



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MONTHLY REPORT

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



FIREWORKS SAFETY

Tens of thousands of outside fires are attributed to 4th of July fireworks nationwide. July is one of our driest months, putting us at peak wildfire risk. Help us prevent wildfires and injuries - leave fireworks to the professionals this 4th of July.

All fireworks, even those labeled 'safe and sane', are dangerous and illegal to use, buy and sell in our service area.

Celebrate the 4th of July safely and consider attending one of the many community events or professional fireworks displays planned throughout the area.

Remember to call 9-1-1 immediately if you observe an active fire or medical emergency.

Find local professional fireworks displays at sccfd.org/fireworks.



HIGHLIGHTS

ARSON ARREST - SOUTH COUNTY

May 9, 2026

On May 9, 2026, Santa Clara County Fire Department units responded to a fire located at the 100 block of Kirby Avenue in unincorporated Morgan Hill. Tragically, several animals perished during this event and approximately \$72,000 in property losses were assessed. The investigation was led by SCCFD and assisted by the Campbell Police Department, which supports Arson Investigations via a contract with the District. Their strong work resulted in an arrest on May 11, 2026, just two days later.



COUNTY FIRE / MIDPEN OPEN SPACE PARTNERSHIP

May 12, 2026

Our Vasona Crew has partnered with Midpen to enhance emergency preparedness across our local preserves. Our crew is clearing brush and helping to maintain 9 Helicopter Landing Zones (LZs) on Midpen land. These zones will allow helicopters to land quickly during medical emergencies and enable rapid response during a wildfire. We are proud to continue our partnership with Midpen to keep our trail users and community safe.



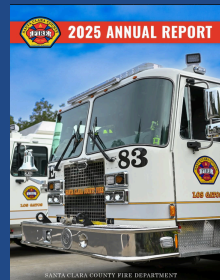
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 marked a historic milestone with the annexation of the South Santa Clara County Fire District into SCCFD. This move unified our operations into a cohesive network serving over 240,000 community members across 420 square miles, and ensured the continuity of high-quality fire and emergency services in South Santa Clara County.

Our 2025 Annual Report provides a snapshot of services provided and an opportunity to learn more about:

- **Response Metrics:** A transparent look at year 2025 calls for service.
- **Proactive Safety:** Updates on fire prevention and wildfire mitigation.
- **Resiliency:** Progress in emergency preparedness and mutual aid systems.

Report available at: sccfd.org/key-reports



MAY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

At approximately midnight, units from Santa Clara County Fire and Gilroy Fire responded to a report of a tanker truck overturned on NB 101 just south of Masten Avenue. Upon arrival, Engine 68 reported an overturned tanker truck with the driver trapped inside. The call was upgraded, which increased the response response to include an additional Fire Engine, HazMat Unit and Battalion Chief. The tanker was carrying 54,000 lbs of molten asphalt with approximately 200 gallons spilled via a vent pipe. Firefighters mitigated hazards and remained on scene until the spill no longer posed a threat to those working on the vehicle recovery efforts. During the incident, a secondary vehicle collision occurred within the scene involving a vehicle rollover. The driver was extricated, treated, and transported to a local hospital for evaluation.



SUNDAY, MAY 17

At approximately 2:50 p.m., Engine 67 and Battalion 68 arrived on scene with mutual aid resources for a structure fire that spread into the adjacent vegetation in the rural Santa Clara County hills above Uvas Reservoir. A structure and a metal outbuilding were on fire as well as a ¼ acre of vegetation burning into the nearby wildland. Forward progress of the fire was stopped by first arriving engines. Firefighters remained on scene for extensive mop up and overnight fire watch. Our Vasona Crew provided additional support the following day. Mutual aid was provided by San Jose Fire Department and Gilroy Fire Department.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Rescue 74, Engine 76, and Palo Alto Engine 65 responded on a commercial vehicle collision on the highway 280. Units arrived on scene and found an overturned tanker truck with hydraulic fluid leaking. There was one occupant who was transported to a local hospital for evaluation. Our hazardous materials unit was dispatched to assist with mitigation of the fluid.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD - JOSE GARCIA

The County of Santa Clara recognizes a select few agency employees as Employee Excellence Award recipients each month, with two County Fire employees recognized annually. This recognition also qualifies County Fire Employees for consideration to be selected as the County Fire Employee of the Year each December.

This May, Deputy Fire Marshal Jose Garcia was nominated by peers and selected for recognition as a Santa Clara County Employee Excellence Award recipient.

Please join us in celebrating Deputy Fire Marshal Jose Garcia and his tireless efforts to keep the community safe. Jose's dedication to serving the community and positive attitude are an inspiration to all those around him.



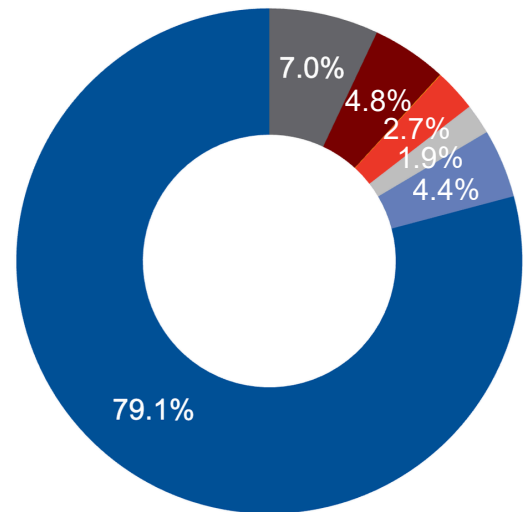


COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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ALL STATIONS 4/1/26 - 5/30/26

CERRS Classes/Events/Presentations - All Stations	
Preschool	493
Elementary School	339
Middle/High School	2
Adult	190
CERT	0
CPR/First Aid/Hands Only CPR/Heart Saver	137
Station Tours	310
Community Events	5,577
Total Attendees	7048



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



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



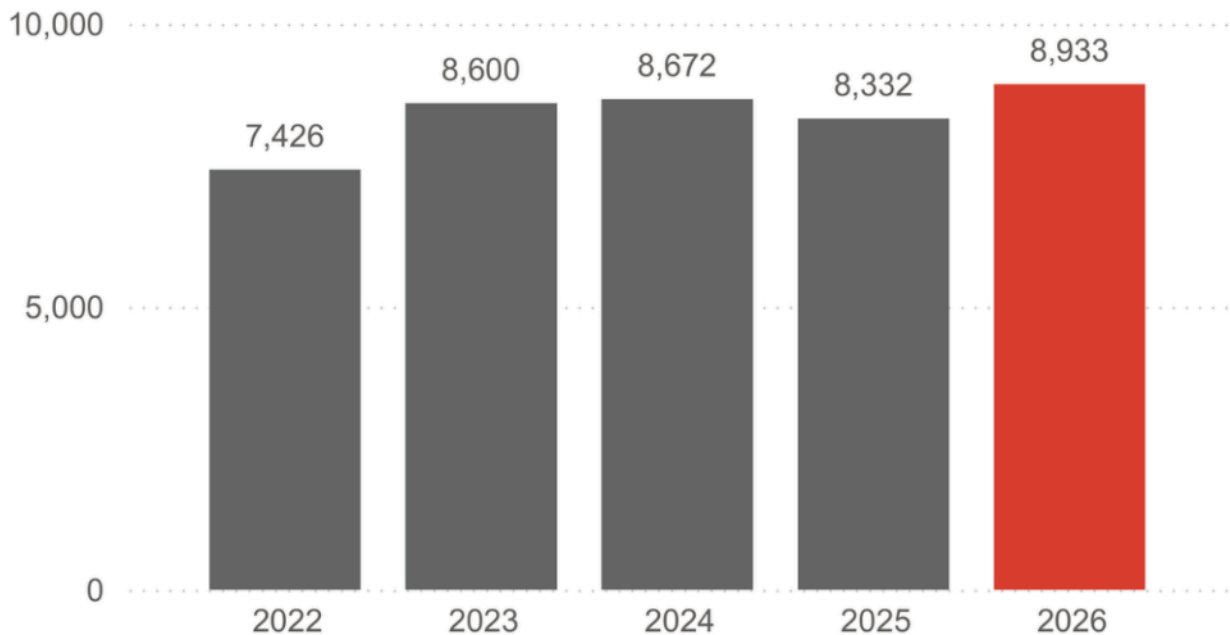
DEPARTMENT TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS MAY 2026

Number of Incidents by Type May 2026

Dispatched Incident Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Fire - Structure, Veg., Other	30	1.7%
Fire Alarm	127	7.0%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	79	4.4%
Medical	1,146	63.3%
Other	2	0.1%
Rescue	31	1.7%
Service	395	21.8%
Total	1,810	100.0%



Number of Incidents Year to Date Year Over Year - January to May



Fireworks Safety



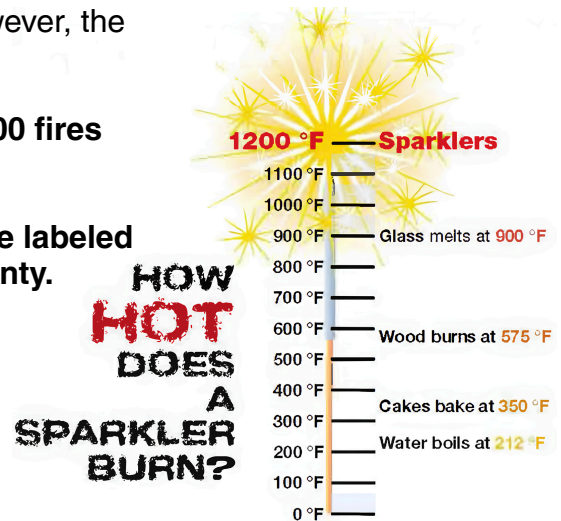
Fireworks and 4th of July celebrations go hand in hand in the US. However, the only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show.

Across the US, fireworks cause nearly **15,000 injuries** and **over 31,000 fires** each 4th of July.

Fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers, and even those labeled 'safe and sane' are illegal to use, own and sell in Santa Clara County.

Here are some safe alternatives to fireworks to help you get into the patriotic spirit this 4th of July:

- Attend a professional fireworks display or drone show. For a list of local events, visit sccfd.org/fireworks.
- Use glow sticks instead of sparklers. Sparklers burn at the same temperature as a blowtorch (1,200°F+). Glow sticks are a 100% safe alternative and fun for all ages!
- Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or consider making your own as a fun patriotic craft with the family.
- Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector - and don't forget the bug spray!
- Red, white, and blue silly string...fun for all ages!
- Throw a birthday party for the USA, complete with cake!



FACTS

- ! More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually
- ! Burns account for 38% of the 7,400 injuries treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the firework injuries at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children younger than 15 years old accounted for 28% of the estimated fireworks injuries.
- ! Sparklers account for 29% of firework injuries for children under the age of 5 treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.



**Safety the Golden Bear says,
"Have a fun and safe Fourth of July"**

- * [Visit SCCFD's Fireworks Safety webpage](#)
- * [View Local Professional Fireworks Displays](#)