

CHULA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2024







WELCOME TO THE CHULA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is a privilege to present the Chula Vista Fire Department's 2024 Annual Report. Our mission is to protect life, the environment, and property, which is accomplished in various ways. This year, the CVFD has deployed an additional response unit (Squad 61) in our busiest service area to reduce automatic aid from our neighboring Fire Departments. In just five months of service, Squad 61 has averaged over 16 calls per day successfully reducing responses from other Departments.

Our Fire Hand Crew has been hard at work removing hazardous fuels near homes which is reducing the risk of wildfires within our neighborhoods. Due to their tireless work ethic and training accomplishments, they have become the first "City" Fire Department Crew in the State and the first to become qualified as a Type 2 Hand Crew.

We have reinforced our efforts to connect with the community and more specifically with our youth. The CVFD hosted 30 teenage girls from MANA De San Diego as well as 50 Girls Scouts where they had the opportunity to participate in firefighting, rescue, and EMS activities to learn about the Fire Service.

2024 was a very busy year for developing our personnel to ensure they are prepared to serve the community. We hired 43 full-time personnel throughout the organization and promoted 20 existing personnel into new roles of responsibility and leadership. In an effort to improve our leadership, professionalism, and performance alignment, the CVFD Training Division followed through on a long-time goal to develop and deliver our first Captain's Academy.

I would also like to take this opportunity share how amazing all department members throughout the CVFD are and highlight their dedication and commitment to serving and protecting Chula Vista. I am honored and proud to work alongside them and wear the same uniform, patch, and badge representing a high performing public safety organization.

Stay Healthy and Safe,

Harry Muns
Fire Chief

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PUBLIC EDUCATION





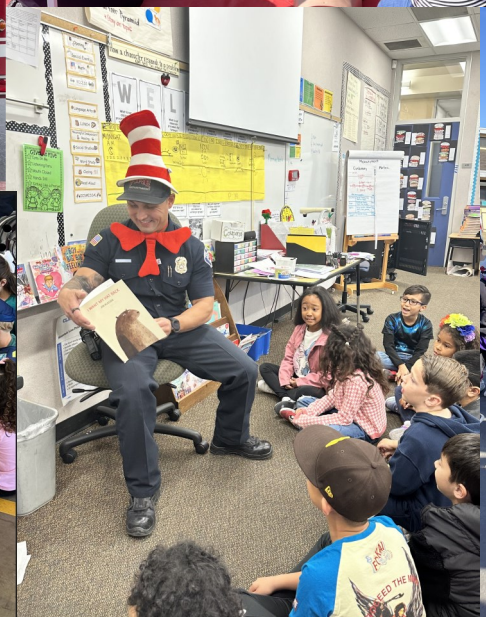
2024 Car Seat Safety Events

275 inspections

- Upon initial inspection, 60% were not installed correctly









CVFD 2024 FACTS

METRICS (Standard is 90%)

OPERATIONS

EMS/Medical Incident
1st Unit with Paramedic — 7 mins — **87%**

Initial Attack Force /Fire Incident
1st Engine / 4 Firefighters — 7 mins — **76%**

Effective Response Force /Structure Fire Incident
14 Firefighters — 10 mins — **83%**

ATS

Advanced Life Support Requested
1st Ambulance — 12 mins — **93%**

Basic Life Support Requested
1st Ambulance — 20 mins — **94%**

Each Ambulance has one EMT and one Paramedic

PREVENTION

Inspections
Includes all current groups
100% (8,595)

Plan Reviews
Within 90% of time frame
98% (2,308)

Investigations (Origin/Cause)
Conclusion reached by Fire Investigator
63% (24)

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Includes incidents responded to by CVFD and neighboring Fire Departments.

27,695 — **Emergency Medical Incidents**
EMS, Extrication, Search, Rescue

2,357 — **Fire Incidents**
Structure, Vehicle, Vegetation, Other

463 — **Hazardous Materials Incidents**

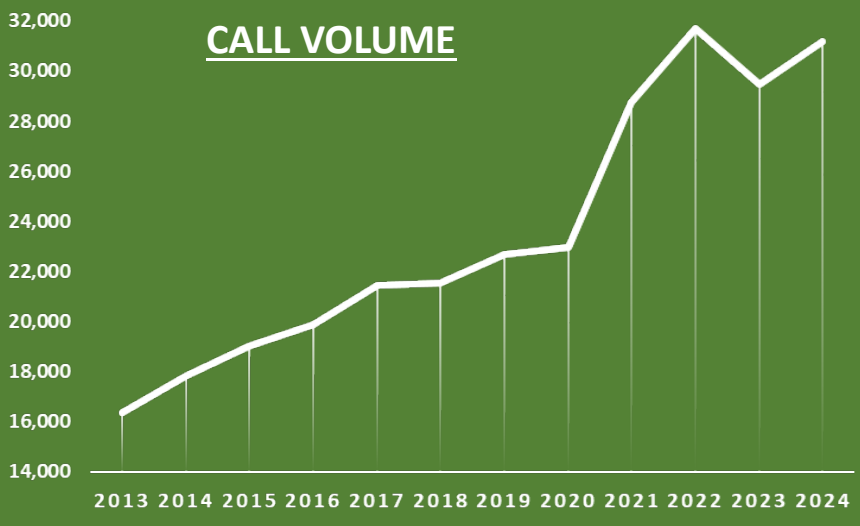
752 — **Service Incidents**
Assist other agencies, Controlled Burns, Electrical Shorts, Community Service

10 Fire Stations
3 Battalions

183 SUPPRESSION
60 AMBULANCE
10 PREVENTION
12 CIVILIAN

11 AMBULANCES
10 ENGINES
2 TILLERS
2 BRUSH
3 SQUADS
2 OES
1 USAR

CALL VOLUME



FIRE LOSS / FIRE SAVED

FIRE LOSS		FIRE SAVED
$ 4,400,809	PROPERTY	$ 27,054,144
$ 606,403	CONTENT	$ 2,438,347
$ 5,007,212	TOTAL	$ 29,492,491

FIRE INJURIES

6 CIVILIAN
9 FIREFIGHTER

FIRE FATALITIES

2 CIVILIAN
0 FIREFIGHTER

STATIONS

Station 1:
447 F St
Units: B51, E51, M51
Incidents: 7,403
Responses: 18,593

Station 2:
80 East J St
Units: E52, O420, M52
Incidents: 1,592
Responses: 3,454

Station 4:
850 Paseo Ranchero
Units: E54
Incidents: 1,932
Responses: 4,787

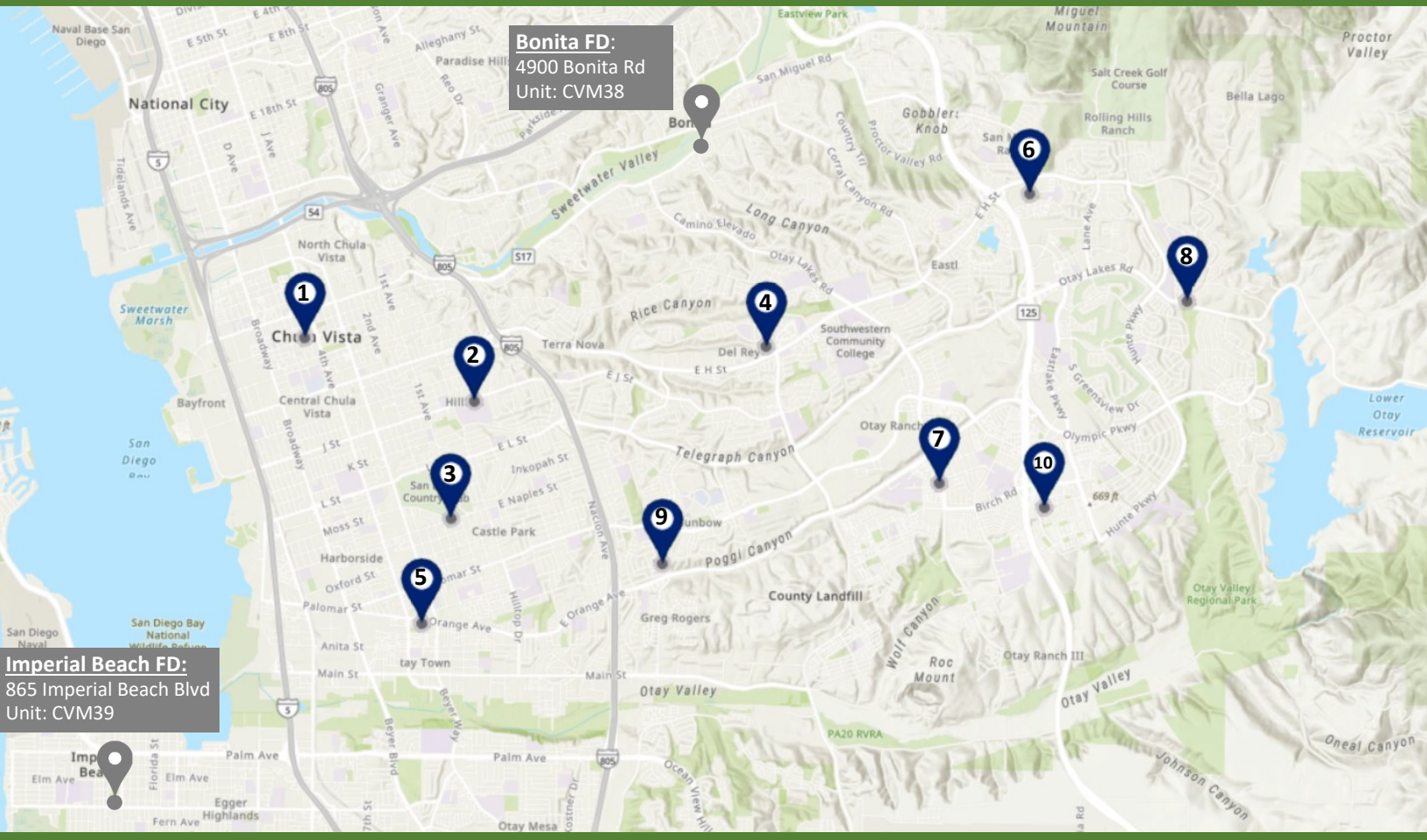
Station 6:
605 Mount Miguel Rd
Units: E56, M56, BR56
Incidents: 1,266
Responses: 3,107

Station 8:
1180 Woods Dr
Units: E58, M60
Incidents: 1,267
Responses: 3,232















Station 5:
341 Orange Ave
Units: E55, M55, M54
Incidents: 3,743
Responses: 8,181

Station 3:
100 Moss St
Units: USAR53, T51, M53
Incidents: 3,090
Responses: 6,817

Station 9:
1410 Brandywine Ave
Units: E59, BR59
Incidents: 2,550
Responses: 5,566

Station 7:
1640 Santa Venetia
Units: B52, E57, T57, M57
Incidents: 2,409
Responses: 6,128

Station 10:
1715 Millenia
Units: E60, E61
Incidents: 1,226
Responses: 3,016

M38 is located at the Bonita Fire Department station. M39 is located at the Imperial Beach Fire Department station.

Incidents—The number of Calls for Service responded to within the station district.

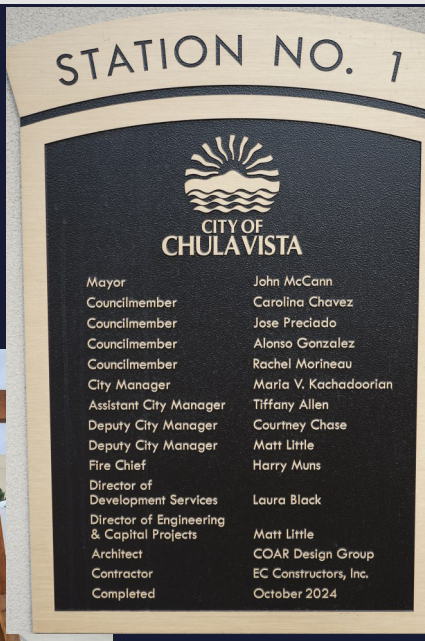
Responses—The number of units responding to the incidents within the district. Some CFS require more than one unit to mitigate the emergency.

ADMINISTRATION

FY24 Actuals

Fund	Fund Desc	Category	Actuals
100	General Fund	Expenditures	35,893,890
222	2018 Measure A Sales Tax	Expenditures	11,750,508
234	Advanced Life Support Program	Expenditures	2,487,078
269	Other Grants	Expenditures	57,729
272	Federal Grants	Expenditures	1,619,745
273	State Grants	Expenditures	15,171
410	Transport Enterprise	Expenditures	19,833,795
			71,657,916
100	General Fund	Revenues	(5,620,091)
222	2018 Measure A Sales Tax	Revenues	(14,770,842)
234	Advanced Life Support Program	Revenues	(2,392,521)
269	Other Grants	Revenues	(50,258)
272	Federal Grants	Revenues	(1,514,936)
273	State Grants	Revenues	(40,647)
410	Transport Enterprise	Revenues	(24,023,223)
			(48,412,518)

Station 1 Remodel Plaque





First Fire Alarm Replica in front of Station 1

Grants

Grant	Year	Time Frame	For	Award Value	Cost Share
EMPG 23	1	7/1/23 - 6/30/25	EOC Coordinator	$62,048	62048
SHSP 23	3	9/1/23 - 5/31/25	EOC Coordinator EOC Upgrade	$40,000 $52,384	
UASI	2	9/1/22 - 12/15/24	Training	$59,459	
CA Fire Foundation	1	7/1/2023-12/31/2024	Chipper Acquisition	$27,800	n/a
San Diego Regional Fire Foundation	2	2023	Paramedic Scholarships	$26,000	n/a
San Diego Regional Fire Foundation	2	2024	Hazard Mitigation + Suppression Equipment	$283,163	324,163.00

Capital Projects & Improvements

Apparatus and Equipment

Continued fleet replacement remains a top priority. We have 6 fire engines, 2 tiller drawn apparatus, and 1 heavy rescue on order. Two fire engines will be arriving mid-2024. These vehicles are being funded by Measure P for replacement vehicles and new development for Village 8 West and Bayfront developments.

Facilities

* Fire Station 1 renovation completed in December.
* Design has been completed for temporary FS-11 and is tentatively scheduled to be operational in October 2025.
* Temporary Fire Station 12 (Bayfront) is currently in the design phase and site location will be located at 610 Bay Blvd. The permanent location of FS-12 will be located at J St. and Bay Blvd. and was determined that the location was not large enough to have both the temporary and permanent facilities to be cohabitated. Tentative opening of FS-12 is slated for some time in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Apparatus and Equipment

* Fire Academy 24-01 graduated 21 fire recruits, inclusive of 2 Open Enrollees. A total of 19 firefighters (10 FF/EMTs and 9 FF/Paramedics) started on the floor in July 2024.
* Recruitment for Fire Academy 25-01 was conducted whereby 20 firefighter recruits were selected and will complete their 20-week academy in May 2025.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CAST—CAST members completed 136 callouts in 2024, continuing their commitment to providing for the immediate needs of south bay residents who have experienced a sudden loss/traumatic experience. These dedicated CAST members serve the community and provide the emotional and educational support and services necessary to help families navigate during a crisis.

Handcrew (Crew 1) —The CVFD Handcrew completed two hazardous fuels reduction projects, Kumeyaay Park and Del Rey Canyon, totaling approximately 20 acres. Crew 1 also achieved a Type II Handcrew qualification and completed their first deployment to the Line Fire in San Bernardino County.

CERT —The CERT Program completed two CERT academies in 2024, training an additional 35+ community members in disaster awareness and preparedness. CERT also delivered multiple community trainings, including CPR, First Aid, Meters and Extinguishers (FAME), and Mental Health and First Aid (MHFA).

Community Vaccination Program —Partnered with the County of San Diego Public Health Department and the Southwestern College nursing program to provide free influenza vaccinations to underinsured residents within the community. Over 250 flu vaccines were administered.

Special Events Management —Provided emergency medical services coverage for 17 large special events, 28 concerts at the North Island Credit Union Amphitheater, and provided ALS ambulance coverage for Southwestern College football games.







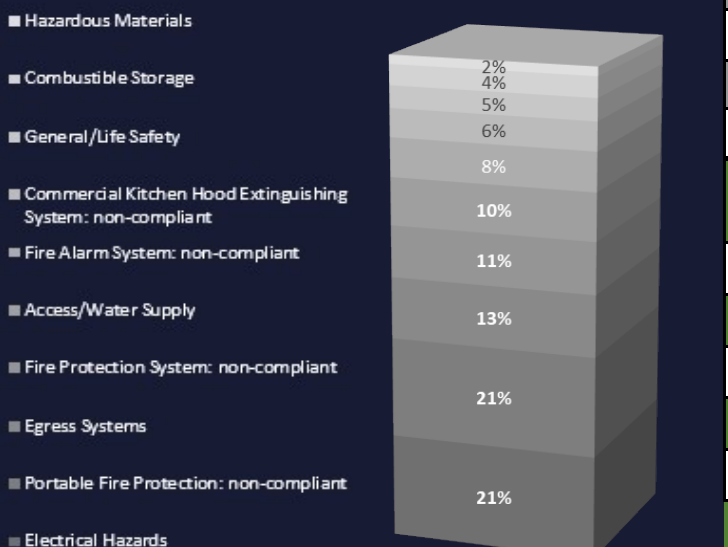


FIRE PREVENTION



Fire Investigations	24
Ave. unit hours at scene	2:19:21

Top 10 Inspection Violations



Deliverables

Occupancy Type	Inspections	Violations
Annual Fire Code	1,569	2,750
Cannabis	31	33
Commercial Daycare	37	55
FCIP	546	256
Fire Hazard	430	-
Hotel / Motel	44	100
Multi-family Apartment	2,523	1,806
New Construction	2,462	-
School	953	910
Total	8,595	5,911

Plans Reviews	Reviews	On-Time Completion
New Construction	2,308	98%

System Reports	Reviews	Deficiencies
Fire Protection System	1,752	4,207

System Reports	Fully Compliant
Fire Protection System	83%

214 Public Records Requests received and released.

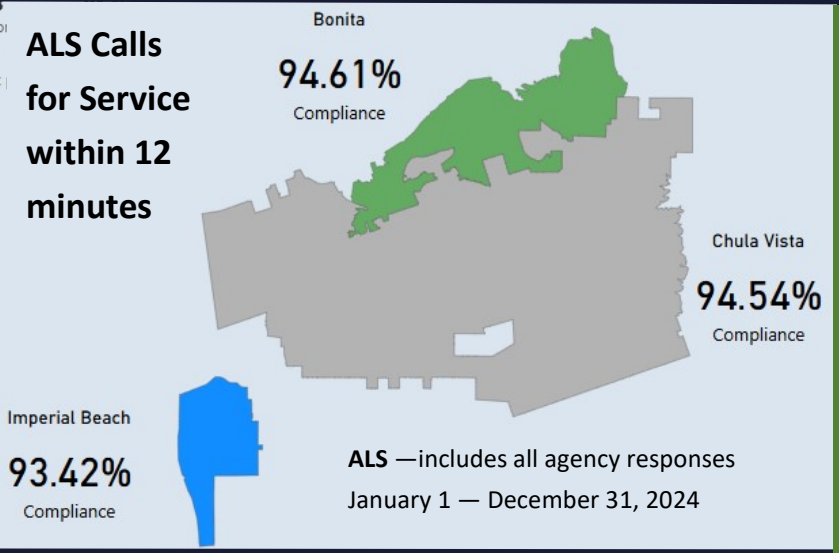
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



Unit Requests for Service
29,567

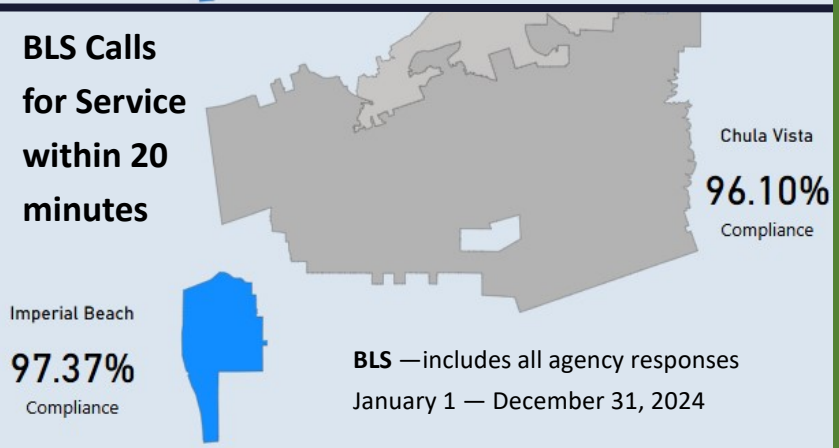
Transports
20,356

ALS Calls for Service within 12 minutes



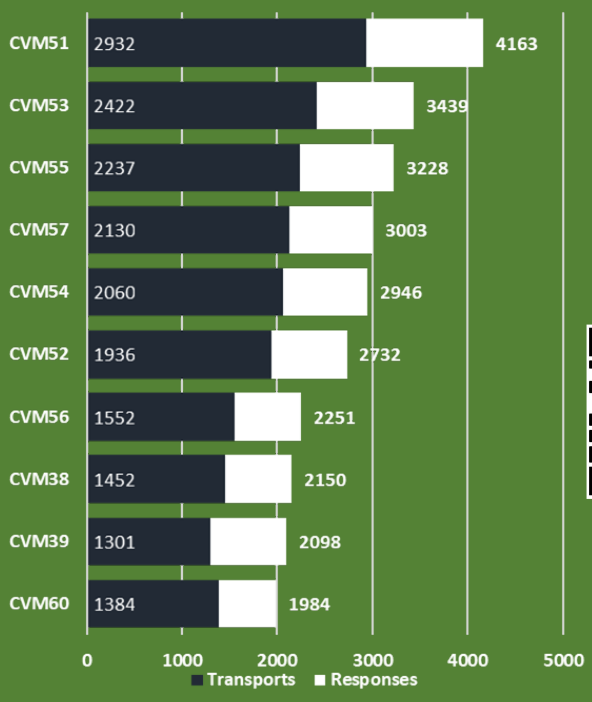
ALS —includes all agency responses
January 1 — December 31, 2024

BLS Calls for Service within 20 minutes



BLS —includes all agency responses
January 1 — December 31, 2024

Unit Transports and Responses



Note: shown are 24 hour ambulances in service for all of 2024. Additional 12 hour ambulances responded, however, were not in service all of 2024 or were in service for special events only. These additional unit responses are accounted for in the total unit requests and the transport counts.

Website and Educational

OPERATIONS

DISPATCHED VEHICLE INCIDENTS

151 Vehicle Fires

156 Vehicle Rescues

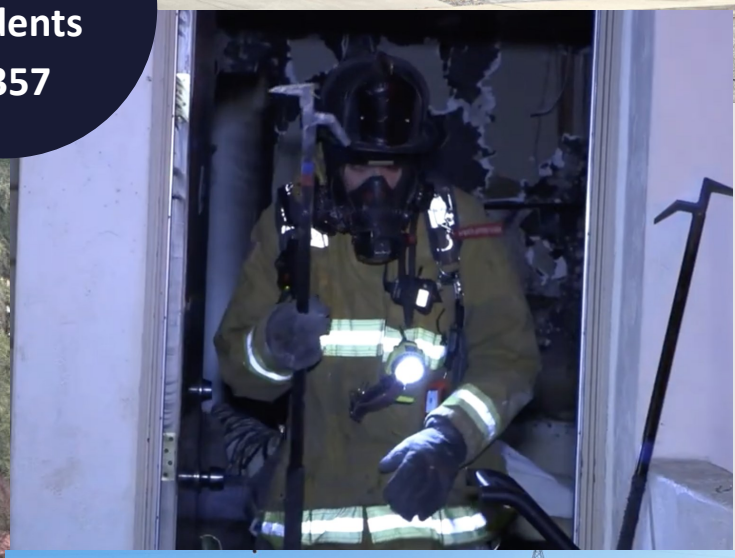
1,864 Traffic Accidents



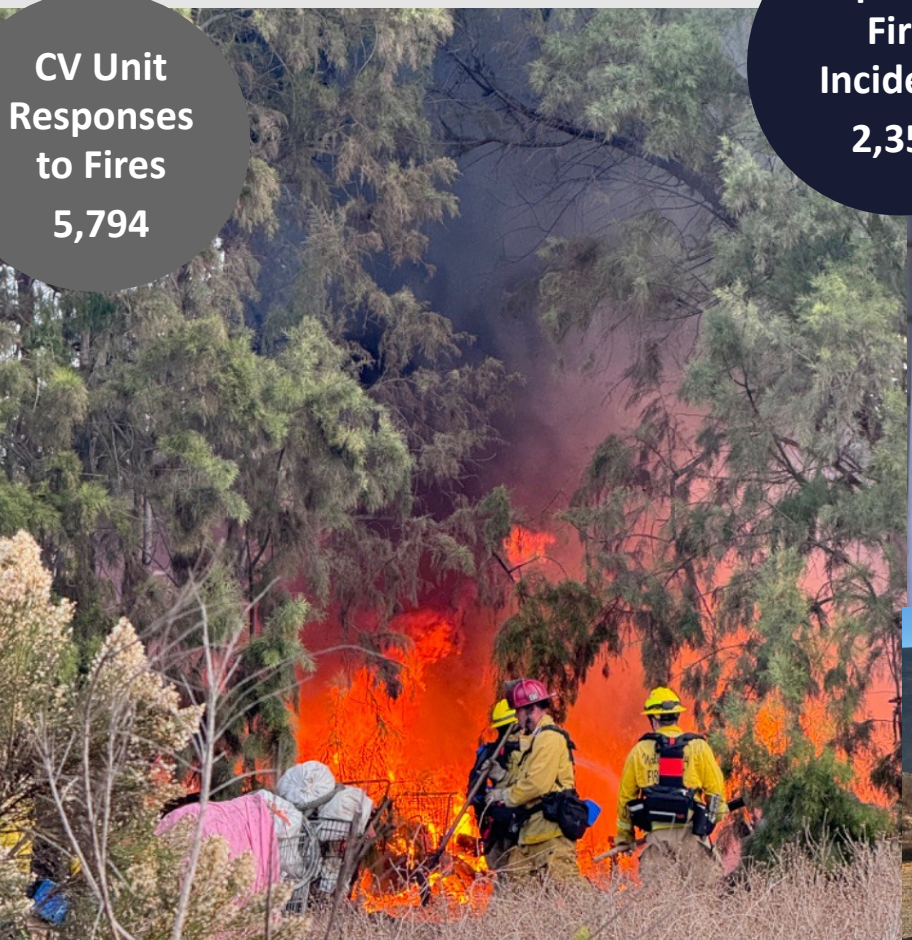
Fire Operations consists of ten fire stations and 150 suppression firefighters. In 2024, CVFD responded to over 31,000 incidents known as calls for service (CFS), increasing by thirty-six percent in recent years. On average there are eighty-five CFS and 180 unit responses per day spread amongst 12 staffed companies. Two engine companies have call volume over 4,300 each per year. Daily operations include a total of 57 professional firefighters per day staffing ten engine companies, two aerial ladder trucks, one Type I Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), 1 24 hour and two 12 hour squads, and two Battalion command vehicles.



Dispatched Fire Incidents
2,357



CV Unit Responses to Fires
5,794





TRAINING

Total 24-01 Fire Academy Training hours 17,690

Total Training hours 64,865



In 2024, the Chula Vista Fire Department Training Division continued to deliver innovative and comprehensive training, ensuring firefighters were prepared for the diverse challenges they may face. From simulated structure fires and specialized skills-based classes to promotional exam preparation, the division remained committed to equipping every firefighter with the knowledge and expertise needed for effective emergency response.

The Training Division's Academy Cadre successfully led Academy 24-01, providing well over 800 hours of instruction per recruit. This rigorous program refined recruits' knowledge, skills, and abilities, culminating in the successful graduation of nineteen (19) Fire Recruits and two (2) Open Enrollees.

Additionally, the Training Division expanded its specialized training programs to include high-rise operations training, preparing firefighters for complex incidents in multi-story buildings. UTV (Utility Task Vehicle) training was also introduced, enhancing operational efficiency in challenging terrain and large-scale incidents.

To support career development, the division launched its inaugural Captain's Academy, designed to prepare future fire service leaders for command responsibilities. Firefighters and officers also participated in several leadership courses, reinforcing the department's commitment to professional growth and succession planning.

Collaboration remained a priority, as the division worked closely with local and regional agencies to enhance interoperability and improve service delivery to the community. These efforts ensure that Chula Vista firefighters continue to uphold the highest standards of safety, effectiveness, and professionalism.

This annual report highlights the Training Division's achievements and reaffirms its dedication to firefighter preparedness, leadership development, and operational excellence.

Thank You for Your Service, RETIREE's!!!

DARRIN BEAN
FRANCISCO GODINEZ
BRIAN KRAKLOW
JOSHUA REES

Division	Separated Service	Promotions	New Hires
Suppression	9	23	21
Paramedics and EMTs	25	3	70
Prevention	1	0	1
Administration	6	1	24

*Suppression 'New Hires', 19 were EMT or Paramedics prior to graduating from CVFD's Firefighter Academy.

**P/EMT and Admin (Hand Crew) includes hourlies.



Contact Us

How to get in touch with us…

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Prevention (619) 691-5029

Email: Fireprevention@chulavistaca.gov

Station Tours

Website: https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/fire-department/stations-locations/station-tours

Records Request: Clerk's Office (619) 691-5041

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Recruitment

Open Houses

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