



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Independence Day Weekend:** Staff is preparing for the 3rd and 4th of July weekend. The City will be hosting its fireworks show at the Winters Highschool on July 3rd, which we anticipate to draw in excess of 5000 patrons to our Winters community. Police, Fire and Public Works are preparing for to ensure for traffic safety, security and emergency preparedness where we will be upstaffing resources in the city.
- **Yolo County Fire District Sustainability & SB172:** The Yolo County Fire Protection Districts Ad Hoc Committee continue to meet with Yolo County Board of Supervisors to address long-term sustainability plan for fire protection. This has recently taken a national media spotlight in which Yolo County Fire Protection Districts are utilizing a legal firm to lobby for SB172 funds, Link here: [Volunteer Fire Departments Consider Legal Action Against Yolo County For Reliable Funding](#) More to come on this topic!
- **Solano Fire Academy #101 Graduation Ceremony:** The Solano Fire Academy graduation ceremony was hosted at the Winters Fire Department on May 28th. Brian Preciado, Ret. Fire Chief of City of Vacaville FD and Solano Fire Academy Program Director was the master of ceremony. Attendance was restricted but well attended by family members of students. Aaron Mendoza, son of Captain Art Mendoza and Mary Lou were also proud parents celebrating Aaron's accomplishments. Aaron has been a Resident Volunteer Firefighter with the department for over a year now, we are proud to celebrate his achievements!



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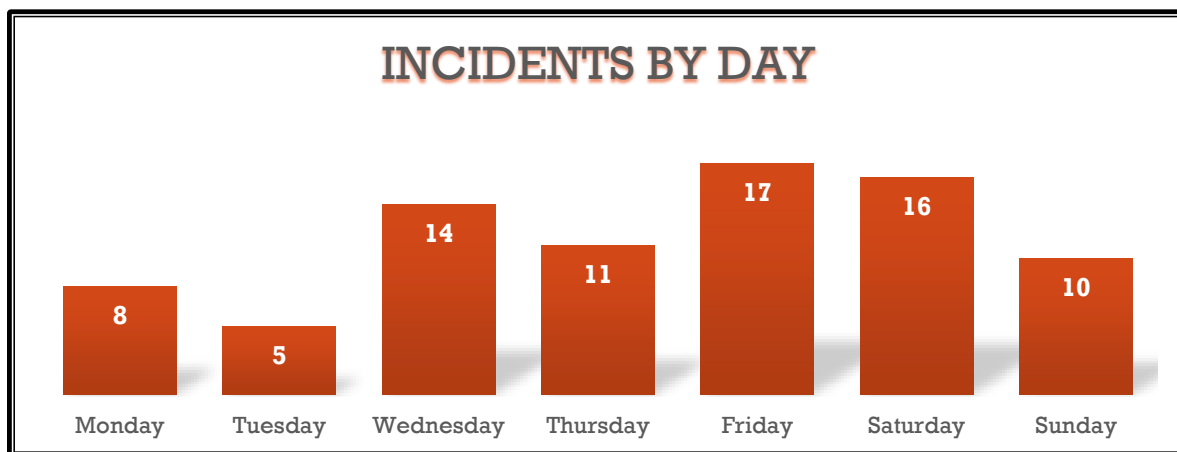
Chaplin Robert Devall & K9 Kepi were acknowledged for their years of dedicated service to the Winters community at a farewell lunch on May 28th. Chaplin Devall and Kepi have literally been the First Responder for our First Responders for the past 8 years during and post critical incidents. They have been an invaluable resource for residents in our community who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Chaplin Devall and Kepi have deployed to major CAL FIRE incidents



across the State of California including the Carr Fire, Paradise Fire and LNU Fire to name a few where he served as part of a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team. We congratulate Chaplin Devall and Kepi and thank them for their dedication to serving our community!

MARCH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

Fires	18
Rescue & Emergency Medical	37
Hazardous Conditions	1
Service Calls	8
Good Intent	3
False Alarms	8
Other	1
TOTAL FOR MONTH	76



FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

- PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Events: Here is a link to PG&E website which provide resources for PSPS events. You can also register your phone and email to receive PSPS outage alerts. [PG&E PSPS EVENTS](#)

SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS

What is the definition of "safe and sane" fireworks?

- California Health and Safety Code 12529 defines these as any fireworks that have not been classified as "dangerous" or "exempt" and comply with California's fireworks laws. These fireworks are clearly marked "Safe and Sane."

What is the definition of "dangerous" fireworks?

- California Health and Safety Code 12505 lists "dangerous" fireworks and include: fireworks that contain arsenic sulfide or arsenates, most chlorates, magnesium, most phosphorous, zirconium, or many other chemicals, firecrackers, skyrockets, rockets, and sparklers larger than ten inches in length or one-quarter inch in diameter, and any other fireworks that the State Fire Marshal has declared "unsafe for use by any person not specifically qualified or trained in the use of fireworks".

4th of July Fire Safety Tips:

- Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks
- Local ordinances should be verified before purchasing and/or using fireworks
- Always read directions
- Always have an adult present
- Only use fireworks outdoors
- Never use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials
- Light one firework at a time
- Have a bucket of water and a hose nearby

Fireworks Injury Prevention Safety Tips:

- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse
- Back up several feet immediately after lighting fireworks
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never experiment with fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light or "fix" fireworks
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while lighting fireworks
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets
- Fireworks are not toys

OPERATIONS & TRAINING

- **Training**

Crews took advantage of the nice weather to work on some Swiftwater rescue skills on Putah Creek. Many in the department are trained to the technician level which requires refresher training at least every 3 years. WFD makes it a goal to practice refresher skills every year.



Winters Fire Department staff completed 204 hours of training in the following areas.

- Firefighter Skills
- Fire Prevention
- Physical Fitness
- Swiftwater Rescue
- Wildland Firefighting

- **Instructor 1**

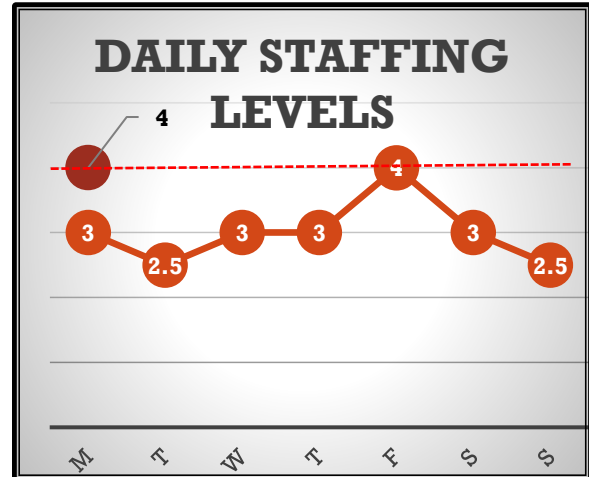
Engineer Jesus Marquez and Captain Schechla attending Instructor 1 training in Woodland during the week of 5/24 through 5/28. This class focuses on building a foundation for teaching and instructing new recruits and existing firefighters in all aspects of firefighting. This class is required to assist in teaching many technical classes and fire academies.

Winters Fire Department staff completed 144.5 hours of training in the following areas.

- Firefighter Skills
- Fire Prevention
- Physical Fitness
- Forcible Entry
- Ventilation
- Wildland Firefighting

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

- **ISO Fleet Review**

The Winters Fire Department evaluated various aspects of the Fleet, as a section of the entire department to be assessed by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) review. This includes a line-by-line inspection on different equipment and annual testing requirements of each unique fire apparatus.

- **NFPA Compliance**

The Winters Fire Department made changes to the policy of using our SCBA Compressor and PPE extractor. To create a more efficient equipment documentation log, Google Form and QR codes have been introduced to meet the maintenance record recommendations of NFPA 1851 Standard on, Care and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and NFPA 1852 Standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Open Circuit Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

UNDER THE HELMET

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



Firefighter, Diana Marroquin

began as a Volunteer Firefighter with the WFD in early 2019. Prior to joining the Department, she graduated from the Solano Community College Fire Academy. Today, she is attending Paramedic school and hopes to become a full-time Firefighter Paramedic with a department.

Lieutenant, Phil Hoag (aka "Uncle Phil") has nearly 30 years of experience as a Volunteer Firefighter. He also worked as an EMT and Paramedic with AMR began as a Volunteer Firefighter with Woodland Fire Department in 1991. Lt. Hoag became a Volunteer with WFD in 2001 and served as a Paramedic with a private ambulance company for over a decade. Lt. Hoag enjoys serving the department and frequently operates our Engines and Water Tenders when needed.

