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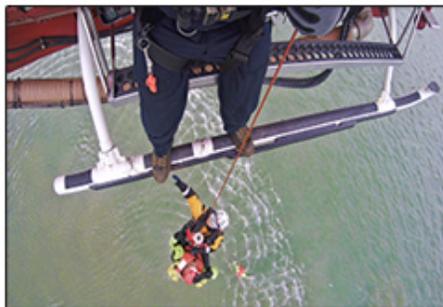
**TO BETTER SERVE YOU**

Metro Fire is the largest fire agency in the Sacramento region and the 7th largest in the state, serving roughly 728,000 people living and working in a 417 square mile area. Metro Fire provides all-hazard emergency services to the communities it serves and assists with emergencies outside our jurisdiction through mutual-aid agreements and deployments on local, state, and federal emergencies around the country.

The number of calls for fire, medical and other emergency services has increased substantially since 2005, a trend that continued in 2015. Last year, Metro Fire's thirty-six fire engines, six fire trucks, and 22 medics responded to more than 93,000 calls - up 6% from 2014.

As an all-hazard fire district, Metro Fire handles more types of emergencies than you might realize. Metro Firefighters are all trained in Emergency Medical Response and Structure/Wildland Fire Suppression. Through our Special Operations programs, firefighters may specialize in Hazardous Materials Response (HAZMAT), Aircraft Firefighting, Technical Rescue, Aviation and Dozer Operations, Urban Search & Rescue (US&R), Swift Water Rescue, Tactical EMS (TEMS), Incident Management Teams, and Joint Terrorism Task Force/Homeland Security.

Metro Fire's aviation and dozer programs are the only ones of their kind locally and provide critical response capabilities to the entire region. Metro Fire's TEMS program, also the only one of its kind regionally, provides tactical medical support to the Sacramento County Sheriff, Citrus Heights Police Department, and FBI SWAT Teams. Being all-hazard gives us the ability to rapidly and effectively deploy the appropriate resources to mitigate any emergency for which we are called.



**► GRANT-FUNDED PROGRAM SAVES LIVES IN RANCHO CORDOVA**

Unlike hospitals and schools, inspections of residential care facilities are not mandated by the state. But due to the increased life safety risk of the clients living in these homes, many of whom are elderly, developmentally disabled or bedridden, finding ways to protect these residents better is critical.

In October of 2015, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded Metro Fire a grant of \$467,116 to hire three Fire Inspectors for the purpose of establishing an inspection program for residential care facilities and large family day cares. With more than 800 residential care facilities to inspect this year, Fire Inspectors have been continually working with owners to ensure their facilities meet all appropriate fire and safety codes.

A recent example demonstrates how timely inspections can improve public safety and outcomes.

On February 17th, Metro Firefighters were called out to a garage fire on Edyth Lake Way in Rancho Cordova. The home was a residential board and care facility, home to four developmentally-disabled residents. The facility had been inspected just a few weeks earlier under the FEMA grant program. One of the items the owners were cited for was not having the self-closing door between the garage and living quarters, as required by fire code. When the home was re-inspected five days before the fire, the owners had brought everything up to code, including the door.



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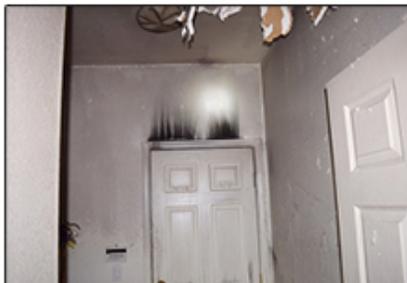
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Late afternoon on the 17th, residents and staff were inside the home. A staff member heard a pop from the garage, where a fire had started. She did everything correctly: called 9-1-1, pulled the manual fire alarm, and began evacuating residents. Firefighters arrived and finished evacuations, while putting out the fire. The door, thanks to the self-closing mechanism, was the one thing that kept the fire from spreading to the home.

We are often asked if programs such as this are valuable. With four lives saved already, we think the answer is clearly "yes."

Watch the story on ABC10: [here](#).



"Forged from a long line of tradition, we are Metro Fire - working together to serve our community with honor, integrity and selfless devotion to duty."

### ► MID-YEAR BUDGET PROCESS

At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2015/16, Metro Fire staff developed and implemented an ongoing budget review process to compare budget forecasts with actual revenues and expenditures. This process includes a monthly comparison of budgeted and actual results at the divisional level, as well as a quarterly review of District-wide revenues and expenditures by Command Staff and all Budget officers. Under this collaborative review process, the budget can continue to be refined based on the availability of new information, actual spending and revenues, revised project schedules, and new program developments. The recommended 2015/16 Mid-year Budget adjustments were developed as a result of the second quarterly review and are based on actual spending and revenues for the first six months of the year and projections for the remainder of the year.

The 2015/16 Mid-year Budget evaluation identified the following:

- Total General Fund revenue increase of \$7.5 million (from \$176.7 million to \$184.2 million)
- Labor Budget increase of \$5 million (from \$147.3 million to \$152.3 million)
- Services and Supplies increase of \$1.6 million (from \$25.9 million to \$27.5 million)

Mid-year adjustments resulted in a net General Fund deficit of \$2.1 million, as compared to a projected deficit of \$2.4 million. Metro Fire's projected reserves would remain at 11.6% of the total budget.

The 2015/16 budget does not fully address known funding needs. For example, some one-time equipment needs that remain unmet include:

- Vehicle replacements: \$24 million
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA): \$5.7 million
- Turnouts: \$1.2 million
- Station Alerting System: \$1 million
- Mobile Data Computers (MDC): \$0.7 million

The Mid-year Budget was presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors on March 10, 2016.

### ► KEEPING ANIMALS SAFE, TOO!

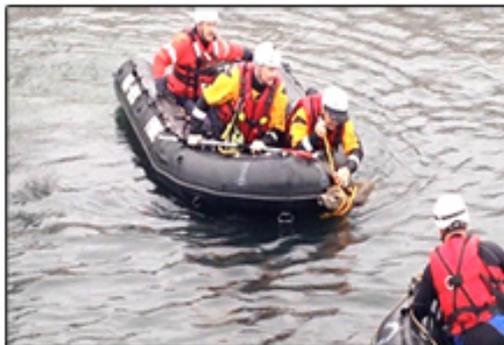
With more than 250 calls a day on average, our firefighters respond to all sorts of unique situations. Some of the more memorable incidents over the last year have involved animals who got stuck in rough spots.

Phantom the horse found herself stuck in a bathtub. A young doe found herself stuck in the canal, unable to climb up the sides. Tank, the German Shepherd, found himself pinned under a house, and finally, a horse named Heather got herself stuck on her side in deep mud. If you've ever wondered how firefighters determine the best course of action in a situation like this, they work with owners and vets, when appropriate, to make a plan based on the animal, their condition, and the situation.

Heather was a 30 year-old, 1,800-pound draft horse, who was exhausted after being stuck in the mud for hours. Her rescue required careful planning, gentle movements, and great teamwork between Metro Firefighters and the Loomis Basin Equine Center. Working with the vets, firefighter cautiously dug out the mud below her body in order to secure a harness. They pulled Heather out of the mud by moving her onto plywood sheets and sliding her along, using many hands and mechanical advantage from the rope system they'd set up. Once her sedation started to wear off, the team helped her to her feet and off she went.

Watch the YouTube video of Heather's rescue: [here](#).

Though each situation was different, Metro Firefighters responded to each animal as if it was their own pet. They moved gingerly, talked softly, and worked closely with owners to ensure the animals all got back on their feet. Every day is different, every call is unique, but being an all-hazard fire district means we are trained to handle every situation.



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