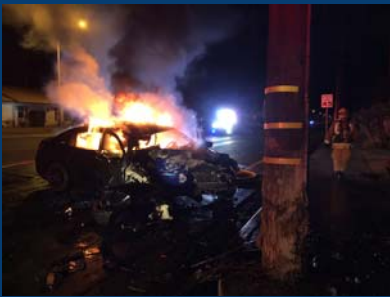


# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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# OUR MISSION

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2015 was a year of leadership transition, with former Fire Chief Robert Van Nortrick leaving in February, Battalion Chief John Muhr serving as Interim Fire Chief from February through April, and the opportunity for me to join the fire department on April 20th. I am proud of the accomplishments the fire department has achieved in 2015.

The success of the organization is a reflection of the collective efforts of every member.

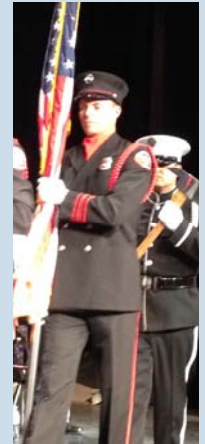
Your commitment to preserving life, the environment, and protecting people's property is evident in your daily performance.

Thank you for your dedication and service to the community residents and visitors.

Best regards,

Paul S. Wilson, Fire Chief

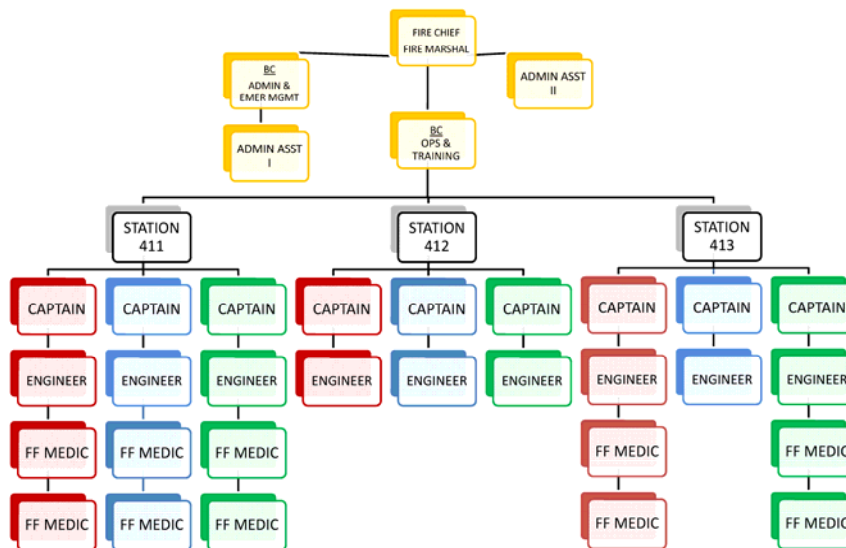
The Cathedral City Fire Department covers a response area of 22.5 square miles. Our employees serve more than 53,000 full-time residents, and several thousand employee-based and vacation visitors daily. We maintain six divisions (prevention, disaster prep., EMS, suppression, training and administration) within a fiscal year operating budget of \$8.2M.



## Apparatus

Engines	2
Truck	1
OES Engine	1
ALS Ambulances	3
(1 in Reserve Status)	

## STAFFING IN 2015



RED = A-SHIFT, BLUE = B-SHIFT, GREEN = C-SHIFT

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015

#### Community Services

- Developed a 2016-2020 F.D. Strategic Plan with community and employee participation
- Amended the City Smoke Alarm Ordinance for consistency with the CA State Fire Marshal's Office
- Employees participated in the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" Fire vs. Police Charity Softball Game
- Coordinated the City Safe and Sane fireworks program
- Employees supported the City United Way campaign
- Conducted CERT training for ninety high school students and citizens
- Provided CPR training to community groups
- Presented life safety and fire prevention training to school students and residents
- Honor Guard and employees participated in commemorative events
- Hosted two City Hall at Your Corner sessions at the fire department
- Employees supported Breast Cancer Awareness month
- Hosted Fire Prevention Week pancake breakfast and fire station open house and participated in the Halloween Spooktacular public education event
- Hosted Tequila Jalisco Sister City Delegation at the fire department
- Conducted fire plan reviews for Aarons Showroom, Crossings at I-10, Dairy Queen, DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort, Green Cross Pharma, In-Shape Fitness Center, Northgate Church, Saxony Club, Sleep Train, Staybridge Hotel, Subway, The District, and Verano



#### Emergency Services

- Entered into an operational agreement with Riverside County F.D. to provide fire protection to City annexed area (undeveloped), north of I-10
- Adopted the California Fire Assistance Agreement
- Implemented Active 9-1-1 software for improved dispatch alerting and routing
- Deployed personnel and apparatus to seven major CA wildfires
- Provided specialized training for driver safety, high rise, live fire, multi-company night ops., hazardous materials, standard performance evolutions, wildland, rescue, mass casualty incidents, gas monitoring, trauma, ALS/BLS skills, sand bagging, water rescue, rapid intervention crew, and electrical safety
- Prepared Insurance Services Office five year review of public classification rating

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Continued)

#### Emergency Management

- Updated the City Emergency Operations Plan
- Conducted Emergency Operations Center training for Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs management staff
- Provided El Niño preparedness information and distributed sandbags from each fire station
- Presented disaster readiness information at an Emergency Preparedness Forum at the Cathedral City Library

#### Personnel Services

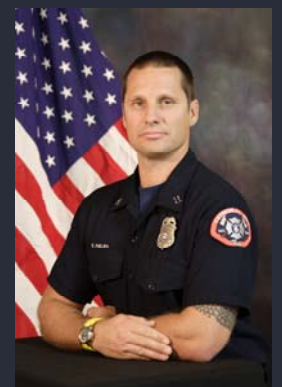
- Battalion Chiefs completed fire investigator certifications
- Applied for FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant for three F.F.'s (not awarded)
- Instituted Labor and Management - Relationship by Objective process
- Hired Firefighter / Paramedic Mason Hinz
- Provided Engineer and Captain preparation training
- Established eligibility lists for Firefighter / Paramedic, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief and Part-Time Fire Inspector
- Placed Chad Smith and James Taylor into Acting Captain and Acting Engineer positions
- Received City Manager approval to over hire one Firefighter / Paramedic in 1st Qtr. 2016

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**The 2015 Fire Chief's Award was presented to Fire Captain Bryant Phillips in recognition of his successful rescue of a fire victim from a burning building.**

**Captain Phillips was recognized at the 2015 Peace Officer and Public Safety Awards event in November.**

**Also recognized at the 2015 Peace Officer and Public Safety Awards was Administrative Assistant Ronda Guillaume.**



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## ANSWERING THE CALL

### Call Types Defined:

**Assist:** Smoke scare, request to investigate, etc.

**Hazard:** Electrical wiring, flammable liquid spill, etc.

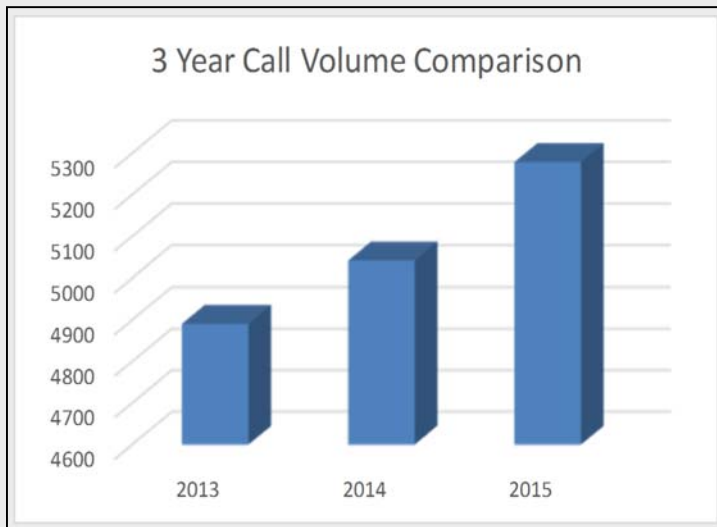
**Exposure:** Fire that extends to secondary involvement.

**Service:** Assist invalid, check the welfare, etc.

**Other:** Provide personnel, etc.

**Fire:** Includes structure, brush and vehicle fires.

	District 411	District 412	District 413	Outside CCFD Jurisdiction	Total
Incident Type					
Assist	96	83	82	34	295
EMS	1263	1850	965	60	4138
Exp	1	1	1		3
False	78	71	42	7	198
Fire	56	63	45	5	169
Hazard	14	18	8		40
Other	1		1		2
Service	173	135	115	12	435
<b>Total</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>2221</b>	<b>1259</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>5280</b>



### MUTUAL AID IN 2015

Mutual Aid Given	131
Mutual Aid Received	279



### Mutual Aid Given includes response to wildland fires outside our area:

Response	Duration
WILLOW FIRE, Madera County: OES 351	1 Day
BARKER FIRE, Shasta-Trinity National Forest: OES 351 and BC 4102	1 Day
FORK COMPLEX FIRE, Shasta-Trinity National Forest: OES 351 and BC 4102	21 Days
BUTTE FIRE, Calaveras County: OES 351, Engine 411 and BC 4102	5 Days
NORTH FIRE, San Bernardino County: BC 4101	2 Days
HIGHWAY FIRE, Riverside County: Engine 413 and BC 4101	1 Day
VALLEY FIRE, Napa & Sonoma Counties: OES 351, Engine 411, and BC 4102	7 Days



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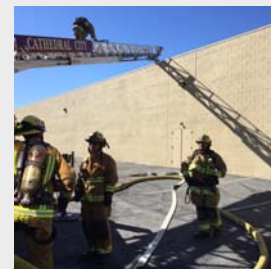
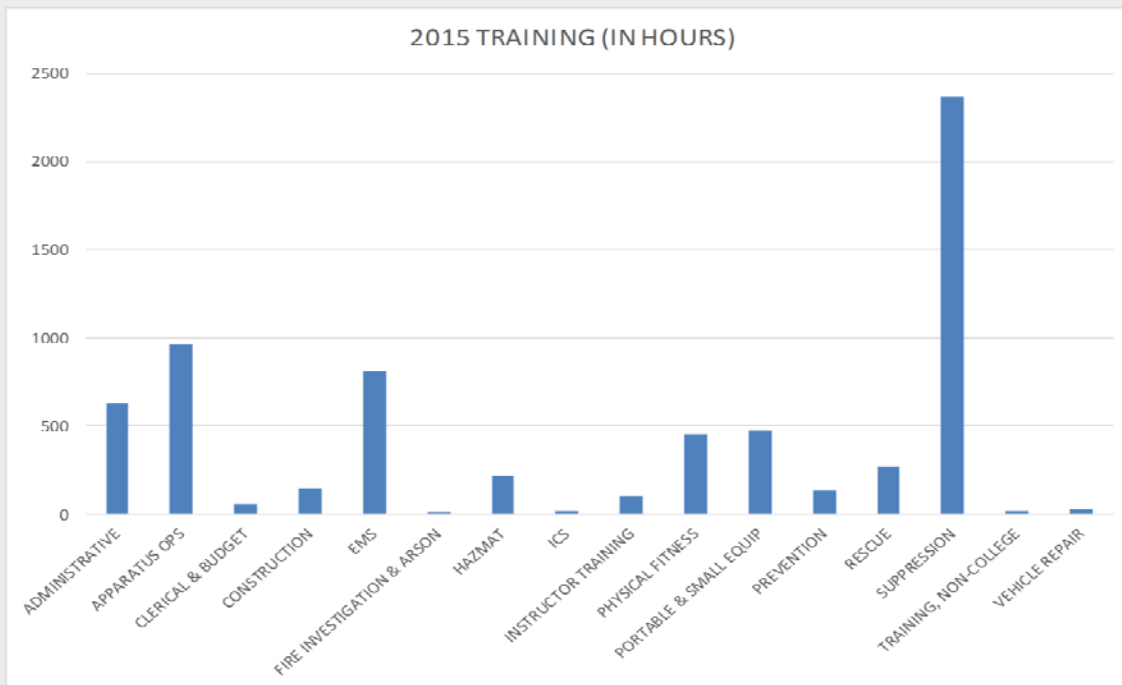
## FIRE PREVENTION



### INSPECTIONS PERFORMED IN 2015:

Business License	157	Annual Fire Inspections	286
Care Facilities/Daycare	75	Construction	131
Residential Smoke Detector	1,024		

## FIREFIGHTER TRAINING



*Partnering with our community for disaster preparedness.*

The Cathedral City Fire Department hosted Community Emergency Response Training in December. Thanks to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department for helping with this class delivery.