



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE MONTHLY REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



Nurse Navigator

With the support of the Santa Clara County Fire Department in 2025, the initial Nurse Navigation pilot program has led to the successful county-wide adoption of the Nurse Navigator program on January 1st, 2026.

A nurse navigator acts as a personal guide and advocate for patients who call 911, helping them understand and move through the complex healthcare system from diagnosis through treatment and recovery, by providing education, provision of resources, coordinating care, and offering support to overcome barriers like scheduling or insurance issues. They act as a bridge, ensuring patients get the right information, schedule necessary follow-ups, and feel empowered to manage their condition.

For More Information:
ems.santaclaracounty.gov/911-nurse-navigation



THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

25-3 Academy

We are pleased to announce that nine new members will officially begin their 18-month probationary period with the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Congratulations to our newest members of the organization!

We wish them the best of luck as they start this important chapter.



Driver Operator Training

This month, 14 County Fire employees successfully completed Driver Operator Training. The week-long program included in-depth instruction on fire apparatus operating procedures, preventive maintenance, and hands-on training in the operation of all fixed systems and equipment on a fire apparatus. Completion of this training is the first step toward these individuals becoming fully qualified engineers.



STANFORD BLOOD DRIVE

Twice a year, Santa Clara County Fire staff collaborates with the Stanford Blood Center to promote blood donations at our Headquarters. Our staff recognizes that neighborhood health and services is also about building necessary resources for the community. If you would like to know when the next scheduled blood drive is in your area, please contact:

[@stanfordbloodcenter](https://www.instagram.com/stanfordbloodcenter/)
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JANUARY EVENTS

Friday, January 3



Firefighters from Los Gatos Engine 83 responded to a large oak tree that fell across Highway 17, blocking traffic in the number two lane. This highlights the potential hazards posed by falling trees during inclement weather and serves as a reminder to use caution while driving in adverse conditions. See our [Safe on 17](#) safety videos below and our [SAFE ON 17](#) campaign.

Stay up-to-date on road conditions at:

- [Caltrans](#) - road conditions are updated in real time
- [511.org](#) - SF Bay area road conditions from partnerships with Caltrans & CHP

Tuesday, January 13

In the late morning of January 13, crews responded to a working garage fire at a two-story duplex in Cupertino. Upon arrival, residents were found safely outside the home, and crews quickly deployed hose lines to achieve a rapid knockdown, containing the fire to the garage. Overhaul confirmed no extension into the interior living space and an investigation was conducted to determine the cause. Crews coordinated with PG&E, the City of Cupertino Building Department, and a board-up company to ensure the property was secured and no hazards remained.



Friday, January 16

Engine 370, Engine 11, Battalion 68, Engine 68, Water Tender 68 and a full brush alarm from Cal Fire responded to the report of a vehicle on fire with extension into the vegetation. Engine 370 arrived to find a full size pick-up truck towing a trailer with an excavator fully involved in fire and approximately 10' x 8' of medium sized vegetation on fire. Engine 370, Utility 70 and Water Tender 68 extinguished the fires without incident. CHP and Cal Fire Engine 1691 arrived on scene and initiated their investigation. Even though this incident was controlled by the first units, it highlights the collaboration of a multi-agency response to continue to provide immediate resources if fires grows beyond capacity of first arriving units.





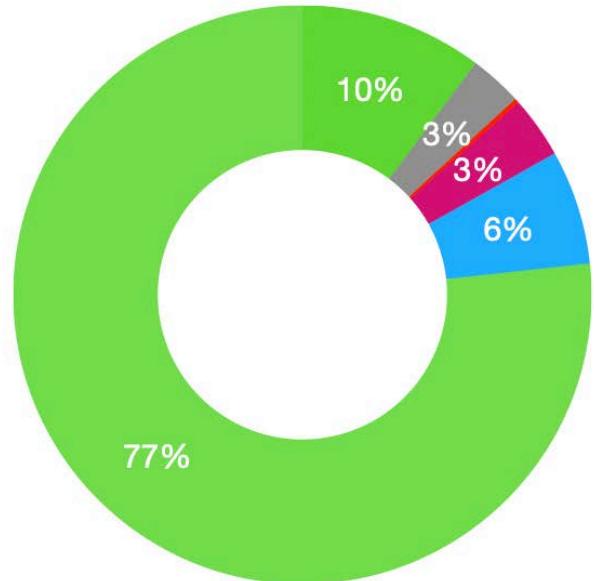
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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ALL STATIONS - 12/25-1/26

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

Preschool	50
Elementary School	1,510
Middle/ High School	37
Adult/ Senior	433
CERT	0
CPR/ First Aid/ Hands Only CPR	6
Station Tours	74
Community Event	12,320
Total Attendees	14,430



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

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



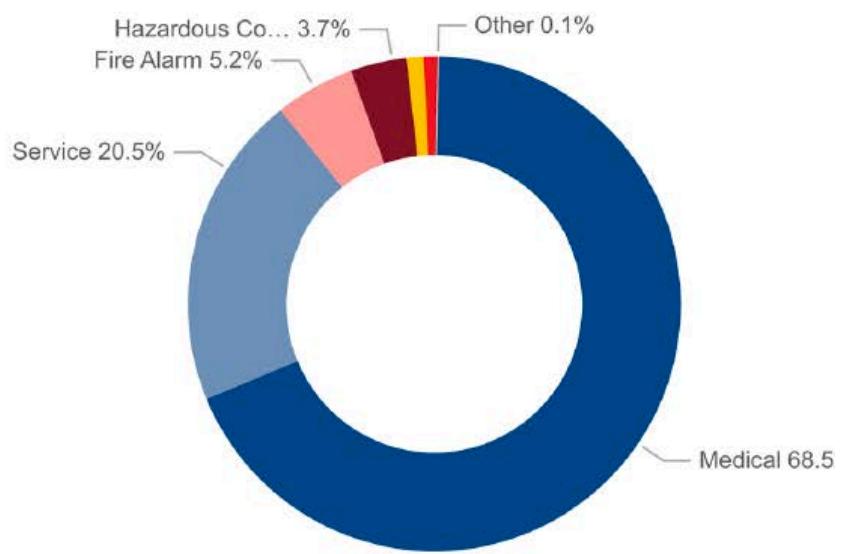
SCCFD RESPONSE STATISTICS

January 2026

Number of Incidents by Type

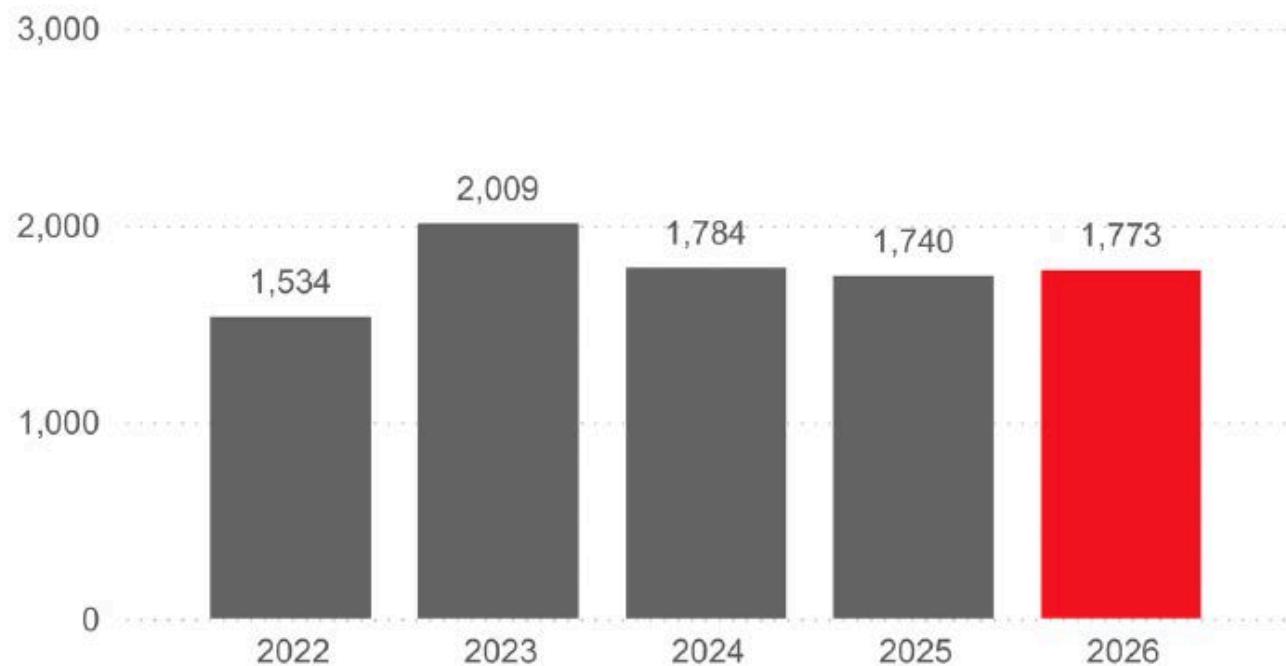
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Dispatched Incident Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Fire - Structure, Veg., Other	16	0.9%
Fire Alarm	93	5.2%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	65	3.7%
Medical	1,214	68.5%
Other	1	0.1%
Rescue	20	1.1%
Service	364	20.5%
Total	1,773	100.0%



Number of Incidents Year to Date

Year Over Year - January to January



COMMUNITY SAFETY



What is CERT?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members prepare, organize and work together as a team to provide essential services to their community during and after a disaster.

Each City/Town has its own organized CERT volunteer program. CERTs strengthen neighborhood resiliency and provide vital roles in disaster response efforts.



CERT Academy Training

Skills taught include organizing resources, medical operations, basic search & rescue, hazardous materials awareness, how to use a fire extinguisher, cribbing, radio use, damage assessment, disaster psychology, and more.



Participant Commitment

Participants must be 18 years or older, attend all in-person and online classes, and complete all homework assignments—including participation in the final skills day to receive a CERT course completion certificate.

2026 CERT Academy Schedule

CERT Academy Schedule can be accessed via www.sccfd.org/cert
Contact CERT@sccfd.org with any questions.

REGISTER FEE: \$35 (Covers basic safety equipment)



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CERT TEAM MEMBER?

For information on CERT , visit:
www.sccfd.org/cert

To register for a CERT Academy, visit:
<http://sccfd.eventbrite.com/>

or contact Community Education Services at
(408) 378-4010 • CERT@sccfd.org