



CHULA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2023







WELCOME TO THE CHULA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is with great honor to present you with the Chula Vista Fire Department's Annual Report for 2023. This report not only encapsulates our collective accomplishments but also highlights the unwavering commitment and dedication each member of our personnel has demonstrated throughout the past year.

In 2023, our department faced numerous challenges, and we worked through them with resilience and determination. From emergency response to new service delivery, our response personnel, and support staff have demonstrated their skills and unwavering commitment to public safety. This Report serves as a testament to the extraordinary efforts and professionalism that define the Chula Vista Fire Department.

Within these pages, you will find a comprehensive overview of our department's achievements, advancements, and the positive impact we have made on the safety and well-being of our community. From innovative hazard mitigation initiatives to collaborative community engagement and education programs, each section of this report tells a story of our shared commitment to excellence.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each member of the Chula Vista Fire Department for their hard work, dedication, and the sacrifices made daily to ensure the safety of the community. Your passion for service and commitment to the highest standards set the foundation for our success.

As we move forward into 2024, let this Annual Report be a source of inspiration and motivation. Together, we will continue to enhance our capabilities, build on our successes, and adapt to the evolving landscape of emergency services.

Stay Healthy and Safe,

Harry Muns
Fire Chief

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PUBLIC EDUCATION



School Visits



2023 Car Seat Safety Events

258 inspections since May program launch

- Upon initial inspection, 53% were not installed correctly



Girl Scout Event



Open House
Saturday, OCT 14th

CVFD 2023 FACTS

OPERATIONS

EMS/Medical Incident
1st Unit with Paramedic — 7 mins — **88%**

Initial Attack Force /Fire Incident
1st Engine / 4 Firefighters — 7 mins — **75%**

Effective Response Force /Structure Fire Incident
14 Firefighters — 10 mins — **75%**

METRICS (Standard is 90%)

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% (8,205)

Plan Reviews
Within 90% of time frame
96% (2,792)

Investigations (Origin/Cause)
Conclusion reached by Fire Investigator
60% (33)

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Includes incidents responded to by CVFD and neighboring Fire Departments.

26,216 — **Emergency Medical Incidents**
EMS, Extrication, Search, Rescue

2,385 — **Fire Incidents**
Structure, Vehicle, Vegetation, Other

231 — **Hazardous Materials Incidents**

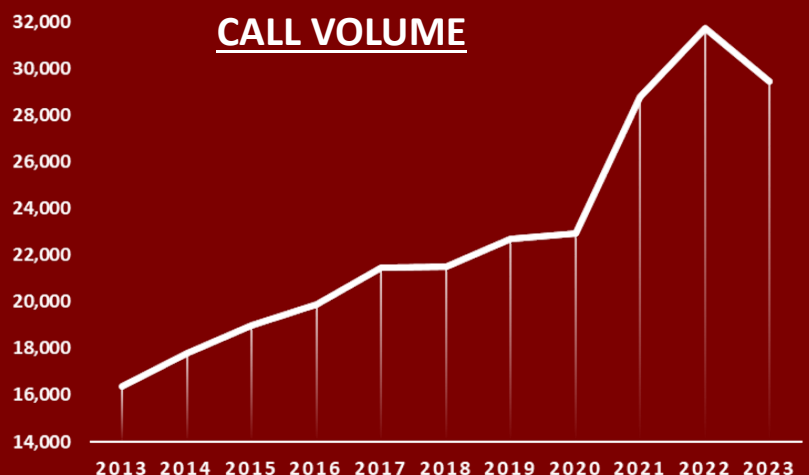
898 — **Service Incidents**
Assist other agencies, Controlled Burns, Electrical Shorts, Community Service

10 Fire Stations
3 Battalions

169 SUPPRESSION
59 ATS
10 PREVENTION
12 CIVILIAN

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

CALL VOLUME



FIRE LOSS / FIRE SAVED

FIRE LOSS		FIRE SAVED
$ 1,419,232	PROPERTY	$ 29,964,190
$ 235,180	CONTENT	$ 5,864,860
$ 1,654,412	TOTAL	$ 35,829,050

FIRE INJURIES

6 CIVILIAN
12 FIREFIGHTER

FIRE FATALITIES

1 CIVILIAN
0 FIREFIGHTER

STATIONS

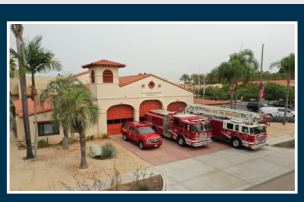
Station 1:
447 F St
Units: B51, E51, M51
Incidents: 7,568
Responses: 16,797

Station 2:
80 East J St
Units: E52, O420, M52
Incidents: 1,480
Responses: 3,302

Station 4:
850 Paseo Ranchero
Units: E54
Incidents: 1,775
Responses: 4,606

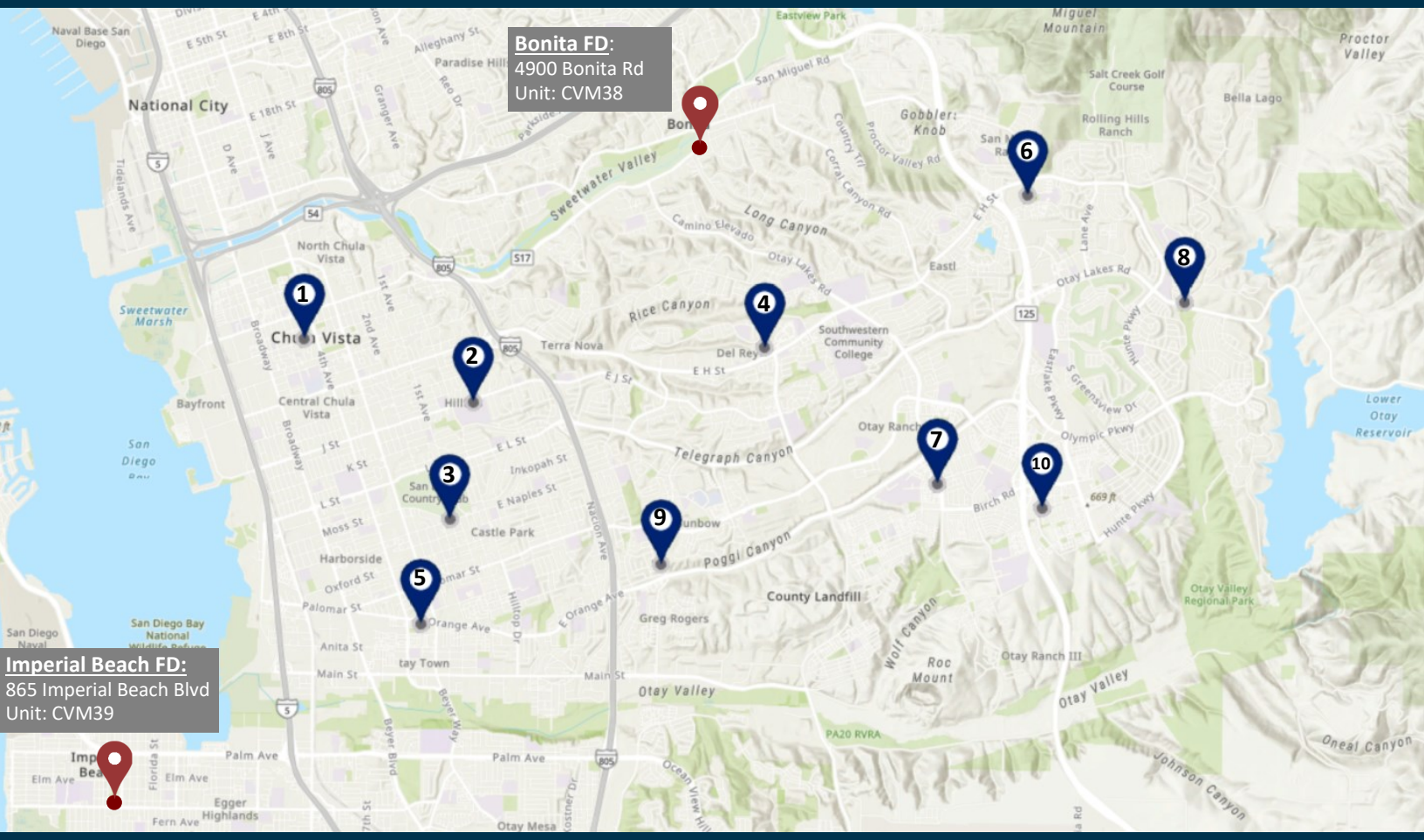
Station 6:
605 Mount Miguel Rd
Units: E56, M56, BR56
Incidents: 1,315
Responses: 3,389

Station 8:
1180 Woods Dr
Units: E58, M60
Incidents: 1,269
Responses: 3,283

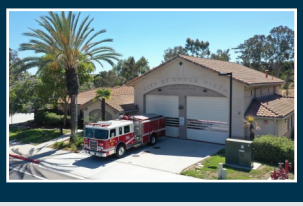














Station 5:
341 Orange Ave
Units: E55, M55, M54
Incidents: 3,776
Responses: 8,433

Station 3:
100 Moss St
Units: USAR53, T51, M53
Incidents: 3,115
Responses: 6,973

Station 9:
1410 Brandywine Ave
Units: E59, BR59
Incidents: 2,625
Responses: 5,582

Station 7:
1640 Santa Venetia
Units: B52, E57, T57, M57
Incidents: 2,327
Responses: 5,988

Station 10:
1715 Millenia
Units: E60, E61
Incidents: 1,130
Responses: 2,837

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

FY23 ACTUALS

Fund	Fund Desc	Category	Actuals
100	General Fund	Expenditures	33,951,324
222	2018 Measure A Sales Tax	Expenditures	7,481,814
234	Advanced Life Support Program	Expenditures	2,246,961
269	Other Grants	Expenditures	126,409
272	Federal Grants	Expenditures	541,295
273	State Grants	Expenditures	39,141
410	Transport Enterprise	Expenditures	14,464,259
			58,851,203
100	General Fund	Revenues	(4,109,634)
222	2018 Measure A Sales Tax	Revenues	(14,260,977)
234	Advanced Life Support Program	Revenues	(2,326,315)
269	Other Grants	Revenues	(150,237)
272	Federal Grants	Revenues	(479,996)
273	State Grants	Revenues	(15,117)
410	Transport Enterprise	Revenues	(18,189,900)
			(39,532,176)



Station 1 Under Construction

Grants

Grant	Year	Time Frame	For	Award Value	Cost Share
FY2022 AFG	2	Aug 2023 - Aug 2025	PPE Extractors/Dryers	$78,944 (FEMA)	$7,895 from City
EMPG 22	1	7/1/22 - 5/30/23	EOC Coordinator	$63,879	$ 63,879
			EOC Coordinator	$35,000	
SHSP 20	3	9/1/20 - 5/31/23	EOC Upgrade	$71,600	
UASI	2	9/1/22 - 12/31/23	Training	$59,459	
CA Fire Foundation	1	7/1/2023-12/31/2024	Chipper Acquisition	$27,000	n/a
San Diego Regional Fire Foundation	2	2023	Paramedic Scholarships	$26,000	n/a

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.


Station 1 Under Construction

Facilities

- Fire Station Remodel started this Fall, consisting of two phases. The fire station remained functional with Phase 1 being completed during the second quarter of 2024 and Phase 2 slated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2024. This project is being funded by Measure P.
- Planning for Village 8 fire station which will serve a new development in south-east Chula Vista. Tentative opening of this fire station will be Spring 2025. Servicing of this development started in July 2023.

Staffing

- 4 Firefighter EMTs completed Paramedic School and were licensed to practice.
- Fire Academy 23-01 graduated 22 firefighters (5 FF/EMTs and 17 FF/Paramedics) July 2023.
- Recruitment for Fire Academy 24-01 was conducted whereby we are anticipating a 21 person academy slated to start March 2024.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT







Fuels Crew—November 2023, established a Fuels Crew pilot program focused on hazardous fuels reduction. The Fuels Crew cleared 5 acres of heavy brush in the Flairbanks community, amounting to more than 150 tons of vegetative material.

Emergency Water Distribution—Implemented a water distribution plan to deliver 800 bottles of water to the Otay community affected by a 72-hour boil water advisory.

Flu Vaccinations—In partnership with the County of San Diego Department of Public Health and Southwestern College, CVFD provided community influenza vaccinations for uninsured/ underinsured residents.

Tropical Storm Hilary—48-hour EOC Activation in support of citywide response to Hurricane Hilary.

CERT—CERT Program completed a CERT Academy, adding 14 new CERT members. In partnership with law enforcement partners from CVPD, and medical professionals from UCSD, CERT hosted an Active Shooter + Stop the Bleed presentation for 75+ members of the community.

CERT hosted it's second ever Teen CERT Academy for local high school students. This comprehensive two-week program encompassed both classroom instruction and practical training in disaster preparedness, fire suppression, light search and rescue, bleed control, CPR, and active shooter awareness.

CAST—CAST completed 177 callouts in 2023, serving as peer advocates and providing emotional support services to residents/ families impacted by life trauma.

FIRE PREVENTION

Deliverables

Occupancy Type	Inspections	Violations
Annual Fire Code	1,543	3,595
Cannabis	25	35
Commercial Daycare	33	60
FCIP	613	268
Fire Hazard	542	-
Hotel / Motel	54	205
Multi-family Apartment	2,284	1,094
New Construction	2,241	-
School	870	330
Total	8,205	5,587

Plans Reviews	Reviews	On-Time Completion
New Construction	2,792	96%

System Reports	Reviews	Deficiencies
Fire Protection System	1,315	2,881

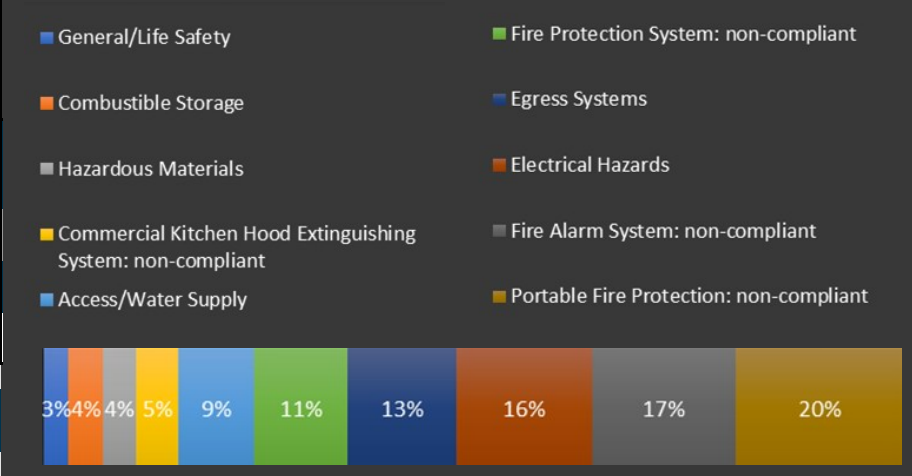
138 Public Records Requests received and released.



Fire Investigations	33
Ave. unit hours at scene	3:07:11

Installation of 6-inch Metraflex Fireloop on Fire Sprinkler System @ Seismic Expansion Joint

Top 10 Inspection Violations



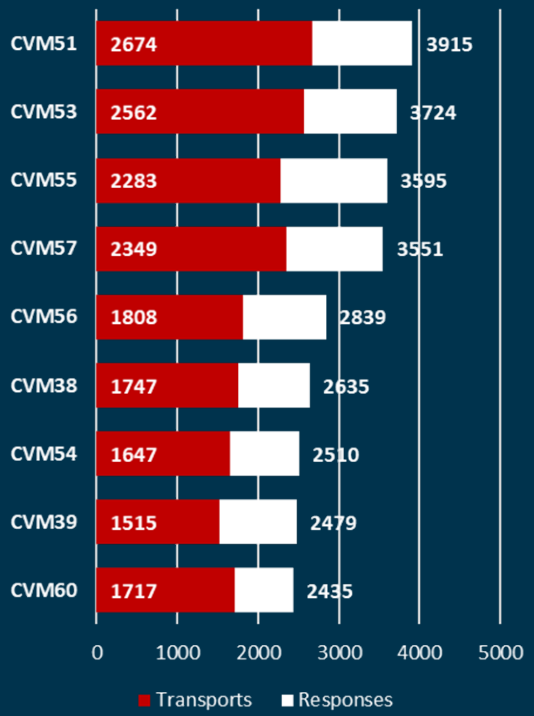
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



Unit Requests for Service
28,881

Transports
19,102

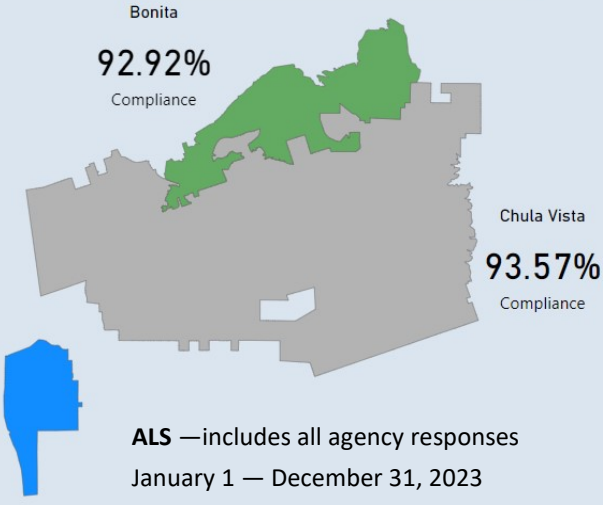
Unit Transports and Responses



Note: shown are 24 hour ambulances in service for all of 2023. Additional 12 hour ambulances responded, however, were not in service all of 2023 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 Links

ALS Calls for Service within 12 minutes



ALS —includes all agency responses
January 1 — December 31, 2023



OPERATIONS

DISPATCHED VEHICLE INCIDENTS

137	Vehicle Fires	
	Vehicle Rescues	184
1,510	Traffic Accidents	

163 Extrications
—all incident types
36 involved vehicles



Fire Operations consists of ten fire stations and 150 suppression firefighters. In 2023, CVFD responded to over 29,000 incidents known as calls for service (CFS), increasing by thirty percent in recent years. On average there are eighty-one CFS per day spread amongst 12 staffed companies. Two engine companies have call volume over 4,500 each per year. Daily operations include a total of 50 professional firefighters per day staffing nine engine companies, two aerial ladder trucks, one Type I Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), two 12 hour squads, and two Battalion command vehicles.





Dispatched Fire Incidents
2,385

CV Unit Responses to Fires
4,465



TRAINING

The Chula Vista Fire Department Training Division developed and provided innovative training to prepare firefighters for diverse challenges in 2023. From simulated structure fires to hazardous materials response drills, the division focused on ensuring each firefighter has the knowledge and skills to respond effectively and mitigate any emergency. Training Division's Academy Cadre led Academy 23-01 in over 800 hours per recruit of instruction, honing their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The cadre successfully graduated twenty-three (23) Fire Recruits. Additionally, the Training Division worked relentlessly throughout the year to enhance our firefighters' skills, uphold safety standards, provide mandatory training, and strengthen the bonds that make them an exemplary force. Furthermore, the Training Division collaborated with other local departments to provide critical training to enhance interoperability, allowing for the highest service levels for our community. This annual report serves as a documentation of achievements and a testament to the division's dedication to being at the forefront of firefighting excellence in Chula Vista.

Total Training hours 62,910

Total 23-01 Fire Academy Training hours 18,400



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

DAVID ACOSTA
THOMAS ENGLEMAN
JOHN HESS
ANTONIO MARTINEZ
BILL NIGH

Division	Separated Service	Promotions	New Hires
Suppression	9	18	22
Paramedics and EMTs	21	2	41
Prevention	0	0	1
Administration	2	0	2

*Suppression 'New Hires', 12 were EMT or Paramedics prior to graduating from CVFD's Firefighter Academy.



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

Website: https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/city-clerk/public-records

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