



Rescue Fire Protection District

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2008

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March 11, 2009

Board of Directors
Rescue Fire Protection District
5221 Deer Valley Road
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Dear Board Members:

On behalf of the members of the Rescue Fire Protection District, I am very pleased to bring you our annual report.

Some of the highlights for 2008 were:

- Purchase of a Pierce Contender Type-III Engine.
- Full implementation of the Intern-Firefighter program.
- Graduation of nine Intern-Firefighters from the El Dorado County Fire Academy.
- Responded to seven Out-of-County requests for Mutual Aid with either an engine, Strike Team Leader, or Strike Team Leader (Trainee).
- No "Lost Time" injuries.

As the District approaches its 50th year in providing service to the community, all members, past and present, should be proud of what has been accomplished.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Keating, Fire Chief
Rescue Fire Protection District

RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2008 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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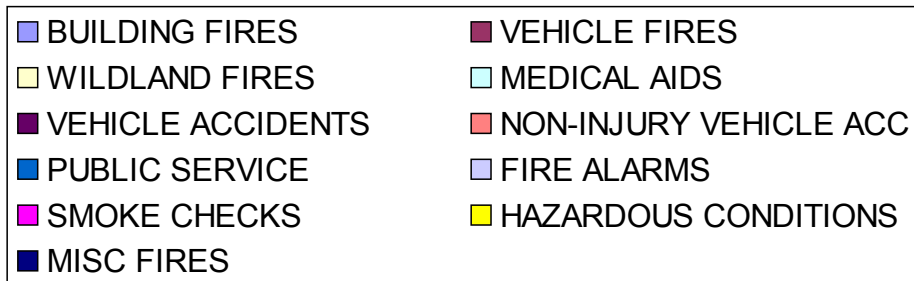
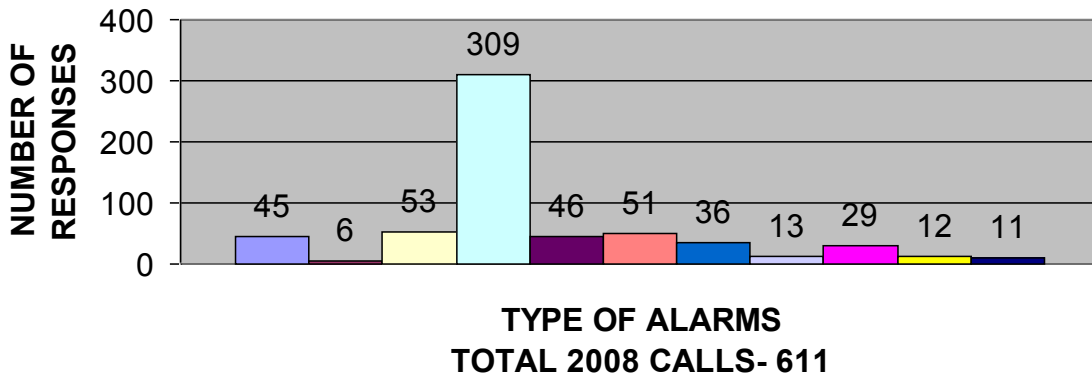
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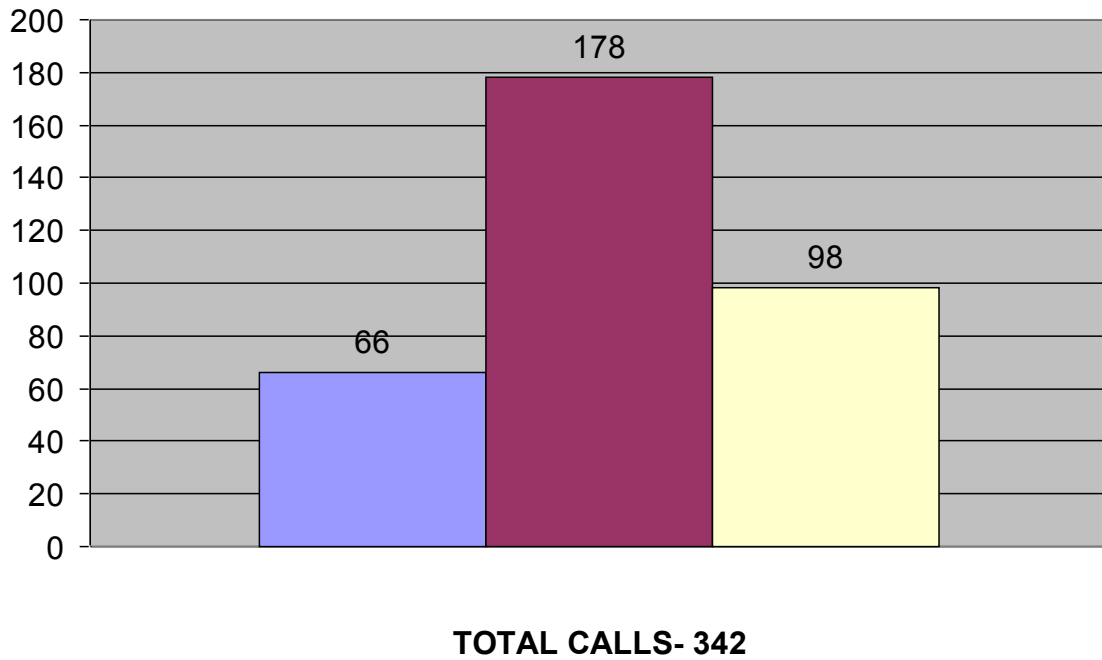
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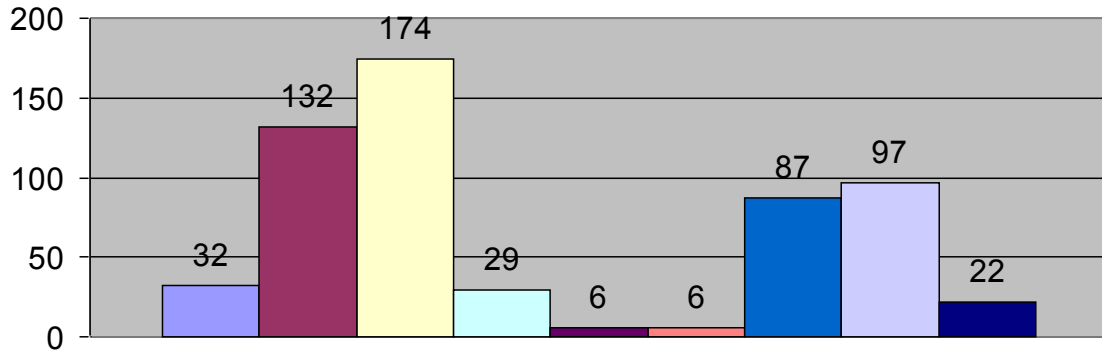
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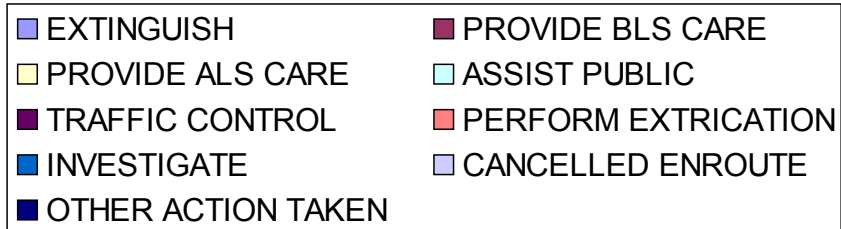
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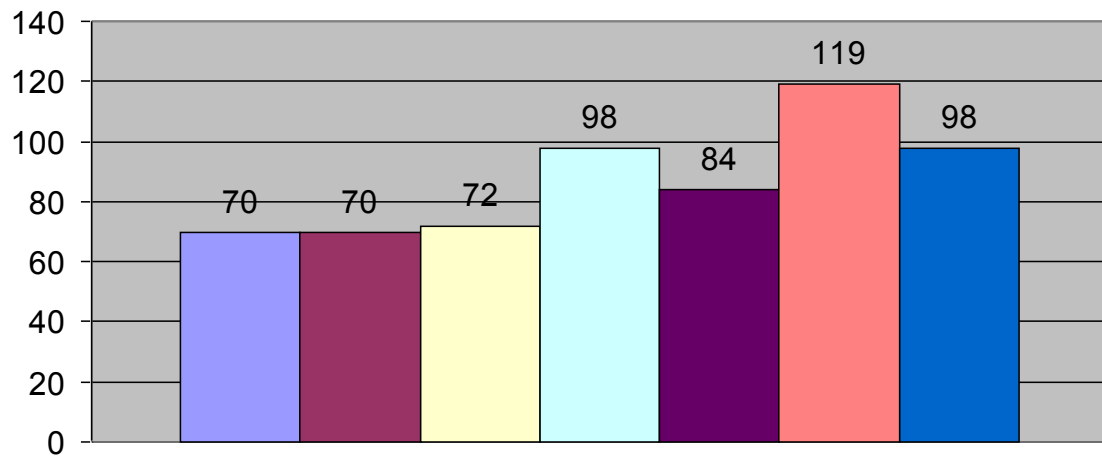
2008 ACTIONS TAKEN SUMMARY



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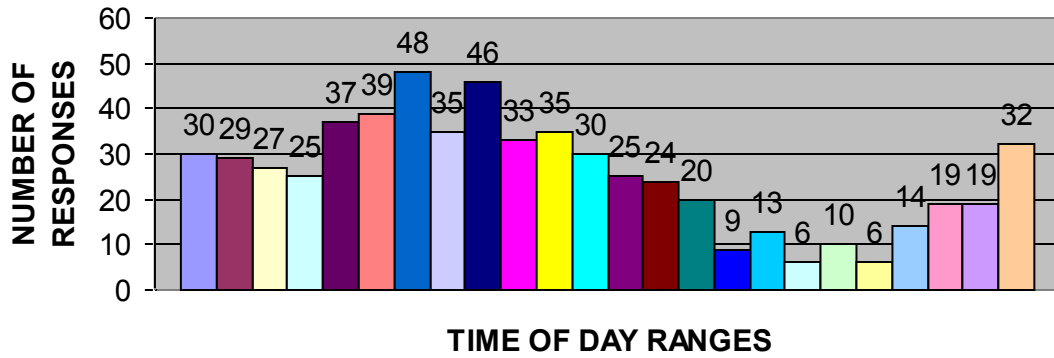
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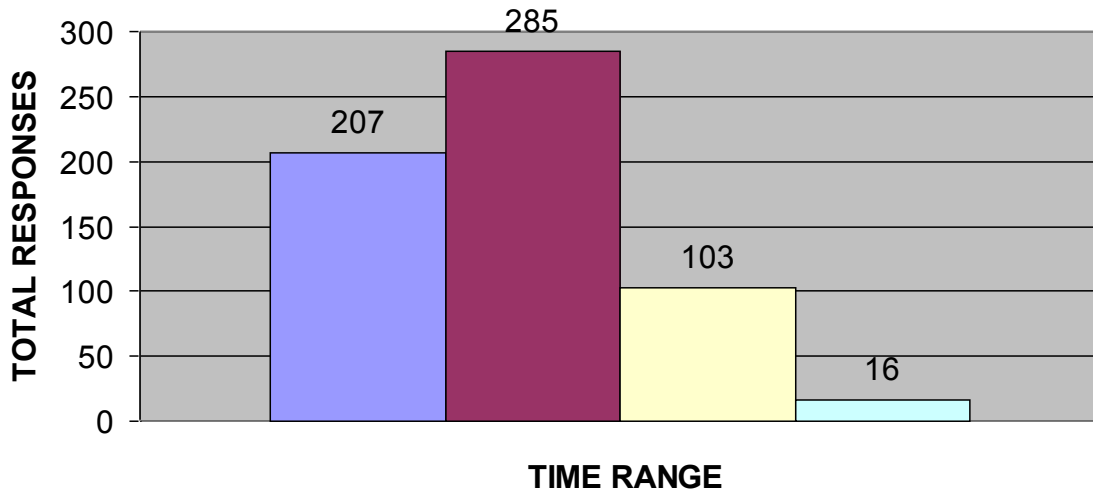
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2008 CALLS BY TIME OF DAY



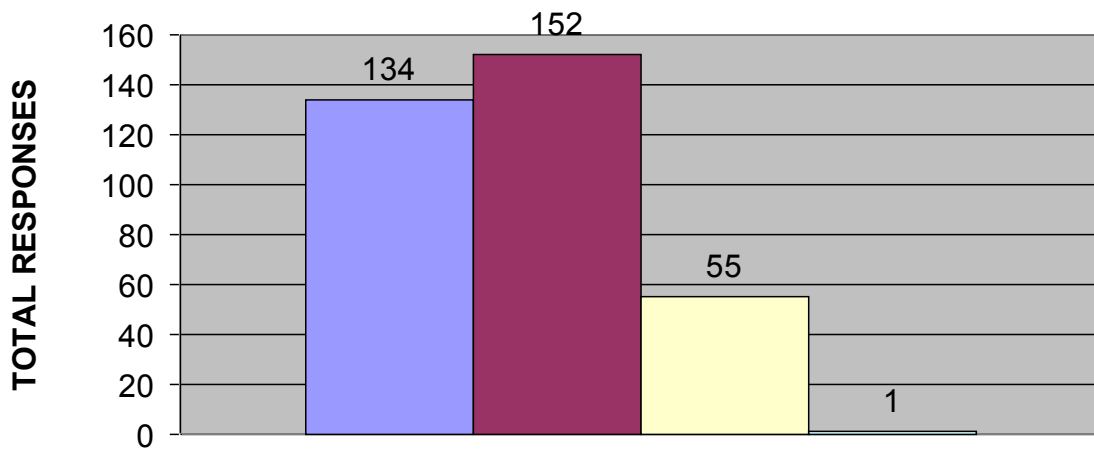
2008 RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS



* THIS INCLUDES ALL CALLS IN AND OUT OF DISTRICT
TOTAL CALLS- 611



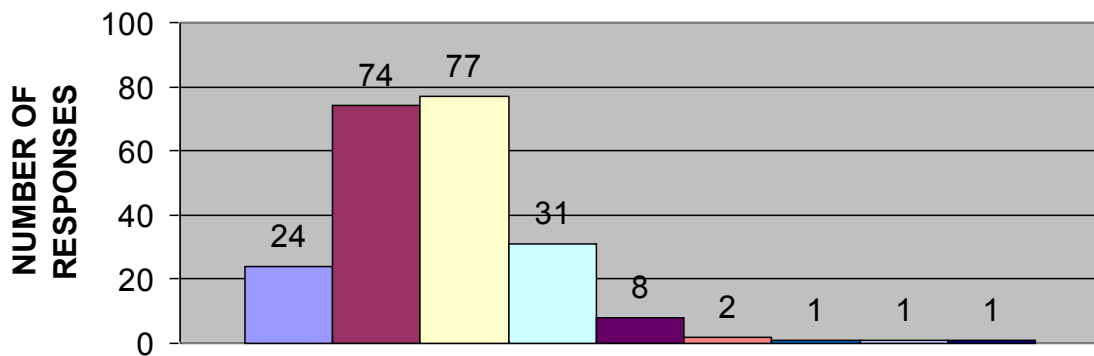
2008 RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS



TIME RANGES
*** THIS INCLUDES ALL CALLS IN DISTRICT**
TOTAL CALLS- 342

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 MINUTES - 5 MINUTES | 6 MINUTES - 10 MINUTES |
| 11 MINUTES - 20 MINUTES | 21 MINUTES AND ABOVE |

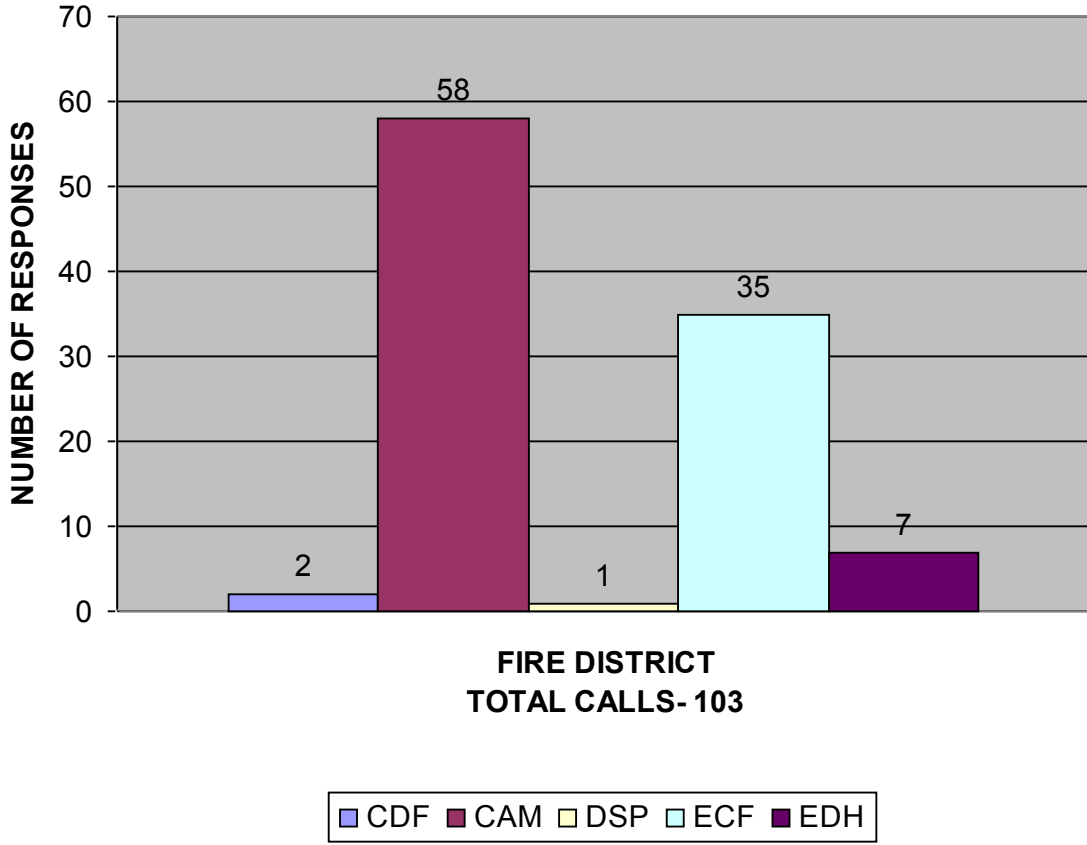
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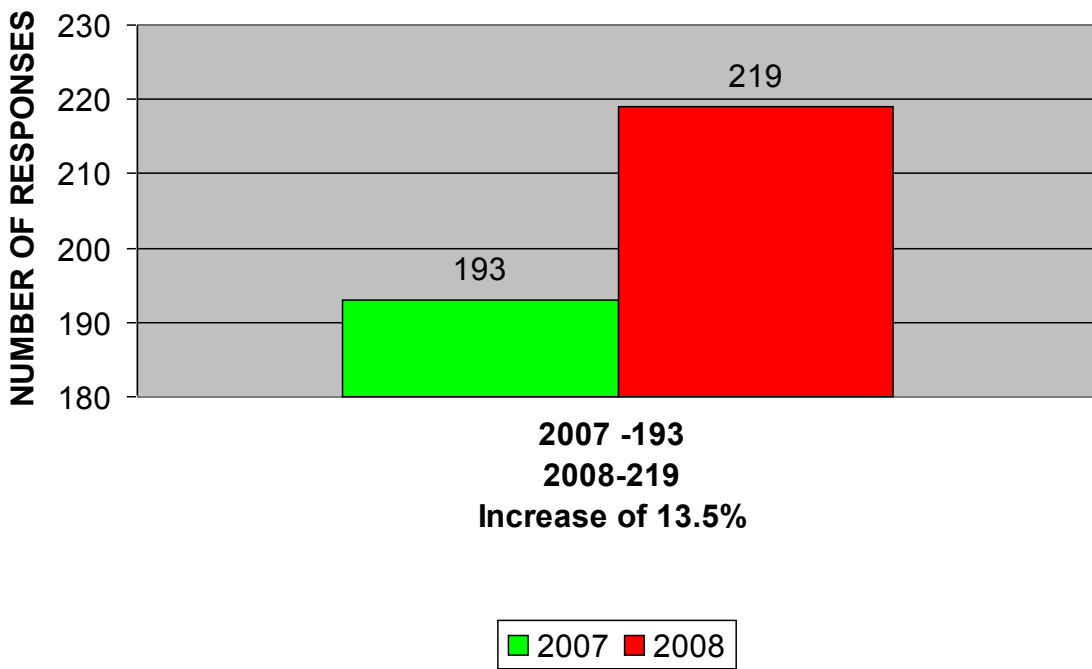
FIRE DISTRICT
TOTAL CALLS-219

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| CDF | CAM | DSP |
| ECF | EDH | OES STRIKE TEAM |
| USFS | GRV | LTB |

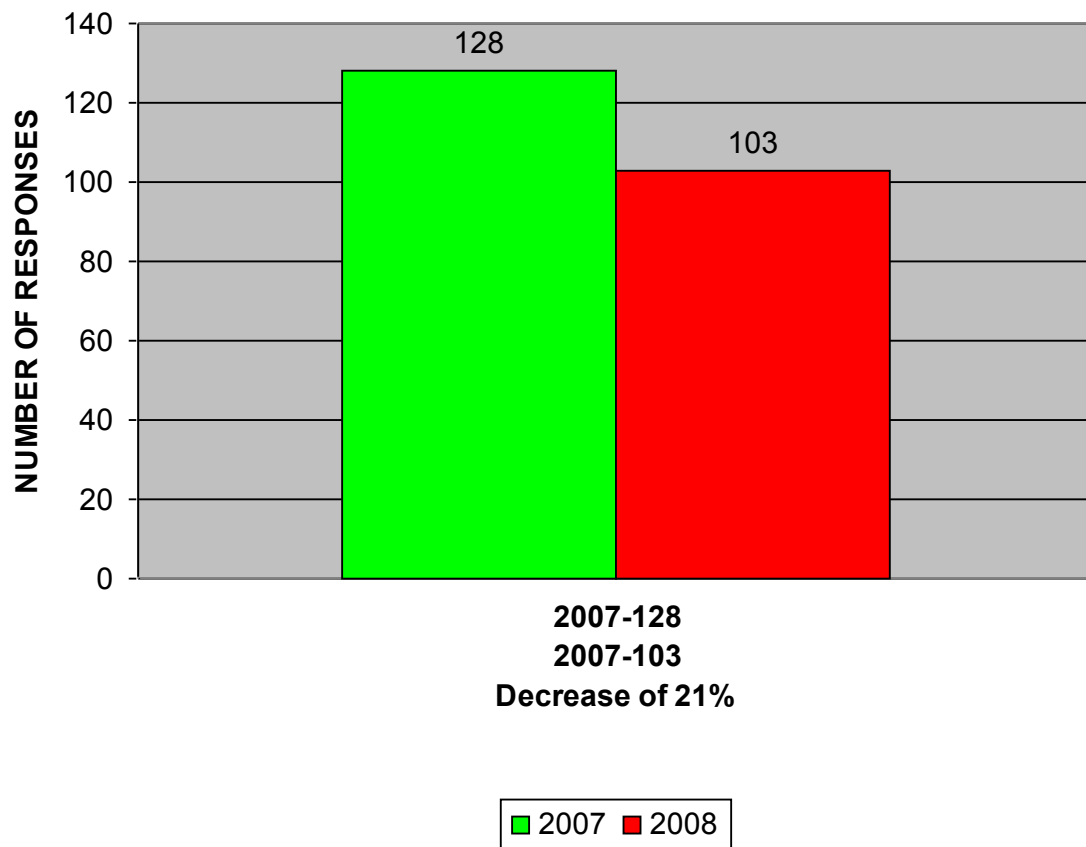
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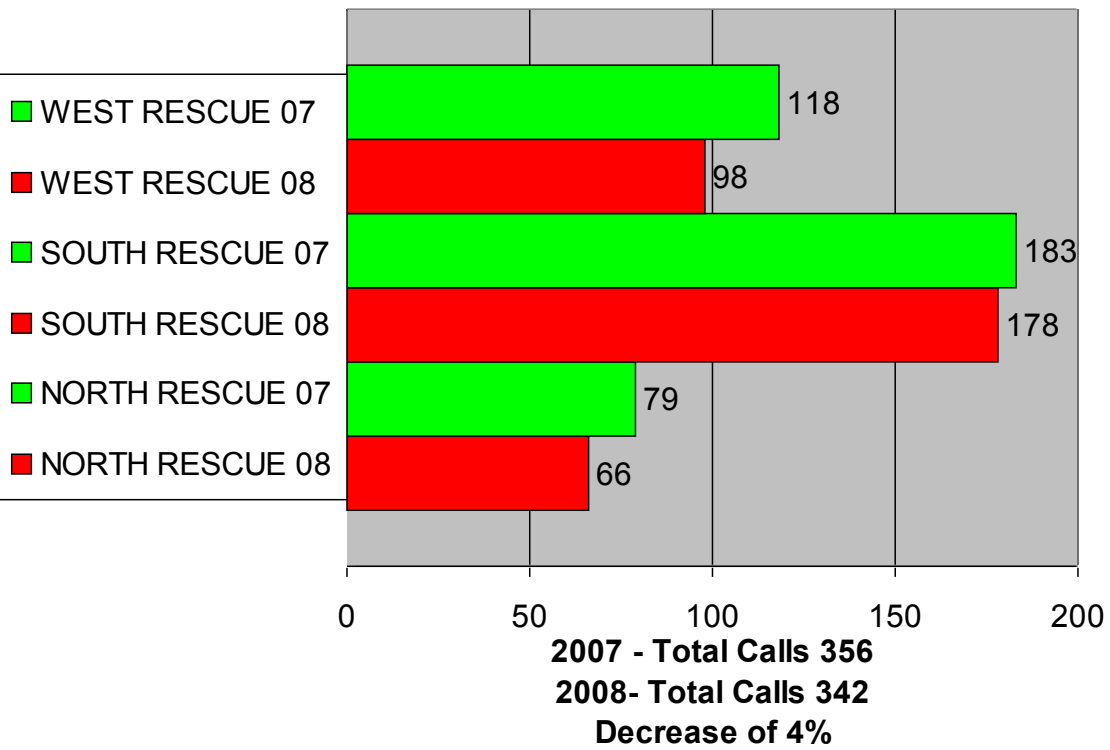
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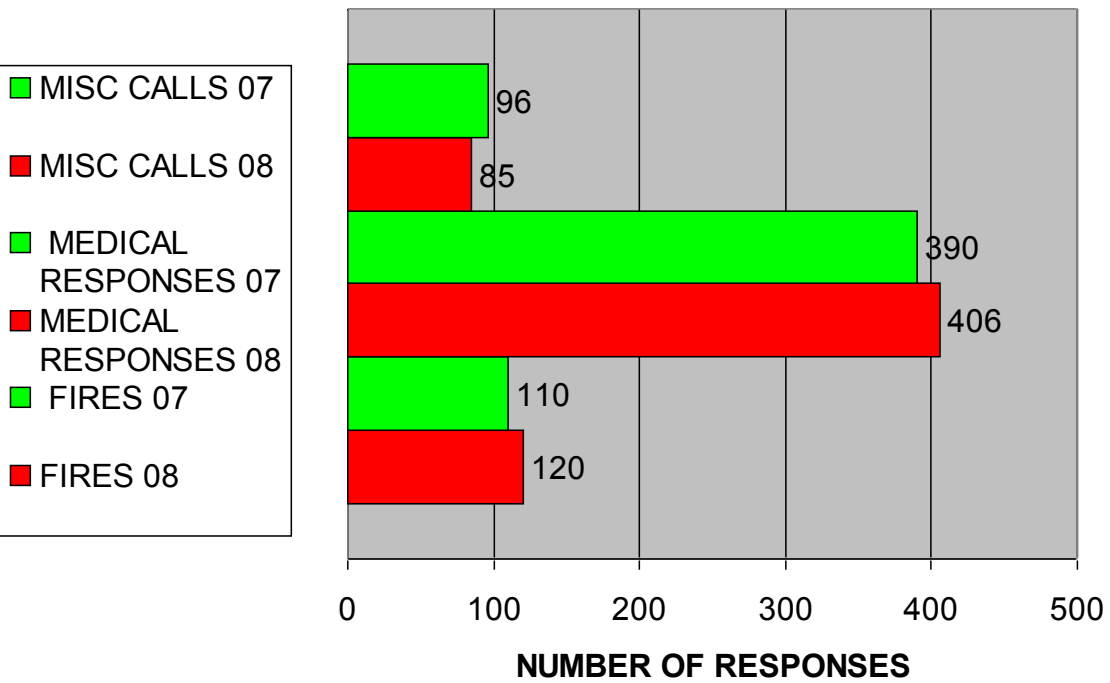
2007/2008 AUTOMATIC AID RECIEVED



2007/2008 CALLS BY AREA



2007/2008 CALL TYPES



Training Division Report (2008)

Training program provides District with additional staffing



SUMMARY:

In 2008, the District started the Intern program in order to increase the staffing level on the first out engine. Interns are usually individuals seeking a career in the fire service with a need and desire for hands on experience. The District offers certification in Firefighter I, Firefighter II and a DMV class B driver license. The Intern agrees to give the District 72 hours of shift time per month at no pay. The program has been a great success with both the District and the Intern benefiting. An added benefit to the duty staff has been an increase in their skills by providing training to the Interns.



The Training Division was able to acquire a residential structure on North Shingle Road to use for live fire training. We were able to provide two days of hands on realistic training. Along with our volunteers, we also invited the El Dorado County Training Officers Volunteer Recruit Academy to participate in the training. With changing government regulations, it is becoming more difficult to provided realistic live fire training.

Training Division Report (2008)

The District continues to grow and move towards covering two stations. With the addition of a new 4 wheel drive Type 3 Engine both station 83 and 81 are covered with a Type 1 and a Type 3 Engine. To staff both stations the Training Division is improving our driving program and encouraging more volunteers to become qualified as a driver/operator. The new 4 wheel drive engine also created a need for a more aggressive off road driver training program.



Again this year, department personnel completed the training requirement of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). In order to receive Government funding the District is require to adapt, to use, and to complete the yearly training requirements set by NIMS.

The duty personnel continue to use the local fitness center keeping, the physical fitness program going. The Interns have been added to the program when they are on shift. We are excited to see that the Fire Chief is also in a physical fitness program.



Training Division Report (2008)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Scheduled District Training

- 2 fire trainings and 1 medical training each month (no December training)
 - 20 fire trainings at 2 hours each
 - 11 medical trainings at 2 hours each

Training Events Where Rescue Personnel Participated

- Live Fire Structure Burn – 2740 North Shingle Road, Rescue Fire Department
- Countywide Wildland Training - Marble Valley
- Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Training – El Dorado County Fire
- El Dorado County Volunteer Recruit Academy



Training Division Report (2008)

Fire Classes Attended

- Management 1
 - 1 member attended
 - 40 total training hours
- Instructor 1A
 - 1 member attended
 - 40 total training hours
- Command 1B
 - 1 members attended
 - 40 total training hours
- Prevention 1A
 - 2 members attended
 - 40 total training hours
- Driver/Operator 1A
 - 2 members attended
 - 80 total training hours
- ICS 300
 - 1 members attended
 - 40 total training hours
- Juvenile Firesetter
 - 2 members attended
 - 32 total training hours



Additional Training

- El Dorado County Volunteer Recruit Academy
 - 6 new recruits from Rescue
 - 150 hours of classroom and hands-on training per recruit
 - 5 proctors from Rescue participated
- CPR Classes Given
 - 13 classes completed
 - 58 students certified
- County Certification Paramedic
 - 1 members passed El Dorado County certification
- Fire House World
 - 3 member attended
- CPR Instructors Recertification
 - 3 new instructors recognized



Chief Keating completed his Bachelors Degree

Gary Patten, Captain
Training Officer

Fire Prevention 2008

The Fire Prevention Bureau consists of a Fire Prevention Captain, a fire investigator, two firefighters on B shift, and a lot of help from all the District Employees and Volunteers. The enforcement of the regulatory codes adopted at the State and Local level is a major area of responsibility for the Fire Prevention Bureau. Fire prevention performs a number of fire safety education programs annually, starting with in-house fire station tours, visiting daycare facilities, participation in the County Fair, and our annual fire prevention poster contest with all the elementary schools in our jurisdiction. The fire safe smoke trailer was very successful as well, reaching out to over 1500 students.



With a population of approximately 7,500 over 34 square miles, the bureau inspected 50 plus occupancies this past year. The occupancies inspected include local businesses, schools, churches, maintenance facilities, child care facilities and resident homes if requested. As with any inspection, the key elements that are evaluated are adequate exiting, functioning fire alarm systems, appropriately used electrical outlets, and the general care and maintenance of the premises to help prevent the spread of fire if one should occur. The number one priority of the fire department is to protect life and this is done by helping to prevent incidents before they start.

The District brought in an outside Fire Plans Checker. He assisted with site inspections and assisted by reviewing plans and specifications to ensure compliance with the fire protection and life-safety provisions of the Codes adopted at the State and Local levels. This service was utilized for a couple of new businesses that needed certain knowledge of sprinklers and alarm systems. The Bureau is also looking into bringing to the District Board a fee ordinance to pass in this upcoming year. This would allow the District to assess fees for time spent checking plans.

The 2007 code changes are behind us. They required all agencies to change from the Universal Codes to the International Codes and have all Counties and Special Districts working under one code and one set of amendments. The code change has taken a lot of agency participation to complete; it has brought together the entire County. This code change has been a learning experience for all this past year. It has sparked the standardization of a number of other policies and ordinances. The Fire Prevention Officers of El Dorado County have continued to update the The Fire Safe Regulations Guide, the D.O.T. Design and Improvement Standards Manual, and Water Supplies Standard for residential, without a purveyor. These standards and guides will give our residents another place to find the information they need in one location.

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council's green waste dumpster program in Rescue was very successful. The value of the donation was in excess of \$40,000.00. The dumpsters were located in the R.S.L.S./Post Office parking lot.



Special thanks to all that helped with Fire Prevention this past year; we couldn't provide the services without you.

Guy Delaney, Captain
Prevention Officer

FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT

In 2008, Chief Keating, realizing District need, assigned Engineer Paper as Fire Investigator. Engineer Paper had been previously trained to the level of California State Fire Investigator I and had Public Officer (PC832) training. During this year, the County also formed an arson task force. Until this year most fires county-wide were not properly investigated and very few arsonists were ever convicted. This year alone, four suspects were arrested and charged with arson, one of those was convicted of setting several fires in the Gold Hill Road area within the District.

Since the County Task Force has been formed, the District now has a close working relationship with the County District Attorney's office, investigators from the Sheriff's office, Placerville Police Department, Cal Fire, and several local fire districts.

The District has purchased the items necessary for an investigation kit and has an evidence locker. The District also has access to other resources provided by the El Dorado County Arson Task Force and the investigation trailer from the Sacramento/Sierra Arson Task Force.

The goal of the Fire Investigation Unit is the determination of fire origin and cause, whether accidental or incendiary, in order to lessen injuries and death to civilians and firefighters and to reduce property loss within the District.



Chris Paper, Engineer
Fire Investigator

Maintenance Division Report 2008



Summary:

The maintenance crew was extremely busy this year. Engine 8377 was taken out of service after 22 years and replaced with a new International/Pierce Type 3 four wheel drive engine. We also took delivery of a new Chevrolet Tahoe command vehicle and a Chevrolet $\frac{3}{4}$ ton utility vehicle. The old command vehicle was made U-81 and is kept at Station 83 for running errands and attending classes, while the old utility was sold at auction after removal of all aftermarket equipment. Installing all components on these new vehicles kept the crew busy for about 4 to 5 months this year, and was very tedious work. In the end all the installations came out as planned and look very professional. The annual budget for maintenance was reduced this year from \$15,000 to \$12,000 due to the budget cuts that are affecting everyone nationwide. We were still able to do most repairs in- house and were able to keep all equipment on the road this year.

With the addition of the new Type 3, both of our first out engines are under 2 years old and under warranty which should help with maintenance costs over the next few years.

This year we accomplished our goal of changing our waste oil barrels from metal containers to plastic to prevent leaks from aging metal. This year we also replaced the generator at Station 83 to a more modern propane generator which will power the entire station in case of power outage. With all of the changes this year, we had a lot of work to do. We finished installing all components on new vehicles, did all maintenance on existing vehicles, and helped install a new generator.

We are proud to say everything is running and working just as it is supposed to be working. The maintenance crew feels as though it was a very challenging but productive year.

Highlights: Some of the highlights from 2008 were:

- Purchased new Type 3 International/Pierce Fire Engine



- Installed tools and tool mounts
 - Installed radios
 - Had headsets installed
 - Had computer mount installed
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- Purchased new Chevrolet Tahoe Command Vehicle



- Installed all emergency lighting
- Installed radios in the front and rear of vehicle
- Retrofitted stock console to accept new equipment
- Had computer mount installed

- Purchased new Chevrolet 2500 ¾ Ton Utility Pick-up



- Installed all emergency lighting
- Installed new console with emergency components
- Had spray on bed liner installed

Fleet Status:
Engine 8370 (E-83)



- 2007 Pierce Type 1 Engine
- Annual service performed
- Taken to Cummins for overheating problem (under warranty)

Engine 8360 (E-283)



- 2007 International/Pierce Type 3 4x4 Engine
- Put in service Dec. 08
- Install all tools and tool mounts
- Install radios (fixed and handheld)

Engine 8396 (WT-83)



- 1995 Kenworth/HiTech Water Tender
- Annual maintenance performed
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Engine 8379 (E-281)



- 2000 International/West Mark Type 3 Engine
- Annual maintenance performed

Engine 8378 (E-81)

- 1988 Ford/E-One Type 1 Engine
- Annual maintenance performed

Engine 8377 (Out Of Service)

- 1987 Ford/E-One type 1 Engine
- Annual maintenance performed
- Taken out of service after 21 years.
- All equipment and components taken off engine
- Up for bid

Squad 81

- 1986 Ford Heavy Duty
- Annual maintenance performed

Utility 81 (Explorer)

- 2000 Ford Explorer
- Annual maintenance performed

Utility 83 (Chevrolet)



- 2008 Chevrolet 2500 HD
- Install all components emergency vehicle components
- Install fixed radio and new console
- Annual service performed

C-8300 (Tahoe)



- 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe
- Install all emergency vehicle components
- Install fixed and portable radios
- Retro fit stock console to make all components fit
- Perform annual maintenance

Future Challenges:

- Replace Welder for Station 81

I would like to thank Brian Leduc and Chris Paper for their assistance in the maintenance and repair of the fleet this year.

In conclusion, our fleet is looking better than it has in the past years with all the new equipment we have received. However, we do not see much in the way of new vehicles in the years to come so our goal is to keep everything maintained and on the road. We are looking forward to using the new Type 3 Engine this year for fire season and hope not to encounter too many problems with it. We hope to keep moving forward with maintenance in 2009.

Mark Bartlett, Fire Captain
Maintenance Officer

ADMINISTRATION

Summary:

In September of 2006 the District hired a part-time Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant conducts routine office business, confidential duties for the Fire Chief and the Board, assists all staff with correspondence, creating forms, purchasing supplies, etc, and serves as Clerk to the Board.

Highlights:

- Instituted low cost physicals for all new Intern-Firefighters through the District's workers compensation insurance
- Participated in the El Dorado County Training Officers Association Fire Prevention exhibit at the El Dorado County Fair
- Attended the Administrative Fire Services Section of CalChiefs annual conference
- Continued to update the District's Policy and Procedures
- Worked the Fire Prevention Trailer at the three local elementary schools
- Judged the Fire Prevention Poster Contest
- Coordinated the Green Waste Container Program in Rescue sponsored by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council
- Assisted the Training Division by teaching CPR classes
- Assisted with the District's annual audit

Jodi Martin, Administrative Assistant