

Tuolumne County Fire Department

"At-A-Glance"



January

2024

Tuolumne County Fire Department

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Tuolumne County Fire Department Call Totals

January 2024

Incident Totals:

Total Incidents: 801

Medical Aids: 585

Structure Fires: 7

Vegetation Fires: 3

Other Type Fires: 44

Hazardous Conditions: 28

Other Incident Types: 134

Tuolumne County Station Call Totals:

Mono Village Station 51: 279

Ponderosa Hills Station 53: 20

Long Barn Station 54: 9 Calls absorbed by other Stations

Pinecrest Station 55: 13

Mono Vista Station 56: 97

Phoenix Lake Station 57: Calls absorbed by other Stations

Cedar Ridge Station 58: 22

Chinese Camp Station 61: 24

Don Pedro Station 64: 13

Jamestown Station 76: 183

Groveland Station 63/78: 62

Columbia Station 74: 19 calls ran by Station 79 personnel

Columbia College Station 79: 60

Prevention Division:

Plans Reviews: 62

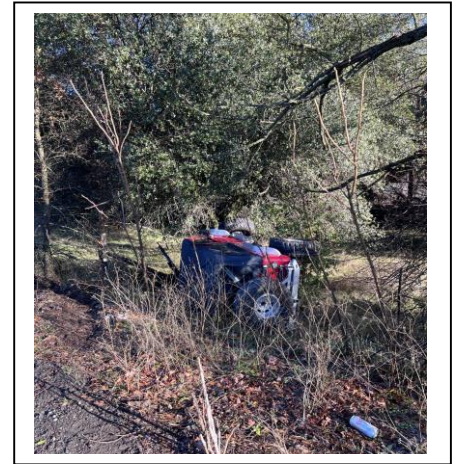
Inspections: 24

Incident totals include incidents that the fire station was dispatched to, and may have been automatic aid to other agencies through the Tuolumne County Automatic Aid Agreement

Significant Incidents

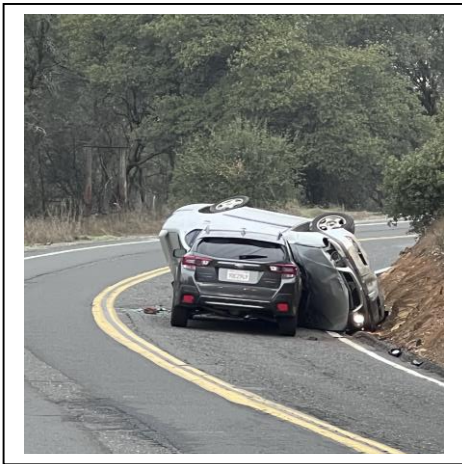
1/11/2024

In the morning hours of January 11th, Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 761 responded to multiple vehicles accidents due to icy road conditions. The first accident was in the area of Highway 108 and Green Springs Road involving 3 vehicles. The second accident occurred on Rawhide Road near Peppermint Circle and resulted in a single vehicle overturning off the roadway. Fortunately, in both incidents no injuries were reported.



1/18/2024

On January 18th, at approximately 7:45 AM, Engine 761 responded with Sonora City Fire Department Engine 751 to a reported vehicle accident on Jamestown Road. Resources arrived to find two vehicles involved and worked quickly to establish command and check on injuries. After checking with occupants of both vehicles it was found to be a non-injury accident.



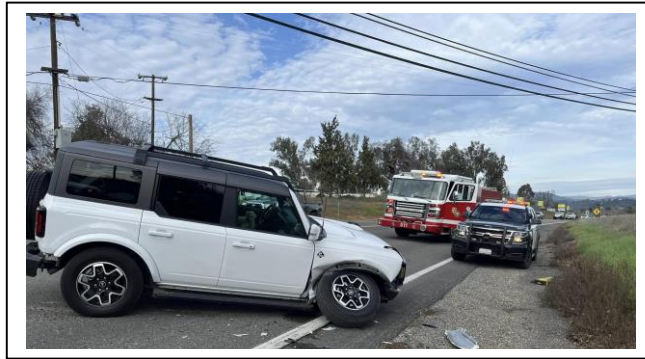
1/25/2024

In the afternoon of January 25th, Tuolumne County Fire Department Engines 511 and 561 responded with Tuolumne County Ambulance and CHP Sonora to a reported vehicle accident on Tuolumne Road near the Mono Way intersection in East Sonora. Resources arrived to find two vehicles involved blocking the roadway. Two patients were transported to Adventist Health Sonora with minor injuries.



1/26/2024

On January 26th, Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 511 responded with Tuolumne County Ambulance and Sonora CHP to a reported vehicle accident on Highway 108 and Chicken Ranch Road near the community of Jamestown. On arrival resources found a single involved blocking Eastbound traffic. Upon assessment the driver reported no injuries and refused medical treatment. Fire personnel assisted with traffic control until the roadway was cleared and they were released by CHP.



1/26/2024

In the early evening hours of January 26th, Tuolumne County Fire Department Engines 511 and 561 responded with several other agencies to a major injury vehicle accident with extrication required in the area of Tuolumne Road and Black Oak Road. Resources arrived to find two vehicles involved with one patient requiring extrication utilizing the Jaws of Life. One patient was treated and transported for minor injuries while, sadly, one other patient succumbed to their injuries.



1/30/2024

On January 30th, at approximately 10:30 PM Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 561 responded with Tuolumne County Ambulance, Sonora CHP and PG&E to a reported vehicle accident with power lines down on Hess Avenue in East Sonora. On arrival E-561 reported a single vehicle into a power pole with power lines down across both the vehicle and the roadway. The single occupant of the vehicle had carefully and safely extricated themselves from the vehicle prior to firefighter's arrival and was uninjured. Fire resources remained at scene until the hazards were mitigated and they were released by PG&E.





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PRESS RELEASE

January 29, 2024

Short-Term Rentals Require Fire and Life Safety Inspection

Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance Code Chapter 8.70 related to Fire and Life Safety Inspections for Short-Term rentals in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County.

To keep all Tuolumne County residents and visitors safer, effective January 19, 2024, it is unlawful to maintain, operate, or use a short-term rental in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County without a Tuolumne County Fire Department (TCFD) Fire and Life Safety Inspection.

All inspections shall be renewed every two (2) years. During the implementation period of the new Ordinance, you may continue to operate your short-term rental. You will not be deemed in violation as long as you contact our office to schedule your inspection (s) 45 days after receiving your Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) return (s). TOT returns for short-term rentals will be mailed quarterly starting March 1st, 2024.

Owners shall have an agent authorized to represent the short-term rental on their behalf, including but not limited to, a property management company, and/or a local contact person year-round.

A short-term rental, also known as a peer-to-peer rental, can be a commercially solicited rental, single-family dwelling, a secondary dwelling unit, multifamily dwelling unit, studio, condominium, townhouse, duplex, guesthouse, bedroom within an existing residential unit, tiny home, cabin, multi-person dwelling, yurt or similar structure, rented for the purpose of overnight lodging for a period of not less than one night and not more than thirty (30) days.

The Ordinance requires the following:

Interior Posting- of a local contact person and emergency evacuation information.

Smoke Alarms- in each bedroom and at least one alarm on every level including basements and habitable attics.



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Carbon Monoxide Alarms- where there are fuel-fired appliances or fireplaces and shall be installed outside each bedroom on every level of the unit, including basements and habitable attics.

Fire Extinguisher- one five-pound type 2-A:10-B:C installed at a readily available location near the kitchen. If more than one level, an extinguisher must be mounted within each level and inspected annually by a certified professional.

Visible Address- Each short-term rental is to have an address identification following Tuolumne County Ordinance Code 12.12.080

Defensible Space- shall meet all the requirements of California Public Resource Code 4291 and Tuolumne County's Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance 8.14, which can be found on the web at www.readyforwildfire.org and www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/165/Tuolumne-County-Ordinance-Code

Short-term rental Ordinance 8.70 can be found on the web at www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/165/Tuolumne-County-Ordinance-Code

Please contact the Tuolumne County Fire Prevention Division at, 209-533-5502, or email fireprevention@co.tuolumne.ca.us after receiving your TOT returns, to schedule your Fire and Life Safety Inspection today.

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Fire Safety at Your Home Away from Home

Peer-to-peer hospitality services, such as Airbnb, Vacation Rentals by Owner and other types of vacation rentals are not regulated in the same way as hotels. Requirements vary widely across jurisdictions. Act as your own safety advocate and know before you go. Be sure the following safety measures are addressed.

SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Working smoke alarms are in every sleeping room. They are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home.
- ✓ Working smoke alarms are interconnected, if possible. When one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ Portable fire extinguishers are in the home and are easy to reach.
- ✓ Working carbon monoxide alarms are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home and in other locations as required by laws, codes, or standards.
- ✓ The owner has posted a floor plan. It notes all escape routes and exits and provides emergency contact information.
- ✓ Everyone knows the address of the home.
- ✓ Everyone staying in the home has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency.
- ✓ All doors and windows that lead outside are able to be opened.
- ✓ An outside meeting place has been chosen. It is a safe distance away from the home.
- ✓ Everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone from outside.
- ✓ If smoking is allowed, a smoking area has been designated and is well away from the structure. Deep, sturdy ashtrays have been provided.
- ✓ All pathways are free and clear of tripping hazards.
- ✓ Electrical outlets are free from multiple cords and adaptors.
- ✓ The stovetop is clear. Anything that can catch fire is not near the stovetop, such as curtains and towels.

WINDOW AND DOOR ALERT!

Be on the lookout for rooms with tiny windows. These are too small to serve as a means of escape.

Security bars on doors and windows can trap people in a fire. Make sure any security bars have quick-release devices. Tools, keys, or special efforts should not be needed to open them.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Peer-to-peer hospitality services are not regulated in the same way as hotels. Requirements vary widely across jurisdictions. Do your homework before making a reservation. Check online to see your travel destination's regulations for rental properties. Ask your host if the property meets the regulations. Discuss other safety concerns you may have.

Check the forecast in case of storms that could cause power outages; assure the property has equipment (batteries, lanterns, etc.) in the event of a power outage.



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