



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2008

Report in Brief

The Woodland Fire Department's Monthly Status Report includes a wide variety of information in an effort to better inform the public and the City Council. This report summarizes four specific areas of the Fire Department's operation: Overtime, Incident Response, Fire Prevention and Training. This year, the Fire Department updated its Monthly Status Report format to include a wider variety of information. The report is formatted by division (Administration, Operations, Fire Prevention and Training) and covers the key projects and/or activities for the month.

Attached for the City Council's review is the Fire Department's Monthly Report for March 2008.

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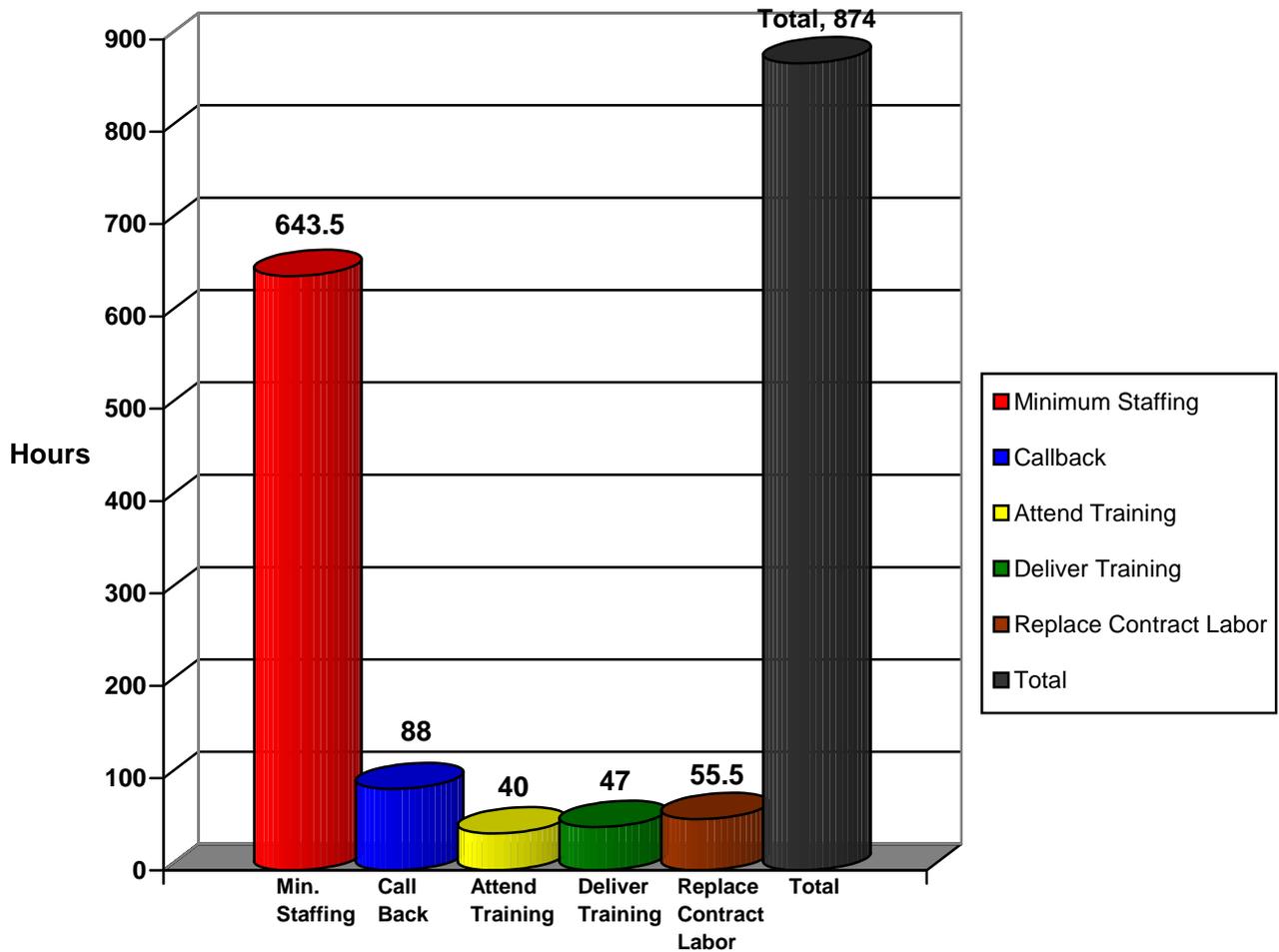
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Woodland Fire Department Monthly Status Report March 2008



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ADMINISTRATION - The Cost of Overtime for the month of March was **\$32,918.96**.



The graph above is a visual summary of the overtime staffing needs for the Fire Department during the weeks of March 1, through March 31, 2008.

ADMINISTRATION (CONT'D)

There were a total of **874**-overtime hours worked during the month of March for a total of **\$32,918.96**. They include:

- 643.5-hours of **Minimum Staffing** at a total cost of **24,022.84** for the month of March 2008. (*In the City of Woodland, a minimum of 3-4 Firefighters (Captain, Engineer and Firefighters) have to be available per company at all times to respond to incidents*).
 - There was an average of **793** Minimum Staffing overtime hours needed to complete staffing requirements for the period March 2007 – March 2008 at an average cost of **\$28,337.53** per month. Minimum staffing increased slightly this month due to an increase in the total number of incidents for the month.
- 88-hours were needed for **Call Back Staffing** at a total cost of **\$3,456.06** for the month of March 2008. (*Call Back Staffing is necessary to backfill the stations when a major incident occurs that depletes the minimum staffing levels*).
 - The monthly total for March increased due to an increase in call volume. The average of **213** Call Back Staffing overtime hours were needed to complete staffing requirements for the period March 2007 – March 2008 at an average cost of **\$7,218.50** per month.
- 40-hours were need for **Attending Training** at a total cost of **\$1,508.28** for the month of March 2008. (*Attending Training is necessary to ensuring that all mandatory training requirements for both full-time and volunteer personnel are completed*).
 - There was an average of **32** hours spent attending training, at an average cost of **\$1,134.79** per month for the period March 2007 – March 2008. The number of classes attended went back to a more normalized schedule.
- 47-hours were needed to **Deliver Training** at a cost of **\$2,019.95** for the month of March 2008. (*On-going training beyond the recruit level keeps skills current, enhances teamwork among crew members, and encourages the introduction of new ideas and techniques to the Department*).
 - There was an average of **55** hours spent delivering training, at an average cost of **\$2,022.62** per month for the period March 2007 – March 2008. Hours in this area increased slightly in the month of March, but remain constant.
- 55.5-hours were needed for **Replacement Labor** at a cost of **\$1,911.83**. (*Replacement Labor is necessary when employees work in areas outside their normal duties, (i.e., installation of new and upgraded hardware and software for computerized systems)*)
 - There was an average of **72.38** hours spent for replacement labor, at an average cost of **\$2,473.74** per month for the period March 2007 – March 2008. There was a decrease in this area and should remain constant for the rest of the year.

Note: Trends analysis projections derived from actual hours and costs during the period: March 2007 – March 2008.

ADMINISTRATION *(CONT'D)*

Budget Issues

As we draw closer to fiscal year end, staff is in the process of assuring all budgetary issues have been identified and/or met, and that pending projects will either be completed in this fiscal year or held over pending future reallocation in anticipation of the budgetary shortfalls that will occur over the next fiscal year.

Policy Coordination

There are no new policy issues at this time.

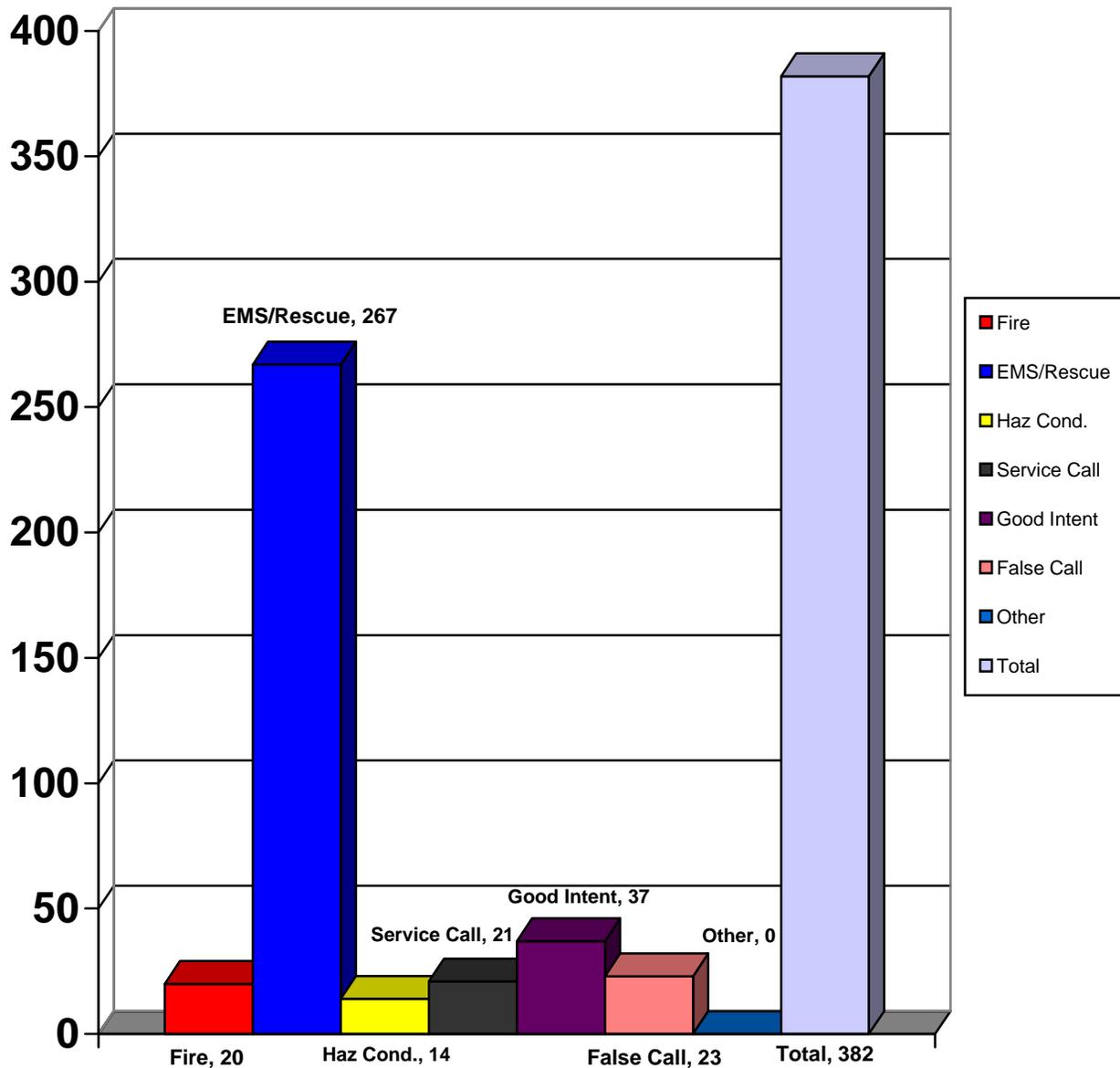
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There is no new activity to report in this area.

OPERATIONS

Incident Activity

Current Month By Incident Type



The graph above is a visual summary of the number of incidents that the Fire Department responded to during the weeks March 1, through March 31, 2008. This is in comparison to the annual totals of each type of incident.

OPERATIONS

Incident Activity (cont'd)

There were a total of **382 Incidents** that the Fire Department responded to in the month of March. They included:

- **20 Fires** that took place in the month of March, for a current annual total of **49**. The **20 fires** included:
 - **5-building fires or structures other than buildings**
 - **2-cooking fire**
 - **8-mobile property or passenger vehicle fires**
 - **5-trash, rubbish or waste fire**

- **267 EMS/Rescues** took place in the month of March, for a current annual total of **800**. The EMS/Rescues included:
 - **4-Rescue and Emergency Medical Calls**
 - **63-Calls requiring medical assistance**
 - **172-EMS Calls for people with injuries**
 - **8-vehicle accidents with injuries**
 - **12-motor vehicle accidents with no injuries, and**
 - **7-motor vehicle/pedestrian accidents**
 - **1-removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator**

- There were **14** responses that involved **Hazardous Conditions**, bringing the current annual total to **79**. The Hazardous Conditions included:
 - **9-gasoline, oil or chemical spills**
 - **3-electrical wiring, power lines down, arching, shorted electrical equipment**
 - **1-aircraft standby**
 - **1-attempted to burn**

- There were **21 Public Service Calls** handled in the month of March, for a current annual total of **70**. The Public Services Calls included:
 - **1-Persons in distress, other**
 - **4-Calls to assist police or other governmental agencies**
 - **4-calls for public service**
 - **10-invalid public assistance calls**
 - **2-unauthorized burning**

(The public services calls include anything from water problems, to smoke and odor removal).

- **37 Good Intentions** calls were responded to in the month of March, for a current annual total of **132**. The calls included:
 - **18-calls that were cancelled en route or CAD error**
 - **13-no incident found on arrivals**
 - **3- smoke or odor of smoke**
 - **1-Hazmat release investigation w/no hazmat**
 - **1-authorized controlled burning**
 - **1-Good intent call, other**

(These are reports of a fire that turns out to be other things, (i.e.-smoke from dust, etc.).

- There were **23 False Alarm Calls** made in the month of March, for a current annual total of **59**.

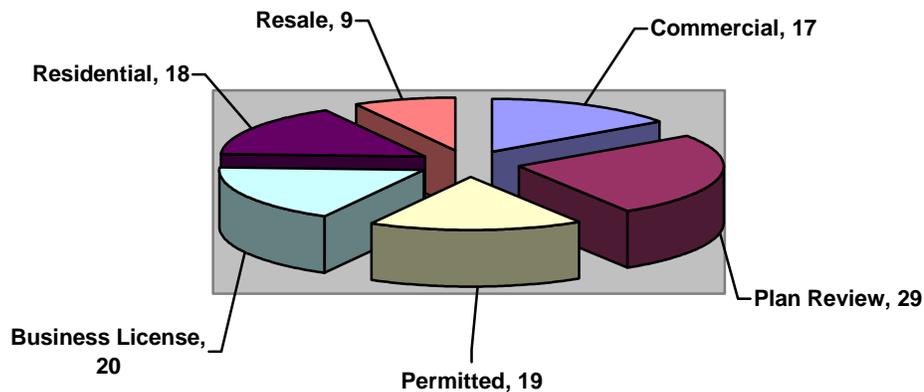
Total Incidents to Date for 2008 - 1190

Average Response Time for First Due Units: Fire: 5:20 Minutes EMS: 4:48

FIRE PREVENTION

On-Going Projects

There are a total of **20** on-going commercial and/or industrial developments, and **31** residential projects that are in various stages of completion within the City of Woodland. Fees for large commercial projects are collected at the beginning of the project, and on an interim basis as the project progresses. The Fire Prevention Division receives a percentage of the total fees collected to offset inspection costs.



For the month of March 2008 the Fire Prevention Specialists conducted the following inspections and plan reviews:

- 17 commercial business inspections;
- 18 residential automatic sprinkler system inspections;
- 19 permitted inspections;
- 20 business license inspections;
- 29 plan reviews, and
- 9 resale residential sprinkler inspections.

*The Fire Prevention Division inspects new businesses and changes of ownership for occupancy usage and compliance of the Fire Codes. **Plan reviews** are what generate initial commercial and residential inspections. The fees for these inspections are included in the plan review fees. Inspections for commercial projects include the initial plan review, 4 inspections & 1 re-submittal of plans at a cost of **\$717.00/riser + \$2.00/sprinkler head**. Commercial Tenant Improvements are **\$421.00/riser + \$2.00/sprinkler head**. Residential plan review inspections include the initial plan review, 2 inspections & 1 re-submittal of plans at a cost of **\$354.00/riser**. Residential Tenant Improvement plan reviews are **\$284.00/riser**.*

***Permitted inspections** occur when any occupancy has activities that are either hazardous or considered special. (An example of a hazardous activity is a business that houses or manufactures chemicals, or combustibles such as repair shops, chemical warehouses, or airport hangers. Special activities include places of assembly, tents, and high-pile storage facilities.) The average permitted inspection is **\$150.00/ea**.*

*Lastly, the Fire Prevention Division handles **Business License Inspection**, which carries a fee of **\$165.00/ea** for all new businesses. However, this fee is presently under review. The current amount being collected for Business License Inspections is **\$13.00/ea**.*

FIRE PREVENTION *(CONT'D)*

Weed Abatement

- The staff spent **48** hours on weed abatement projects.

Arson Investigation

- **0** investigations were performed in the month of March.

Public Education

The Fire Department provides public education to the citizens of Woodland. In the month of March, the following Public Education events took place:

- St. John's Preschool (3/3/08) Talk About Community Helpers (ages 2-5) 35 kids
- Boy Scouts (3/6/08) Station Tour (ages 6-7) 8 kids
- C.Buckser (3/8/08) Birthday Party-Station Tour (ages 3-4) 12 kids
- Pioneer High School (3/11/08) Career Night (ages 14-18)
- Beamer School (3/27/08) Station Tour (ages 5-6) 40 kids
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Mapping

- Finished the quarterly map updates. Information is derived from drive-by analysis of properties and address updates received from the Planning Department.
- Revised the Dana Motel Complex maps, not completed since the removal of the actual motel.
- Updated the Springlake area, including all new construction.
- Updated the Stonehaven complex, including all new construction.
- Organized, linked and designed the maps for the City of Dixon Fire Department. These maps are now included in the department computer.
- Began work on the new Costco Complex maps.

TRAINING

The following is a summary of training activities conducted in the Fire Training Division during the weeks of March 1, through March 31st, 2008. During the month of March the following activities occurred at the Woodland Fire Department Training Division:

A total of 907 hours of training were conducted at the Training Center including:

- 12-hours of Ladders March 3, 4, & 5th, 2008
- 8-hours of Haz Mat Mutual Aid Drill March 7, & 10th, 2008
- 12-hours of EMS Skills March 12, 13, & 14th, 2008
- 12-hours of Structure Scenarios March 18, 19 & 20th, 2008
- 12-hours of Haz Mat Training March 24, 25, & 26th, 2008

During the month of March, career staff reported a total of **759.5** hours of training (App. A), resulting in an average of **17.7** hours of training per person.

The reserve staff reported a total of **59.5** hours of training (App. B) for an average of **4.9** hours of training per person. The reserve staff completed training EMS, Hazardous Materials Training, & Ladder Training.

Total hours of training for the Battalion Chiefs can be found in Appendix C.

Highlights for the month of March: Mutual Aid Drill, and Pioneer High Career Day

March ~ 2008 Training Hour(s):

Line staff:	759.5
Battalion Chiefs:	88
Reserve:	59.5