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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to present our 2021 Annual Report on behalf of the Napa Fire Department. In some ways this past year continued to present our community and our department many challenges. Our calls for service continue to increase, and NFD crews faced an intense and lengthy wildland fire season, assisting many communities during firestorms throughout the state. The amount of suffering and loss is unparalleled. However, I have also witnessed our community, our city team, and our fire department band together and find ways to continue to collaborate and to compassionately serve. I am so very grateful to our community and business partners and our Fire Department personnel for demonstrating the very best Napa has to offer.

This year, Napa Fire Department was focused improving our internal processes and programs, training our workforce, and learning to safely adapt our work environments so we could continue providing excellent service to our community. As Chief, I am proud to say despite ongoing challenges related to the pandemic and the economy, the Department has proven we have the ability to enhance the services we provide to our community.

In 2021 we were able to recruit and train an additional six firefighter/paramedics, continue our workforce development training, develop new internal efficiencies, refine our fire prevention programs, our operations, and budgets for our specialty teams, and make significant improvements and investments into our apparatus, equipment, and health & wellness programs. In December, we were able to complete our specifications and purchase for three new fire engines.

2021 has again proved that your Napa Firefighters, Paramedics, and Fire Prevention teams are here to serve you and are dedicated to finding ways to enhance and improve that service. It is that drive for excellent service and constant learning that makes our department so great.

To our Napa community and to our Operations and Fire Prevention teams, thank you.

Zach Curren
Fire Chief
The Vision of the Napa Fire Department is to be an organization that:

**VISION STATEMENT**

*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
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Service
- Professionalism
- Cooperation
AT-A-GLANCE

2021 TOTAL CALLS: 10,199

Fires.........................................................255
Hazardous Condition..........................218
EMS/Rescue......................................6,602
Rupture/Explosion...................................4
Service Calls.......................................1,091
Good Intent........................................1,473
False Call................................................547
Miscellaneous............................................9

POPULATION:
Napa City - 76,498
Napa County - 135,654

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE:
Napa City- $14.9 Billion

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

JURISDICTION:
Residential - 57.63%
Commercial -17.95%
Industrial - 4.3%
Open Land* - 20.12%
*Includes Parks, Agricultural, and Vacant Parcels

ISO RATING:
Class 2

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

STATIONS:
5

STAFFING:
3 Shifts
18 / Day / Shift

STAFFING RATIO:
Averages 1 on-duty FF per 4,250 residents
**STAFFING**

**PROMOTIONS**
Jason Berens - Division Chief
Ty Becerra - Administrative Battalion Chief
Ryan Chagonjian - Captain
Devon Ulitin - Captain
Ryan Aimar - Captain
Anthony Genaro - Captain
Jose Valenzuela - Fire Inspector II
Ana Garibay - Office Assistant II

**NEW HIRES**
Felix Barba - Firefighter/Paramedic
Nicolas Pruett - Firefighter
Scott Beckler - Firefighter
Shea Barrett - Weed Abatement Officer (P/T)
Adri Newberry - Fire Prevention Secretary
(Transfer from Police Department)
Bobby Sekine - Firefighter/Paramedic
Daniel Nelson - Firefighter/Paramedic
Sean Keenan - Firefighter/Paramedic
Angelo Baracco - Intern (P/T)

**APPOINTMENTS**
Rick Boatman - Apparatus Specialist
James Stanic - Napa Interagency Rescue Team
Jeff Squibb - Napa Interagency Rescue Team
Chris Morrison - Peer Support
Hattie Hamilton - Peer Support
William Schimpf - Peer Support
Jeremie Hannon - Fitness Coordinator
James Stanic - Apparatus Specialist
Jim Callanan - Apparatus Specialist
Rick Boatman - HazMat Specialist
Chris Gonzalez - HazMat Specialist

**RETIREMENTS**
Eli Cronbach - Captain
Steve Becker - Captain
Dan D’Angelo - Captain
Eileen Spanier - Fire Prevention Secretary

**DECEASED RETIREES**
Joe Baez - Captain

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Top to Bottom, Left to Right
Academy 2021-1
Felix Barba
Nicolas Pruett
Scott Beckler

Academy 2021-2
Bobby Sekine
Sean Keenan
Daniel Nelson
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued to Provide City Leadership for the Ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and Wildfires
- Captain Aimar secured a $21,000 Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant
- Updated the Department Controlled Substance Storage Program
- Fire Prevention Inspectors Successfully Completed 100% of State Mandated Inspections
- Fire Administration Offices Relocation

2022 GOALS & INITIATIVES

- Workforce Development
- Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Update Program Metrics
- Research & Secure Additional Grant Opportunities
- Continue Community Outreach Through Social Media
- Initiate Standards of Cover Study
- Update the City’s False Alarm Ordinance
City Manager Steve Potter presented Battalion Chief Christopher Gilbert with his 20 year service award as well as recognition as a 2020 Outstanding Performer on behalf of the City of Napa and in recognition of his tireless efforts during the height of the Covid pandemic which included being the liaison for city employees to get testing, vaccinations, advocating for employees to have proper fitting PPE, and general guidance. On behalf of the NFD, we congratulate Battalion Chief Christopher Gilbert on this major accomplishment.

2021 marked the 20th Anniversary of the tragic September 11 events. We all swore to never forget that day and this year NFD payed tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Pictured are members of our Honor Guard at the 9/11 memorial in Napa.

Congratulations to the following personnel who have completed their Acting Captains & Acting Battalion Chiefs Task Books in 2021:

- Acting Captains
  - Rick Boatman
  - Nate Bjorgum
  - Matt Gonsalves
  - Will Schimpf
- Acting Battalion Chief
  - Erik Mortimore

This year, we hosted 2 academies and welcomed 2 new firefighters and 4 firefighter/paramedics. All of our new hires come with a plethora of experience and an eagerness to serve their Napa community. Pictured from left to right, Nicholas Pruett, Felix Barba, Scott Beckler, Fire Chief Zach Curren, Daniel Nelson, Bobby Sekine, and Sean Keenan.
This year Napa continued to endure the Covid-19 Pandemic and multiple wildfire deployments. In addition, NFD responded to significant structure fires, HazMat incidents, and increased homeless-related incidents. Pictured to the right are a few photos from some of the calls from this past year.

COVID-19 continued to ravage all throughout the 2021 year. We sent four Paramedics/EMT’s to assist hospitals in Los Angeles County during a Covid surge.

Wildfire season was calmer this year within our county and NFD Strike Teams were deployed around the state. They were assigned to six wildfires, including one out of state deployment in Oregon.

- Bootleg Fire - Klamath County, Oregon
- Monument Fire - Trinity County
- Airola Fire - Calaveras County
- Dixie Fire - Multi County
- Alisal Fire - Santa Barbara County
- Caldor Fire - Multi County
Due to the ongoing fight against Covid-19, we were unable to host a physical event and decided to host another virtual event with more fun, educational videos for everyone to enjoy. Fire Prevention Division made this year’s Fire and Life Safety Day extra memorable by releasing an informative music video called “Don’t Burn Down Your House” to the tune of “Burning Down the House” by Talking Heads. See this video and all of our Fire and Life Safety videos on our website: www.cityofnapa.org/962/Fire-and-Life-Safety-Day

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the Toys-4-Tots program! During the 2021 season, 3,000 children were supported and over 13,000 toys distributed throughout Napa County. We love seeing members of our community come together and make the holiday season more festive during this difficult time.

We were pleased to be a part of the City sponsored Kids Camp at Las Flores Community Center. They had a day dedicated to first aid and CPR. Overall, 64 children and camp counselors were taught hands only CPR and the use of the 911 system. Campers were also given a tour of Engine 3.
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TOTAL CALLS 7646 7897 8802* 8999 8996 9894 9987 10347 9702 10199

*APPROX. 350 ATTRIBUTED TO EARTHQUAKE

- **5.2%** Increase in Call Volume From 2020 to 2021
- **33.4%** Increase in Call Volume Over the Past Decade
RESPONSE OVERVIEW

ON AVERAGE, WE RAN 28 CALLS PER DAY IN 2021

64.7% Of All Incidents Were Medical-Related

Response Times - Emergent (Code 3) Only
Minutes/Seconds

- Turnout Time = Unit Dispatched → Enroute
- Travel Time = Enroute → Arrival
- Total Time = Dispatch → Arrival

Turnout Time: 1:05
Travel Time: 3:46
Total Time: 4:51

Average Fractile (90% of the Time)

Response Times - Emergent (Code 3) Only
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Call Volume By Time of Day

0:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00

Call Volume By Time of Day

0 200 400 600
Response By Station

Station #1 16.1%
Station #2 27.1%
Station #3 25.2%
Station #4 22.3%
Station #5 9.3%

Fire Category Types

- Structure: 11.4%
- Vegetation: 7%
- Vehicle: 4.3%
- Rubbish: 35.7%
- Cooking: 11.8%
- Other: 29.8%

- Structure - 29
- Cooking - 30
- Vegetation - 18
- Rubbish - 91
- Vehicle - 11
- Other - 76

Station 1 - 1,639
Station 2 - 2,767
Station 3 - 2,569
Station 4 - 2,273
Station 5 - 951
FIRE PREVENTION

1,710
Total Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections for 2021

1,770
Total Violations Noted & Abated for 2021

Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections
41.2%
Increase Over 2020

Construction Inspections
Underground Fire Service Mains.........................26
Fire Sprinkler Systems..................................461
Alternate Fire-Extinguisher Systems..................10
Fire Alarm Systems......................................153
Fire Access, Misc........................................33
Fire Final Inspections..................................330
Total - 1,013

Construction Inspections
56.8%
Increase Over 2020
FIRE PREVENTION

Project Review
Building Plans Reviewed...........................................783
Fire Sprinkler Systems.............................................212
Alternate Fire-Extinguisher Systems.........................21
Fire Alarm Systems....................................................71
Inter-Department Reviews........................................194
Express Counter Reviews/Solar/Misc.......................895
Total - 2,176

Project Review 97.2% Increase Over 2020
Total Inspections for 2021 3,052

Weed Abatement

Before

After

97.2% Increase Over 2020
In Memory of

JOSEPH "JOE" ROBERT BAEZ
1943 - 2021

Captain Baez was hired by the Napa Fire Department on December 21, 1969 by Fire Chief Pete Daglia and was assigned badge #94. Joe and retired Battalion Chief Ken Lloyd were hired on the same day and worked together for many years as part of the C-Shift crew. Joe was one of the first paramedics in the Napa Fire Department Paramedic Program, which was placed into service on July 1, 1978. Joe was the first Hispanic firefighter hired by the Napa Fire Department. A fond memory of Joe happened after Joe had been working as a firefighter for a couple of years. There was a vehicle accident on the highway with a patient who was Spanish speaking only. Fire Chief Milton Ochs requested Joe to respond Code 3 to the scene of the accident to assist with patient care. After Joe arrived on scene, Chief Ochs requested "Joe, ask the patient where he is hurt" and Joe (a bit puzzled) proceeded to ask the patient "where are you hurt?" Chief Ochs then said "No, I mean ask him in Spanish" to which Joe replied "Chief, I don't speak Spanish." Joe would later, good naturedly admit that was one of the most memorable moments in his career at the Napa Fire Department. Joe played on the Napa Fire Department football team, which was undefeated against the Police Department. He was also known for his enjoyment of the game of golf and participated in many golf tournaments over the years. He was also very involved in volunteering at the Napa Fire Department corn booth every year at the Napa Town & Country Fair. Joe Retired from the Napa Fire Department on May 31, 1998 after serving the community of Napa for 28+ years. He will be immensely missed by all who had the honor and pleasure of working with him at the Napa Fire Department.
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ALWAYS HERE, ALWAYS READY, SERVING YOU WITH PRIDE AND EXCELLENCE