



# JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

## FIRE CHIEFS MESSAGE

The Winters Fire Department (WFD) closed out the year of 2020 with some record-breaking statistics. Responding to a record 850 calls for service compared to 727 in 2019. This is the highest call volume recorded for the department.

COVID-19 vaccinations began being provided to first responders throughout Yolo County. Department staff were some of the first responses to have access to the vaccination which consist of a two-shot series.

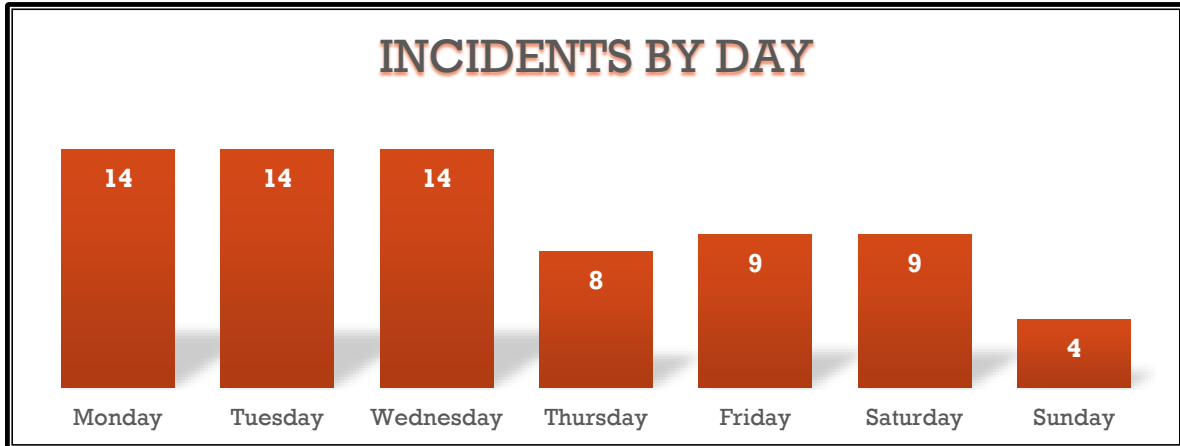
The Winters Fire Department in partnership with Solano Community College is hosting the Fire Academy. The Fire Academy kicked off on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 where 30 students will attend through the end of May. This will prepare students to achieve certification through California State Fire Training.



## JANUARY EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

Fires	2
Rescue & Emergency Medical	44
Hazardous Conditions	1
Service Calls	9
Good Intent	3
False Alarms	7
Other	6
<b>TOTAL FOR MONTH</b>	<b>72</b>

## INCIDENTS BY DAY



## FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Fire Prevention conducted 20 fire sprinkler inspections for new residential construction.
- **Incorporating technology into our inspection process.** Engineer Marquez displays a department iPad utilizing a records management system (RMS) called Image Trend. Image Trend is used to track calls, equipment, personnel, and prevention. You may see our firefighters using iPad's while conducting sprinkler and fire inspections throughout the city.



## OPERATIONS & TRAINING

As of January 2021, Winters Fire Department has become the main training sight for the Solano Fire Academy. The academy, which consist of 30 or more students runs yearly January through May. Students will learn about fire behavior, building construction, fire suppression, hazardous materials. They will also learn techniques such as advancing hose lines, victim rescue, firefighter survival, raising ladders and ventilation to name a few.



In January, Firefighters had the opportunity to train on a ventilation prop owned by Solano Community College. Additionally, PG&E has provided a propane fueled fire prop where staff are training on flammable liquids and gases.

Three Firefighters / EMT's from Winters Fire has been added to OES Region IV availability list to assist with surge assistance at hospitals throughout the state. If requested, these firefighters can be deployed as used as needed for up to 14 days.

Engineer Marquez completed Company Officer 2A. This is a 40 hours class that focuses on Human resource management.

## Daily Staffing

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



## Training

Winters Fire Department staff complete over 65 hours of training in the following areas;

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

## FLEET, FACILITIES & EMS

- **The Hydrostatic testing of all department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles was conducted for the first time since receiving the bottles through a grant. All Bottles passed the inspection and tests.**

*The testing of compressed gas cylinders, including those containing breathing air for SCBA, is regulated by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) under CFR 49. Breathing air cylinders must be hydrostatically tested on a regular basis. Test intervals for SCBA cylinders are dependent on construction type. Cylinders constructed from aluminum or steel must be tested every 5 years. This testing also fulfills recommendations of NFPA 1852.*

- **Performed annual inspection on Engine E26**

*Inspections, cleaning, and maintenance was performed on the vehicle to meet the standards of NFPA 1911. This standard defines the minimum requirements for establishing in service status for fire apparatus. The inspection and maintenance include removing all items from the vehicle, changing fuel and oil in equipment, replacing batteries as needed and fully washing and detailing the exterior and interior of the apparatus.*



- **Performed annual inspection on Engine 326, prepped apparatus for use with the incoming Solano Fire Academy class.**

*The Solano Fire Academy will be utilizing the apparatus to run drills on donning Personal Protective Equipment, deploying attack and supply hose, and setting up equipment vital to fireground operations.*

- **Started process of installing security locks to the exterior of the Public Safety Facility**

*Due to recent events within the city and across the country the decision to increase the need for security measures to the PSF has become a high priority. A recent review of the measures in places and what we have deemed necessary for the safety of our employees has resulted in exterior monitoring systems, as well as ordering locks to the exterior doors limiting unwarranted access.*

- **Sent out Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for inspection and maintenance**

*Four sets of PPE were sent out to an Independent Service Provider to perform inspections and repairs. NFPA 1851 sets the minimum requirements for inspection and maintenance of structural firefighting ensembles. This maintenance will ensure the safety equipment coincides with the recommendations of the NFPA and extend the life of gear.*

## UNDER THE HELMET

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

**Aide Aguilera** began as a Volunteer Firefighter in early 2020. Aguilera is a graduate of the WFD Explorer Program where she attended in 2019 as a Winters High School Senior. Aguilera is currently attending Solano Community College in pursuits of a career as a full-time Firefighter.



**Kyra Mills** began as a Volunteer Firefighter with the WFD also in early 2020. Mills brings a unique but valuable experience and understanding to emergency services. Her primary career involves Oil Wildlife Care. Here is a link to a article she recently published.

<https://owcnblog.wordpress.com/>

