

Contra Costa County



Fire Protection District

January 13, 2015

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report – Year End Summary

Calendar year 2014 was a transitional one for the District. An additional station closure was planned for January; however with the continued implementation of budgetary controls and the improvement in the economy, the closure was avoided. As the year progressed, revenues continued to move in a positive direction and the District was able to accomplish some significant goals. Highlights include:

- The District was awarded a \$9.6 million federal staffing grant to put 27 firefighters back on the street.
 - To date, the District has hired 31 new firefighters (14 in current academy) and promoted two assistant chiefs, five battalion chiefs, eight fire captains, and nine fire engineers.
- The District website was redesigned and modernized.
- A new logo was designed and adopted as our uniform patch and brand.
- The District implemented light duty fleet and heavy fire apparatus replacement programs, including:
 - Replacement vehicles for command, investigation, inspection, and administrative staff.
 - Two new squad vehicles that will be placed into service by January 16, 2015.
 - Three new ladder trucks, nine new fire engines, and one heavy rescue truck that will be placed into service upon completion of the build process (last quarter of 2015).
- A chief officer was assigned as a liaison to each of our nine cities to establish routine communications.
- A “go-to-meeting” web-based conferencing program was implemented.

- The 911 system in the regional communication center was upgraded and new servers were installed.
- Personnel recognition programs were reestablished.
- New statistic gathering programs were acquired and put into operation.
- The District established a working relationship with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for cooperative marine and air operations.
- The District responded to approximately 45,000 incidents in 2014, representing a 3% increase in call volume.
 - 57,000 apparatus responses (156 responses daily)
- The District performed approximately 12,000 code enforcement inspections and engineering plan reviews.
 - Slight reduction in number from 2013 but larger construction projects.
- An operational plan for calendar year 2015 has been developed.