



# San Mateo County Fire



In Cooperation with

# **CAL FIRE**

# Mission Statement



**CAL FIRE serves and safeguards  
the people and protects the  
property and resources of  
California.**



# Shared Vision 2025

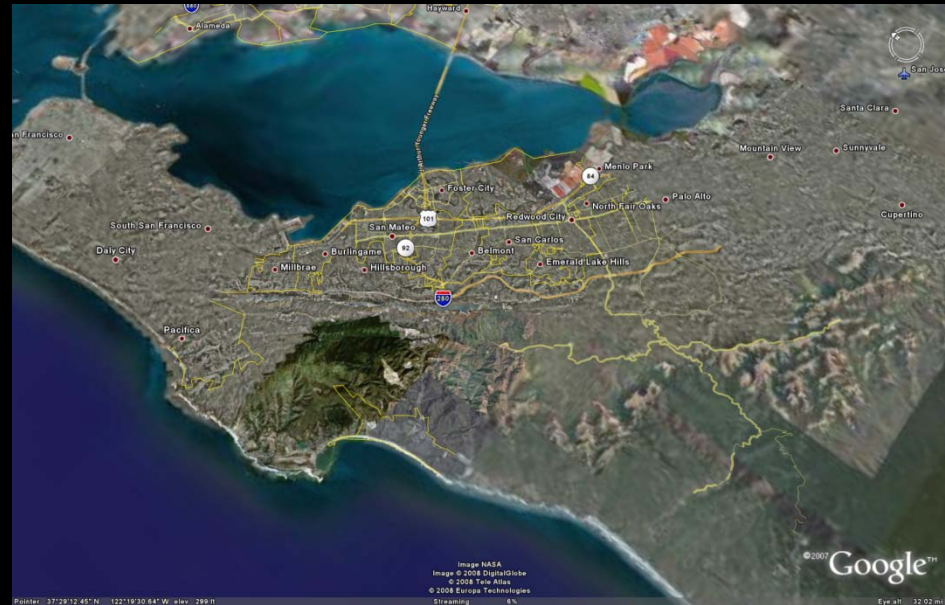
Ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and provide residents with access to quality health care and seamless services





# County Fire Areas Served

- 165 Square Miles
- 26,000 Residents
- Proudly serving the communities of:
  - La Honda
  - Emerald Hills
  - Palomar Park
  - Kings Mt.
  - Sky Londa
  - San Gregorio
  - Loma Mar
  - Middleton Tract
  - Pescadero
  - Highway 280 Between Woodside & Burlingame



# Services Provided

- County Fire responds to:
  - Medical Emergencies (Paramedic)
  - Vehicle Accidents
  - Public Assists
  - Hazardous Material Spills
  - Structure Fires
  - Wildland Fires
  - Mutual and Automatic Aid



# Services Provided

- **C.E.R.T.**
  - San Mateo Highlands
  - La Honda
- **Automotive**
  - Repairs
  - Vehicle Maintenance
- **Fire Marshal's Office**
  - Fire Investigation
  - Plan Review
  - Hazard Abatement
  - Code Enforcement
- **Training**
  - Career Staff
  - Volunteers
  - Other Agencies







# COUNTY SERVICE AREA # 1

- **CSA #1**
  - 5,000 Residents
  - 1,450 Parcels
  - San Mateo Highlands



# Current Service Level Provided

- **FOUR CAREER FIRE STATIONS**

- Fire Station 17 (San Mateo Highlands) \*\* Two engines assigned
- Fire Station 18 (Emerald Hills / Palomar Park)
- Fire Station 58 (Skylonda)
- Fire Station 59 (Pescadero)

- **FIVE ENGINE COMPANIES**

- **THREE VOLUNTEER FIRE STATIONS**

- Company 55 (Loma Mar)
- Company 56 (Kings Mt)
- Company 57 (La Honda)





# Other **CAL FIRE** Services

- **THREE STATE WILDLAND ENGINES**
  - Fire Stations 17, 58, & 59
- **TWO STATE FUNDED BATTALION CHIEFS**
- **ONE BULLDOZER**
  - Fire Station 17
- **COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
  - Three Fire Stations





# Personnel

- Personnel
  - Career Fire Fighters 55
  - Chief Officers & Staff 7
  - Volunteer Fire Fighters 50

112 Total



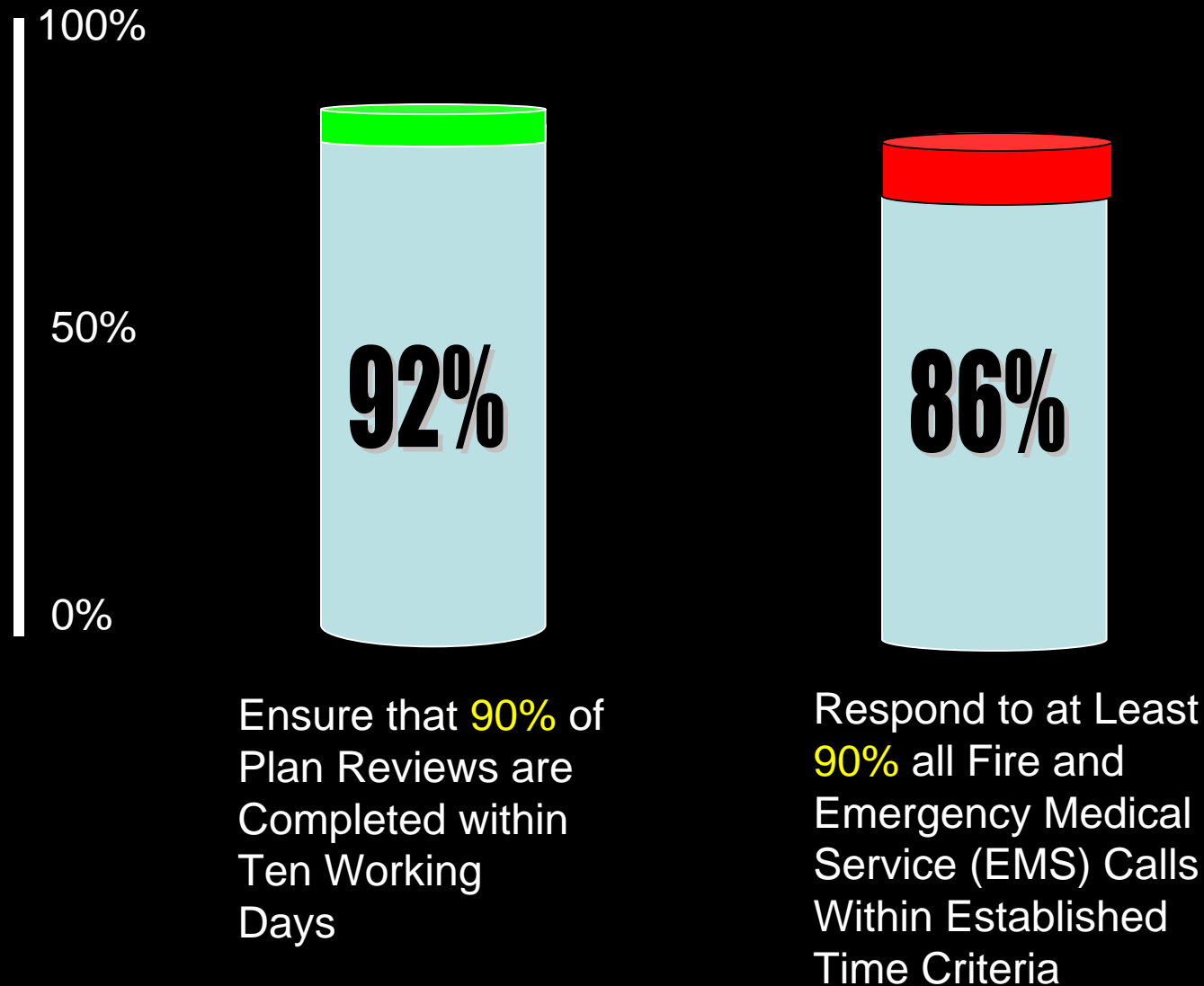
# PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- Respond to more than 90% of all Fires & EMS Calls Within The Time Criteria
- Ensure that more than 90% of Plan Reviews are Completed within 10 Working Days



# PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## FY 08-09



An aerial photograph of a residential property. In the center is a two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney. To the left of the house is a swimming pool surrounded by a paved deck. The property is landscaped with various trees and shrubs. A gravel driveway leads to the house, and a dark car is parked on it. The surrounding area appears to be a mix of developed and undeveloped land, with some areas showing signs of fire or clearing.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

- Conducted approximately 1837 Defensible Space Inspections on residential properties within the wildland interface zones of San Mateo County
- Conducted 475 Weed (Hazard Abatement) Inspections





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

- Removed the trailers from the Skylonda Station with State Funded personnel. This was a cost savings to the County of just under \$30,000
- Utilized available State funded personnel to cover County funded engines at a savings of \$42,600 to the County.







# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

- Continued to improve a shaded fuel break in the San Mateo Highlands in cooperation with the Highlands Recreation District, Fire Safe, and CAL FIRE Crews
- Improved the southern fuel break (Edgewood Rd west of Hwy 280 & south of the Filoli Estate)





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

- Utilized the 2008 Office of Traffic Safety Grant of \$310,457 to replace existing “Jaws-of-Life” equipment
- Assisted The San Mateo County Health Department with the Swine Flu by providing command support
- Fire Captain Marc Colbert received a Service Award from the Peninsula Counsel of Lions Clubs for his work with Toys-4-Tots





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

Created emergency evacuation plans for the communities of Palomar Park & La Honda

### IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED

#### In your home

- Stay inside until the fire passes.
- Close all windows.
- Keep all doors closed, but unlocked.
- Keep family together and remain calm.
- Remember, if it gets hot inside your house, it will be much hotter outside.

#### In your car

- Park away from vegetation.
- Roll up windows.
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.
- Cover yourself with a blanket or jacket.
- Stay in the car until the fire passes.
- If the vehicle catches on fire, exit *only* after the wildfire has passed.

#### On foot

- Find an area away from vegetation.
- Lie face down.
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.

#### After the Fire Passes

- Check the roof and exterior of your home, extinguish all sparks and embers.
- Check your attic for hidden embers.
- Check your yard for burning wood piles, trees, fence posts or other materials.

#### Returning to Your Home

- Emergency Managers will decide when it is safe to return.
- Information will be available through the media, at road blocks, and the evacuation center.

**SIGN UP FOR FREE EMERGENCY ALERTS**  
AT: <http://www.smcalert.info/>

### 100' DEFENSIBLE SPACE Make Your Home FIRE SAFE



Keep a copy in your vehicle and in your home!



### Palomar Park

### Emergency Evacuation Plan



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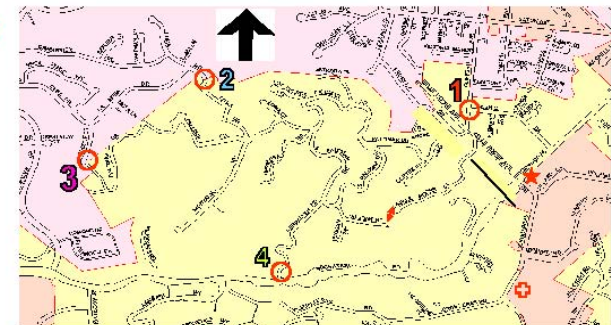
### Palomar Park Evacuation Plan

### EVACUATION PROCEDURES

#### In the event of an emergency...

- Citizens may be notified by emergency personnel if evacuation is necessary, or by a phone call from the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services & Homeland Security (Reverse 911 System).
- Safely make your way out of the area using the pre-designated exit routes, or as directed by emergency services personnel.
- If evacuations are ordered, an evacuation center will be set up.  
Proceed to:  
St. Matthias Catholic Church  
1685 Cordilleras Rd
- If evacuated, contact the Red Cross, or an emergency worker at the evacuation center to provide information about your status so that family or friends can be informed.  
American Red Cross # 415-427-8000
- After an area has been evacuated, the area will remain closed until the threat has passed.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY**, if you feel unsafe, don't wait. Follow the evacuation procedures and get out.
- A representative from the command post will keep you informed at the evacuation center.

Provided by:  
Palomar Park Property Owners, Inc  
CAL FIRE—San Mateo County Fire Department



### EXIT ROUTES

- Palomar Dr to Scenic Dr
- Loma Road, through the gate, left on La Mesa to Crestview Dr (Foot Traffic **ONLY**)
- Palomar Dr, through the gate on to Pebble Dr, left on La Mesa to Crestview Dr.
- South Palomar Dr to Cervantes Rd to Edgewood Rd

### Evacuation Center

### Incident Command Post

(Emergency Personnel ONLY)

Fire Road (Between Duggan Rd & Belle Roche)

### DRIVE WITH CAUTION!!!!

- Make sure your headlights are on!
- If conditions are too smoky, proceed slowly and stop if you can't see!
- Keep an eye and ear out for emergency vehicles! Give the right away!
- Roll up your windows, ensure your radio is off, and turn on your air conditioner!

Keep Calm, Think Clearly,  
and ACT Decisively





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

Created an information  
brochure about  
County Fire

**CAL FIRE /**  
**SAN MATEO COUNTY**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**YOUR FULL SERVICE**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**



[www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

This brochure highlights the commitment and service provided to you as a resident of San Mateo County, including:

- **FIRE SUPPRESSION & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT**
- **HAZ MAT AND TECHNICAL RESCUE**
- **FIRE PREVENTION**
- **COMMUNITY SERVICES**



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

Continue to provide over 2,000 hours of training to career, volunteer, and other agency fire fighters on subjects such as fire control, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, pump operations, and the Incident Command System






# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

### Wildland Fire Safety Fuel Reduction Program **Drop Off Location**

Open Fri - Sun until July 8

La Honda Fire Brigade	San Mateo County Fire and Fire Safe Program	Cal-Fire
		

- Conducted a hazardous fuel chipping program in La Honda, San Mateo Highlands, San Bruno Mt, and Middleton Tract



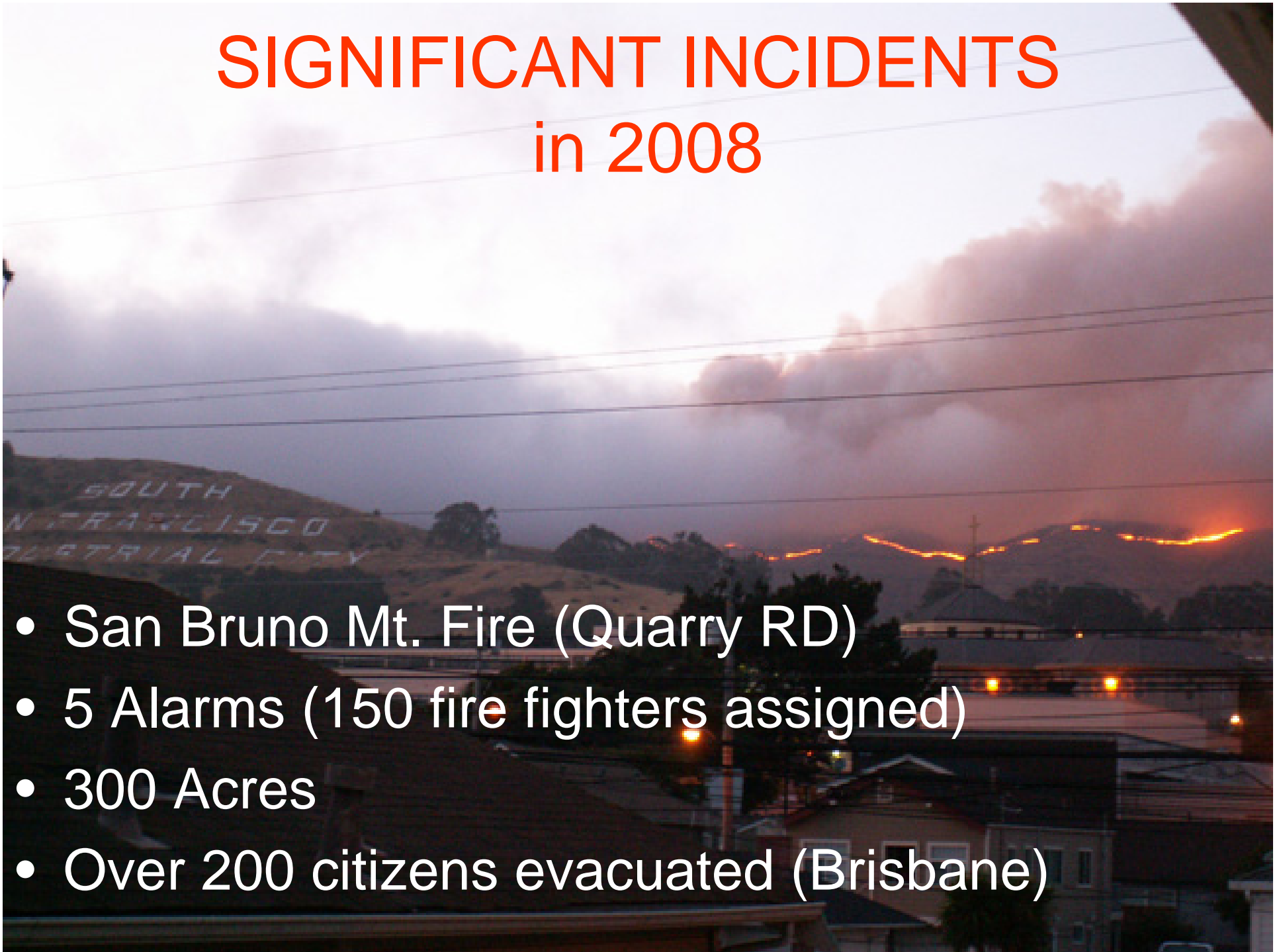
# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FY 08-09

- The inclusion of County Fire in the **ALS JPA**
- Addition of a **STATE FUNDED** Battalion Chief to County Fire
- Received **\$119,916** in reimbursements from State Office of Emergency Services since FY 07-08

# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS in 2008

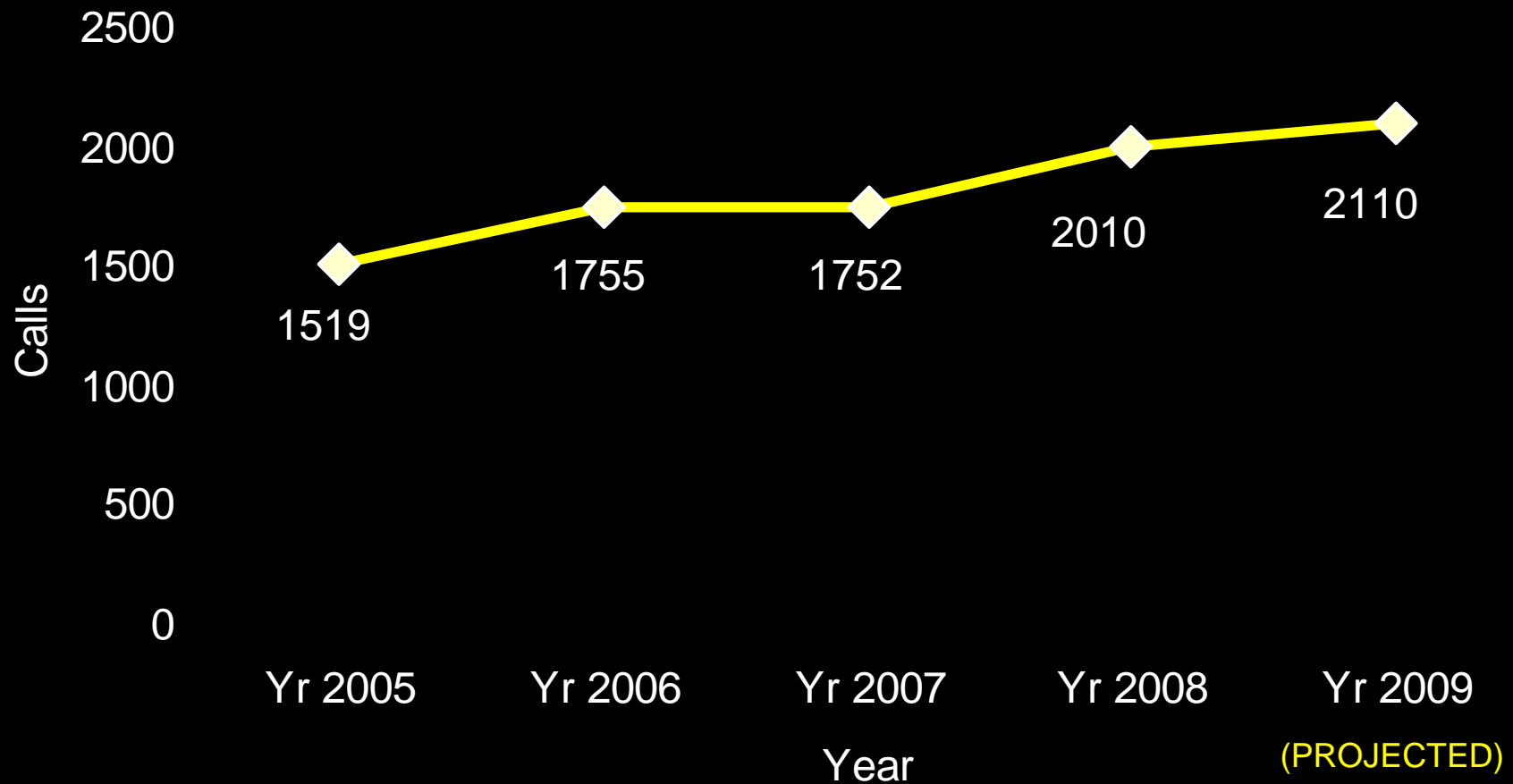
- San Bruno Mt. Fire (Quarry RD)
- 5 Alarms (150 fire fighters assigned)
- 300 Acres
- Over 200 citizens evacuated (Brisbane)





# RESPONSES

## County Fire Emergency Calls







1974 International Water Tender

# CHALLENGES

## AGING EMERGENCY MOBILE FLEET

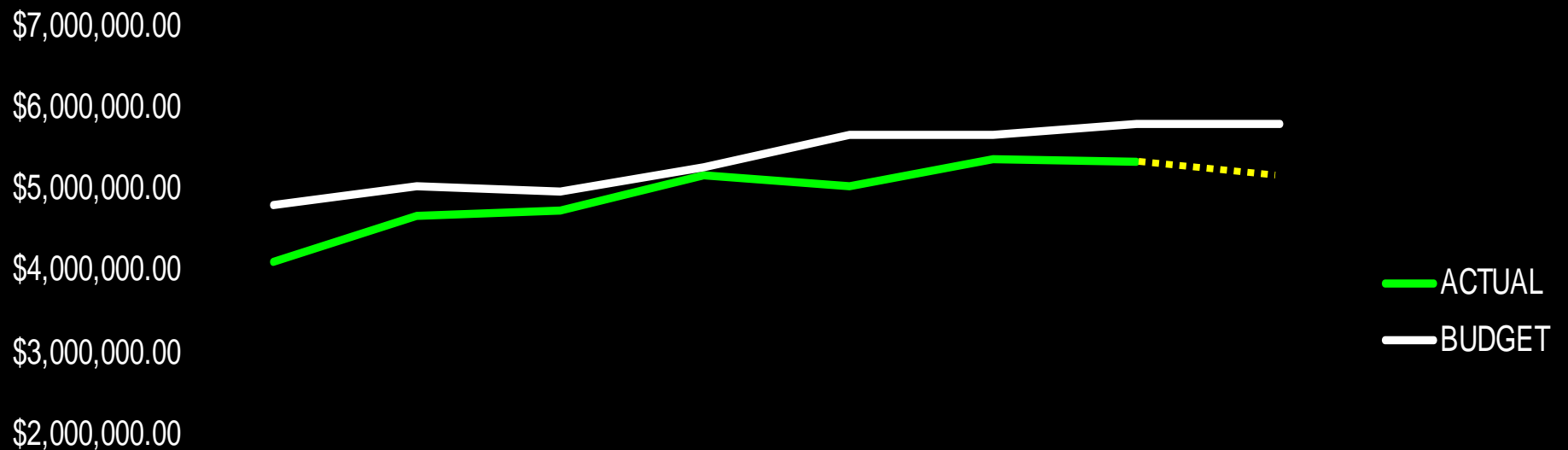




# CHALLENGES

## AGING FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

# COMPARISON of ACTUAL & BUDGETED PERSONNEL COST



BUDGET	\$4.806	\$5.053	\$4.965	\$5.260	\$5.670	\$5.672	\$5.807	\$5.807
ACTUAL	\$4.105	\$4.667	\$4.743	\$5.166	\$5.056	\$5.375	\$5.336	\$5.136
	FY 02-03	FY 03-04	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10 (PROJECTED)







# CONCLUSION

- CAL FIRE – San Mateo County Fire continues to provide a cost effective emergency services program to the citizens and visitors of San Mateo County
- Challenges include our aging emergency automotive fleet and fire stations
- We project that personnel costs will decrease in FY 08-09 & 09-10 due the Governor's Employee Furlough Program. This is a projected savings of \$200,000 to the County
- We are rapidly approaching the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cooperative relationship providing fire protection services.