batteries on all smoke detectors throughout your home or business. Keeping up date on your fire prevention and alerting devices is the best way to ensure that these systems are working properly and will do their job to alert you in the case of a fire!

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Smoke Alarm Safety Tip Sheet.**
 Follow the QR code below for more information about smoke detectors.



- Fire Inspections**

The Winters Fire Department conducted 16 residential fire inspections including rough hydro, and final inspections. These inspections ensure that fire protection systems within the new homes being developed are being built to the standard of the California Fire Code.

OPERATIONS & TRAINING

Training

February was a busy month for fireground training. Our call volume typically decreases a little during the winter which allow us to work on infrequent skills. The nice February weather was perfect for conducting vehicle extrication training. Firefighters focused on stabilization, roof and door removal and patient extrication.

Winters Fire Department staff completed 304.5 hours of training in the following areas.

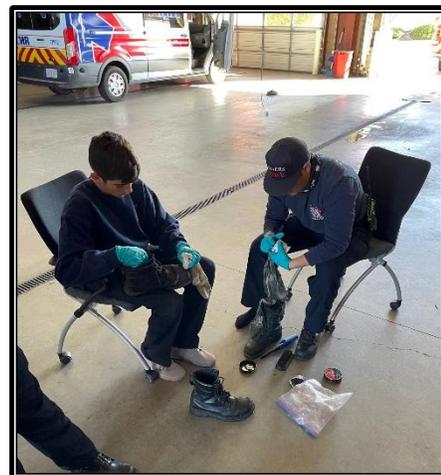
- Firefighter Skills
- EMS
- Physical Fitness
- Hazardous Materials
- Forcible Entry
- Flammable & Combustible Gas Fires
- Ventilation



New Fire Explorer

Please welcome Anthony Duran our new fire explorer. Anthony is a freshman in high school with aspirations of becoming a future firefighter. Anthony will be learning all aspects of the job including fireground tactics, station duties and working with the community.

In this picture, Anthony is receiving a lesson on proper uniform upkeep.



Daily Staffing

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



FLEET, FACILITIES & EMS

- **Fleet & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Grant**

The Winters Fire Department has conducted a risk analysis and determined the need for a new Water Tender and to be able to provide our members with new PPE. An Assistance to Firefighters Grant AFG was submitted through FEMA to acquire a new Tactical Water Tender, replacing a 25-year-old vehicle and 20 sets of Structural Firefighter gear that will comply with NFPA 1851 & 1971.

- **Outfitted Members in Wildland Gear**

With the upcoming changing of warmer weather, and fire season approaching the Department has started to gear up in preparation. Several members were assigned new, and appropriately fitting wildland PPE that follows standards of NFPA 1977.

FLEET, FACILITIES & EMS Continued...

COVID 19 Testing Certified

All career staff within the department attended training to be certified in rapid and traditional COVID 19 testing. By being able to deploy rapid testing in house, we can minimize the risk of any exposures spreading through employees, not only within the department but throughout City staff.



UNDER THE HELMET

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

Cody Tscharner began as a Resident Volunteer Firefighter in early 2019. Tscharner is a resident of Winters and enjoys helping people in his community. His goal is to gain experience with the fire department and pursue a full-time career. Tscharner enjoys hunting, camping and riding dirt bikes.



Justin Rominger began as a Resident Volunteer Firefighter in 2018. Rominger became a Volunteer Firefighter to "Give Back, Winters is a great town that has done a lot for me over the years". Rominger enjoys snowmobiling, snowboarding and spending time with friends and family.

