

Fire Services

The mission of the Calistoga Fire Department is to provide those services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of greater Calistoga, which protects their lives, property and environment from fires, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and disasters.

We accomplish this mission by providing services in two ways:

- I. Proactively
 - Public Education
 - Building Inspections
 - Weed Abatement
 - Plan Checking
 - Pre-Incident Planning
 - Burn Permits
 - Insurance Rating Requests
 - Firefighter Training and Preparedness

- II. Reactively
 - Fire Suppression
 - Emergency Medical Response (EMT 1 D Scope of Practice)
 - Public Service (Wires Down, Lockouts, Standby)
 - Hazardous Materials Release Response
 - Fire Investigations
 - Responses Outside the City Limits (Contract, Automatic Aid, Mutual Aid and Strike Teams)

The Fire Department is staffed with four (4) full-time employees (Fire Chief and three (3) Firefighters). The three full-time firefighters work Monday through Sunday. The Fire Chief works a 40+ - hour week and is on-call for any emergency that might occur after hours. The Firefighters perform standby coverage on an as-needed basis due to the unavailability of either the Fire Chief or sufficient Paid-Call Firefighters (PCF) for the evenings. In this manner, a timely response is ensured. The full-time staff is supplemental to the response of our Paid-Call Firefighters (PCF) who work and are paid only when they respond to calls, provide standbys for evenings, cover shifts for the full-time firefighters, participate in training and work special details or projects. We currently have 15 all of whom are very active. The Fire Department also has one (1) truly non-paid Volunteer whose duties include response to limited emergencies. This position provides support and very limited firefighting activities.

The Fire Station is located at 1113 Washington Street. The full-time staff, PCFs and the Volunteer is based at the Fire Station. The Fire Station house's the Department's in-service equipment, which includes: 2 Structure Fire Engines, 1 Wildland Fire Engine, 1 Water Tender and 1 Patrol Truck. The Department also has one staff vehicle used by the Fire Chief.

The Fire Department responded to 880 incidents during 2007, an increase of 1.8 % over the year 2006 total. Of that number, 287, or approximately 32.5%, were for incidents outside the City limits. With respect to the remaining 593 incidents, approximately 65% are medical emergencies, 14% are fire related with the remaining 21% coming from public service activities. The two segments of our community which most impact the Fire Department with request for services are our senior citizens and tourism.

Funding for City related fire services is provided by the City General Fund.

The City has a current contract with Napa County through 2010 to provide emergency response services to all incidents in the county area surrounding Calistoga. Under the contract, in addition to receiving certain in kind services, the City will receive \$80,764.42 for FY 08. For the FY 09 and FY 10 there's a build in minimum 3% and maximum 5% increase.

In FY 07/08 the City invoiced the Governors' Office of Emergency Services \$45,523.80 for reimbursement for services rendered during three Strike Team Assignments to Southern California. Also the city has received reimbursement of \$2,309.19 from Napa County, for in county fires.

Significant Changes from Prior Years

- Added a full-time firefighter.
- Went to 7 days week day time coverage.
- Taken delivery of two new fire apparatus.
- The total number of major pieces of fire apparatus has been reduced from seven to four.
- The grant has been awarded for the earthquake retrofitting of the fire station.
- The Fire Station earthquake retrofitting and remodel has been approved by the Council and is moving forward.

- The Fire Chiefs office has been moved to the Fire Station.

Major Goals and Performances

1. Prevent fires, injuries, loss of live and property damage
 - Install and inspect smoke detectors in any home that makes a request;
 - Continue with fire prevention programs for children;
 - Continue the Building Inspection Program utilizing the California fire Code by inspecting 100% of commercial buildings in the City;
 - Institute employee first responder fire training classes for local businesses by offering at least four such classes each year, and
 - Gain 100% compliance with weed abatement notices by May 31.
 - Utilize Napa County Fire Safe Communities Program to assist homeowners with Hazard Reduction for properties South of Foothill Blvd.
 - Offer CPR classes four times a year to the public.
2. Emergency Response
 - Improve medical aid response by ensuring a minimum of two, and ideally, three EMT personnel respond to each call;
 - Respond to 90% of all emergencies within the City in 4 minutes or less.
 - Improve firefighter safety by continuing to establish Standard Operating Procedures; and
 - Improve response to fires and major incidents by continuing to recruit personnel for the Paid-Call Firefighters.
3. Training
 - Have all PCF personnel trained to EMT 1 D standards or higher;
 - Have all PCF personnel trained to FFTR 1 standards or higher; and
 - Have all Volunteer firefighters meet minimum skill standards.
 - EOC – NIMES/SEMS.
 - Project Review Participation.
 - Recruitment efforts.

Actual FY 05-06	Actual FY 06-07	Adopted FY 07-08	Final FY 07-08	Adopted FY 08-09	Revised FY 08-09	Preliminary FY 09-10
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Fire Services Department Summary

Department Programs							
01-4117 Fire Operations	634,337	597,614	637,150	671,100	836,850	754,200	780,550
Department Totals	634,337	597,614	637,150	671,100	836,850	754,200	780,550

Est Program Revenues							
3243 Fire Services	75,760	96,001	95,000	111,350	102,000	105,000	110,000
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Net Program Subsidy By General Fund							
	558,577	501,613	542,150	559,750	734,850	649,200	670,550

Expenditures By Type							
Personnel Services	489,692	482,739	528,800	548,500	684,850	626,000	663,550
Services & Supplies	144,645	114,875	108,350	122,600	152,000	128,200	117,000
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Staff Allocation for FY 08-09 & FY 09-10			
Fire Services	Fire Services	Standby Program	Total
Fire Chief	1.00		1.00
Firefighter	3.00		3.00
Total Full Time Positions	4.00	-	4.00
FireFighters	4,818	2,190	7,008
Seasonal FireFighter	896	-	896
Part Time Hours - Paid Call & Standby	5,714	2,190	7,904
Full Time Equivalent of Part Time Hours	1.96	0.75	2.71
Total Fire Service	5.96	0.75	6.71