



# SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## THE MONTHLY REPORT

### NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



### Santa Clara County Firefighters Celebrate 10 Years of Night to Shine!



Another unforgettable Night to Shine marked our 10th year serving individuals with special needs in our community. In partnership with Bridges Community Church in Los Altos, local medical providers, Santa Clara County Firefighters, and volunteers, we created a safe and joyful prom night for more than 250 honored guests. Night to Shine celebrates individuals with disabilities (ages 14+) with a red carpet, music, dinner, dancing and a special crowning where every guest is honored as a King or Queen. For a decade, this event has shown the power of community partnership, creating a place where everyone feels valued and celebrated.



### THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

#### CERT NEWS

We were honored to be invited to the annual Campbell Community Emergency Response (CERT) on February 7, and continue our ongoing collaboration and partnership with the City of Campbell and its communities. A special thank you to Ashley St. Cin for her continued efforts in bringing Campbell residents and County Fire together. We also extend our gratitude to Engine Company 80 (Vierra, Irvine, Navarro) for attending and supporting this special event.



#### PROBATIONARY SUCCESS

Congratulations to our newest members who successfully completed their 18 month probation. Hannah Barnett-Powell, Jackson Hattick, and Robert McQuillin. As new firefighters, their job is to continue to protect the community, to continually challenge themselves, and to create new opportunities to serve the public.



#### Commitment to Safety

Seasonal weather driving and road hazards can be challenging. Prepare by starting your drive a little earlier and watch out for changing road conditions. Please see the links below for more information.

 [www.sccfd.org](http://www.sccfd.org)

 408.378.4010

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# FEBRUARY EVENTS

## Tuesday, February 10



At approximately 11:30 am, Battalion 83, Rescue 83, Engine 82, Engine 78, Engine 80, and Safety Officer 72 were dispatched to a vehicle fire that was extending into the vegetation on Highway 17 near Lark Ave. Crews arrived on scene to find a vehicle fire had begun to spread into the adjacent vegetation. Rescue 83 and Engine 83 quickly deployed multiple hose lines to extinguish the fire while Engine 78 was assigned as Rescue Group to confirm that all occupants were safely out of the vehicle. Fire crews remained on scene for the next hour to confirm full extinguishment before turning the scene over to CHP who maintained traffic control and facilitated a tow for the damaged vehicle.

## Wednesday, February 18

E84 and E83 responded to a report of a vehicle vs a pedestrian on HWY17. A Caltrans worker was located about 60 feet below. A rescue response was initiated and Rescue 83 and Battalion 83 responded to assist with the extrication. Engine 83 was assigned Medical group, Rescue 83 became Rescue group and Battalion 83 assumed Incident Command. Rescue 83 crew set up a haul system and the patient was brought up safely to the roadside. Patient care was transferred to County Ambulance 17. CNT thanks CHP and County Ambulance in this amazing rescue of this Caltrans worker. Please remember to be safe when driving around any highway roadwork or emergency! Please see Caltrans and California's office of Traffic Safety campaign at <https://gosafelyca.org>



## Saturday, February 21



The Santa Clara County Fire Department responded to reports of a gas leak at Good Samaritan - Mission Oaks acute care facility on Los Gatos - Almaden Road. The occupants were temporarily evacuated while SCCFD and PG&E ensured no hazards were present in the structure. Due to the nature of the incident and the occupancy, a large number of resources from SCCFD, Santa Clara County EMS, LGMS PD, and PG&E were on scene and worked together to ensure the building was safe for continued use. PG&E certified the building safe and all occupants were returned to their rooms after approximately two hours.

## EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Tri-annually, the Santa Clara County Fire Department recognizes a staff member for excellence in service. Fire Captain Jon Pittman, currently serving as the Public Information Officer at Headquarters, has been selected for this prestigious honor in recognition of his dedication to both the department and the community. Candidates for this award must meet six criteria established by the County of Santa Clara, including demonstrating ethical conduct rooted in honesty and integrity; committing to efficient, effective, and high-quality service; valuing the community; upholding fiscal responsibility; exhibiting mutual respect; and encouraging innovation and flexibility.

The department is proud to congratulate Captain Pittman for his tireless efforts to provide meaningful and innovative service to the organization and the community. His support of the countywide Holiday Toy Drive, exemplary work as a Public Information Officer, and dedication to providing timely and accurate information to both the department and the public have earned our continued respect and appreciation for his outstanding work in the field.



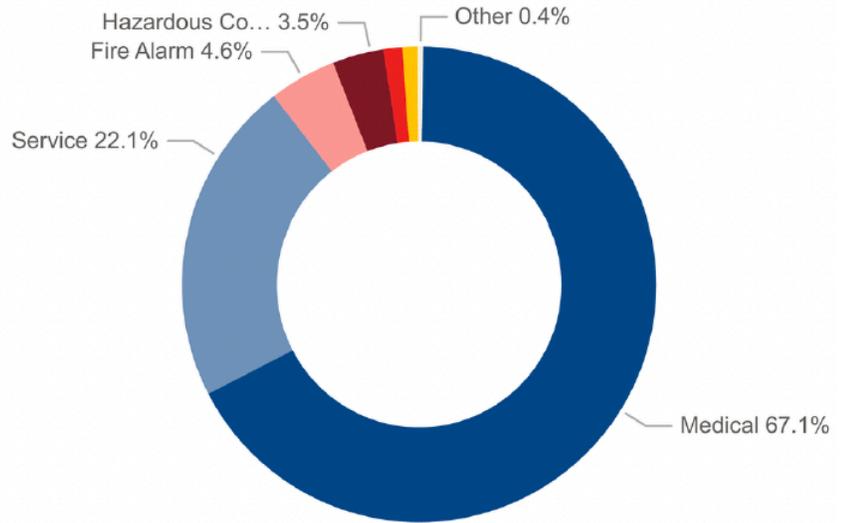


# SCCFD RESPONSE STATISTICS

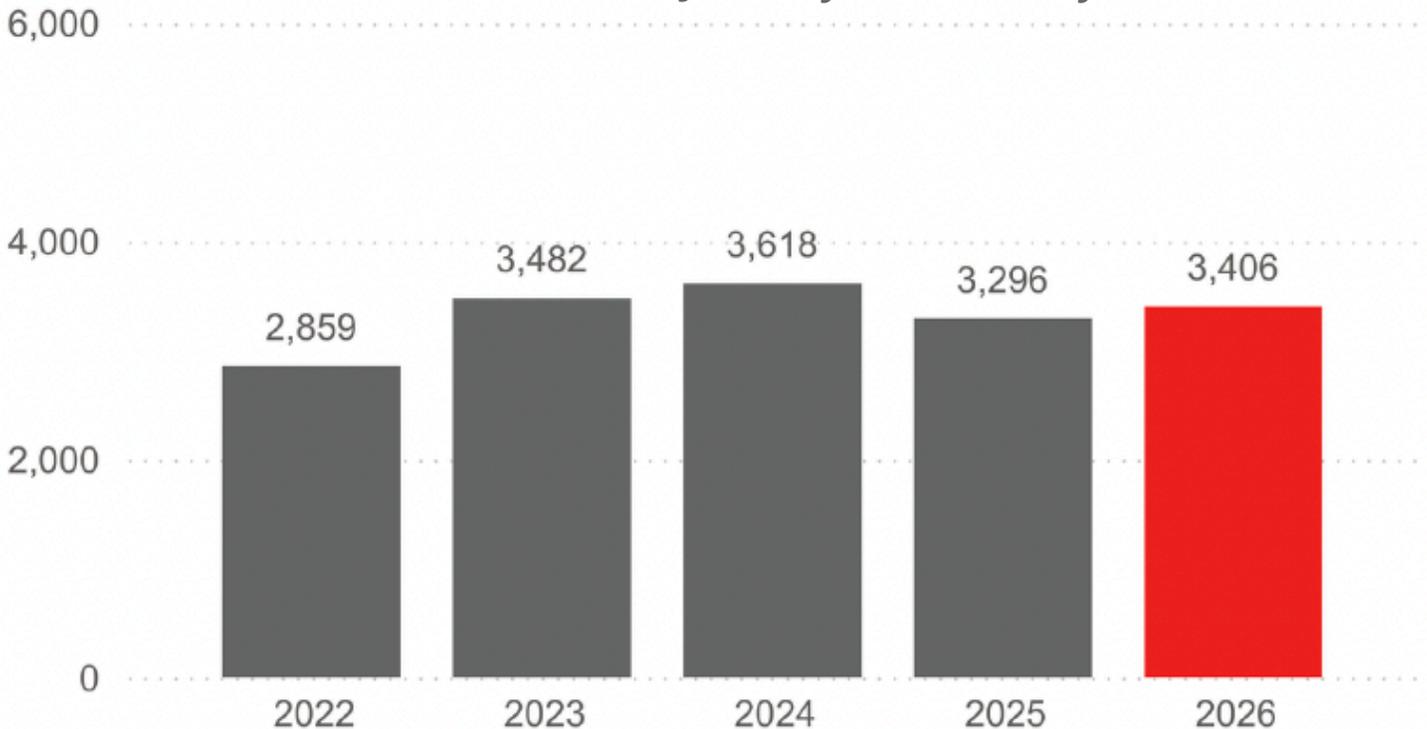
## February 2026

### Number of Incidents by Type February 2026

Dispatched Incident Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Fire - Structure, Veg., Other	21	1.3%
Fire Alarm	75	4.6%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	57	3.5%
Medical	1,097	67.2%
Other	6	0.4%
Rescue	17	1.0%
Service	361	22.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



### Number of Incidents Year to Date Year Over Year - January to February





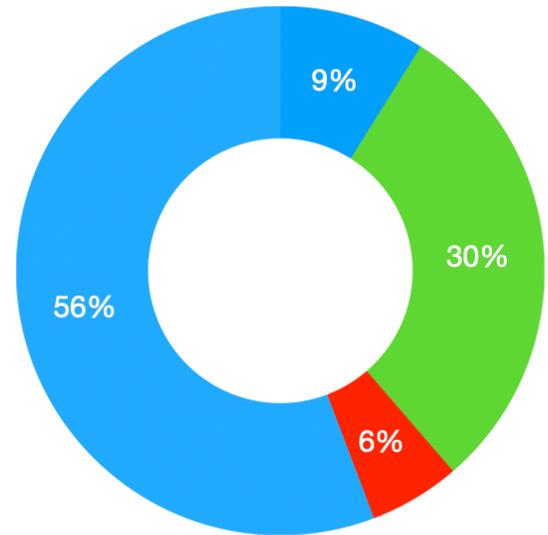
# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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## ALL STATIONS 1/26 - 2/26

### CERRS Classes/ Events/ Presentations- Santa Clara County Fire- All

Preschool	72
Elementary School	80
Middle/ High School	2,200
Adult/ Senior	0
CERT	0
CPR/ First Aid/ Hands Only CPR	25
Station Tours	134
Community Event	650
<b>Total Attendees</b>	<b>3,161</b>



- Preschool
- Elementary School
- Middle/ High School
- CERT
- CPR/ First Aid/ Hands Only CPR/ Heart Saver
- Station Tours
- Community Event



Saratoga CERT Academy- For more information about our upcoming 2026 CERT programs, contact our CERRS Division:  
[www.sccfd.org/request-a-program](http://www.sccfd.org/request-a-program)  
 (408) 378-4010 • [communityoutreach@sccfd.org](mailto:communityoutreach@sccfd.org)



## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS



### WILDFIRE READINESS PRESENTATION

#### Be READY

- Reduce Wildfire Risks: Home Hardening & Defensible Space
- Community Readiness - Firewise
- Emergency Notification Systems & Red Flag Warnings

#### Get SET

- Create a Wildfire Action Plan
- Assemble Emergency Go Kits
- Understand Evacuation Terminology

#### GO!

- Be Evacuation Ready
- Learn How to Stay Informed

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE TABLES

#### CONNECT WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

- American Red Cross
- California Department of Insurance (CDI)
- CAL FIRE
- Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA)
- Firewise Community Leaders
- Halter Project - Animal Disaster Preparedness & Response
- Local Law Enforcement
- Los Altos Hills County Fire District
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space
- Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)
- Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
- Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- Valley Water

\* Subject to change without notice

DATE	WORKSHOP LOCATION	FORMAT	TIME
APRIL 23 THURSDAY	PAVILION @ REDWOOD ESTATES 21450 Madrone Drive, Los Gatos	IN PERSON	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MAY 2 SATURDAY	SAN MARTIN LIONS CLUB 12415 Murphy Ave, San Martin	IN PERSON	10:00 AM TO 12:00PM
JUNE 2 TUESDAY	JOAN PISANI COMMUNITY CENTER 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga	IN PERSON	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
JULY 15 WEDNESDAY	CUPERTINO COMMUNITY HALL 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino	IN PERSON	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
AUGUST 27 THURSDAY	LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY CENTER 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos	IN PERSON	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**REGISTER TODAY!**

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## READY, SET, GO

### READY

Being READY for wildfire starts with maintaining an adequate defensible space and by hardening your home. Defensible space is the buffer you create by removing dead plants, grass and weeds. Hardening your home means using construction materials that can help your home withstand flying embers finding weak spots in the construction, which can result in your house catching fire.

### SET

Being SET means staying informed, alert, and ready to act quickly if conditions change. During this phase, residents should monitor local alerts, prepare to implement their evacuation plan, and ensure homes and properties are defensible.

### GO

The GO phase of the Ready, Set, Go wildfire preparedness program signals that it's time to act immediately. When ordered to evacuate, leave without delay and follow directions from local authorities to ensure your safety. Going early and calmly can save lives and help emergency responders do their jobs safely.



## INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A WILDFIRE WORKSHOP?

For information on wildfire preparedness, visit:  
[www.sccfd.org/RSG](http://www.sccfd.org/RSG)

To register for an upcoming  
Wildfire Preparedness Workshop visit:  
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or contact Community Education Services at  
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