

Mokelumne Fire District

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Welcome to the Mokelumne Fire District Newsletter!

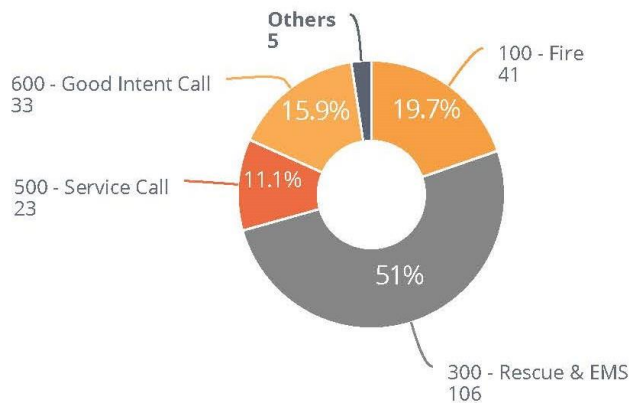
We are thrilled to bring you the latest updates and important news. In this edition, we will cover several exciting developments and essential safety tips. Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged with all the activities and improvements happening within the Mokelumne Fire District.

INCIDENTS CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Mokelumne Fire District experienced a busy June and July 2024, with a total of 208 calls. This included 41 fire calls, 106 EMS calls, and 61 other types of calls. The district has prepared for an early and active fire season.



Percentage of Incident Type Group



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MAJOR INCIDENTS

The Mokelumne Fire District has handled several major incidents recently, including supporting other incidents in neighboring areas. We experienced a busy 4th of July and the following weeks, responding to multiple grass fires, a couple of house fires, and a couple of shop fires. The team has been working diligently to manage these emergencies and ensure the safety of the community.



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STRIKE TEAM DEPLOYMENTS

California Strike Teams are specialized groups of firefighters and equipment deployed to major incidents, such as wildfires, that require additional resources. These teams can consist of engines, hand crews, or specialized equipment, and they are dispatched based on the needs of the incident.

Strike Teams are commonly used during California's fire season when multiple large fires occur simultaneously, overwhelming local resources. These teams are typically made up of personnel from various fire agencies across the state, ensuring that resources are available to respond to emergencies regardless of their location.

Deployments are coordinated through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the teams are mobilized quickly to support local efforts in managing and containing wildfires. The use of Strike Teams allows for a rapid and organized response to large-scale emergencies, helping to protect life, property, and the environment.

The firefighters from the Mokelumne Fire District have been actively engaged in strike team deployments across California and even responded to an incident in Oregon. Their efforts have been crucial in supporting wildfire response and ensuring public safety.

Deployments to date:

INCIDENT	APPARATUS
POINT FIRE	E13-2
SITES FIRE	E13-2
BASIN FIRE	E13-2
FRENCH FIRE	E13-2
LAKE FIRE	E13-2
FALLS FIRE (OREGON)	OES 4613
PARK FIRE	OES 4613



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FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY

To enhance safety and fire prevention, the Mokelumne Fire District requires creating defensible space around all structures, combustible properties, and property lines, in accordance with a county ordinance on weed abatement. This involves maintaining a minimum firebreak and clearing the area of combustibles, dry grass, and weeds. The district has been sending out notices to property owners to ensure these precautions are taken. For more information on fire reduction guidelines, please refer to the Mokelumne Fire District's website.

NEW CAPABILITIES

The Mokelumne Fire District was recently awarded a LUCAS device for CPR from the San Joaquin County EMS Agency. This advanced mechanical chest compression system will significantly enhance our emergency medical services.

The LUCAS device provides consistent, high-quality chest compressions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which is crucial for maintaining blood flow to vital organs. By ensuring the correct depth and rate of compressions, the device helps improve patient outcomes during cardiac emergencies.

Additionally, the LUCAS device allows our medical personnel to focus on other critical tasks, such as administering medications and preparing for defibrillation, while the device performs continuous compressions. This capability is particularly valuable during patient transport, where manual CPR can be challenging to perform effectively.

Overall, the LUCAS device will improve the quality of care we provide, reduce responder fatigue, and enhance our ability to manage cardiac emergencies efficiently.

