



# CHINO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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# MISSION

Provide exceptional service and safeguard the community.

# VISION

As an organization, we:

Seek excellence in everything we do; with innovative practices, training and equipment.

Remain transparent; open honest, and accountable to each other and those we serve.

Appreciate our members; we attract, retain, and develop future leaders.

Value the public trust above all else; we are good stewards of our financial resources.

Endeavor to learn and grow; continuously seeking improvement and embracing change.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As a Board, we take pride in ensuring that the communities of Chino, Chino Hills, and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County receive high-quality emergency response services. When we learned about ambulance shortages impacting San Bernardino County due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, we came together to find solutions that worked for our residents.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the purchase of four ambulances to be staffed by Chino Valley Fire District personnel. The District forged a partnership with American Medical Response, the ambulance company contracted by San Bernardino County for transport services, that allowed us to continue being good stewards of tax-payer money. We are proud to say that the agreement calls for the ambulance company to reimburse the District for staffing, use of equipment, and fuel. It was essential for us to have ambulances in District ready to respond with our highly trained personnel when our residents need them while remaining fiscally responsible.

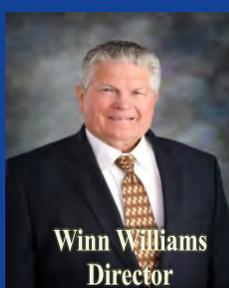
We are also very proud of our partnerships with the cities we serve. For example, the partnership we enjoy with the city of Chino Hills helped facilitate the procurement of land in a key area of the city where we will build the District's eighth fire station. The new station will enhance response times and help us better serve the community. We are thankful that the Chino Hills City Council and management team share the same values that we have when it comes to public safety.

Your Fire Board is committed to ensuring that we have policies in place that serve you. We remain fiscally responsible and accountable to you. I am proud of the work we did together as a Board and of the results it yielded for the Chino Valley.

The communities we serve are the reason for our existence. We are thankful for their trust in us, especially during the pandemic. I look forward to the future and to serving you.



Harvey Luth  
Director



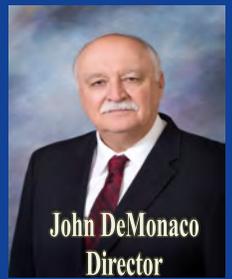
Winn Williams  
Director



Sarah Ramos-Evinger  
President



Mike Kreeger  
Vice-President



John DeMonaco  
Director

**2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



As the Fire Chief of the Chino Valley Fire District, I am proud to present the outstanding work accomplished in 2021 by our personnel and Fire Board. I took on the role of Fire Chief in August 2021 when former Fire Chief Tim Shackelford announced his retirement. It has been a privilege to build upon the many great things established by my predecessor, the Board of Directors' foresight, and our personnel's dedication to the public.

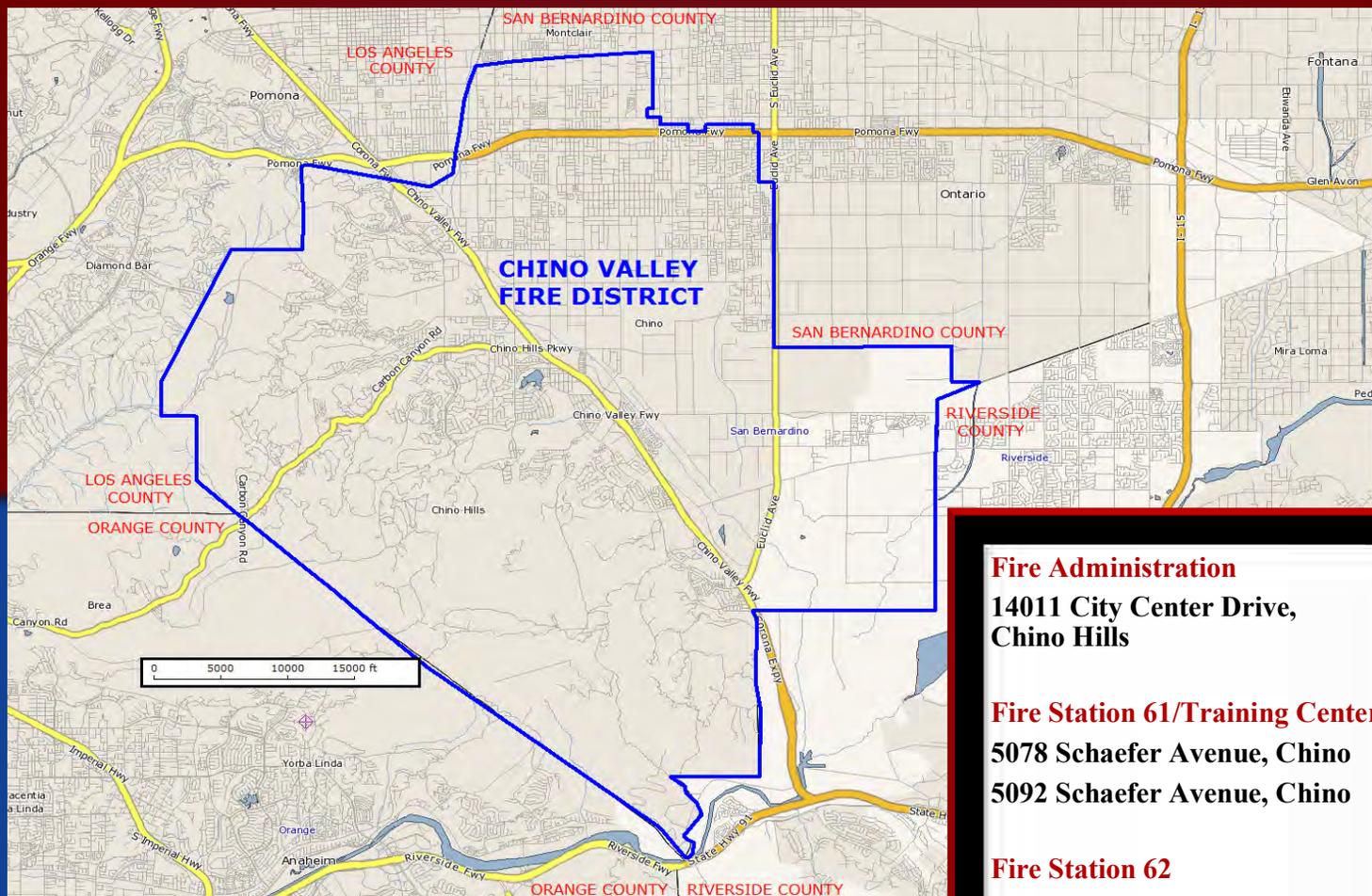
The state of the Fire District is strong. We have continued to face and overcome many challenges brought on by a global pandemic in a fiscally responsible manner. The Fire District Board of Directors approved the purchase of ambulances to offset the ambulance shortages that American Medical Response is experiencing throughout San Bernardino County. The ambulances are staffed with two CVFD personnel capable of providing advanced life support services and are used to transport patients from the field to an emergency room. The purchase of these ambulances is a great example of your Fire District forging public/private partnerships to ensure there are available resources that enhance the exceptional service our firefighter/paramedics provide. To maintain fiscal responsibility, the District secured a contract that ensures we are reimbursed for staffing, use of equipment, and fuel.

The Fire District maintained multiple safety measures to protect the public and our personnel from the effects of COVID-19. We were happy to see the return of many in-person programs that serve our youth and senior populations. We continued to install Automated External Defibrillators and Trauma Kits at no cost to local businesses, community groups, and partner agencies thanks to the generous donations made to the Chino Valley Fire Foundation. To date, we have donated 31 AEDs and 349 Trauma Kits. Our personnel also continued training in High-Performance CPR to further increase survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest. The technology available through our dispatch center, which uses automatic vehicle location technology that gives dispatchers the ability to identify the closest unit to an emergency, is aligned with our Heart Safe program and mission to safeguard the communities we serve.

I am proud to say that as an organization we are continually looking for ways to positively impact the communities we serve. Whether that is by saving someone's life, rendering medical aid, or helping a stranded motorist, we are here to serve the Chino Valley and surrounding unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

There is a lot to look forward to, including the construction of a fire station at the intersection of Soquel Canyon Parkway and Pipeline Avenue in Chino Hills. An eighth fire station in the District will help improve response times and provide needed resources to draw from during emergency incidents. I am grateful to serve you and look forward to what is ahead.

# SERVICE AREA & FIRE STATIONS



## Fire Administration

14011 City Center Drive,  
Chino Hills

## Fire Station 61/Training Center

5078 Schaefer Avenue, Chino  
5092 Schaefer Avenue, Chino

## Fire Station 62

5551 Butterfield Ranch Road,  
Chino Hills

## Fire Station 63

7550 Kimball Avenue, Chino

## Fire Station 64

16231 Canon Lane, Chino Hills

## Fire Station 65

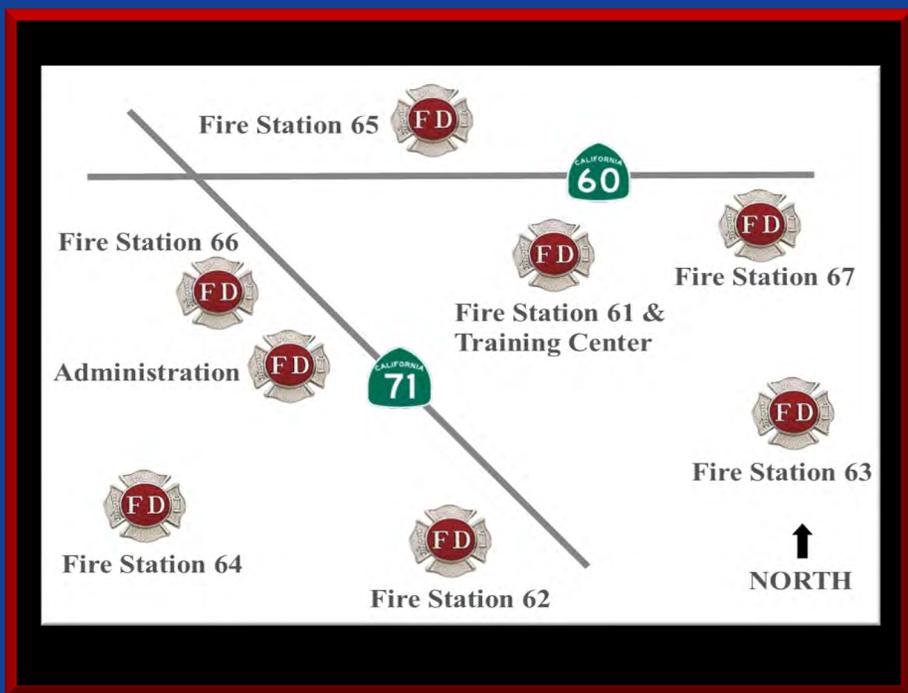
12220 Ramona Avenue, Chino

## Fire Station 66

13707 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills

## Fire Station 67

5980 Riverside Drive, Chino



# BY THE NUMBERS

**176,868**

Population

**13,267**

Service Calls

**135**

Personnel

**80**

Square Miles

**7**

Fire Stations





# EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services is the largest division of the Chino Valley Fire District.

Fire personnel under this division are responsible for medical emergency responses, fire suppression, rescue activities, and the mitigation of disasters.

The Emergency Services Division is overseen by the Emergency Services Deputy Chief and is comprised of three 48 hour shifts that serve the Chino Valley 365 days a year.

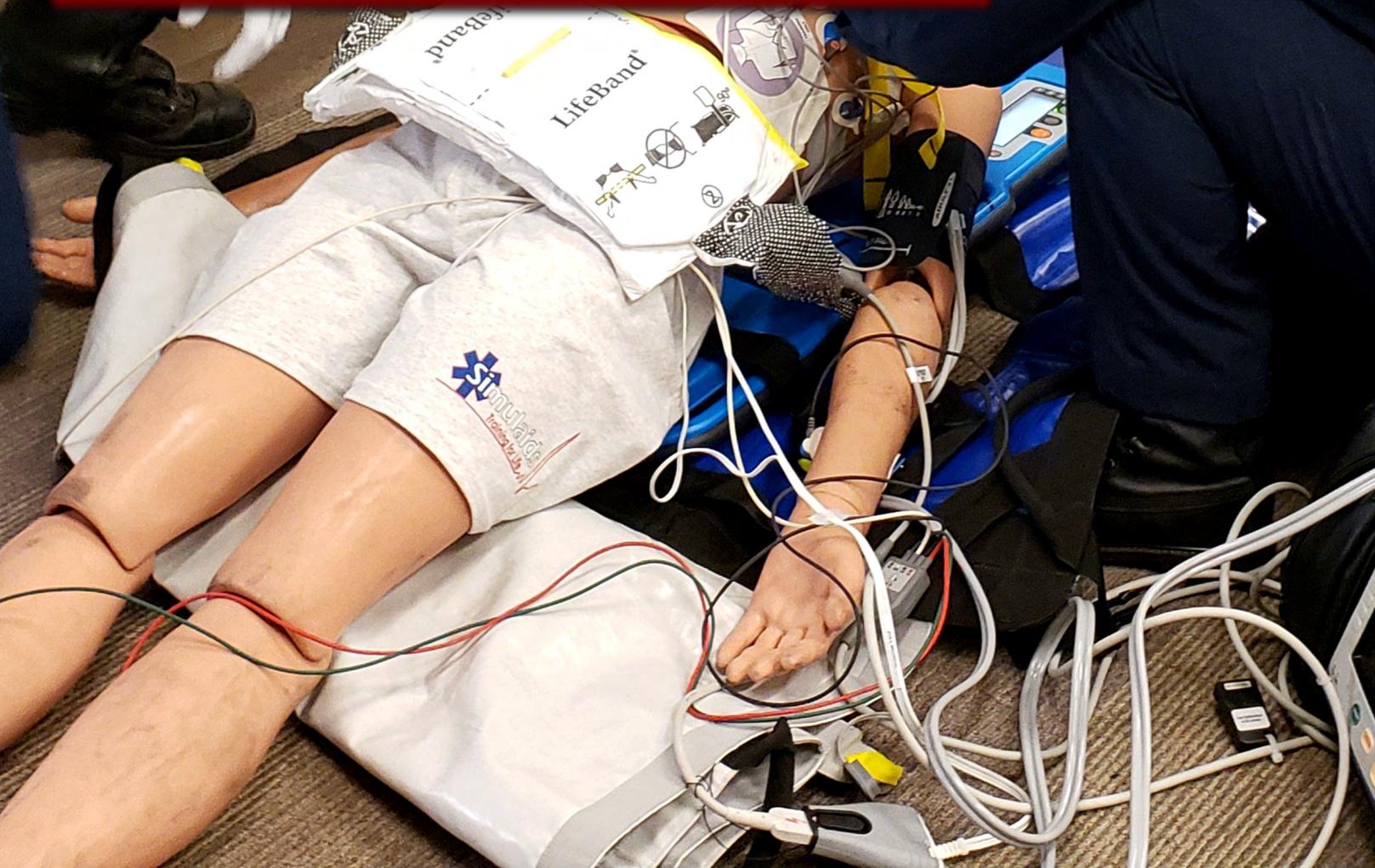


# PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Chino Valley Fire District paramedics render state-of-the-art advanced life support care that includes the administration of cardiac medications, interpretation and treatment of 12-lead ECGs and advanced airway procedures.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department is staffed with an EMS nurse, a paramedic training captain, and an administrative assistant. They are responsible for maintaining the EMS program, which includes training, compliance, quality assurance, and patient reporting systems.

The EMS department also offers outreach programs that include Community CPR, Bleed Safe Chino Valley, Heart Safe Chino Valley, and multiple First Care Provider classes.





# HEART SAFE/BLEED SAFE

The Chino Valley Fire District partnered with the Chino Valley Fire Foundation in an effort to increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma by making Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and Trauma Kits readily accessible in public places through the Bleed Safe and Heart Safe Chino Valley programs.

The programs were established under the Fire District's Cardiac Care/Trauma Care Program and are designed to provide widespread access to AEDs and Trauma kits, and training on how to use the equipment.

The Fire District personnel, in partnership with the Chino Valley Fire Foundation, the Chino Police Foundation, Chino Valley Medical Center, and the Chino Hills Police Department (San Bernardino County Sheriff's Chino Hills Substation) have installed AEDs and Trauma kits in all Chino Valley schools and District office, several restaurants, and office buildings.

Fire District personnel train all recipients on how to use the equipment that is donated to them. The donated equipment is funded through donations made to the Chino Valley Fire Foundation.

## CPR OUTREACH

Traditional Heartsaver CPR & AED Class

Traditional Heartsaver First Aid with CPR & AED Class

Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers

Hands Only CPR

Heartsaver CPR & AED Instructor Courses for Law Enforcement Partners

High-Performance CPR

Approximate Total Reach 500\*

## COMMUNITY TRAUMA PROGRAM

First Care Provider (Community)

Bleed Safe Chino Valley Booths

Surviving an Active Shooter Workshop

Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (First Responder Training)

Active Shooter Training

Approximate Total Reached 500\*

\*Totals are approximations and lower than previous years due to the pandemic.

# TRAUMA KIT

BLEED SAFE  
CHINO VALLEY  
COMMUNITY

WARNING  
ALARMED SYSTEM



**TRAMEDIC**  
Critical Aid at Critical Times

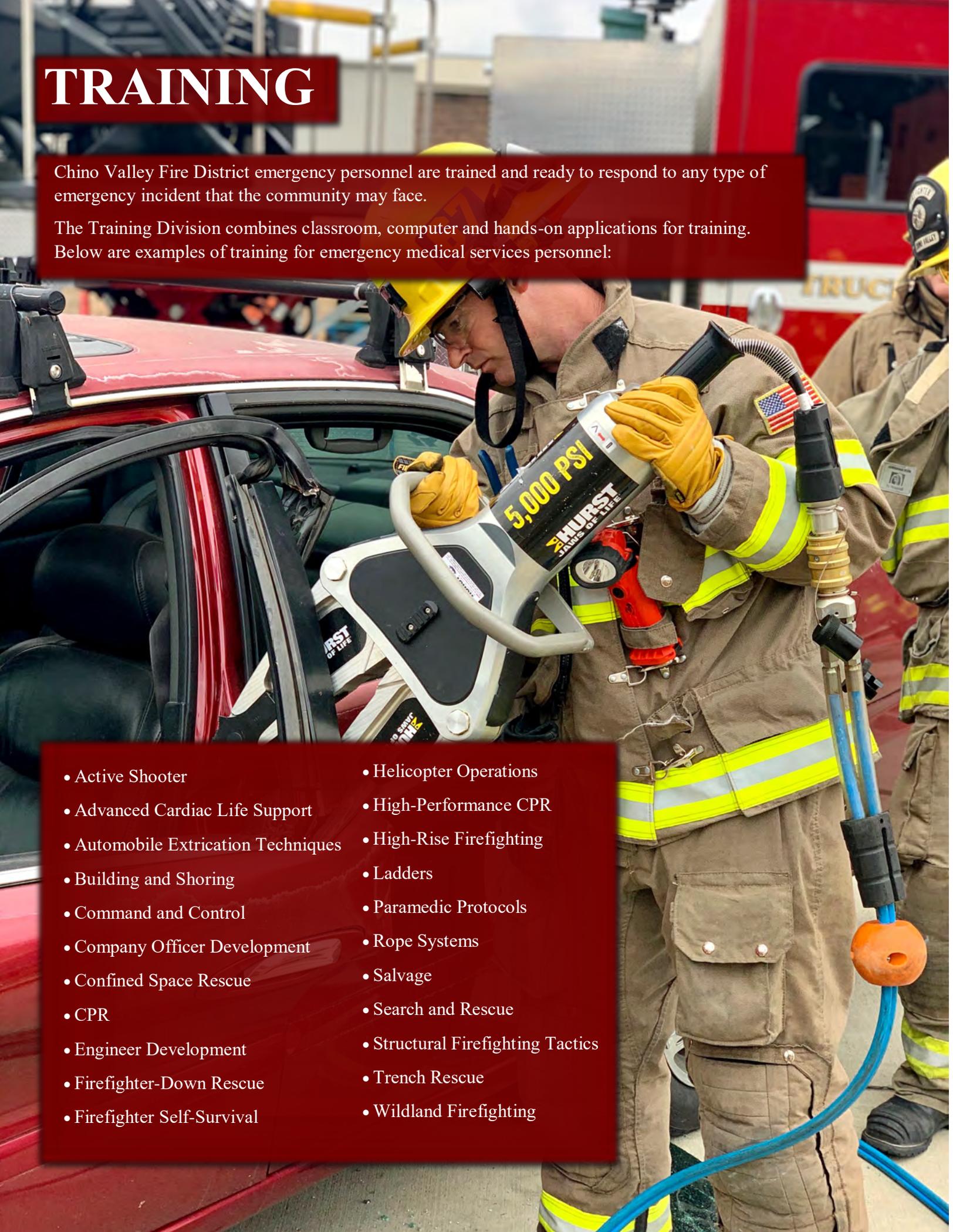


# TRAINING

Chino Valley Fire District emergency personnel are trained and ready to respond to any type of emergency incident that the community may face.

The Training Division combines classroom, computer and hands-on applications for training. Below are examples of training for emergency medical services personnel:

- Active Shooter
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Automobile Extrication Techniques
- Building and Shoring
- Command and Control
- Company Officer Development
- Confined Space Rescue
- CPR
- Engineer Development
- Firefighter-Down Rescue
- Firefighter Self-Survival
- Helicopter Operations
- High-Performance CPR
- High-Rise Firefighting
- Ladders
- Paramedic Protocols
- Rope Systems
- Salvage
- Search and Rescue
- Structural Firefighting Tactics
- Trench Rescue
- Wildland Firefighting





CHINO VALLEY  
FIRE

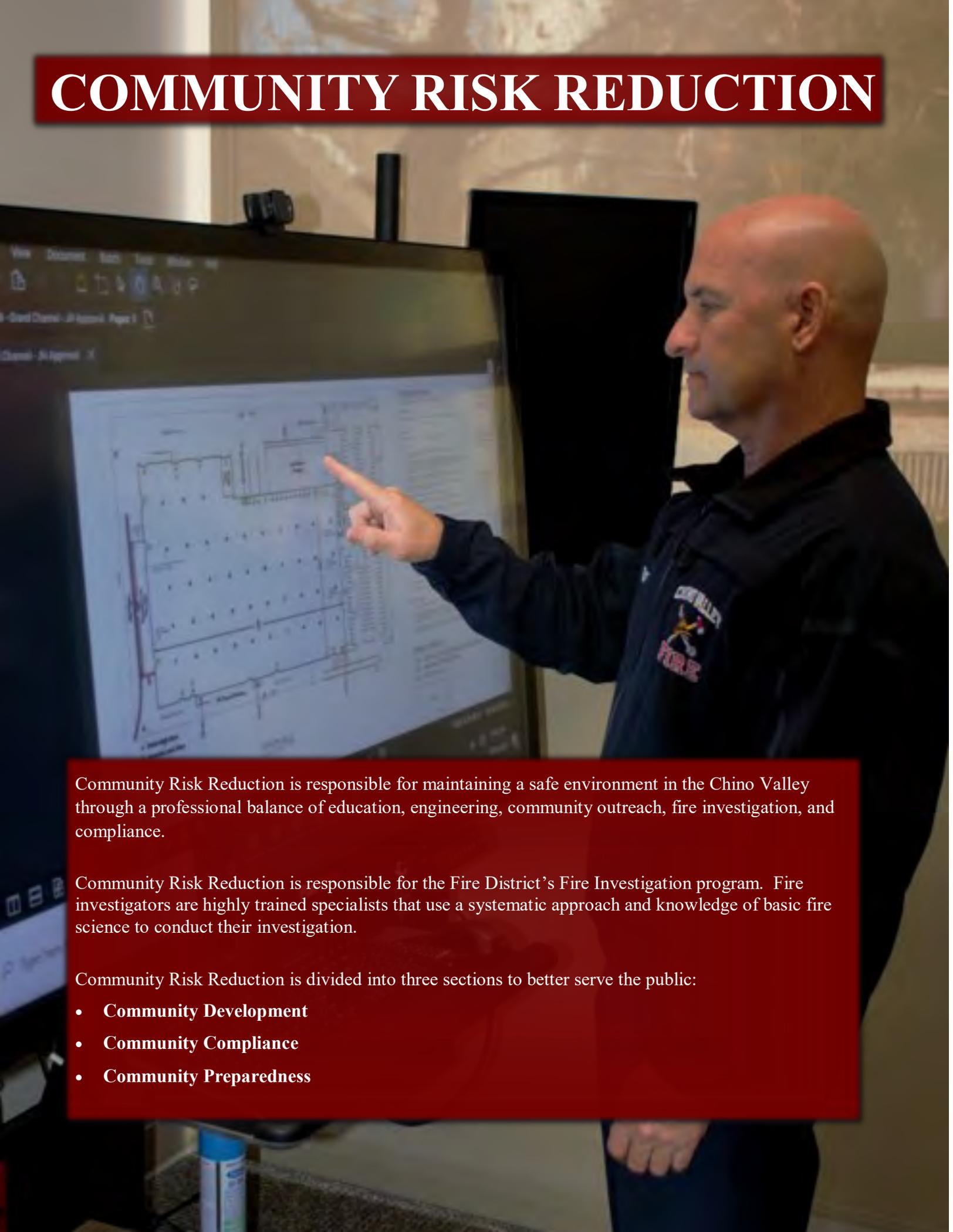
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# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

A man in a dark jacket is pointing at a large screen displaying a technical drawing or blueprint. The screen shows a complex diagram with various lines and shapes, likely a fire safety plan or a similar technical drawing. The man is bald and is looking intently at the screen. The background is a plain wall.

Community Risk Reduction is responsible for maintaining a safe environment in the Chino Valley through a professional balance of education, engineering, community outreach, fire investigation, and compliance.

Community Risk Reduction is responsible for the Fire District's Fire Investigation program. Fire investigators are highly trained specialists that use a systematic approach and knowledge of basic fire science to conduct their investigation.

Community Risk Reduction is divided into three sections to better serve the public:

- **Community Development**
- **Community Compliance**
- **Community Preparedness**

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development ensures all new construction in the Chino Valley is code compliant by working with developers prior to building design in order to ensure code requirements are understood and met.

Fire District personnel review plans prior to construction and issue permits for various construction related projects.

Once plans are approved and permits have been issued, inspections are conducted to ensure compliance with approved plans, codes, and/or standards.

PERMIT TYPE	PERMITS ISSUED	INSPECTIONS
New Construction	423	793
Tenant Improvements	81	65
Sprinklers	463	969
Fire Alarms	79	143
Solar	1,501	1,274
Special Events	55	36
Other	66	185





# COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE

Community Compliance oversees the Fire District's Vegetation Management program, which consists of biannual inspections conducted by fire personnel to ensure proper clearance of vegetation and other combustible materials.

Community Risk Reduction coordinates the inspections of local businesses by our emergency services personnel through the Engine Company Inspection program.

Community Compliance also oversees fireworks enforcement during the 4th of July holiday. Fire inspectors inspect fireworks booths in the city of Chino on a daily basis to ensure fireworks are stored and handled properly. Our staff sorts and tracks all confiscated illegal fireworks in partnership with local law enforcement, ensuring proper disposal.

## FIREWORKS STATISTICS

<b>Confiscated Fireworks</b>	<b>915 pounds</b>
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Fireworks Related Fires</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Fireworks Related Injuries</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fireworks Booth Inspections</b>	<b>200</b>

CVFD conducted two fireworks safe surrender events in 2021.

## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

<b>Investigations Conducted</b>	<b>45</b>
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## WEED ABATEMENT

<b>Spring non-Compliant Parcels</b>	<b>749</b>
<b>Spring Parcels Abated by Contractor</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Fall Non-Compliant Parcels</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Fall Parcels Abated by Contractor</b>	<b>15</b>

# COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

Community Preparedness empowers the public with knowledge so that they can prepare for any emergency situation that the Chino Valley may face.

Community Preparedness educates all segments of the population on fire and life safety, earthquake preparedness, flooding, and wildland fires.

Community Preparedness works in partnership with community groups, volunteer organizations, non-profit organizations, our local schools, and community leaders.

Community Preparedness oversees the Fire District's website and social media platforms, which include Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**School Presentations/  
Student Outreach**

**Fire Station Tours and  
Presentations**

**Fire Extinguisher Training**

**Remembering When  
Program**

**Approximate Total 24,724**

## SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM

## FOLLOWING

**Facebook 9,720**

**Instagram 11,720**

**Twitter 4,762**

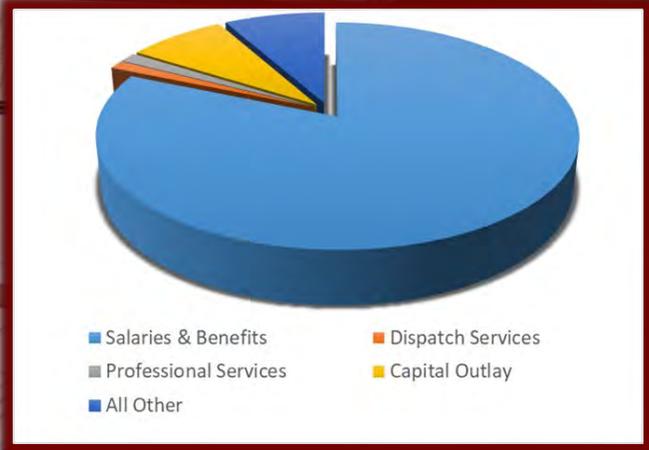


# FINANCE

The District adopted an Internal Revenue Service Code Section 115 Retirement Trust in late Fiscal 2017, initially depositing \$5 million to the trust from Fund Balance. Funds accumulated in the restricted use trust may only be used to reduce pension liabilities. As of June 30, 2021, the balance in the trust amounted to about \$8.1 million.

In 2021, the Chino Valley Fire District received the prestigious *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR). The District also received the *Distinguished Budget Presentation* award from GFOA for its annual budget.

The awards are the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting, and evidence the District's commitment to public trust and transparency, and reinforce our dedication to our core values of faithfulness, integrity, and excellence.







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