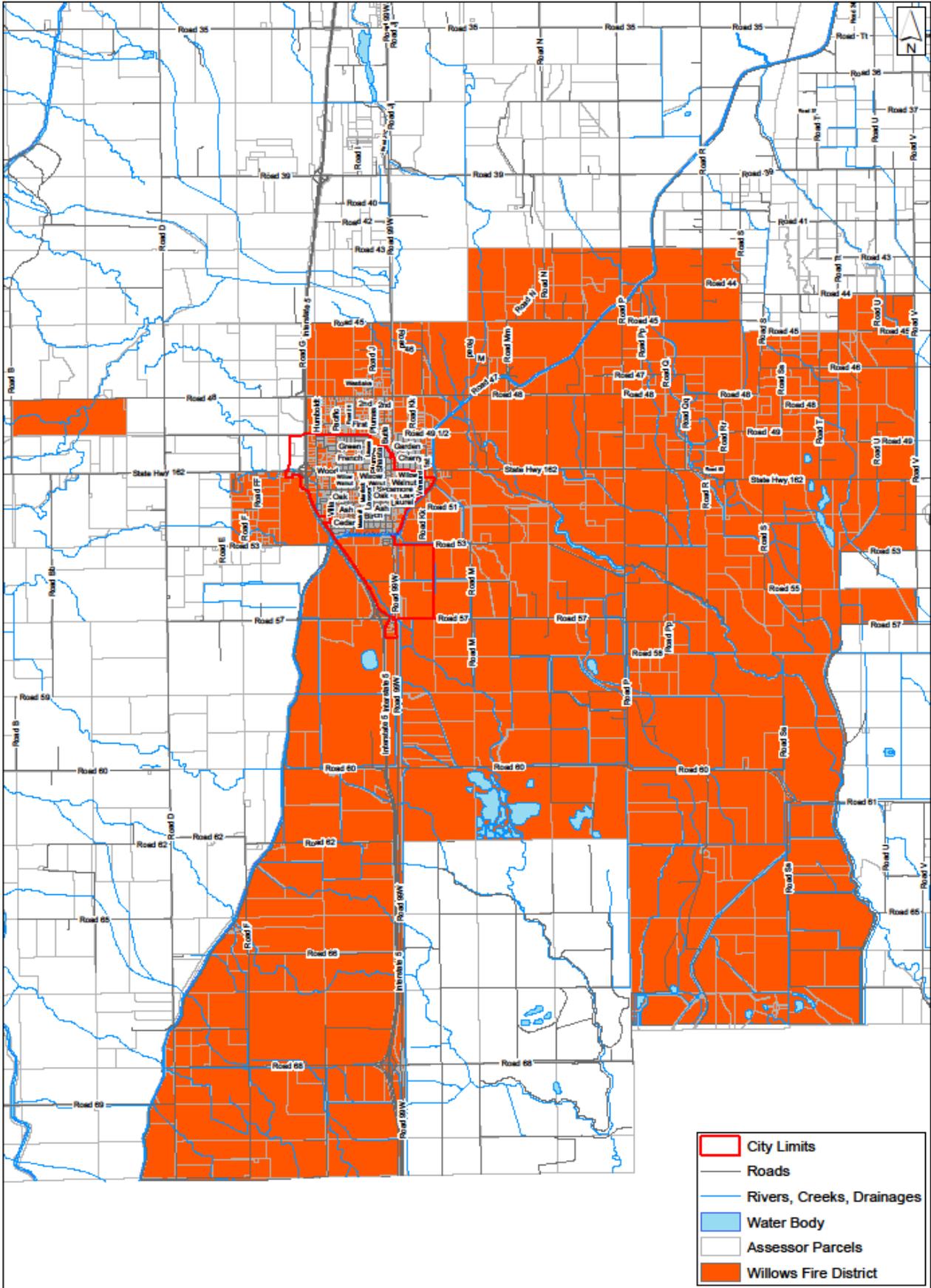






## Willows Fire Department 1941

# Willows Area: Willows Fire District



## Willows Fire Department History:

The Willows Fire Department was formerly organized in March of 1887, after four destructive fires had destroyed a majority of the town. The fire department grew from an organized bucket brigade to two hose companies named Glenn Hose Company #1 and Willows Hose Company #2. Each company was supplied with a Man pulled cart, 1100 feet of the best 2-1/2 cotton hose, patent cut-off nozzles, ladders, hooks, axes and such other paraphernalia as goes to equip a first-class hose company. Each member of the company was provided with a neat and attractive uniform and cap. The department was sixty strong lead by Chief Henry Bielar.

In 1914 the City of Willows purchased a new Knox Pumper which was the first motorized apparatus owned. In 1923 the City bought a second fire engine; a 1923 American LaFrance 750 GPM hose and Chemical Car, which was donated to the Willows Volunteer Organization on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1981. In the 1930's the City placed the staffing level of the fire department to a total of 4 personnel and increased to the present level of 5 in 1947. The original fire station location was at City Hall on North Butte St. where the Willow Walk Mall is now located after the downtown redevelopment In the 60's. This promoted the building of our present location in 1962.

On October 8, 1974 the Willows Rural Fire Protection was formed as a special district by the Glenn County Board of Supervisors. The district is commanded by a Fire Chief and has a five-member governing board. Since the formation, the district has been in a contractual agreement with the City of Willows. In total the City of Willows and the Willows Rural Fire protection District cover a total of 96 square miles.

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## Message from the Chief's:

Citizens of the City of Willows and Willows Rural Fire Protection District:

We are honored to present the 2011 Annual Report for the Willows Fire Department. This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments in your department over the past year.

In 2011, the firefighters of the Willows Fire Department responded to 662 incidents. As expected, medical emergency calls continued to dominate; in the last year we responded to 462 emergency medical calls, 70% of our annual call volume. Though the 15 structure fire calls last year only represent 3% of our call volume, these types of incidents still constitute one of the greatest threats to both our community and our personnel.

Along with normal response in our own jurisdiction, the Willows Fire Department continues to provide emergency dispatching services for nine rural fire jurisdictions. In 2011 we dispatched an additional 500 emergency and nonemergency calls for service. The City of Willows has also renewed a dispatch contract with the US Forest Service for an additional 3 years.

The City of Willows and Willows Rural Fire Protection District were successful in receiving nearly \$100,000 in grant funding that allows your firefighters to stay current with state and federal requirements. In addition the City of Willows was able to obtain a regional grant that is able to benefit all local fire districts to meet new federal mandates for Automatic External Defibrillator.

Your Fire Department continues to be very involved in the 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 and honored to work alongside each of our personnel.

As we progress into a new year, we intend to bring a fresh perspective and use an enterprising method to meet the challenges facing the Willows Fire Department. We will continue to work with our community partners to provide the highest level of safety to the neighbors we proudly serve.

Chief Wayne Peabody  
City of Willows Fire Department

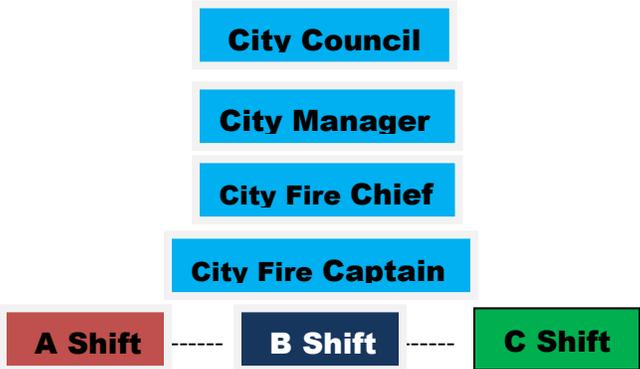
Chief Reggie Michaud  
Willows Rural Fire Protection District

**Mission Statement:**

Through professionalism, dedication, integrity and training the Willows Fire Department works to safeguard the lives and property and to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of The City of Willows and Willows Rural Fire Protection District. This will be accomplished by providing a vast range of emergency services, strong public relations and fire safety education. We also endeavor to protect and preserve the health of our membership and return our personnel safely to their families

**Willows Fire Department Organizational Charts:**

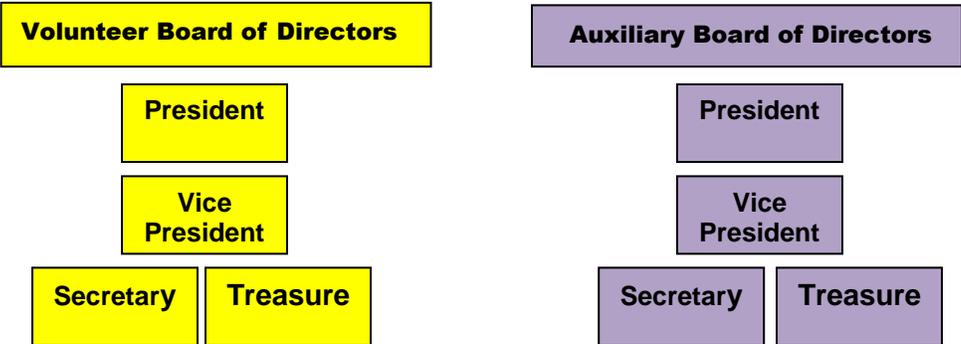
**City of Willows Fire Department Organization Chart:**



**Willows Rural Fire Protection District Organizational Chart:**



**Willows Volunteer Organizational Chart:**



Willows Fire Department Patches:



## Training:

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:

- First Responder/Emergency Medical Technician Training
- First Responder-Haz Mat training
- Wildland training per National Wildfire Coordinating Group 310-1 standard
- Live Fire training
- Structural Firefighting
- Search and Rescue Drills
- Vehicle extrication and Stabilization
- Multi-Company Drills
- Engine Company Standards

**ANNUAL TRAINING HOURS:  
3240**

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 City limits of Willows- the best in Glenn County and a ISO rating of "6" in the rural jurisdiction. Along with the lowest insurance premium, the training schedule also ensures that citizens are provided the highest level of service when the need arises.

## Public Education:

The Fire Prevention Education Division 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 lives and property. Throughout the year through different programs, we have had the opportunity to educate citizens ranging in age from 2 to 90 years of age. A number of of the different programs that we use:

- Fire Prevention week
- Child Safety Seat Program
- National Night Out
- Lamb Derby
- Drug Store Program
- Willows Volunteer Bean Feed
- Willows Pancake Breakfast
- Smoke Detector Program
- Demonstrations
- Station tours

We will continue to blend old and new techniques in public education to provide the best service to the community and our partners.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATANCE:  
3650**

## Fire Prevention:

In 2011, the Fire Prevention Division continued its efforts to keep our community a safe place in which to live, work, and play. The division is responsible for:

- **Code Enforcement**-inspections of public and private properties for unabated hazardous and/or combustible fuels (including weeds) which would allow a fire to travel from property to property.
- **Inspections**- annual inspection per fire code on commercial occupancy, licensed daycare and adult care facilities-on site inspections of commercial tenant improvement and new construction
- **Plan Review**-review of construction plans and specifications for compliance with local and state requirements.
- **Fire Investigation**- determining the origin and cause of fire and the investigations of fire related incidents. This function is divided among several members of Willows Fire department whom have had specialized training. These members are also part of the Glenn County Bomb and Arson Task Force.

The primary focus of this division is “enforcement through education”. The commitment to being proactive in fire prevention activities continues to result in reducing or eliminating fire losses.

## Operations:

Willows Fire Department provides fire suppression, hazard materials first responder, rescue and Basic life support services. The Operations Division is responsible for the following:

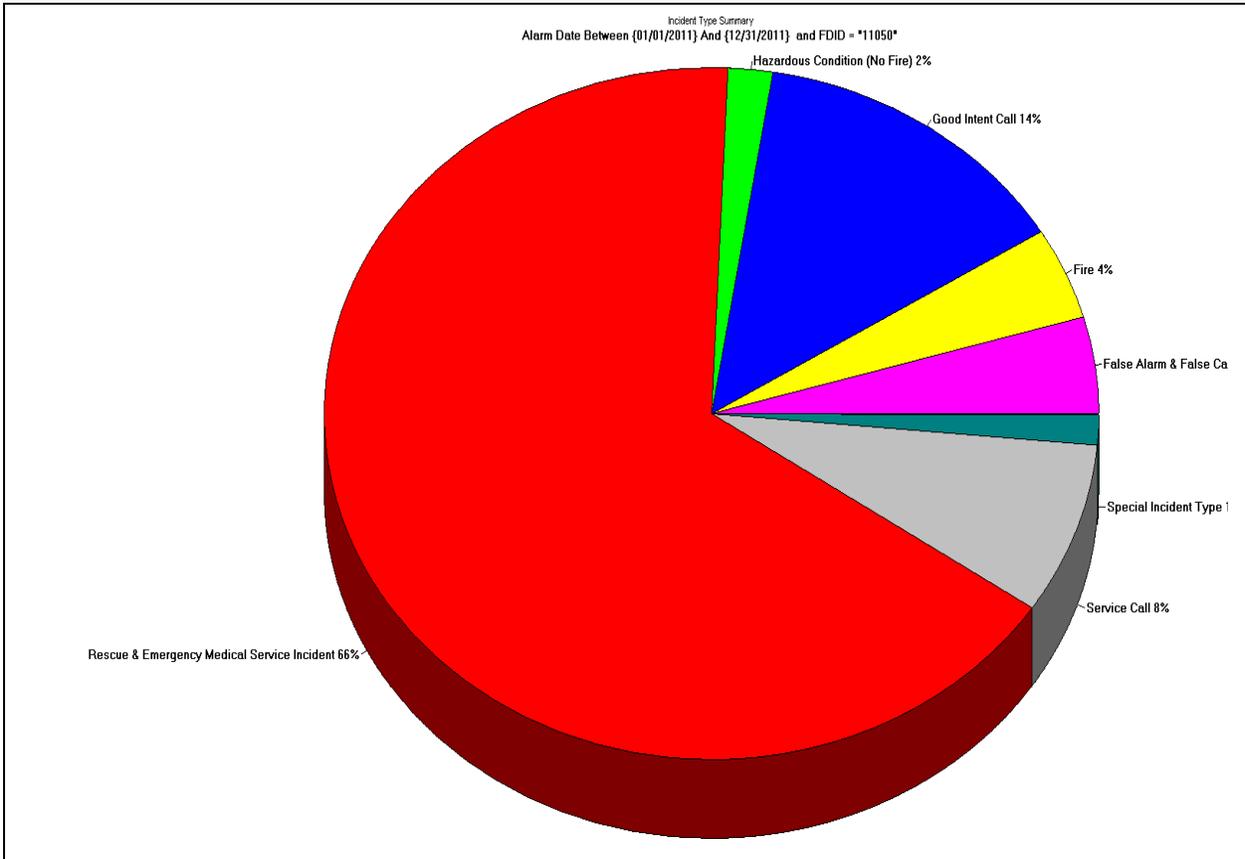
- **Suppression**-Individual fire companies are specially trained to respond to residential fires, commercial fires, industry related incidents, wildland fires and vehicle extrications.
- **Emergency Medical Services**-medical service is provided at a Basic Life Support function through trained Emergency 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.

The WFD employs five full time (career) personnel, 21 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.

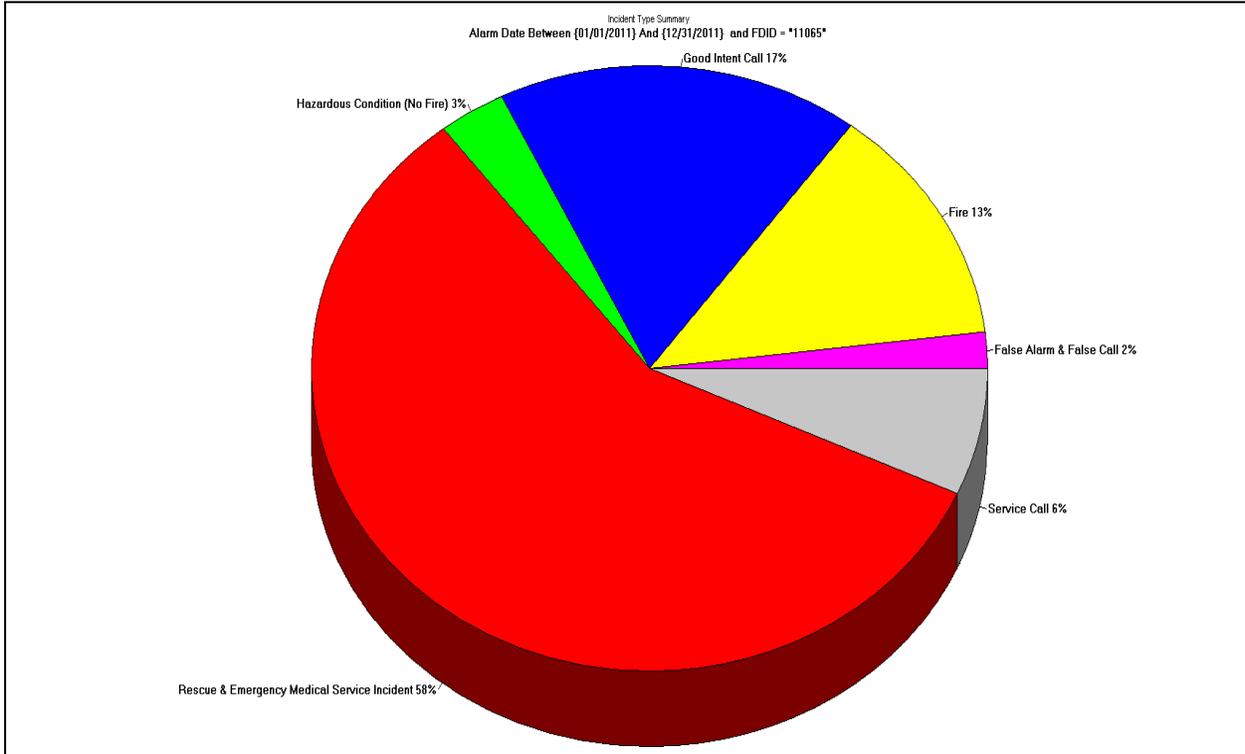
The City of Willows Fire Department and the Willows Rural Fire Protection district are supported by the dedicated and hard working members of the Willows Volunteers, who provide the firefighting work force for both the City and Rural Departments.

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

## 2011 City of Willows Incidents:



## 2011 Willows Rural Fire Protection District Incidents:



Fire engine types are placed into category types that are used in the Incident Command System, and as a means of organizing multiagency resources through the National Interagency Fire Center. The City and the Rural District maintains a variety of fire apparatus and equipments in order to meet the public safety need of our service area that includes major highways and streets, undeveloped residential/commercial and wildland areas.

**City of Willows Apparatus:**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Type 1 Engine</b>	<b>2</b>
E-3      1985 GMC	
E-2      1996 HME	
<b>Quint Aerial Ladder</b>	<b>1</b>
T-4      2006 HME	
<b>Staff Vehicles</b>	<b>1</b>
U-7      2001 Chevrolet	

**Willows Rural Fire Protection District Apparatus:**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Type 2 Engine</b>	<b>1</b>
E-11     1996 HME (Cal EMA)	
<b>Type 3 Engine</b>	<b>2</b>
E-14     2004 HME	
E-16     1996 International	
<b>Type V Engine</b>	<b>1</b>
E-12     2007 Ford F-550	
<b>Water Tender</b>	<b>1</b>
WT-15    1976 Freightliner	
<b>Support Vehicles</b>	<b>1</b>
U-19     1996 Chevrolet	
<b>Specialty Trailers</b>	<b>1</b>
2007 Maco Air Cascade Trailer	

**Additional Specialty Trailers:**

<b>Specialty Trailers</b>	<b>3</b>
1994 Fire Prevention-Owned by Glenn County Fire Chief's Association	
2008 Aux Trailer-Owned by the Willows Fire Department Auxiliary	
2010 Arson and Bomb-Owned by Glenn County Office of Emergency Services	

### 2011 Accomplishments:

- The department received an Assistance to Firefighter Grant AFG EMW-FO-00959 in which we were able to develop a Wellness and Fitness program. Through the program we were able to purchase exercise equipment and provide physicals and immunizations for all of our firefighters. **\$48,000.00**
- The department received a Regional Assistance to Firefighter Grant AFG EMW-2010-FR-00051 in which we were able to purchase 14 automatic external defibrillator and 2 AED trainers. This grant is able to place a new AED in every station in Glenn County. **\$21,060.00**
- The department received a Cal Fire Volunteer Assistance Grant 7FG11041 in which we were able to purchase 11 full sets of Structural Firefighting gear. **\$19,014.36**
- The department received a Wal-Mart Child safety seat grant in which we were able to purchase and install 50 car seat's. **\$5000.00**
- Completed all annual fire engine, hose and ladder testing as required by CAL-OSHA and NFPA standards
- Maintained all State and Federal requirements for training all personnel
- Developed a internal monthly newsletter

### 2012 Initiatives:

- Continue to provide all WFD personnel with Federal, State and locally mandated training relating to the service they provide, including preparing firefighters for promotional opportunities.
- Work in conjunction with City staff and the Glenn County Dispatch Committee to provide a reliable and cost effective central dispatch system for all Glenn County residents.
- Expand our Fire Public Education system to include Willows Intermediate School and The Willows High School.
- Maintain good communications within the Fire department and other City and County officials.
- Develop a new Entry level Firefighter basic training for new volunteers.
- Expand our personnel to include 40 total active firefighters.

WFD Personnel Roster:

WILLOWS



FIRE

WILLOWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF WAYNE PEABODY

CHIEF REGGIE MICHAUD

2012



C-1 W. PEABODY  
C-10 R. MICHAUD

PREVENTION 8 S. SYKES  
A SHIFT ENG E. KENNEDY  
B SHIFT ENG T. LOMBARD  
C SHIFT ENG L. CHAPMAN

COMPANY 1

COMPANY 2

COMPANY 3

Capt Loren Chapman  
Lt. H. Kessler  
Eng. St Molnar  
FF L. Perez  
FF L. Flesher  
FF J. Fowler  
PFF E. Ambriz  
PFF K Souza

Capt Bill Galbraith  
Lt. T. Tapia  
Eng. K. Munguia  
FF B. Manard  
FF J. Peterich  
FF J. Flesher  
FF J. Hutson

Capt Leroy Johnson  
Lt. J. Quinn  
Eng. A. Parisio  
FF T. Roberts  
FF M. Charartegui  
FF Sh. Molnar

AUXILIARY

Willows Volunteer Officers:

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

President: Alex Parisio  
Vice President: Lelia Perez/Lombard  
Secretary: Steve Molnar  
Treasure: Kyle Munguia

Willows Volunteer Board of Directors:

Loren Chapman  
Leroy Johnson  
Tony Tapia  
Mike Charartegui  
Bill Galbraith

## Willows Volunteer Firefighter's Fund Raising Events 2012:

Installation Dinner	January 21 <sup>st</sup> 2012
Bean Feed	March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
Fire Prevention Pancake Breakfast	October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
Fireman's Ball	October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
Boss Appreciation Dinner	November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2012

The Fire department will be celebrating 125 years of dedicated service to the Citizens of Willows on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the annual Bean Feed. Please come by the fire station and take a tour of your fire station and let us thank you for your continued support to the fire department and personnel.

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



## WILLOWS FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011

