



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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# MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



Jesse Alexander - Fire Chief

I am honored to serve the citizens of Yuba City as your Fire Chief, and it is a privilege to lead the dedicated men and women of the Yuba City Fire Department.

The Yuba City Fire Department is an all-risk, all-hazards agency, staffing five fire apparatus with highly trained firefighters to deliver top-quality emergency response. Whether responding to structure fires, vegetation fires, vehicle accidents, water rescues, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, or any other type of call, we are prepared to serve.

With five strategically located fire stations throughout Yuba City, we ensure a rapid response to the approximately 78,000 citizens we serve. The culture of the Yuba City Fire Department is rooted in a set

of values known as the Four Pillars. All fire personnel strive to exemplify these principles: Perspective, Selflessness, Servant's Heart, and Perfect Effort.

We look forward to continuing our commitment to serving our community and providing the fire protection and emergency services that our citizens have come to expect throughout our century-long history of service.

YUBA CITY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT



Perspective • Selflessness • Servant's Heart • Perfect Effort



## Notable Accomplishments



### Fire Department Development:

- Installation of (3) new extractors for cleaning of Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Secured (9) new Automated External Defibrillators (AED) from OPIOD Settlement funds
- Received a California Department of Health Care Services grant for 180 units of Naloxone (value \$20,000)
- Received and outfitted a new Type III (wildland) fire engine
- Conducted a ground-breaking ceremony for Fire Station 2 remodel
- Started construction on remodel at Station 2
- Implemented YCFD challenge coins for the Chief's Award and Life Saver Award
- Conducted a spouse mental health day event
- Secured contracts for providing Mental Health Clinicians to YCFD personnel
- Completed 2023 Annual Report
- Implemented and standardized protocols for Fire Investigations
- Installed new Marquee at Station 1
- Implemented upgraded employee physical/medical assessment program for all employees (NFPA 1582)
- Updated and developed a new Fire Department website
- Completed SSV EMSQIP 5-year report with Quality Control Development

### City Development & Emergency Preparedness:

- City-wide Code Red testing
- Participated in the multi-day functional exercise for Oroville Dam collapse
- Participated in tabletop exercises for Bullard's Bar Dam collapse
- Conducted planning process: Hayne Parade, Christmas & Summer Strolls, and Sikh Parade
- Participated in the development of a Fire Safe Council
- Implemented MCI Policy and developed training and functional exercises for all YCFD members

### Promotional and Hiring:

- Conducted a Firefighter I Recruit Academy

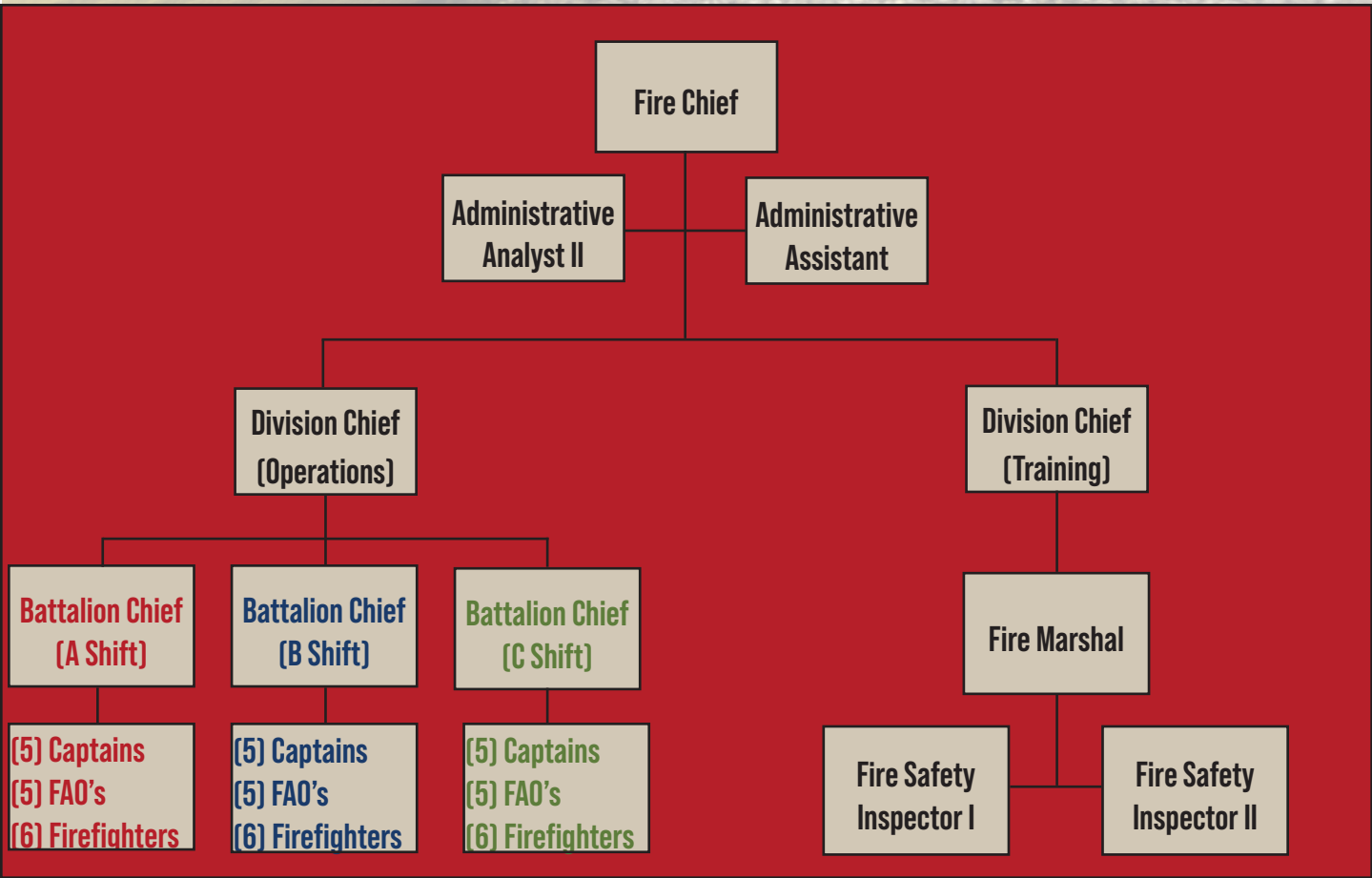
### Training:

- Construction completed on new Training Drill Tower at Station 4 training grounds
- Hosted PG&E Regional Disaster Drill incorporating multiple agencies across Yuba and Sutter County
- REACH Training
- Active Shooter and Rescue Task Force Training with Yuba City Police Department
- Hosted Emotional Intelligence, Coaching for Success & Learning Culture training for all department members
- Developed task book training program for Acting Battalion Chief, Acting Captain, and Acting Operator
- Consolidated Water Tender and Ladder Truck training into the Operator Manual
- Developed & implemented new testing guidelines for Acting Battalion Chief, Acting Captain, and Acting Operator
- Updated Firefighter I & II Testing Program
- Developed ten Acting Operators and three Acting Captains (Succession Planning)
- Met and exceeded all I.S.O. training requirements

**Organizational Chart**



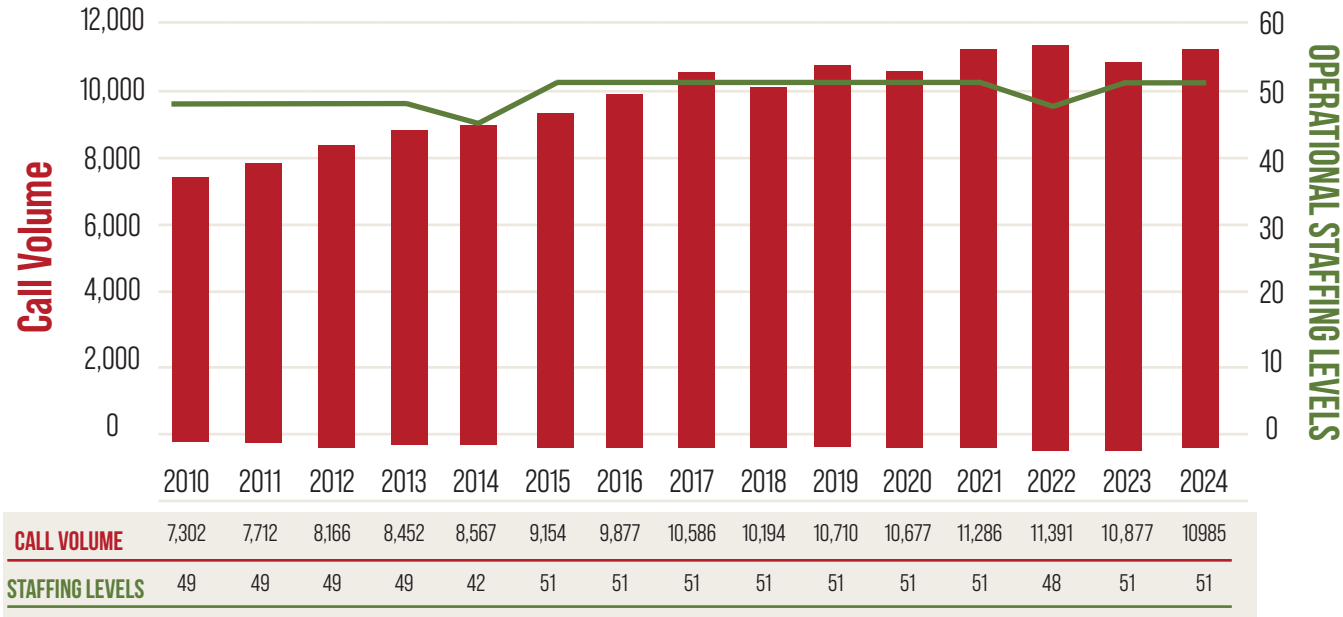
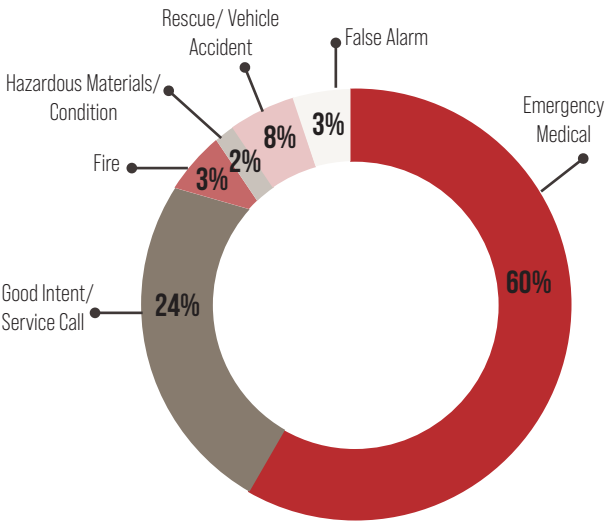
2024 PERSONNEL	
59	Employees
3	Chief Officers
3	Battalion Chiefs
48	Firefighter/EMT's
1	Fire Marshal
2	Fire Inspectors
2	Civilian Employees





Calls for Service

Call Volume by Type 2022 – 2024				
INCIDENT TYPE	2022	2023	2024	3-YEAR AVERAGE
Fire	371	347	310	343
Emergency Medical	7187	6595	6563	6782
Rescue/Vehicle Accident	533	627	847	669
Hazardous Materials / Conditions	174	188	211	191
Good Intent/Service Call	2769	2743	2684	2732
False Alarm	357	377	370	368
TOTAL	11391	10877	10985	11084



### Training

The Yuba City Fire Department provides exceptional service to both residents and visitors. This commitment is supported by a dynamic, ongoing training program designed to invest in our personnel and foster their professional growth. Our focus on continuous training ensures our team is equipped to deliver high-quality service across the city.

Firefighter training is crucial to maintaining the safety of both our emergency responders and the community we serve. Given the unpredictable nature of fire fighting and emergency response, it is essential that our personnel are highly skilled, adaptable, and prepared for any situation. Regular training provides the necessary knowledge and hands-on experience to effectively respond to a range of emergencies, including fires, medical emergencies, technical rescues, and hazardous material incidents.

Training also fosters team cohesion, trust, and leadership within the department. Regular drills and exercises build confidence, improve communication, and promote a unified approach to tackling emergencies. These skills are crucial in high-pressure, life-or-death situations where every second counts.

Ultimately, fire department training goes beyond emergency preparedness. It ensures that our personnel are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and confidence necessary to provide the highest level of service. This investment in public safety, employee development, and community well-being forms the backbone of our department's ability to protect and serve.

In 2024, the Yuba City Fire Department completed 14,134 training hours, with each member averaging 266 hours. Our program focuses not only on tactical and strategic skills but also on compliance with standards set by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), CAL-OSHA, SSV EMS, and NFPA recommendations. The core objective of our training is to enhance service delivery to our community through ongoing, realistic, and measurable exercises that prepare our team to effectively respond to all types of emergencies.



### Training Program Goals

- Enhance emergency response skills and proficiency
- Increase expertise and effectiveness
- Develop decision-making capabilities and foster leadership development
- Build professional development programs aimed at succession planning
- Reduce risk and improve safety
- Exceed training requirements and establish a growing standard of excellence
- Build a multi-level Connex box training facility in conjunction with the new drill tower.





## Response Times

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

### AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME OF STRUCTURE FIRE CALLS



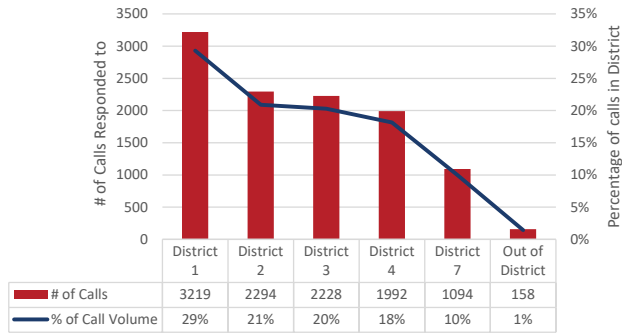
### AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME OF EMS CALLS



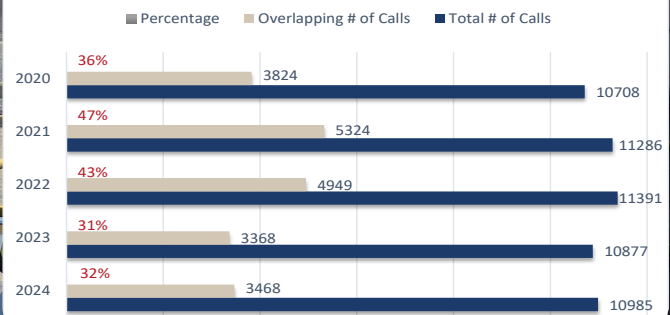
### AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME OF ALL CALLS



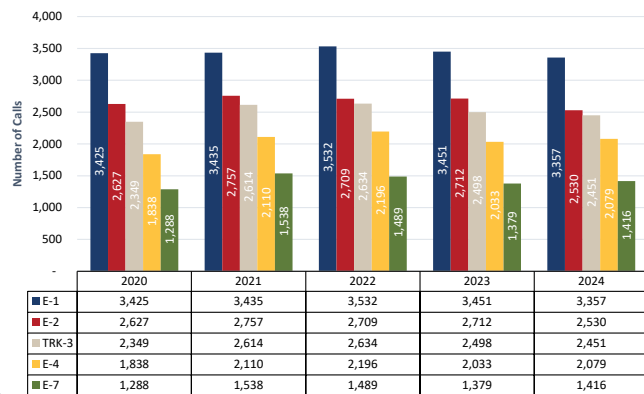
#### Incidents by District



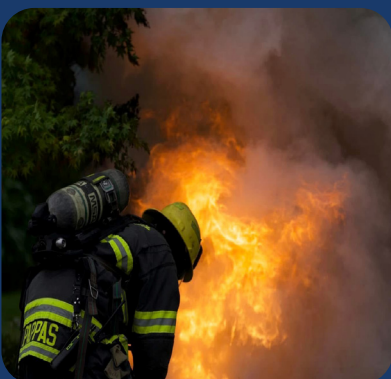
#### Overlapping Calls



#### Number of Calls by Unit 5-Year comparison



## Significant Events



The following section describes significant events managed by the Yuba City Fire Department in 2024:

- On February 4, 2024 at 11:59 p.m., a structure fire occurred at 778 Jones Road. Crews arrived to find a single-family dwelling with smoke showing from the eaves. Firefighters entered the residence and located fire burning around a kitchen window.
  - **Estimated Value: \$402,000 Estimated Loss: \$220,000 Estimated Total Saved: \$182,000**
- On April 20, 2024 at 7:19 p.m., a commercial structure fire occurred at Marshalls, at 1130 Harter Road. Crews arrived to find smoke coming from an office from a fire that was extinguished by the fire suppression system.
  - **Estimated Value: \$14,700,788 Estimated Loss: \$483,000 Estimated Total Saved: \$14,217,788**
- August 29, 2024 at 10:57 p.m., a residential structure fire occurred at 724 Winslow Drive. Crews arrived to find a working fire coming from the bedroom.
  - **Estimated Value: \$413,000 Estimated Loss: \$247,800 Estimated Total Saved: \$165,200**

## 2024 Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis

Fire calls within the Department's response area:

Total Values: \$160,163,930

Total Losses: \$ 1,531,014

**Total Saved: \$158,632,916**

TOTAL % LOST: 1%

**TOTAL % SAVED: 99%**





## MUTUAL AID



YCFD responded to seven Wildfires under the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) for the Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System in 2024. Our response included, but was not limited to the Sites, Thompson, Lake, Shelly and Park Fires, Fresno June Lightning, and Gold Complex.

- YCFD personnel were deployed for 2759 hours on these Wildfire Incidents. YCFD received reimbursement for over \$322,372 in overtime expenses generated during these deployments.
- Yuba City recovered over \$150,961 in administrative and vehicle usage costs.
- Yuba City will be receiving over \$473,333 in total reimbursement under CFAA.
- In addition to fire personnel assigned to fire apparatus, YCFD deployed qualified or trainee overhead positions for Public Information Officer, Medical Unit Leader, Strike Team Leader and Fire-Line EMT.

Mutual & Automatic Aid Incidents 2022 – 2024				
TYPE OF AID	2022	2023	2024	3-Year Average
Mutual Aid Given	84	51	67	67
Mutual Aid Received	31	15	18	21
Automatic Aid Given	39	18	26	28
Automatic Aid Received	50	43	32	42
Other Aid Given	0	2	5	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>160</b>

There are a multitude of reasons for participating in the Master Mutual Aid System:

- Aid Cities, Counties, and Jurisdictions that experience emergency incidents that exceed their capabilities (e.g., Wildfires, Floods, Earthquakes, and Mudslides).
- Allows our city to receive similar assistance.
- Provides specialized training for YCFD personnel to be utilized on Yuba City emergency incidents.
- Provides experience for YCFD personnel, which helps develop personnel for Yuba City emergency incidents.
- All overtime costs are reimbursed.
- Recoverable Administrative and vehicle costs.

### Bureau Inspections

The Yuba City Fire Prevention Bureau has a robust fire and life safety inspection program. Inspections are conducted and enforced by utilizing the California Fire Code, California Building

Code, and NFPA standards. In addition, operational permits are issued on commercial occupancies to verify fire-safe conditions. The Fire Marshal oversees the Prevention Bureau with the assistance of 2 Fire Safety Inspectors to carry out the mission. The Mission of the Yuba City Fire Department is to protect life, property, and the environment, through effective fire prevention and emergency management.

The Prevention Bureau is responsible for all state-mandated inspections, new construction, tenant improvement projects, weed abatement, firework stands, and public education. The inspection process includes verification of the building’s use and maintenance per state fire code laws, local regulations, and national standards. Fire inspectors ensure dangerous fire, and life safety hazards are identified, abated, and other illegal uses are stopped.

The fire and life safety inspection program reduces risk by safeguarding residents, visitors, buildings, and industrial processes, and strengthening the community’s economic protection and vitality.



2024 Inspections	
Inspection Type	Completed
Plan Review	382
Bureau Inspections Completed	745
Reinspections Completed	168
Violations Corrected	520



### Public Education

Public education addresses the behavioral change component of community risk-reduction efforts. Inspections and plan reviews provide for the necessary safety elements of community buildings. In contrast, training and public outreach provide the foundation for citizen actions that can further reduce property and life loss in their homes and workplaces.

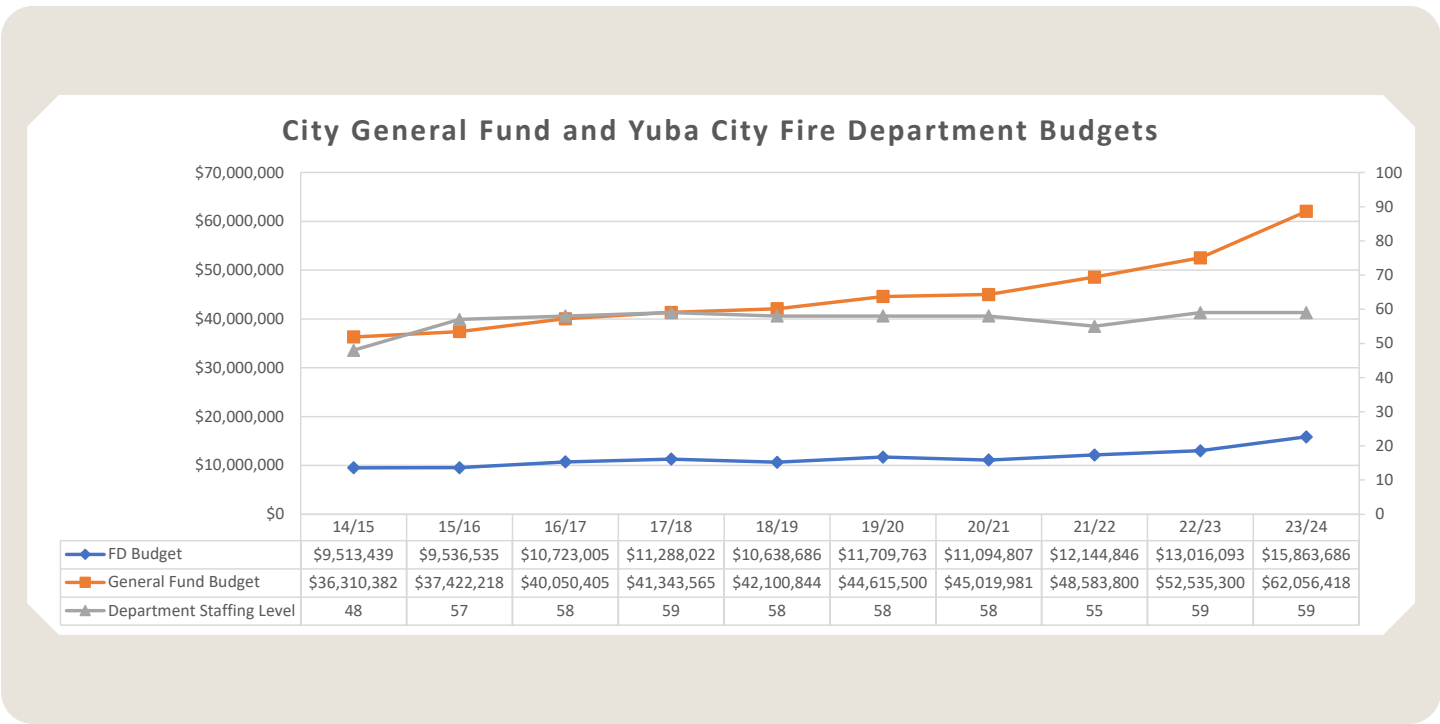
Recurring community-based events, such as National Night Out, Summer & Christmas Strolls, Engine Company visits, and station tours, provide the general public with simple education opportunities and keep the public engaged in Department activities. In conjunction with regular public education messages posted on social media, these public education forums directly connect individuals who may not have used emergency services or experienced direct contact with the Yuba City Fire Department.



Revenue



City General Fund and Yuba City Fire Budgets



## TEAMS

### ADVANCED TECHNICAL RESCUE (ATR) TEAM:

Is a 16-member team that trains and specializes in technical rescue, focusing on swift water, confined spaces, and technical rope rescue. It is responsible for maintaining and deploying a Type III Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Trailer.



The ATR team was activated numerous times for in-progress emergencies throughout the Yuba City region and surrounding areas.

The ATR Team conducted multiple in-house trainings, including confined space, high-angle rescue, and water rescue. A number of team training sessions were conducted on confined space, water rescue, and building shoring.

Last year, the team was deployed to incidents that involved partial building collapse due to accidents that involved vehicles in to buildings.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) TEAM:

Is a 9-member team that are certified as Hazardous Material Specialists and Hazardous Material Technicians, which help make up the region's Hazardous Materials Team, also known as the Yuba Sutter Hazardous Materials Response Team. The HazMat Team is responsible for maintaining and deploying one of the few Office of Emergency Services Type II HazMat vehicles in Northern California.



The Hazardous Materials team continues to be comprised of various members of the Yuba City Fire Department as well as several members from our surrounding agencies. The team is a Regional Team and operates with the primary

apparatus- OES HM-31.

HM-31 is a state-owned apparatus that can be requested at any time to respond to other areas of the state if need be. Our members will make up a part of the team that responds to those out of area incidents. Last year, our team participated in a

number of local trainings as well as larger outside of the area trainings where the team trains with other agencies from up and down the state. This year, the team was on standby during the SIKH parade as part of the department's response readiness plan for the large-scale event.

### TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (TEMS) TEAM:

Is a 6-member team that works closely with the Yuba City Police Department, which is deployed with SWAT members of various agencies and serves vital support functions to our law enforcement. This specially trained EMS team is there to provide tactical medical care if public safety personnel or others become wounded in the course of a SWAT call out.



The TEMS team participated in multiple SWAT call deployments within the Yuba and Sutter County areas. Team members coordinated with local law enforcement agencies and participated in various trainings throughout

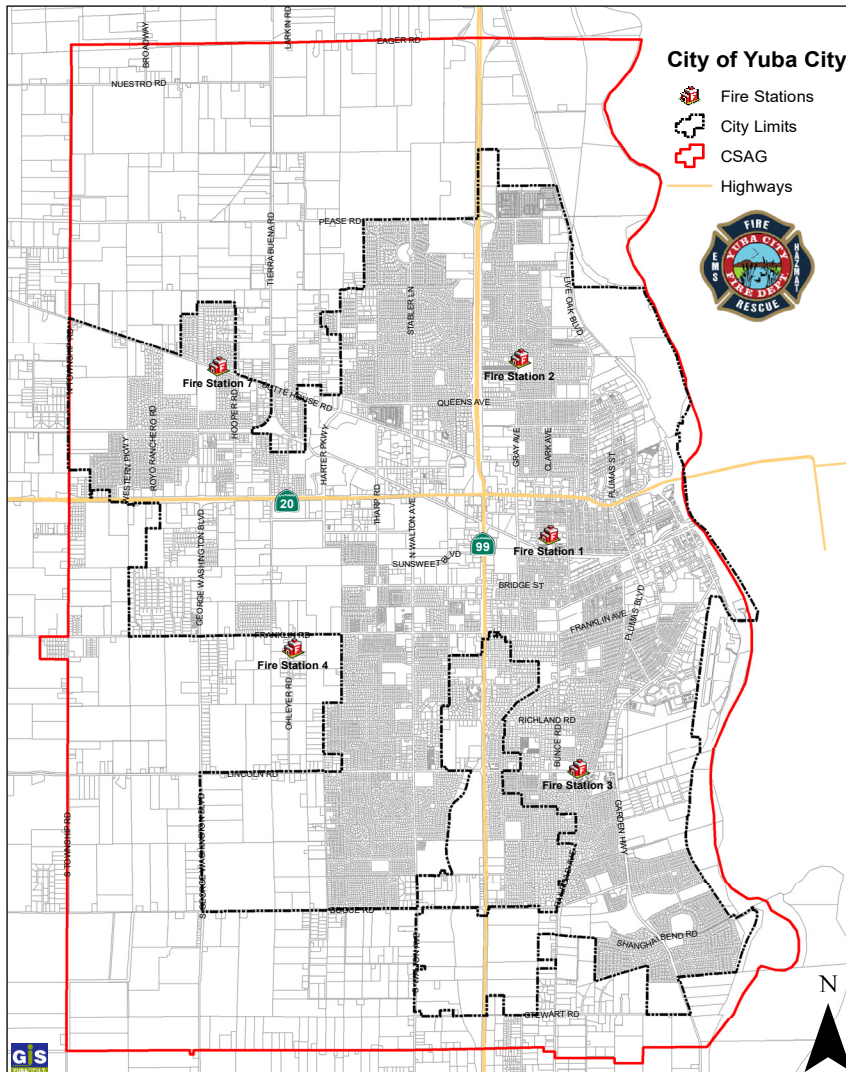
the year. Training was conducted with SWAT team members from local law enforcement agencies as well as training that included specialized EMS care.







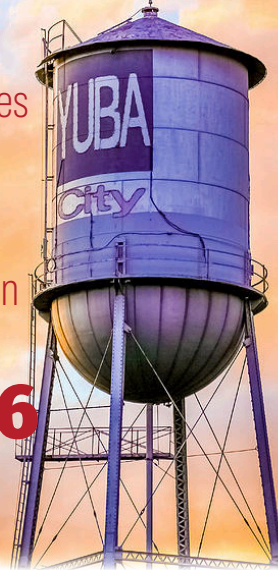
## STATIONS & APPARATUS



**32.6**  
square miles  
served

**2** ISO  
classification

**77,316**  
population  
served



**Station 1 - 824 Clark Avenue**

**Station 2 - 1641 Gray Avenue**

**Station 3 - 795 Lincoln Road**

**Station 4 - 150 Ohleyer Road**

**Station 7 - 2855 Butte House Road**

*\*Stations 5 & 6 are Sutter County Fire Department's*

## Fire Apparatus

Five fire stations house 17 pieces of fire apparatus utilized for both emergency and support operations. Each fire station staffs a primary fire apparatus with a Fire Captain, Fire Apparatus Operator, and a Firefighter.

Types of fire apparatus include:

- Fire Engines (Type I), including an OES Type I (Mutual Aid Deployments)
- Ladder Truck
- Wildland Engine's (Type III)
- Brush Vehicle (Type VI)
- Water Tender
- Breathing Air Support Vehicle
- Rescue Trailer, Jet Skis, and Water Rescue Boat
- Regional HazMat Unit
- Command and Support Vehicles





## ADMINISTRATION

## AT - A - GLANCE



- 2024 TOTAL CALLS: 10,985
- POPULATION SERVED: 77,316
- CAREER AGENCY, FULL-TIME, NO VOLUNTEERS, NO RESERVES
- 23/24 DEPARTMENT BUDGET:
  - Administration: \$ 1,886,271
  - Operations: \$14,093,370
  - TOTAL BUDGET: \$15,979,641
- COST PER CAPITA: \$207
- FIREFIGHTERS PER 1,000 RESIDENTS: .66
- SQUARE MILES SERVED: 32.6
- ISO RATING: 2
- STATIONS: 5
- ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL: 8

- 1 - Fire Chief
- 1 - Division Chief of Operations
- 1 - Division Chief of Training/Risk Reduction
- 1 - Fire Marshal
- 1 - Fire Safety Inspector II
- 1 - Fire Safety Inspector I
- 1 - Administrative Analyst II
- 1 - Administrative Assistant

OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL: 51 • 3/SHIFTS • 48/96 SCHEDULE

- 3 - Battalion Chiefs
- 15 - Captains
- 15 - Fire Apparatus Operators
- 18 - Firefighters (3 SAFER FF's)

MINIMUM DAILY STAFFING LEVEL OF 17

- 1 - Battalion Chief
- 5 - Captains
- 5 - Fire Apparatus Operators
- 6 - Firefighters





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