

DECEMBER 2016 MONTHLY REPORT



Holidays are in full swing and the end of 2016 is rapidly approaching. We are on pace to exceed our record call volume from last year of 14,065. VFD will see in excess of 14,250 calls by the end of the year.

The highlights for December are:

- Received approval from City Council to purchase a new Pierce Arrow XT Fire Engine.
- Held promotional process for Fire Captain positions that were vacant and selected Fire Engineer Daemon Malek and Fire Engineer Alan Wilkinson to be promoted to Fire Captain beginning in January of 2017.
- Held promotional process for Engineer Paramedics to fill vacancies and promoted Firefighter Paramedic Brandon De La Cruz, Firefighter Paramedic Jesse Ruiz and Firefighter Paramedic Mike Herlihy beginning in January 2017.
- Selected a new part-time Fire Inspector to fill vacancy in Fire Prevention. Kevin Riggi will be hired in January of 2017 to fill this position.
- Recognized five, ten, fifteen and twenty year tenure employees at the annual City of Visalia Employee Service Awards.
- Attended multiple holiday events to show support by VFD.

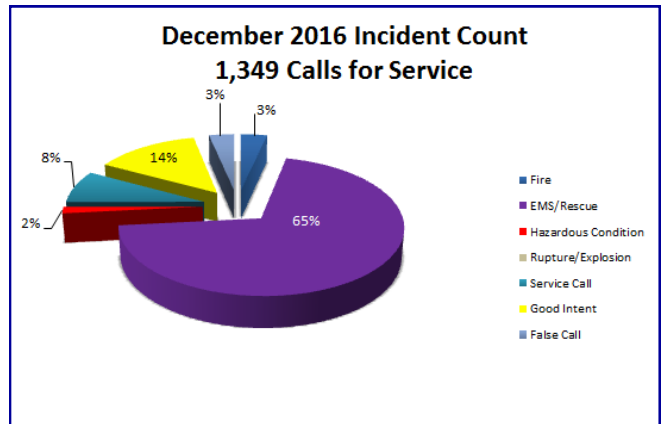
December has been a good month and 2016 a memorable year. Happy New year and be safe.

Doug McBee, Fire Chief

DECEMBER STATS

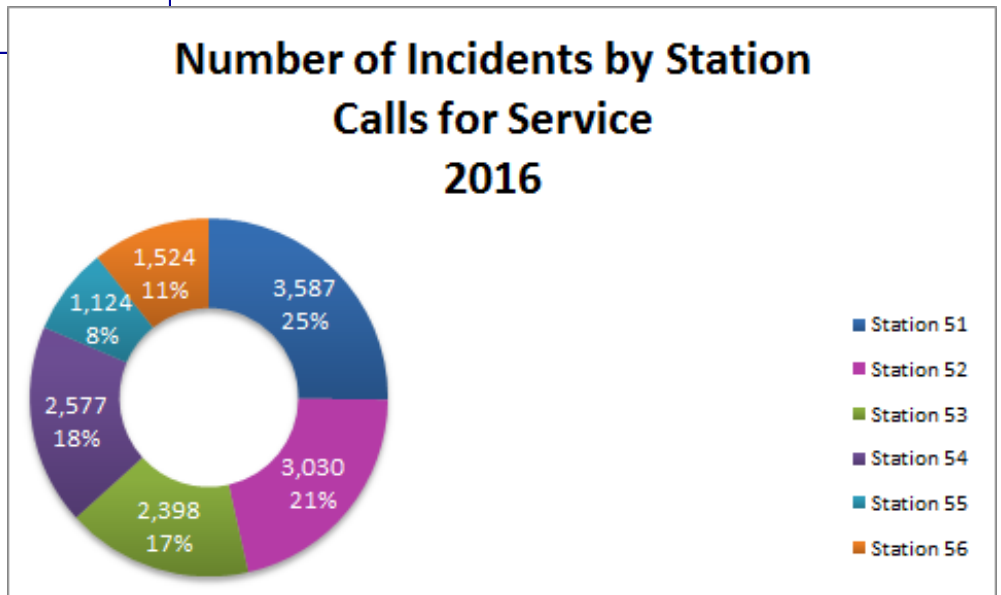
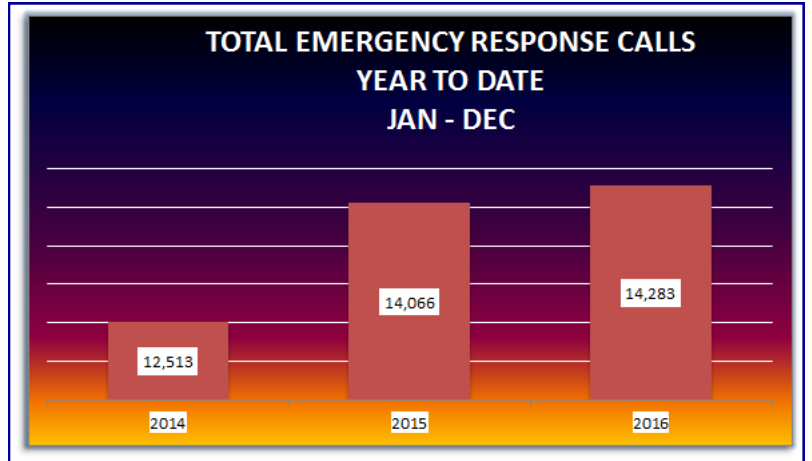
Visalia Fire Department
December 2016 Monthly Overtime Report
(All \$ Amounts in Thousands)

Month	# of Pay Periods	Monthly OT Budget Amount	Monthly Actual OT	Adjustments/Reimbursements to OT			Net OT	Budget Variance under(over)
				Strike Team	Salary Savings	Total		
July	3	79,788	161,589	(61,510)	(10,640)	(72,150)	89,439	(9,651)
August	2	53,190	199,954	(129,131)	(10,853)	(139,984)	59,970	(6,780)
September	2	53,190	198,032	(127,302)	(10,853)	(138,155)	59,877	(6,687)
October	2	53,190	89,751	(18,188)	(11,553)	(29,741)	60,011	(6,821)
November	2	53,190	113,842	(11,534)	(16,611)	(28,145)	85,697	(32,507)
December	3	79,788	155,320		(20,521)	(20,521)	134,799	(55,011)
January	2					0	0	0
February	2					0	0	0
March	3					0	0	0
April	2					0	0	0
May	2					0	0	0
June	2					0	0	0
YTD Totals	27	\$372,336	\$918,488	(\$347,665)	(\$81,031)	(\$428,696)	\$489,792	(\$117,456)



Incident Summary by Incident Type
Date Range: From 01/01/2016 To 12/31/2016

Incident Type	Incident Count
Fire	598
Rupture/Explosion	10
EMS/Rescue	9,322
Hazardous Condition	202
Service Call	1,002
Good Intent	2,741
False Call	401
Severe Weather	2
Other	5
Totals	14,283



FROM THE DESK OF KURTIS BROWN

FIRE MARSHAL

Inspections

During December, the Prevention Division and Engine companies conducted a total of 276 inspections. A total of \$1,266 in Operational Permit fees were billed during the month.

Property Maintenance

The Fire 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 that can constitute 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. Throughout the month of December, the Prevention Division conducted 22 initial and 30 follow-up inspections on property maintenance cases. Prevention Division staff also filed 7 Declarations of Public Nuisance notices with cost recover fees totaling \$1,709.75. Staff also authorized the department's contractor to abate 1 property.



Fire Investigations

During December, members of the Fire Investigation Team investigated 3 Fires. In addition, engine company personnel performed 5 preliminary origin and cause investigations.

Public Education

This December Engine Company Personnel completed approximately 16 tours, visitations, and presentations. The Department provided this service to approximately 434 people in the community. 8 community members also participated in the department ride-a-long program. Additionally, 15 smoke detectors were installed in homes throughout the city.

Site Plan Report

The Visalia Fire Department is a member of the Site Plan Review Committee. 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 applicants with their project. For the Month of December, Visalia Fire Department staff reviewed 23 plans that had been submitted to the committee.

Special Events

The Fire Marshal is the Chair of the Special Events Committee, with the support by Senior Office Assistant Stephanie Phipps is responsible for guiding community members through the Special Events application process.

There were 4 special events that took place in December.

- Holiday Open House
- Shepherds Voice
- Jingle Bell Run
- Pictures with Santa

FROM THE DESK OF DANNY WRISTEN

A SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF



Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

During the month of December, we repaired six air-packs in house, saving the department approximately \$1,000. Repairs ranged from several o-ring gaskets to a full wire harness overhaul. Five cylinders received their 5-year hydrostatic test and were placed back in service. In addition, we received our new OSHA required SCBA Fit-Test machine and will be placing it in service next month.

Facilities

The Facilities Program is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all six fire stations. This month we processed and tracked the following service requests through the City Building Maintenance Division. In order to maintain an even distribution of work programs, this program has transitioned to E-53B. We have maintained a couple of ongoing projects; the concrete project to the rear of Station 51 (which was completed), the emergency generator repair at Station 54 (P.O. issued waiting for work to be completed), and the garage door remote replacement.

Emergency Preparedness

This month we continued working on an update for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). This document is developed in a multi-jurisdictional process and involves all jurisdictions in the Operational Area (Tulare County). Tulare County OES is using grant money and has engaged the services of a consultant to lead all agencies through this process. The LHMP is required to be updated every five years. We are researching and developing the data that is needed for the plan. The LHMP identifies possible risks for potential disaster incidents, examines capabilities and develops possible mitigation measures to assist in preventing or limiting damage and injuries from disaster.

We also conducted an EOC refresher training and drill on December 16. The drill was based on a flood emergency. This training was attended by 40 EOC Team members and allowed them to practice our emergency preparedness procedures. In addition, we issued several weather related advisories to City staff for wet weather impacts. Both of the storms were relatively minor and did not have any major impacts in the City of Visalia.

Computer Aided Dispatch Replacement Project (CAD)

During the month of November, we continued to work with Dispatch and MIS to address new CAD issues that developed. The system is working and dispatching us to all calls. We are also meeting now with the police department and MIS on a weekly basis to deal with issues and questions.

Apparatus

In December, 8 rigs were sent to the shop for repairs.

FROM THE DESK OF DARRIN HUGHES

B SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

Small Engines Equipment Tools Program (SEET)

In December Captain Benson and crew replaced the thermal imager charger on E-52. They had to replace a hydraulic coupling on the TNT equipment from E-54. The chain-saws from T-51 and E-56 were repaired and had new Raptor chains placed on them.

Additionally, the TIC on Engine 53 was taken out of service and sent to Bullard for repairs. A spare camera was placed on Engine 53. The TNT power unit from Engine 55 was taken out of service due to a mechanical issue. A spare power unit was placed in service until the proper repairs can be made.

Quartermaster Program

In December, the quartermaster worked with the finance department on a purchase order for replacement of personal protective equipment for fire personnel. Fire personnel recently promoted had to have their dress uniforms updated as well. T-shirts and uniforms were also ordered.

Hazardous Materials Program

Several maintenance repairs were made to the MX6 monitors requiring purchases of calibration gas and sensors. Other maintenance items included: decon shower repairs, hand held radio battery evaluation, filter replacement RAID M100 and expired Dreager tube replacement. Routine maintenance was also performed on the vehicle and equipment.

Buildings and Grounds Program

In December there were multiple service requests for smaller items needing repair from all of the different stations. There are multiple projects that are in progress and some that have been completed. Some of those projects are:

- The cement work in the back lot of Station 51 was completed.
- In mid-December the air-ducts at Station 51 was cleaned out by Service Master.
- The generator at Station 54 is scheduled to be replaced instead of being repaired due to the amount of damage that was caused by it overheating.

Service Requests- Submitted

- Fire Administration- 3 padlocks for gate access requested to be keyed.
- BC Quarters- Heater not working properly.
- Station 51- Six new office chairs requested. Air Hawk system not shutting off. Roof leak in app floor men's restroom. App floor women's restroom toilet seat broken. East side dorm heater not working properly. Engine bay heater not working. Hose tower water heater out of service.
- Station 52- Ice machine not functioning properly. Clogged sink upstairs. Vacuum needs repair.
- Station 54- Bay door remotes not working.
- Station 55- Ice machine out of service. Roof Leak on 12/16/16.



FROM THE DESK OF BRIAN ADNEY

C SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF



Pre-Plans

During the month of December two fire pre-plans; 215-225 E. Main and 212 E. Main St. were submitted. Currently there are two outstanding pre-plans. All completed pre-plans were scanned and added to the preplan master index. All existing preplan updates were submitted to dispatch for updates. All crews were notified to update the master index on the MDT's.

Accountability

There have been no important changes in the Accountability Program during the month of December. In 2017 we will be placing an order for accountability tags for new employees once they have been announced.

Strike Team

There have been no important changes in the Strike Team Program during the month of December. In 2017 we will be starting to scale down the Strike Team equipment to a more manageable amount of equipment

Hose and Appliances

We began compiling a list of hose and appliance needs in order to obtain a quote for outfitting the new engine.

Tail Board Training

Station 54 crew completed Tail Board Training Topic for January

FROM THE DESK OF DUSTIN HALL ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHIEF



ADMINISTRATION

Station 53 continues to improve, Staff continued to work with the contractors to finalize all remain items that need repaired. Staff is scheduling a meeting with several of the stakeholders on the outstanding items.

The department would like to welcome Katie Cichy back to the Visalia Fire Department. Katie's tentative start date will be January 9, 2017. There are two additional people who are in the process and at the end of December both were in the background investigation phase of the process. December was very busy for department personnel who were involved in the promotional processes of Fire Engineer and Fire Captain. The Fire Captain process was completed during December, as well as interviews for both positions.

The successful candidates will be announced in the near future and will assume their new role on

January 7, 2017.

INFECTION CONTROL

Staff received reports of two possible exposures to an infectious material. Work continues to ensure the employees are being taken care of.

EMS

Staff worked on finalizing preparations for the department wide CPR training taking place in January. All firefighters are required to keep current in the skill of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Preparations were also completed for the upcoming ACLS class required for all department paramedics.

The medical residents at Kaweah Delta Medical Center (KDMC) are required through their residency to complete training in the prehospital setting. Over the last year, VFD has had the opportunity to host and participate by allowing the Medical Residents to ride along on fire engines to experience the medical care given in the prehospital setting. To date the partnership with KDMC has been a huge success; staff is confident it will continue to grow.

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

NFIRS Reporting: The second and third quarter data has been submitted and was returned from the state with errors. The assistance of Zoll was required to rectify the errors found in the second quarter report. The errors found in the third quarter report were fixed in-house and resubmitted to the state without return. The export process for the fourth quarter will begin once all the information is complete, sometime in January.

Communications: Staff continued work on the VECC equipment, specifically the Motorola system upgrade. It is expected that new equipment will start to arrive for install in early 2017. Staff is also starting the process to purchase new mobile radios that will be installed in the engines/trucks. Repairs to equipment have been minimal in the past month, allowing time for house-keeping items to be completed.

Fire COM: The disposable sanitary microphone covers were purchased and have been placed on Engine 52 and will be used on a trial basis to ensure they meet the need of the department and ensure the cost is feasible. More information to come.

MDTs: All new MDTs were placed into service on all fire department apparatus and command vehicles. Everything is working as designed and only one unit remains to be placed into service, Haz-Mat 55.

CAD/RMS Committee: City and department staff continued to work on issues with the new CAD system.

FROM THE DESK OF DEREK FRICKE

TRAINING FIRE CAPTAIN

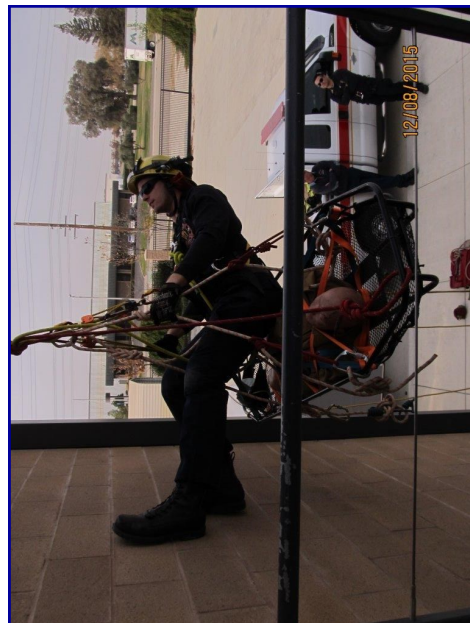


I hope you all had a very blessed Christmas as I did. I am looking forward to a productive training New Year for 2017.

The Visalia Fire Department Completed 910 hours of recorded training and 26 hours of outside training in December of 2016. Training included use of the new Scott RIT Bag utilized during RIC drills for B and C shifts. A shift is scheduled for RIC Training in January.

The first year of our two year training cycle is planned. You can look forward to Confined Space Awareness Training for January with Confined Space Drills incorporated into the training for those who hold Confined Space Operations or Technician Certifications. February will encompass Report Writing along with a tentative schedule for Active Shooter Training with the Visalia Police Department.

Hopefully the vast majority of you were able to attend the Target Solutions Documentation Training and will soon see your ISO Training progress each month as you log your training. I am looking forward to working with all of you in enhancing our training. There have already been some really good ideas sent my way. As a recent result we plan to address Auto Extrication this year in a way that will increase your knowledge of Alternative Fuel Vehicles and the do's and don'ts of auto ex involving electric vehicles. It should be enlightening.



One of the challenges I am facing is meshing my calendar with the 48 /96 schedule. As a result, you may find that some of the training sessions that one crew completes say in January, a different crew may finish in the following month. For example, A and C shifts have Confined Space Scheduled for January, however B shift is scheduled for Confined Space in the early part of February. Our rotations work on a 6 week cycle so we are considering a change to a 6 week schedule. Stand by for further on that particular issue and try to be flexible in your perceptions regarding the Training Calendar.

Have a great January and I will see you on the Training Grounds.
Captain Fricke

IN THE COMMUNITY

FROM JERRY COOKSEY
VISALIA FIRE CAPTAIN
OREGON COAST SURF CITY

THANK YOU DOUG AND
ALL STAFF & THE FIREFIGHTERS
MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT!
THAT TOOK ME TO ALL STATIONS
AND F.D. MEMORIAL JUST
GREAT. ALL STAY SAFE. ANY
COME VISIT US ON THE OREGON
COAST GOD BLESS ALL RETIRED
VISALIA FIRE DEPT. CAPTAIN RETIRED
BATT. CHIEF NORTH LINCOLN FIRE.
P.S. I WORKED OUT OF THE HORSE DRAWN STATION WITH BARS POLES HA. MERRY CHRISTMAS
Jerry Cooksey

VFD Association,

I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank all of you for your generous contribution to the Sheyanne Romero Go Fund. I was at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Auction last evening and was sought out by several Visalia Times Delta employees that were so appreciative of the monetary gift to Sheyanne and the warm get well wishes she has received from you. They are also aware that she is with us today because of the expertise and skill of our highly trained personnel that gave the best pre hospital care possible.

It truly is times like this that make me aware of the special people I have the privilege to work with and what a great Fire Department the City of Visalia has. You made me very proud and humble to be your Chief. I wish you Seasons Greetings.

Doug McBee
Fire Chief
Visalia Fire Department