

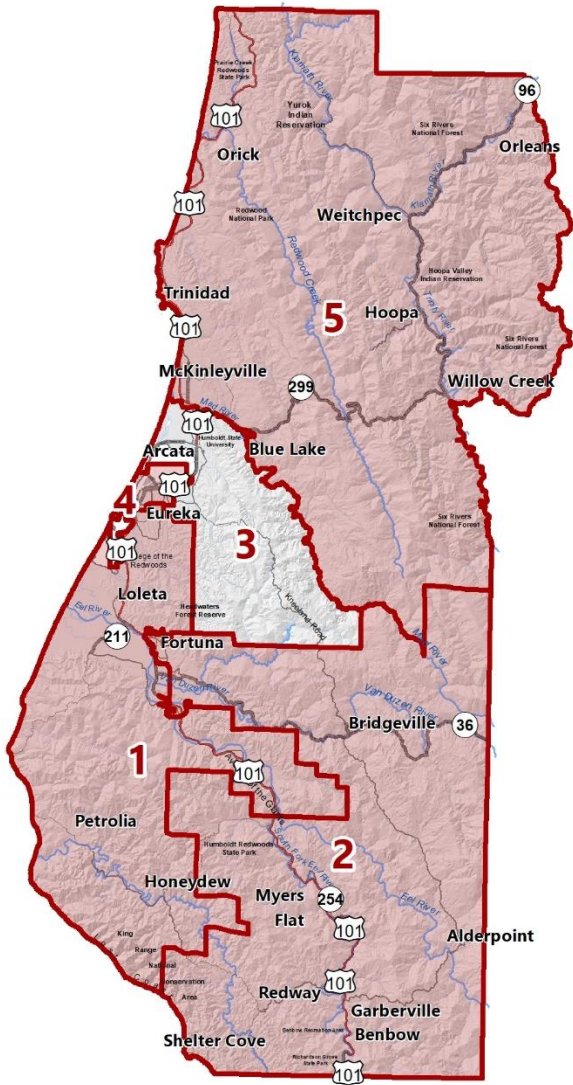
Humboldt County Third District

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Fire Departments:

Arcata Fire Protection District

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department

Arcata Fire Protection District

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Challenges & Needs:

This year was no different than our previous; the District is experiencing an ever-increasing call volume due, in part, to the continued growth of our communities. For 2018, the District continued to maintain staffing at its three stations, in spite of budgetary cutbacks. The District's revenue from property taxes have been limited and it has been 12 years since the last special tax increase. All efforts have been made to preserve our level of service to the community.

EVERY EFFORT

The Arcata Fire District (AFD) is an all-risk combination department, utilizing both career and volunteer members to protect the 37,000 residents living in the city of Arcata and the communities of McKinleyville, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek, for a total service area of 62 square miles. We have continued to offset staffing difficulties through increased sharing of resources with our neighboring jurisdictions via our auto and mutual aid agreements.

To protect the District's wide mix of industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, beaches, and wildland urban interface areas, we staff two career firefighters at each of the three stations and operate four type 1 engines, one type 3 engine, one rescue, one ladder truck, one water tender and one Multi Casualty Incident Response Trailer. AFD is committed to sharing its members' knowledge with our neighboring agencies through drills and participation in regional classes.

EVERY HOUR

AFD's career staff logged 5034 incident hours, with our volunteers logging an additional 461 hours. Career training hours totaled 6295, along with an additional 1290 from volunteers. Finally, our volunteers logged 1971 ride along hours augmenting the on-duty career firefighters.

EVERY CALL

On top of responding to 3357 calls for service locally, AFD was proud to assist Mendocino and Butte Counties with sending engines and chief officers during the 2018 summer fire season.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
59	59	78	87	1,447	73	682	872
Total Responses							3,357
Staff Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Vol. Ride-along	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary		
5,495	7,585	1,971	11	22	14		

*Due to the nature of available data, the incident responses reported above may over or underestimate actual responses.

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department

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Challenges & Needs:

Our biggest challenge is having to continuously search for outside funding to maintain the current level of service. Until funding at the local level can be achieved, the future of the current level of service will be at risk of being reduced. We are hopeful to find additional funding to build a facility to keep our fire engines out of the weather.

Blue Lake and Willow Creek Fire Departments providing extrication services at a motor vehicle collision involving a local news reporter on Hwy 299, 14 miles out of Blue Lake Fire District's response area. Response to this area is currently funded by Measure Z.

The Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department provides service to the Blue Lake Fire Protection District which includes the City of Blue Lake, the communities of West End Road, Liscomb Hill and Glendale Drive. Our district area is just under 14 square miles. We have 21 volunteers and one fulltime employee. This year we hope to complete a new facility to house our equipment that we have had to park outside. This could not have been possible without the help of Measure Z and the additional funding we have received from fees for services.

Our equipment includes Rescue A-8546, Engine 8511-Type-1, Engine 8514-Type-1, Engine 8537-Type-3, two water tenders (2,200 gallons and 1,800 gallons), two sets of Jaws-of-Life, 5 defibrillators, BLS medical and low-angle rope rescue gear.

Incident Response							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medical	Hazmat/ Menace	Public Assistance	Other Services
17	5	9	8	105	4	41	89
Total Responses:							278
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Fundraising	Volunteer	Career	Auxiliary	
2,136	1,764	192	548	21	1	0	

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Kneeland Volunteer Fire Protection District

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"Making a positive difference within our community in which we live and serve"

The Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) provides structure fire, medical aid, vehicle accident rescue, and vegetation fire response for residents and visitors within the Kneeland Fire Protection District (KFPD) response area and beyond. KFPD is a rural, 38+ square mile district; however, their response area is nearly 120 square miles.

In 2014, the KFPD "supplemental property tax", was approved by voters. This funding along with the county Measure Z funds and local fundraising provides the much needed revenue for department development, apparatus maintenance, replacing outdated equipment, and training opportunities.

The completion of a fire station is the primary focus for 2018-19. KVFD has 11 volunteers, seven certified EMT, one paramedic, one Chief, one Asst. Chief and one Captain. All firefighters are trained annually in structure firefighting, low angle rope rescue, BLS/CPR-PRO/AED, Jaws of Life vehicle forcible entry and basic wildland fire response.

Challenges & Needs:

As with many volunteer agencies Kneeland Fire is not exempt from the declining numbers of volunteers. This seems to be an epidemic affecting volunteer fire departments across the nation. As the older volunteers retire and many younger volunteers leave for careers in paid departments (on top of the commitment demands on NEW volunteers), serious challenges are presented to volunteer fire departments striving to maintain seasoned firefighters. In general, today's volunteer firefighter is better equipped and receives a higher level of training. This requires a greater time commitment from the volunteer. The biggest obstacle for a new volunteer is maintaining a balance between family, career, and volunteer commitments. This will require creative planning for future KFPD volunteers.

Incident Responses							
Vegetation Fires	Structure Fires	Other Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medicals	Hazardous Conditions	Public Assists	Other Services
5	2	2	2	17	5	0	3
Total Responses							36
Volunteer Hours				Personnel			
Incident	Training	Maintenance	Chiefs Admin.	Volunteer		Auxiliary	
278	1,351	425	632	10		3	

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