

CHULA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2025







WELCOME TO THE CHULA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2025 Chula Vista Fire Department's Annual Report. Serving as your Fire Chief is a tremendous responsibility-one I approach with humility, gratitude, and a steadfast commitment to the members of this organization and the community we protect.

The Chula Vista Fire Department remains focused on delivering exceptional, all-hazards emergency services through our core lines of business: Administration, Emergency Management, Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical Services, Operations, and Training. Through the collective efforts of our dedicated personnel, we continue to strengthen readiness, enhance service delivery, and support the growing needs of our city.

Over the past year, our members have demonstrated remarkable professionalism, resilience, and compassion. Whether responding to emergencies, advancing prevention initiatives, developing future leaders, or supporting community risk reduction efforts, their work reflects the very best of the fire service tradition.

We are proud to serve the residents and visitors of Chula Vista. Inside this report, you will see the outstanding work of the women and men of the Chula Vista Fire Department and the meaningful progress we are making together to keep our community safe.

With gratitude and respect,

Chris Manroe
Fire Chief

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Special Thanks and Congratulations to Chief Muns!

Decorated 29 Years of Service, appointed the thirteenth Fire Chief December 2020. Chief Muns championed innovations in Fire and EMS delivery, including;

- Led a grant-writing team, awarded nearly $7 million,
- Implementation of the heavy rescue program,
- Authored the City's Public Safety Staffing Plan,
- Central role in establishing the Ambulance Transport System, and
- Creation of the only local government wildland firefighting hand crew program in San Diego County



2003 US&R

Additionally, Chief Muns was active in national emergency response through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search & Rescue National Response System since 1997, where he:

- Responded to numerous significant natural disasters including hurricanes, wildfires, and floods,
- Served in several key roles such as Division/Group Supervisor, Safety Officer, Task Force Leader, most recently served as the Operations Section Chief for FEMA's Blue Incident Support Team during Hurricane Helene (2024) where he led rescue operations for the state of North Carolina, and as the Safety Officer for recovery operations at the Palisades Fire (2025)

Additional gratitude for building a replica of the original fire alarm that now resides in front of Station 1 and the retirement boards housed within.

Enjoy your much deserved retirement!





CVFD 2025 FACTS

METRICS (Standard is 90%)

OPERATIONS

EMS/Medical Incident
1st Unit with Paramedic — 7 mins — 86%

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

Effective Response Force /Structure Fire Incident
14 Firefighters — 10 mins — 73%

ATS

Advanced Life Support Requested
1st Ambulance — 12 mins — 95%

Basic Life Support Requested
1st Ambulance — 20 mins — 95%

Each Ambulance has one EMT and one Paramedic

PREVENTION

Inspections
Includes all current groups
100% (10,795)

Plan Reviews
Within 90% of time frame
97% (2,395)

Investigations (Origin/Cause)
Conclusion reached by Fire Investigator
45% (33)

CALLS FOR SERVICE

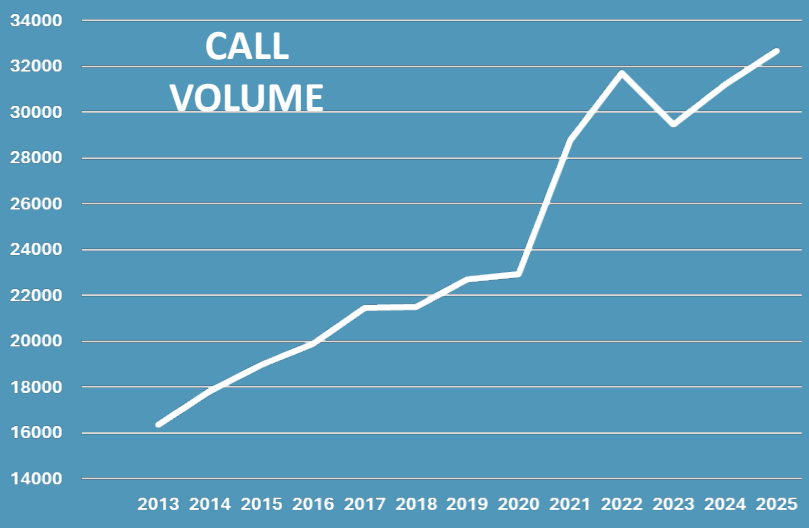
Includes incidents responded to by CVFD and neighboring Fire Departments.

28,953 — **Emergency Medical Incidents**
EMS, Extrication, Search, Rescue

2,665 — **Fire Incidents**
Structure, Vehicle, Vegetation, Other

601 — **Hazardous Materials Incidents**

894 — **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
11 ENGINES
2 TILLERS
2 BRUSH
3 SQUADS
2 OES
1 USAR

FIRE LOSS

$ 294,035,860	PROPERTY
$ 41,045,505	CONTENT
$ 335,081,365	TOTAL

FIRE SAVED

$ 288,108,803
$ 40,347,900
$ 328,456,703

FIRE INJURIES

11 CIVILIAN
8 FIREFIGHTER

FIRE FATALITIES

0 CIVILIAN
0 FIREFIGHTER

STATIONS

Station 1:
447 F St
Units: B51, E51, M51, T51, SQ61
Incidents: 6,651
Responses: 19,884

Station 2:
80 East J St
Units: E52, O420, M52
Incidents: 1,613
Responses: 3,574

Station 4:
850 Paseo Ranchero
Units: E54
Incidents: 1,962
Responses: 4,960

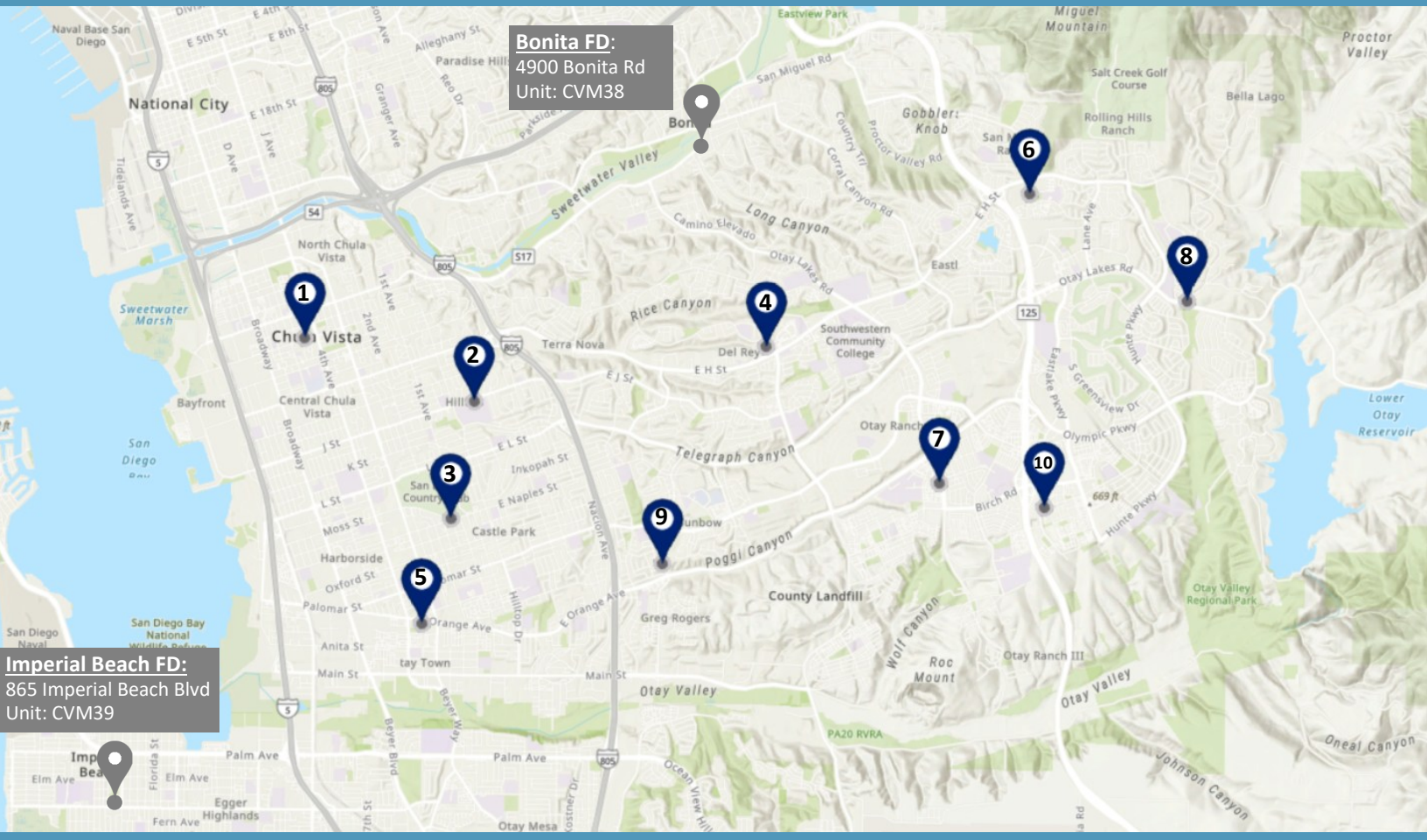
Station 6:
605 Mount Miguel Rd
Units: E56, M56, BR56, UTV56
Incidents: 1,327
Responses: 3,322

Station 8:
1180 Woods Dr
Units: E58, M60, SQ63
Incidents: 1,433
Responses: 3,653















Station 5:
341 Orange Ave
Units: E55, M55, M54, O6306
Incidents: 3,631
Responses: 8,059

Station 3:
100 Moss St
Units: USAR53, E62, M53, UTV53
Incidents: 3,251
Responses: 7,088

Station 9:
1410 Brandywine Ave
Units: E59, BR59
Incidents: 2,563
Responses: 5,896

Station 7:
1640 Santa Venetia
Units: B52, E57, T57, M57, SQ62, BLS57
Incidents: 2,596
Responses: 6,599

Station 10:
1715 Millenia
Units: EMS1, E60, E61
Incidents: 1,519
Responses: 3,841

E62 housed at Station 3, provides coverage for Station 12 (not built, bayfront area) Incidents: 1,261 Responses: 3,773

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

FY 2026 ACTUALS

Fund	Fund Desc	Acct Type	Actuals
100	General Fund	Expenditures	23,884,659
222	2018 Measure A Sales Tax	Expenditures	9,711,151
234	Advanced Life Support Program	Expenditures	2,557,718
269	Other Grants	Expenditures	85,983
272	Federal Grants	Expenditures	207,952
273	State Grants	Expenditures	393,359
410	Transport Enterprise	Expenditures	8,922,367
			45,763,190
100	General Fund	Revenues	(3,102,292)
222	2018 Measure A Sales Tax	Revenues	(6,697,847)
234	Advanced Life Support Program	Revenues	(229,916)
269	Other Grants	Revenues	(59,995)
272	Federal Grants	Revenues	(1,293)
273	State Grants	Revenues	(83,955)
410	Transport Enterprise	Revenues	(13,287,209)
			(23,462,506)



Grant	Year	Time Frame	For	Award Value	Cost Share
EMPG 23	1	7/1/23 - 6/30/25	EOC Coordinator	$62,048	$ 62,048.00
SHSP 23	3	9/1/23 - 5/31/25	EOC Coordinator	$40,000	
			EOC Upgrade	$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	2024	Hazard Mitigation + Suppression Equipment	$283,163	$ 324,163.00
2022 Assistance to Firefighters	2	8/9/2023-8/8/2025	PPE Dryers & Extractors	$78,944	$ 7,894.38

Capital Projects & Improvements

Apparatus and Equipment

Fleet replacement continues to be a top priority. We received 2 fire engines and 2 tiller drawn apparatus earlier this year. The 2 engines replaced aged fire engines and 1 tiller apparatus replaced a front-line apparatus. The 2nd tiller apparatus is being outfitted and will service the new Bayfront developments. Remaining on order are 4 fire engines, slated to arrive mid-2026 and 3 squads and a heavy rescue slated to arrive in 2027.

Facilities

- Design is near complete for Fire Station 11 which will primarily service Village 8 West and being anticipated to begin construction in late 2026 and completed in 2027.
- Interim Fire Station 12 has completed the permitting process and will begin construction in January 2026 with and estimated completion of August 2026. This temporary fire station will service the Bayfront development area.

Recruitment

- Fire Academy 25-01 graduated May 15th and successfully graduated 20 fire recruits, inclusive of 3 Open Enrollees. Graduating open enrollees remained as employees in the Chula Vista Fire Department in our Fire Hand Crew, ambulance transport service, and administrative support services.
- Recruitment for Fire Academy 26-01 was conducted whereby 12 fire recruits were selected and will complete their 20-week academy in July 2026.





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT







Community Adversity Support Team (CAST) - CAST members responded to 154 calls for assistance in 2025, providing immediate and compassionate support to South Bay families during some of their most difficult moments. Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, CAST services remain available without time limits, ensuring families receive the care and resources they need when needed most. The dedication, empathy, and professionalism of CAST members continue to be a vital extension of the Fire Department's service to the community.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program—The Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program completed 10 fuels reduction projects, clearing more than 70 acres of hazardous vegetation and significantly reducing wildfire risk throughout the community. This work reflects the tireless effort of the Fuels Crew and the strength of partnerships with agencies and organizations including Cal OES, FEMA, the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, and the San Diego River Conservancy.

In addition, the program successfully secured a California Volunteers workforce development grant, providing 30 youth with meaningful career opportunities in public service. This achievement highlights the program's dual impact—enhancing wildfire resilience while investing in the next generation of public safety professionals.

Hand Crew (Crew 1) - In 2025, Crew 1 achieved qualification as a Type 2 Initial Attack (IA) hand crew and completed nine fire deployments during the fire season. Deployments included support to the Palisades Fire in Los Angeles County and the Border 2 Fire in Chula Vista, demonstrating the crew's operational readiness and regional value. Chula Vista's Crew 1 remains the only local government hand crew in San Diego County, a distinction that reflects the crew's high standards, discipline, and commitment to excellence.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - The CERT program continued to expand community preparedness through hands-on training and outreach. In 2025, CERT expanded CPR course offerings, delivered training to local Boy Scout troops, and facilitated several additional community-focused emergency preparedness courses. These efforts empower residents with lifesaving skills and strengthen the City's ability to respond effectively during emergencies.

Special Events - In coordination with the EMS Division, staff provided medical coverage for more than 52 concerts and community events across the City. This work ensured the safety of residents and visitors while supporting successful community gatherings and special events throughout the year.

PUBLIC EDUCATION







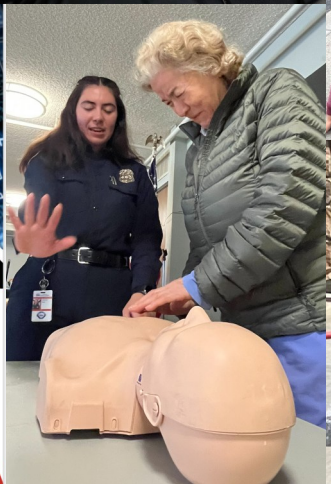
2025 Car Seat Safety Events

279 inspections

- Upon initial inspection, 85% were not installed correctly









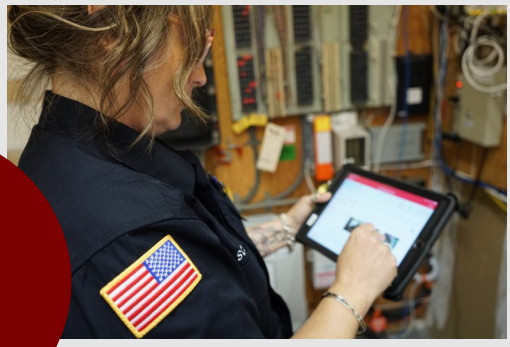


FIRE PREVENTION

Total Inspections: **10,795**

Square Feet Inspected: **28,595,692**

People Protected: **414,986**



Fire Investigations	33
Ave. unit hours at scene	2:27:36

Top 10 Inspection Violations

27%		Electrical Hazard
18%		Portable Fire Protection: non-compliant
13%		Fire Protection Systems: non -compliant
10%		Egress Systems
10%		Fire Alarm Systems: non-compliant
8%		Access / Water Supply
5%		Combustible Storage
3%		Commercial Kitchen Hood Extinguishing Systems: non-compliant
3%		General Fire / Life Safety
3%		Hazardous Materials

Deliverables

Occupancy Type	Inspections	Violations
Operational Permit	1,421	2,351
Cannabis	24	22
Commercial Daycare	29	47
Detention/Jail Facilities	6	7
Fire Engine Company (FCIP)	639	287
Hazard and Temp Op Permit	708	-
General Use Cert/Business Lic.	149	-
High-rise	7	14
Hotel/Motel	42	57
Multi-family Apartment	3,890	3,124
New Construction	2,909	-
School	971	363
Total	10,795	6,272

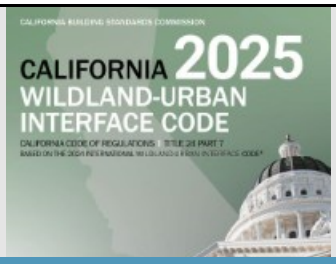
Plans Reviews	Reviews	On-Time Completion
New Construction	2,395	97%

ITM System Reports	Reviews	Deficiencies
Fire Protection System	1,700	2,735

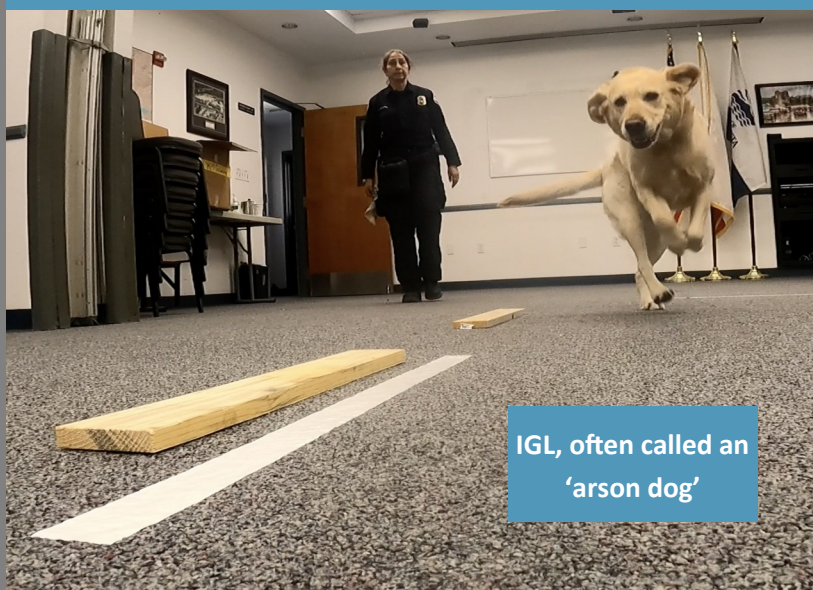
ITM Fully Compliant Fire Protection Systems: 83%

Public Records Requests Received and Released: 239

Annual Fire Code Permits Issued: **2,451**



Ignitable Liquid Detection (IGL) K9 Hannah, eager to train and always ready to be deployed to a fire investigation

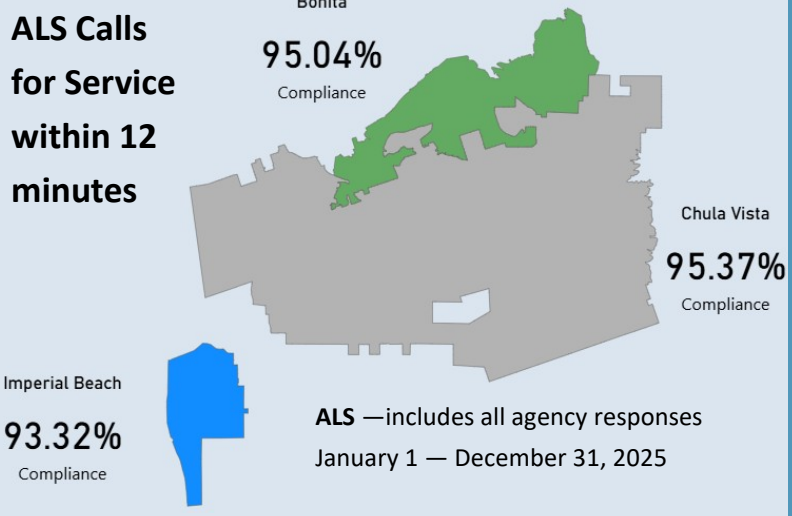


IGL, often called an 'arson dog'

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

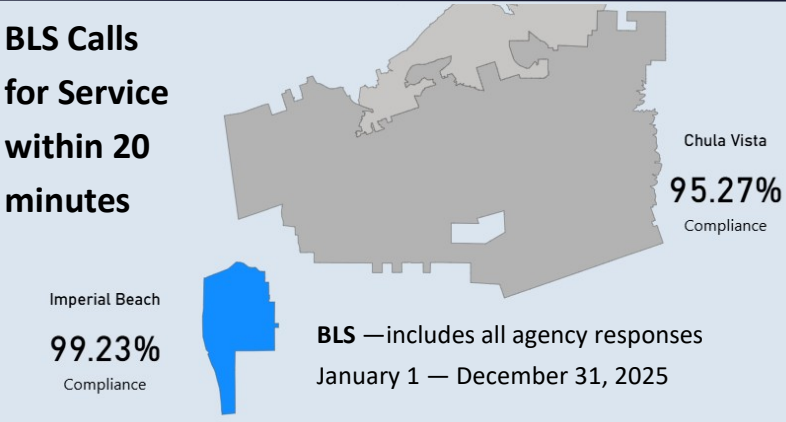


ALS Calls for Service within 12 minutes



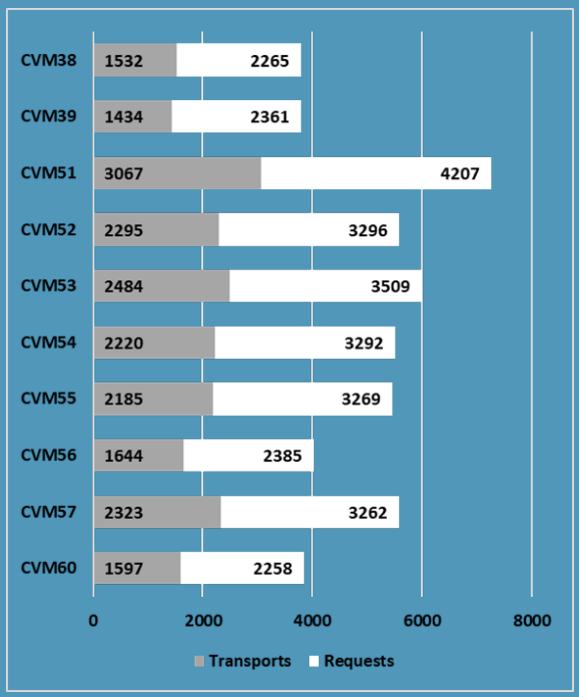
ALS —includes all agency responses
January 1 — December 31, 2025

BLS Calls for Service within 20 minutes



BLS —includes all agency responses
January 1 — December 31, 2025

Unit Transports and Responses



Note: shown are 24 hour ambulances in service for all of 2025. 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 Links

OPERATIONS

DISPATCHED VEHICLE INCIDENTS

142	Vehicle Fires	
	Vehicle Rescues	146
1,898	Traffic Accidents	



103
Extrications
—all incident types
37 involved vehicles

Fire Operations proudly serves the community through ten strategically located fire stations staffed by 150 highly trained suppression firefighters. In 2025, CVFD responded to more than 32,000 calls for service — a 39% increase in recent years — reflecting both the City's growth and our unwavering commitment to meeting community needs. On average, our teams answer 90 calls for service and generate 203 unit responses each day across 12 staffed companies. Two engine companies each respond to more than 10,500 calls annually, underscoring the significant demand in the neighborhoods they serve.

Each day, 64 professional firefighters stand ready to protect life and property, staffing eleven engine companies, two aerial ladder trucks, one Type I Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) unit, one 24-hour squad, two 12-hour squads, and two Battalion Chief command vehicles — ensuring rapid, coordinated, and compassionate emergency response for our community.



Dispatched Fire Incidents
2,665



CV Unit Responses to Fires
5,263



TRAINING

Total Training hours 77,074

Total 25-01 Fire Academy Training hours 12,257



In 2025, the Chula Vista Fire Department Training Division continued to deliver innovative and comprehensive training to prepare our personnel for the complex and evolving demands of the fire service. From simulated structure fires and specialized skills training to promotional exam preparation, the division remained focused on ensuring every member is ready to respond safely and effectively.

The Academy Cadre maintained its high standard of recruit development, providing more than 800 hours of instruction per recruit and reinforcing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for field readiness. Specialized training efforts expanded to include high-rise in-service training, wildland preparedness, and hands-on instruction for the department's new Pierce fire engines, strengthening both structural and all-hazards response capabilities.

The division also supported career development through promotional exam preparation and the continued delivery of the Captain's Academy, preparing the next generation of CVFD leaders. Ongoing collaboration with regional partners further enhanced interoperability and service delivery.

The Training Division remains committed to firefighter preparedness, leadership development, and operational excellence in service to the Chula Vista community.

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

HARRY MUNS

Division	Separated Service	Promotions	New Hires
Suppression	5	28	18
Paramedics and EMTs	25	12	17
Prevention	1	0	1
Administration	4	0	1
Hourly**	29	0	35

*Suppression 'New Hires', 7 were EMT or Paramedics prior to graduating from CVFD's Firefighter Academy.

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



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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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