

City of Red Bluff

FIRE  
DEPARTMENT



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# MESSAGE FROM



# THE FIRE CHIEF



Michael Bachmeyer - Fire Chief

Welcome to the City of Red Bluff Fire Department. It is my honor to serve our community as your Fire Chief. I encourage you to review the documents and postings here as we strive to be transparent about our actions and efforts to mitigate threats to public safety within our community.

Our Fire Department is steeped in a tradition of service dating back to 1876. Past generations have paved a foundation through self-sacrifice and passing on their knowledge to the current generation. We honor our past, embrace our present, and cast vision for the Department's future.

The men and women that serve our department are bound by a commitment to help all those in need and constantly pursue ways to enhance our services to the public. Each day, the Department grows stronger through innovation and our commitment to train both our minds and bodies. Every firefighter is in a constant state of readiness and prepared for the next call no matter how big or small.

I am proud to lead such a diverse group of firefighters. Our Mission Statement although brief, holds a promise to the public and our way of life in the fire service.

**“It shall be the mission of the Red Bluff Fire Department to provide and maintain the highest level of Fire Suppression, Prevention, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services; to take pride in ourselves and our department.”**



## Notable Accomplishments

### Fire Department Development:

#### Department Accomplishments:

- Hosted CSFA Live Fire/Forcible Entry Training Simulators
- Presented Company Officer 2A, 2B, and 2C courses.
- Certified Personnel as CPR instructor and presented classes
- Assisted in hosting FI-210 Fire Investigation Course
- Attended Intermediate/Advanced Investigation Training
- Installed NFPA Compliance Extractor to clean PPE
- Expanded Social Media programs to include Twitter and Ted Talks
- Delivery of new type 6 fire apparatus
- Completed the design process for future Station 2 project

#### Retirements:

- Fire Chief Ray Barber
- Fire Captain Dom Catona

#### Promotions:

- Michael Bachmeyer - Fire Chief
- Matthew Shobash - Division Chief
- Casey Hickok - Fire Captain
- Cody Mahrt - Fire Captain
- Dave Robb - Engineer
- Matthew Petersen - Engineer
- Andrew Mefford - Engineer
- David Fischer - Firefighter
- Ben Sullivan - Firefighter
- Henry Whitney - Firefighter
- Nic Lezcano - Firefighter



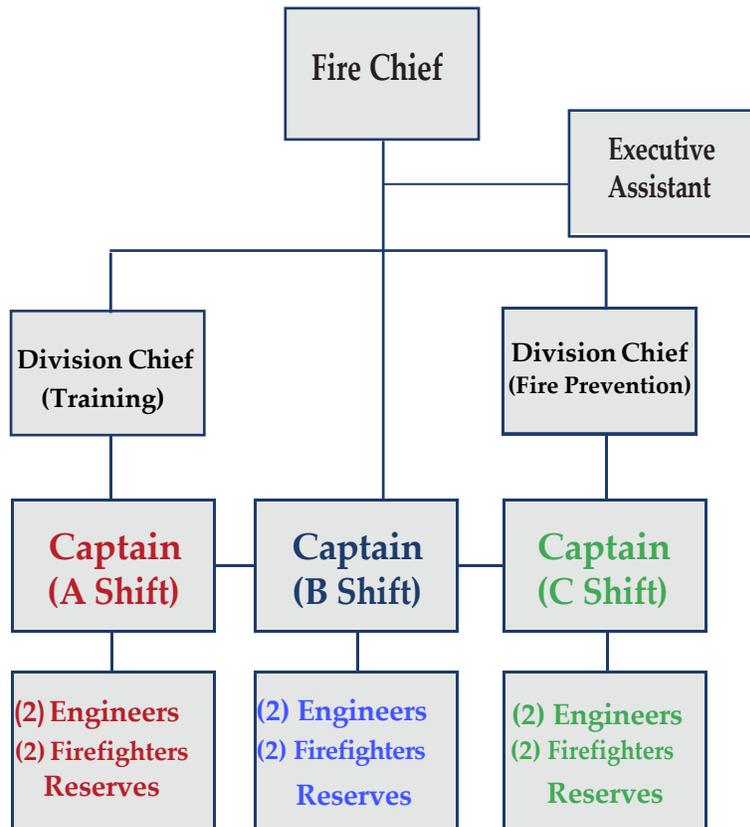
# Organizational Chart

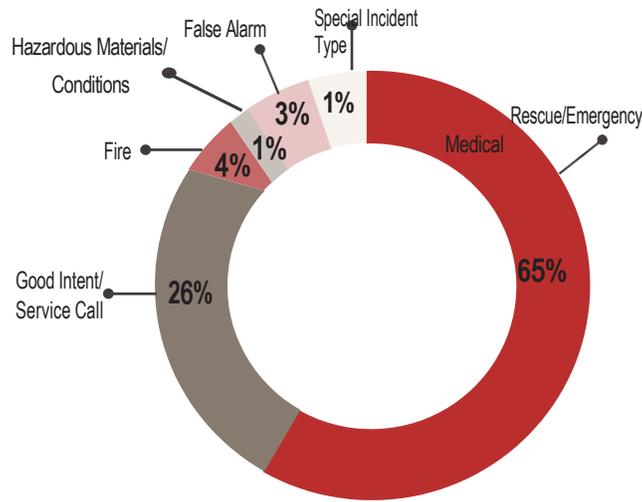


## 2022 PERSONNEL



- 28 Employees
- 1 Fire Chief
- 2 Division Chiefs
- 3 Captains
- 6 Engineers
- 6 Firefighters
- 9 Reserve Firefighters
- 1 Executive Assistant





Call Volume by Type 2020 – 2022

Incident Type	2020	2021	2022	3-Year Average
Rescue/Emergency Medical	2841	3026	2950	2939
Good Intent / Service Call	866	1068	1167	1033
Fire	142	200	186	176
Hazardous Materials / Condition	32	39	53	41
Special Incident Type	13	51	24	29
False Alarm	129	148	129	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>4023</b>	<b>4532</b>	<b>4509</b>	<b>4354</b>

Mutual & Automatic Aid Incidents 2019 – 2021

TYPE OF AID	2020	2021	2022	3-Year Average
Mutual Aid Given	219	261	225	235
Mutual Aid Received	125	175	177	159
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>374</b>

Overlapping 2022

#Overlapping	%Overlapping
1912	42.9



The information below reflects the response time performance in the Department's service area for the year of 2022, showing the performance of first-arriving units to priority calls. Response time is the elapsed time from when a unit is dispatched by the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center until the unit arrives at the scene.



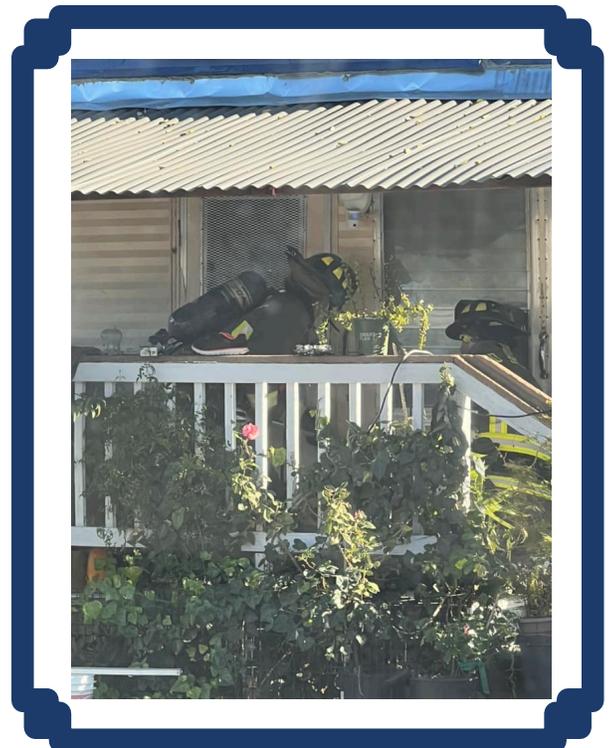
Fire Incidents



EMS Incidents



Average For All Calls



# Operations Significant Events



The following section describes significant events managed by the Red Bluff Fire Department in 2022:

- On March 25, 2022, a commercial structure fire occurred at 1795 Walnut Street. Crews arrived to find fire involvement of the main electrical panel serving a convalescent hospital. Facility staff, and responding personnel worked efficiently to evacuate more than 60 patients. The significant loss associated with this incident is the closure of the facility until repair can be made.
- On August 21, 2022, a vegetation fire occurred on the 500 Block of Johnson Street. Critical fire weather, including strong winds, spread the fire multiple properties and structures; eight (8) in total received damage as a result of this incident.
- On November 16, 2022, a structure fire occurred at 1248 Washington Street. Crews arrived to find the two-story business office/residence with heavy fire involvement spreading from the first to second floor, ultimately destroying approximately 60% of the structure.

## 2022 Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis

Fire calls within the Department’s response area:

Total Values:	\$20,579,199.00
Total Losses:	\$ 803,121.00
Total Saved:	\$19,776,078.00
<b>TOTAL % LOST:</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>TOTAL % SAVED:</b>	<b>96%</b>

## Training Division

The Training Division is managed and staffed by the Division Chief of Training. Responsibilities of the Division include, but are not limited to:

- Operational command and control of department personnel as a rotational Duty Chief.
- Management of training and education programs to meet or exceed the requirements of Federal, State, and Local mandates:
  - Insurance Services Office (ISO) minimum mandates.
    - Firefighter - 198 hours annually
    - Engineer - 210 hours annually
    - Captain - 210 hours annually
  - Emergency Medical Skills (EMT & CPR)
  - Hazardous Materials response
  - Injury & Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP)
- Present training to all City staff related to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and incident management.
- Represent the department as a committee member:
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
  - Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) group
- Perform Origin and Cause investigation of fires.

The Red Bluff Fire Department takes great pride in providing quality service to the citizens of our community. Through an active and robust training program, which continues to be a cornerstone of departmental operations, we will further the grow the expertise of our members while building upon our foundation of quality service to our customers.

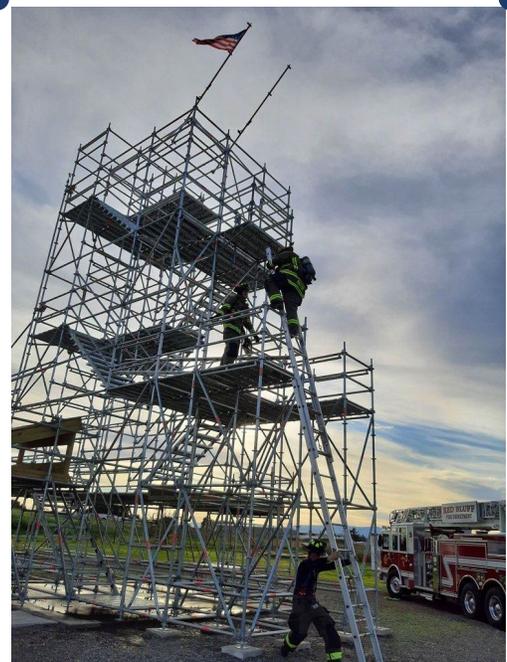


**4339.67**  
training hours

**206.65**  
training hours per firefighter

### Training Program Goals

- Professional development and succession planning
- Enhance emergency response, emergency skills and equipment
- Increase expertise and effectiveness
- Grow decision making and confidence
- Reduce risk and increase safety



# Fire Prevention Division

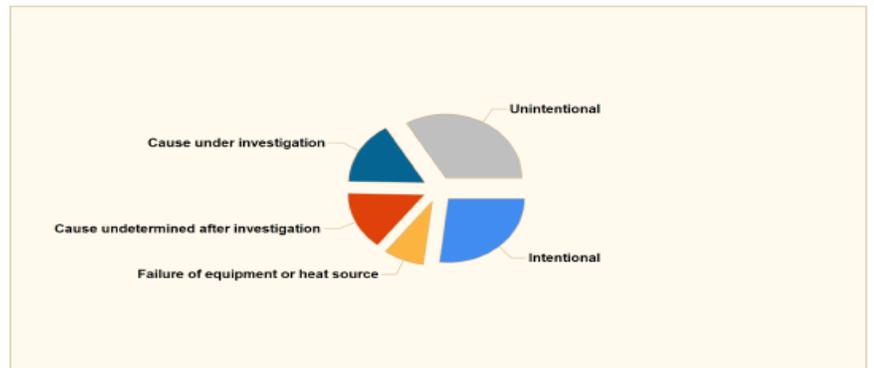
The Fire Prevention Division is managed and staffed by the Division Chief of Fire Prevention. The responsibilities of this Division include, but are not limited to:



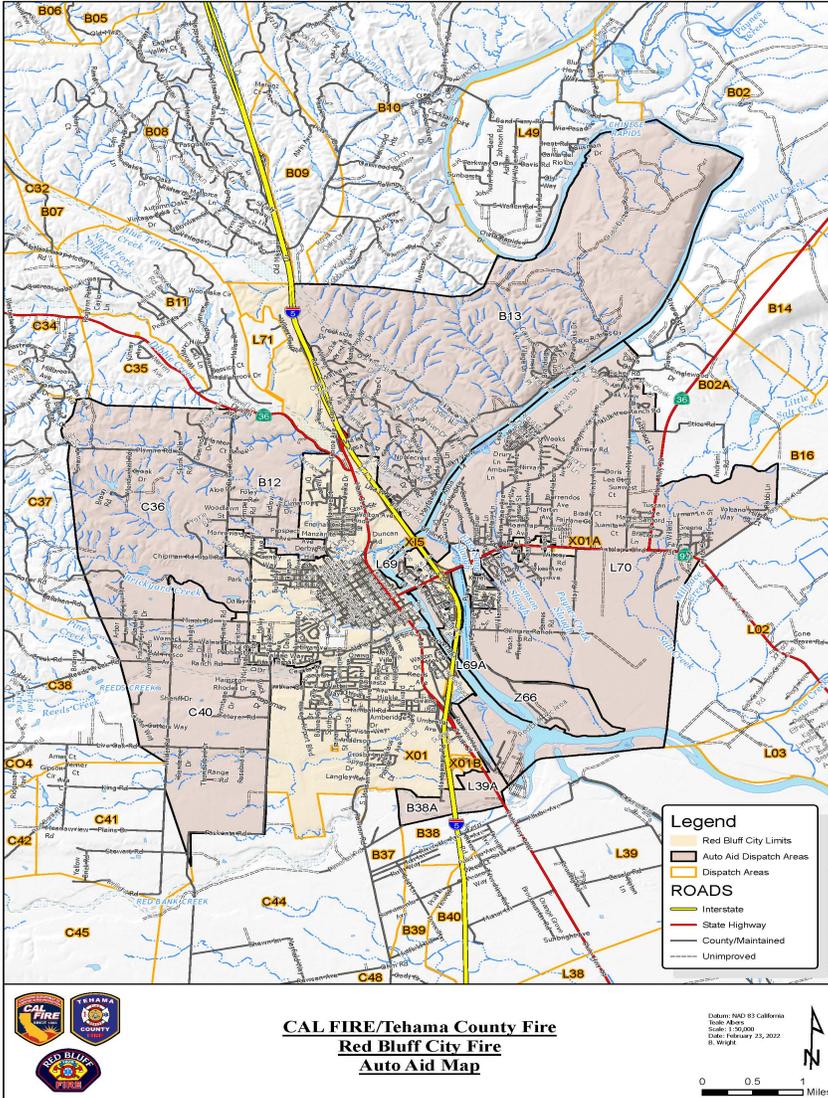
- Operational command and control of personnel as the Duty Chief.
- Management of Cause & Origin Fire Investigation activities and processes.
- Adoption and enforces of codes and ordinances relative to fire and life safety. Represents the department on matters of Community Development.
- Plan review and inspection of all construction projects including fire & life safety systems.
- Management and coordination of the annual fire & life safety programs, including state-mandated fire code permitted occupancies, and the self-inspections program.
- Management of the pre-incident planning program.
- Management and enforces of the weed abatement program.
- Public education to address behavioral change in support of community risk-reduction efforts.
- Public outreach providing foundational support for citizen actions to reduce property and loss of life in the home and workplace.
- Recurring community-based events:
  - Fire Extinguisher training.
  - Fire system and smoke alarm education.
  - Emergency evacuation training and education.
  - National Fire Prevention Week.
  - Engine/Truck Company demonstrations and station tours.
  - Social Media outreach

2022 Inspections	
Inspection Type	Completed
Plan Review	106
Bureau Inspections Completed	729
Engine Company Inspections Completed	195
Violations Corrected	388

CAUSE OF IGNITION	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Intentional	40	26.0%
Failure of equipment or heat source	13	8.4%
Cause undetermined after investigation	22	14.3%
Cause under investigation	24	15.6%
Unintentional	50	32.5%



# Stations & Apparatus



**7.8**  
square miles  
served

**2 ISO**  
classification

**14,588**  
population  
served

- Station 1 - 555 Washington Street
- Station 2 - Vista x South Jackson (Future)
- JDATC (Training Division) - 1015 Kimball Road John Campbell Training Grounds - 1111 Kimball Road
- Whitt Hall (Museum) - 835 Cedar Street

## Fire Station and Apparatus

One fire station houses 10 pieces of fire apparatus utilized for both emergency and support operations. A Fire Captain, two Fire Apparatus Engineers, and two Firefighters split the crew to staff one Fire Engine and the Ladder Truck daily.

### Fire Apparatus:

- Three (3) Type 1 Fire Engines
- One (1) 105' Ladder Truck
- Two Type VI Fire Engines
- Breathing Air Support Trailer
- Three (3) Command Vehicles

