

CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

"FIREMEN'S CODE OF ETHICS"

My fundamental responsibility as a "Protector of Society" is the safeguarding and preservation of human life and property against the elements of fire and disaster.

I will never allow my personal feelings, or danger to self deter me from carrying out my duties.

I will, to the best of my powers, recognize and uphold my responsibility, dedicating myself to this before God and the public who have placed their faith in me and my chosen profession.



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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

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TO:

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Daniel S. Boatwight, Chairman Leo F. Smarsh, Vice-Chairman Lawrence M. Boe-Chairman Lawrence M. Boerer Robert I, Schroder Harold E, Wildes

The Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners of the Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District

FROM: Albert V. Streuli, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Annual Fire Department Activity Report

The Consolidated Fire District submits to you, our Board of Fire Commissioners, the First Annual Activity

We, the District, made numerous capital outlay improvements this year. The Building Program started with the dedication of the new Clayton Station No. 11. The purchase and selection of the new Administration Office and relocation site of Station 2, which is presently 85% completed. The planned purchase of our training facilities completed. The planned purchase of our training lactifies in Ygnacio Valley. The dedication and acceptance of property for our Saranap Station No. 3 near Rossmoor.

These improvements were based on the recommenda-These improvements were based on the recommendastaff, who has given our District excellent cooperation.

The District also purchased three new Fire Engines; but, beside the physical improvements, the most significant upgrading of all was in the fire prevention and educational programs that were demonstrated by our Fire Suppression and Fire Prevention personnel. This is in keeping with your policy of placing a greater emphasis on public education

The main highlights of our last year's improvements reflect the total unified efforts of you, the Fire Commissioners, the Board of Supervisors, and the unified support of our City Councils. This, with the total support of our Chief Officers, Fire Suppression Officers, and our total personnel, has illustrated the sincere community ef-

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

COMMISSION
Appointed December 29, 1964

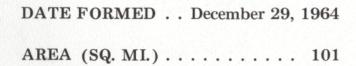
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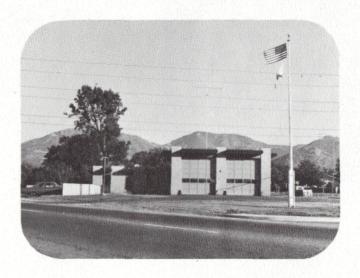
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LAWRENCE M. BOEHMER

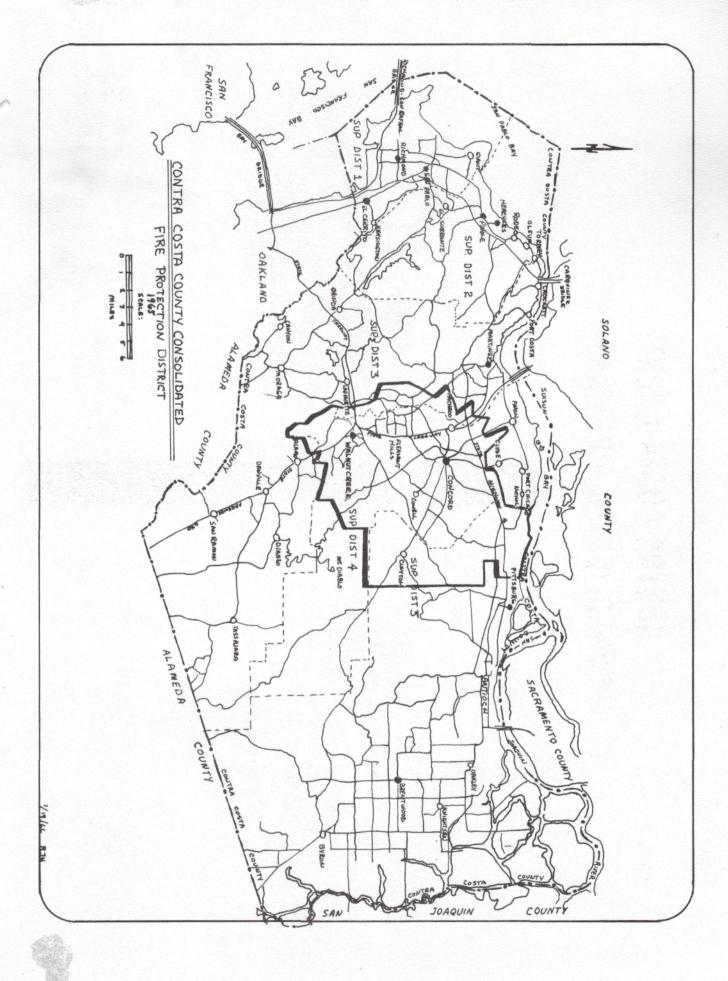
HAROLD E. WILDES

ROBERT I. SCHRODER





POPULATION 150,000 ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 250,000,000



WALNUT CREEK

ROBERT I. SCHRODER

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR ROBERT I. SCHRODER NEWELL CASE DOUGLAS PAGE FRANK DRISCOLL FRED SANDERS

POPULATION 23,368

ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 57,905,630.00

CITY OF CONCORD

DANIEL S. BOATWRIGHT

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR NORMAN KESTNER BRYAN SHARY GEORGE KRUEGER WARREN BOGGESS ROSALIE SHER

POPULATION

72,000

ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 91,297,790.00

CITY OF PLEASANT HILL

LEO F. SMARSH

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR
BEN HARTINGER
LENARD GROTE
JAMES MAGUIRE
MARTIN McLAREN
FRANK SALFINGERE

POPULATION

27,000

ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 28,585,690.00 CITY OF

CLAYTON

LAWRENCE M. BOEHMER

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR ROBERT HOYER GEORGE ABBOTT DR. DAVID COOK ALVIN LIMING HENRY WAGNER

POPULATION 1,023

ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 1,428,180.00 **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

FIRE DISTRICT

HAROLD E. WILDES

UNINCORPORATED AREA

POPULATION

26,609

ASSESSED VALUATION \$ 70,782,710.00 TOTAL POPULATION:

150,000

TOTAL
ASSESSED
VALUATION

\$ 250,000,000

1965 ANNUAL REPORT

In the field of fire prevention, the Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District has experienced a successful year. As the cities and County areas served by our Department have grown and expanded, so has the Fire Prevention Bureau and Fire Prevention activities of the Department grown to meet the demands of these expanding areas. The purpose of Fire Prevention is to reduce the major factors that contribute to the occurrence and spread of fire. Fire Prevention is the primary mission of the modern fire department today. The Consolidated Fire Department personnel are being trained and utilized to this end.

The Fire Prevention Bureau co-ordinates the Fire Prevention programs for the Department with its members serving as specialists. The Bureau activities are many: inspections; plan review; fire investigations; fire safety education and training programs; technical research; consultation; reports and records; enforcement of codes; issuance of permits for the handling of hazardous chemicals, explosives and flammable liquids; inspections of the installation and maintenance of fire protection equipment; weed abatement and complaint investigation.

As in any organization, Fire Prevention activities and the Fire Prevention Bureau can only be as successful as the personnel assigned to it; and then only through the total support and efforts of all Fire Department personnel. Through the combined efforts and dedication of the personnel, our Department has experienced this most successful year in Fire Prevention programing and activities.

INSPECTIONS

Inspections requiring technical knowledge or skills are conducted by members of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Inspection work is the backbone of a good Fire Prevention program.

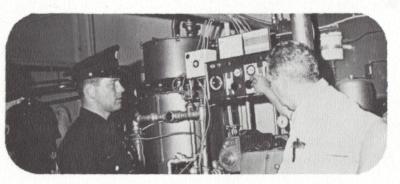
Total inspections - all occupancies	 2,173
Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections	1,691
Fire Company inspections	
Occupancy inspections:	
Day Care Nurseries	59

B.H.A. and Children									118
Hospital and Convalescent									130
Public Assemblage									119
Schools									73
Dry Cleaning									61
Churches									30
Hotel and Apartment Hous	es	3							75
Manufacturing									31
Wholesale and Retail									381
Office Occupancies									55
Repair and Body Shops									39
Service Stations									55
Flammable Liquids									53
Bldgs. under Construction									145
New Buildings									35
Total number of correspondence ar	nc	l r	ej	00	or	ts			988
Total number of complaint investig The issuance of permits is a n controlling various hazards:	nc	st	: 6	eff	e	eti	V	e n	nethod of
Total number of special permits iss	u	ed							162

COMPANY INSPECTIONS

The company inspection program has a dual purpose. One is to provide each member of the Fire Department a working knowledge of the conditions bearing on the fighting of fires in their territory. The second and perhaps the most important value of inspection work by firemen is in connection with Fire Prevention and the life and property hazard of occupants.

Total number of inspections-all stations Total number of recommendations	482
- all stations	



PLAN REVIEW

Most structural plans in our District other than those of one and two-family dwellings are reviewed by a member of the Fire Prevention Bureau for compliance with fire and panic safety regulations. Architects, engineers and contractors are advised on the laws and regulations governing fire and panic safety and fire protection equipment in the design and construction of buildings.

Total number of plan checks by Bureau. . . 255 Total number of man-hours for plan checks 818

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

During 1965 the Bureau investigated a total of 153 fires. These included all fires of incendiary origin and fires whose cause could not be determined by the fire companies.

Total number of Incendi	ary fires			36
Total number of Arson .				
Other				89
Total				153
Total number of hours for				
Fire Deaths				
Children				1
Adults				3
Total				
Total number of Juvenil				
Total number of investigation				

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS

An important activity of the Fire Prevention Bureau and Department is making the public aware of the dangers of fire, how they may be avoided and what to do in case of a fire. The groups reached through various organized programs include service clubs, youth organizations, school students, parent-teacher associations, hospitals, and convalescent and aged homes. Members of our Department utilizing motion pictures, table top demonstrations, slides and lectures gave a total of 202 fire safety lectures talking to 12,783 individuals, distributing 12,820 handouts and using 1,238 man hours.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There are three programs given to 5th grade students a year. Fire safety pamphlets and literature are handed out five times a year.

out five times a year.
Total number programs 120
Total number handouts 9,774
Total number manhours 900
Total number students 9,774
Summer Schools
Total number programs 5
Total number students
Total number manhours 12
Fire Safety Programs given to service clubs, youth or-
ganizations, parent-teacher associations and all other
groups.
Total programs given
Total individuals reached 2,554
Total number handouts 858
Fire Safety Programs for hospitals, convalescent hospi-
tals, and B.H.A.'s. Program includes lectures and train-
ing of personnel in these facilities in fire prevention
practices.
Total programs 15
Total individuals trained 455
Total man-hours include
research and organizing 176

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Summary of activities during Fire Prevention Week for our Department:

Newspapers and radio stations carrying press releases

Window displays in stores

Fire Prevention posters located throughout District 600

Fire Safety Programs given to Schools

School handouts promoting 1st Annual

Fire Service Day 40,000 Fire Prevention Week was concluded by a Fire Service Day attended by 4,500 people. The total Departmental effort made this year's Fire Prevention Week the success that it was.

FIRE & SAFETY SEMINAR

A fire safety seminar was held for the Mt. Diablo School District custodial and maintenance personnel. The seminar included Fire Prevention demonstrations, lectures, movies and field demonstrations.

Fire safety exhibit booths were presented at the Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek Festivals. Theme of booths were "Home Fire Safety". Over 7,500 fire safety pamphlets were distributed to citizens.

WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The weed abatement program was another team effort by our Department. The program was co-ordinated through the Fire Prevention Bureau with the personnel in the fire companies participating in the inspections and posting of properties.

ang or properties.	
Number of individual properties	7 000
inspected	7,862
Number of notices mailed to	
property owners	4,164
Number of properties posted for	
abatement	2,575
Number of properties abated	
	2.026
by owners	2,000
Number of properties abated	
by District	176
by District	410

Ti	me expended by the Dist	ri	ct	0	n	th	nis	5 1	01	o	g	ra	m	:
	Engine companies													2,019
	Bureau personnel													
	Total manhours													

MEMBERSHIP

Bureau personnel held membership in the following organizations:

California Fire Chiefs, Northern Fire Prevention Division

National Fire Protection Association Contra Costa County Fire Inspectors Association California Conference of Arson Investigators Fire Marshal Association of North America



REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS

The Fire Prevention Bureau was represented at the following meetings:

Flammable Liquids Committee

Pacific Rating Bureau

Fire Protection for flue vents, Restaurant

Northern California Hospital Association Meeting

Boarding Home for the Aged Committee

Home Fire Alarm Committee

Bay Area Rapid Transit

Codes Committee

California Building Officials Conference

Convalescent and Hospital Committee Meetings

FURTHER EDUCATION

To further their education in the field of Fire Protection, the following courses, seminars and conferences were attended by the staff of the Fire Prevention Bureau:

1	California Arson Investigators Conference Los Angeles
1	Safety School Seminar Berkeley
2	
1	National Fire Protection Conference
	on Fire Los Angeles
2	Calif. Administrative Code Title
	#19 Workshop Livermore
1	Attended Course on Uniform
	Building Codes San Leandro
1	University of Calif. Extension
	Building Codes San Leandro
	s attended off duty:
3	Codes and Ordinances Chabot College
	Fire Fighting Tactics and
	Strategy Merritt College
2	The state of the s
1	Uniform Building Codes Fairfield
2	Speech - 120 Diablo Valley College

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Buchanan Field Survey			72	Hours
Planning Fire Protection for several				
Shopping Centers			200	Hours
Report on Public Fireworks Display			60	Hours
Company Inspection Program				
Fire Protection Rossmoor Development			65	Hours

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU PERSONNEL

Fire Marshal	Gerald Duarte
Fire Inspectors	C. S. McMorran
	Walter Davenport
	Herman Walden
	Mike Lippman
Clerical	Cynthia Slichter



CONCLUSION

Nothing can be done about the lives and properties that have been destroyed by fire in 1965, but we can apply the lessons learned from these tragedies to prevent similar occurrences. Although much progress has been made, there is a great deal more to be done in the fire prevention and protection field. The fact that is most disturbing is that these fires could have been prevented through basic fire prevention practices.

PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

CHIEF Albert V. Streuli

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Albert C. Trette Fred L. Golinveaux Richard D. Starr

> MARSHAL Gerald D. Duarte

INSPECTORS

Clayton S. McMorran Herman M. Walden Martin Lippman

SECRETARIAL STAFF

Alice E. Schilz Cynthia-Ann Slichter

CAPTAINS

Caperton, Fred B. Mulcahy, John M. Clark, Chester A. McManus, William C. Dalton, Ronald L. Orr. James E. De la Montanya, Herb W. Pedretti, William L. Gruessing, Clarence W. Riegelsberger, Robert F. Haines, James R. Robertson, George W. Hartsock, Glen W. Rose, Harry D. Hill, John W. Sandmann, Ronald W. Ink, Elmer L. Shisler, William O. Irby, Michael M. B. Skinner, Don M. Judkins, Kenneth L. Stubblefield, Harry L. Lowrance, James M. Sullivan, Richard G. Lynch, Bernard E. Walden, Frank H. Machado, Joseph L. Walden, George A. Walker, William C.

ENGINEERS

Andrew, Lester F. Littlejohn, Virgil L. Arens, Melvin P. Montague, Warren F. Babcock, Eugene R. McCotter, Orten G. Billings, William E. Parisi, Salvatore P. Bottom, George A. Reynolds, Franklin L. Brown, Jackson W. Shively, Donald J. Clary, John O. Collins, Marlin A. Coulter, Wallace J. Gruessing, Marlin G. Kenney, Cyril M.

Soper, Reid L. Spomer, Zane T. Stanton, Leo J. Vittitow, Billie R. Weaver, Vaughn F.

FIREMEN

Anderson, Houston J. Aten, Forrest A. Bascou, Albert A. Berg, Robert W. Best, Bennie T. Brennan, William T. Brown, Richard D. Burke, John D. Busch, Kenneth W. Casey, Jerome T. Chryssikos, Lewis J. Collier, Neil M. Compton, Don E. Cooper, John E. Cox, John E. Crofford, Harold B. Cullen, Robert W. Delgado, Alfred G. Jr. Duncan, Earl T. Ebert, John N. Ellison, Steven D. Fender, Gerald V. Friese, James L. Fuerst, Robert E. Gaffney, Charles M. Garren, Richard M. Gray, William A. Greelman, William G. Hall, William A. Harguth, Darrell W. Harris, Kenneth L. Helstrom, Lawrence T. Hetrick, Ronald L. High, Royce R. Jackson, Gerald R. Jenkins, Le Roy

Kovach, Michael J. Kuidis, Edward B. Lane, William G. Lawrence, Dennis F. Lewis, Billy J. Lindsay, James D. Littorno, Andrew Lyle, Hugh A. Mangini, Robert G. Martinez, Charles Maxfield, William R. Mealley, James P. Mulgrew, John F. Massolo, Charles G. Nicholas, Barney A. Nielsen, Henry R. Olds, Rockne, B. O'Sullivan, Philip D. Ortland, Ralph H. Paulick, Stephen P. Paulson, Vernon D. Peebles, Larry D. Peterson, Otto L. Rackwitz, Art J. Read, Laurence C. Reshatoff, Jack F. Ross, Robert D. Santos, Albert E. Scrimiger, Robert E. Sherman, Dean L. Silva, Andrew D. Slusher, Jesse T. Sterling, Carl E. Sublette, Bruce A. Taylor, William B. Walker, Ronald M.

Johnson, Frank L.	Welch, Dale W.
Jones, Cyril H.	Westrup, John A.
Kelley, John A.	Wight, Stuart V.
Killian, Edward F.	Wilder, William W.
King, John D.	Wilson, Jack S.
King, Robert J.	Winkelman, Raymond H.
Kingham, Bruce A.	Woodman, Harold D.
Wright	t, Benton R.

DISPATCHERS

Wayland Dawson

Arnold Milhollan

NEW PERSONNEL - 1965

The following personnel entered our service during the year 1965:

DATE	PERSONNEL
3- 1-65	Gerald W. Fender Robert G. Mangini John R. Cooper Jack S. Reshatoff Dennis F. Lawrence Bruce A. Kingham
3-17-65	Alice E. Schilz
7- 1-65	Frank L. Johnson Cyril H. Jones
11- 9-65	Charles G. Massolo
12- 1-65	Lawrence T. Hellstrom

PERSONNEL ADVANCEMENTS - 1965

The following personnel were advanced in rank during the year 1965:

DATE	EMPLOYEE	RANK
6- 1-65	Harry L. Stubblefield	Captain
6- 1-65	Kenneth L. Judkins	Captain
7-15-65	Fred L. Golinveaux	Prov. Asst. Chief
7-15-65	Richard D. Starr	Prov. Asst. Chief
9- 1-65	Martin Lippman	Inspector

RETIREMENTS IN 1965

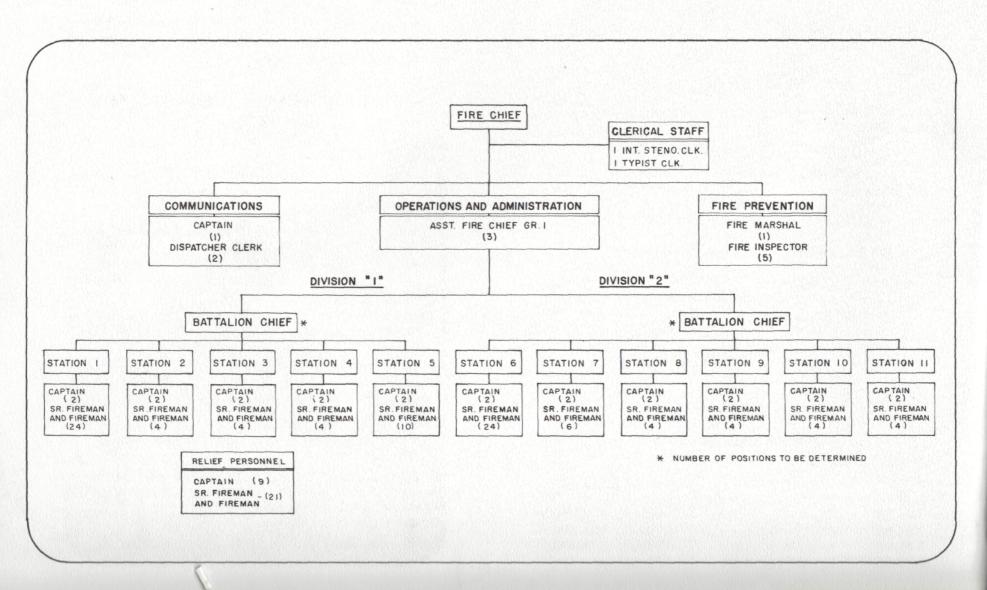
Assistant Fireman	Chief - Schuldt, Sigmund P. June 8, 196 - Delaney, William E. July 30, 196	
Assistant	Chief - Schuldt, Sigmund P. June 8, 196 Service-connected Disability Retirement	
Fireman	 Delaney, William E. July 30, 190 Non-connected-service Disability Retirement 	
Chief	 Mangini, Raymond A. Sept. 30, 196 Retirement 	65



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ORGANIZATION CHART

FEBRUARY 1966



ANALYSIS OF PERSONNEL INJURIES 1965

TYPE OF INJURY	MINOR INJURY	STATE COMP.	TOTAL
Ankle	5	1	6
Arm	5	1	6
Back	7	7	14
Burns	4	0	4
Chlorine Gas	7	1	8
Eye	3	5	8
Face	1	0	1
Hand	15	9	24
Head	3	3	6
Heat Prostration	1	0	1
Hernia	0	1	1
Hip	1	0	1
Hornet Sting	3	0	3
Knee	10	4	14
Leg	3	2	5
Nail in Foot	0	2	2
Neck	1	4	5
Pain in Chest	4	0	4
Shoulder	2	4	6
Smoke Inhalation	5	1	6

1965 WORKING LIST

404	Rescue and Resuscitator Calls
529	Public Service Calls
77	Public Utility Calls
862	Grass and Rubbish Fires
383	Motor Vehicle Fires
248	False Alarms
891	Structure Fires
30	Mutual Aid Calls
3,424	Total Calls

33 25.94
6.48
195 .93

FIRE LOSSES

Concord							\$ 1	216,911.00
Walnut Creek							5	243,069.88
Pleasant Hill								306,468.72
Clayton								600.00
Unincorporated Area.							-	212,955.00
Total							\$	980,004.60
Fire Loss Averages:								
Per Fire							\$	286.21
Per Structure Fire							\$	1,099.88
Per Month								

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRAINING FOR 1965

INTRODUCTION:

A formal Training Program and a 3 year Development Plan have been completed. Training in this District shall be based on these plans.

The information presented in this report is based on activities that have been recorded since my assumption of the position of Training Officer.

PRESENTATION:

Recruit Training: A committee of captains has been assigned and is currently working on a formal 18 month Recruit Training Program.

Company Training: Monthly training assignments were started on Oct. 27, 1965. Drills are assigned 7 days per week. Objective is to maintain the abilities of companies to operate as a team.

Total sessions								655
Total manhours								3,435

Officer Training: Sessions were held on both a battalion and district level on an on-shaft basis. Subject material is oriented toward implementing new programs (Training and Company Inspections).

Total sessions									24
Total manhours									

D.V.C. Fire Training: Attendance to these classes has increased due to the recognition by personnel that off duty education has a strong bearing on promotional opportunity.

Number	of courses attende	d						5
Number	of enrollments (co	mple	ete	ed)			116

Schools and Educational Meetings: Fire Prevention personnel are excluded from this report since they are presenting their own report.

Fresno Training Officer's workshop		2	members
Governor's Safety Conference		6	members

R. D. Starr, Assistant Chief-Training Officer

RESERVE FIREMEN

The Volunteer Firemen or Call-man of the WEST PITTS-BURG area, were reorganized under the title of: "RE-SERVE FIREMEN".

Each Reserve was issued standard safety equipment consisting of: Turn-out coat and pants, Helmet, Gloves, Spanner wrench; and flashlight.

A continuing Training Program was started in September. Weekly, two hour Drills are being conducted by Personnel of #7 Engine House in West Pittsburg.

Total number of Reserves on roll	8
Total responses (times called)	167
Average number of men responding	
per call	3-1/2
Total training drills	13
Average attendance per drill	4

Capt. R. W. Sandmann

FIREMANSHIP MERIT BADGE CLASSES

- 151 Boy Scouts completed classes and received Merit Badges
- 33 Man hours of class room work
- 90 Man hours of preliminary class work and grading

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE RECORD

MONTH	TOTAL HOURS							
January February March April May June July August September October November December Total	370 37 11 75 0 209 0 30 16 97 20 97 962							
OTHER Lubrication of Equipment 80 Total Prevenative Maintenance 1,500								
Total Hours Maintenance and Repair of Equipment	2,542							

HOSE TESTING

Listed is the total amount of hose tested 1965 to maintain the standards set by the Board of Fire Underwriters.

3/4"	hose	tested	at	600	lbs.	pressure.	6,200 feet
2-1/2"	hose	tested	at	250	lbs.	pressure.	25,000 feet
1-1/2"	hose	tested	at	250	lbs.	pressure.	11,800 feet

Following is the list of nozzles overhauled and replaced necessary parts and "O" rings:

- 17 3/4" nozzles
- 11 1-1/2" nozzles
- 5 2-1/2" nozzles
- 6 Shutoff's

Repaired two wye's

1965 WORKING LISTS BREAKDOWN

RESCUE and RESUSCITATOR SQUAD 404 CAUSES		FIRES IN MOTOR VEHICLES 383 TYPES OF VEHICLES		
Resuscitator Calls	40 Tr	atos	Motor Bikes (all) 9 Other Equipment 17	
Juvenile Cases 90 Sleeping Pills Suicides 8 Toxic Gas	37 Co Sm	ectrical Shorts	Gas Spills 38 Overheated Brakes . 10 Miscellaneous 73 Unknown 54	
DUDITIC SERVICE CALL 500		FALSE ALARMS 248		
PUBLIC SERVICE CALL 529		METHOD RECEIVED		
Animal Rescue	12 Tel Ra 75 Dir	ox Alarm 83 elephone Alarm 150 dio Alarm 10 rect 5 veniles 57 FIRES IN BUI	Bomb Scare 11 Believed to be Fire 81 Malfunction of Equipment 11 Unknown 88	
Miscellaneous Assistance 145	Dec		그 경기 있다면 한 경기를 반면하지만 하면 있는데 하는데 되었다면 살아갔다.	
Broken Gas Mains and Pipe Lines 17 Other 2 UTILITY EQUIPMENT 77 Electrical Wires Down Telephone Pole Fire. Electric Wire Shorted	Pul Me 43 Ma 3 Sto 12 Pul	sidential	Defective Electrical Wiring	
OUTSIDE DISTRICT RESPONSES 30	Mi	plants, etc.) 6 iscellaneous 52	Washers 19 T. V. Sets 10	
Station Fire Suppr Stand By sion Ass'	es- Inc Asl	cinerator 13 hes & Sparks 19	Heaters (Elec.) 22 Heaters (Gas) 60	
Martinez. 1 0 Port Chicago 1 1 Danville 1 1 Tidewater 0 1 Lafayette 6 10 Eastern 2 0 Mt. View 1 2	Fla Sto Sm	### Add to the control of the contro	Welding	
Pitts 0 1		REPORT - B	DEAKDOWN	
Navy 0 2	Fir	re Loss Per Month Year. Concord	\$980000000	
GRASS FIRES and RUBBISH FIRES 862		Clayton \$		
TYPE Grass	Nu 58 Nu 84 To	District		
Welding	41 To 21 To Nu	otal Miles Traveled	8,902 Gallons	