

WEST SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the Fire Chief



On behalf of the West Sacramento Fire Department, I am pleased to present our 2025 Annual Report. It is my hope that this report provides a transparent and comprehensive overview of the many facets of our organization, most importantly the positive impact our department has on the community we are privileged to serve.

The progress and accomplishments we experienced in 2025 were made possible in large part by the passage of Measure O and the exceptional skill, professionalism, and dedication of our personnel. This critical investment has enabled us to enhance staffing levels, modernize equipment, and strengthen our overall operational readiness, while our team's unwavering commitment ensures these resources are used to their fullest potential. Together, these efforts have resulted in faster response times, increased safety for our personnel, and a higher level of service for the community we proudly serve.

These accomplishments reflect the daily commitment of our firefighters and administrative staff, who work both on the front lines and behind the scenes to support emergency response, serve those in crisis, and protect lives and property. I extend my sincere gratitude for their hard work, professionalism, and dedication. I would also like to recognize the families of our personnel, whose ongoing support makes this work possible. Additionally, I thank our City Manager and City Council for their continued partnership and commitment to public safety.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of West Sacramento. Your support, especially through the passage of Measure O, has made a meaningful difference in our ability to serve. Public safety is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for the trust and partnership we have with this community.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to being responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us and to providing the highest level of service in a professional, efficient, and compassionate manner.

Respectfully yours,

Steve Binns
Fire Chief

Mission & Purpose

$24.05 Million
FY 2025 Budget

75
Full-Time Positions

68
Sworn Personnel

7
Civilian Positions

5
Fire Stations
Staffed 24/7/365

3
Platoons / Shifts
of Firefighters

20
Firefighters in each
Platoon

48
Hours worked in each
Tour of Duty

11,454
Calls for Service
in 2025

53,991
Population Served

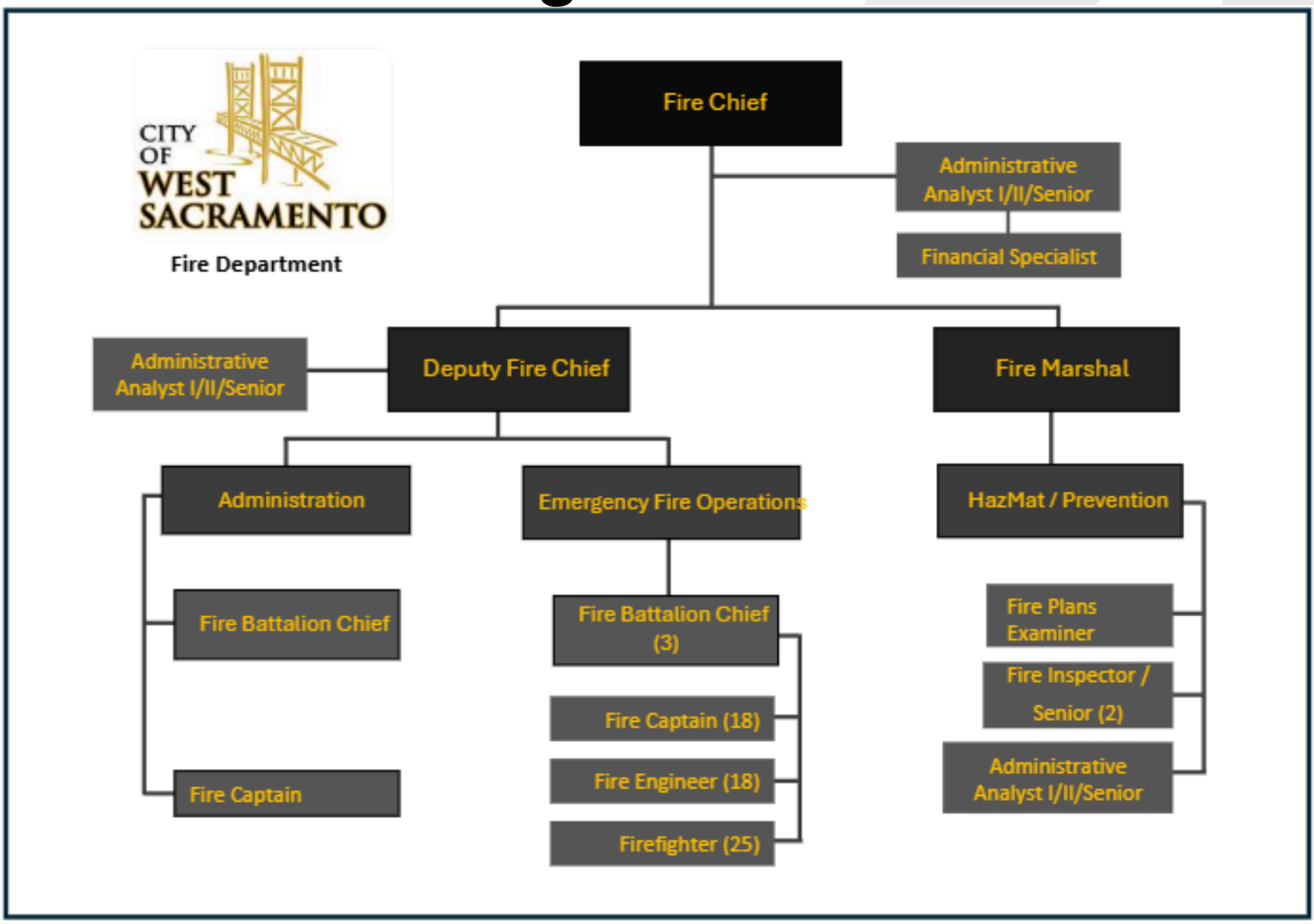
21.43 sq. mi.^{2}
Land Area Protected

The West Sacramento Fire Department (WSFD) is an all-hazards response agency dedicated to protecting life, property, and the environment. Our department responds to fires, medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents, and other natural or human caused disasters with professionalism, compassion, and efficiency.

WSFD fulfills this mission through a commitment to emergency response, proactive fire prevention, ongoing training, and community risk reduction. By working closely with our community and regional partners, we strive to ensure the safety, preparedness, and resilience of the City of West Sacramento.



Organization



The West Sacramento Fire Department is an all-hazards response agency dedicated to protecting life, property, and the environment. The Department operates through three divisions—Fire Administration, Emergency Operations, and Community Risk Reduction—which work collaboratively to deliver emergency response, fire prevention, public education, and disaster preparedness services to the community.

Department Mission & Divisions

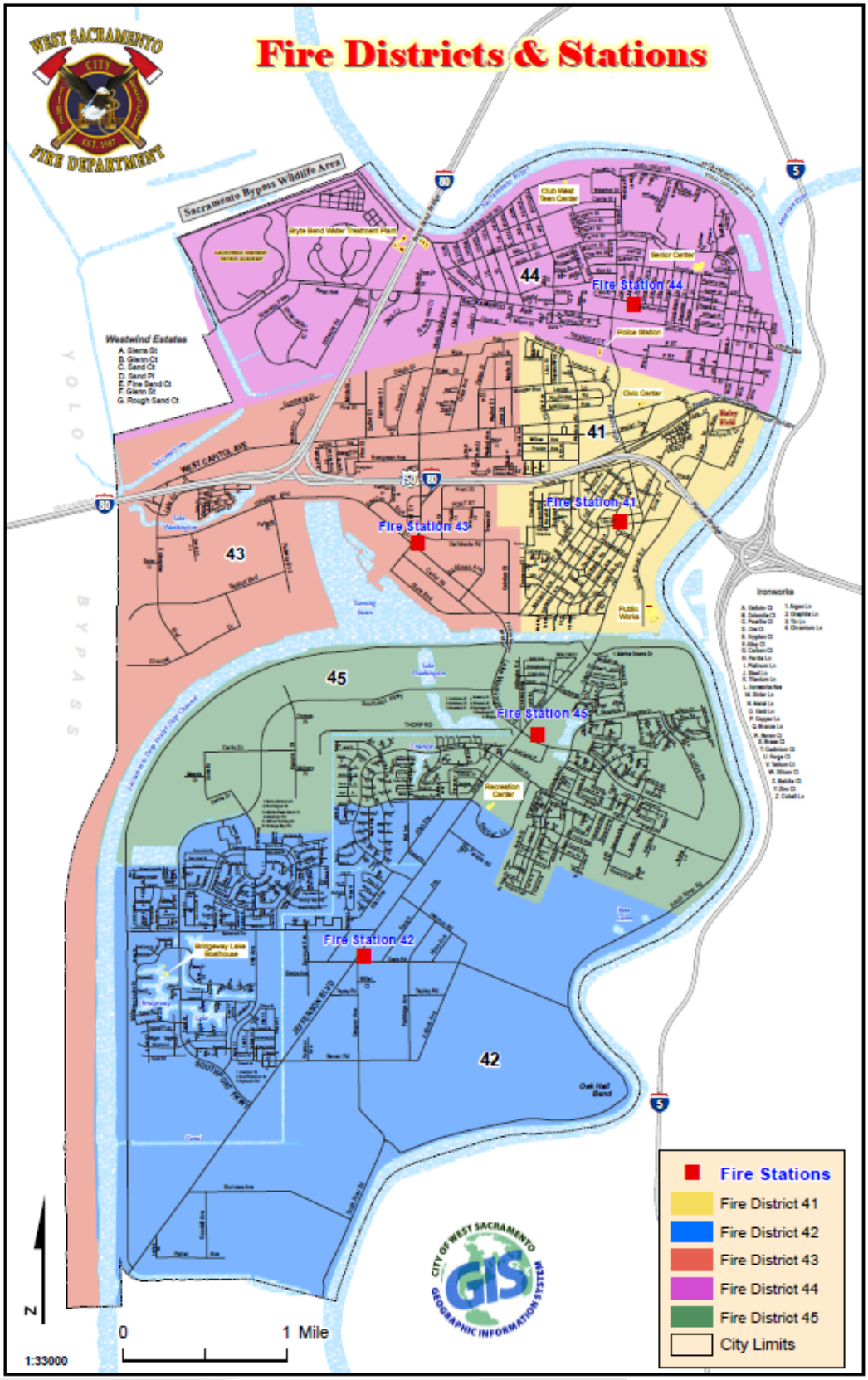
Firefighters respond to a wide range of incidents, including structure fires, wildland fires, rescues, hazardous materials incidents, and emergency medical calls. In addition to emergency response, the department actively works to reduce community risk through public outreach and preparedness initiatives.

24 hour
Staffing

75
Full -Time Employees

Incident Response & Preparedness

The department is staffed by 75 full-time firefighters, chief officers, and support staff. Firefighters work 48-hour shifts and are organized into three work groups, with 20 personnel on duty each day to respond to emergencies. Each shift is led by a Battalion Chief who provides incident command and operational leadership during emergency responses.



Station 41



Station 42



Station 43



Station 44



Station 45 / Fire Admin



Apparatus

To meet the evolving needs of our community, the West Sacramento Fire Department operates and maintains a variety of apparatus including engines and 100' aerial ladder trucks.

Additionally, on-duty crews cross-staff the following apparatus as needed:

- Type 3 Engines
- Type 5 Brush Rigs
- Water Tender-2000 gallons
- Fire/Rescue Boats
- Confined Space/Technical Rescue Trailer













FY 2025 Budget
$24.29M

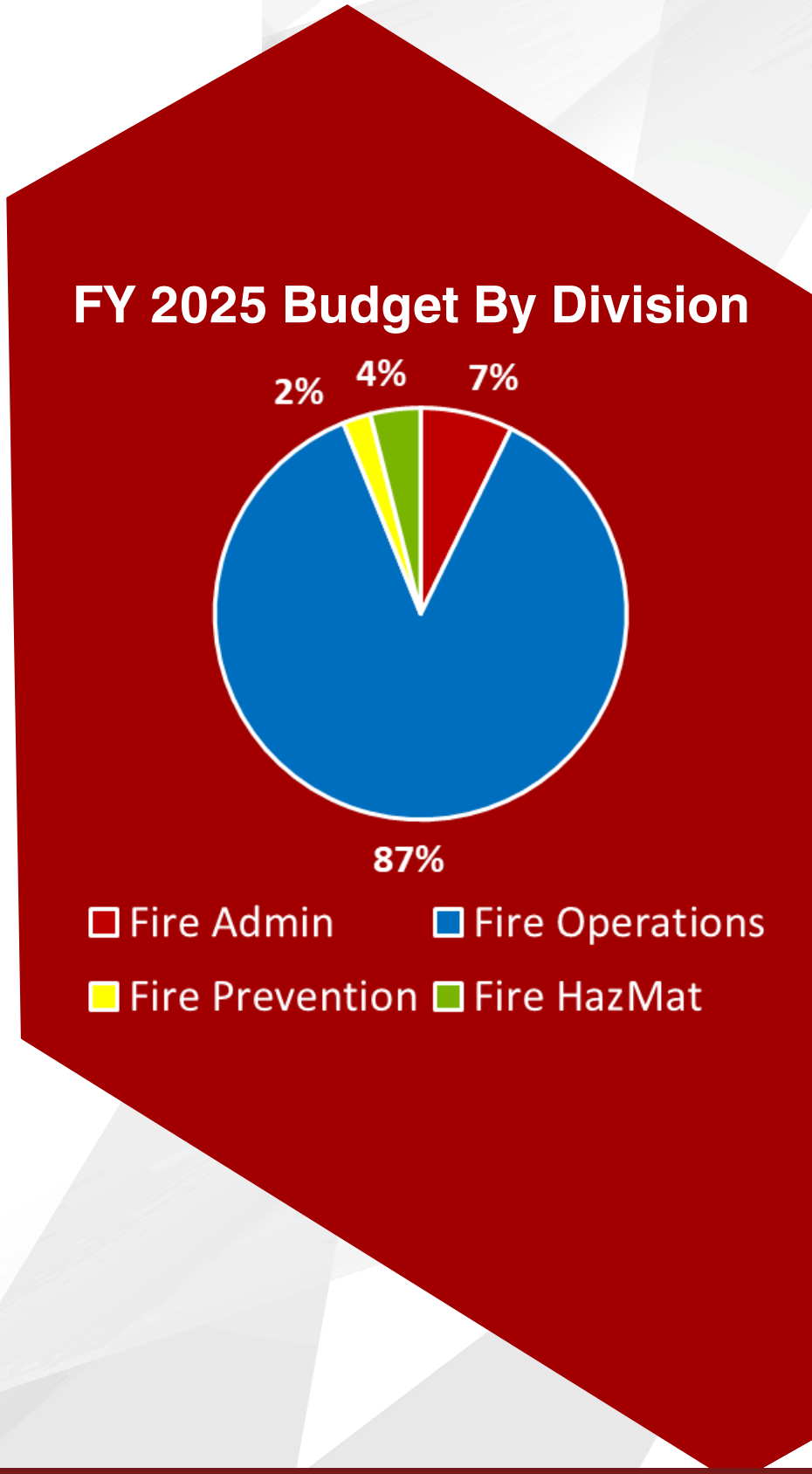
Budget Overview

The Fire Department's budget is part of the overall City budget and is approved annually by the City Council. The City operates on a fiscal year from July 1 through June 30.

The FY2025 adopted budget totals $24,285,656 and supports personnel, operational costs, equipment, and capital needs required to deliver emergency services to the community.

Fiscal Stewardship

The Fire Chief and executive staff serve as stewards of the department's financial resources. Programs and services are continually evaluated to ensure cost-effectiveness while maintaining a high level of emergency response and community protection.



Average Response Time

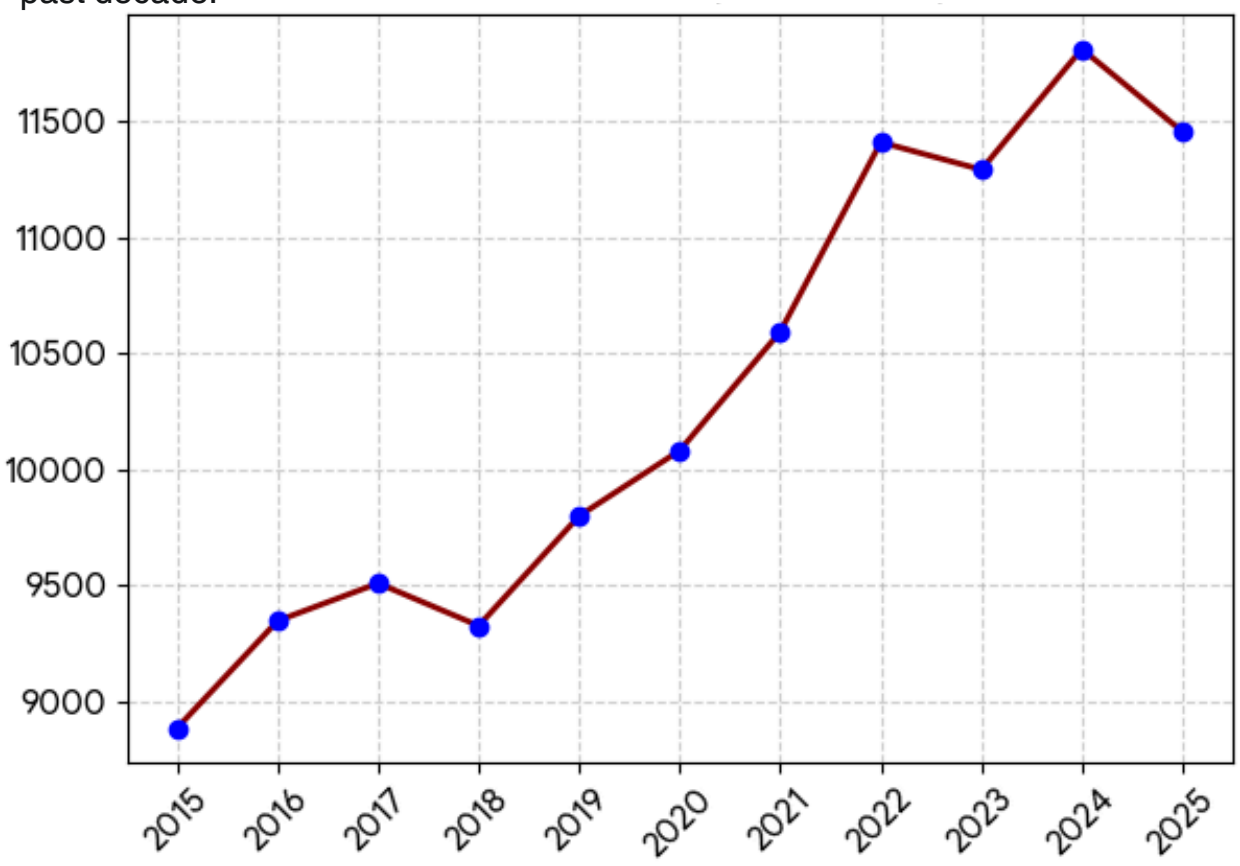
4:59

NFPA Standard 1710 establishes an 80 second “turnout time” and 240 second “travel time” (together, 320 seconds or 5 minutes and 20 seconds “response time”) as a benchmark time goal.



WSFD Response Totals 2015-2025

The City of West Sacramento has witnessed dramatic growth and change since incorporation in 1987. The following chart displays the growth in call volume for the past decade.



Operations - By the Numbers

Today, the Fire Department responds to a wide array of calls for service. These services constitute an “all risk” approach to community service and include medical emergencies, technical rescue, hazardous materials incidents, and of course, fire responses. The following graphic displays the wide variety of calls for service to which the department responded in 2025.

6,864 RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

1,728 GOOD INTENT CALLS

1,386 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CALLS

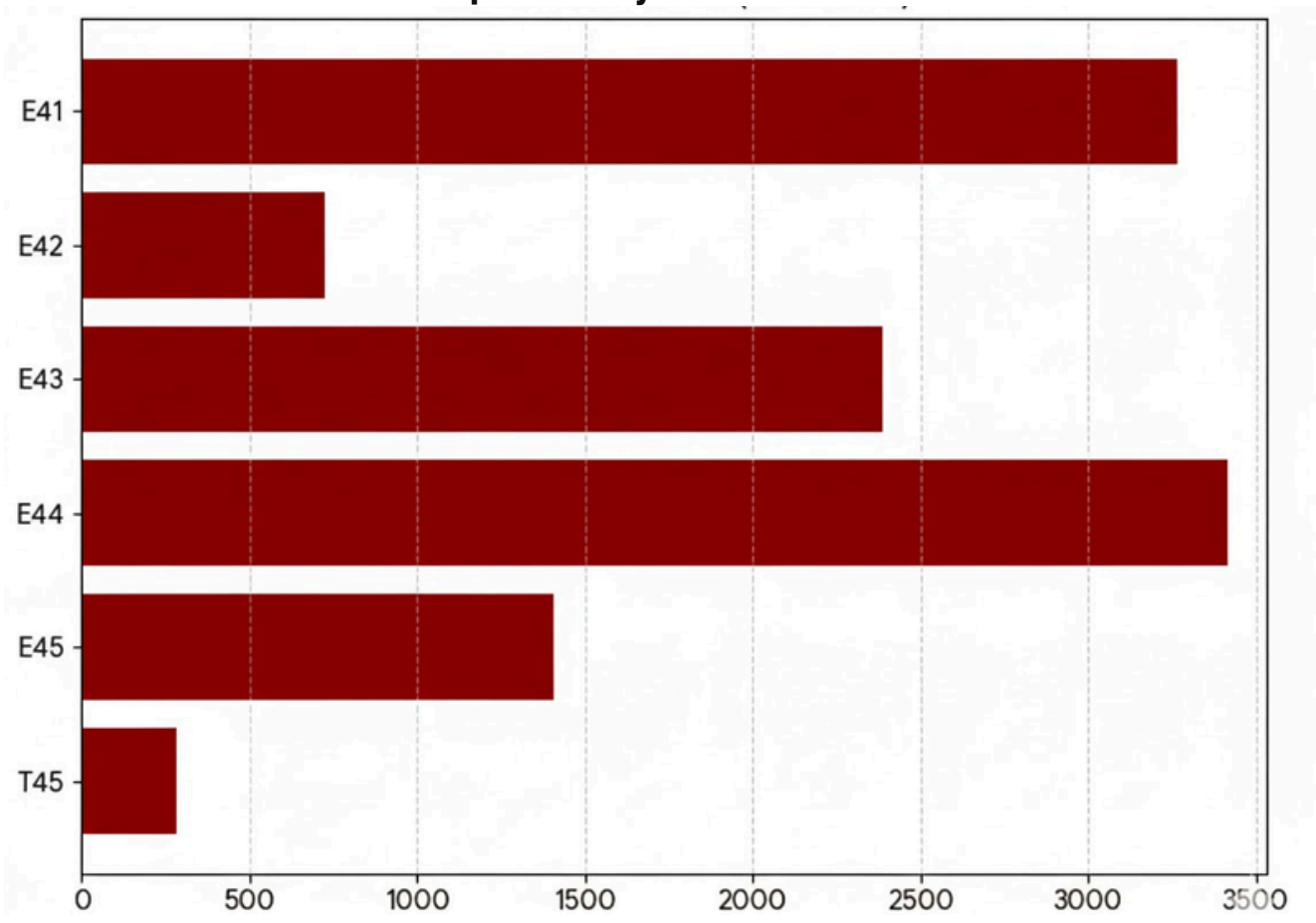
526 FIRE ALARMS / SMOKE ALARMS

821 FIRE CALLS

129 OTHER CALLS *

** Other calls include hazardous conditions (no fire), rupture or explosion, severe weather, or other special incident type.*

2025 Responses by Fire Station / District



2025 Incident Types

RESIDENTIAL FIRE



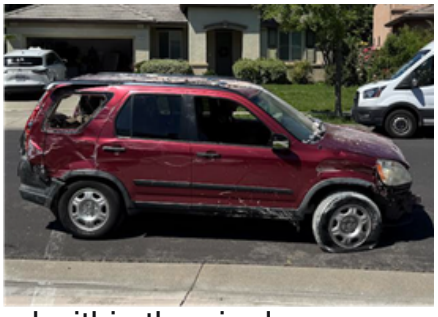
WSFD was dispatched to Muscovy Road following multiple reports of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews encountered a two-story residential structure with visible smoke and fire coming from a second-floor window. Personnel initiated an aggressive interior fire attack and conducted a primary search for occupants. The fire was brought under control in a timely manner. WSFD confirmed that three adult occupants and one dog had exited the structure prior to arrival without injury. The incident resulted in extensive fire and smoke damage to the second floor.

RESIDENTIAL FIRE



WSFD responded to a major three-alarm fire on Brenda Way that caused significant damage to two homes. Flames quickly spread, prompting a rapid escalation and the need for additional resources. Mutual aid was provided by the Sacramento Fire Department, Davis Fire Department, Woodland Fire Department, and UC Davis Fire Department, all of whom played a critical role in bringing the blaze under control. Thanks to the swift and coordinated efforts of all responding crews, the fire was contained without any reported injuries.

VEHICLE vs. STRUCTURE WITH ENTRAPMENT



WSFD responded to the Pheasant Hollow Drive block for a vehicle collision involving a residential garage with one individual reported trapped. Engine 45 arrived on scene and located a vehicle that had backed into a garage, causing significant damage to a structural support column and compromising the garage's roof beams. The vehicle also struck the homeowner, who was working in a home office located within the single-car garage. Truck 45's crew stabilized the damaged garage beams supporting the roof, while Engine 45 personnel extricated the patient, who was transported to the hospital. WSFD remained on scene to coordinate with a PG&E gas technician and a board-up company to stabilize and secure the structure. The garage was red-tagged by the West Sacramento Building Department; however, the family was allowed continued occupancy of the living quarters.

HAYSTACK FIRE



WSFD was dispatched to a reported vegetation fire in the area of Jefferson and Burrows. Upon arrival, crews located a large haystack burning in the middle of a field, with no structures threatened. Personnel remained on scene overnight to monitor conditions and prevent fire spread. The following day, West Sacramento Public Works assisted with a front loader to break apart the haystack. Crews continued operations over multiple days, working with the property owner to fully extinguish the fire. This location has experienced similar incidents in the past; accordingly, WSFD continues to monitor and coordinate mitigation efforts to reduce recurrence.

Sacramento 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

On September 11, members of WSFD joined firefighters from throughout the region to honor and remember the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11. Each year, the stair climb at the Renaissance Tower on K Street serves as a powerful tribute to their bravery. In full turnout gear, participants climb the 29 stories four times —three times to the 26th floor and once all the way to the roof—symbolizing the 110 floors of the World Trade Center. Each firefighter carries the name of a fallen brother, and upon reaching the roof, places that name into one of the two memorial twin tower replicas. It is an incredibly moving experience, and we are honored and humbled to take part in keeping their memory alive.



Mutual / Automatic Aid

MUTUAL AID

The California Master Mutual Aid Agreement provides for systematic mobilization, organization, and operation of necessary fire and rescue resources that are typically committed to incidents for two-week deployments. These are commonly referred to as “Strike Teams” and are made up of five pieces of like-apparatus, each with a complement of four firefighters: an officer, an engineer, and two firefighters. The agreement provides reimbursement for services and resources deployed in a mutual aid capacity. In 2025, the West Sacramento Fire Department deployed resources on 12 occasions to assist with battling devastating wildfires throughout the State of California.

AUTOMATIC AID

In addition to the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement, the West Sacramento Fire Department maintains reciprocal mutual and automatic aid agreements that provide access to additional resources from neighboring fire departments. These resources are automatically dispatched based on a predetermined response matrix or as needed. WSFD currently provides and receives automatic aid from the Sacramento (SFD), Davis (DFD), Woodland (WFD), Clarksburg (CFD), and University of California Davis (UCDFD) Fire Departments. This multi-jurisdictional approach enhances coordinated response, strengthens regional collaboration, and ensures preparedness for large-scale incidents that may exceed the resources of any single agency.

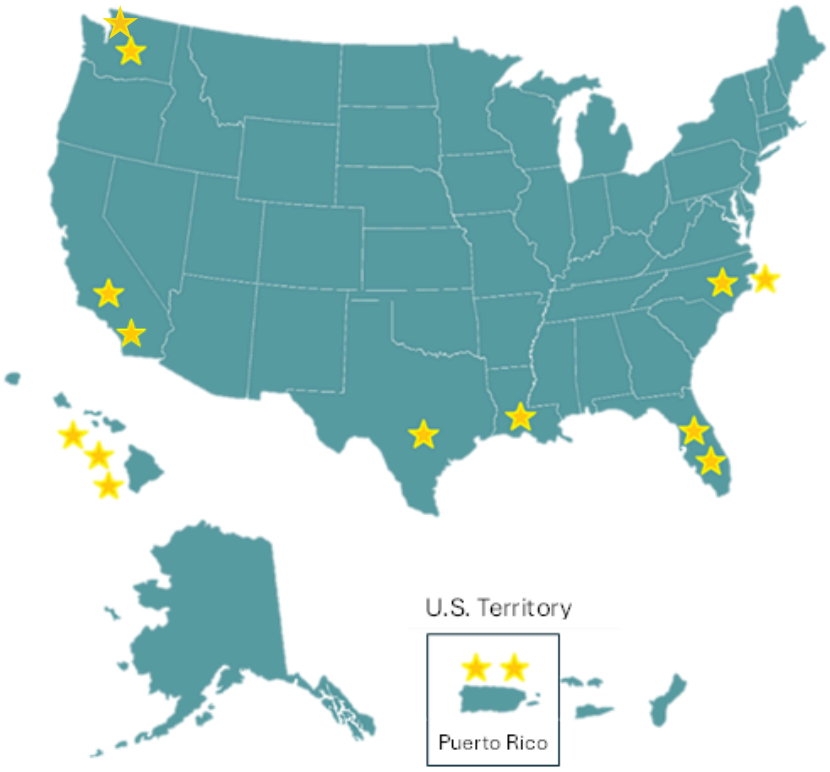


2025 Strike Team Incidents:

Eaton Fire	Gifford Fire
Palisades Fire	Coyote Fire
LA County Fire	Pickett Fire
Green Fire	Dillon Fire
	Tuolumne-Calaveras Fire

FEMA Urban Search & Rescue (USAR)

The West Sacramento Fire Department supports California Task Force 7 (CA TF-7), a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue team based in Sacramento and made up of more than 200 members from regional fire agencies. As one of the original USAR teams established in the early 1990s, CA TF-7 responds to structural collapses, natural and man-made disasters, and large-scale emergencies.



WSFD contributes five personnel to the team, including a Rescue Team Manager and a Transportation Unit Leader, supporting specialized capabilities such as search, heavy rescue, hazardous materials response, disaster medical services, and logistics.

WSFD also maintains mutual and automatic aid agreements with neighboring agencies, including the Sacramento, Davis, Woodland, Clarksburg, and University of California Davis Fire Departments, to ensure rapid, coordinated response and regional preparedness for large-scale incidents.

- 2014 Oso Mudslide (Washington)
- 2016 Hurricane Matthew (Florida)
- 2017 Hurricane Harvey (Texas)
- 2017 Hurricane Irma (Puerto Rico)
- 2017 Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico)
- 2018 Landslides - Montecito (California)
- 2018 Hurricane Lane (Hawaii)
- 2018 Hurricane Olivia (Hawaii)
- 2018 Hurricane Florence (N. Carolina)
- 2018 Hurricane Michael (Florida)
- 2019 Hurricane Barry (Louisiana)
- 2019 Hurricane Dorian (N. Carolina)
- 2020 Hurricane Douglas (Hawaii)
- 2025 Los Angeles Wildfires (California)
- 2025 Seattle Floodings (Washington)





Measure O



West Sacramento voters made a powerful statement by passing Measure O, an essential tax that provides a dedicated funding stream to the Fire Department. This critical funding directly supports our mission and has been instrumental in modernizing our fleet, infrastructure, and technology to better serve the city.

FLEET AND TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

Measure O has funded mission-critical upgrades, returning Engine 45 to full service and implementing an advanced traffic preemption system at major intersections to provide responders with green lights. We also deployed ImageTrend, our modern incident and data reporting system, to improve accuracy and efficiency.



PERSONNEL HEALTH, WELLNESS, & TRAINING

Critical investments were made in the purchase of state-of-the-art personal protective equipment (PPE) and updated technical equipment for all crews. Funding also supported comprehensive health and wellness programs, including fitness facilities and mental health resources, as well as expanded training initiatives for fire personnel.

BY THE NUMBERS

45+

Department Projects Completed

11

Firefighters Hired

8

Updated Apparatus/ Fleet Vehicles





Academy Class 25-1



ACADEMY OVERVIEW

Fire Academy Class 25-1 represents a milestone in the history of the West Sacramento Fire Department, marking the largest recruit academy ever completed by the Department with 11 new firefighter recruits. This achievement reflects a significant investment in staffing and service capacity made possible through Measure O funding and the SAFER Grant.





Training for Class 25-1 was conducted through the Sacramento Fire Academy, where recruits underwent a rigorous and comprehensive program designed to prepare them for the demands of the fire service. Two of our Drill Instructors, Captain McTighe and Captain Garvey, played a key role in guiding and mentoring the recruits throughout their training, helping to shape them into skilled and capable firefighters.

The class graduated on June 12, 2025, and was subsequently brought online to serve the community. The successful completion of this academy represents a pivotal moment for the Department, strengthening operational readiness and ensuring continued high-quality emergency response for the City of West Sacramento.

2025 Award Ceremony

Fire Department Awards & Recognition

In 2025, the Fire Department proudly hosted its annual awards ceremony, recognizing the exceptional service and dedication of its members. The event honored personnel from across all divisions and ranks whose professionalism, commitment, and teamwork help protect the residents and businesses of West Sacramento every day.

The ceremony was particularly meaningful as it marked the first awards event held since 2019, when the tradition was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After several years without an in-person celebration, the department welcomed the opportunity to once again come together to recognize the accomplishments and sacrifices of its personnel.

During the ceremony, more than 60 awards were presented to firefighters, inspectors, and administrative staff for outstanding performance, leadership, lifesaving actions, and dedication to service. These recognitions highlight the many ways department members contribute to the safety and well-being of the community—both on emergency scenes and through their everyday work.

The department is proud to acknowledge these individuals whose efforts exemplify the highest standards of public service. Their dedication continues to make a lasting impact on the community and reflects the strong commitment of the entire Fire Department to serving West Sacramento.







Youth Fire Academy



OUR PURPOSE & VALUES

The West Sacramento Fire Department is committed to investing in the next generation by engaging local youth in meaningful opportunities centered on public service. This program is designed to inspire and develop motivated individuals who value teamwork, physical fitness, and strong character, while fostering a genuine interest in serving their community. Through this effort, the Department aims to build leadership, instill a sense of responsibility, and create a pathway for future service in the fire profession.



ACADEMY OVERVIEW

The Youth Fire Academy prepares cadets for future service through hands-on training, mentorship, and exposure to fire service culture. The program emphasizes hiring readiness, including a mock CPAT and oral interview, while introducing cadets to the expectations of a paramilitary organization. Cadets complete a week-long tower training focused on essential firefighting skills such as hose deployment, ladder operations, rope systems, personal protective equipment, and self-contained breathing apparatus.

The program culminates with assignments to a West Sacramento Fire Department fire station, where cadets fulfill volunteer requirements, ride along on emergency calls, and gain real-world experience of station life.



BY THE NUMBERS

320+

Volunteer Hours

15

CADETS TRAINED ANNUALY



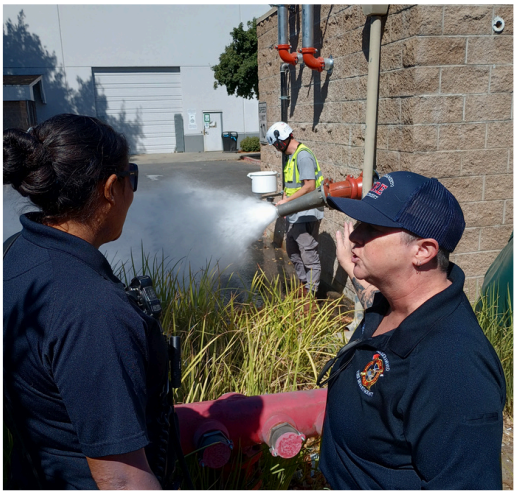
Community Risk Reduction

The CRRD identifies and prioritizes community risks while coordinating resources to reduce the likelihood and impact of emergencies. Beyond responding to incidents, the division focuses on prevention, preparedness, and mitigation to enhance safety for residents and businesses.

CRRD programs include emergency management, California Fire Code enforcement, construction plan review and inspections, hazardous materials regulation, fire investigations, technical support for hazardous materials response, and public education. In 2025, the division conducted 3,916 inspections citywide, helping reduce fire risk and protect employees, customers, and the community.



A major 2025 milestone included managing all pyrotechnics for the Major League Baseball A's games, ensuring public safety at every event.The division also leads the City's emergency management efforts under the Emergency Services Act, collaborating with City departments, regional partners, and neighboring jurisdictions.







Public Education Programs

OUR COMMUNITY MISSION

The Fire Department considers public education a vital responsibility and places a strong emphasis on teaching the community about fire and life safety. Through a range of outreach and training programs, such as school visits, career fairs, public events, and station tours, the department connects with and educates thousands of residents each year.

Programs and events include CERT, Open House, National Night Out, the Santa Run, Read Across America visits, and the Youth Firesetter Program. The department also offers important safety services such as child safety seat installation, the life jacket loan program, sharps disposal, Safe Surrender and Safe Place resources, and hands-on education through the Safety Trailer.











IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

1,000's
Citizens Reached

70
Community Events Attended

Honoring Engineer Tim Hall



IAFF Fallen Firefighters Memorial

On September 20, members of the West Sacramento Fire Department traveled to Colorado Springs to attend the annual IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial. This solemn event, hosted by the International Association of Fire Fighters, honors the courageous men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

This year held special significance for our department as members gathered to honor the memory of Engineer Tim Hall, whose name was permanently etched into the Memorial Wall alongside fellow fallen heroes.

The IAFF Memorial serves as a lasting tribute to those who gave their lives in the protection of others. It was both a privilege and a profound honor for our members to be in attendance, paying tribute to Engineer Hall's legacy and standing in solidarity with his family and the fire service community.

CPF Memorial

On October 4, members of the West Sacramento Fire Department attended the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony held in Sacramento. During this solemn ceremony, Engineer Tim Hall was honored among firefighters from across the state whose names were added to the Memorial Wall. His inclusion stands as a lasting tribute to his service, sacrifice, and dedication, ensuring his legacy will be remembered alongside California's fallen heroes.







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