

Modesto Fire Department



Fiscal Year End Report 2001-2002

City of Modesto

Located in the center of California's San Joaquin Valley, Modesto is the largest city in Stanislaus County. It serves as the County Seat, is a focal point for industrial and commercial development, and provides more than 87,000 housing units. As of January 2001, the City of Modesto has twice earned the prestigious All America City Award and was ranked 16th in population out of 476 cities in California. Reasonable housing costs and favorable utility rates contribute to Modesto's low cost of living.

Modesto is a regional medical center with two general hospitals and a number of specialty clinics that contribute to a growing reputation for excellence in the provision of health care. Modesto elementary and high school districts provide comprehensive academic programs. Modesto Junior College provides instructional programs leading to transfer to four-year colleges and universities as well as associate degrees in a number of areas. Nearby California State University, Stanislaus, and University of Pacific offer Bachelor, Masters and Doctoral programs.

The Modesto Fire Department exists to provide fire, emergency medical, and other life safety services to those who live, work, or travel through the City of Modesto.

The Department

Modesto Fire Department is organized into three units: Emergency Operation, Fire Prevention Bureau, and Support Services. Emergency Operations Division is the largest and is responsible for delivering all emergency and some fire prevention services. It consists of 11 Engine Companies, 2 Truck Companies and 10 Fire Stations. Each fire station is strategically located throughout the City.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for community fire prevention efforts and focuses on education, engineering, enforcement and investigation. Fire Prevention is located on the third floor of Tenth Street Place and works in coordination with the City Planning Department.

The Support Services Unit is responsible for Fire Department administration, support, and coordinating the citywide emergency preparedness efforts. The administrative offices are located at 600 11th street next to Station #1.



Mission

The mission of the Fire Department is to provide efficient and effective fire and life safety protection to the community through control of hostile fire, fire prevention services, emergency medical services, emergency preparedness, and mitigation of hazardous materials incidents. This commitment is intended to safeguard the general economy and welfare of Modesto.

Values and Guidelines

DEPARTMENT VALUES

- *Service to community*
- *Importance of employees and their safety*
- *Input and involvement throughout organization*
- *Respect and pride in department*
- *Public confidence*
- *Honesty and trust*
- *Competency and accountability*
- *Teamwork*
- *Innovation and willingness to explore new options*

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BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Mutual respect, trust, and courtesy shall necessarily be first and foremost in all discussions.

During a disagreement, both sides shall work towards a solution which results in equal accountability and commitment.

Upon agreement, both sides shall work towards the solution which results in equal accountability and commitment.

Events of 9-11

The events of September 11th, 2001 will for ever be etched in our hearts and minds. This is especially so for the Modesto Fire Department who's 139 fire suppression members watched their New York "brothers and sisters" make the ultimate sacrifice. Suddenly, our world became vulnerable and unstable. While the dangers of this chosen profession are a daily reality for our platoons, we in Modesto became acutely aware and forever grateful for their courage and dedication to service. That horrible day we lost over 300 of our own heroes and far more innocent members of our global community. Then, out of these ashes, we learned a little more about ourselves. We learned that we are still one nation, undivided with faith un-denied and liberty our motto. Over the following weeks and months this community responded. American patriotism rebounded and we rediscovered our compassion and infinite strength in numbers.



Modesto Responds

Lead by then Engineer Ed Osborn, Modesto Fire Department asked the community to donate to the widows of their fallen brothers from New York City. The response was overwhelming. The community responded by donating over \$200,000 to the fund proving that even in a time of great sorrow there comes a strength born only of compassion and freedom.

Paying their own expenses to deliver the funds personally, six firefighters were honored to represent the Modesto Community.



Chief Hannink's 9-11 Speech

It is with heavy hearts that members of The Modesto Fire Department, Modesto Police Department and the entire public safety community extend our condolences to the family, friends, and coworkers of those injured and killed during the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001. Thousands of innocent people traveling in airplanes, working in the Pentagon in Washington D.C., working in the World Trade Center and on the streets of Manhattan and hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other rescuers fell victim. For them we pray tonight and honor with remembrance. We have seen the images that are left behind; the pain, bewilderment, and confusion on the faces of friends, family, and co-workers. We mourn the losses suffered by everyone - as one who serves in public safety I feel the losses of the Police Officers and Firefighters most directly.



I believe they represent the very best of America. Like firefighters and police officers everywhere, they were the faceless and nameless people who only appear when someone needs help. On September 11th so many people in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania needed help and so many responded to the need. They responded like they always did, they went into the buildings that were on fire--like they always did, they remained in the danger zone while directing others away from it--like they always did, they displayed the same mixture of courage and compassion as always. They had to know there was extraordinary risk and danger this time but they did their jobs--like they always did. I cannot imagine what they saw or thought as they worked but I am certain that they helped save thousands of lives. But this time, it was tragically different than any time before and as hundreds of them were performing their duty their whole world came crashing down.

In the aftermath, more public safety workers responded and this time they were joined by doctors, nurses, steel workers, construction workers, businessmen, clergymen, psychologists, residents and other volunteers. The same people that they were trying to protect only hours earlier. We must also remember these people in our thoughts and prayers.

Now, days later, we know that many firefighters and police officers were killed and hundreds are still missing but they have still not given up hope – and we should not give up hope. In spite of the on-going hazards, the physical toll, the tears in their eyes, and the anguish in their hearts they continue their work. They do this because of the commitment to their community, dedication to their duty, love for each other, and enormous courage. Like firefighters and police officers everywhere - they are a large, tightly knit family. Their grief and sorrow run deep but they will overcome this tragedy because their solidarity runs even deeper.

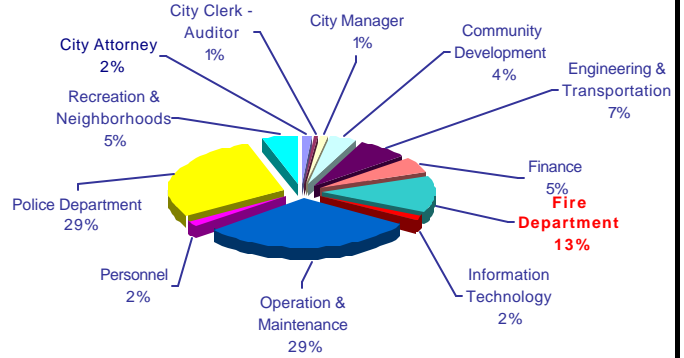
Firefighters and Police Officers, here in Modesto California – 3,000 miles away, feel that solidarity. While we cannot find the words to express our appreciation, they are an enormous inspiration to all of us and have set the standard for true heroism. We are honored and humbled to share their identity, badge, and responsibility.

The grief and sorrow in our community and nation runs deep but our collective solidarity must run deeper. Our strength as communities and a nation will be called upon to overcome this terrible tragedy. Let these brave men and women who have already given so much be an example to all of us.

Staffing Summary

Modesto's Fire Department represents 13% of the City's total staffing. Our 158 members are divided into four divisions: Fire Prevention, Emergency Planning, Fire Administration and Fire Suppression. Fire Suppression is by far the largest division with 139 members and is the division that provides direct fire and emergency services. These firefighters operate through three shifts and are on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

FY 01-02 Staffing Summary by Department

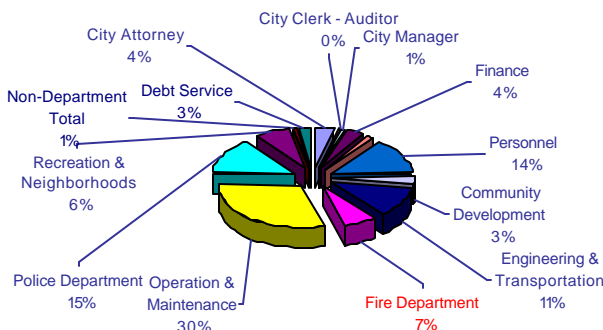


<u>Division</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Administration	9
Emergency Preparedness	1
Fire Prevention	9.5
Suppression	139
Total	158.5

Expenditure Detail

<u>Division</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 155,269
Support Services	\$ 1,715,086
Fire Prevention Bureau	\$ 643,974
Fire Suppression	\$ 13,646,176
Total	\$ 16,160,505

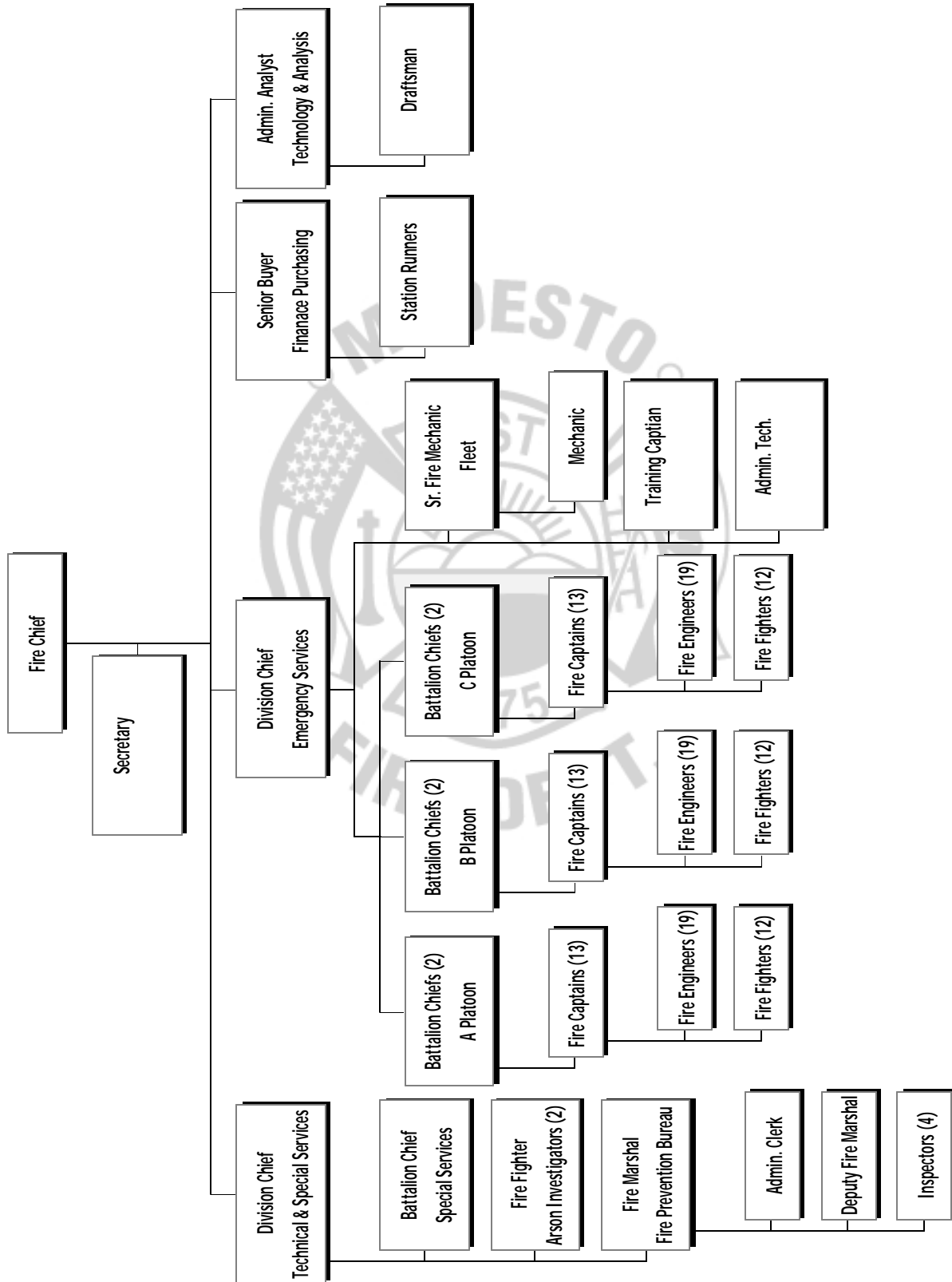
FY 01-02 Percentage of Operating Budget



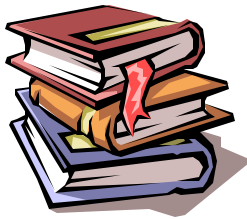
How much does it cost?

The Fire Department's budget was \$16 million for fiscal year 2001-2002. This was 7% of the City's total operating expenses. 84% of these funds are dedicated to direct fire, medical, and other emergency response services.

Organizational Chart



Fire Prevention Education



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Fire safety education was a simple display at County Fairs that only covered fires.



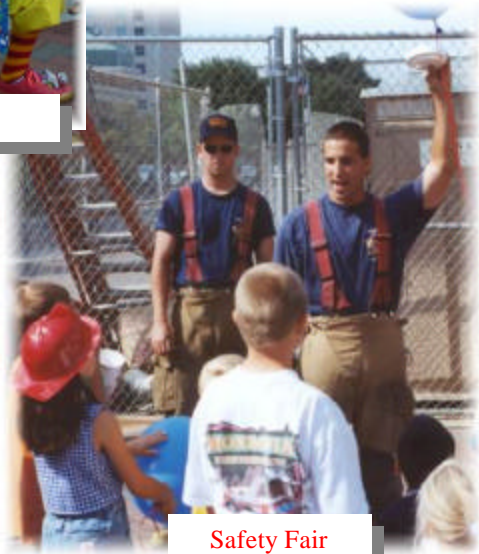
NOW...

Our education programs consist of clowns, firesetter intervention, school programs, on-site demonstration, citizen academies, sober graduation, smoke detector installations, citizen CPR and of course county fairs.

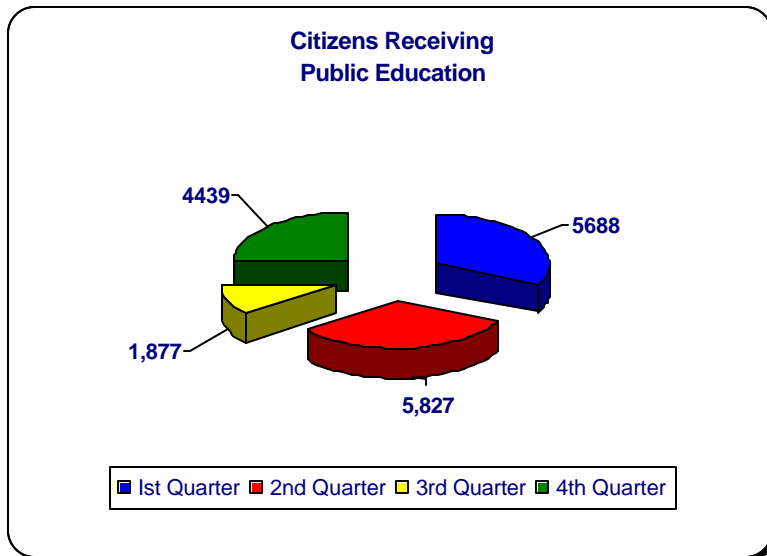


Clowns

This fiscal year, the Modesto Fire Department educated over 17,800 of it's citizen population.



Safety Fair



Sober Graduation Demonstration
Central Catholic High School

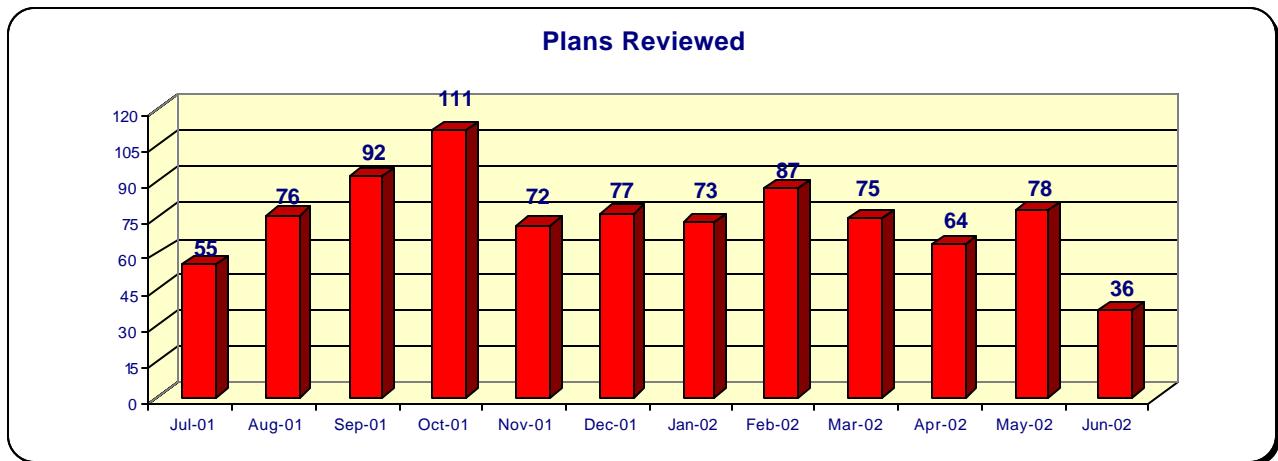
Fire Prevention Bureau



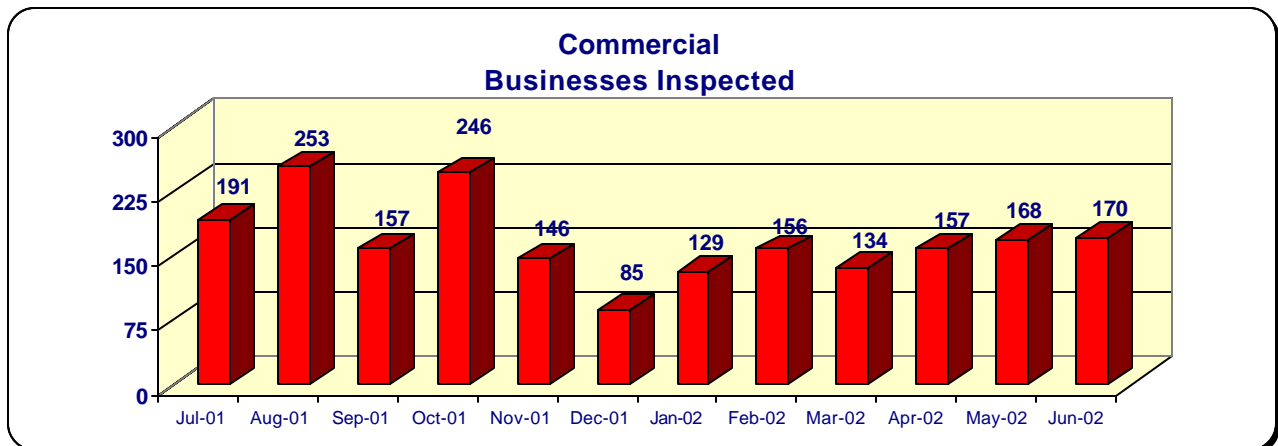
In addition to their inspection duties, fire inspectors are available for on-demand fire safety demonstrations. Our staff attend local business staff meetings, community group meetings, pre-schools and more.



Smoke detectors are the single most important device in early fire detection and save lives every year. In fiscal year '01-'02, our staff installed smoke detectors in needy neighborhoods. The smoke detectors and batteries are free for those who demonstrate a need.



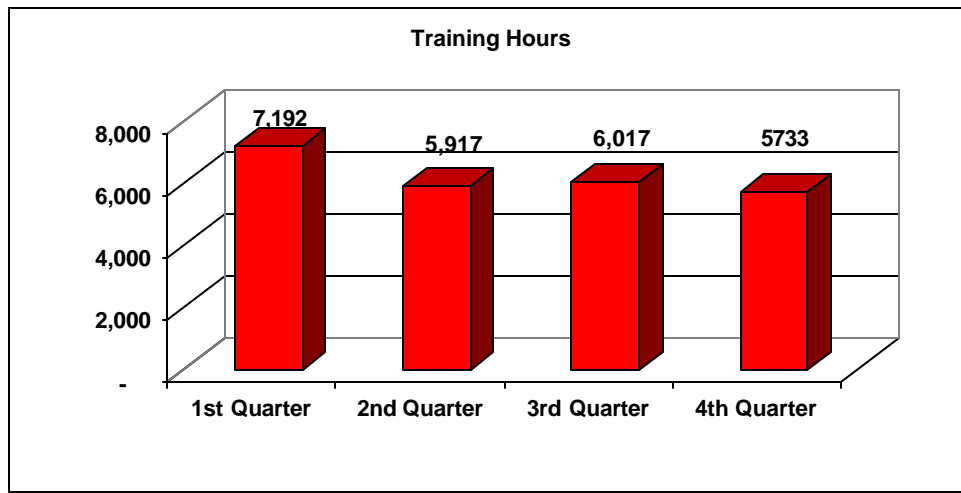
Fire Prevention Inspectors monitor safety practices in Modesto's businesses, schools, care facilities, and more. They also review plans according to fire and building safety standards. This year Fire Prevention inspected over 1,900 businesses and reviewed over 800 building plans.



Training

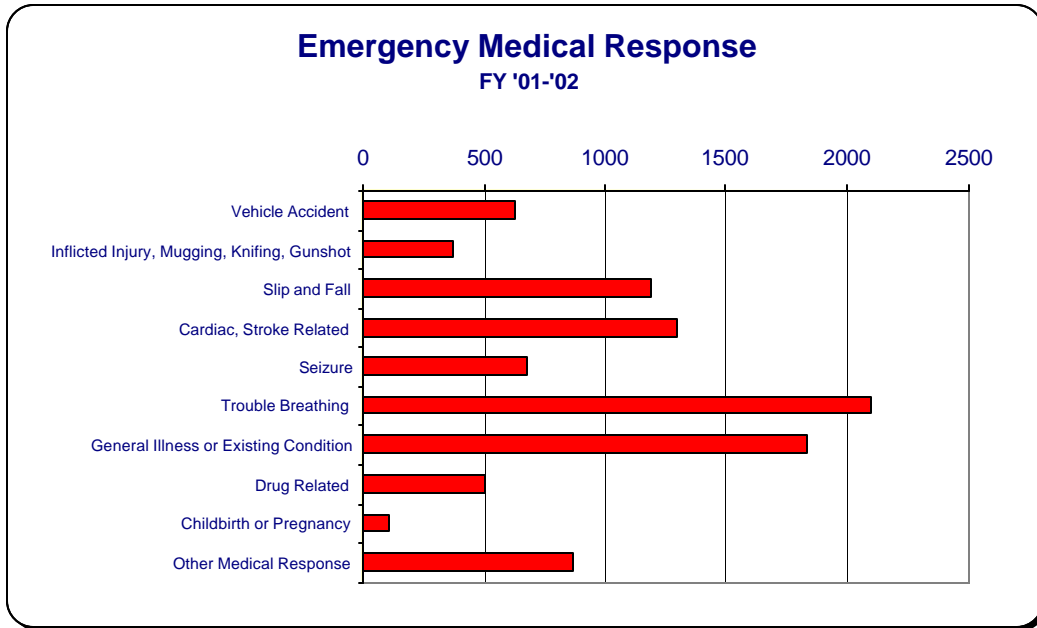
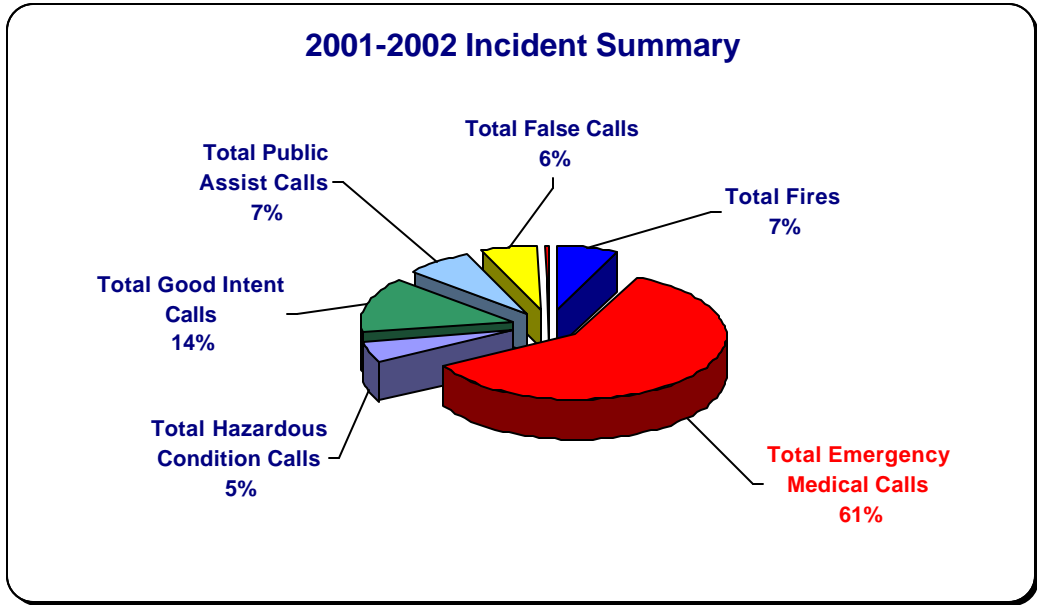
The Modesto Fire Department's Training Division is committed to staff and community safety. The hours spent in training has resulted in fewer firefighter injuries and one of the best driving records in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Regional Fire Training Center, a collaboration between Modesto College, Stanislaus County and the Modesto Fire Department, is the department's staging area for training. This facility is an area for multiple company drills as well as a state-of-the-art burning tower. Through staff efforts, our training division gained State certification to deliver Rescue Systems I training. This is the first certified training course in the area of Urban Search and Rescue.



Statistical Summary

Modesto's Fire Department responded to over 18,000 calls in Fiscal Year 2001-2002. Most of those calls were emergency medical calls.

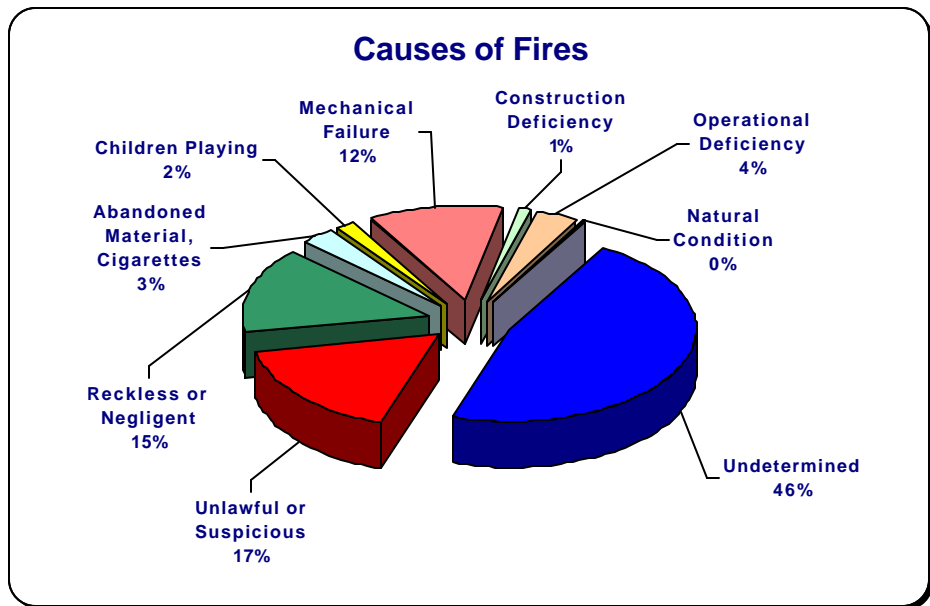


The Fire Department strives to be on the scene of an emergency within six minutes of dispatch. In FY 2001-2002, We accomplished that goal in 92% of our emergency responses.

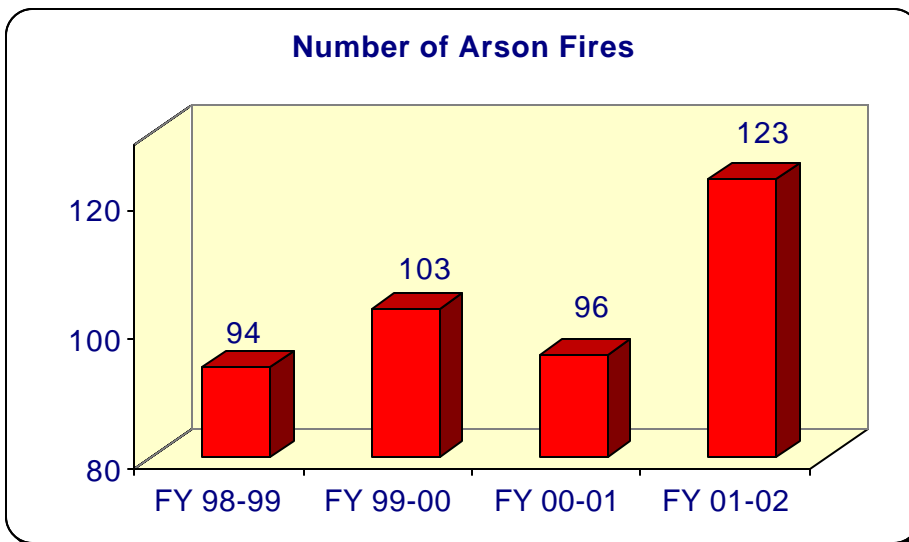
Fires

Although the cause of fires is difficult to determine, many fires are due to recklessness or are of a suspicious nature.

Installation and maintenance of smoke detectors reduce all fires and save lives.



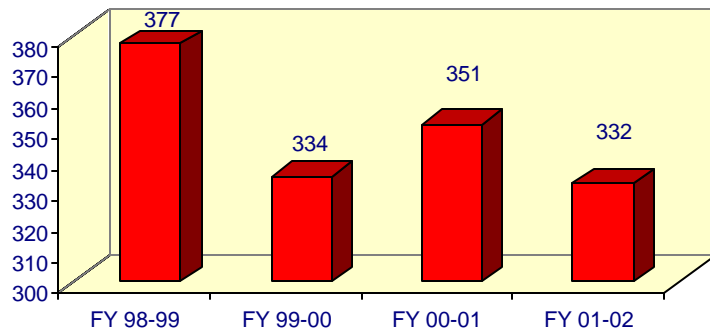
Arson fires continue to be a challenge. As Modesto's population continues to grow, so will the number of arson fires.



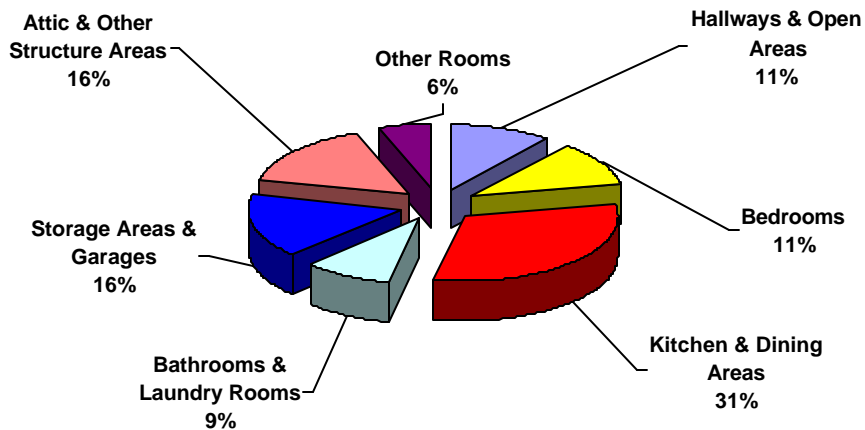
Structure Fires

The Modesto Fire Department responded to 332 structure fires in FY 2001-2002. Although this number is down from the year before, more than 80% occurred in residential homes. Kitchen and dining areas remain the most likely place for a fire to start.

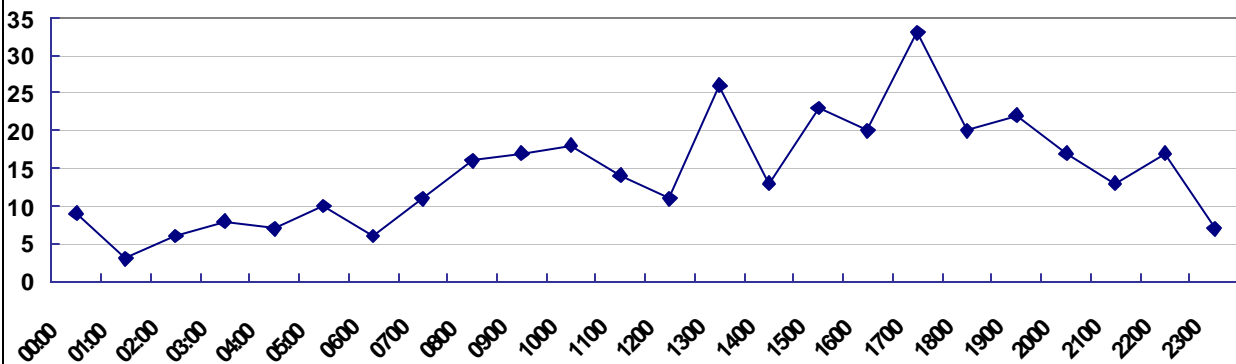
Number of Structure Fires



Where Structure Fires Occur

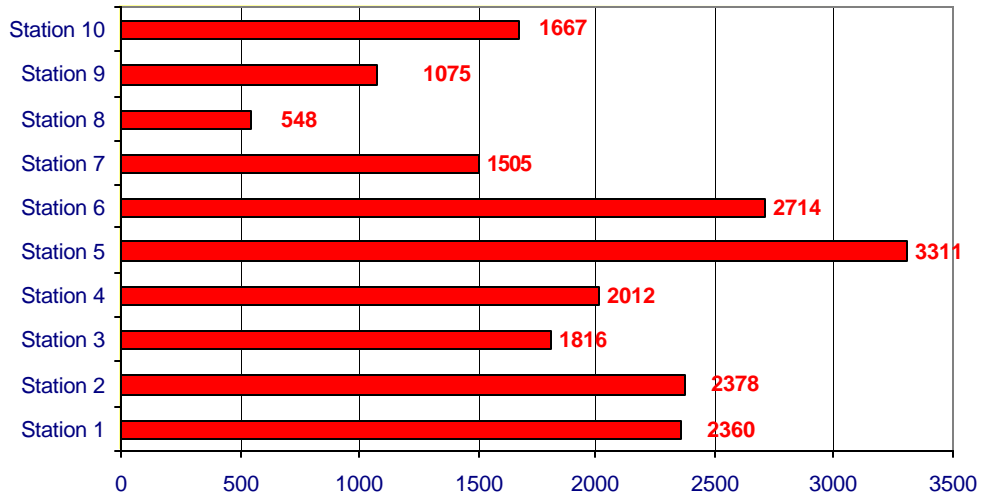


When Structure Fires Occur

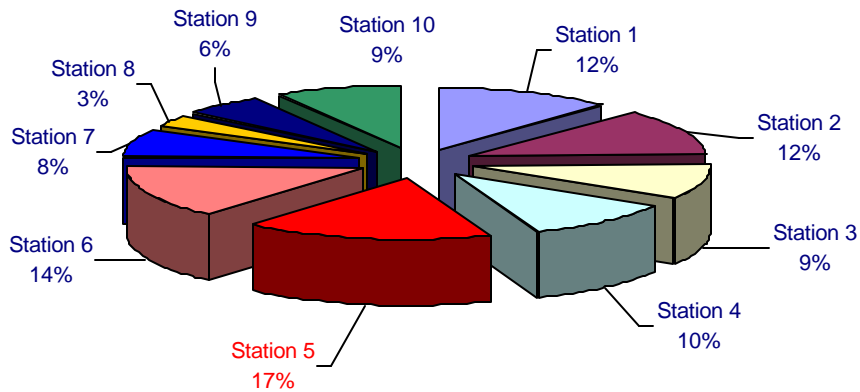


Station Comparisons

Number of Calls by Station FY '01-'02



Percentage of Calls by Station FY '01-'02

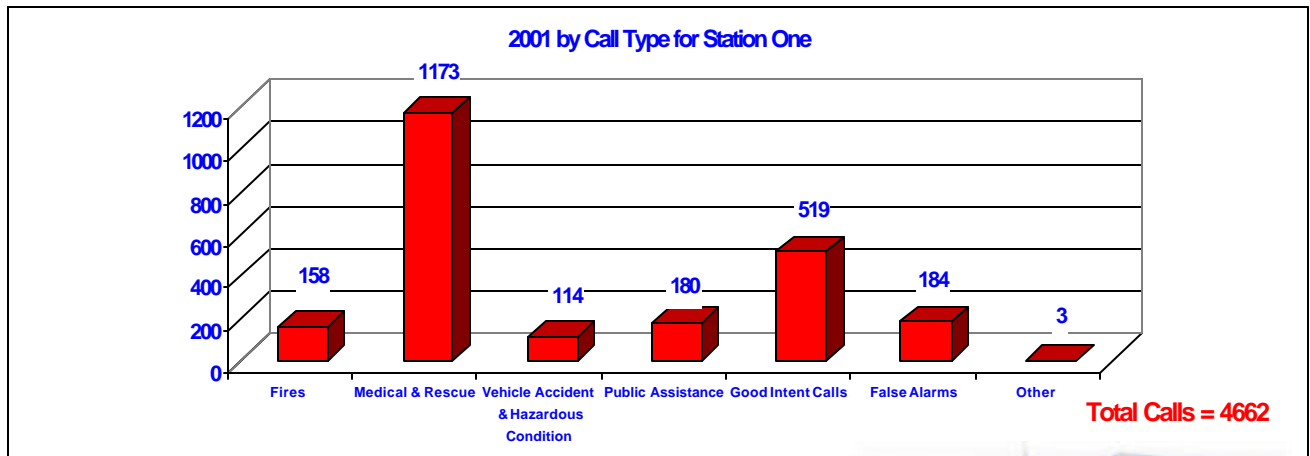


Station One

Built in 1939, station one is the second oldest building in the department. The building is two stories with a basement and a small third floor storage area. It houses one engine company, one truck company, Battalion One, the department mechanics, the Operations Chief, mapping facilities and support staff.



**610 11th Street
(209) 572-9597**

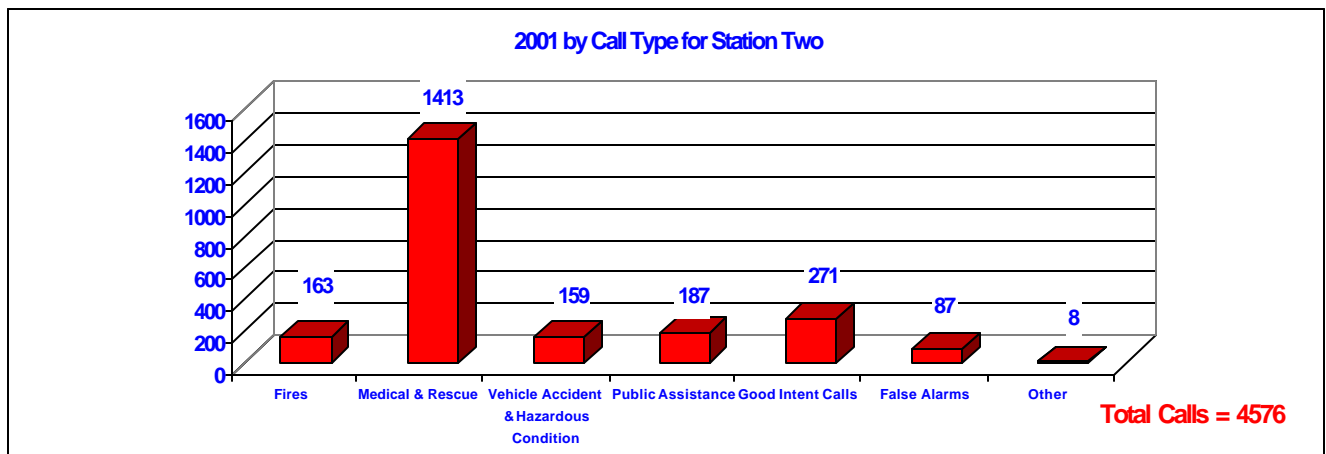


Station Two

Built in 1924, station two is the oldest fire station in the department. The building is in poor condition and, while the building will continue to be a historical landmark, the engine company will be re-locating to a new location next year.



**635 El Vista
(209) 572-9552**

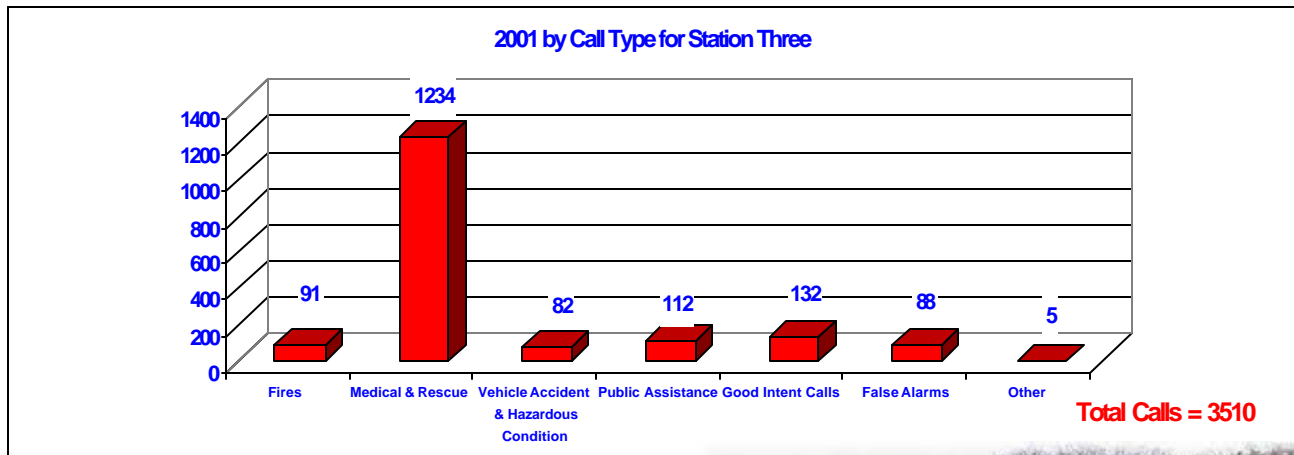


Station Three

Built in 1969, station three is where our Hazardous Materials Specialists are housed. Firefighters from station three work with the surrounding fire agencies and the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources to provide a hazardous materials response team. All members of this team are certified at the Hazardous Materials Specialist level. All other companies are trained to the hazardous Material First Responder level.



635 El Vista Avenue
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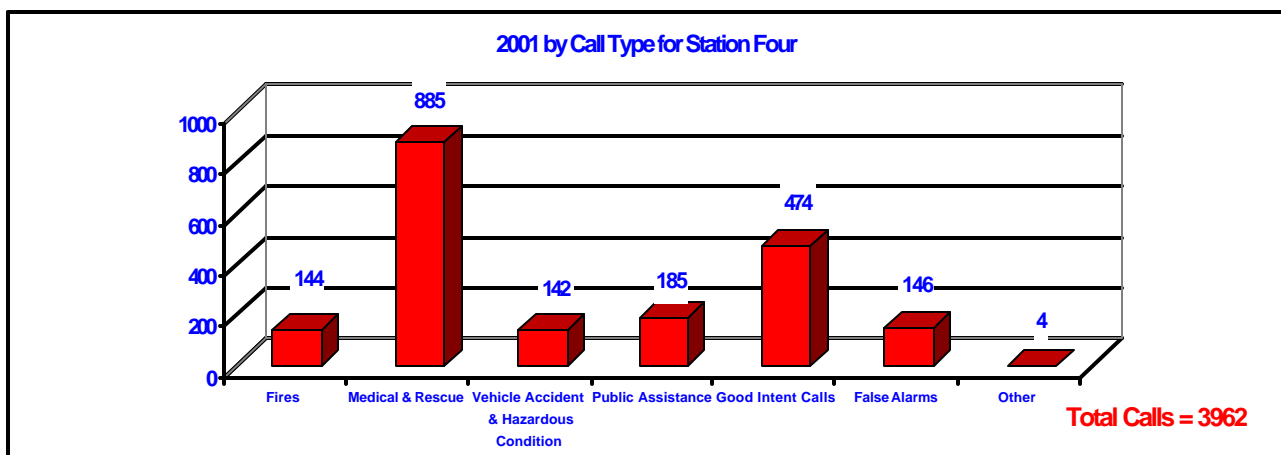


Station Four

Built in 1976, station four houses one engine company and Battalion Two.



1504 Blue Gum Avenue
(209) 572-9554

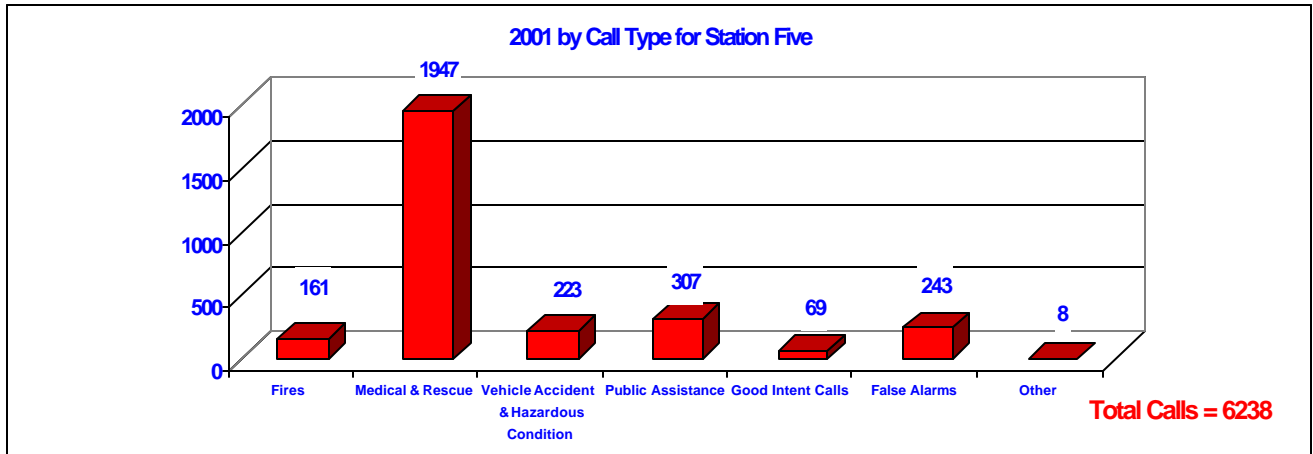


Station Five

Originally built in 1964, this station has had one major remodel in 1973 and a second smaller remodel this year. This station houses two engine companies and one truck company and is the departments busiest station.



200 W. Briggsmore Avenue
(209) 572-9555

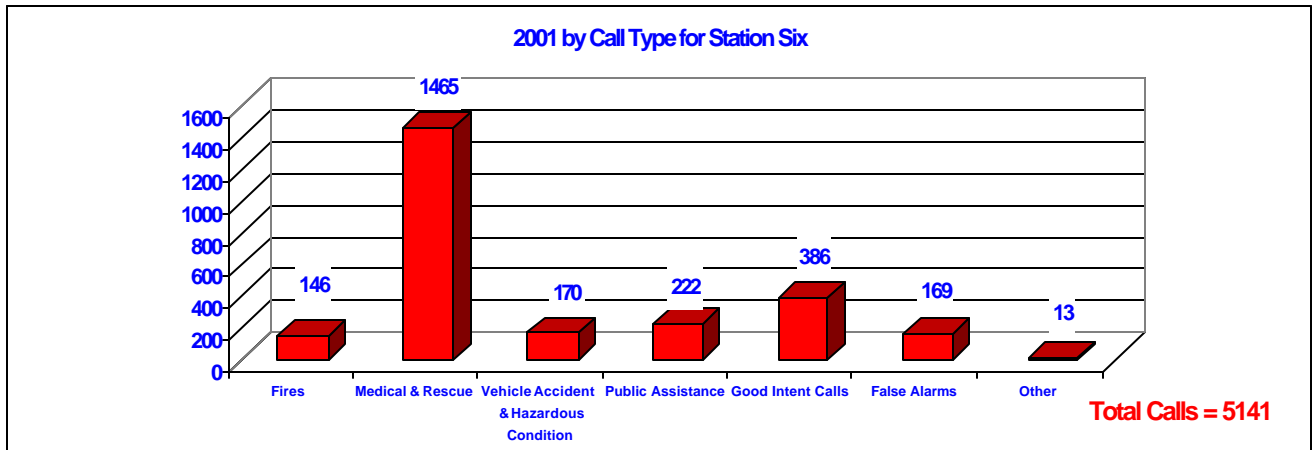


Station Six

Built in 1979, this station is the busiest single company station in the department.



2700 Standiford Avenue
(209) 572-9556

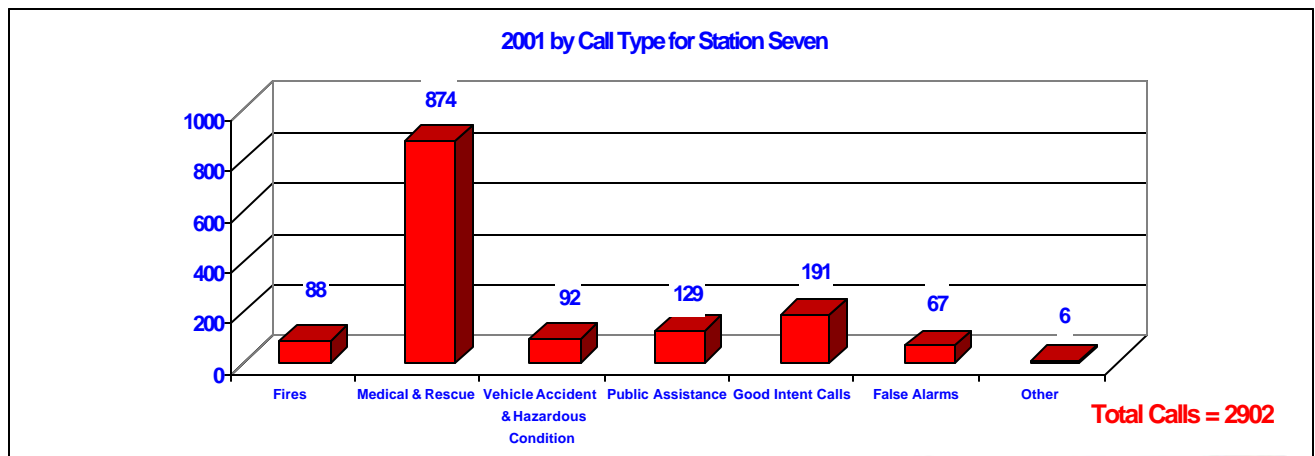


Station Seven

Built in 1981, this is one of the newer stations in the department. This building was constructed with built-in energy saving features and it's design blends in well with the residential community it protects.



**1800 Mable Avenue
(209) 572-9557**

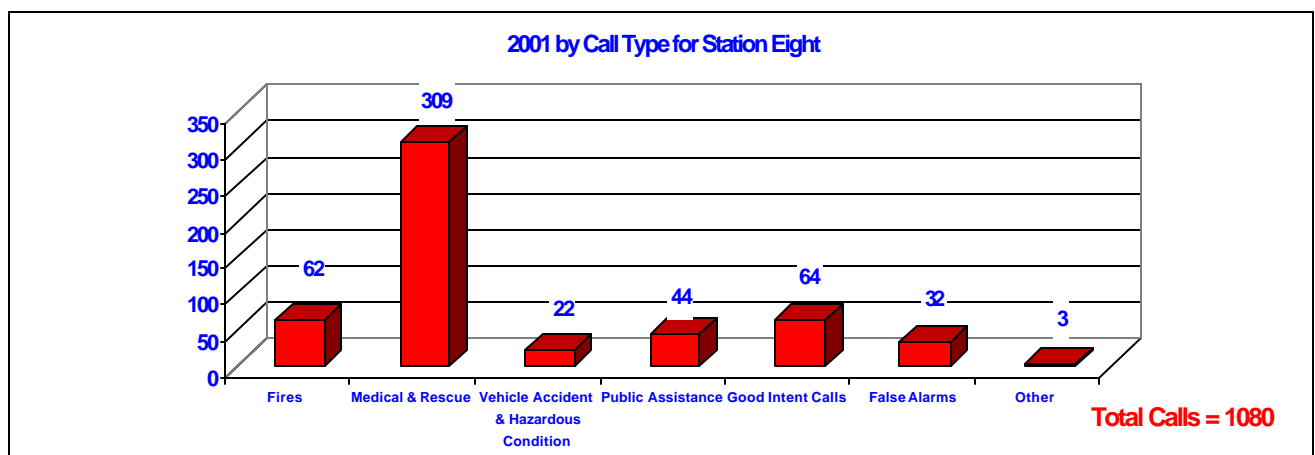


Station Eight

Built in 1980, station eight protects Modesto's Municipal Airport and the surrounding area.



**673 Airport Way
(209) 572-9558**

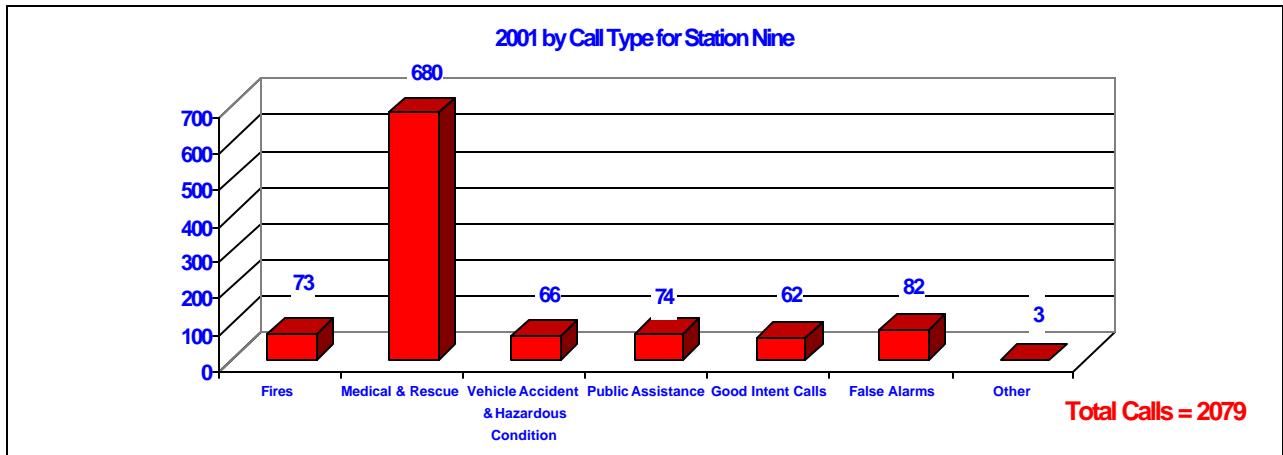


Station Nine

Station nine is our newest constructed station. Firefighter here maintain communications links with the County-wide dispatch system.



**4025 Fara Biundo Drive
(209) 572-9651**

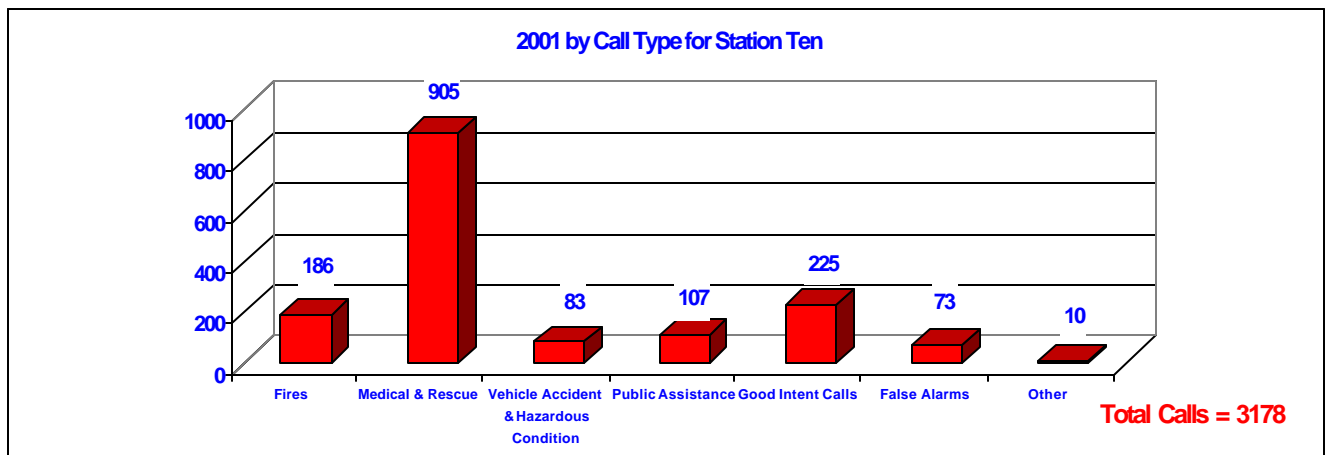


Station Ten

This station protects the southern industrial area and is Modesto's only contracted area. This station responded to more fires than any other station this year.



**148 Imperial Avenue
(209) 572-9650**



Retirees 2000-2002



Chief Doug Hannink
26 Years of Service



Marshal Mary Miller
23 Years of Service



Chief Ken Bryant
19 Years of Service



Engineer, Larry Thompson
23 Years of Service



Elaine Morris
10 Years of Service



Captain Mike White
30 Years of Service



Captain Chuck Giles
24 Years of Service



Engineer Ken Haub
30 Years of Service



Captain Ted Salmans
28 Years of Service



Buyer, John Donahue
29 Years of Service



Captain, Jim Haub
23 Years of Service



Engineer, John Lafley
28 Years of Service

*Few will have the greatness
to bend history itself; but each
of us can work to change a small
portion of events, and in the total
of all those acts will be written
the history of this generation."
-- Robert F. Kennedy*



Engineer, Gary Tarvin
21 Years of Service



Engineer, George Casey
27 Years of Service



Engineer, Robert Leitzke
28 Years of Service