



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



2014 Annual Report

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Message from the Chief

Fire Chief Michael Keefe

Dear Fire Department Family,

This will be my last annual report as your Fire Chief. I have been honored to serve our community and the Fire Service since 1986. Time in a profession that you love goes way too fast and I will leave with great memories, stories, and friends. I will continue to watch our department grow. We have amazing personnel in every rank in the organization and the future looks very bright.

This year we congratulated Belmont Deputy Fire Chief Mike Gaffney on his retirement after serving for over 30 years. Chief Gaffney was instrumental in building our shared services organization. Battalion Chief Mike Borean retired after serving the Fire Service since 1974 as a seasonal firefighter for The California Department of Forestry and then joining San Mateo Fire in 1986. Captain Kim Archambault retired after 20 years of service with San Mateo Fire Department. We will miss the dedication and commitment of all of these Officers.

Retirements create promotional opportunities and we celebrated the promotion(s) of Battalion Chief Kent Thrasher, Battalion Chief Mike Towns, Captain Brian Banks and Captain Lou Warner.

Our two newest hires, Firefighter Matt De Alba and Firefighter Brett Hart successfully completed their Fire Academy and started working on- shift. Fire Prevention welcomed Fire Inspector Michele Orque. The Office of Emergency Services welcomed San Mateo-Foster City shared Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Jenelle Masterson.

San Mateo Station 24 served us well since 1948, but was demolished to make way for a new Station 24 with a drive through apparatus bay and plenty of room to house our personnel. Our personnel moved in on July 9, 2014.

2014 has been a great year for our department(s) and although we endured some injuries, all of our personnel remained reasonably healthy. Safety remains our top priority.

I am truly honored to work with each and every one of you. Together, we have been and will continue to be leaders in our industry. Though we continue to change and evolve we have done so together, which makes us all stronger.

Remember "What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you're saying"

I wish you all a safe and healthy career.

Sincerely,

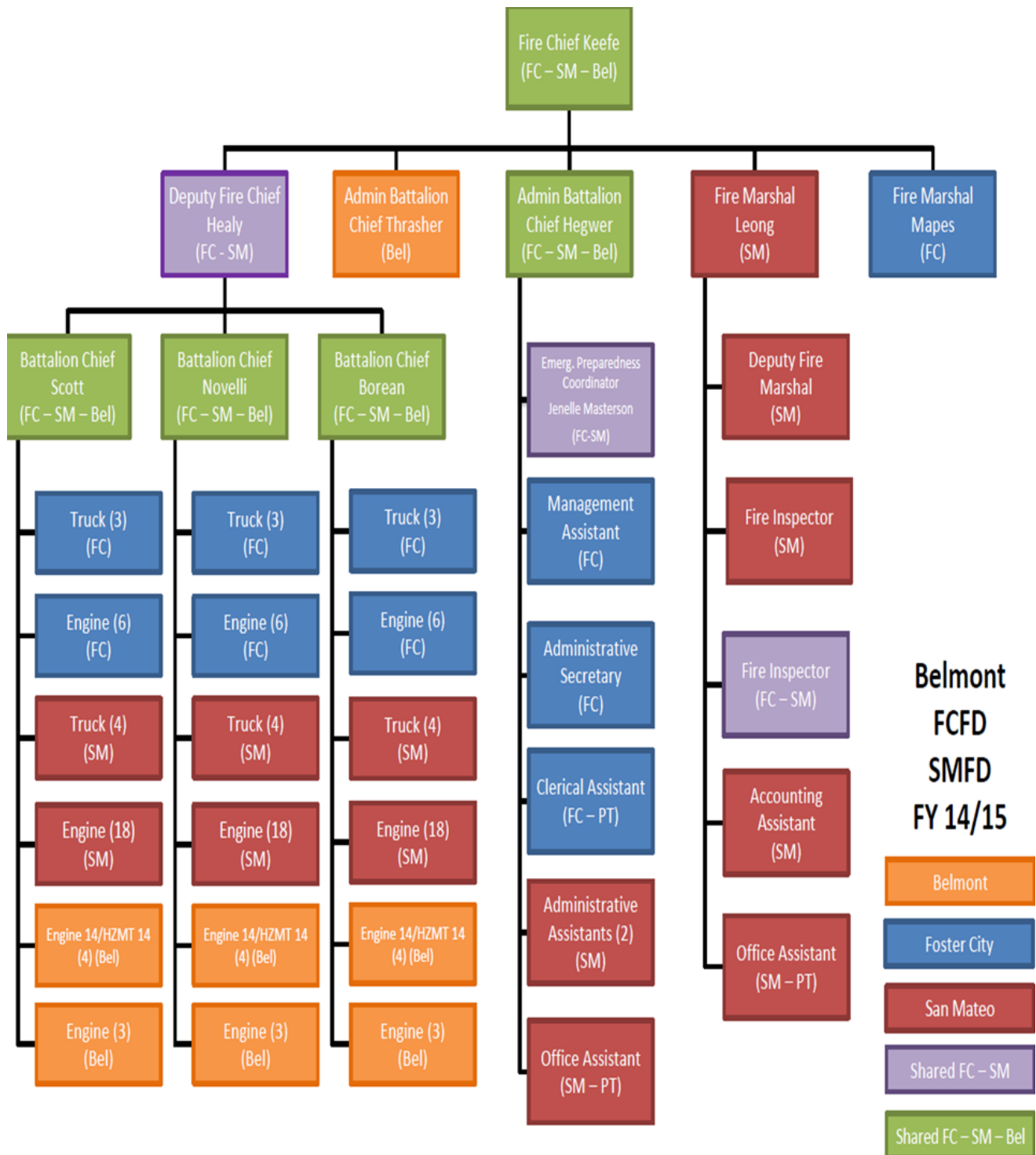
Michael Keefe

Fire Chief, Belmont, Foster City and San Mateo



Organizational Chart

Fiscal Year 2014/2015



Mission Statements

Belmont Fire Department Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Belmont Fire Department to; preserve life, property, and the environment as an all risk emergency services provider.

Department Core Values

Professionalism ▪ Dedication ▪ Teamwork ▪ Respect ▪ Ethical Behavior ▪ Compassion ▪
Honesty ▪ Integrity

Foster City Fire Department Mission Statement

The Fire Department protects lives, property and the environment from fire and exposure to hazardous materials, provides pre-hospital emergency medical care, offers programs which prepare our employees and citizens for emergencies and provides non-emergency services, including fire prevention and related code enforcement, emergency preparedness and fire prevention to residents, businesses and visitors of Foster City.

Values

Service to the Community: Delivering the highest level of service to our customers during emergency operations, citizen assists and public education programs.

Integrity: Maintaining high ethical standards and treating customers and all Department members with dignity. Striving through deeds to earn the trust and respect of others.

Dedication: Demonstrating loyalty to our organization and seeking and supporting continued education, training opportunities and ways to create ongoing improvement within our mission.

Teamwork: Striving for unity and working together with steady progress toward worthy goals. Ensuring that all decisions are honest, fair and in the best interest of our organization.

Positive Work Environment: Striving to create an environment that strengthens working relationships and fosters a sense of pride and camaraderie.

San Mateo Fire Department Mission Statement

Vision

We, the San Mateo Fire Department, are dedicated to establishing exemplary leadership in all aspects of the fire service, achieved by cultivating partnerships throughout the community.

Mission

The mission of the San Mateo Fire Department is to enrich the community through our professional dedication as a team of supportive and highly skilled people committed to ensure the quality of life for those we serve by providing excellent:

- Emergency Response
- Customer Service
- Fire Prevention
- Community/Disaster Preparedness
- Public Fire Education

Values

Respect ▪ Creativity ▪ Courage ▪ Knowledge ▪ Integrity ▪ Altruism ▪ Professionalism

Fire Stations



Station Platoon Roster

Belmont - Foster City - San Mateo		
2014 Station/Platoon Assignments		
BATTALION CHIEFS		
BC Scott	BC Novelli	BC Borean
BELMONT STATION 14		
14-A	14-B	14-C
Capt: Witmarsh	Capt: Miller	Capt: Thrasher
FF: Tarantino ^{AO}	FF/Med: Gonzalez*	FF/Med: Nolan* ^{AO}
FF/Med: Rossi*	FF: Cherry	FF/Med: Minouei* ^{AO}
FF/Med: Scott*	FF: Curtis	FF: MacFarland
BELMONT STATION 15		
15-A	15-B	15-C
Capt: Way	Capt/Med: Jacobs*	Capt: Engler
FF: Mitchell	FF/Med: Thorne* ^{AO}	FF: Reardon
FF/Med: Hansen*	FF: McGaw	FF/Med: Banks* ^{AO}
SAN MATEO STATION 21		
21-A	21-B	21-C
Capt-Med: J. Barile*	Capt: C. Eitel	Capt-Med: J. Neves*
Capt-Med: M. Turturici*	Capt: K. Ruane	Capt-Med: P. Henretty*
FF: Ikeda	FF: Davis	FF/Med: Rupena*
FF: Wilson ⁶	FF: Boyle	FF/Med: Rovetti* ⁸
FF/Med: Meyer*	FF/Med: Shipley* ⁹	FF: Sims
FF/Med: Steers* ²	FF: DeBastiani	FF: Olazar
FF: Avalos	FF/Med: Clary*	FF: Martinez
SAN MATEO STATION 23		
23-A	23-B	23-C
Capt: B. Olson	Capt-Med: Cook*	Capt: Kelly
FF/Med: Stanovcak* ³	FF/Med: Shimamoto*	FF/Med: Mackintosh*
FF: Van Orden	FF: McGurk	FF: Sandoval
SAN MATEO STATION 24		
24-A	24-B	24-C
Capt-Med: K. Archambault*	Capt-Med: Campana*	Capt: M. Thorvund
FF/Med: Lingafeldt*	FF/Med: McKinney*	FF/Med: Flores*
FF/Med: Diashyn*	FF: Lutticken ¹	FF: Seguire ⁴
SAN MATEO STATION 25		
25-A	25-B	25-C
Capt: R. Sorensen	Capt-Med: M. Quenneville*	Capt: D. Cowan
FF/Med: Balestrieri* ⁷	FF/Med: Doolley*	FF/Med: Cowger* ⁵
FF: Timpano	FF/Med Trainee: Perry	FF/Med: Will*
SAN MATEO STATION 26		
26-A	26-B	26-C
Capt: J. Del Secco	Capt-Med: K. McCullough*	Capt-Med: G. Campbell*
FF/Med: Fumagalli*	FF: Sitton	FF: Ramsey ¹⁰
FF: Wild ¹³	FF/Med: Harvey*	FF/Med: Gambelin*
SAN MATEO STATION 27		
27-A	27-B	27-C
Capt-Med: D. Eitel*	Capt-Med: Agresti*	Capt: M. Gruwell
FF/Med: Hogan* ¹²	FF/Med: Spanier* ¹¹	FF: Marenco
FF: Santiago	FF: Galvin	FF/Med: Volkman*
SMFD SWING		
FF: Lavezzo	FF: Berbano	FF: Blanco
FOSTER CITY STATION 28 (Engine 28)		
28-A	28-B	28-C
Capt-Med: Emmett*	Capt: Dimauro	Capt-Med: Towns*
FF: Williams AC	FF: Linari	FF: Estill
FF: Leatham	FF/Med: Aranda*	FF/Med: P. Olson*
FOSTER CITY STATION 28 (Engine 29)		
29-A	29-B	29-C
Capt-Med: Lipperd*	Capt-Med: Blackman*	Capt-Med: Brown*
FF: Moore ^{AO}	FF/Med: Gekas* ^{AO}	FF/Med: V. Warner* ^{AO}
FF/Med: Miller*	FF: Del Secco	
FOSTER CITY STATION 28 (Truck 28)		
28-A	28-B	28-C
Capt: Goodwin	Capt: Piacente	Capt: Lambro
FF: Whitney	FF: Strambi	FF: Greene ^{AC}
FF: Santos	FF: Bull ^{AO}	FF: Haena
FF: L. Warner	FF: Lucchesi	FF: Farrer

* = Paramedic

Retirements



Deputy Fire Chief Michael Gaffney

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Gaffney officially retired from the Belmont Fire Protection District on June 28, 2014 after over 30 years in the fire service. Mike began his career as a volunteer Firefighter with the Foster City Fire Department in 1982 and was hired as a full-time Firefighter with the South County Fire Authority in 1984. He worked his way through the ranks, promoting to a Fire Captain in 1991, a Battalion Chief in 2006 and Deputy Fire Chief in 2013. Mike was named Firefighter of the Year by the American Legion, San Carlos in 1989 and attained his Chief Officer Certification in 2008. Mike's leadership with the department's Hazardous Materials Response Team program resulted in the department obtaining a financially beneficial contract extension with San Mateo County as well as the team's designation by the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fire/Rescue Division as a "Type 2" Haz-Mat resource in the State of California. Mike was also instrumental in the establishment of the Belmont Fire Department following the dissolution of the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department in October 2011.



Battalion Chief Michael Borean

Battalion Chief Michael Borean officially retired from the San Mateo Fire Department on December 2, 2014. Battalion Chief Borean started his fire service career in 1974 as a seasonal firefighter with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) where he served for five seasons before joining the San Mateo Fire Department as a Firefighter/Engineer on September 7, 1986. He was promoted to the position of Fire Captain in July 1994. During his time as Captain, he was assigned to Training and assisted with the Fire Recruit Academy. In July 2001, Mike began a long-term Acting Battalion Chief assignment which he fulfilled until his promotion in May 2003.

Mike earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from California Polytechnic State University in 1979 in Natural Resources Management.

Mike quickly became involved in the department by participating in various committees, including the Safety Committee and the Apparatus and Equipment Committee. He also served on the Widows and Orphans Board of Directors. As Fire Captain, he served several terms on the labor/management Fire Action Consensus Team (FACT). During his tenure in the Department, Mike managed our facilities maintenance program for many years and spearheaded construction projects including the Station 21 remodel, and Station 26 and Station 23 rebuilds. Mike's background in construction has been invaluable to the department with regards to his facilities assignment.

Chief Borean is a State Certified Strike Team Leader and has been deployed on major wildland incidents throughout the State of California. Chief Borean is a highly regarded Strike Team Leader and has been a great mentor/trainer to those aspiring to become a Strike Team Leader.

Retirements

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San Mateo Fire Captain Archambault

Fire Captain Kimberly Archambault officially retired from the San Mateo Fire Department on December 24, 2014.

Kim started her career in the fire service as a paid-call firefighter with the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department in 1991. In 1992, she was a volunteer with the Wilton Fire Protection District and subsequently joined the San Mateo Fire Department on April 22, 1994. In December 1998, Kim received her accreditation as a San Mateo County paramedic and was an ALS resource for the department. On May 18, 2008, Kim was promoted to Fire Captain.

Kim has always been a team player and never hesitated to help mentor probationary employees throughout the years. She was a consistent role model for all employees with regards to her professionalism, integrity and judgment and was a member of FACT and assisted in past years with the City's Charity Campaign program. Kim served as the department's medical supply purchasing officer, was an active member of the EMS JPA medical steering committee and served on the department's EMS and Health and Wellness Committees.



Foster City Fire Captain Brown

Fire Captain Dale Brown officially retired from the Foster City Fire Department on December 19, 2014.

Dale began his career serving in the United States Marine Corps as a crash, fire and rescue specialist, where he supervised a military crash crew in aircraft mishaps and rescues. After being honorably discharged, Dale attended Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana, where he studied Fire Tech. While in school, Dale was a firefighter, then Acting Captain for the Seal Beach and El Toro Fire Departments. In 1989, Dale took a position with the San Francisco Treasure Island Fire Department.

Dale's extensive experience in Fire / Rescue and as an EMT secured him a position with the Foster City Fire Department in 1990 as a Firefighter. Dale was quickly promoted to Fire Captain in 1994, where Dale has remained as an Engine Fire Captain for the past 20 years. During those 20 years, Dale was an integral part of the Hiring, Training and the Special Operations Committees. Dale also participated in the Water Rescue group. Dale helped secure several grants, getting much needed equipment for the Fire Department. As a paramedic, he demonstrated not only expertise but also care and patience. Over the past 24 years, Dale Brown has always shown himself to be a solid and reliable Fire Captain, making the safety of his crew his top priority. He has been a consistent leader and has served to make Foster City Fire Department a better organization.

New Hires

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Jenelle Masterson—November 10, 2014

San Mateo Fire Department is pleased to announce the selection of our new San Mateo – Foster City shared Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Jenelle has been the Interim Emergency Preparedness Coordinator since July 2014 where she was responsible for coordinating training for city staff, elected officials and community volunteers as well as collaborating on regional emergency preparedness initiatives. Prior to that, she worked for the Foster City Fire Department supporting the CERT Program while organizing NIMS compliance for all city staff. Jenelle was employed with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Biometric Identity Management, based out of Washington DC and Virginia, prior to her relocation to California. She also contributes her time to the Mountain View Fire Department as an Office of Emergency Services volunteer. Jenelle is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington with a BS in Political Science and holds a post-graduate certificate in Emergency Management from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.



*Emergency Preparedness
Coordinator Jenelle Masterson*

Fire Inspector Michele Orque—December 9, 2014

The San Mateo Bureau of Fire Prevention is pleased to announce the addition of full-time Fire Inspector Michele Orque. Michele previously worked at the South San Francisco Fire Department as a Safety Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Prior to that, she worked in Administration for North County Fire Authority. Michele has an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Skyline College.



Fire Inspector Michele Orque

We welcome both Jenelle Masterson and Michele Orque to the organization!

The Belmont Fire Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new Firefighters to the organization, both of which attended the 14-week San Mateo County Fire Academy beginning on September 2, 2014:

Matt DeAlba had been a Firefighter Cadet with both the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the San Mateo Fire Department. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Arizona State University in May 2008, completed the Fire Technology Program at the College of San Mateo in December 2009 and completed his Paramedic training at WestMed College in April of 2014.

Brett Hart had been a Paramedic with Protransport-1 Ambulance in San Francisco since July 2013. Brett had also been a Firefighter Cadet with the San Mateo Fire Department since January 2014. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts with a Double Minor in Psychology and Communications from the University of Nevada-Reno in May 2011 and completed the Firefighter I Academy at the College of San Mateo in December 2013.



*From Left: Deputy Fire Chief Healy, Fire Chief Keefe,
Firefighter Hart, Firefighter DeAlba, Battalion Chief
Thrasher & Training Captain Thorne*

Promotions

Fire Captain Kent Thrasher promoted to Administrative Battalion Chief for Belmont – July 16, 2014

Kent Thrasher began his fire service career in Atlantic Beach, Florida as a Volunteer Firefighter from 1992 to 1994 before going full-time. Once in California, he spent two years as a Paid Call Firefighter with the Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County before being hired by the Daly City Fire Department in 1997, and subsequently South County Fire in 1999. He was promoted to Captain in 2008 and has served as an Acting Battalion Chief since 2013. Kent has an AS Degree in EMS Management and is a State Certified Fire Officer, Safety Officer and Hazmat Specialist.



*From Left: Fire Captain Banks and
Administrative Battalion Chief
Thrasher*

Firefighter Brian Banks promoted to Fire Captain – August 3, 2014

Brian Banks began his fire service career as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Point Montara Fire Protection District from January 1994 through August 1998, and was a Seasonal Firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service in 1995 & 1996. He was hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Coastside Fire Protection District from August 1998 until May 2008. In June of the same year he began working for the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department which became the Belmont Fire Department in October 2011.

Brian obtained his Bachelors of Science in Fire Protection Technology from Cogswell Polytechnical College in 2008 and has served as an Acting Captain since October 2011. He has been a Paramedic since 1999 and is a State Qualified Instructor in Low-Angle Rope Rescue Operations, HazMat First Responder Operations, Awareness & Decontamination, Driver/Operator Emergency Vehicle Operations and Basic Fire Pump Operations.

Fire Captain Mike Towns promoted to Administrative Battalion Chief – December 1, 2014

Mike Towns has been promoted to Administrative Battalion Chief serving all three agencies. He started his fire career as a volunteer the summer he graduated from High School with the Foster City Fire Department, hired full time in 1990 as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Mike was promoted to Fire Captain in 2002. He is a State Certified Officer and Fire Instructor and is the Secretary for the San Mateo County Communication Technology Committee. Working not only with Foster City, but also other jurisdictions, Mike has become a leader in San Mateo County for his dedication to improving radio communication in the Fire Service. Mike represents all City Fire Departments in the Northern California on the State FIRESCOPE Committee and is a Communications Unit Leader for the Federal Incident Management Team. Chief Towns will be a great asset to our command staff and his education, training and years of experience will serve our organization for years to come.



*Administrative Battalion
Chief Towns*

Firefighter Lou Warner promoted to Fire Captain - December 16, 2014

Lou Warner began his fire career with the East Contra Costa County Fire District then with the Monterey Airport Fire Department. He was hired as firefighter by the Foster City Fire Department in 2007. Before his promotion to Captain, Lou worked over 2,000 hours as an acting captain. Captain Warner is a water rescue technician and a certified SCBA technician. He's part of the joint training committee, oversees the Rope Rescue Program and has been a mentor to probationary firefighters.



Fire Captain Warner

Significant Calls



February 4 – 2 Alarm Fire at 853 Vega Circle, Foster City

- ♦ February 24—Electrical Fire at Commercial Building, 1301 Shoreway Road, Belmont
- ♦ May 21 – Gas Leak at Safeway area in Foster City
- ♦ June 15—Vehicle through structure, 1225 Chula Vista Drive, Belmont
- ♦ September 15—Apartment building fire, 2301 Carlmont Drive, Belmont
- ♦ September 20 – Multiple vehicle car fire in apartment garage on 3655 Colegrove Street, San Mateo
- ♦ September 26 – Double fatality on ECR involving Sam Trans Bus and passenger bus, San Mateo
- ♦ November 14—GoPro Building Fire, 3000 Clearview Way, San Mateo
- ♦ November 22—Apartment building fire, 1100 Village Drive, Belmont
- ♦ December 19—Residential structure fire, 2740 St. James Road, Belmont
- ♦ December 11—Storm damages & flooding, Belmont/San Mateo

Significant Calls

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February 24—Electrical Fire at Commercial Building, 1301 Shoreway Road, Belmont



June 15—Vehicle through structure, 1225 Chula Vista Drive, Belmont



December 11—Storm damages & flooding, Belmont



December 11—Storm damages & flooding, San Mateo

Significant Calls

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September 15—Apartment building fire, 2301 Carlmont Drive, Belmont



Mutual Aid Response

Redwood City—Six alarm fire at a machine shop in Redwood City on Douglas Avenue. Battalion 5, Truck 21, Engine 23 and Engine 25 responded.

State Mutual Aid Response



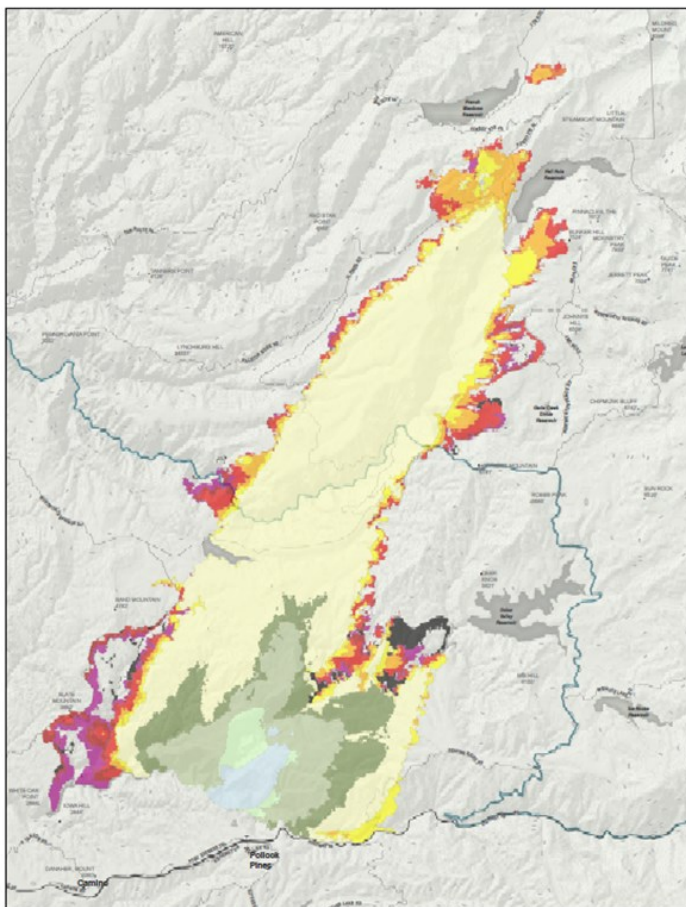
Little Deer Deployment (E123)

From left: Firefighter's Mackintosh, Seguire, Sims and Captain Henretty



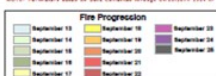
King Fire Deployment (OES291)

From left: Captain Campbell, Deputy Chief Healy, Firefighter's Martinez, Rovetti and Sims



King Fire

CA-ENF-023461
Friday, September 26, 2014



5/15-5/18/14 San Diego Complex Deployment (OES291)

San Mateo Fire Captain DelSecco
San Mateo Firefighter Santiago
San Mateo Firefighter Timpano
San Mateo Firefighter Steers

8/3-8/7/14 Little Deer Deployment

Engine 123:

San Mateo Fire Captain Henretty
San Mateo Firefighter Mackintosh
San Mateo Firefighter Seguire
San Mateo Firefighter Sims

Engine 128:

Foster City Fire Captain Brown
Foster City Fire Captain Goodwin
Foster City Firefighter Olson
Foster City Firefighter Santos

Engine 115:

Belmont Fire Captain Engler
Belmont Firefighter Banks
Belmont Firefighter Rossi
Belmont Firefighter Reardon

8/4-8/13/14 August Cover/Lodge Complex Deployment (Engine 115)

BC Borean-Strike Team Leader
Belmont Fire Captain Engler
Belmont Firefighter Banks
Belmont Firefighter Rossi
Belmont Firefighter Reardon

9/15-9/26/14 King Fire Deployment (OES291)

DFC Healy-Strike Team Leader
San Mateo Fire Captain Campbell
San Mateo Firefighter Sims
San Mateo Firefighter Martinez
San Mateo Firefighter Rovetti

State Mutual Aid Response

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Lodge Complex Fire Deployment

Foster City Firefighter Mike Greene Deployments:

5/14-5/20/14: Tomahawk Fire - Camp Pendleton,
8/3-8/12/14: Team Pre-Position due to high fire
activity - McClellan Business Park (Old McClellan
AFB), Sacramento,
8/12-8/20/14: Happy Camp Complex - Happy
Camp, (Klamath National Forest)
9/12-9/18/14: Silverado Fire - City of Orange
(Orange County and Cleveland National Forest)

Foster City Firefighter Jobee Farrer Deployments:

Butts Fire-LNU Lake Co
Bully Fire-SHU Shasta Co
Day Fire-LMU Modoc Co.
Lodge Complex-MEU Mendocino Co.
King Fire-ENF Eldorado Co.



King Fire Deployment (as seen from Lake Tahoe)



Lodge Complex Fire Deployment

Budget

Belmont Fire Department Budget

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>Budgeted Personnel</u>
Suppression/Rescue	\$ 6,144,853	\$ 6,232,860	21
HazMat	\$ 513,552	\$ 451,661	0.3
Fire Administration	\$ 978,261	\$ 1,009,843	1.7
	\$ 7,636,666	\$ 7,694,364	23

FY 14/15 Belmont's fire services cost per Capita based on 2013 Census Population of 26,731 - \$287.84

Foster City Fire Department Budget

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>Budgeted Personnel</u>
Fire Operations	\$ 6,877,234	\$ 833,423	33
Fire Prevention	\$ 273,503	\$ 283,687	2
Fire Administration	\$ 695,505	\$ 7,150,553	2.5
	\$ 7,846,242	\$ 8,267,663	37.5

FY 14/15 Foster City's fire services cost per Capita based on 2013 Census Population of 32,377 - \$255.36

San Mateo Fire Department Budget

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>Budgeted Personnel</u>
Fire Operations	\$ 16,587,104	\$ 17,670,425	72.5
Fire Training Division	\$ 393,763	\$ 337,297	0
Fire Prevention*	\$ 1,298,832	\$ 1,955,361	8.48
Fire Emergency Planning	\$ 312,654	\$ 391,218	1
Fire Administration	\$ 976,673	\$ 1,300,135	5
	\$ 19,569,026	\$ 21,654,436	86.98

FY 14/15 San Mateo's fire services cost per Capita based on 2013 Census Population of 101,128 - \$214.13

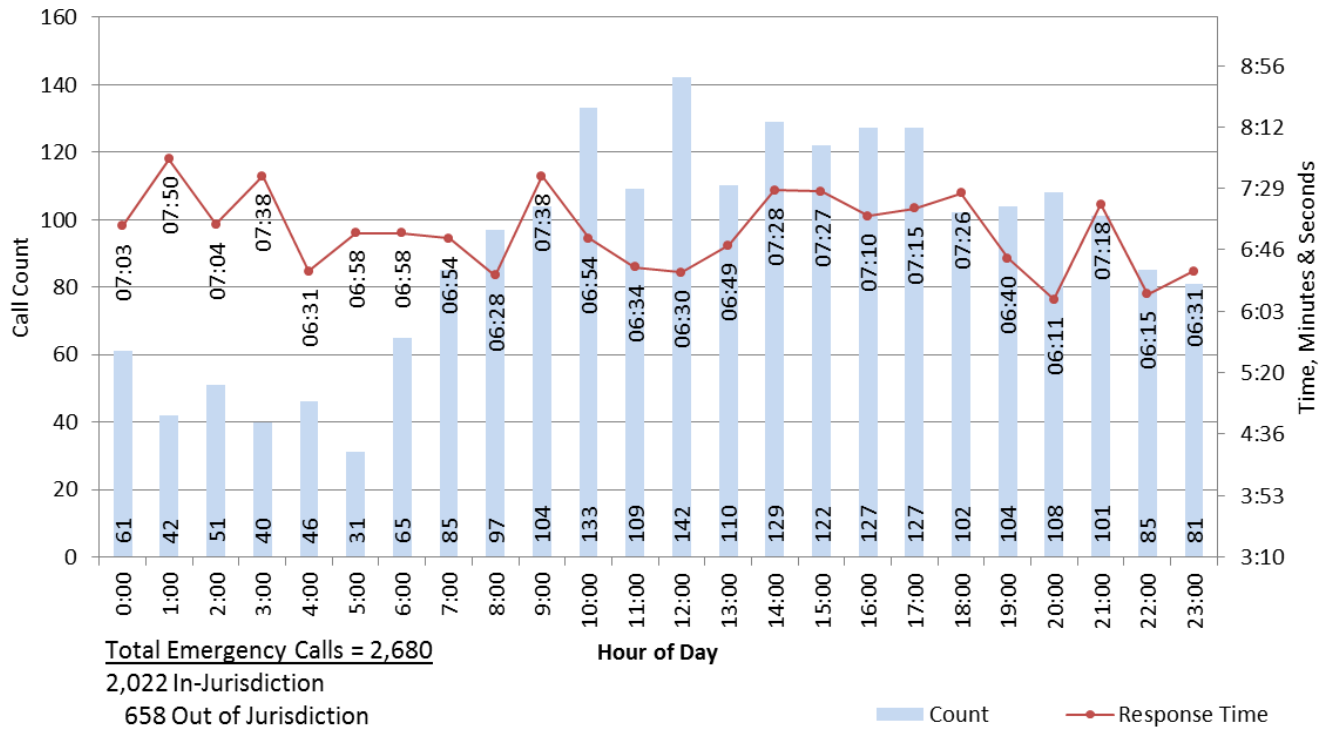
**Fire Prevention not included in fire service cost; it is a cost recovery program*

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>
JPA	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Shared Services	\$ 150,000	\$ 243,200
Fire Prevention	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,666,668
	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 2,209,868

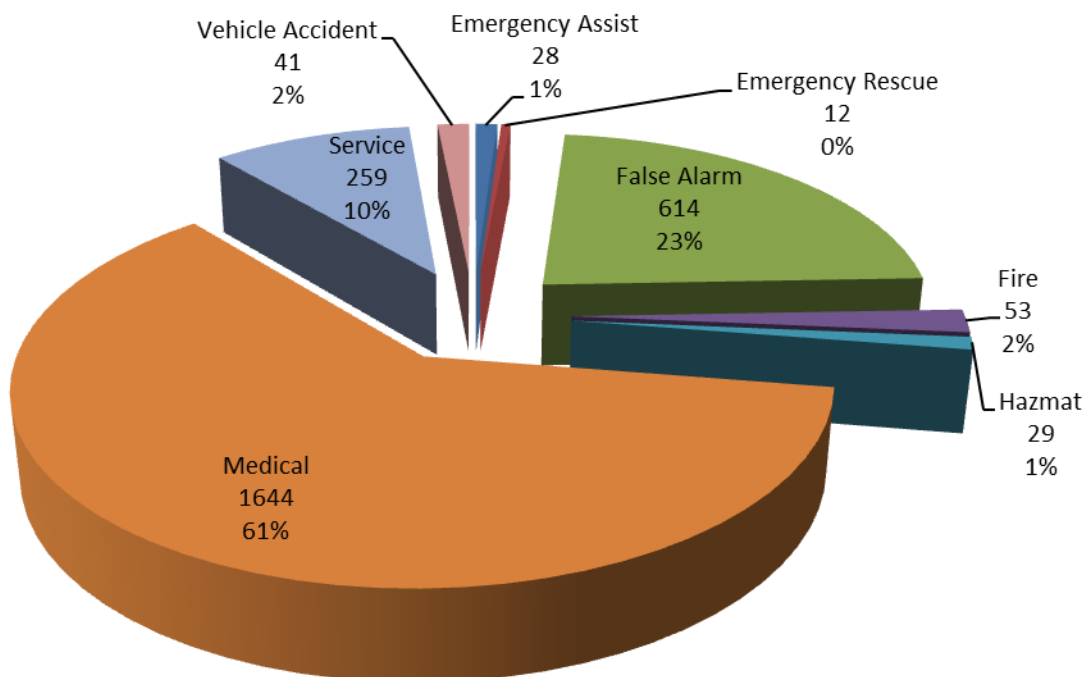
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Belmont

Calendar Year 2014 - Belmont Fire Department
Emergency Call Count & 90th Percentile Response Time
by Hour of Day



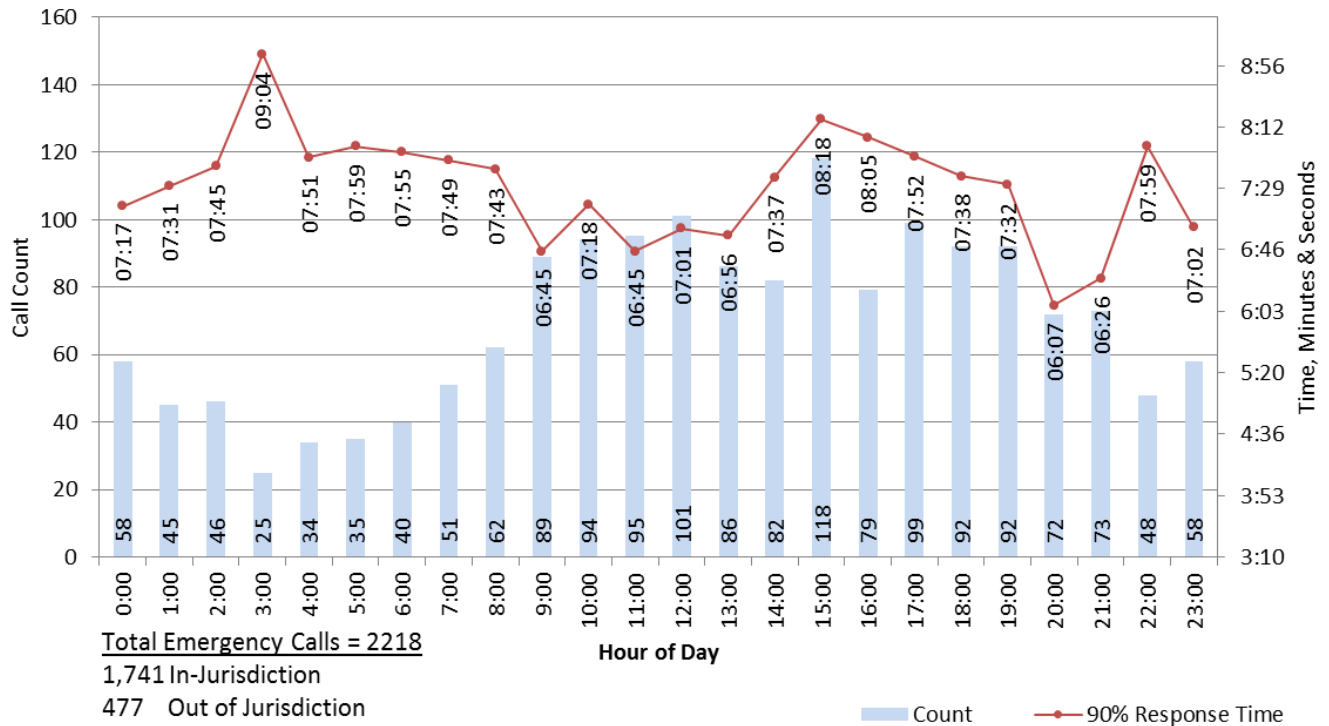
Call Count by Incident Type - Belmont (2,680)



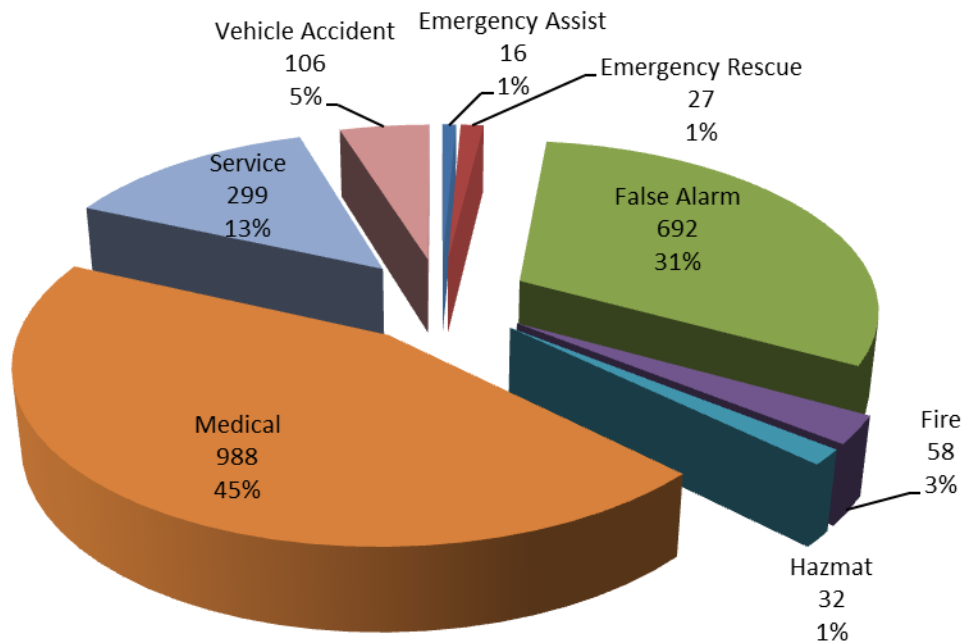
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Foster City

Calendar Year 2014 - Foster City Fire Department
In-Jurisdiction Call Count & 90th Percentile Response Time
by Hour of Day



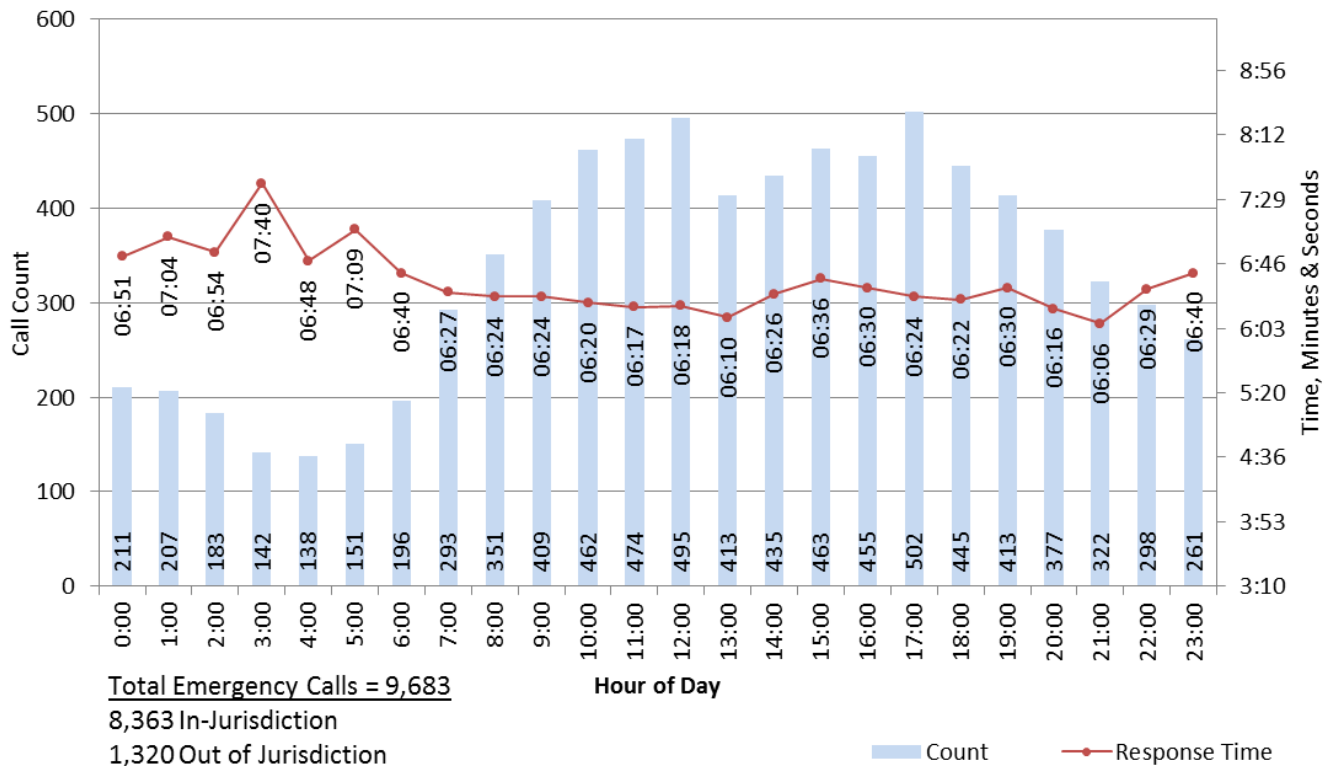
Call Count by Incident Type - Foster City (2,218)



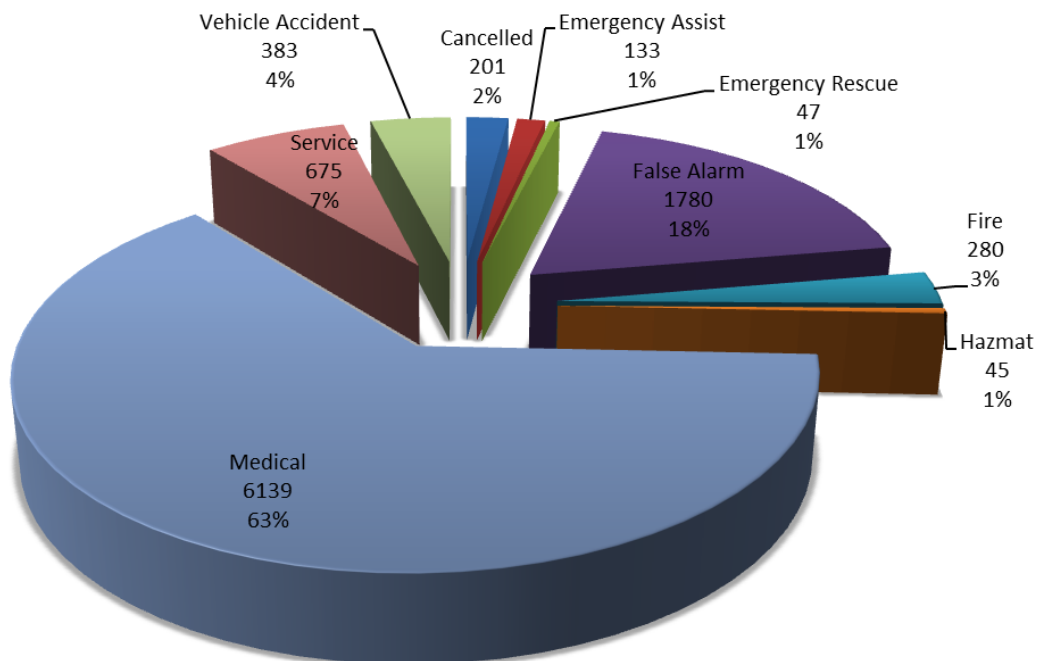
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San Mateo

**Calendar Year 2014 - San Mateo City Fire Department
In-Jurisdiction Call Count & 90th Percentile Response Time
by Hour of Day**



Call County by Incident Type - San Mateo (9,683)



Community Emergency Response Team

Belmont CERT Program Highlights



The City of Belmont has twenty-five CERT members who meet regularly and who play an important role in assisting with projects pertaining to emergency preparedness and other activities throughout the community. All participants are designated volunteers with the city and in addition to completing an application all have a criminal background check via a California DOJ Live Scan fingerprint check.



Sober Prom Event

On April 24th CERT Volunteers participated with several city departments in the Sober Prom event held at Carlmont High School in Belmont. Volunteers assisted with logistical support and traffic control during the event.



Storm Response & Shelter Operation

On December 11th CERT Volunteers assisted in both the EOC and field, including at a shelter that was established by the county for evacuees from 100 Harbor Blvd. in the Harbor Industrial Area (HIA).



Silver Dragon Exercise

Belmont's CERT Volunteers teamed up the City of San Mateo's CERT Team on April 17th for the Silver Dragon VIII Exercise, which was led by the San Mateo County Health Services Agency.



Holiday Open House & Toy Drive

On December 19th CERT Volunteers assisted fire personnel with their Holiday Open House in conjunction with their annual Toy Drive at Fire Station 14. The event included the opportunity for kids and their families to play in snow, meet Santa, tour the fire station and enjoy refreshments.



County Emergency Preparedness Day

CERT Volunteers participated in this year's San Mateo County Emergency Preparedness Day Event held on June 7th at the San Mateo County Event Center.



National Night Out Event

CERT Volunteers provided educational materials at the city's National Night Out Event on August 5th.

Community Emergency Response Team

Foster City CERT Program Highlights



2014 was an exciting year for the Foster City CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) program! 2014 program highlights include:

- In April, more than 30 of our CERT members participated in the 8th Annual Countywide Silver Dragon Exercise, distributing tote-bags full of disaster preparedness information to 1605 homes in Neighborhoods 1 and 2.
- In July, the Fire Department hosted a Fire Safety Class at Foster City's Corporation Yard. 24 CERT Members joined the entire on-duty Fire Crew, plus 7 Fire Cadets for a night of putting out live fire, cribbing and search and rescue in the Fire Department's Training tower.
- In August, the Foster City CERT Community took over a part of Leo Ryan Park to demonstrate to the residents of Foster City what CERT is all about. With live demonstrations, disaster planning, food and family fun, "living! LOCAL™ Are You Ready? Foster City Emergency Preparedness Day!" engaged Foster City residents in the CERT motto "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."
- In September, we sent out an activation notice for CERT members to report the Fire Station with almost no notice. 35 CERTs responded and were tasked with going door-to-door to deliver fogging alert information in the form of door hangers to approximately 2100 homes and businesses in neighborhoods 6, 7, and 8.
- In 2014, we began a pilot Business Emergency Response Training (BERT) program with national pharmaceutical leader, Gilead Sciences. BERT is designed to prepare local businesses in emergency preparedness and resiliency, while incorporating more rescuers into the Foster City CERT Program. We trained 20 Gilead Sciences employees in our CERT Program. Those trained members will respond to Gilead first or their home jurisdiction then they can respond with the Foster City CERT Community (as part of Neighborhood 1).
- For the first time ever, members of the Foster City Amateur Radio Emergency Services (FCARES) group participated in a city emergency drill with Foster City employees. HAM Radio operators / CERT Members, working out of the out the CERT large utility trailer, directed incoming radio traffic from San Mateo County Office of Emergency Service (OES) to Foster City's Emergency Operations Center.
- Again in December, 20 CERT members responded to an activation notice asking for help filling sandbags for Foster City residents fortifying their homes for an incoming storm.



CERT Members participating in the Silver Dragon exercise.



Are You Ready? Foster City Emergency Preparedness Day



Gilead Sciences' employees practicing CERT skills

Community Emergency Response Team

San Mateo CERT Program Highlights

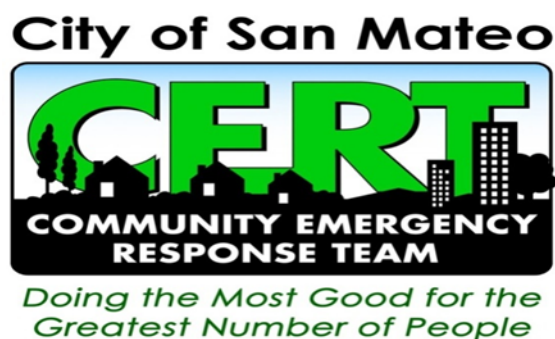
During 2014, the Office of Emergency Services delivered 2 full CERT Series. In total, there were 104 students enrolled this year. In addition to CERT, our 2 hour “Get Ready” course continues to draw many students and has been given for Social Groups, Homeowners Associations, and Schools.



Members of our 31st Graduating Class take a break on skills day for a quick picture outside Station 23.



CERT Members staff the Evacuation Center at CSM to help flood victims during the December storms.



This year, the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce joined us in our community initiative, called the “Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Involved” Campaign. This campaign received the Helen Putnam award for excellence from the League of California Cities in 2012. The campaign promotes Neighborhood Watch, CERT, Business and Commerce awareness, Volunteering and membership in our Homeowners Associations.



CERT Members gather for a Command Post briefing prior to being deployed during our 8th Annual Silver Dragon Exercise.

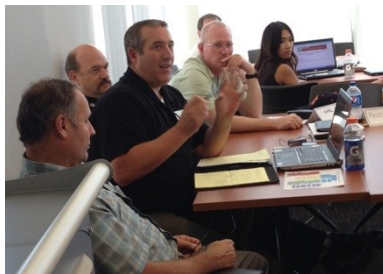
Office of Emergency Services

San Mateo ~ Foster City

In 2014, the Office of Emergency Services participated as a member of the San Mateo County Emergency Managers Association, with Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Euchner elected to serve as Vice President of the organization.

As members of the San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Services Organization, all three cities participated in the revision process of the Joint Powers Agreement, with each city council adopting the final revision of the document in November 2014.

The Office of Emergency Services participated in many initiatives in collaboration with the San Mateo County Operational Area including review and revision of the Operational area Emergency Operations Plan. All cities sent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff members to participate in a Multiagency Coordination System (MACS) Workshop held on October 2, 2014 sponsored by the County and held at the College of San Mateo.



All cities also participated in a county sponsored functional drill and tabletop exercise, "Operation Cohesive Capability", held on December 3, 2014. The drill allowed each city to exercise its EOC, test interagency communication capabilities with the WebEOC software tool, and to assess technology needs. The tabletop portion allowed City Managers from multiple agencies to discuss decision making and prioritization process steps for coping with a regional disaster.



In 2014, the Foster City and San Mateo City Councils approved a shared full time Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position, now staffed by Jenelle Masterson. Over the course of the year, seven EOC section specific training classes were attended by 83 EOC staff members from Belmont, Foster City and San Mateo. The Office of Emergency Services also collaborated with other city departments including the City Clerk, Public Works, Human Resources, Information Technology and Parks and Recreation on an Ebola Response Plan and other projects that will strengthen the overall emergency preparedness program.



The Office of Emergency Services led the city in responding to the December 11, 2014 Winter Storm by coordinating a partial activation of San Mateo's Emergency Operations Center. Governor Brown declared a state of emergency for San Mateo County on December 22, 2014, resulting in the possibility of cost recovery. OES will continue to work with the San Mateo County Operational Area in 2015 to ensure the greatest recovery of costs incurred during the winter storm.

Community Outreach

Belmont



Sober Prom Event

On April 24th Belmont Fire Protection District and CERT Volunteers participated with the Belmont Police Department and several other agencies in a Sober Prom Event held at Carlmont High School. Part of the event simulated a traffic collision involving injuries and the extrication of several “student participants”, which was presented during a lunchtime assembly. The event is designed to show high school seniors the hazards and potential serious outcomes associated with drinking and driving.



NDNU Homecoming Event

On October 3rd the Belmont Fire Department participated in Notre Dame de Namur’s Homecoming Event which included an Iron Chef Competition with the Belmont Police Department.



Burn Relay

On October 28th representatives from the Belmont Firefighters Association presented a check for \$750 towards the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to enhance the quality of life of burn survivors and promote burn prevention education. Their donation will pay for a child to attend Champ-Camp, a week-long summer residential summer camp for burn survivors, ages 5-16 years.



Holiday Open House & Toy Drive

On December 19th the Belmont Firefighters held their Holiday Open House in conjunction with their annual Toy Drive at Fire Station 14. The event included the opportunity for kids and their families to play in snow, meet Santa, tour the fire station and enjoy refreshments.



National Night Out Event

Belmont Firefighters participated in this year’s National Night Out Event on August 5th.

Community Outreach

Foster City



Splash Down 2014, Division Whiskey Op Briefing This was a great opportunity to build relationships and enhance multi-jurisdictional/agency water rescue operations.

Note: The SMC SO Boat and FCFD/SMFD fire crews are on the far right.



Roof prop at Foster City's Training Tower— Additional improvements/repairs made.

Firefighter of the Year Award Recipient **Foster City Fire Captain Steve DiMauro**

Steve receives this award for his dedication to our Community Emergency Preparedness Team Training Program

He manages a crew on Engine 28, but in his spare time he tirelessly trains regular citizens on how to prepare themselves and then their help their community in case of an emergency

Steve handles all the logistics for the CERT program, including maintenance on the 5 CERT trailers housed at the Corporation Yard

He coordinates resources on the Fire side for CERT events

Steve shows tremendous dedication, coming in on his days off to work on CERT

He's trained over 200 citizens and helped shape the Foster City CERT Program into the huge success it is today



June 2014—Foster City's Annual Art & Wine Festival
From Left: Firefighters Haena, Olson & Leatham

Foster City Fire Station #28 Open House Event

The Foster City Fire Department held its annual Open House in conjunction with the Police Department in October of 2014, allowing Foster City residents the opportunity to meet its Fire and Police Departments. Fire demonstrations and free blood pressure checks by firefighters were offered. Over 1000 residents attended our Open House.

Community Outreach

San Mateo

Firefighters Toys for Tots Program

Our program has been in existence (in one form or another) for over 40 years now, and none of what we do would be possible without the time that everyone (suppression & admin personnel, cadets, explorer and community members) puts in.

In 2014, SMFD staff donated almost 400 volunteer hours of their own time.

Over a dozen local businesses helped in the toy collection efforts by hosting a barrel during December. Led by Firefighter Mark Volkman, barrel collections at Talbots, Fitness 19, AAA Insurance, CapCom and others provided toys to hundreds of local children.

Turnbull School/College Park Day with Santa Event



San Mateo Firefighter Greg “Santa” Wilson and his helpers gave presents to over 400 children. Volunteers set a new record wrapping all 400 gifts in just under an hour!

Hillsdale Mall Toy Booth



The Toy Booth took in literally thousands of toys for Samaritan House and St Anthony's again this year. **Volunteers put in over 250 hours** staffing the booth all day for 23 days in December.



Santa and Mrs. Clause deliver toys on Engine 21



On December 24, 2014, San Mateo Station 24 had its first ever all-female fire engine company. Fire Captain Kim Archambault (pictured center), Firefighter's Stefanie Diashyn (left) and Brittney Blanco (right).

Organizations Supported by Firefighters' Toys for Tots

San Mateo Police PAL, Samaritan House of San Mateo, St Anthony's (Menlo Park), Coastside Hope, San Mateo County Labor Council, Peninsula Station (Mid-Pen Housing), CORA, Valley Christmas Project, PCRC of San Mateo, Eternal Life Church (East Palo Alto) & At the Crossroads (SF Mission)

Community Outreach

San Mateo (Continued)



2014 California Firefighters Summer Olympics

San Mateo took the Gold Medal in Softball again this year. 3-1 in pool play and undefeated in medal brackets.

From top left: Deputy Fire Chief Healy, Firefighter's Volkman, Dooley, Olazar, Sandoval, Fire Chief Keefe, Firefighter's McKinney, Seguine, Stanovcak, Retired Captain Galvin and Retired Firefighter Hart. From bottom left: Firefighter's Ikeda, Timpano, Lavezzo, Mackintosh, Perry and Galvin



Stick Ball Bronze Medalist. From top left: Firefighter's Mackintosh, Olazar, Seguine, Dooley, Sandoval, Captain Sorensen and Firefighter Perry. From bottom left: Firefighter's Timpano, Lavezzo and Galvin.

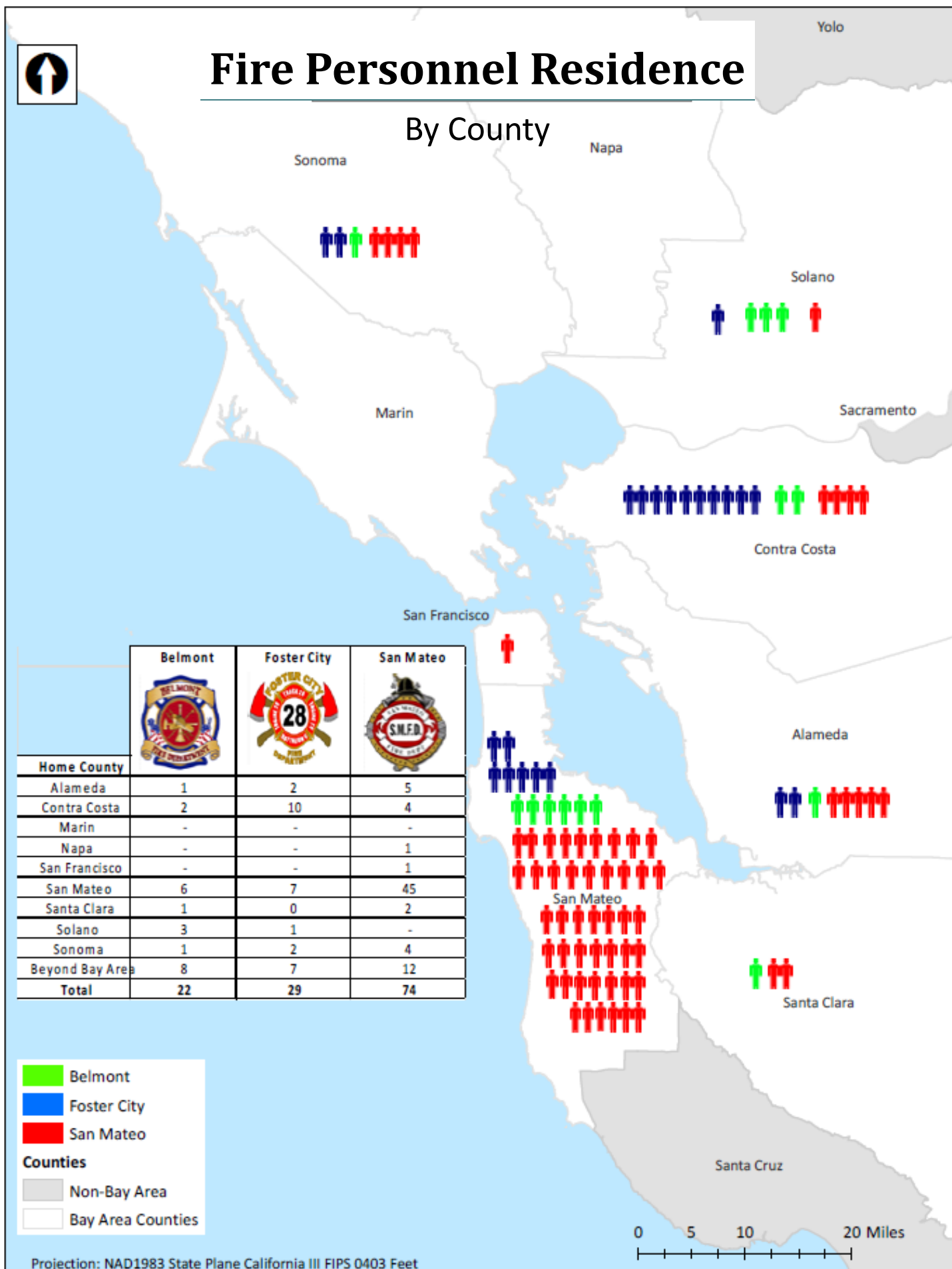


Cycling Road Race Bronze Medalist Firefighter Greg Spanier on the left.



Fire Personnel Residence

By County



Training

Central San Mateo County Training Division

MISSION

The primary mission of the Training and EMS Division is to provide annual training for all fire personnel in all areas of Fire Suppression, EMS and Special Operations.



PROGRAM FUNCTIONS

- Provide annual mandated and continuing education training to all suppression personnel through a shared Training and EMS program with neighboring agencies.
- Document all training provided and certifications received by personnel.
- Provide career development guidance and support.
- Standardize emergency operations within the central area of San Mateo County through on-going training and evaluation.
- Ensure that each safety member will receive all mandated County, State and/or Federal emergency medical services training during the fiscal year.
- Maintain contractual requirement for paramedic first-response service provided to ensure a maximum response time (turn out and travel time) of six minutes, 59 seconds with jurisdictions served for 90% of all emergency medical incidents.
- Represent the participating agencies' EMS interests with the San Mateo County EMS Agency.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in Joint San Mateo County Wildland Exercise
- Hosted Rapid Intervention Crew Training for all personnel
- Administered Probationary Testing for new recruits
- Participated in Urban Shield Exercise
- Introduced Modern Fire Behavior Tactics and Strategy
- Recertified all paramedics in Advance Life Support
- Recertified all Emergency Medical Technicians
- Live Fire Training for all personnel

PERFORMANCE/WORKLOAD MEASURES	2012	2013	2014 Actual
Complete required annual continuing education training for all paramedics and (EMTs)			
Training hours completed	15,619	16,165	17,571
Driver training hours	3,774	2,749	1,796
EMS training hours	1,818	1,582	4,360
Wildland hours	1,203	1,873	1,757

Bureau of Fire Prevention

San Mateo

Plan Review and Inspections

- fire alarm and sprinkler systems
- construction – new and tenant improvement

Fire/Life Safety Inspections

- multi-residential
- schools - public and private
- hospitals
- elderly care facilities
- high rise
- places of assembly
- day care
- commercial occupancies
- construction

Code Development

- state adoption
- local amendments

Code Compliance Consultation

- large development
- technical

Wildland Urban Interface

- code enforcement
- vegetation management

Public Education

- schools
- community

Fire Cause and Origin Investigation

- state law requirements

2014 Bureau Statistics

1492	Engine Company MRIP Inspections
440	Housing Inspections
232	State Mandated Inspections (Schools, Hospitals, High Rise, Care Facilities & Assembly Occupancies)
280	Commercial Inspections
675	Construction Inspections
568	Total Re-inspections
257	Complaint Inspections
844	Plan Reviews

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Foster City

The Foster City Fire Bureau is responsible for the management and enforcement of all City fire and life safety codes.

Fire Prevention conducts meetings, reviews building plans to ensure proposed designs meet current State, National and local fire codes and local ordinance requirements and inspects occupancies during the various stages of construction. The inspections include but are not limited to; fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, hazardous material handling, use and storage, additionally, verify that all life safety systems are provided and are adequately maintained. The Bureau also provides fire loss investigations to determining the origin and cause of fires.

Major 2014 Projects/Accomplishments:

- Testing and inspections for Gilead's new 6 story high rise lab/pilot plant & office building (355 Velocity Way) with new 6 story parking structure
- Plan review inspections and testing for Gilead's 101 Lincoln Centre building
- Initial plan reviews for 309 Velocity Way new 10 story Gilead building and parking structure
- Plan reviews of Foster Square - 15 acres site residential & commercial project
- Inspections and testing of Gilead's 303 Velocity Way building.
- Plan reviews for Pilgrim/Triton residential (Waverly) project
- Inspections and testing for 551 Foster City Blvd. 6 story residential and commercial Triton Pointe (behind Chevron)
- Continued San Mateo plan checking (San Mateo reimburses Foster City for this service)

2014 Bureau Statistics	
478	Engine Company Inspections (includes State Mandated Inspections)
524	Construction Inspections
19	Complaint Inspections
242	Plan Reviews

Fire Station 24

San Mateo



Old Station 24

The new two-story fire station #24 replaced an existing single-story fire station that was built in 1948. The intent of the new Fire Station is to meet the operational needs of the fire department and to serve the community for the next 50 -60 years. The size of the station was increased to accommodate individual bedrooms, and a larger apparatus room that will now house a primary and a reserve fire engine. The 1948 fire station did not meet the Essential Services building construction standards for seismic safety. The new fire station was built to sustain a major earthquake without significant damage and remain operational during a major disaster.

Some of the most significant features include a steel and wood frame designed to withstand a substantial earthquake, an emergency generator that is capable to power the station for an extended time, and a drive-thru bay that will limit the traffic hazards that firefighters are exposed to when backing into the fire station. The south facing exterior will also have a “Living Wall” of plants.

Facts & Features

- ◆ Demolition began July 19, 2013
- ◆ Designed to the latest seismic requirements
- ◆ Drive-thru Apparatus Bay
- ◆ 83k Watt Emergency Generator
- ◆ Fire Pole
- ◆ Cost \$3,449,000



January 15, 2014



May 20, 2014



June 19, 2014



July 18, 2014

	<u>Station (#4) 24</u>	<u>Station #24</u>
Year Built	1948	2014
Size	2400 sq.ft.	5724 sq.ft.
Height	Single Story	Two Stories
Construction	Wood Frame	Wood & Steel Frame
Equipment	1st Line Engine	1st Line Engine & Reserve Engine
Staffing	1 Fire Captain, 2 Firefighters	1 Fire Captain, 2 Firefighters
Quarters	Common Dormitory	4 Individual Bedrooms

Fire Station 24

Grand Opening & Dedication



August 26, 2014 Grand Opening and Dedication of Fire Station #24—Flag Presentation Ceremony



Honor Guard with Fire Chief Michael Keefe and Bagpiper Larry Horton

(From left: Firefighter/Medic Balestrieri, Firefighter Blanco, Firefighter Lutticken, Firefighter Lavezzo, Bagpiper Horton, Firefighter Avalos, Fire Captain Eitel, Fire Chief Keefe & Firefighter McGurk)

Fire Station 24

Grand Opening & Dedication (continued)



San Mateo Mayor Robert Ross and Council Member Jack Matthews during the Ribbon Cutting

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