

Memorandum

Date: September 13, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Chief Bradley
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update - September

Recruits Graduate

The following four recruits recently graduated from SSJCFA's fire academy and have been placed on shift. Due to the staffing demands of the wildfires throughout California and the opening of Fire Station 95, the academy was completed one week early. Please join me in welcoming our newest firefighters:

Firefighter Addison Gibson



Addison Gibson was born and raised in Orangevale, CA, by his mother and father, alongside his two younger brothers. He is a graduate of Casa Roble High School class of 2012, where he played baseball for the Rams and discovered his desire to join the Fire Service. Addison holds family, friends, and an active lifestyle near and dear to his heart. He started his fire service career in Foresthill, where he developed an interest in paramedicine, eventually graduating the Roseville NCTI Paramedic program in 2020. Addison lives in Carmichael CA, with his loving wife Audrey, and newborn son, River. Addison is honored to have the opportunity to join the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority family.

Firefighter Eric Valencia



Eric Valencia was born and raised locally in Tracy. He graduated from Tracy High School in 2007. Eric is a graduate of Las Positas College in Livermore, American River College, and CSU Sacramento where he received an A.A. in Liberal Arts, A.S. in General Science, A.S. in Fire Service, and a B.S. in Kinesiology - Exercise Science. Eric started his career in the fire service in 2015 as a Firefighter with CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, where he worked for three years. Eric is a graduate of the Livermore NCTI Paramedic program. Prior to employment with the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority, Eric worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the San Rafael Fire Department. Eric is a proud member of the Hispanic community and is Bilingual in Spanish. Eric currently lives in Manteca with his wife Monica and son Marcelo.

Firefighter Logan Crosby



Logan Crosby was born and raised in Folsom, CA. He spent seven years in the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman serving alongside sailors and marines in multiple countries across the globe. During his time in the military, he volunteered as a Firefighter/EMT for Escambia County Fire Rescue in Pensacola, Florida and Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department in Williamsburg, VA. After completing his military service, he then earned his paramedic license and spent 2 years working as a paramedic in San Joaquin County. Logan currently resides in Roseville, CA with his loving wife Michelle and two sons Tyler and Wyatt.

Firefighter Trent Perkins



Trent Perkins currently lives in the city of Folsom with his girlfriend of five years, Hannah. On his time off, he enjoys mountain biking and staying physically active. Perkins started his firefighter journey after high school by obtaining his EMT through Folsom Lake College. After attending Sierra College Regional Fire Academy, he worked a season with CAL FIRE -Amador El Dorado unit. Perkins decided to pursue further education and advance his medical skill sets becoming a paramedic, in 2019. Trent worked as a paramedic for the next year with AMR San Joaquin County prior to employment with the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority.

Development

A University/Trade School and a large business park is being proposed for the unincorporated area west of Durham Ferry Road between Bird Road and Tracy Boulevard. SSJCFA and TRFD will be working with the developer to determine fire protection requirements for the project. If the project moves forward, it will further solidify the long-term sustainability of fire protection in South San Joaquin County.

COVID-19

Fire Authority staff continues to evaluate the organizational and operational impacts of the increased COVID-19 patients that are being attributed to the Delta variant. On September 9, 2021, management issued a directive further coding policies and processes designed to protect our employees. SSJCFA staff continues to take a leadership role in managing the ongoing emergency management team activation and emergency declaration. Discussions with County OES has led to the opening of a second COVID-19 testing facility in Tracy.

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Station 95

Fire Station 95 in Tracy Hills opened on September 1, 2021. We continue to work with the general contractor to address “punch list” items but the opening of the station was an important milestone in providing comprehensive fire protection and paramedic services in our community. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony on August 28 was well attended by community dignitaries and Tracy Hills residents.



Ribbon cutting ceremony, August 28, 2021.



First shift in the new station, 0630 hours on September 1, 2021.

Phase 2 of 2018 JPA Agreement Transition

On Tuesday, August 17, 2021 the Tracy Rural Fire District and the Tracy City Council approved the Employee Transition Plan, each by resolution. As part of the City of Tracy approval, staff committed to work with City and District staff to implement the financial policy and processes recommended by the Municipal Resource Group (MRG). Those efforts are now underway. On September 21, 2021, staff will be requesting approval on several resolutions that will serve as the basis for the new organization. Staff will also be working with the labor groups to transition their newly approved contracts to the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority.

Training

During the month of August, the Division of Training continued to facilitate and support a multitude of training events. Our members participated in the on-going areas of training, including Hazardous Materials Response, Multi-Company Operations, Individual in-person and online training, and EMS continuing education.

The Authority received Automatic CPR Devices for all of our apparatus. Training was completed by all companies on policies associated with the use of the device and the operations of the device.

We continue to work towards completion of every member having the necessary training for the Authority's tiller truck. We made great progress in August, and only have a couple members left to certify. Training consisted of operating the tractor drawn aerial, and several hours of road driving. We completed the Fire Authority's 2021-1 Recruit Academy. Four new Probationary Fire Fighters have been assigned to the line. They will continue to work on Probationary Task Books designed to complement their academy training. We also continued engineer operations training this month. The goal was to deploy 2 ½" hose in warehouse operations with an emphasis on hose deployment, management, FDC, and standpipe connections.

The new Amazon facility is progressing quickly. All personnel participated in walk through tours of the facility with the goal of understanding emergency access in the facility, safety measures utilized during the construction, and building construction. Crews also observed an evacuation drill for employees working at the construction site.

In August, we had the opportunity to provide support to our membership with an emphasis on Mental Health. All members participated in a mental wellness seminar with our contracted mental health professional, Tina Casola from FAW (First Alarm Wellness).

The Division of Training continues to have a "mission" focus to provide for a well-trained and professional fire agency that meets state and federal training mandates.

Recruitment/Fire Academy

Eight new SSJCFA recruits will begin their training academy on September 17, 2021. The recruits will be attending a thirteen week academy hosted by the City of Stockton. The new recruits all have professional firefighter experience which allows for the shortened thirteen-week academy.

Strike Team Deployment

The Authority's Type III OES Engine with three personnel was deployed to the Lava Fire in Siskiyou County on June 30, 2021. They were redeployed to the Salt Incident in Shasta County and then they were assigned to the Beckwourth Complex Fire in Plumas County. On August 17, they were reassigned to the Caldor Fire in Eldorado County where they remain. Although the III OES Engine has been deployed since June 30, 2021, we rotate crews every fourteen days. On August 20, 2021 an Authority Type I engine with four personnel was deployed to the Caldor Fire in Eldorado County and returned on September 2, 2021. Chief Arganbright, Captain Oliveri and Captain Leblanc have all been deployed and have returned as single resources in the months of August/September.

It should be noted, that we continue to staff all stations within the Fire Authority (no service level reductions) and we receive reimbursement for the cost of personnel assigned to the incident and the cost of personnel who work overtime for the personnel assigned to the incident.



Community Risk Reduction



South San Joaquin County Fire Authority
Community Risk Reduction

CRR Report
August 2021

August 2021 Analysis and Highlights

- 65% increase in construction permit issuance from August 2020
- 232% increase in OFP/other inspections from August 2020
- 6% decrease in new construction inspections from August 2020
- 389% increase in vegetation mngmnt inspections from August 2020
- 40% decrease in construction permit issuance from July 2021
- 17% increase in OFP/other inspections from July 2021
- 19% decrease in new construction inspections from July 2021
- 55% increase in vegetation mngmnt inspections from July 2021

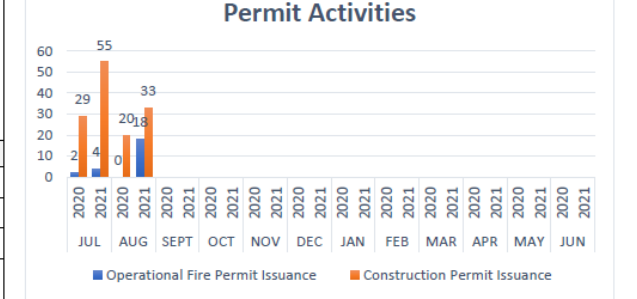
STATE MANDATED INSPECTIONS YTD

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Apartment building complexes	13	158	8.4%
Schools (K-12 & Headstart)	2	57	3.5%

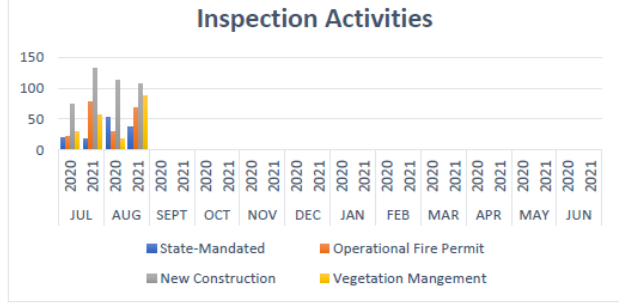
AUGUST MONTHLY INSPECTION OVERVIEW

Activity	Total	Percentage
State-Mandated Fire Inspections	37	12%
Operational Permit & Other Inspections	156	52%
New Construction Inspections	107	38%

PLAN REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES



INSPECTIONS YTD

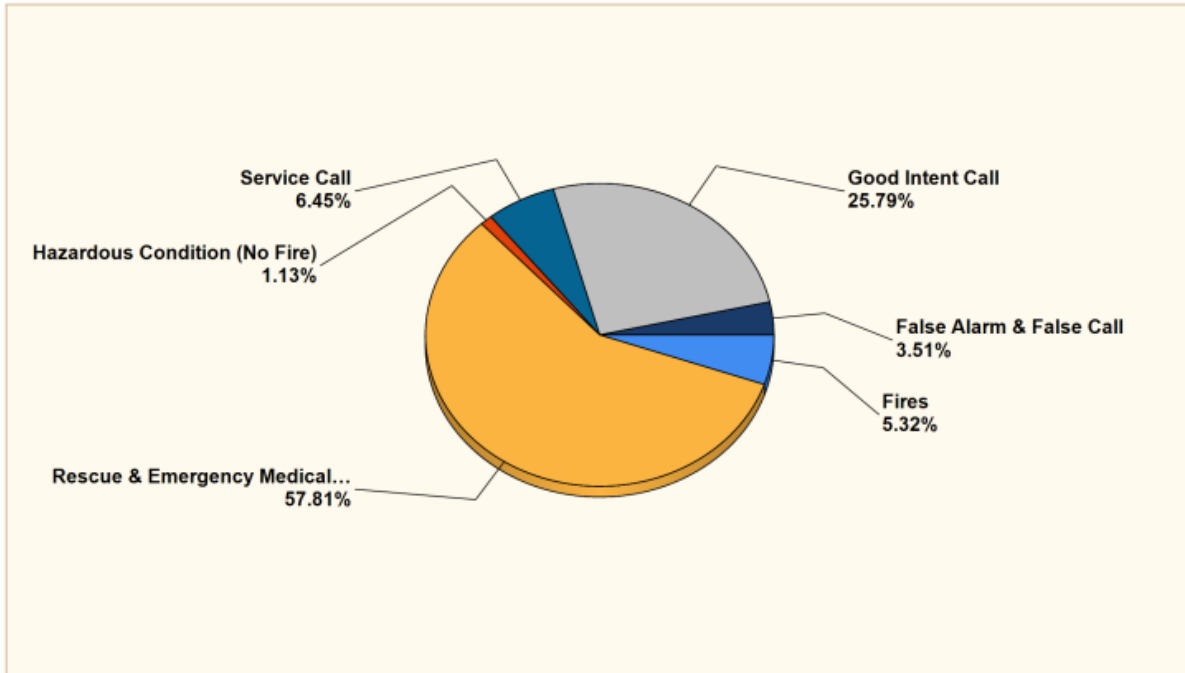


CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW



August Response Data

There were 936 total incidents in the month of August 2021. The charts listed below reflect only those incidents (884/936) where the incident report has been completed and reviewed. The remaining 52 calls are pending review prior to inclusion in the following charts. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incidents.



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	47	5.32%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	511	57.81%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	10	1.13%
Service Call	57	6.45%
Good Intent Call	228	25.79%
False Alarm & False Call	31	3.51%
TOTAL	884	100%

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