

MAY 2016 MONTHLY REPORT



After a relative wet spring, this May saw fields in Visalia become dry as we move closer to summer and rising temperatures. It was not surprising we experienced several grass fires that even spread to structures. At this rate summer is a concern as fire season officially begins.

The highlights for the month of May were:

- The graduation of five new Visalia recruits Firefighters from our 8-week academy. They all did well and are a welcome addition to our ranks.
- We continued working and finished all budgetary items for final Council review as we move forward to the next two-year budget cycle.
- We are preparing for our ISO (Insurance Service Office) review in early June. The ISO collects and analyzes our firefighting capability and rates the fire department on fire suppression ability, water availability and communications. ISO then assigns a class rating on a scale of 1 to 10, with Class 1 given to exemplary fire departments and Class 10 to departments who do not meet minimum criteria. Visalia Fire Department currently holds a Class 3 Rating. Previously ISO reviewed our documentation, data and overview of the department on a 10-year cycle. ISO will now review our department on a 5-year cycle. We are moving forward and preparing to meet this challenge and at least maintain our rating. This requires work not only by Fire Administration staff, but also requires input from the dispatch/communications section of PD and Cal Water.
- The ongoing Weed Abatement Program by the prevention staff to get all the lots mowed by the responsible parties before summer.
- The adoption of a new ordinance to increase the fine for illegal fireworks. Fireworks will be a major concern this summer and the potential for fires throughout our city. Hopefully this will be a deterrent as the new fine has been increased to \$1000.

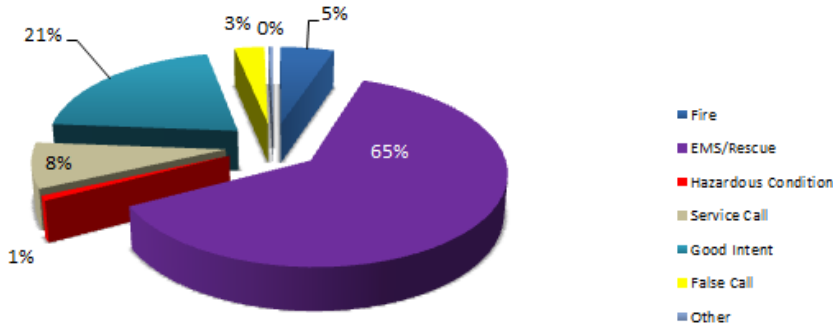
Hope you all have a nice Memorial Day, the unofficial start to summer. Please keep our Veterans and our Service men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

Stay Safe,

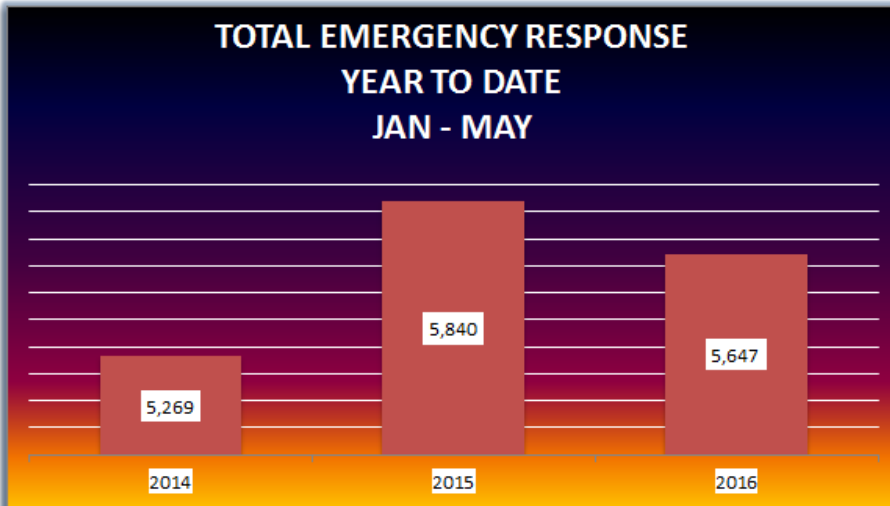
Doug McBee

MAY STATS

May 2016 Incident Count 1,250 Calls for Service



TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE YEAR TO DATE JAN - MAY



Visalia Fire Department May 2016 Monthly Overtime Report

Month	# of Pay Periods	Monthly OT Budget Amount	Monthly Actual OT	Adjustments/Reimbursements to OT				Budget Variance under(over)
				Strike Team Reimb.	Salary Savings	Total	Net OT	
July	3	80,135	73,246	(5,266)	(10,640)	(15,906)	57,340	22,795
August	2	53,423	179,810	(167,812)	(10,640)	(178,452)	1,358	52,065
September	2	53,423	151,718	(57,229)	(10,640)	(67,869)	83,849	(30,426)
October	2	53,423	67,158	(32,398)	(10,640)	(43,038)	24,120	29,303
November	2	53,423	57,066		(10,640)	(10,640)	46,426	6,997
December	3	80,135	67,482		(12,916)	(12,916)	54,566	25,569
January	2	53,423	59,592		(23,460)	(23,460)	36,132	17,291
February	2	53,423	64,556		(36,124)	(36,124)	28,432	24,991
March	2	53,423	85,048		(42,282)	(42,282)	42,766	10,657
April	2	53,423	128,721		(12,312)	(12,312)	116,408	(62,985)
May	2	53,423	93,860		(12,312)	(12,312)	81,547	(28,124)
June	2					0	0	0
YTD Totals	26	\$641,077	\$1,028,256	(\$262,705)	(\$192,606)	(\$455,311)	\$572,945	\$68,132

Incident Type Response

Date Range: From 05/01/2016 To 05/31/2016

Station: S51

Fire	14
EMS/Rescue	216
Hazardous Condition	3
Service Call	27
Good Intent	73
False Call	13
Other	1
Totals:	347

Station: S52

Fire	12
EMS/Rescue	125
Hazardous Condition	1
Service Call	24
Good Intent	50
False Call	8
Totals:	220

Station: S53

Fire	4
EMS/Rescue	145
Hazardous Condition	2
Service Call	9
Good Intent	33
False Call	2
Totals:	195

Station: S54

Fire	21
EMS/Rescue	171
Hazardous Condition	3
Service Call	19
Good Intent	49
False Call	7
Other	1
Totals:	271

Station: S55

Fire	7
EMS/Rescue	45
Hazardous Condition	1
Service Call	9
Good Intent	25
False Call	4
Totals:	91

Station: S56

Fire	7
EMS/Rescue	75
Hazardous Condition	1
Service Call	12
Good Intent	26
False Call	2
Blank or Invalid	1
Totals:	124

Total Incident Count: 1,250

VISALIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

On May 23, 2016, the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a grass fire on Goshen Avenue at Cain Street. Upon the arrival of the first fire unit, they found ¼ acre of grass burning in a plowed field. Cal Fire also responded to the incident and the fire was extinguished in approximately 20 minutes after burning one acre. The cause of the fire was illegal fire-works. There were no injuries and no monetary damage. The plowed field assisted fire units with being able to quickly control the fire. The Visalia Fire Department would like to remind residents to remove dry grass and debris from your property to assist with the prevention of fires on your property.



To: Doug McBee

Subject: Kudos from Citizen on Facebook

Shelley Brewer-Martell

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Actions ▾

TUE 6:01PM

Just wanted to let you know, a special thanks to Engine E-54 , a little boy at Baskin and Robbins waved out the window to the fireman the fireman took the time to walk into see the little boy and give him a sticker. I was just watching this little guys face light up, it was a wonderful moment. Just wanted you to know what wonderful people you have on staff.

9:59AM

Hi Shelley, thank you for sharing this with us. It's wonderful to hear that our Fire Department was able to make a special moment with a young citizen. Thank you for taking the time to fill us in, I'll certainly share this with our Fire Chief and let him know the act of kindness did not go unnoticed. Thank You! - Allison Lambert, Communications Manager

Sent by Allison Lambert [?]

FROM THE DESK OF KURTIS BROWN

FIRE MARSHAL



Inspections

During May, the Prevention Division and engine companies conducted 418 inspections. A total of \$9,163 in Operational Permit fees were billed during the month.

Property Maintenance

The Prevention Division initiates cases and performs inspections on property maintenance cases throughout the entire year with a heavy emphasis during the summer months. Property maintenance cases are started on properties with trash, junk and or debris, weeds and any other items constituting a fire hazard. Many properties where cases are started are vacant undeveloped lots, but cases can also be started on vacant or occupied homes and commercial properties. During May, the Prevention Division conducted 177 initial and 96 follow-up inspections on property maintenance cases. Prevention staff filed 62 Declarations of Public Nuisance notices with cost recovery fees totaling \$15,143. Staff also authorized the department's weed abatement contractor to abate five properties.

Fire Investigations

During May, members of the Fire Investigation Team investigated 13 Fires. Engine company personnel also performed 24 preliminary origin and cause investigations.

Public Education

Engine company personnel completed 16 tours, visitations, and presentations. The Department provided this service to approximately 1,376 people in the community. Seven community members participated in the department ride-a-long program and smoke detectors were installed in two homes in Visalia.

Site Plan Report

The Fire Department is a member of Site Plan Review. The committee reviews plans and operational statements, for proposed businesses, operations and future constructions projects throughout our community. Lists of comments are provided to applicants from each member of the committee to assist the applicant with their project. In May, Fire staff reviewed 8 plans submitted to the committee.

Special Events

The Fire Marshal Chairs the Special Events Committee, and is responsible for guiding community members through the Special Events application process. Seven special events took place in May.

Cinco De Mayo Parade, Sheriff Memorial, Slick Rock, Downtown Expo, Downtown Visalia Car Show, Fishing Derby, Budweiser Sequoia Cycling Classic.

FROM THE DESK OF JAY MANNING

ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE CAPTAIN

During May, the communications program was focused on building the 2016 radio loads and programming. As of June 1st approximately 60% of the radios have been updated and by June 3rd all radios will have received the new updates. All radio frequency sheets have been updated and dropped off for placement into the communications binders.

Fire Reporting Management System (RMS)

Information Services staff was able to help find and fix two PC's in the department that had a FireRMS launch issue that Zoll techs were unable to find previously. We will be setting up a test environment for Spillman CAD testing purposes. EF Recovery has been tasked with this deployment and we should start seeing testing on that system in early June.



My Fire Rules Validation Tool

System is up and operating properly. We were able to meet with the Rules Guys staff at the Zoll Conference and received a lot of good assistance and were able to get additional training from them on some

CAD Report Management System Committee

During May all fire crews attended training on the new Spillman CAD mobile system to get ready for a go live sometime during July of 2016. We will be conducting an additional day to review the new CAD once we have the software installed on all MDT's.

VECC

Staff has been attending construction meetings as well as furniture, technology and utility meetings. As construction begins, time will focused on the subcommittee items to make sure that all is ready once the construction time is completed. The furniture committee is preparing for site visits to three manufacturers sites to review their quality. We will begin receiving bids for the furniture procurement in the near future as site visits are conducted.

Station 53 Project

We are working with City and Construction staff to mitigate all remaining items on the punch list for final sign off. City staff is also working on finalizing the City Fiber line that Sebastian is running across the city.

FROM THE DESK OF DANNY WRISTEN

A SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF



Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

During May we received a number of SCBA bottles back from hydro testing. We repaired several SCBA units and ordered parts for other units. We also worked on developing quotes for a contract to perform the annual bench testing.

Computer Aided Dispatch Replacement Project (CAD)

The CAD project continues to move forward and we continued with end user training. In addition we had a status update meeting with the consultant and the vendor. We are still on track for the system to “Go Live” the last week of July.

Visalia Emergency Communications Center (VECC)

This month the VECC project began to take shape with site work occurring on the site. This project will replace our existing dispatch center and will also be the new home for Fire Administration. This project is scheduled to take approximately 18 months to complete and move-in. We had a project meeting to address the Motorola portion of the project and also had a meeting to discuss the Emergency Operations Center technology.

Apparatus

In May there were 8 rigs sent to the shop for repairs. Notable repairs are as follows:

- E51 was sent to the shop twice in May. First trip was for the AC unit which had the compressor and drier replaced as well as the AC hose from the compressor to the bulkhead. All rear tires were replaced at that time too. The second repair occurred when the rig was taken out of service for a check engine light and overheating. The rig was sent to Fresno to have the DPF filter replaced.
- T51 had the 25 hour inspection/maintenance completed while in the oil pan gasket was replaced and a new dead man switch for the aerial was installed.
- E251 was sent in to have the pump primer repaired. The shop found bad wiring to the primer solenoid. Also the rig was sent to Auto Glass Central to have a chip repaired in the front windshield.
- E54 wouldn't start requiring the shop to make a service call to the station, both batteries were replaced.
- E255 had the pump out of service with a bad throttle cable. The shop replaced the cable repaired 2 oil leaks, replaced the parking brake relay valve and repaired a broken bolt on the pump transfer valve.
- E53 had front end work completed and aligned, a power steering leak was repaired and the pump relief valve was rebuilt.

Engine 222435 which had been in reserve status was move into front line duty as E53. KRC Graphics renumbered the rig to reflect the change.

All rigs are current with their 90 day BIT inspections.

FROM THE DESK OF DARRIN HUGHES

B SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

Hazardous Materials Program

Hazardous materials team training was on in-suit emergencies for May. A cylinder of ammonia calibration gas was purchased along with a LEL sensor for MX6 #3. The gas cylinder has been received and installed, but the sensor has not yet arrived.

Technical Rescue Team

Training in May consisted of focused anchors and locating anchors on roof tops for the crews and just the team members. There are several lifeline ropes that are in service on apparatus that need to be replaced due to being 10-years old, but due to budget constraints they will be replaced in July when the new budget year begins.



Small Engines Equipment Tools Program (SEET)

During May the Small Engine Equipment Tools Program dealt with the ongoing maintenance and repair of equipment. A Stihl chainsaw was taken to Jensen and Pilegard for repairs, but after finding out that it had a damaged cylinder and would cost approximately \$600 to repair, it has been retired and will be used for parts.

Quartermaster Program

The Quartermaster crew returned all the rental equipment used by the recruits during the academy to LN Curtis & Sons and placed orders for personal protective equipment.

Other Items

- Attended Ballot Measure meetings
- Attended Fire control 3 burn in Corcoran
- Completed Annual Evaluations
- Attended Command Staff Meeting
- Attended Visalia Leadership Graduation

FROM THE DESK OF DUSTIN HALL C SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF



Emergency Medical Service

This month's training reviewed EMS Obstetrical Emergencies (advanced); due to the size and subject of the topic, fire personnel will have until the end of June to complete the training.

Personnel completed PALS and ACLS renewals and four CPR/BLS instructors are in the final stages of renewing their certification.

Pre-Plans

During May, fire crews continued work on assigned pre-plans.

Hose and Appliances

Several sections of large diameter hose in the lengths of 25 and 50 feet were made, tested and placed into service, replacing damaged hose. Completion of the storage room for all hose appliances was completed and placed into service.

Strike Team

Final preparations for the 2016 strike team have been completed and the Fire Department is ready for the fire season this year.

GREAT JOB!

On the morning of May 28, 2016, the crew of Engine 54C responded to a medical aid for a possible allergic reaction. When the crew arrived, they found a patient suffering from a severe allergic reaction to a substance the patient had eaten. Fire personnel were the first to arrive on scene and initiated lifesaving measures. Upon arrival of the ambulance, fire personnel maintained care to the local hospital, where the patient received continued support.

The Fire Department provides high quality service through a high standard of training, state of the art equipment, and continued assurance; a standard that is evident on incidents such as this one. **Thank you to the crew of Engine 54 C-shift for their outstanding service and for making the difference.**

FROM THE DESK OF BRIAN ADNEY

TRAINING BATTALION CHIEF

Training Facility

Fire personnel utilized the training facility for various classroom, EMS and hands-on training topics, and HazMat training during May. Visalia Police Department utilized the training classroom for meetings. Tulare County Probation utilized the training facility for their monthly training.



Training Program

Fire personnel completed City Safety, EMS and monthly tailboard training topics for a total of 1,617 hours of training during May. The new Firefighter Paramedic recruits successfully completed an 8-week Fire Academy and graduated on May 13, 2016. Fire personnel attended Spillman Mobile CAD Training, completed the annual Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, and conducted Rope rescue Training.

Other

- Completed the Leadership Visalia Program.
- Attended the monthly South Valley Training Officer Association Meeting in Farmersville.
- Chief McBee and Chief Adney sponsored the monthly Tulare/Kings Fire Chief's meeting in Lemoore.
- Provided one of the Dispatchers a Tour of Local Dispatch Agencies.
- Attended the Tulare County Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

May 9, 2016

Mr. Doug McBee, Fire Chief
Visalia Fire Department
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Visalia, CA 93291

Dear Mr. McBee

I have a friend who is 93 years old, a WW II vet, who fly 60 missions over Europe, and lives alone near Acres and Whittendale. He is on supplemental oxygen 24 hrs. His concern is if he becomes ill and dials 911 and he cannot open his door, how will the people who come to his aid be able to enter his house?

My son, Paul, is a fireman in Bend, OR. I called him and ask the question. Upon receiving his answer I stopped at the Whittendale firehouse and spoke to a young man named Zackery. I related to him my friend's problem and told of my sons answer. He said he didn't know the answer, but he would call me.

That afternoon Zackery did call me. I was able to put he and my friend together and I appreciate the cooperation. Problem solved!

I'm 82 years old and I also am concerned about entry into my home. I recently bought a combination key box from Amazon.com. It's been coded and installed. Today I called the number Zackery had given me, but spoke to Bob Richardson. I told my story to him, gave him my code, and he solved my problem.

I wish to express my gratitude by saying that one my friend's greatest fears have been eliminated. Thank you.

I'm sure that his fears are shared by many who are elderly and live alone.

Regards:



Bob Swaggerty
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