



**2015 Annual Report**

# FRESNO FIRE DEPARTMENT



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### *City of Fresno*

Population:	520,159
Land Area:	115 sq. miles
Housing Units:	174,104
Households:	160,172
Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures:	32.6%

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **Mission:**

To protect and put service above all else

### **Vision:**

Recognized as a standard of excellence in the fire service

### **Core Values:**

Teamwork ~ Trust ~ Commitment



*A Fire Captain gives a report on a gas explosion fire.*

### *Fire Chief Kerri L. Donis*



It is my honor and privilege to present the annual report of the Fresno Fire Department, reflecting the performance and commitment that sets this organization apart from others. I am so proud of this organization and the unwavering commitment of its members to serve the citizens of Fresno! This year

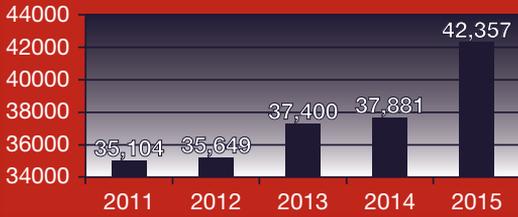
the Department engaged in a record number of calls for service, responded to the growing demands of new construction, and battled through the most challenging time in our Department's history when Captain Pete Dern had a near-miss accident. These challenges continue to be met with the resourcefulness, perseverance and foresight of the entire FFD team. The pages that follow further highlight the accomplishments and activities of our members in all areas of the Department. Our success is due to the dedication of its members, our strong community partnerships, and the support of the offices of the Mayor, City Manager and City Council.

### *Your Fire Department "A Tradition of Service"*

Established in 1877, the Fresno Fire Department is one of the oldest fire departments in our nation. Today, with 296 sworn firefighting personnel, we serve over a half million residents. The Fresno Fire Department provides fire protection to the City of Fresno, North Central Fire Protection District, Fig Garden Fire Protection District, and the Fresno County islands situated within the boundaries of the Fresno City limits. Our compliment of resources and skills allows us to provide fire prevention, suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, and an assortment of community outreach services.

The Fresno Fire Department provides emergency response from a total of 24 fire stations located throughout the city of Fresno, our contract areas and Fresno Yosemite International Airport. Each station is staffed with a 3-4 person engine or truck company and divided geographically into three battalions; each managed by a fire battalion chief.

## Total Incidents



*Captain Pete Dern working at a commercial structure fire in SW Fresno.*



## Budget

General Fund.....	\$48,394,500
Grants.....	\$961,500
License & Permit .....	\$155,000
Charges for Service.....	\$3,351,900
Contract Fees.....	\$7,048,600
Capital .....	\$2,631,100
<b>Total Budget.....</b>	<b>\$62,542,600</b>

## Units

Engine Companies .....	21
Truck Companies .....	5
Water Tenders .....	4
Brush Rigs .....	2
Patrols .....	2
HazMat Units.....	2
US&R Heavy Rescue.....	1
Rescue Boats .....	2
Airport Rescue Vehicle .....	2

## Personnel

Sworn Safety .....	296
Minimum Daily Staffing (City & FGFPD) .....	73
Minimum Daily Staffing (NCFPD).....	12
Sworn Non-Safety .....	13
Civilian .....	19
Fire Shop .....	8
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>336</b>

## Incidents

Medical Aids.....	30,100
Arrivals.....	23,281
Downgrades .....	6,819
<b>Total Fires .....</b>	<b>2,837</b>
Structure Fires.....	1,037
Vegetation Fires.....	481
Vehicle Fires .....	397
False Alarms.....	3,144
Service Calls.....	1,338
All Other Incidents .....	4,938

**Total Incidents.....42,357**

## Fire Loss

All Fires.....	\$24,857,844
From Arson.....	\$3,090,223
Number of Displaced People from Fires .....	522

## Civilian Fatalities

From Structure Fires.....	8
From CO Poisoning.....	2
From Vehicle Fires .....	0
Firefighter Fatalities .....	0

## Injuries

Civilian Injuries.....	74
Firefighter Injuries.....	114

## Fire Investigations

Total Investigations.....	416
Incendiary Fires .....	252
Arrests .....	45

## Fire Prevention

### (Community Risk Reduction)

5 Year Fire Sprinkler Tests .....	586
New Sprinkler Inspections....	1,070
Plan Reviews .....	4,040
Fire Inspections .....	4,645
Weed Abatement (NCFPD/FGFPD) ..	75

## Fire Shop

Repair Requests.....	3,766
Completed Repairs .....	3,225

## Thank You

Hi,

*My name is Amy Spier and I live next door to the house on Norwich Avenue that burned down last night. I just wanted to take a second and write a quick thank you for all the work done by all the different emergency response personnel that responded to the fire last night. Your crews made myself and my neighbors feel safe and informed, while also working together seamlessly to fight the fire. I don't know how much thanks you all get for what you do, but you made myself and my neighborhood feel safe and informed and protected and for that, we are all grateful. You had no obligation to talk to the people asking questions, but the crews took the time to answer some quick questions when they could tell it was what we needed to feel safe and like we didn't need to start packing as well as we watched the flames growing closer and closer to our roof. Thank you again for the work you all do.*

*Respectfully,  
Amy Spier*



Truck 11 and Engine 13 working a rollover accident on Hwy 41.

## Response Times

### First company arrival within 4 minutes

Medical Aids.....	65%*
Fires.....	67%*

### Effective residential firefighting force

within 8 minutes.....	84%*
(15 Firefighters on scene)	

### Effective commercial firefighting force

within 8 minutes.....	78%*
(21 Firefighters on scene)	

\*National Standard is 90%

## Proudly Serving



## Fire Stations

Station	Address	Council District
ARFF (Airport)	5065 E. Anderson	4
Station 1	1264 N. Jackson	4
Station 2	7114 N. West	2
Station 3	1406 Fresno St.	3
Station 4	3065 E. Iowa	7
Station 5	3131 N. Simpson	7
Station 6	4343 E. Gettysburg	4
Station 7	2571 S. Cherry	3
Station 8	1428 S. Cedar	5
Station 9	2340 N. Vagedes	1
Station 10	5545 Aircorp Way	4
Station 11	5544 N. Fresno	4
Station 12	2874 N. Acacia	1
Station 13	815 E. Nees	6
Station 14	6239 N. Polk	2
Station 15	5630 E. Park Circle	5
Station 16	2510 N. Polk	3
Station 17	10512 N. Maple	6
Station 18	5938 N. LaVentana	2
Station 19	3175 W. Belmont	3
Station 20	4537 N. Wishon (FGFPD)*	
Station 21	15850 W. Kearney (NCFPD)*	
Station 22	806 S. Garfield (NCFPD)*	
Station 23	4555 N. Biola (NCFPD)*	

\*FGFPD=Fig Garden Fire Protection District

\*NCFPD=North Central Fire Protection District

## Company Responses

### Engine Companies

Company	Responses
E01 .....	3,204
E02 .....	1,536
E03 .....	3,980
E04 .....	3,178
E05 .....	3,673
E06 .....	2,502
E07 .....	2,171
E08 .....	2,948
E09 .....	3,247
E12 .....	2,814
E13 .....	2,215
E14 .....	1,225
E15 .....	1,973
E16 .....	1,939
E17 .....	879
E18 .....	884
E19 .....	1,127
E20 .....	2,155
E21 .....	1,654
E22 .....	454
E23 .....	436

### Truck Companies

Company	Responses
T04 .....	1,664
T09 .....	826
T10 .....	1,157
T11 .....	2,991
T19 .....	1,320
T21 .....	307

### Battalion Chiefs

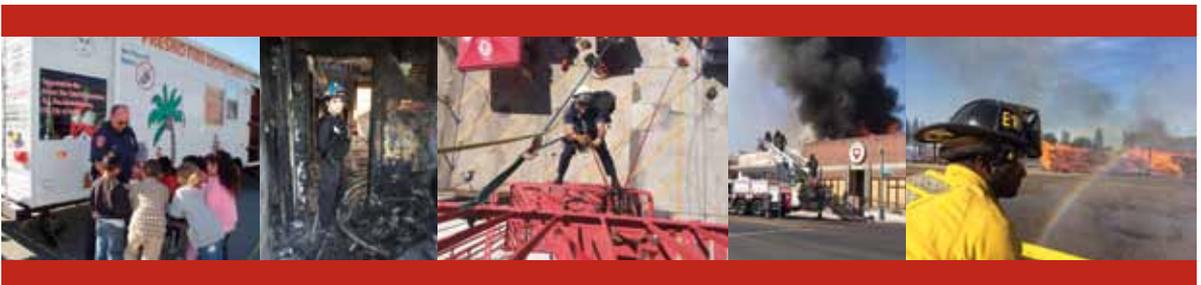
Unit	Responses
BC01 .....	1,032
BC02 .....	919
BC03 .....	765

### Water Tenders

Unit	Responses
WT03 .....	76
WT14 .....	79
WT21 .....	63
WT23 .....	9

### Special Operations

Unit	Responses
Brush Unit 15.....	20
Brush Unit 19.....	28
HazMat 01 .....	85
HazMat16 .....	39
Patrol 02 .....	30
Patrol 07 .....	16
Rescue 04 .....	120
Rescue 204 .....	20



# Community Outreach Programs



The **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation (FFCF)** is a non-profit organization which partners with the Fresno Fire Department to distribute safety helmets, free of charge,



to any child who needs one. Helmets are stored on Engines and Trucks and at every fire station for distribution. Since the program's inception in 2005, over 10,000 helmets have been distributed to local kids.

The **FFCF** also supports fire safety educational assembly programs for 1st-3rd graders, Firefighters Creating Memories at the Big Fresno Fair, and Champ Camp for burn survivors. To learn more about the FFCF work in the community, go to the website at [www.beafirehero.org](http://www.beafirehero.org).



**"Firefighter Community Outreach"** is a program which encourages our firefighters to seek creative and thoughtful ways to engage our community. Throughout the year we've seen our firefighters

participate in school fire-drills and carnivals; attend farmer's markets, car shows, and block parties; host open-houses at their fire stations; deliver Christmas presents to families in their districts and conduct home fire-safety inspections and install smoke detectors. Our hope is that intentional frequent interaction with the public, beyond emergency incidents, will build positive relationships and promote safer communities.



*Captain Escobar gives a safety talk with school children.*



*Chief Donis welcomes the first Fresno Firefighter Drill School since 2008.*



The **Fresno Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program trains people to be better prepared to respond to emergencies

in their homes, workplaces, and community. The no-cost training is designed to enhance personal safety and has provided 1,139 individuals with basic emergency response skills, particularly those that would be of value after a disaster. In 2015, CERT volunteers responded to 12 emergency call-outs for commercial and residential fires; and provided 23 days/nights of scheduled firefighter rehab. The volunteers also participated in 10 major community service and public outreach events; and 11 continuing education training courses.



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