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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 10, 2023
To: Board of Directors
From: Chief Bradley
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update – June 2023

Battalion Chief Academy

Throughout the month of May, staff developed the components of a Battalion Chief Academy for existing Battalion Chiefs and the four Captains who passed our Battalion Chief Exam in April. The three-day Academy was held June 5 – 7 and focused on the multitude of tasks and responsibilities a Battalion Chief can expect during their shift. Topics included operational tactics for large-scale emergency operations, first alarm structure footprint, Tablet Command, radio and dispatch; and administrative tasks such as finance processes, public relations, organizational communication and leadership. Speakers included our Fiscal Analyst and Chief Officers as well as Chiefs and Captains from the Tracy Police Department, Stockton Fire, Lodi Fire, and CalFire. The goal of this Academy is to develop skill-sets and prepare Battalion Chief candidates to cover and fill future vacancies.

Explorer Post 900

Explorer Post 900 kicked off their annual Recruit Academy on June 5th. The Academy is one week long and focuses on leadership, physical strength and agility, hands on training and education in all aspects of the fire service. This year's Academy graduated 21 recruits.



4th of July Public Service Announcements

South San Joaquin County Fire Authority filmed and released two Public Service Announcements during the month of June in preparation for Independence Day. The first video was recorded in collaboration with Tracy Police Department's Chief Millington with a focus on using only safe and sane fireworks in the City of Tracy and how to report the illegal use of fireworks. The second PSA was recorded by SSSJCA's Drone Team and featured SSSJCA's Chief Officers. The goal was to advise and inform the public about the extreme growth of vegetation in the area from the high amounts of rainfall received this year and how one spark from a firework can cause a dry field to ignite in a matter of seconds. The PSA also focused on firework safety tips and reminded the community that illegal fireworks are not only illegal, but are also problematic for our veterans, children, and pets. These PSA's were a great step to engage the community and deliver important information.



EMS Manager Recruitment

On March 8th the Board approved the over hire of the EMS Manager position and approved a 10% pay increase for the position in an attempt to attract highly qualified candidates. This position is currently being filled by Captain Meineke due to an extended absence of the EMS Manager. Potential interviews were scheduled for early June but were pushed back to the first week of July due to additional applications being received from qualified candidates.

Community Risk Assessment

On March 15th, the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority was awarded \$39,000 through the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) Grant Program. The funding for this grant will be utilized to prepare a Community Risk Assessment. The contract with AP Triton was approved by the Board of Directors at the June 14th Board Meeting and the beginning phases of the assessment have begun.

NFPA 2023 Conference and International Fire Marshals Association

Fire Marshal Spears represented the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Association at the NFPA 2023 Conference and the International Fire Marshals Association (IFMA) meeting. This significant event brought together fire code professionals from across the nation to discuss crucial topics, exchange ideas, and promote fire prevention and mitigation. The conference provided valuable insights and opportunities for networking. These interactions facilitated the exchange of experiences, lessons learned, and effective strategies, benefiting our local fire prevention efforts.

Dispatch JPA Audit Results in Surplus Refund

The final audit for the San Joaquin County Regional Fire Dispatch Authority was completed without any findings. The audit revealed a fund surplus resulting in a \$123,616 refund that will be sent to the Authority no later than mid-August.

Leprino Foods

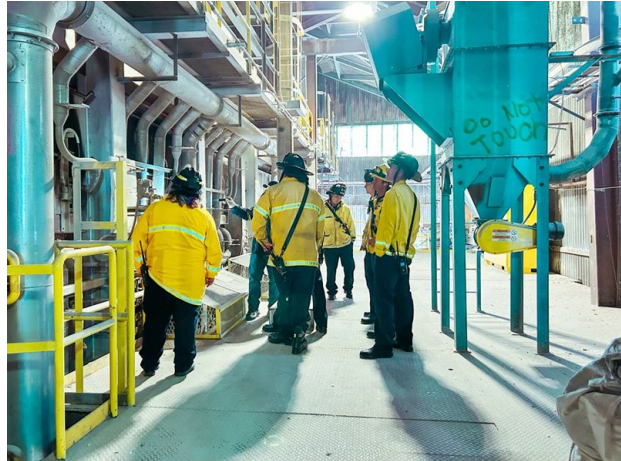
South San Joaquin County Fire Authority was contacted by Leprino Foods in May to see if our agency would like to partner with them on a Supplemental Environmental Project Agreement (SEP). In March of 2021, Leprino Foods had a HAZMAT incident at their Tracy site involving a leak of anhydrous ammonia which resulted in a fine from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA offered Leprino Foods an opportunity to engage with a local organization for the SEP Agreement. Leprino Foods reached out to SSJCFA since we are the local responding agency and advised that this agreement could result in a funding opportunity. The caveat for the funding is that the equipment purchased would have to be a direct nexus to the incident that resulted in the fine. Staff worked diligently to identify potential hazardous materials related equipment and training props that would be beneficial for our response in hazardous materials related emergencies. If the funding is granted, SSJCFA would be able to procure a HAZMAT sensing drone, HazSim software and handhelds, and props for our Training Facility to include a bulk processing tank, bulk storage tank and leaking pipe simulators. This equipment would be vital for training operations to simulate actual hazardous material emergencies. SSJCFA continues to wait on a final funding decision by the EPA.

Training Facility Update

SSJCFA continues to make forward steady progress on the development of the Training Facility. We are waiting on soil samples, but the CEQA study is now complete and is out for the 30-day review period. SSJCFA has engaged Modern Building Systems to assist with the design and buildout of the modular classroom, and continues to meet with City staff and consultants. We are hopeful that the recent progress will allow for the public bidding process for a general contractor to launch and conclude by the end of September, 2023.

Tour of Brockway Glass Plant

On June 27th, Community Risk Reduction and Operations staff members met at the Brockway Glass Plant to tour the facility and develop a plan for emergency response at the site. They were able to identify potential hazards and discussed specific protocols for emergency situations such as a glass leak at the facility. SSJCFA staff will work closely with them to develop an emergency response plan.



Airport Training Burn

Crews completed live fire training burns at the Tracy Airport during the week of June 26th. This annual burn is done to reduce the risk of large grass fire potential in the area. The Tracy Airport borders I-580 and is surrounded by dry, tall grass. Not only does this live fire burn help reduce the risk of a major grass fire, but it also provides a great training opportunity for our crews to practice on wildland fires that are often erratic and unpredictable.



Training

During June, the South County Fire Authority Division of Training continued to facilitate all risk emergency training events.

- All personnel completed aerial master stream operations including drafting from a portable tank
- Personnel trained with Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) on our new hotel packs at DLA's training tower
- All personnel attended live wildland fire training at the Tracy Airport
- SSJCFA personnel trained with Tracy Police Department SWAT Team members on active shooter drills including training SWAT Team members on forcible entry and hose line management.

At the company level our firefighters are training daily to better prepare themselves for mitigating emergencies in our community. The Authority logged over 1,450 hours of training during the month of June.

The Division of Training is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Fire Authority to provide a well-trained and professional fire department to serve our community.

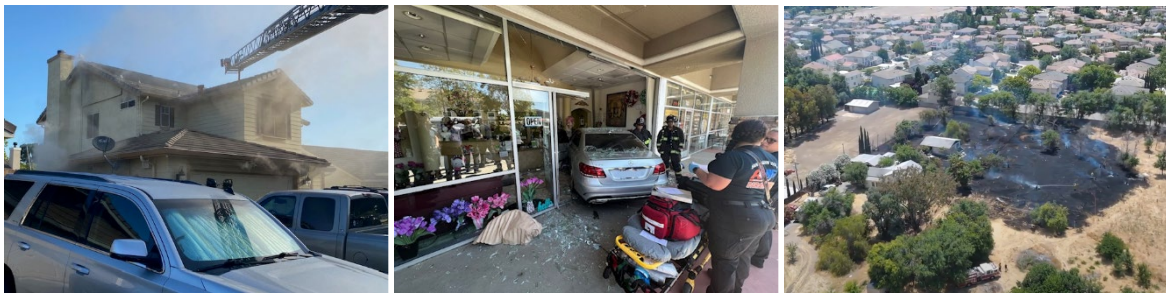


Emergency Response Highlights

- **June 7, 2023** – Crews responded to a call for a structure fire just after 5:30 PM on the 3500 block of West 11th Street near the roundabout. The fire was brought under control within 30 minutes and the cause of the fire was unknown. The property appeared to be vacant and no injuries were reported.



- **June 13, 2023** – Crews responded to a call just after 7:20 AM for a structure fire on Bridle Creek Circle. The fire was brought under control within 10 minutes of arrival. The fire is suspected to have started in the laundry room and extended into the property. No injuries were reported.
- **June 13, 2023** – A call came in at 3:15 PM for a vehicle that crashed into a building on the 2600 block of Naglee Road. Upon arrival, crews found a single vehicle that crashed into a dental office. Minor injuries were reported by multiple parties.
- **June 27, 2023** – Crews responded to a call for a building fire just before noon. Upon arrival crews found that there were no active structure fires, but the fire in the field was threatening structures. The fire was brought under control within 25 minutes and the structures were not affected. No injuries were reported.

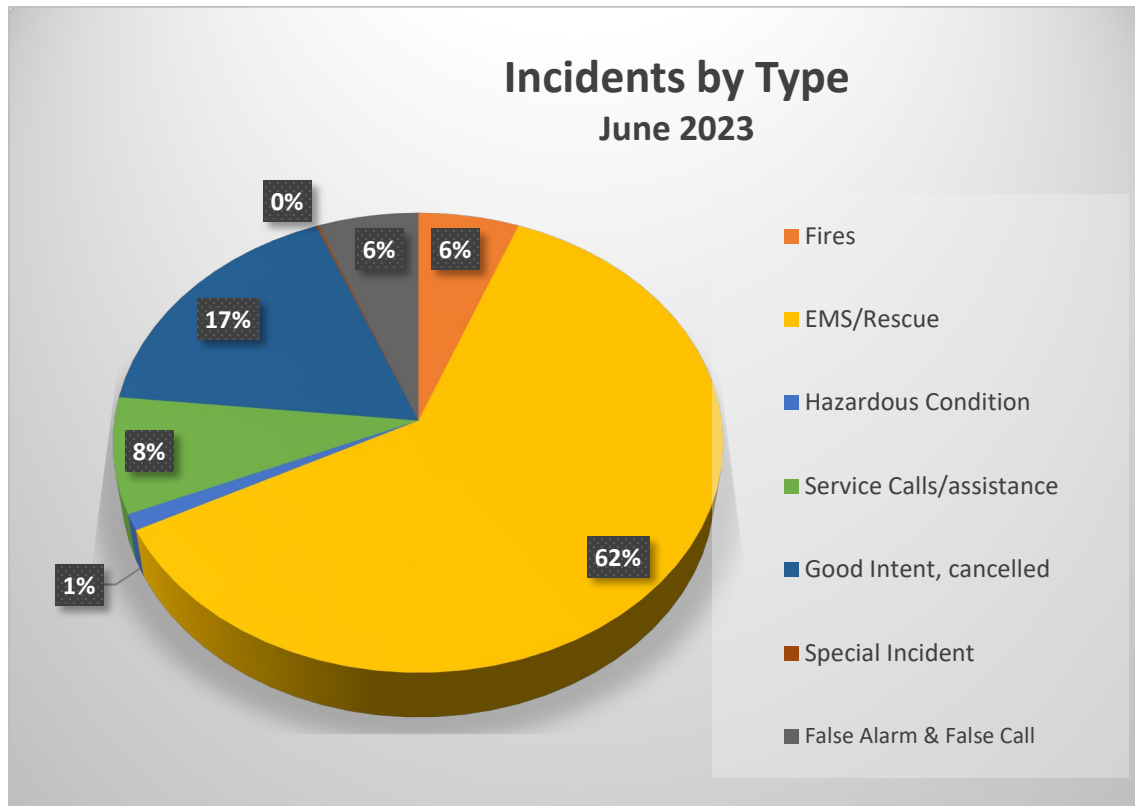


Firefighter Olympics

On June 29th, our Firefighters participated in the Firefighter Olympics at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale. They finished with a silver medal in Division 3.

June 2023 Response Data

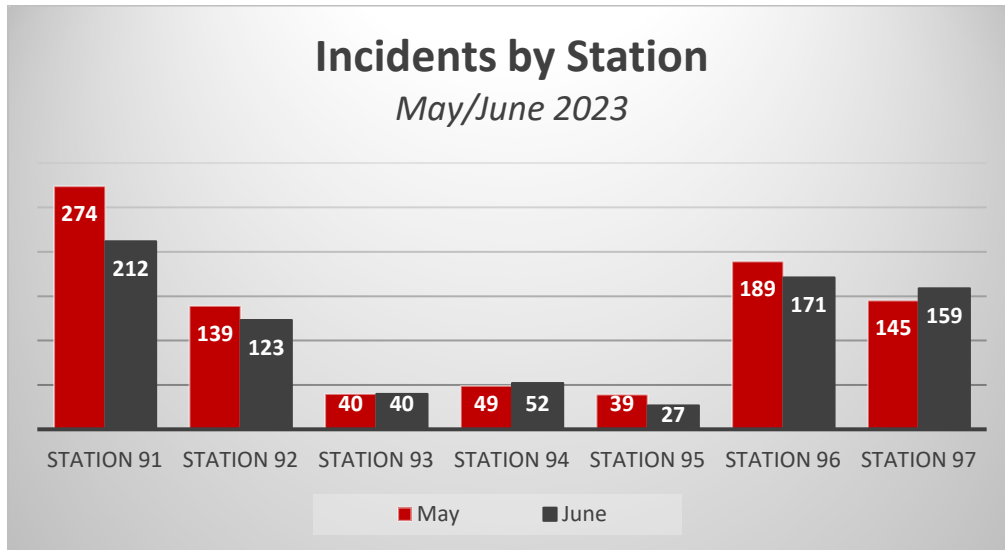
There were **788 reported incidents** in the month of June 2023. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (485 incidents comprising 62% of all calls for service). While there were 788 calls for service, it is important to note that some calls require multiple apparatus. In total there were **1,271 total apparatus responses** in June.



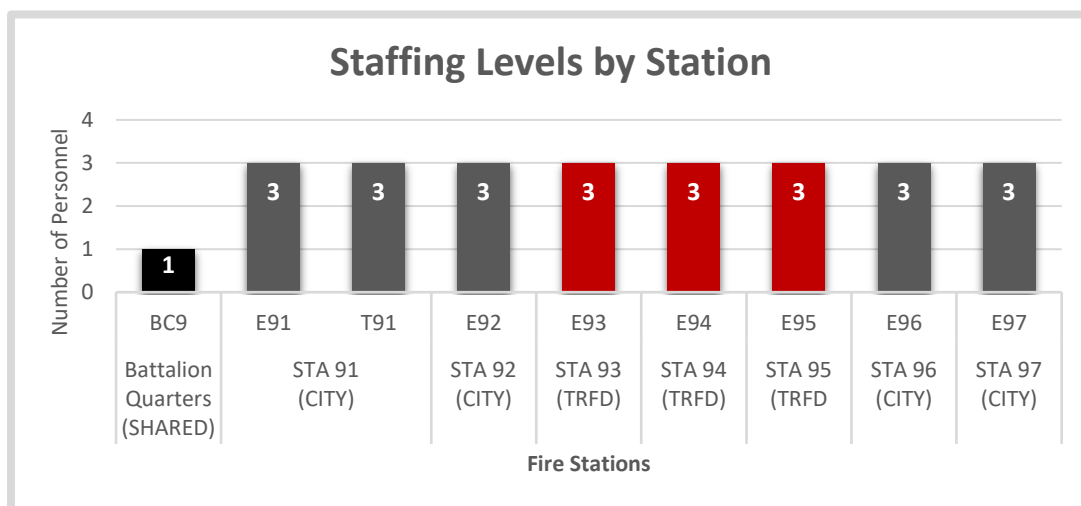
Incident by Type	# of Incidents	% of Total
Fires	46	5.84%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, no fire	0	0.00%
EMS/Rescue	485	61.55%
Hazardous Condition	9	1.14%
Service Calls/assistance	64	8.12%
Good Intent, cancelled	137	17.39%
Special Incident	1	0.11%
False Alarm & False Call	46	5.84%
Total	788	100.00%

June 2023 Response Data (Continued)

Station 91 continues to be the busiest fire station in the month of June. There are two staffed units responding from Station 91; Truck 91 and Engine 91. As the weather continues to warm, the call volume for June increased. Lastly, at the half way mark we have responded to **5,085** alarms in 2023 compared to **5,181** alarms in 2022.



The Joint Powers Agreement of the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority states the Chief Executive Officer will provide the Board of Directors a report on the staffing levels at each station. Authority fire engines and the ladder truck are staffed with 3 persons each. There is one Battalion Chief on duty each day to supervise one of three shifts.



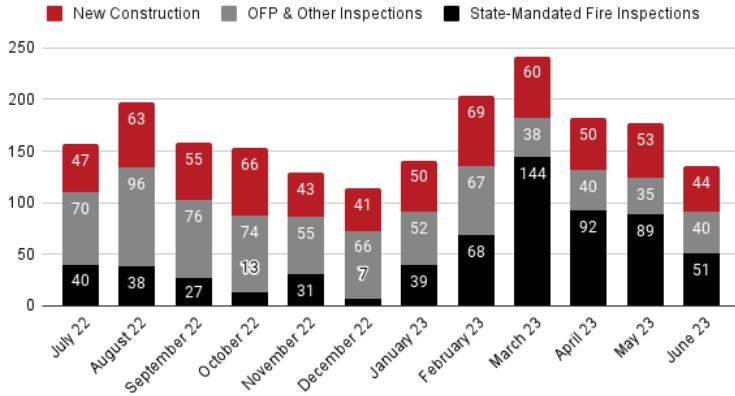
Community Risk Reduction Statistics

June FY22/23

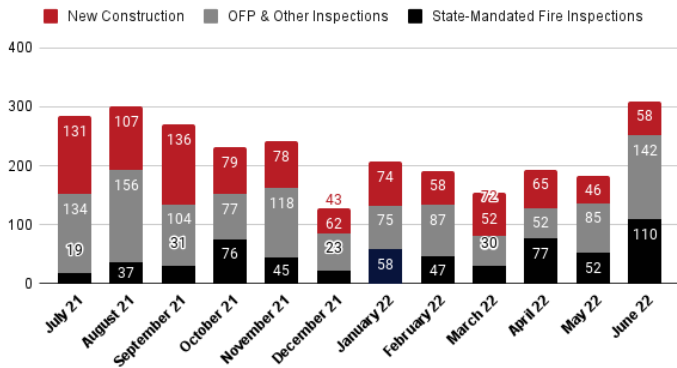
FIRE INSPECTIONS

Fire Inspection Totals:

FIRE INSPECTIONS FY 22/23



FIRE INSPECTIONS FY21/22



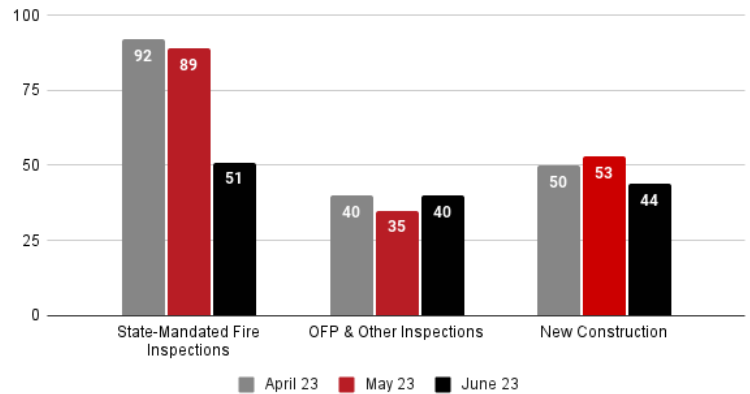
YTD STATE-MANDATE INITIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

	Completed	Total	%
Multi-family Residential and Hotel/Motels	175	175	100%
Schools (K-12)*	35	35	100%

Annual Revenue

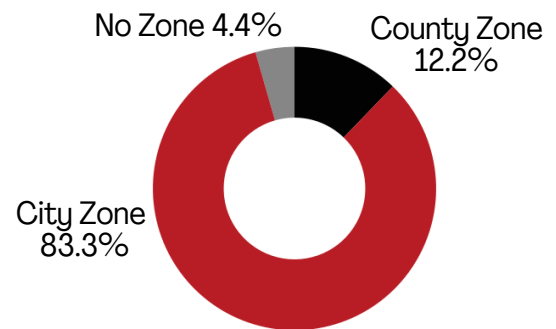
COT CRR Fees	\$524,082.98
TRFPD CRR Fees	\$61,983.62

MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON

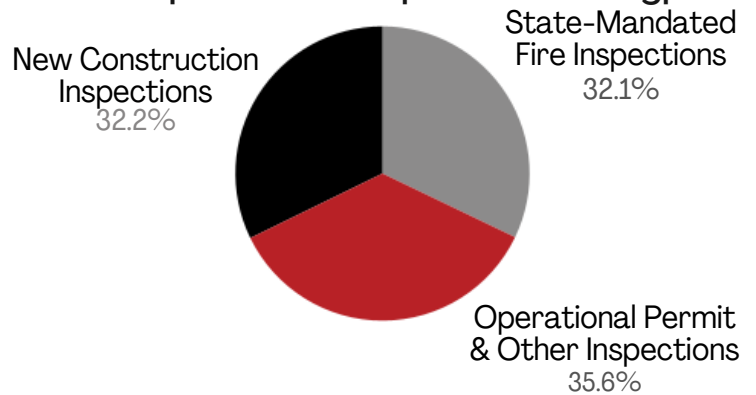


YTD FIRE INSPECTION OVERVIEW

Completed Fire Inspections Per Zone:



Completed Fire Inspections Per Type:



Community Risk Reduction Statistics

June FY 22/23

PLAN REVIEWS FY22/23



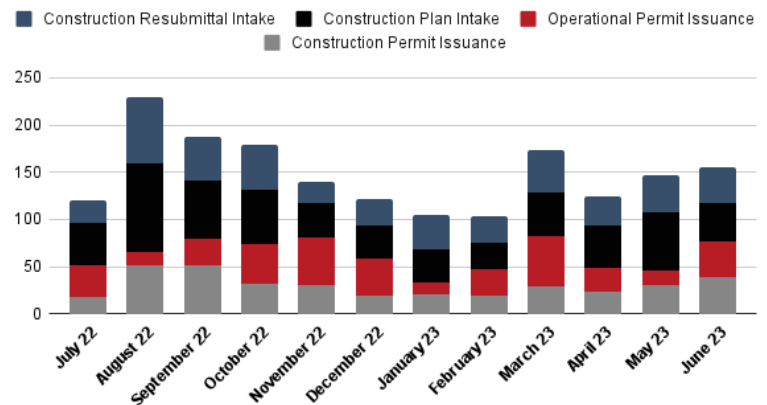
PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- There were 79 plan check activities in June
- In June, 53% of the plan check activities were initial submittals and 47% were resubmittals
- In June, there were no occurrences where a plan check exceeded its due date

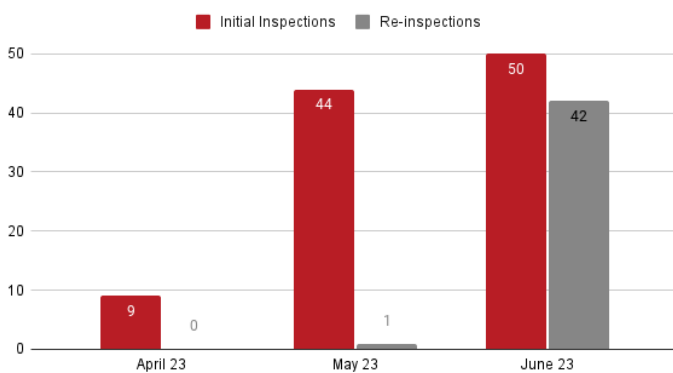
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 38 new construction permits were issued in June
- We received and processed 40 new plan submittals
- We received and processed 38 resubmitted construction documents
- 39 operational fire permits were issued in June

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES FY 22/23



Weed Abatement Inspections



WEED ABATEMENT

- A new web page was added to the Fire Authority's website detailing the process for reporting hazards and inspection process.
- We continue receive reports of overgrown and dry vegetation.
- In June we conducted 50 initial inspections and 42 re-inspections.

June Social Media Overview

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4.3K

Facebook Page Followers

62

New Facebook Followers

24K

People reached on Facebook

2.9K

People reached on Instagram

There were a few posts that stood out in terms of engagements, shares, likes, comments, impressions, and people reached. Here are some of them:



f A post on June 8 about the Engine 97 crew rescuing a kitten from a tree had:
207 engagements
12 shares
177 likes
18 comments
3,598 impressions and reached 3,329 people.



f A post on June 13 about a structure fire on Bridle Creek Circle had:
314 engagements
30 shares
254 likes
30 comments
17,264 impressions and reached 17,007 people.

ig A post on June 8 about the Engine 97 crew rescuing a kitten from a tree had 2 comments, 23 shares, 129 likes, 1,267 impressions, and reached 979 people.

ig A post on June 13 about a structure fire on Bridle Creek Circle had 3 comments, 9 shares, 115 likes, 894 impressions, and reached 734 people.



f A post on June 12 about the Engine 91 crew helping a vehicle in trouble had:
465 engagements
18 shares
413 likes
34 comments
6,799 impressions and reached 6,355 people.



ig A post on June 18 wishing Happy Father's Day from the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority had:
0 comments
0 shares
40 likes
391 impressions and reached 349 people.

FACEBOOK MONTHLY AVERAGES

Engagements	110
Shares	8
Likes	94
People Reached	3346

INSTAGRAM MONTHLY AVERAGES

Impressions	834
Shares	9
Likes	67
Reach	623