



# Rescue Fire Protection District

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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## RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**2010**



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March 1, 2011

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 2010 were:

- Community celebration of the agency's fiftieth anniversary.
- Awarded FEMA grant for personnel training, training equipment, and radios.
- Well deserved retirement of Captain Gary Patten.
- No lost time accidents or injuries.
- Continued dialogue with other local Fire Agencies regarding areas of mutual cooperation.

The District continues to provide a high level of service to the community despite the current economic environment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Keating, Fire Chief  
Rescue Fire Protection District

# RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## 2010 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\*

## 2010 VOLUNTEERS and INTERNS

### CAPTAINS

SAM WALKER

### ENGINEERS

DAVID BLAKE  
DON WYLIE

### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

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

### INTERN FIREFIGHTERS

RYAN ADAMS\*  
DAVID ASHE  
THOMAS BALAK  
JAY BIBLE  
MICHAEL BLAKE  
MICHAEL COHEE  
KENDALL FUDIM  
KANE GARDINER  
ALEX GOFF  
DAVID HAMRIC  
TIM KERWOOD  
BILL LADLEY  
DON LORENCE  
GEORGE McKELVIE\*  
VINCENT PEREZ  
CHRIS REALIN  
COREY STACKHOUSE  
R.J. TAPIA  
BRANDON THORTON  
JUSTIN WILLIAMS

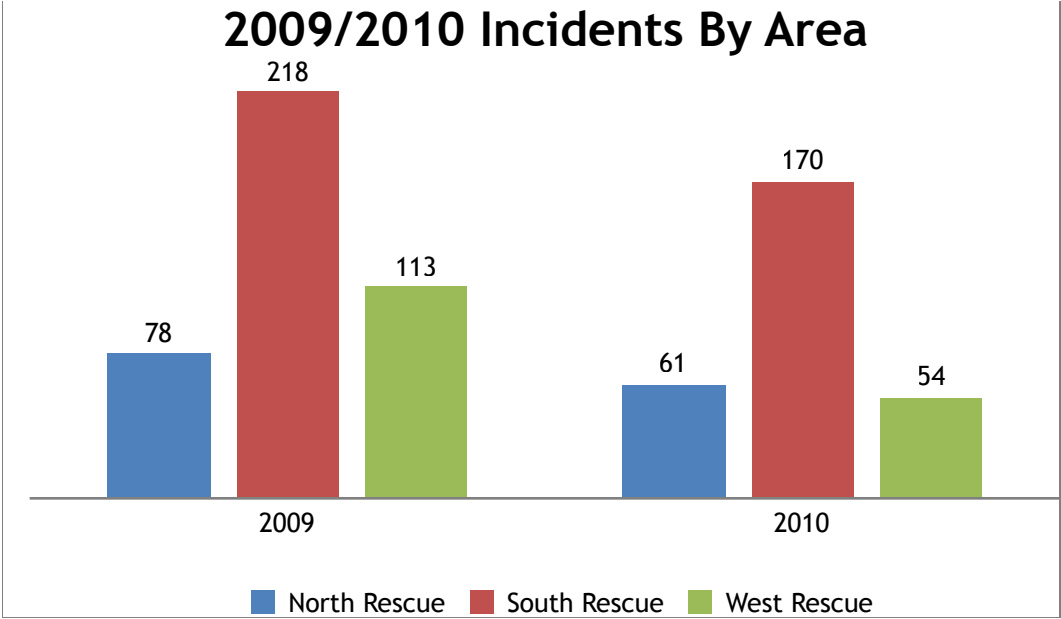
### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JODI MARTIN

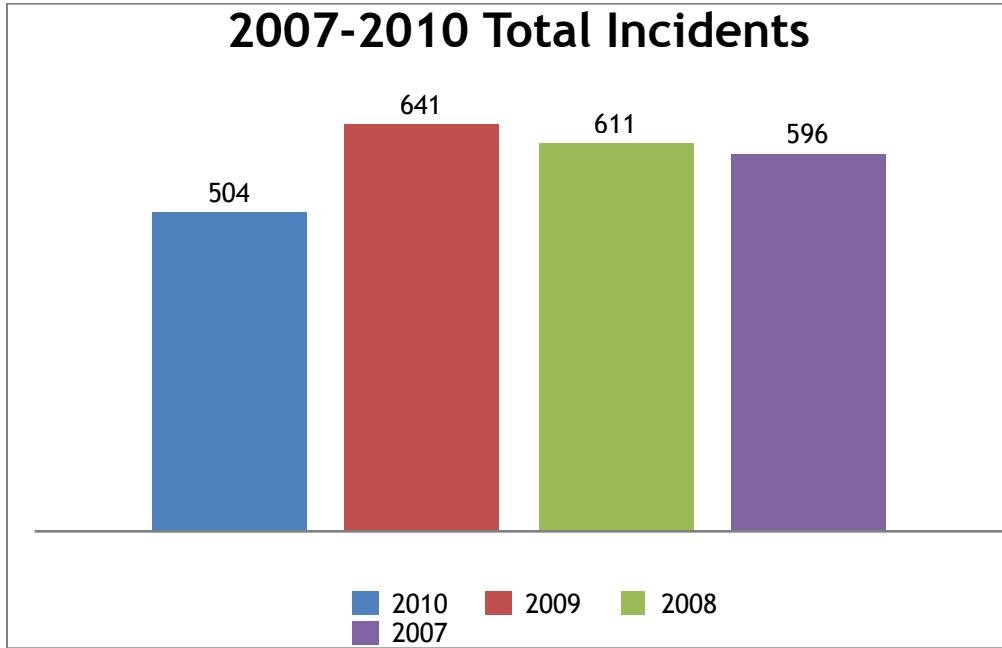
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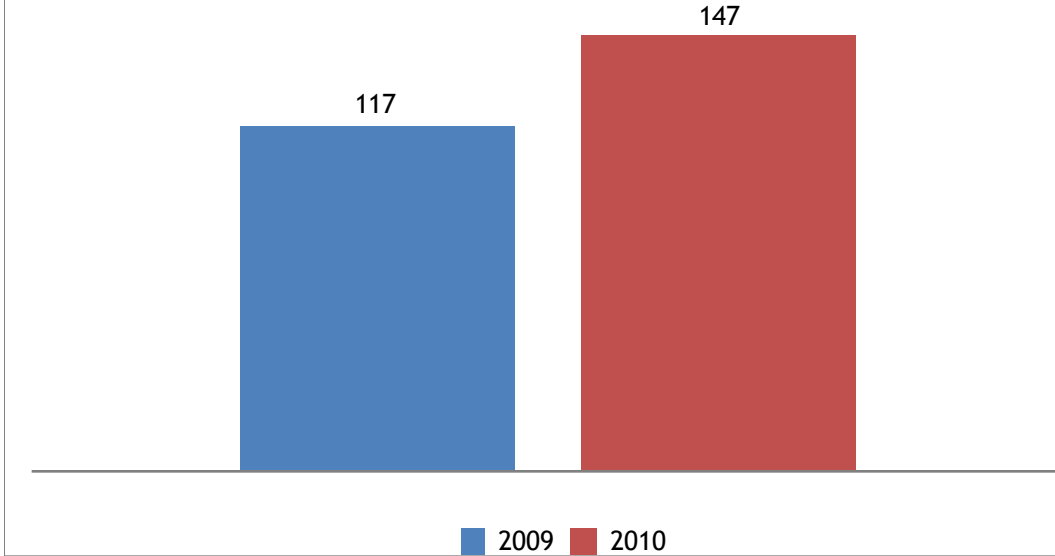
### 2009/2010 Incidents By Area



### 2007-2010 Total Incidents

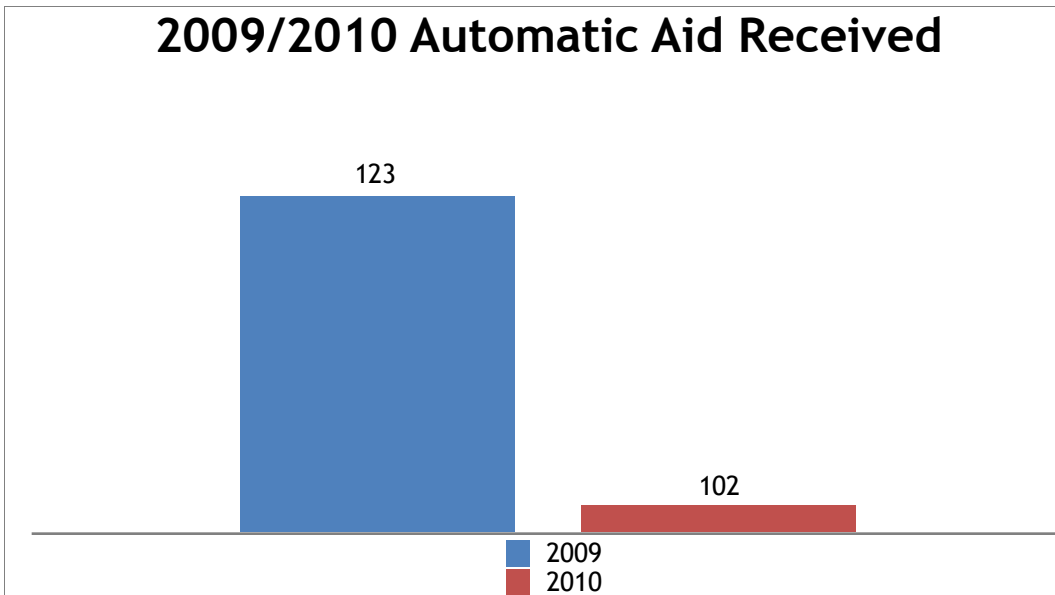


## 2009/2010 Automatic Aid Given



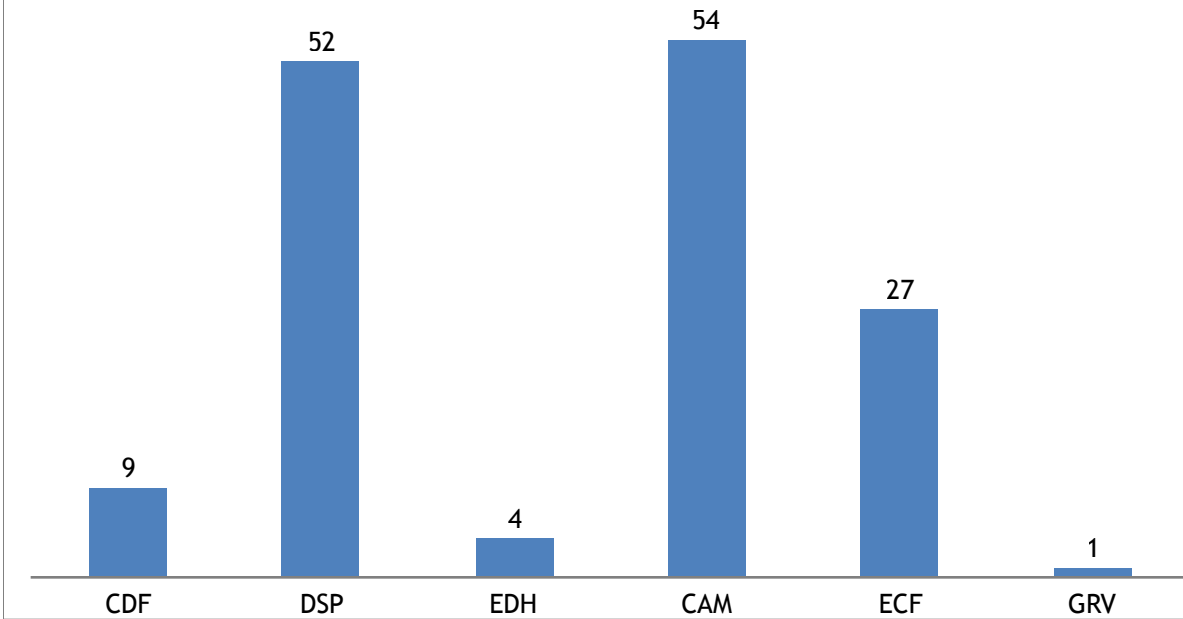
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## 2009/2010 Automatic Aid Received



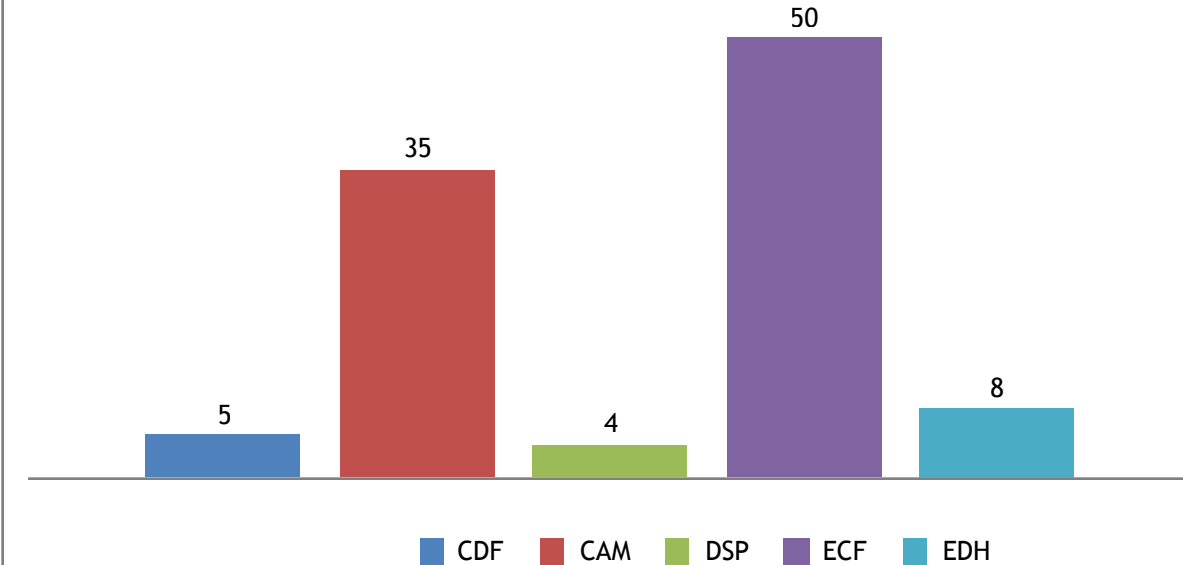
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## 2010 AUTOMATIC AID GIVEN



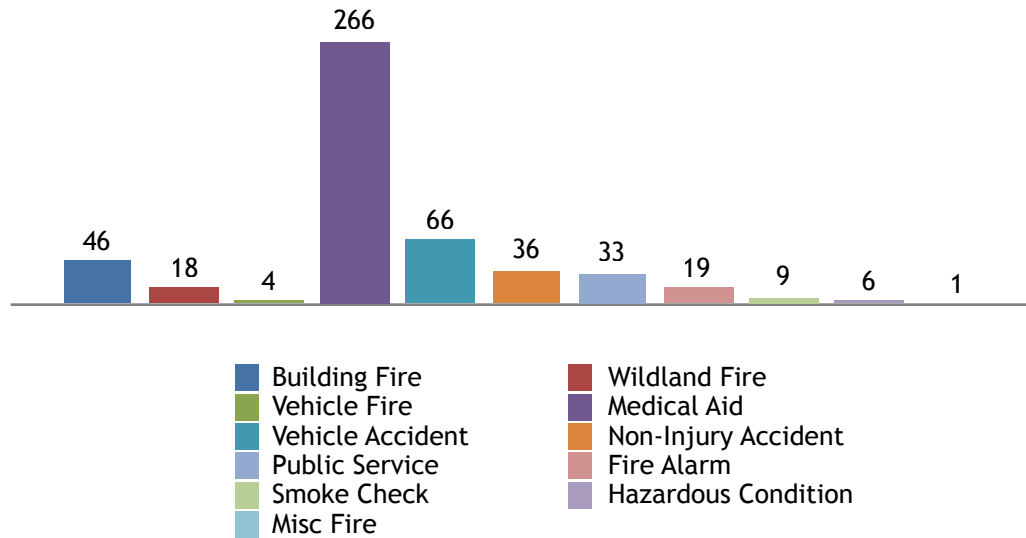
Total Aid Given -147

## 2010 AUTOMATIC AID RECEIVED



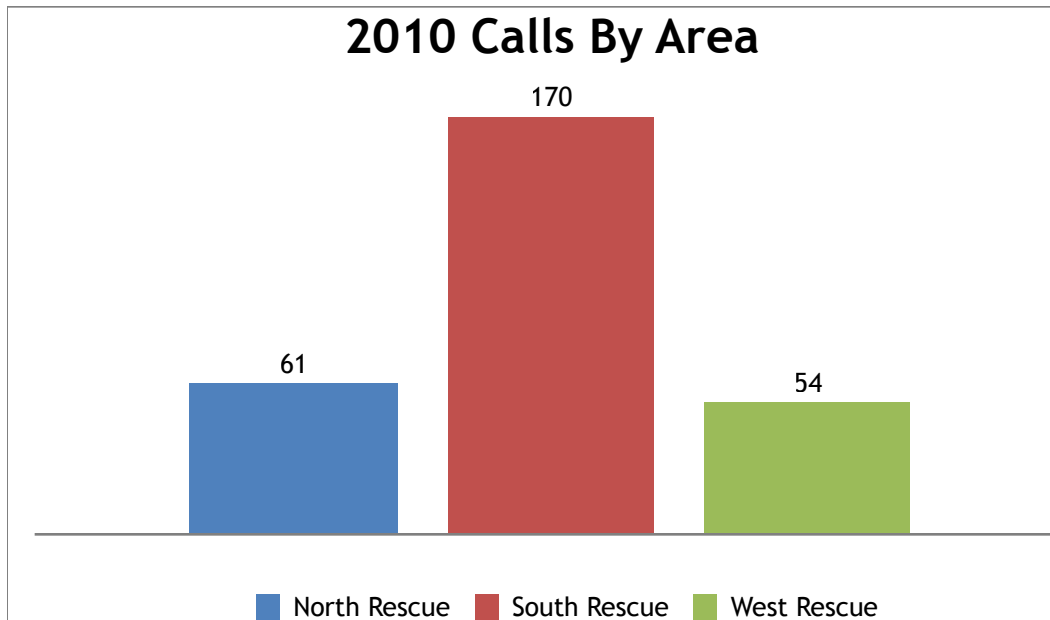
Total Aid Received-102

## 2010 Call Types



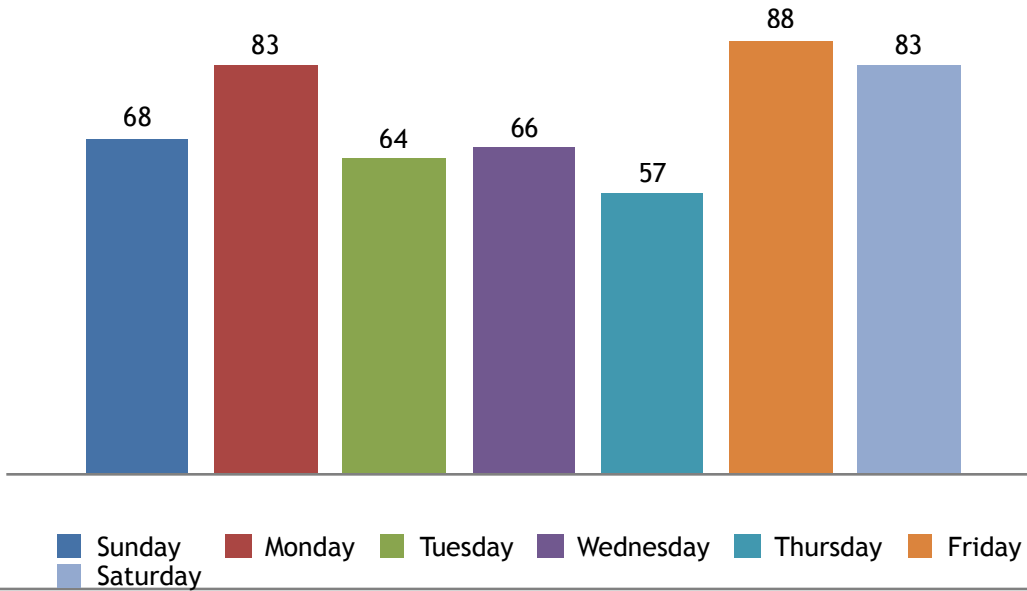
**Total Calls-504**

## 2010 Calls By Area

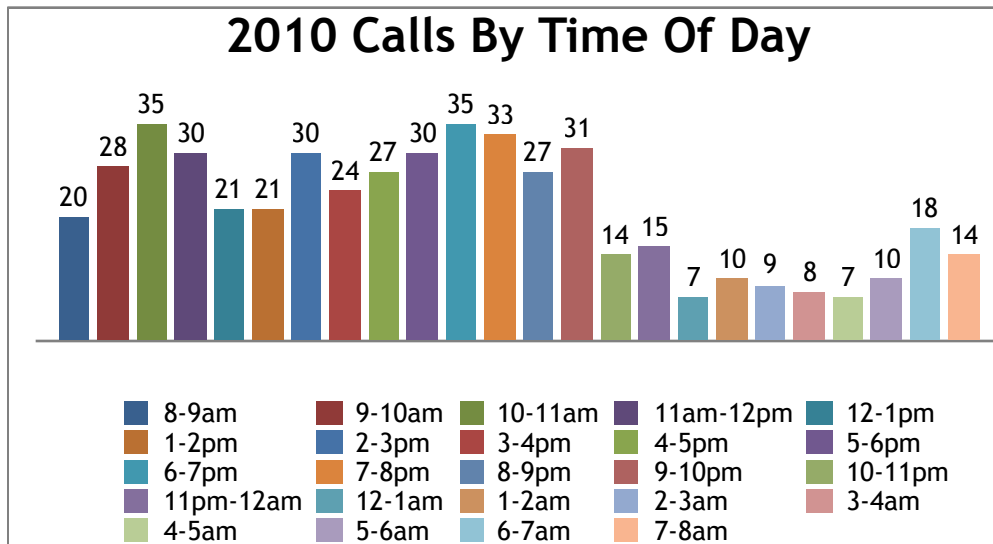


**Total Calls-285**

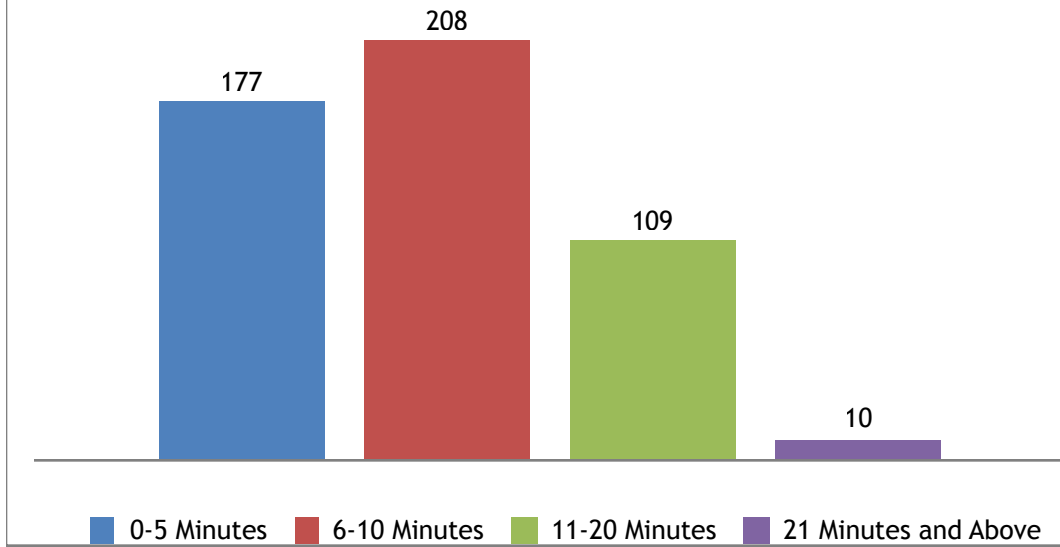
## 2010 Calls By Day Of Week



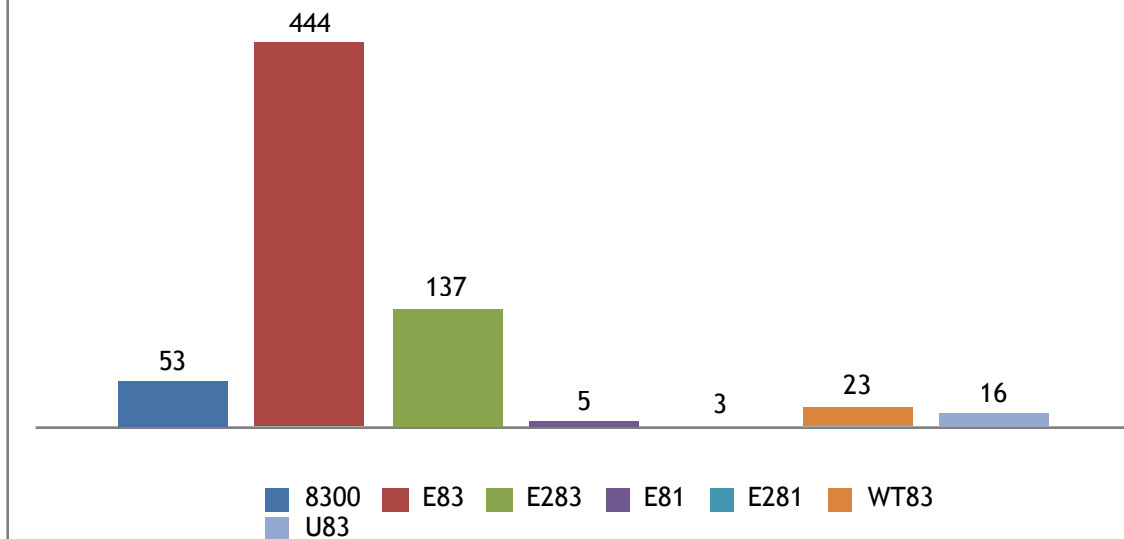
## 2010 Calls By Time Of Day



## 2010 Response Time Analysis



## 2010 Unit Response Summary



## Training Division Report 2010

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This past year was very exciting for the training division. Budgets have been very tight with the current recession, but we were able to host or participate in training opportunities that were of little to no cost to the Department. The biggest change in the training this year was that the volunteers decided that it would be better to cancel the weekly Thursday night training and change it to a monthly training. In an effort to still meet the same hours, the training day is about 6-8 hours long. This concept has been adopted by the TO's association and they are now conducting a "Super Saturday" training quarterly. In addition to the monthly training, the duty crew has a weekly training assignment which takes about 2 hours per shift. This gives them a minimum of 8 hours of training per month.

- In 2010, the District received notification that we were awarded the Assistant to Firefighter Grant (AFG). A portion of this grant allowed the District to award three scholarships that would allow the selected members to attend Paramedic school at no cost to them. The three members that were selected are currently doing excellent in their class at NCTI, and are expected to graduate from the program in the middle of 2011. As a condition of the scholarship, they are required to complete the El Dorado County Accreditation after they graduate.



- Three members were able to participate in the Technical Emergency Response Training hosted by the Center for Domestic Preparedness located in Anniston, AL.

TERT — one of several all-hazards training courses at the CDP — is one-of-a kind training and is the only place in the nation where civilian emergency responders can train in an actual nerve agent environment.



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This hands-on training experience takes place at the CDP's Chemical, Ordnance Biological, and Radiological Training Facility—the COBRATF. The TERT course enables responders to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents involving chemical weapons and other hazardous materials.

In addition to classroom instruction, the TERT course provides students with important hands-on training that includes hands-on exercises. The all-hazards approach features a summary of the terrorist threat, potential targets, and chemical, biological, radiological and explosive hazards that may be used in WMD incidents.

- Department personnel continue to attend State Fire Marshal classes in order to obtain their Fire Officer and Chief Officer certification.
- In an effort to meet Federal and State required trainings, the Training Division has teamed with Target Safety. This is an online training program that covers mandatory training items, such as sexual harrassment, HIPAA guidelines and others. This training will help protect the District in the future.
- The intern program continues to flourish. Even though there was no El Dorado County Training Officers county wide academy, we had one person graduate through the Georgetown Divide academy and become an active intern with the Department. We have changed the hour requirement for the interns. After they have been with the department for one year, their required hours are changed from 72 hours per month to 48. This has allowed us to retain more people, and has made their personal lives a little easier to manage.



- 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, use and complete the yearly training requirements set by NIMS, including participating in the county-wide MCI drill which was hosted in El Dorado Hills this year.



- Every year there is a live wildland fire drill that is put on by the Clements Fire Department. We were able to send four members and an engine to participate. The training covered handline construction, drip torch operations, progressive hoselay deployment, and structure protection, all in a live fire environment.

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- We were able to participate in the Firetown Truck Academy, hosted by El Dorado Hills Fire Department. The El Dorado County Training Officers Association sponsored a large portion of the cost for three participants from our Department. The class was 40 hours and focused on ventilation techniques and technical rescue operations. We were able to send two paid members and one volunteer.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Scheduled District Training**

- *20 fire trainings at 2 hours each*
- *8 volunteer training days at 6 hours each*
- *6 Target Safety trainings at 1 hour each*

### **Training Events Where Rescue Personnel Participated**

- Countywide MCI Training
- Live fire wildland training with Clements Fire Department
- Auto Extrication class
- El Dorado Hills sponsored Firetown Truck Academy
- Western Propane Gas training

### **Fire Classes Attended**

- Rescue Systems 1
  - 1 member attended
- Confined Space Awareness
  - 3 members attended
- ICS 100
  - 4 members attended
- ICS 200
  - 4 members attended
- ICS 300
  - 1 member attended
- S-130
  - 3 members attended
- S-190
  - 3 members attended
- S-290
  - 1 member attended
- S-330
  - 2 members attended
- Driver/Operator 1A
  - 3 members attended
- Driver/Operator 1B
  - 3 members attended
- Fire Instructor 1A
  - 1 member attended
- Fire Instructor 1B
  - 1 member attended
- Fire Investigation 1A
  - 4 members attended

# Training Division Report 2010

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## Additional Training

- Fire House World
  - *3 members attended*
- NIMS IS700
  - *5 members certified*
- NIMS IS800
  - *2 members certified*
- CPR Instructors Recertification
  - *3 instructors recertified*
- Firefighter I Certification
  - *2 members certified*
- EMT Certification
  - *1 members recertified*
  - *1 member passed initial certification*
- Paramedic Certification
  - *2 members recertified*
  - *1 member passed initial certification*
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
  - *3 members certified*
  - *1 member recertified*
  - *1 member certified as an instructor*
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
  - *4 members certified*
  - *1 member certified as an instructor*
- International Trauma Life Support
  - *4 members certified*
- Advanced Medical Life Support
  - *4 members certified*
- Associates Degree in Fire Science
  - *1 degree conferred*

Brett Jones, Firefighter-Paramedic  
Training Officer

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# Fire Prevention Report 2010

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2010 Rescue Elementary School

The Rescue F.P.D. Fire Prevention Division continued to find new ways to meet growing demands and to deliver high quality fire prevention services to our community. Our mission is to minimize the risk of life and property loss, which is accomplished through code enforcement, public education, and fire investigation. The Fire Prevention Division consists of a Fire Captain, a firefighter on B shift, and a fire investigator that is on call. With the help from the District employees, volunteers, and interns, we continue to meet the growing needs of our community.

Our public education programs are an ongoing and recurring process that occurs informally, as we interact with the community in day-to-day situations, and formally through scheduled appearances and presentations. In 2010, our Department provided presentations, accounting for hours of interaction with local and surrounding community members and children. While many programs are aimed at young learners, safety tips are also shared with older adults, school employees, and business employees. By repeating programs each year, our community outreach has made Rescue a safer place to live, visit, and work.



The Fire Prevention Division, along with assistance from our engine companies, performs life-safety inspections in commercial, assembly, and educational occupancies. The purpose of these inspections 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 the benefits of code compliance. In 2010 we also inspected many residential properties upon request.



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All fires are investigated by a company officer or a member of the Fire Department Fire Investigation Team. This team may also include other agency personnel for help in determining the origin and cause. As in the past, our primary focus for fire and life safety improvements continues to be in the homes of families in our community. Homes have a higher risk of fire than other places but are the one place where we should feel the safest. Fires in single family homes remain the leading location of fires and fire losses in the U.S.



Our Prevention Division works closely with Building, Planning, E.I.D., D.O.T., department officials and fire protection contractors who continue to play an integral role in ensuring new building, 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 test of systems, and monitor the operational status of all existing fire alarm and sprinkler systems by reviewing annual inspection reports conducted by certified personnel.

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council's green waste dumpster program in Rescue was very successful again this past year. This year they brought back the green waste dumpsters for a second time at the end of year. The dumpsters were located in the R.S.L.S./Post Office parking lot. This continues to be a hit with local residents and the neighboring communities.



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

Guy Delaney, Captain  
Prevention Division

# Fire Prevention Report 2010

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## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Knox Lock Program
- County-wide Gate Openers
- Poster Contest
- Smoke Detectors
- 4291 Inspections
- Hydrant Maintenance
- Fire Safety House
- Home Fire Safety
- Fire Extinguishers
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Home Escape Planning
- Heating Safety
- Arson Prevention
- Residential Fire Sprinklers
- Fire Safety in Places of Assembly
- Burn Injury Prevention
- New Homeowner Fire Safety Tips



We also have numerous brochures available from national organizations on fire and life safety topics. We also offer brochures that were developed in-house and give a local connection to services.



# Maintenance Division Report 2010

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## **Summary:**

This year in maintenance was normal. 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.

This year is going to be a little different for maintenance as the Buckeye School District Transportation Department will start taking over the annual maintenance for the Department. This will be a slow transition so as to make sure they are getting it done right; I will still be doing the day to day small repairs like lighting problems and diagnosis of engine/transmission problems so they can get to the right repair place at a fair price. In 2010 I purchased new tire chains for all the vehicles as the old chains would not fit the new tire sizes of the new equipment.

I would like to thank Ryan Jeremica and Chris Paper for a job well done on maintenance this 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 as we move forward into 2011.

Mark Bartlett, Captain  
Maintenance Division



# Maintenance Division Report 2010

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## Fleet Status

### ***Engine 8370 (E-83)***



- 2007 Pierce Type-I Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Had a pump test problem; however, we think that has been resolved
- Replaced the light bulb in front brow light
- Replaced 3 cornering light bulbs
- Replaced front brakes

### ***Engine 8360 (E-283)***



- 2007 International – Pierce Type-III Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Replaced right outside mirror support
- Replaced upper radiator hose

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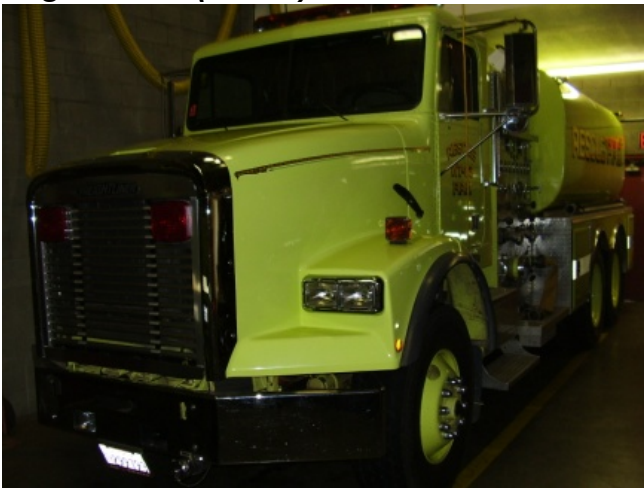
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### ***Engine 8379 (E-281)***



- 2000 International/West Mark Type-III Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Replaced seat switch air leak
- Stationed at station 81

### ***Engine 8396 (WT-83)***



- 1995 Kenworth/HiTech 3200 gallon Water Tender
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Repaired turn signal wiring that had bad ground
- Reseal Auto lube Leaking

# Maintenance Division Report 2010

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## ***Engine 8378 (E-81)***



- 1988 Ford/E-One Type-I Engine
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Overhauled auto lube on main pump
- Stationed at Station 81

## ***Squad 81***

- 1986 Ford Heavy Duty
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Started setting up as rescue squad

## ***Utility 81***

- 2000 Ford Explorer
- Annual Maintenance Performed

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### **Utility 83**



- 2008 Chevrolet 2500HD
- Annual Maintenance Performed

### **C-8300**



- 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe
- Annual Maintenance Performed
- Installed front and rear brakes
- In the processes of replacing 3 door lock actuators



In 2010 the Rescue Fire Protection District reached its 50<sup>th</sup> year in operation. The District and the Rescue Volunteer Fire Association held a free community picnic to commemorate this milestone. There were games, food, and the ever popular dunk tank. The event was well attended by District personnel, Association members, and the community.

### **Rose Springs Literary Society Hall:**

The District, the Rescue Volunteer Fire Association, the Rescue Historical Society, and Boy Scout Eagle Scouts all continued to improve the Rose Springs Literary Society Hall. The kitchen addition in the rear of the building, upstairs and downstairs, was added. Rock was purchased by the RVFA and spread around the building by a community service worker. The Historical Society buried a new time capsule under the building and will be adding a plaque to commemorate its placement. Two Eagle Scout projects were completed: a new flag pole in front of the post office and laying pavers to provide a patio area between the R.S.L.S. Hall and Station 83.

### **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 at the Fire Prevention Trailer at Rescue Elementary School, Green Valley Elementary School and Sutter's Mill Elementary School in February and October
- 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
- Provided administrative assistance at the annual CalChiefs conference
- Continued to provide support for the Board of Directors, Fire Chief, paid staff, volunteers, and interns
- Participated in the Fill-the-Boot Drive for the Burn Institute
- Participated in the interview panel for new JPA administrative assistant
- Continued as Treasurer for the Administrative Fire Services Section-Northern Division of CalChiefs
- Assisted with captains' testing
- Acted as secretary/caterer to the Regional Operations Committee and Boards Workshops
- Coordinated fire poster contest at the elementary schools
- Drove Engine 8372 (1942 White) in the Placerville Christmas Parade and won first place in the antique fire equipment division.

Jodi Martin, Administrative Assistant

