



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OVERVIEW FOR CITY LEADERS

City of San Pablo  
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### ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

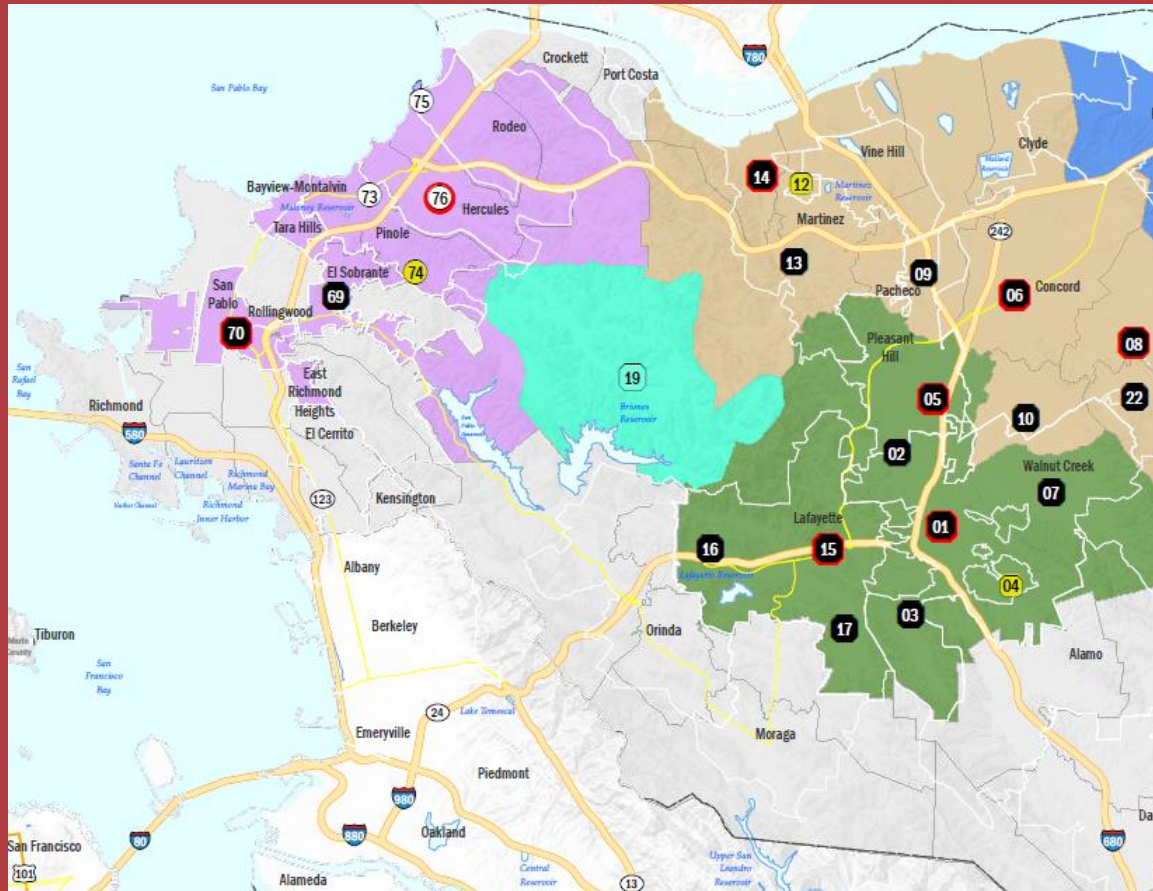
### TRAINING AND SAFETY DIVISION

- 18 Years of Con Fire Service
- 30 years' fire service experience at all ranks
- Firefighter, Engineer, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, Assistant Chief



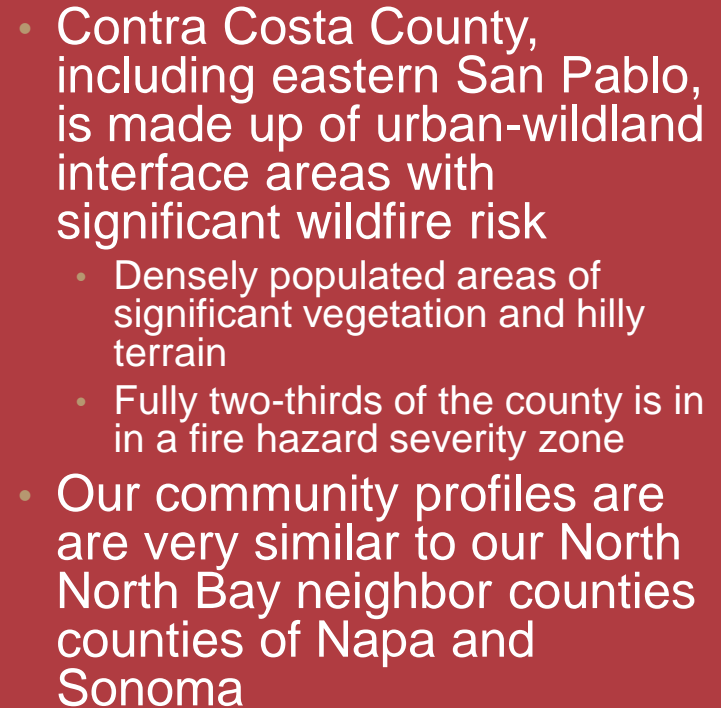
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## IN SAN PABLO, WE ARE YOUR FIRE “DEPARTMENT”





# WILDFIRE, A REAL THREAT





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## A NEW WILDLAND FIRE “NORMAL”

- Earlier and longer fire seasons are the new normal in California
- This season promises to be no different than past two years
  - Rains followed by long dry spell have created high fuel load
  - In June nearly fourfold increase in grass and vegetation fires
  - Predictions for summer and fall -- continued heat, low humidity and winds
  - Setting stage for long, challenging and unpredictable fire season
- 2020 fire season will be dangerous in and around Contra Costa County



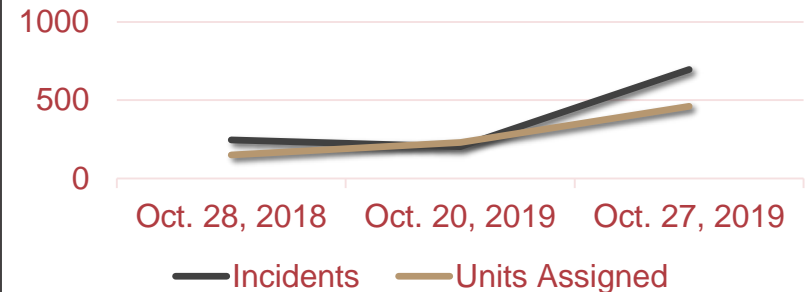


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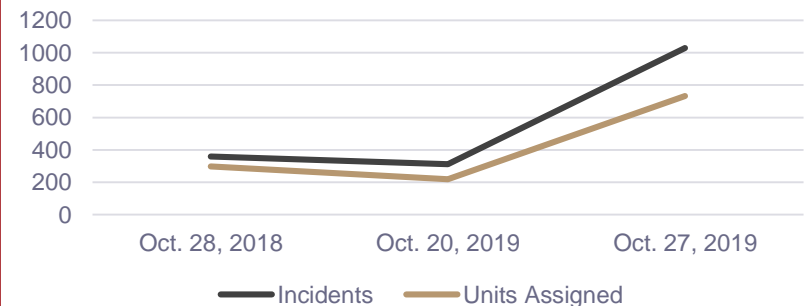
## ON OCT. 27 A WIND-DRIVEN WILDFIRE “SIEGE”

- Driven by historically high winds – up to 75 mph
- Unprecedented near-continuous series of eight wildfires in 18-hour period – midnight 10/26 - 6 pm, 10/27
- And, a major commercial fire and a mass-casualty event
- Each fire represented exceptional danger to life and property across the County

**Year-over-Year and Previous Sunday Comparisons  
Con Fire**



**County-Wide**





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## WORKING TOWARD A SAFER SAN PABLO AND REGION

- With the City's Support, Fire Station 70 is becoming a reality
- Construction progressing and back on schedule after early delays
- Anticipating a spring 2021 completion





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## CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SAFER REGION

### PREVENTION

- Exterior Hazards Program
- Fire 'Dozer Program
- "Crew 12" Fire Control Program
- North Orinda Shaded Fuel Break

### PLANNING

- Prepositioning Program
- Residents Guide to Wildfire Prep & Evac
- Recall Policy Changes

### RESOURCES

- FS 16 Reopened/FS 70 Planned
- Multiple Fleet Improvements
  - Two Type-6 Wildland Fire Engines
  - Two 2,000 Gallon Water Tenders
  - Second Fire 'Dozer
  - Reserve Apparatus
- REACH Helicopter Program Partnership
- 115 Portable Radios

### TECHNOLOGY

- ALERTWildfire Cameras
- Situational Awareness Digital Tools
- Community Warning System



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## CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IS KEY IN ANY DISASTER

- We can't do it alone
- The FIRST first responder is the citizen who prepares in advance
- Property owners, families, neighbors must work together – ahead of the disaster
- This is the place to start for wildland fire and other disasters...





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# QUESTIONS?



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### Our Mission

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District exists to provide you, your family and our communities with professional services dedicated to the preservation of life, property and the environment

### Our Vision

We are a recognized fire service leader that strives to become the premier fire organization that honors the past, recognizes the challenges of the present and will continue to raise the bar of excellence into the future



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## OUR CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP

### Fire District Board of Directors

The County Board of Supervisors meets in its capacity as the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District on a monthly basis to discuss and make decisions about the District



### Advisory Fire Commission

The Commission acts as an important link between the District and the communities we serve





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### OUR DISTRICT TODAY

- Evolved from multiple fire-agency consolidations
- Full-service district providing fire suppression/prevention, emergency medical, rescue, ambulance transport and public education programs
- Serving one of the most diverse counties in the state
- Providing fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across 304-square-mile District, and through mutual aid, in and around the 20 cities and unincorporated communities of the County
- Twenty-six fire stations, 28 companies, and more than 400 employees
- In 2018, responded to 74,822 fire and EMS incidents and dispatched 94,836 ambulances





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## CONTINUED FOR 2020 – THE PSPS

- PG&E implementing precautionary measures to reduce risk of wildfires
- When extreme fire danger conditions threaten electric systems -- may necessitate Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- Suggesting customers prepare for outages in excess of 48 hours
- Presenting unique challenges for residents and first responders, alike

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
POWER  
SHUTOFF**

- PG&E promises:
  - Early Warning Notification – alerts before shutting off power
  - Ongoing Updates – through social media, local news, web
  - Safety Inspections – in affected areas before restoration
  - Power Restoration – outages could last multiple days depending on the severity of the weather and other factors



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### WHAT CITIZENS CAN EXPECT

#### Before



- Red Flag weather
- Public Safety Power Outages
- Early warning signs
- Citizen reports
- 911 Calls
- Smoke visible

#### During



- Media reports
- Community Warning System messaging
- Evacuation warnings/orders
- Shelter in place orders
- Road closures

#### After



- Evacuation/Shelter in Place orders lifted
- Roads reopened
- Shelters established
- American Red Cross
- Recovery assistance



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## WHAT CAN CITIZENS DO?

- Read and take to heart the county Residents Guide
  - Sign up for CWS
  - Prepare home and property for wildfire
  - Develop a family evacuation plan
  - Make an evacuation kit “GO Bag”
  - Stay informed
  - Know and work with your neighbors – plan for special needs
  - Prepare for PSPS
- Available at [www.cccfpd.org](http://www.cccfpd.org) and [www.cwsalerts.com](http://www.cwsalerts.com)

