

ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



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FIRE CHIEF

In 2023 the Dixon Fire Department diligently continued to improve our staff professional development, our fleet and our response capabilities. The DFD has implemented numerous creative solutions to keep pace with the constant growth of our city and region. Every member of the Dixon Fire Department is committed to providing the most effective emergency response organization possible. We met this commitment in 2023 by working as a cohesive team, using the best possible resources to mitigate the emergency we are called to within our city. It is a challenge to keep an emergency response organization operating efficiently. There is a constant balancing act that is required to meet our emergent and routine objectives and none of this would be possible without the dedicated and passionate professionals of the Dixon Fire Department.

In 2023 we took delivery of a new Type One Pierce Fire Engine that proudly displays the color scheme and graphics decided on by staff. This change may seem rather inconsequential to some, but to the members this is a source of pride and ownership which is just one ingredient necessary to make an organization successful. In 2023 we invested in our members professional development in preparation of the impacts of retirements within the department. This process began with the retirement of Assistant Chief John Malone. I am extremely thankful for his dedication to the Dixon Fire Department and the years of service he gave to this community. He cannot be replaced. I would like to thank Dixon City Council, City Manager Jim Lindley, all of the staff of the City of Dixon and the members of the Dixon Fire Department for their support and assistance.

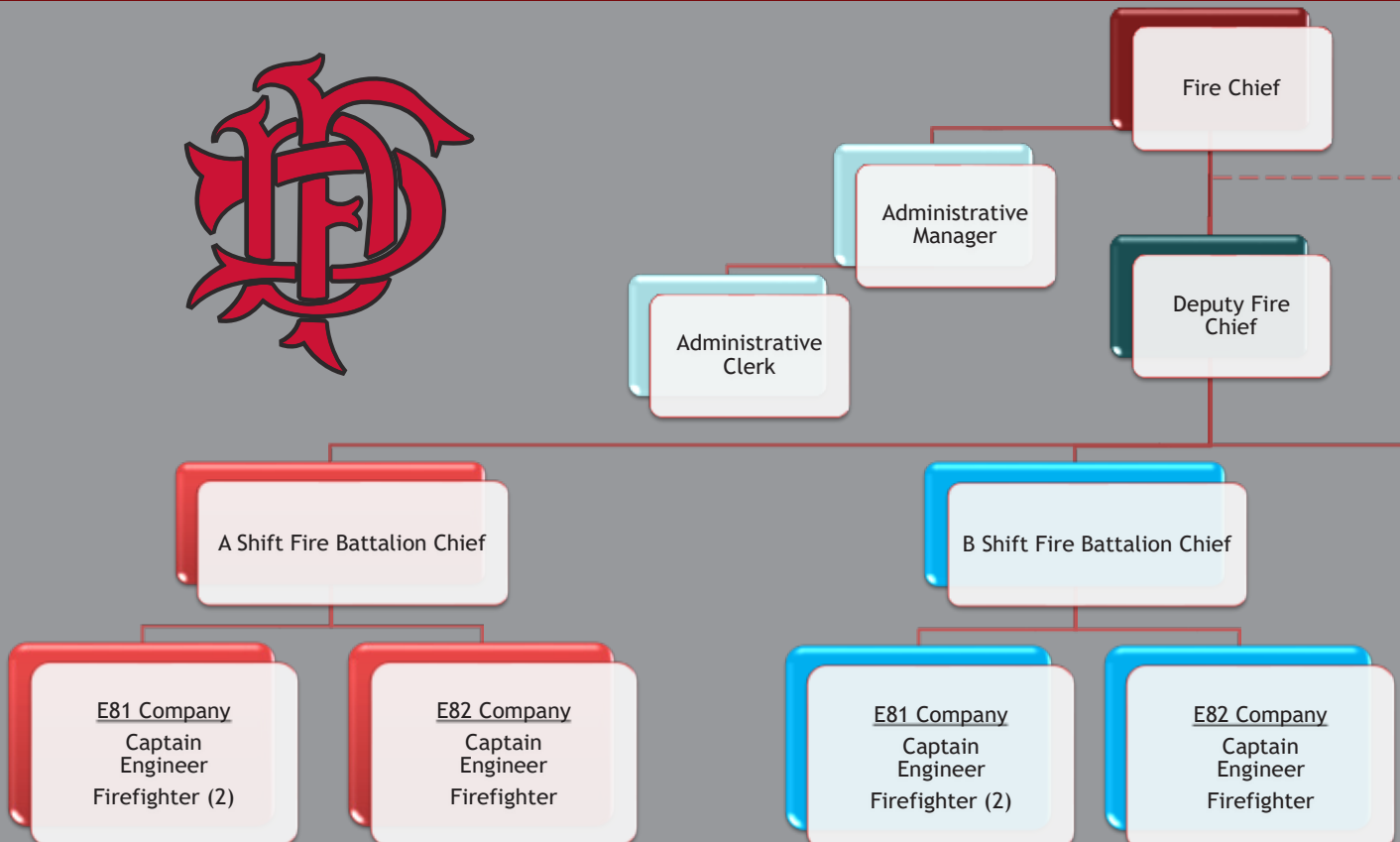
Respectfully Submitted,


Todd McNeal

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DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



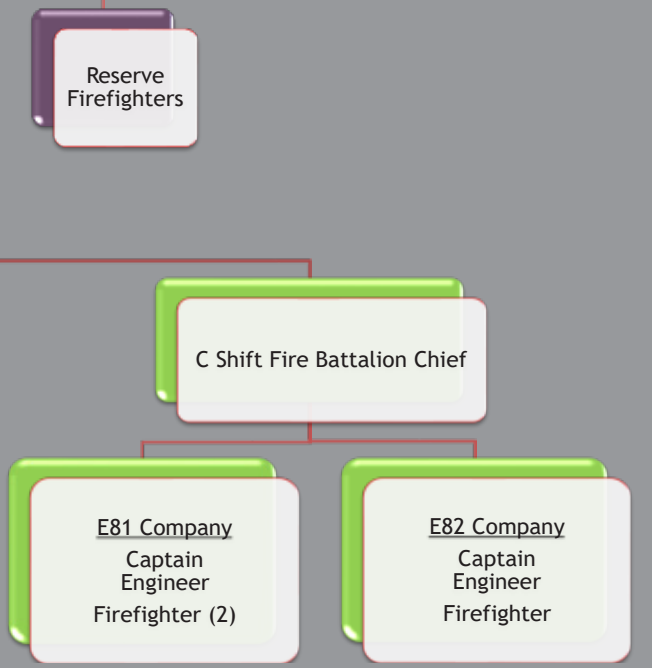
The Dixon Fire Department, through a constant state of readiness, will provide a quality and reliable service to our community through leadership, education and training.

MISSION: TO PROUDLY SERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY AND OUR CITIZENS.

VISION: TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION BY DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS MAINTAINING AN EFFECTIVE STATE OF READINESS TO RESPOND AND RENDER THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO OUR CITIZENS.

CORE VALUES: THE FOUNDATION FROM WHICH WE CONTINUOUSLY GROW AND BUILD UPON. THEY WILL GUIDE THE ACTIONS OF THE DIXON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

INTEGRITY
DEDICATION
LOYALTY
SERVICE
PRIDE
PROFESSIONALISM



Fleet

- 4 TYPE 1 ENGINES
- 1 LADDER TRUCK
- 2 WATER TENDERS
- 1 TYPE 3 WILDLAND ENGINE
- 1 TYPE 5 WILDLAND ENGINE
- 1 USAR TRAILER
- 3 UTILITY VEHICLES
- 3 COMMAND VEHICLES



Coverage Area

- CITY 6.7 SQ. MILES
- DISTRICT 313 SQ. MILES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- 01 PLACED NEW TYPE ONE FIRE ENGINE IN SERVICE
- 02 SOLD ONE RESERVE FIRE ENGINE
- 03 COMPLETED DESIGN OF NEW DIXON FIRE STATION 82
- 04 INSTALLATION OF ALL GRANT FUNDED RADIO AND NEW PROGRAMMING
- 05 MULTIPLE PROMOTIONS IN ALL RANKS
- 06 COMPLETION OF SECOND PHASE OF LIVE FIRE TRAINING SITE
- 07 OPTIMIZED THE RESPONSE DISTRICTS AND RESOURCE RESPONSE PLANS
- 08 SUPPORTED CALIFORNIA STATE MUTAL AID WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE
- 09 COMPLETED TARGET HAZARD BUILDING INVENTORY PROJECT FOR CITY
- 10 PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH STAFF NEEDS AND DIXON FIRE SUCCESSION PLAN



A-SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

TRAINING



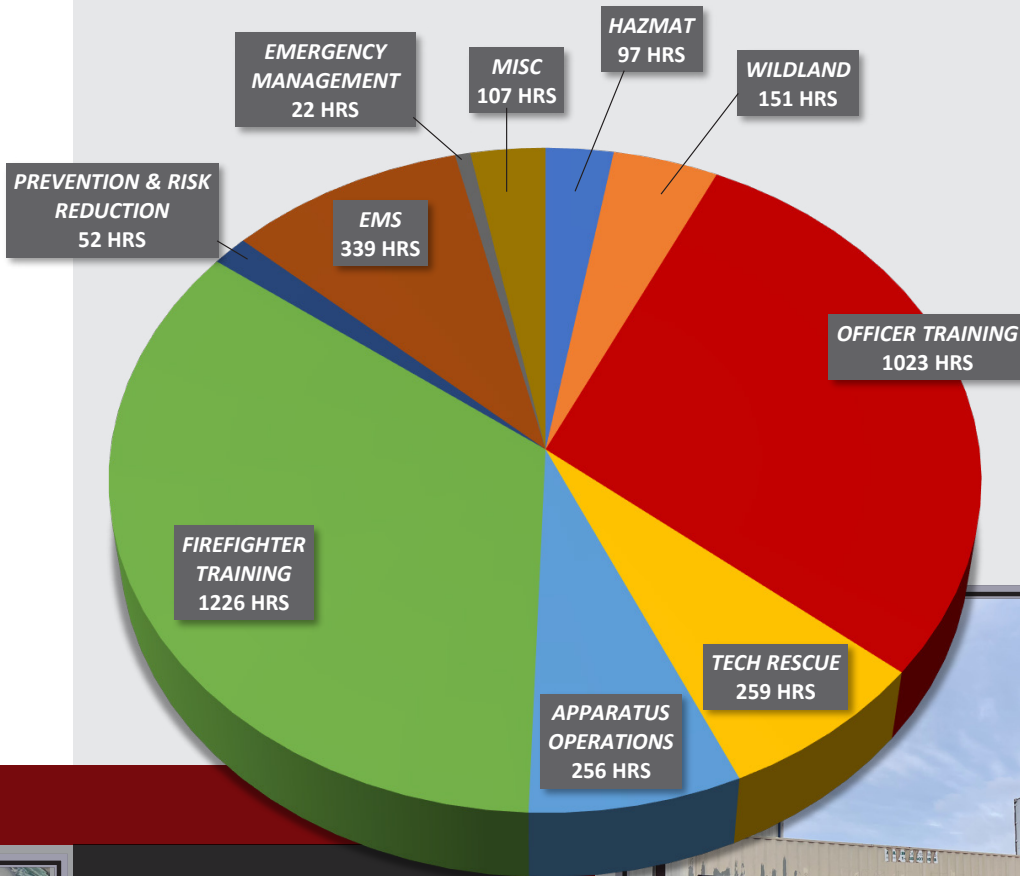
Training is the cornerstone of the fire department's service delivery. The typical firefighter is required to be proficient in multiple disciplines ranging from fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, and fire and life safety topics. The course of study is dictated by laws, regulations, and industry standards, which require annual training to meet the continuing educational requirements of each discipline.



The focus of the Dixon Fire Department training program is to ensure the operational readiness of our staff to serve the citizens, whatever the need may be. Dixon Fire Department is a regional hub for professional development within our staff, as well as our cooperating agencies.



2023 TRAINING HOURS



*DIXON
FIREFIGHTERS
LOGGED OVER
3,500 HOURS
OF TRAINING
DURING 2023!*

3532
TOTAL
TRAINING
HOURS
LOGGED
FOR 2023



✓ **Progress**

The agency continues to develop a hyper-realistic training structure that will provide for near-real life training scenarios for the department members to hone the art and science of modern firefighting.

✓ **Growth**

Training staff created a mentor and coaching program to prepare three of our Fire Engineers to successfully test and qualify to work as company officers, with one Fire Engineer who promoted full-time to Fire Captain. The department also provided educational opportunities for career development, including hosting a State Certified Safety Officer course and a Wildland firing operations class.



B-SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

OPERATIONS



The operations division of the Dixon Fire Department is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and supervising activities of assigned shift personnel and oversight of major programs.

We look forward to continuing collaboration with our neighboring agencies and the public to provide for the safety of our communities.

This past year the operations Battalion Chief continued to assist with coordinating with Solano County GIS department to provide updated and hyper accurate maps. We refined our response matrix to provide for more effective and efficient dispatching of units to incidents throughout our jurisdiction by working with Solano County Dispatch.

The operations Battalion Chief continued our relationships other agencies by assisting with county wide policies and procedure updates, radio and communications plans and grants, as well as working with the various specialty teams like the Solano County Technical Rescue team, Fire Investigations Unit, and the Solano County Hazardous Materials team. This included participating in joint Solano and Yolo County training evolutions to foster relationships with our local and mutual aid partners from both counties.

This past year the operations Battalion Chief assisted with the promotional processes for departmental staff for the rank Fire Captain and advised administration on the promotions of staff at the ranks of Fire Engineer and Firefighter. Updated Standard Operating Procedures were distributed, discussed, scrutinized, and approved for the Dixon Fire Department to operate under. We also worked with the City of Dixon's various other departments in the planning and hosting of multiple events throughout the year, such as Grillin' and Chillin', the Independence Day parade and fireworks display.

C-SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services major responsibilities include station maintenance, fleet maintenance, and supplies.



Major accomplishments in 2023 included placing a new engine in service for E-81. Members visited the Pierce factory in February and spent many hours outfitting the engine with all equipment needed to service the community.



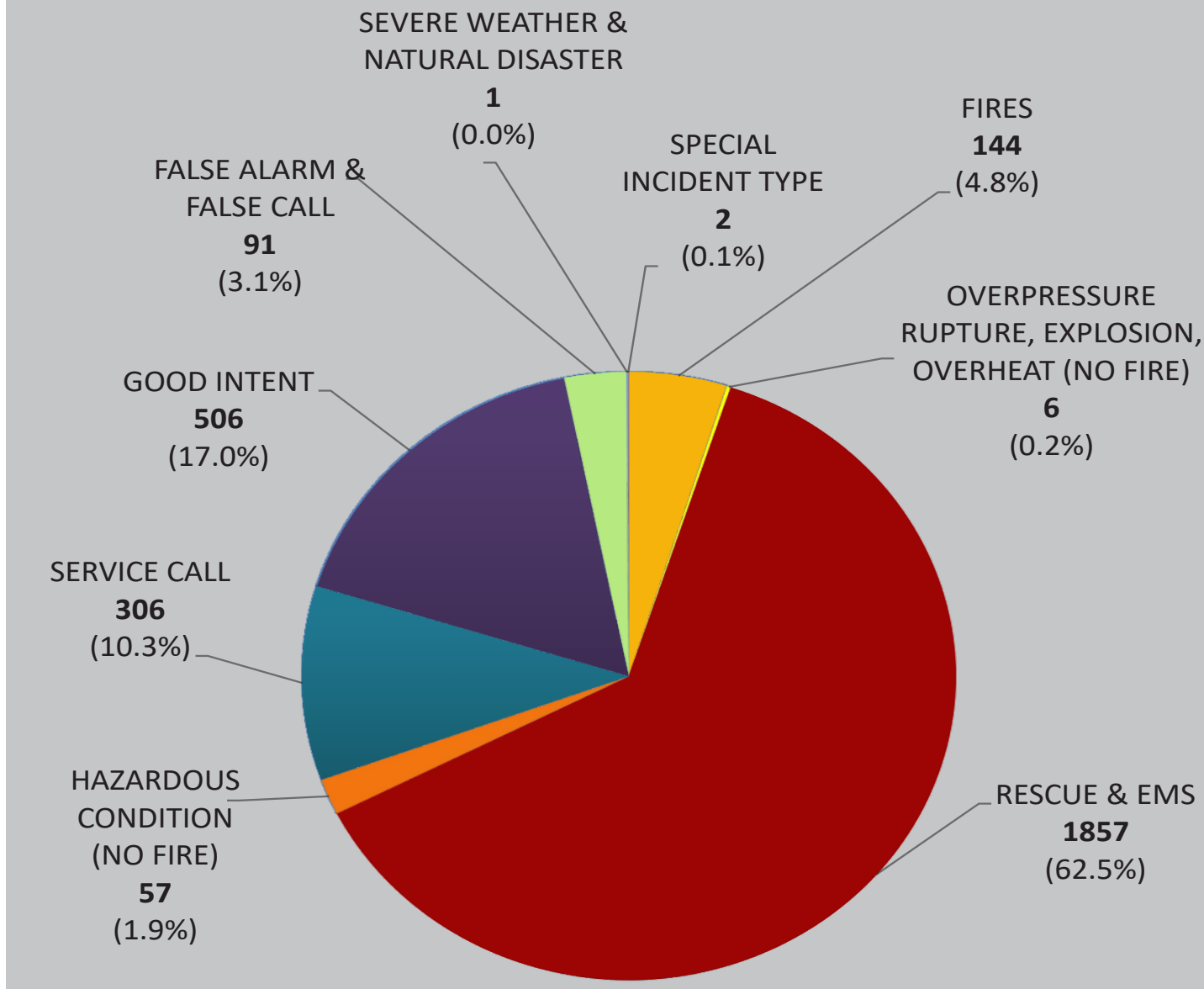
Members of the station design committee for ST-82 had many meetings to finalize the design of the new fire station.



Numerous maintenance projects to Station 81 were completed including repairs to the Station 81's alerting system and repairs to the training grounds.



Fleet maintenance continued DOT mandated 90 inspection program along with annual NFPA apparatus and equipment testing. Members of support service also attended many training sessions in to have a better knowledge of NFPA and DOT compliences.



2023 CALLS FOR SERVICE





DETAILS



2,970

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE



8,760

HARD WORKING HOURS



24

ROTATING ON-DUTY
CREW MEMBERS



10 YEAR INCIDENT HISTORY



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	2013	2050	2202	1979	2650	2121	2725	2953	3024	2970



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PREVENTION

The prevention division's primary purpose is to identify and reduce fire and life safety hazards to the community. Fighting fires before they happen has been proven to be the most cost efficient way to reduce fire impacts. Programs to reduce risks include fire construction and operational permits, plan review, fire and life safety inspections, and public education programs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1,049

TOTAL INSPECTIONS COMPLETED

595

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

665

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED

140

PLAN REVIEWS COMPLETED

82

VIOLATIONS FOUND AND CORRECTED





Assistant Chief / Fire Marshal John Malone retired in November, after serving the community of Dixon for over 28 years. We are forever grateful for all his time and dedication to the Dixon Fire Department and the citizens of this community. We wish him the best in retirement!



SB 1205 INSPECTIONS

Existing state law requires every fire department or district providing fire protection services to inspect every building used as a public or private school annually. This same annual inspection requirement is applicable to hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartment houses. We have two hundred seventy four (274) SB 1205 buildings in Dixon.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

- 01 IDENTIFY FUNDING STREAM TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STATION 82
- 02 AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STATION 82
- 03 NAVIGATE THE RETIREMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRING OF DIXON FIRE STAFF
- 04 IMPLEMENT THE NEW POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC RECRUIT
- 05 ACCEPT DELIVERY AND PLACE IN SERVICE NEW TYPE 3 WILDLAND ENGINE
- 06 RECEIVE AWARD FROM ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR NEW FIRE HOSE AND NOZZLES
- 07 CONTINUE TO ENGAGE PUBLIC THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED EVENTS AND EDUCATION
- 08 PROVIDE CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF
- 09 CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING FACILITY
- 10 IMPLEMENT NEW DISPATCH/INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE





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