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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2009



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March 1, 2010

Board of Directors
Rescue Fire Protection District
5221 Deer Valley Road
Rescue, CA 95672

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 2009 were:

- Pierce Contender Type-III Engine was placed in-service.
- Remodel of the R.S.L.S. Hall adding additional office space.
- Responded to multiple Out-of-County requests for Mutual Aid with either an Engine or Strike Team Leader.
- Completion of the Citygate Fire Service Study.
- Formation of the Regional Operations Committee.

The District continues to provide a high level of service to the community and we look forward to providing that same level of service in years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Keating, Fire Chief
Rescue Fire Protection District

RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2009 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Francis Carpenter, Ken Humphreys, Matt Koht, C.J. Smith, Anne Walker

FIRE CHIEF

Thomas M. Keating

CAPTAINS

GARY PATTEN
MARK BARTLETT
GUY DELANEY

ENGINEERS

CHRIS PAPER
JOEL WARMAN*

FIREFIGHTERS

BRETT JONES*
RYAN JEREMICA*
BRIAN LEDUC*

2009 VOLUNTEERS and INTERNS

CAPTAINS

SAM WALKER

ENGINEERS

DAVID BLAKE
DON WYLIE

FIREFIGHTERS

TIFFENY BAKER
ISAAC ENGLISH
PATRICK LYONS
RUSS THORNE
SCOTT THORNE
CHERYL YEE
TIM YEE

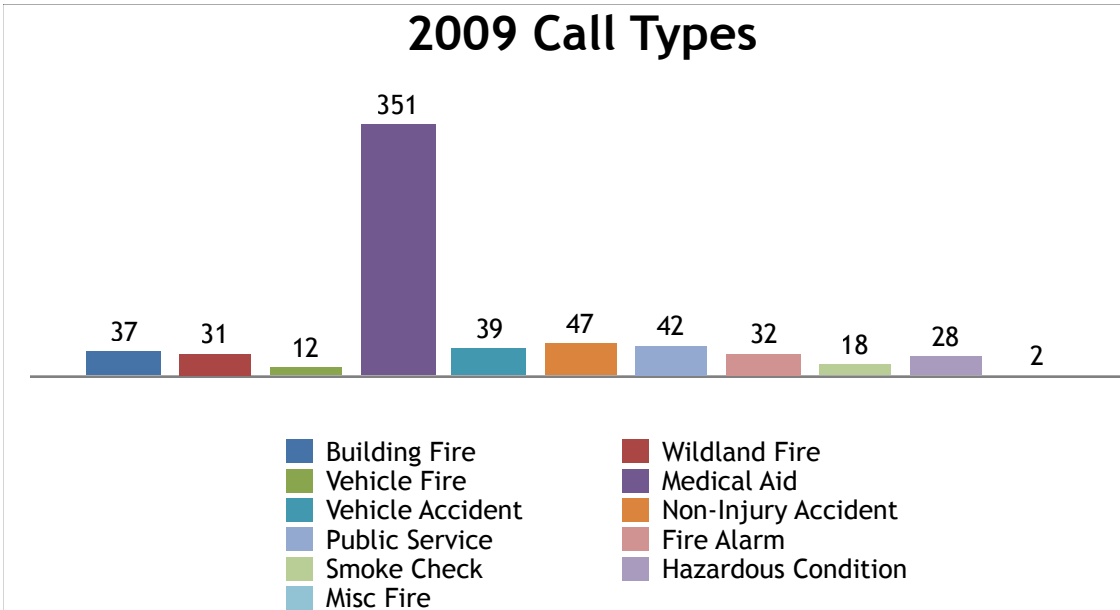
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RYAN ADAMS*
DAVID ASHE
THOMAS BALAK
JAY BIBLE
MICHAEL BLAKE
KANE GARDINER
ALEX GOFF
DAVID HAMRIC
BILL LADLEY
DON LORENCE
GEORGE McKELVIE*
VINCENT PEREZ
CHRIS REALIN
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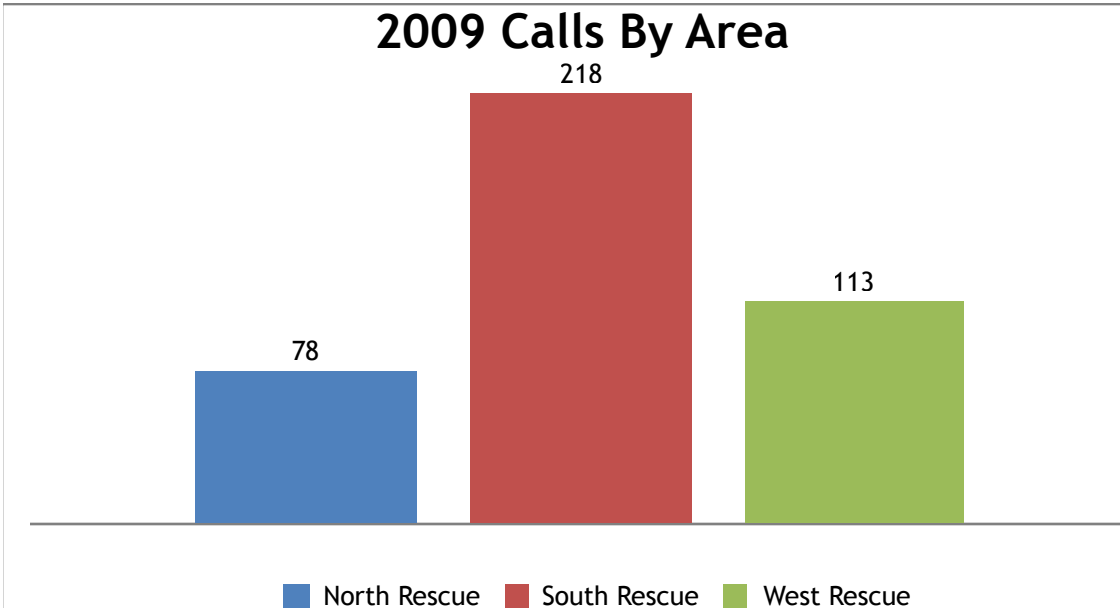
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JODI MARTIN

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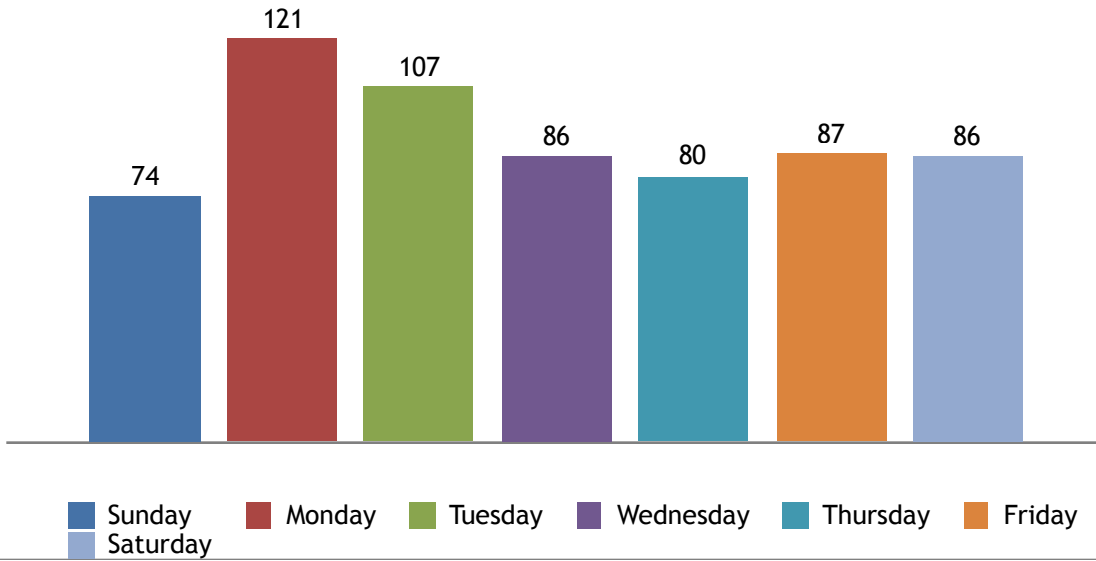


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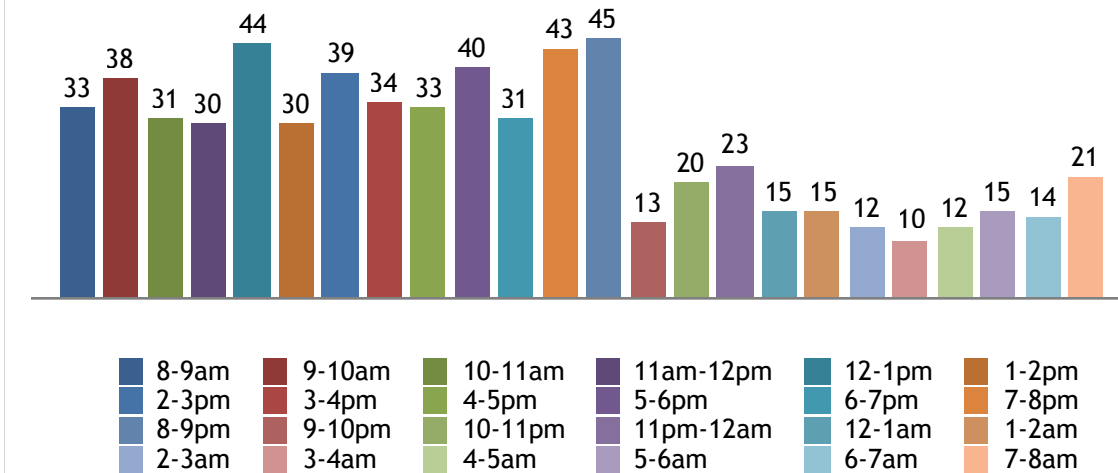


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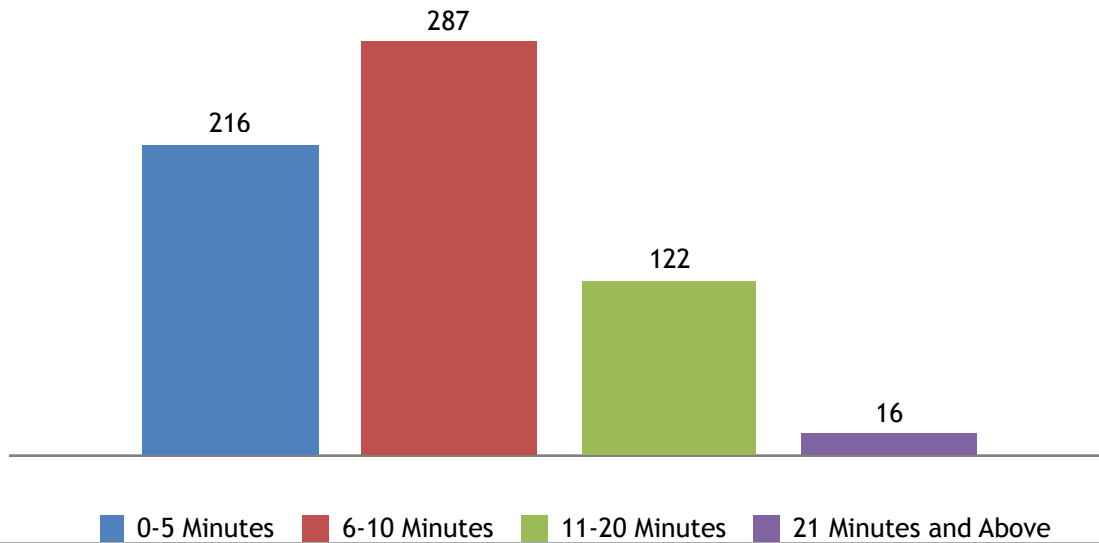
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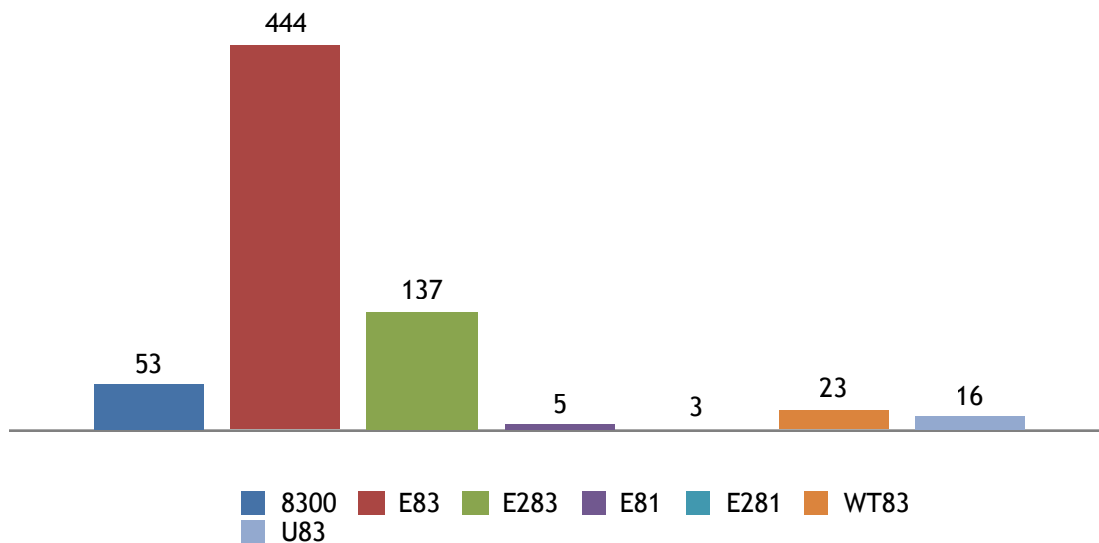
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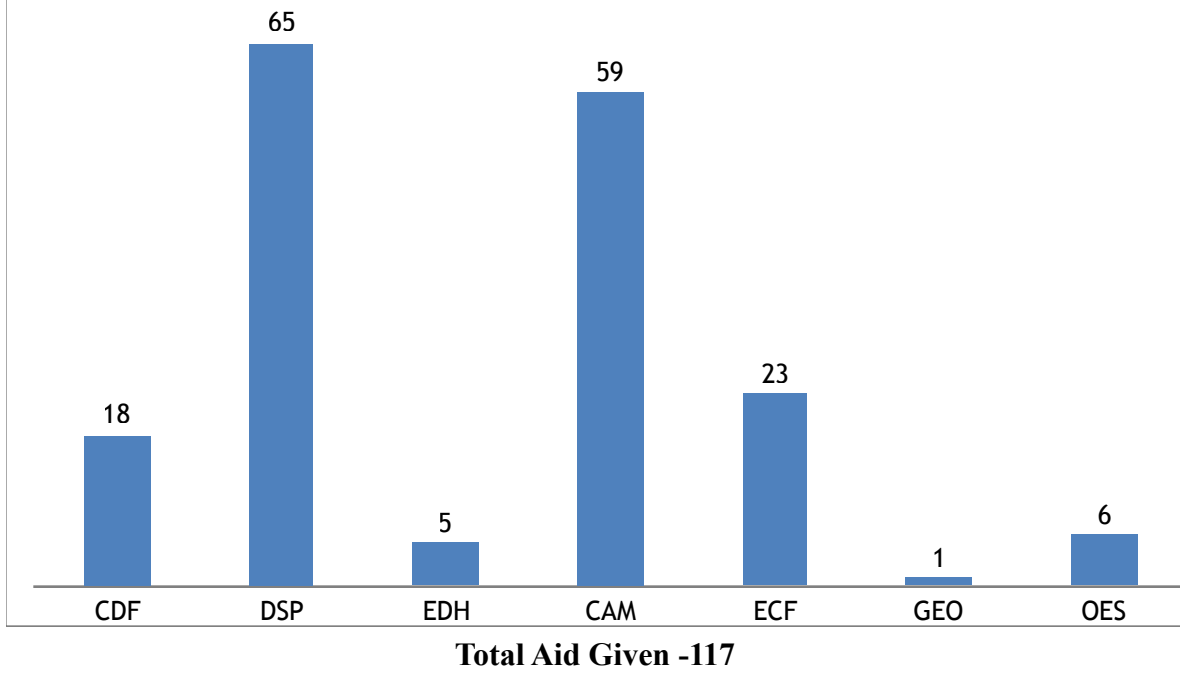
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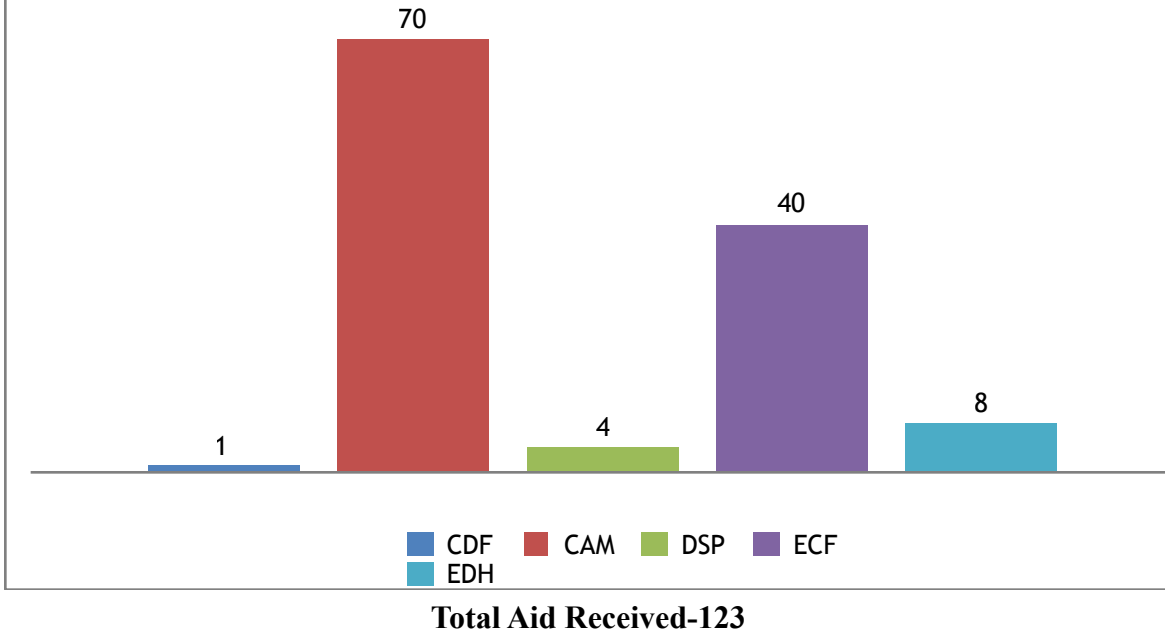
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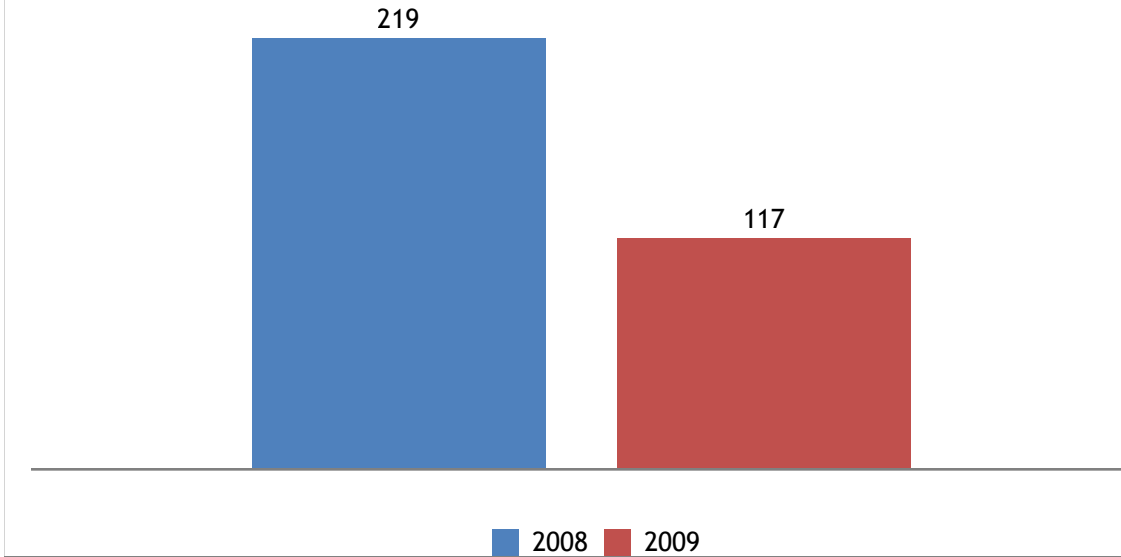
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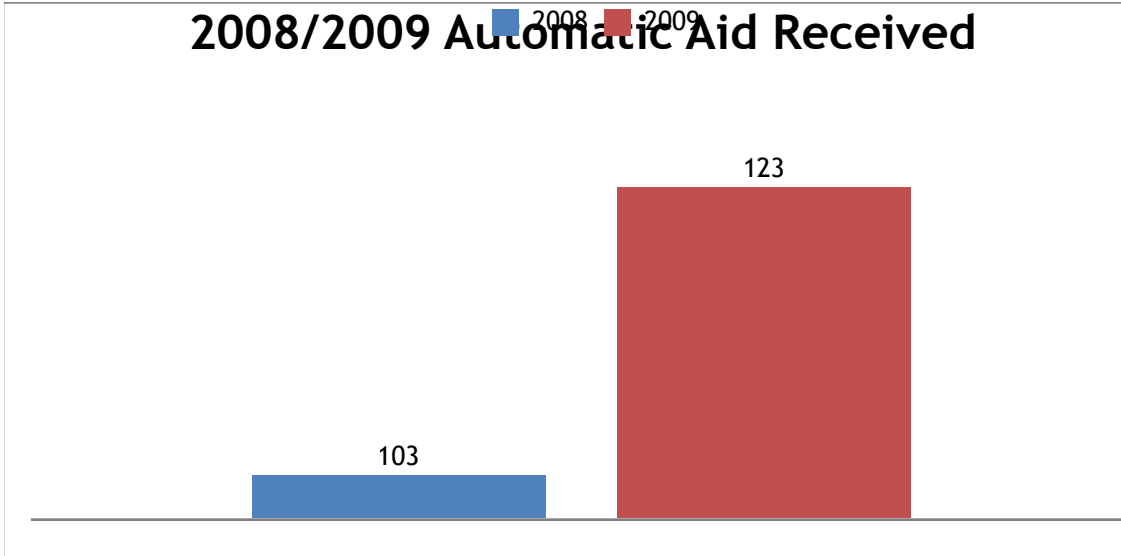


2008/2009 Automatic Aid Given



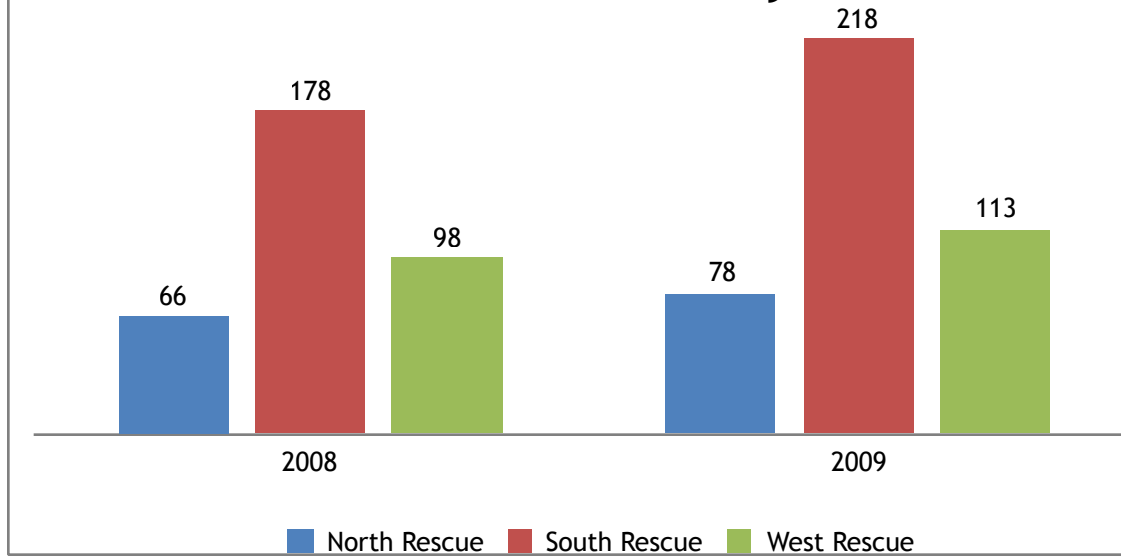
Decrease- 102%

2008/2009 Automatic Aid Received



Increase- 2%

2008/2009 Incidents By Area



Training Division Report (2009)



“To me, if life boils down to one thing, it's movement. To live is to keep moving.” – Jerry Seinfeld

This last year was both fun and exciting for the Training Division. Our main focus this year was developing people on our current roster through training classes that would benefit them in their careers as well as benefit the Department. There were many things that stood out this year, but let's look at some of the key accomplishments of the Training Division.

In 2009, thanks to the Rescue Fire Department Board of Directors, the Fire Chief, and the RVFA, the RSLS was updated for the administration and modernized the training room. With the upgrades, we look forward to utilizing this new space for ongoing training as well as hosting new classes.

- Three members of the duty staff attended a driver safety instructor class that was put



on for free by our insurance company. The class gave us the tools needed to instruct drivers on safe driving practices. Looking ahead, we will use these instructors to teach a driver safety class for all new apparatus operators, and an annual refresher class for current operators.

Training Division Report (2009)

In addition, the staff was given the opportunity to take a class for driving water tenders. The class focused on vehicle rollover prevention. The majority of the duty staff was able to attend the class, and will hopefully decrease the chance for accidents in the future.

- Department personnel continue to attend State Fire Marshal classes in order to obtain their Fire Officer and Chief Officer certification.
- The Training Division put several interns and volunteers through a three day Swift Water Rescue 1 class. The third day of the class was spent on the south fork of the American River which is one of the District boundaries. The American River and Weber Creek are both in the District's response area and have the potential for swift water rescue incidents.



- The intern program continues to flourish. While we did not add any new interns/ volunteers through the county-wide volunteer academy, several have completed their Firefighter I, and have started on their Firefighter II certification. The interns continue to maintain their 72 hour per month commitment to the department. They also help with fund raising events and day to day duties. Four new interns have been added to our roster, and plan on starting in January 2010.
- As in previous years Department personnel completed the training requirement of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). In order to receive Government funding the District is required to adapt, to use and to complete the yearly training requirements set by NIMS.



- The Training Division hosted a 2 day auto extrication class for our interns and volunteers. Most of them hadn't had the training previously and was needed for their Firefighter I certification. The class focused on removing patients, vehicle stabilization, proper use of our Hurst equipment, and new vehicle safety systems.

Training Division Report 2009

- The Training Division hosted a county-wide Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) training at Pleasant Grove Middle School. The training utilized personnel from OES, Marshal Hospital, the Sherriff's office, and other local fire agencies. The MCI training is required annually for continued NIMS certification.
- The duty personnel, interns, and Chief continue to use the local fitness center keeping the physical fitness program going.
- The Rescue Fire Department has sponsored a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT team is made available through OES and the local sheriff's department to respond to major disasters in the county. The training division is responsible for providing basic fire and medical training.



In closing, I would just like to add we are grateful for all of the hard work that Gary Patten has put in. He has helped train all of us in one way or another. We will miss him and wish him the best in his upcoming retirement.

Brett Jones, Firefighter/Paramedic
Training Officer

Training Division Report (2009)

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

- Countywide MCI Training
- Live fire wildland training at Clements Fire Department
- Auto Extrication class
- Emergency School Bus Evacuation at Green Valley School
- CDF sponsored FI-110 (Wildland Fire Observations and Origin Scene Protection)

Fire Classes Attended

- Fire Command 1C
 - *2 member attended*
 - *80 total training hours*
- Command 1B
 - *1 members attended*
 - *40 total training hours*
- Prevention 1A
 - *2 members attended*
 - *80 total training hours*
- Prevention 1B
 - *1 member attended*
 - *40 total training hours*
- Driver/Operator 1A
 - *4 members attended*
 - *160 total training hours*
- Driver/Operator 1B
 - *5 members attended*
 - *200 total training hours*
- ICS 300
 - *1 members attended*
 - *24 total training hours*
- Fire Investigation 2B
 - *1 member attended*
 - *40 total training hours*
- S-131 (Advanced Firefighter Training)
 - *1 member attended*
 - *16 total training hours*
- S-200 (Initial Attack Incident Commander)
 - *1 member attended*
 - *24 total training hours*
- S-244 (Field Observer)
 - *1 member attended*
 - *20 total training hours*



Training Division Report 2009

- S-245 (Display Processor)
 - *1 member attended*
 - *20 total training hours*
- S-290 (Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior)
 - *1 member attended*
 - *40 total training hours*
- Swiftwater Rescue Specialist
 - *6 members attended*
 - *216 total training hours*

Additional Training

- CPR Classes Given
 - *20 classes completed*
 - *79 students certified*
- County Certification Paramedic
 - *1 member passed El Dorado County certification*
- Fire House World
 - *2 members attended*
- CPR Instructors Recertification
 - *5 instructors recertified*
- Firefighter I Certification
 - *5 members certified*
- Firefighter II Certification
 - *4 members certified*
- Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Instructor
 - *3 members certified*
- EMT Certification
 - *12 members recertified*
 - *1 member passed initial certification*
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
 - *2 members certified*
 - *3 members recertified*
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
 - *2 members certified*
 - *4 members recertified*
 - *1 member certified as an instructor*

Fire Prevention Report 2009



August 30, 2009 4:55 p.m. The Station fire bears down on Aliso Canyon Road

The Fire Prevention Bureau has the distinct mission of minimizing the risk of life and property loss, which is accomplished through code enforcement, public education, and fire investigation. The Fire Prevention Bureau consists of a Captain and a firefighter on B shift and a fire investigator on C shift, and with the help from the rest of the District employees and volunteers we are able to meet the needs of our community.

Public education is viewed as an ongoing process that occurs informally, as we interact with the community in day-to-day situations, and formally through scheduled appearances and presentations. Fire prevention programs provide up-to-date life safety messages in fire and injury prevention through direct training programs, as well as presentations and demonstrations using various forms of visual and static displays. In 2009, our District provided many hours of presentations and interaction with community members. While many programs are aimed at young learners, safety tips are also shared with older adults, as well as conducting safety training for school and business employees, and co-sponsor public fire safety trainings.



Fire Prevention Report 2009

The Fire Prevention Bureau, along with assistance from fire suppression companies, performs life-safety inspections in commercial, assembly, and educational occupancies. The purpose of the inspection is two-fold: 1) a thorough inspection helps ensure the safety of the public, the occupant, and its employees, and 2) educating owners and employees as to benefits of code compliance which not only increases safety in the workplace, it helps promote safety in all the environments in which people live and function. Our Bureau conducted a number of inspections in 2009.



The Bureau is working closely with building department officials and fire protection equipment contractors, both of whom continue to play an integral role in ensuring building remodels and new construction projects are in compliance with adopted fire safety codes and regulations. Personnel complete pre-construction reviews of system design, perform field testing and initial acceptance of systems, and monitor the operational status of all existing fire alarm and sprinkler systems by reviewing annual inspection reports conducted by certified personnel.

Fire Prevention Report 2009

The Fire Investigation Unit continues to participate with the El Dorado County Arson Task Force which investigates fires in the county. Engineer Paper continues to further his arson investigator education. 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.



The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council's green waste dumpster program in Rescue was very successful again this past year. There were three dumpsters located in the R.S.L.S./Post Office parking lot.



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

Guy Delaney, Captain
Prevention



Maintenance Division Report 2009



Summary:

This year maintenance was steady. The new Type-III Engine proved to be a great addition to the fleet, as this was its first summer in service. Engine 8377 (retired last budget year) was shipped to Fire Trucks Plus this year and is pending sale. The age of our first-out equipment made a big difference this year in the maintenance costs. Although parts are getting more expensive, most of them seem to be lasting longer on the new equipment, in turn keeping our costs down. One of the future challenges that face the Maintenance Division is going to be the cost of replacement parts, as previously mentioned they are more expensive and once parts start needing replacement, it may be more difficult to stay within the budget parameters.

The Maintenance Division has noticed that with the increasing number of calls every year, coupled with the large area we cover, we are putting many more miles than we used to on our equipment. This could cause for more maintenance issues in the coming years and maybe an earlier replacement schedule that the Chief and the Board of Directors may have to look at shortly.

Some small but noticeable changes were made this year regarding the location of equipment. Ex engine 83 (8379, the green Type-III) has been moved to Station 81 and been renumbered E-281. Ex engine 383 (8378, the green Type-I) has also been moved to Station 81 and renumbered E -81. In making these moves, we now have a Type-I and a Type-III at both stations ready for response at any time.

One of the other projects we tackled this year was getting the Tool Boxes on all the equipment up to par. This much needed project did spend a little more money than hoped but the end result should help out for years to come.

In the end, it was another successful year in the Maintenance Division. All equipment was kept on the road and in good running order and we did not exceed the budget in these times of financial crisis.

Maintenance Division Report 2009

Fleet Status:

Engine 8370 (E-83)



- 2007 Pierce Type-I Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Pump Test Performed
- Rollover angle test performed
- Had new MDT computer installed

Engine 8360 (E-283)



- 2007 International – Pierce Type-III Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- First full fire season in service
- Had MDT computer installed
- Performed very well on 2 Strike Teams

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Engine 8379 (E-281)



- 2000 International/West Mark Type-III Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Moved to Station 81

Engine 8396 (WT-83)



- 1995 Kenworth/HiTech 3000 gallon Water Tender
- Annual Maintenance Performed

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Engine 8378 (E-81)



- 1988 Ford/E-One Type-I Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Moved to Station 81

Squad 81

- 1986 Ford Heavy Duty
- Annual Maintenance Performed

Utility 81

- 2000 Ford Explorer
- Annual Maintenance Performed

Utility 83



- 2008 Chevrolet 2500HD
- Annual Maintenance Performed

Maintenance Division Report 2009

C-8300



- 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Had MDT Computer installed

I would like to thank Chris Paper, Brian Leduc and Ryan Jeremica for a job well done on maintenance this budget year.

In conclusion, our fleet is looking and running very well for the time being. As with last year's report, we do not see a lot of money being generated for new equipment so keeping the equipment we have on the road is job one for the Maintenance Division. The aging fleet is still in good shape and we hope to keep it that way and move forward in 2010/2011.

Mark Bartlett, Captain
Maintenance

Administration Report 2009

Rose Springs Literary Society Hall:

In January of 2009 the Board of Directors awarded the contract for the remodel of the RSLS Hall to Kerling Construction. Construction started in March and the District was able to move into the new building in August. The building now houses an office for the Fire Chief and space for the Administrative Assistant and the Training, Maintenance, and Prevention divisions. The meeting room was furnished with a ceiling mounted projector and a large drop down screen. The technology installed allows for internet access and multimedia presentations using the computer, DVD, VHS or CDs. The two bathrooms were remodeled also and are now ADA compliant. The meeting room is being utilized much more now than in the past.



Administration Report 2009

Director Carpenter graciously allowed us to print many of his historical pictures to hang on the walls in the meeting room. He has also loaned the District a picture from 1921 with many of the area's residents in front of the RSLs with their names and personal information. We offered tours of the building during the annual Hot August Night event. The public was very pleased with the "new" building and had nothing but positive comments.



The shift of Administration to the RSLs building freed up space in the station allowing for a Captain's dorm which increased the number of firefighters able to sleep in the firefighter's dorm. The RVFA files and computer moved from the day room to the downstairs office space and the prevention desk and files were moved to the RSLs. This has allowed the furniture in the day room to be re-arranged allowing more space for the on duty staff.



Administration Report 2009

The work to be completed in 2010 includes framing in a two story kitchen on the back of the building, construction of the elevator shaft and a few miscellaneous items such as sidewalk handrails.

On December 19, 2009 workers preparing for the kitchen foundation found a time capsule from 1896. The papers inside included the names of the members of the Rose Springs Literary Society at the time the RSLS Hall construction was begun. The Rescue Historical Society, Rescue Fire Protection District, and Rescue Volunteer Fire Association are collaborating to place a new time capsule during the final kitchen construction.



Administrative Assistant Highlights:

- Participated in the El Dorado County Training Officers Association Fire Prevention exhibit at the El Dorado County Fair
- Continue to update the District's Policy and Procedures
- Worked the Fire Prevention Trailer at Rescue Elementary School
- 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
- Began using a new bill pay system which speeds up processing and tracking of expenses
- Attended the Administrative Fire Services Section of CalChiefs annual conference
- Provided administrative assistance at the CalChiefs Economic Summit
- Continued to provide support for Board of Directors, Fire Chief, paid staff, volunteers and interns

Jodi Martin, Administrative Assistant
Administration