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It is a pleasure to present our Annual Report on behalf of the Napa Fire Department. 2020 was a year filled with unimaginable challenges, however, I am so very proud of our community, businesses, colleagues, and Fire Department personnel for demonstrating the very best of Napa through each disaster.

This year, the Fire Department was dedicated to finding ways to continue necessary operations and adapt our work environments so we could continue providing excellent service to our community. As Chief, I am proud to say the Department has not only kept our mission true but has also shown we have the ability to respond to the COVID pandemic while maintaining a healthy, safe and clean working environment.

We established various COVID working groups and encouraged all personnel to actively participate. All unique solutions that may have been useful to enhance our Department’s practices and/or safety were explored. Our “all in” approach was successful and effective in maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our workforce. Our ability to collaborate and share resources for one common goal was unprecedented. Fire Department personnel rose above the chaos, had faith in one another and took action that truly made a difference.

Despite a major health and economic derailment, we accomplished a tremendous amount of work and have much to be proud of. While all the accomplishments, projects and programs make me grateful, it is our excellent service to our community and taking care of each other that really makes me proud.

Zach Curren
Fire Chief
VISION STATEMENT

The 2020 Vision of the Napa Fire Department is to be an organization that:

Is recognized for delivering excellence in Fire-Rescue Emergency services and Community Risk Reduction through best practices;

Is dynamic, diverse, and proactively collaborates with others to meet the changing needs of our community;

Consistently demonstrates our core values;

Utilizes data, technology, and streamlined processes for greater efficiencies; and

Is dedicated to the professional development of our members

MISSION STATEMENT

ALWAYS HERE, ALWAYS READY, SERVING YOU WITH PRIDE AND EXCELLENCE

CORE VALUES

- Knowledge
- Service
- Responsibility
- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Cooperation
**POPULATION:**
Napa City - 78,373  
Napa County - 136,699

**LAND AREA:**
Napa City - 17.8 sq mi  
Napa County - 748 sq mi

**ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE:**
Napa City - $14.2 Billion

**JURISDICTION:**
- Residential - 53.64%
- Commercial - 16.55%
- Industrial - 3.47%
- Open Land* - 26.32%

*Includes Parks, Agricultural, & Vacant Parcels

**ISO RATING:**
Class 2

**STATIONS:**
5

**IN SERVICE:**
- 4 Engine Companies
- 1 Truck Company
- 1 Squad Company
- 1 Battalion Chief

**STAFFING:**
- 3 Shifts
- 18 / Day / Shift

**STAFFING RATIO:**
Averages 1 on-duty FF per 4,354 residents

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**AT A GLANCE**

**2020 TOTAL CALLS: 9,702**

- Fires: 214
- Hazardous Condition: 218
- EMS/Rescue: 6,411
- Rupture/Explosion: 5
- Service Calls: 932
- Citizen Complaint/Investigation: 1
- Good Intent: 1,400
- False Call: 514
- Miscellaneous: 7
STAFFING

PROMOTIONS
Christopher Gilbert - Battalion Chief
Dustin Jones - Captain
John Vogler - Captain
Shuree Egloff - Management Analyst II
Zach Curren - Fire Chief
Joy Riesenberg - Deputy City Manager

NEW HIRES
Tyler Dombrowski - Firefighter/Paramedic
Christopher Gonzalez - Firefighter
Justin Rainwater - Firefighter/Paramedic
Omar Galvan - Fire Inspector I
Shuree Egloff - Management Analyst I

APPOINTMENTS
Laurel Chamness - EMS Captain
Scott Wilkes - Apparatus Specialist

RETIREMENTS
Jarrett Anderson - Battalion Chief
Sharon Quick - Captain
Steve Brassfield - Fire Chief

DECEASED RETIREES
Ray Fortenberry - Captain
Henry Stockton - Captain
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided City Leadership for the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic and Wildfires
- Initiated our New Tablet-Based Fire Inspection Program
- Battalion Chief Rhodes Secured a $12,000 Grant for CERT Program
- Installed/Maintained 20 Smoke Alarms
- New City Tactical Radio Channel Created
- Completed Auto-Aid Agreement with Napa County Fire Department

2021 GOALS & INITIATIVES

- Workforce Development
- Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Update Program Metrics
- Researching & Securing Additional Grant Opportunities
- Update Department Controlled Substances Storage Program
- Continue Community Outreach Through Social Media
- Initiate Standards of Cover Study
Upon the recruits' academy graduation, we hosted our 4th annual formal department event, held at Napa Valley College. We celebrated the accomplishments of the new hires, promotions, and outstanding performers, as well as, the newly graduated recruits. This year we held 2 academies, Academy 2019 and Academy 2020. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to celebrate the 2nd group of recruits.

Thank you to Councilwoman Liz Alessio for assisting us with the Fill the Boot event and everyone who came out. NCFA donated funds to the Firefighters Burn Institute and to the Rural Fire Service in New South Wales, Australia.

Capt. Mike Dombrowski and his son Probationary FF/PM Tyler Dombrowski. This is the first time in our department’s history that a father and son have worked for the department at the same time.

As 2020 came to an end, we wished Fire Chief Brassfield a happy and healthy retirement after nearly 27 years with NFD. Thank you for your service Chief!
COVID-19

2020 has been one of the most challenging years not only for our Napa community, but for the entire country and the world. The Covid-19 Pandemic arose in early March of 2020 and continues to devastate well into 2021. Some of the many challenges during this pandemic were purchasing PPE for staff, reminding everyone the importance of hand washing/sanitizing and wearing face coverings, and adjusting to the “new norm” of day to day activities.

OUT OF COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS

NFD Strike Teams were called upon to battle many fires this year as 2020 reached the largest wildfire season in California history to date.

- Hog Fire - Lassen County
- Apple Fire - Riverside County
- Lake Fire - Los Angeles County
- LNU Lightning - Multi County
- Slater Fire - Multi County
- Fox Fire - Siskiyou County
- Glass Fire - Multi County
- Creek Fire - Fresno County
- Pope Fire - Napa County

MAJOR WEATHER & CITY WIDE INCIDENTS

This year Napa endured the Covid-19 Pandemic, severe weather events, and multiple wildfires in the valley. In addition, NFD responded to significant structure fires and increased homeless-related incidents. Pictured to the left are a few photos from some of the calls from this past year.
NFD volunteered some time to participate in National Read Across America Day. Read Across America Day is a day to celebrate the joys of reading. It also brings awareness to the importance of reading in education and helps to motivate kids to read more.

Every so often while on a call, the crews notice that a member of the community could use assistance around their home. Our crews lend a helping hand to someone needing repairs on their home.

Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05) announced that his Portable Fuel Container Safety Act was signed into law as part of H.R. 133. “The passage of this bill will undoubtedly reduce the occurrences of the phenomena of ‘flame jetting’ in this nation and the resulting burn injuries that are so painful, debilitating and disfiguring,” said Napa Fire Captain Steven Becker, who helped to bring this issue to Thompson’s attention before the first bill introduction. Under current standards, flammable or combustible liquids can ignite within their containers causing more than 160,000 fires, injuring nearly 4,000 people, and killing 454 each year. Flame mitigation devices can help prevent these types of accidents, but currently there is no requirement for them to be used for the consumer containers found in most homes and for everyday use. Thompson’s bill establishes safety standards to help prevent these tragic accidents.

This year’s Fire and Life Safety Day looked very different from previous years. Due to Covid-19, we were unable to host a physical event and decided to host a virtual event through fun, educational videos for everyone to enjoy. Videos and content are being added for year round availability. Be sure to check out our YouTube Channel!

Thank you to everyone who came by and donated toys for the Toys-4-Tots program. We hoped to make this year a little happier for children who may not understand everything going on.
-6.2%  Decrease in Call Volume  From 2019 to 2020

34.8%  Increase in Call Volume  Over the Past Decade

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*APPROX. 350 ATTRIBUTED TO EARTHQUAKE
RESPONSE OVERVIEW

ON AVERAGE, WE RAN 26 CALLS PER DAY IN 2020

Call Volume By Incident Type

- Good Intent: 14.4%
- Service Call: 9.6%
- Hazardous Condition: 2.2%
- False Alarm: 5.3%
- Fire: 2.2%
- Misc: 0.2%
- EMS: 66.1%

- Of All Incidents Were Medical-Related

Call Volume Trend

Call Volume By Time of Day

On average, we ran 26 calls per day in 2020.
Response By Station

Station #1 24%
Station #2 25.1%
Station #3 23%
Station #4 17.8%
Station #5 10.1%
Other 47.2%

Fire Category Types

Rubbish 17.3%
Structure 12.1%
Vegetation 11.7%
Vehicle 5.1%
Other 47.3%

Station 1 - 2,330  Station 4 - 1,725
Station 2 - 2,436  Station 5 - 978
Station 3 - 2,233
FIRE PREVENTION

Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections

-21.9% Decrease Over 2019

Body Shops/Spray Booths - 0.49%
Engine Company Referrals - 0%
Woodworking/Dust Collection - 0.98%
FPB Annual - 0.98%
Assembly A3 - 1.32%
Service Stations - 0.16%

Construction Inspections
-6.5% Decrease Over 2019

Underground Fire Service Mains.........................44
Fire Sprinkler Systems.....................................342
Alternate Fire-Extinguisher Systems..................10
Fire Alarm Systems.........................................68
Fire Access, Misc..........................................21
Fire Final Inspections.....................................161
Total - 646
**FIRE PREVENTION**

- **Project Review**
  - Building Plans Reviewed: 234
  - Fire Sprinkler Systems: 167
  - Alternate Fire-Extinguisher Systems: 16
  - Fire Alarm Systems: 59
  - Inter-Department Reviews: 263
  - Express Counter Reviews/Solar/Misc: 364
  - **Total**: 1103

- **Inspections for 2019**
  - Decrease Over 2018: **-15.7%**
  - **2,094** Inspections for 2019

**Weed Abatement**

- **237** Properties Inspected
- **237** Notices to Abate
- **181** Citations Issued
- **38** Properties Abated by City
- **8** Properties Abated by City
- **6** Properties Abated by City

**FIRE PREVENTION**

- **14**
Alton Ray Fortenberry, 79, of Napa, formerly of Vallejo, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2020 following a lengthy illness. Ray was born November 25, 1940, in Dumas, Arkansas the son of the late Elton Cecil and Aza Lee English Fortenberry. At age two he moved with his family to Vallejo, California where he attended local schools, graduating from Vallejo High School in 1958, and for a time worked in submarine construction at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. In 1961, Ray met Donna Rae Stoller, two weeks later Ray called Donna for a date. On May 12, 1963, Ray and Donna were married. The couple made their home in Napa where they raised two children, Lynette and David. Ray was hired on April 2, 1969 and was assigned badge #89. He spent more than twelve years with the Napa Fire Department as a ladder truck driver before he retired on September 30, 1981. Afterward, Ray spent more than fifty years as a licensed contractor building and remodeling homes throughout Napa and surrounding communities. Ray built their first Way in Napa and in 1976 completed their current home on La Homa Drive. Ray was a talented, skilled and valued local gunsmith. He had a keen interest in muzzleloaders and was known for his expertise in fabricating replacement parts for these old firearms. Ray also relished the outdoors, on horseback usually hunting deer, elk, and antelope through the wilds of Utah & Wyoming.

Henry "Hank" Stockton, Sr., left this earth on July 6, 2020 at the age of 96, at home in Napa with his daughter by his side. Hank was born on March 8, 1924 in Napa to Etna and Dexter Stockton. Hank was the youngest and only son. He was the last of his generation. After graduating in 1942 from Napa High, he would later be called to serve his country during WWII. During Hank's time serving in the Army, he was proud to be chosen as one of the guards at the Nuremberg War Crime Trials. Hank loved to share his pictures of the trials to all that were interested. Upon leaving the military, Hank worked at Mare Island Naval Shipyard as a ship fitter. He then met Amy Benning of Sonoma. Hank and Amy married on June 25, 1946 in St. Helena. Hank went to work as mechanic for the Napa Valley Unified School District. After the birth of his two children, he started work at his true passion, the Napa City Fire Department. Hank was hired on June 1, 1957 and was assigned badge #60. He retired on June 15, 1979 as a Fire Captain. Hank enjoyed his second home in Susanville where he looked forward to taking his boat out fishing on Eagle Lake. Hank also enjoyed steelhead fishing, abalone hunting, camping, football, and his fireman retiree luncheons. Per his request, there was no funeral. However, Hank did have two final wishes. One was to be buried in his fireman uniform. And his second and final wish was to be escorted on a fire truck one last time to his final resting place. The family wishes to give very special thanks to the Napa City Fire Department and Tulocay Cemetery for honoring his final wish.
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