

Fire

department



Department Description

The Santa Cruz Fire Department provides exceptional emergency response services to all residents and visitors 24 hours a day, 7 days per week; responding to structure fires, emergency medical incidents, technical rescues, water rescues, hazardous materials incidents, automobile accidents and fires, wildland fires, Emergency Operation Center activations, Mutual Aid to other local and State agencies, and citizen requests. The Fire Department provides a full-service Community Risk Reduction Division featuring Fire Prevention, Fire Investigation, Public Education, and Training. Through the Fire Department's Marine Safety Division, lifeguard and water rescue services are delivered to Santa Cruz City, Santa Cruz Port District, and Capitola City beaches. Additionally, the Fire Department manages the City's Office of Emergency Services program and directs Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations and disaster training, response, and recovery efforts.



The Fire Department's primary objective is to provide the highest quality Fire Operations, Emergency Management Services, Marine Safety, Emergency Medical Response, and Community Risk Reduction to protect our community.

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Continued work on the City's Emergency Operation Center build out. The EOC is the City's central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the emergency coordination and management functions at a strategic level during an emergency, and ensuring the continuity of operation for the City of Santa Cruz.
- Conducted two, 24-hour Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

- Conducted tabling at public events including two City Hall-to-You events, First Night Out, CERT Fair, UCSC student housing fair, and the Opioid Awareness Fair.

- Conducted a wildland Fire community meeting for the Delaveaga neighborhood residents, to form a partnership with the neighborhood in reducing wildland fire risk and creating community awareness/preparedness.



- Completed the City's five-year update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard mitigation planning is the process used by state and local agencies to understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of disasters on people, property, and the environment.
- Completed the annual update of the City's Emergency Operation Plan. An emergency operation plan is a course of action developed to mitigate the damage of potential events that could endanger the City of Santa Cruz's ability to function. This plan includes measures that provide for the safety of personnel and, if possible, environment, property, and facilities.
- Coordinated the planning and logistical support efforts for the new River Street Camp Shelter.

- Continuing to coordinate and manage the FEMA and Cal OES disaster cost recovery projects related to the response and public infrastructure damage associated with the 2017 storms events.
- Implemented electronic RMS system.
- Provided public outreach and education events. Participated in community forums.
- Completed a joint fire academy resulting in five new firefighters for the city of Santa Cruz Fire Department. The academy included personnel from Santa Cruz County, Central Fire Protection District, and Watsonville City Fire.
- Continued contract providing beach lifeguard services with the City of Capitola and Harbor Port District.
- Completed cross department training between Santa Cruz Police and Santa Cruz Fire for Unified Response to Violent Incidents (URVI). Incident commanders from both departments are being trained to function as one team.
- In the final phase of implementation, of an updated emergency dispatch system at Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1 (Net Com). This was a year-long project that involved multiple agencies from two counties. The new system will provide more efficient service along with increased capabilities.



FY 2019 Goals

- Continue to manage the Cal OES/FEMA disaster reimbursement process.
 - Complete the EOC build out of the radio infrastructure and end user systems.
 - Conduct two Community Emergency Response Team trainings.
 - Conduct a citywide disaster preparedness exercise for City staff.
 - Strengthen community response and preparedness through Fire Wise, MySafe: CA, and Ready, Set, Go.
 - Create collaborative Fire Investigation capabilities with Santa Cruz Police, District Attorney's office, and Countywide Fire Investigation Task Force.
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- Implement fire fee schedule.
 - Implement vegetation management for Delaveaga and Pogonip for fuel reduction and creation of defensible space.
 - Expand Unified Response to Violent Incident training to the rest of Santa Cruz County including all fire and law enforcement agencies.
 - Perform long overdue maintenance on the city Lifeguard Headquarters located on the Municipal Wharf. Multiple safety concerns have been identified and will be addressed through creative funding.



- Continue developing plans for Fire Station 2 replacement (3-5 years).
- Continue developing plans for a training center (3-5 years).
- Strengthen recruitment and retention of diverse workforce.
- Continue strategic planning process which clearly identifies current service delivery, areas for improvement, and recommended actions.



DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

	Fiscal Year* 2017 Actuals	Fiscal Year 2018			Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted
		Adopted Budget	Amended* Budget	Estimated Actual	
EXPENDITURES BY CHARACTER:					
Personnel Services	15,782,652	15,970,389	15,727,864	15,590,138	15,775,753
Services, Supplies, and Other Charges	1,788,455	2,201,390	2,298,990	2,280,934	2,203,451
Capital Outlay	76,225	25,000	55,000	55,000	13,000
Debt Service	10,171	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>17,657,503</u>	<u>18,196,779</u>	<u>18,081,854</u>	<u>17,926,072</u>	<u>17,992,204</u>
EXPENDITURES BY ACTIVITY:					
Fire Administration	2201 772,216	930,334	920,334	821,769	830,415
Fire/EMS Operations	2202 15,177,531	15,309,615	15,066,215	15,233,681	15,201,236
Fire Prevention	2203 676,087	899,154	884,154	769,347	948,926
Marine Rescue Program	2204 3,154	-	-	-	-
Office of Emergency Services (OES)	2205 141,007	169,366	319,366	313,736	142,988
Subtotal General Fund	<u>16,769,994</u>	<u>17,308,469</u>	<u>17,190,069</u>	<u>17,138,533</u>	<u>17,123,565</u>
Marine Rescue Program	2204 887,509	888,310	891,785	787,539	868,639
Subtotal Other General Funds	<u>887,509</u>	<u>888,310</u>	<u>891,785</u>	<u>787,539</u>	<u>868,639</u>
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RESOURCES BY FUND					
General Fund	101 3,496,438	3,881,110	3,881,110	3,836,222	4,223,000
Municipal Wharf	104 151,743	97,288	100,763	100,763	150,000
Total Resources	<u>3,648,181</u>	<u>3,978,398</u>	<u>3,981,873</u>	<u>3,936,985</u>	<u>4,373,000</u>
Net General Fund Cost	<u>(13,273,556)</u>	<u>(13,427,359)</u>	<u>(13,308,959)</u>	<u>(13,302,311)</u>	<u>(12,900,565)</u>
	<u>FY 2017</u>			<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
TOTAL AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:	65.00			66.00	66.00

*Sums may have discrepancies due to rounding

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