



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MONTHLY REPORT

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026



CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF SERVICE



Volunteer Firefighter and Honorary Captain Craig Cabral was recently recognized for an incredible 45 years of dedicated service to the Santa Clara County Fire Department and our communities served.

Beginning his journey right out of high school, Craig has witnessed firsthand how the fire service evolved from the era of riding open tailboards and sharing single air masks to modern, state-of-the-art response systems.

Beyond his personal commitment, Craig has demonstrated exceptional leadership serving on the Volunteer Board, including his current role as Volunteer President, committed to helping shape and mentor the next generation of firefighters.

His decades of selfless service, leadership, and heart exemplify the very best of our public safety community, earning the profound gratitude of the department and the community.

HIGHLIGHTS

BILINGUAL CPR EDUCATION IN SAN MARTIN

We partnered with the South County Youth Task Force & Youth Empowerment ACT Committee in San Martin to host our first-ever bilingual Hands-Only CPR & AED class (English & Spanish). Because most cardiac emergencies involve family, friends, or coworkers, learning these lifesaving skills may save someone close to you. We thank everyone who joined us for helping make the entire community safer.



July 22, 2026

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Interns from District 5 Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga's office and a delegation of 16 junior high students and chaperones from Shibuya, Japan, recently visited our administrative headquarters in Campbell. The group received a behind-the-scenes look at fire service operations complete with a tour of our main office, time with department leadership, and an up-close look at our apparatus. Investing in youth education and cross-cultural exchanges strengthens our community locally and globally.



July 27, 2026

ISO RATING SUCCESSFULLY RENEWED

The Santa Clara County Fire Department (SCCFD) recently completed its Public Protection Classification (PPC) evaluation conducted by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). This comprehensive ISO review measures an area's fire suppression capabilities by evaluating municipal water supply infrastructure, emergency communications, dispatch systems, and fire department staffing, equipment, and training. SCCFD achieved strong dual classifications across its service zones.

The urban and suburban areas of North County earned an exceptional Class 2 rating, reflecting rapid response capabilities, dense hydrant networks, and top-tier staffing. Meanwhile, South County maintained a highly competitive Class 4 rating, which highlights strong structural protection despite more dispersed, rural geography. These ratings are important in assisting conversations about lowering barriers, commercial and residential property insurance premiums, and gives greater peace of mind against catastrophic wildland and structural fire losses.



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JULY EVENTS



FRIDAY, JULY 3

Firefighters from Shannon Station in Los Gatos responded to a fully involved vehicle fire on Union Avenue. Firefighters initiated an attack on the fire using their front bumper hose line. A primary search was conducted and found no one in the vehicle at the time of arrival.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Resources from our Masten, Treehaven, and Quito stations responded along with multiple units from Gilroy and Hollister Fire to reports of a fully involved big rig fire with extension into the vegetation on Bloomfield Avenue near Highway 25. Upon arrival, firefighters confirmed power lines were also compromised. Crews worked together to contain the fire without significant spread to the surrounding vegetation.



FRIDAY, JULY 17

While responding to a wildland fire, Treehaven station responded to a two-vehicle accident with major damage and injuries that was blocking the northbound lanes of Watsonville Road. Firefighters established incident command, began helping patients and requested more resources. With the help of Gilroy Engine 49, Engine 67, Cal Star 2, and other available units, patients were taken to a local trauma center for medical evaluation. Drivers are urged to buckle up, focus on the road, and be prepared for changing road conditions.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Firefighters responded to a vegetation fire in the area of Highway 152 and Pacheco Pass at Lovers Lane. Thanks to the quick action and response from local resources including County Fire, Gilroy, Hollister, San Jose, Milpitas, and CAL FIRE SCU, firefighters were able to contain the blaze at just over 100 acres without any property loss. The cause of fire is under investigation.





COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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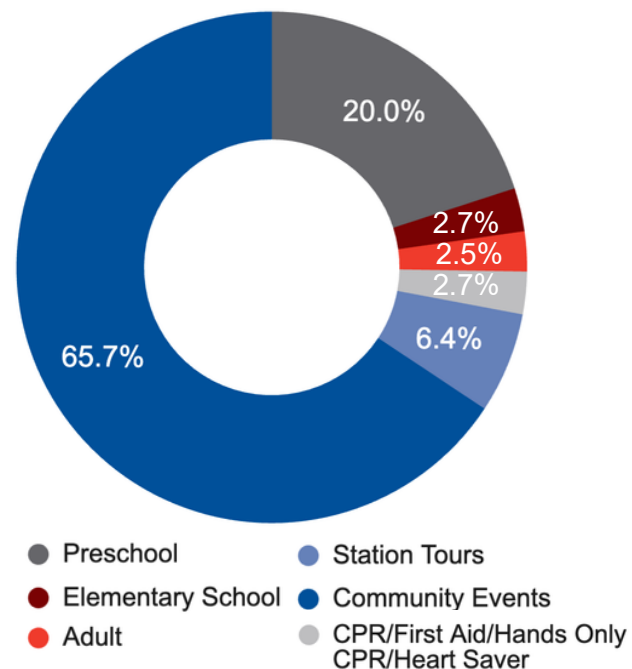
ALL STATIONS 6/1/26 - 7/31/26

CERRS Classes/Events/Presentations - All Stations

Program Type	# Of Attendees
Preschool	722
Elementary School	99
Middle/High School	0
Adult	91
CERT	0
CPR/First Aid/Hands Only CPR/Heart Saver	97
Station Tours	230
Community Events	2,371
Total Attendees	3610



Saratoga CERT Academy- For more information about our upcoming 2026 CERT programs, contact our CERRS Division:
www.sccfd.org/request-a-program
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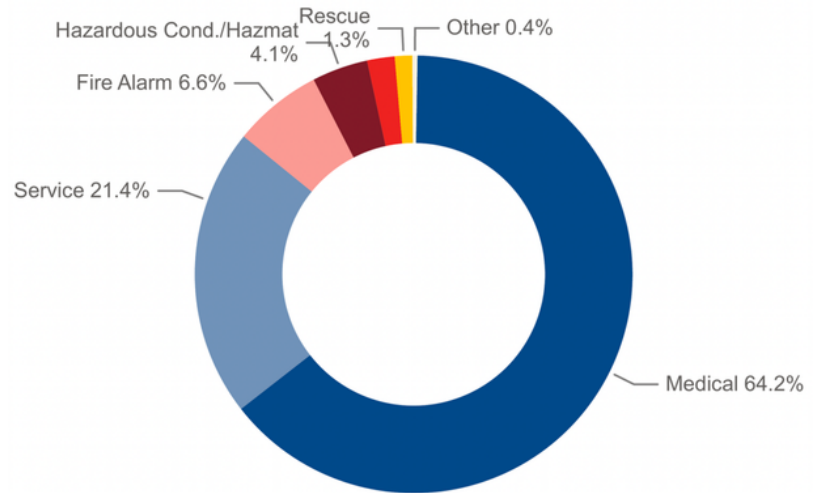




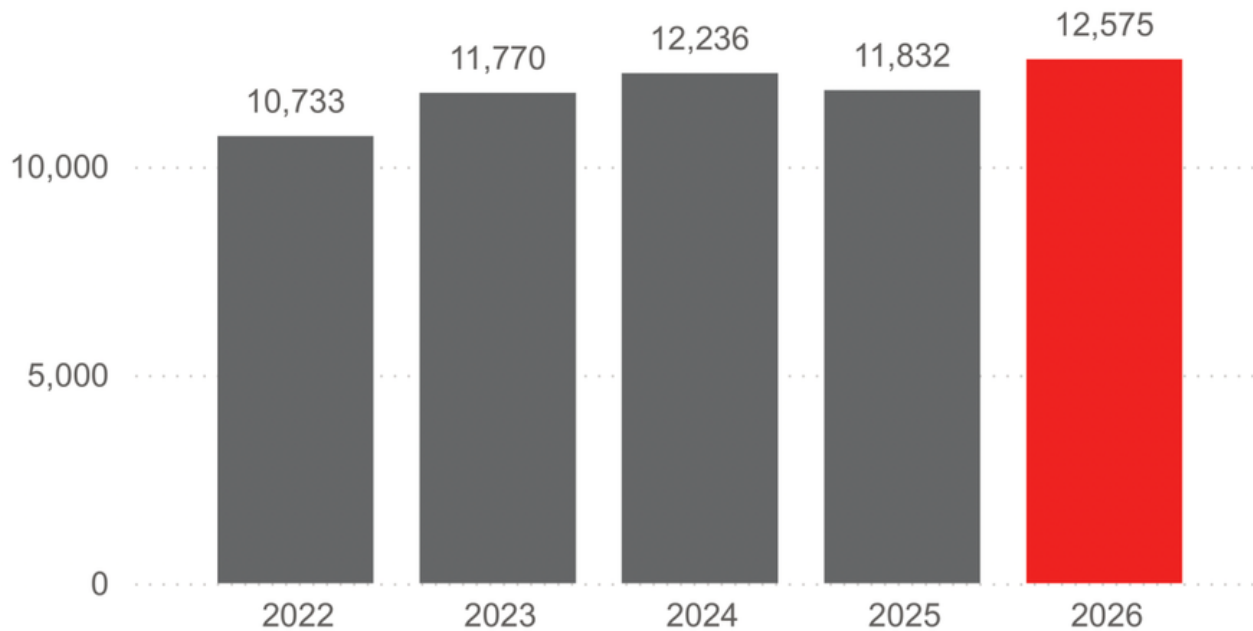
DEPARTMENT TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS JULY 2026

Number of Incidents by Type July 2026

Dispatched Incident Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Fire - Structure, Veg., Other	38	2.0%
Fire Alarm	123	6.6%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	77	4.1%
Medical	1,197	64.2%
Other	7	0.4%
Rescue	24	1.3%
Service	399	21.4%
Total	1,865	100.0%



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



CAMPFIRE SAFETY TIPS



Campfires bring family and friends together, but mishaps can quickly lead to serious injuries. Protect your community with these essential NFPA campfire safety practices:

Site Preparation & Setup

- Always confirm campfires are permitted with the local fire department before lighting.
- Maintain a minimum distance of 25 feet from structures and combustibles. Clear dry leaves, low branches, sticks, and shrubs around the site.
- Avoid burning on dry, windy days to prevent fires from spreading out of control.

Fire Management & Supervision

- Build small, manageable fires and never leave them unattended, even for a few minutes.
- Never use gasoline or flammable/combustible liquids to start or boost a fire.
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance. Supervise young children while roasting food, avoid shaking hot marshmallows, and handle metal skewers cautiously.

Extinguishing & Emergency Readiness

- Keep a water hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby. Ensure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving.
- Emergency Actions:
 - If clothes catch fire: Stop, drop, cover your face, and roll until extinguished.
 - For burns: Cool the burn immediately with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes, cover with a clean, dry cloth, and seek medical attention if needed.

If you're planning a campfire on private property that is not yet designated a camp fire area, you may need a permit!

Learn more and secure your permit here:

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/>

