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METRO FIRE AT A GLANCE

The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, or "Metro Fire", is the largest fire agency in the Sacramento region, and is the 7th largest fire district in the state of California, serving over 738,000 people living and working in a 358 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 have increased substantially since the district was formed in 2000. Last year, Metro Fire's personnel operating thirty-seven fire engines, seven fire trucks and twenty-three medics responded to more than 96,000 calls for service – up 4% from 2015.

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 Structural/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 programs 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.



NEW FIRE CHIEF SELECTED



In November 2016, the Board of Directors swore in Metro Fire's new Fire Chief, Todd Harms. Following a national search, the Board of Directors selected Harms in August as the District's sixth Fire Chief. He takes over for Mark Wells, who, after 29 years of service in public safety and two years as Fire Chief, has retired.

"I am truly honored to have this opportunity to lead Metro Fire," said Harms. "I look forward to continually finding ways to improve our service delivery, showing the communities we serve that Metro Fire is here every day of the year to solve their problems."

Harms began his fire service career in 1981 as a Firefighter Paramedic in Peotone, Illinois. In 1987, he became a member of the Phoenix Fire Department. Where, he progressed through the ranks as of Firefighter, Paramedic, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief of Special Operations and Shift Commander. He was an Urban Search and Rescue team member, with deployments to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Harms holds a Bachelor's degree in Fire Service Management and is a past Adjunct Instructor at Phoenix College in the Fire Science Program at Phoenix College.



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MID-YEAR BUDGET PROCESS

The District utilizes an ongoing budget review process that includes a monthly comparison of budgeted and actual results at the divisional level and a quarterly review of District-wide revenues and expenditures by Command Staff and all budget officers. This collaborative review process allows for the budget to continue to be refined based on the availability of new information, including actual spending and revenues, revised project schedules, and new program developments. The recommended FY 2016/17 Mid-Year Budget adjustments were developed as a result of the second quarter review, and are based on actual spending and revenues for the first 6 months of the year through December 31, 2016 and projections for the remainder of the year.

The 2016/17 Mid--Year Budget evaluation identified the following:

- Total General Fund revenue increase of \$3.3 million (from \$178.9 million to \$182.2 million)
- Total General Fund expenditure increase of \$4.8 million (from \$179.1 million to \$183.9 million)
- A \$2.7 million reduction in transfers out of the General Fund, largely due to the timing of capital outlay and debt service expenditures which will be incurred in future years

Mid-Year adjustments resulted in a net General Fund deficit of approximately \$700,000, an improvement over the Final Budget projected deficit of \$2 million. Metro Fire's projected reserves represent 11.7% of net budgeted expenditures. The Mid-Year Budget was presented to, and approved by the Board of Directors on March 9, 2017.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Metro Fire's Community Services facilitates formal community education interaction between Metro Fire and its communities, through a wide range of topics via: education, marketing and collaboration with community groups, primary and secondary academic institutions, the business community, and other governmental agencies. Key programs under Community Services include: Fire Camp, participation in the interagency fire prevention exhibit "Camp Smokey" at the California State Fair, and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan performing fuel management projects.

FY2015/16 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Implemented the Community Services 2016 plan establishing the following program focuses:
 - Business and Commercial Community Programs
 - Academic and Youth Based Outreach
 - Targeted Program Facilitation (i.e. Fire Camp, Camp Smokey)
 - CWPP and Fuels Management Programs
- Establishment of a Firewise Community within the District
- Re-initiated involvement with the Youth Fire Setter program in Sacramento County
- Enhanced the delivery of "Fire Camp 2016"
- Created efficiencies for the Operations Division resource assignment for community programs
- Played major support roles in the following non-District led events:
 - CalOES' National Day of Preparedness
 - National Wildfire Preparedness Day
 - Dare to Prepare at Sunrise Marketplace
- Employee recognition programs



GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEARS:

- Establish new and reintroduce former programs to Metro Fire's Community with increased personnel and financial resources including the community fire extinguisher training program.
- Continue implementation of projects and actions identified within the CWPP
- Improve Community Services program delivery via training District personnel in the Metro Fire Recruit Academy and incumbent personnel through in service training
- Continue evolution of the vegetation management program including;
 - Weed Abatement Program and Defensible Space Education and Operations
 - Interagency fuels management programs
 - Increase representation at Chamber of Commerce, community and partner agency meetings

"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."