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**2010**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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From the Chiefs:

We proudly present to you the 2010 Willows Fire Department Annual Report. This document summarizes the activities and accomplishments in our department over the past year.

In 2010, the firefighters of the WFD responded to 710 incidents. As expected, medical emergency calls continued to dominate; in the last year we responded to 482 emergency medical calls, 68% of our annual call volume.

Though the 26 structure fire calls last year only represent 4% of our call volume, these types of incidents still constitute one of the greatest threats to both our community and our personnel. Four major fires in 2010 produced the bulk of the \$1.2m in fire loss for the year:

- 801 Brennan Way
- 649 N Butte
- 511 Fifth St
- 255 N Tehama St

Along with normal response in our own jurisdiction the Willows Fire Department continues to provide emergency dispatching service for nine rural fire jurisdictions. In 2010 we experienced a 10% increase from 2009 to total additional dispatched calls of 433.

The department has the ability to respond with specialized equipment and personnel to incidents involving hazardous materials, trench rescue, rope rescue, confine space rescue, and structural collapse. These types of incidents require significant amounts of training and additional equipment for our personnel, who also participate and respond with mutual aid and automatic aid agreements. These agreements greatly reduce our cost while providing exceptional services.

Your fire department continues to be very involved in our community and continues to provide an outstanding effort and product. This requires a 24/7 commitment from some of the best firefighters in the north state- we are proud to work alongside each of our personnel. On behalf of everyone at the WFD, we look forward to another year of dedicated public service to you, the Willows Community, and Glenn County.

Chief Wayne Peabody

Chief Michaud

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### Operations:

The WFD employs five full time (career) personnel, 20 volunteer firefighters, 19 Auxiliary personnel, six firefighter interns, nine warden members and 6 fire explorers. Each and every one of these firefighters is vital to both our organization and our mission. Our day-to-day staffing is one engineer and two firefighter interns, providing round-the-clock immediate service, one fire prevention officer and a fire chief who works Monday through Friday 8-5.

The City of Willows Fire Department and the Willows Rural Fire Protection district are supported by the dedicated and hard working members of the Willows Volunteers, who provide the firefighting work force for both the City and Rural Departments.

The Willows Fire Department Auxiliary provides firefighting rehabilitation service during major incidents, fire dispatching when needed and fund raising for the department.

The Willows Fire department has also instituted an internship program to increase staffing and availability of service. Graduates of an accredited fire academy are taken on as unpaid full time staff for six months, after which their California Fire Fighter 1 certification is signed off. Once they are signed off they are able to pursue a career in the fire service. The program provides a mutually beneficial program for the Willows Fire Department and the freshly graduated cadets.

The Willows Fire Department Explores Post #680 is an organization through the Boy Scouts of America. Eng. Eric Kennedy maintains the program, as the Post supervisor. The goal of the program is to train the explorers to the level of a volunteer, or beyond. At the time they turn 18 and have graduated from high school, they can then join the department immediately as an active member.

The Willows Fire Department provides medical service at a Basic Life Support (BLS) function through trained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and First Responders. The Department is non transport, with our primary transport Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit provided by Enloe Medical Center from Willows, and secondary transport by West Side Ambulance from Orland.

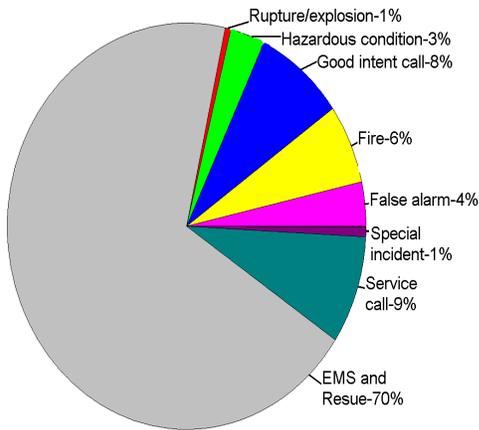


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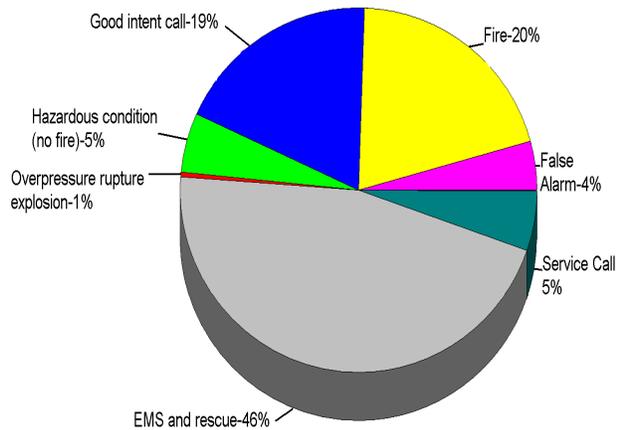


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### City of Willows Calls



### Willows Rural Fire District Calls

Despite the typical busy day of responding to emergency calls and rigorous training mandates, our career firefighters are also assigned a number of large projects each year:

- Each fire engine pump undergoes a thorough and rigorous “annual pump test” per ISO and NFPA requirements and OSHA mandates.
- All of the chainsaws, rotary saws, portable generators, and small power tools are serviced by our firefighters in-house when needed.
- All of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA’s) are tested and serviced by certified SCBA technicians in our own department.
- All of our Protective Safety gear (Turnouts/Wildland) are inspected and serviced by a certified Global technician in our own department

These are just a few examples of the talent and dedication we have in our department. The expertise to perform these tasks in-house translates to a significant annual savings for our tax payers!

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### Training Division:

Throughout the year, Willows Fire makes training one of its top priorities. The training mandate at Willows Fire is 10 hours per month per volunteer firefighter and 20 hours per month per career firefighter. There is a vast assortment of assigned fire/ems related topics and activities covered with all members gathering monthly for a 3 hour department wide safety/business meeting. Training components includes continuing education to maintain current licensure requirements and new training to both grow and maintain the knowledge base of our members and to keep at the fore front of the ever changing fire/ems service. In addition to the Department sponsored monthly trainings, some members also attend California State Fire Marshall (CTFM) classes and California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) classes and other fire/ems service related trainings throughout the state. In 2010 both volunteers and career firefighters traveled as far as California State University Monterey Bay to the South and College of the Siskiyous to the North with members themselves covering some or all of the costs. Because of some of these classes and the specialized trainings learned, Willows Fire has been able to establish two specialized teams, a Rope Rescue team and Fire Investigation team. Members of Willows Fire have also been able to receive several grant funded National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) wildland fire classes. These wildland fire classes have been able to start the process of certifying the members of Willows Fire in a National Standard Training System for the major wildland fire incidents they respond to throughout the state with the OES engine also being able to utilize the training here as well. Through another grant, career and volunteer firefighters were able to attend a Child Restraint Technician class certifies them to check and install child seats in vehicles.

This rigorous training schedule satisfies all of the federal and state training mandates which help ensure the lowest fire insurance premiums in Glenn County. ISO rating of “3” in the Willows City Limits- the best fire protection rating in all of Glenn County and a ISO rating of “6” in the rural jurisdiction. Along with the lowest insurance premium, the training schedule also ensures that Willows Fire can provide a high level of service to its citizens.

During the 2010 calendar year the members of Willows Fire have completed a combined total of 2350 hours of training throughout the year.



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### Fire Prevention Division:

In 2010, the fire prevention division continued its efforts to keep our community a safe place in which to live, work, and play. The division has responsibility for fire code enforcement, public safety education, fire investigation, and weed and hazard abatement. Fire code enforcement continued to be a priority. Captain Sykes manages the fire inspection program and performs all actual business inspections. The primary focus of these inspections is “enforcement through education”. This commitment to proactive fire prevention activities continues to result in reducing or eliminating fire losses. A total of 360 fire inspections were conducted in 2010.

The fire prevention education division led by Engineer Lombard has been providing quality fire and life safety education to the community over the past year. Educating the public in preventing fire is a vital part of saving life and property. Fire safety demonstrations are provided to any group in our community upon request. Also, fire station tours can be scheduled throughout the year.

The Willows Fire Department visits the elementary school and preschools every year, we have also expanded to include the William Finch Charter School this year. Throughout the year through different programs, we have educated 2586 citizens ranging in age from 2 years old to 90. Different programs implemented this year were:

- Smoke Detector Program in Partnership with the Willows Rotarians
- Fire Prevention Week
- Child Safety Seat Program
- Drug Store Program



Lastly, fire investigation is a vital function of the fire prevention division. Several members of the Willows Fire Department have received specialized training in fire origin and cause determination. These members are part of the Glenn County Bomb and Arson team ran out of the Willows Fire station. All fires are investigated to determine their cause and origin. A detailed incident investigation report is then prepared. These finding are then used in the public education program to help with the prevention of future fires.

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### **2010 Accomplishments:**

- The department received a Cal Fire Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in which we were able to purchase 16 full sets of Wildland Protective gear, and 6 sets of Wildland web gear in the amount of \$12,204.97
- The department received a Regional Office of Traffic Safety in which 5 department was able to receive 5 sets of new extrication equipment in the amount of \$147,367.00
- The department received a Child Safety Seat grant in which we were able to send 6 members to become child safety seat installers and received 53 car seats.
- Completed annual fire engine, hose and ladder testing as required by standards.
- Maintained all state required training for all personnel
- Development of the explore program

### **2011 Initiative:**

- Continue to provide all WFD personnel with Federal, State and locally mandated training relating to the service they provide, including preparing firefighters for possible promotion
- Work in conjunction with the Willows Police Department and city staff to upgrade the City to a Public Safety dispatch system.
- Expand our Fire Public Education to include Willows Intermediate School and the Willows High School
- Develop a communication system to better pass information along to Willows Fire Department Staff.
- Develop a new firefighter basic academy for new volunteers
- Expanding our explorer program to 15 members
- Expand our volunteer roster to include 30 members

The Willows Fire department is proud to present to you this annual report, and if you have any question or concerns please feel free to contact the fire station at 530-934-3322 or check the City web site at [www.cityofwillows.org](http://www.cityofwillows.org) for further information.

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**Willows Fire Department:**

Chief Peabody

Chief Michaud

Captain Sykes  
Eng Kennedy  
Eng Lombard  
Eng Chapman



**Company 1**

Captain Chapman  
Lt Hunter

Eng S Molnar  
FF Perez  
FF L Flesher  
PFF Fowler

**Company 2**

Captain Galbraith  
Lt Kessler  
Lt Quinn

Eng. Manard  
Eng. Munguia  
FF Peterich  
FF J Flesher

**Company 3**

Captain Johnson  
Lt Torres  
Lt Tapia

Eng. Parisio  
FF Roberts  
FF Charartegui  
FF SH Molnar

**Explorer**

Gonzalez J  
Gonzalez D  
Valazquez  
Garcia  
Martindale  
Mendiola



**Warden Company      Yrs of Service**

Chief Cavier	62
Chief Jacobs	35
Chief Mallory	35
Captain Landrus	59
Captain Ehorn	42
Captain Alves	36
Captain Lederer	36
LT Camoron	24
Captain Smith	37



**Auxiliary**

Alves	Lombard
Bungarz	Mallory
Burns	Munguia
Chapman	Owen
Ehorn, C	Peterich
Ehorn, J	Quinn
Ehorn, N	Tapia
Hobbs	Termine
Landrus	Wharton