

*The Evolution of*

# THE MODESTO FIRE DEPARTMENT



**2018-2022**



**OUR MISSION**

Proudly serving, protecting and partnering for a safer community.



# From the Fire Chief



## *We are Stronger Together*

I am pleased to present the five-year compilation of our successes, workload, sacrifices and perseverance.

So much has happened between 2018 and 2022, but the one thing I want to formally introduce is the evolution of the Modesto Fire Department. Through hard work and dedication, we are now part of one unit, known as MST. This partnership includes: the Modesto Fire Department, the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and the Turlock Fire Department. We have also entered into full-service contracts for the City of Oakdale, Oakdale Fire Protection District, City of Ceres and the Salida Fire Protection District.

As someone who has witnessed the success of this organization over the last 26 years, nothing has been more rewarding than to be part of this transition to regionalization and watch our goals, visions and efforts come to fruition.

I am honored and humbled to serve as the fire chief of an amazing organization which now serves the communities of Modesto, Ceres, Oakdale, Knights Ferry, Valley Home, Riverbank, Empire, Waterford, La Grange, Turlock and Salida. The partnership we have developed is a testament to the success of our organization, and I sincerely thank each of these partnering agencies for their continued eagerness to work, grow and be stronger together.

Sincerely,

*Alan Ernst*

**Alan Ernst** | Fire Chief



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# Your Fire Department



## Chief Officers

**From left to right:**

- Deputy Chief **Chris Jelinek**
- Deputy Chief **Michael Shockey**
- Deputy Chief **Andrew Hunter**
- Fire Chief **Alan Ernst**
- Deputy Chief **Darin Jesberg**
- Assistant Fire Chief **Kevin Wise**
- Assistant Fire Chief **Tim Tietjen**

## Non-Emergency Contact Numbers

### Modesto Fire Department

- Administration  
209-572-9590
- Arson Investigations  
209-525-5537
- Community Risk Reduction Division  
209-571-5553
- Fire Non-emergency  
209-552-2474

### Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

- 209-869-7470

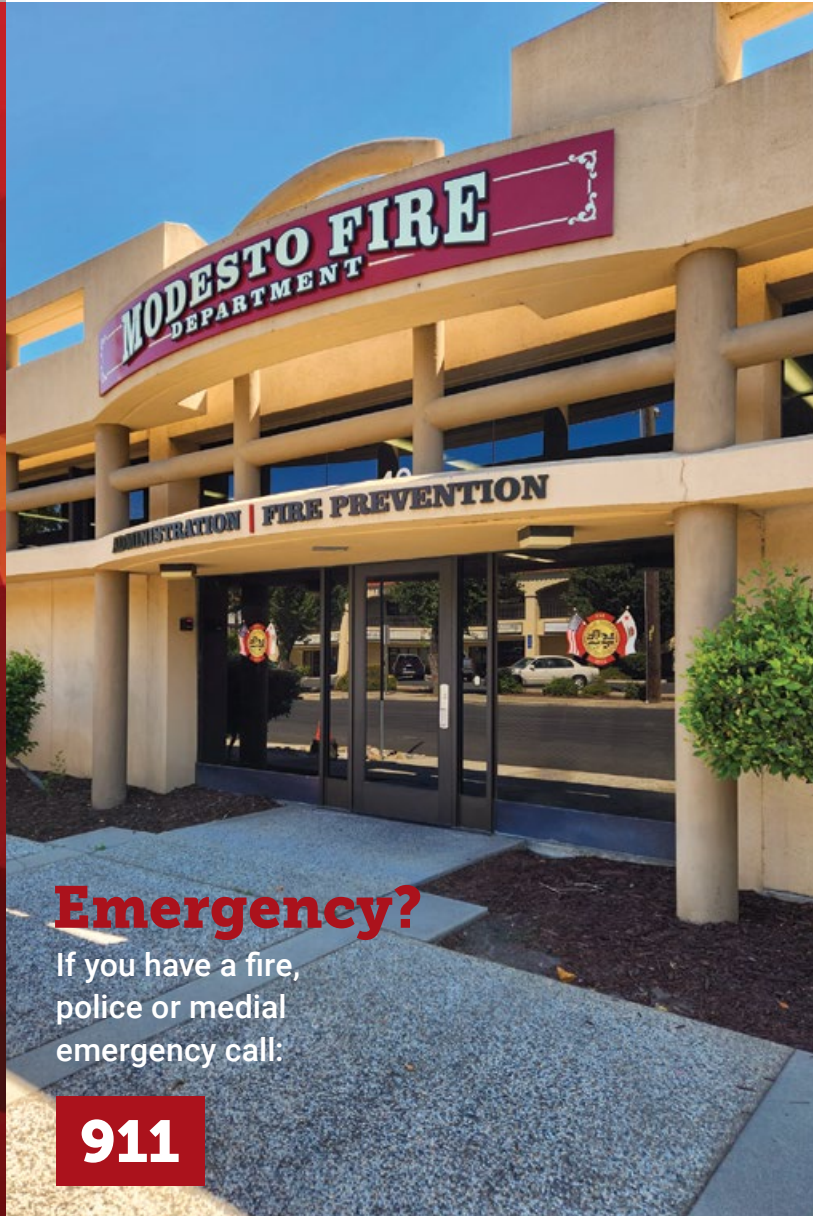
### Turlock Fire Department

- 209-668-5580





# MST Administration Offices



## Emergency?

If you have a fire, police or medial emergency call:

**911**

Modesto Fire Department: 409 12th Street, Modesto 95354



Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District: 3318 Topeka Street, Riverbank 95367



Turlock Fire Department: 244 N. Broadway, Turlock 95380

# Administrative Support Staff



## **MODESTO FIRE DEPARTMENT** (From left to right)

Christina Fleming – *Administrative Office Assistant III*  
Kathryn Volkerts – *Administrative Office Assistant III Confidential*  
Serguina Rodriguez – *Administrative Analyst*  
Jessica Hampton – *Executive Assistant*  
Amanda Leung – *Administrative Services Worker*

## **STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Ciera Sansing – *Administrative Assistant II / Fire Prevention*  
Amanda McCormick – *Administrative Assistant III / HR & Board Clerk*  
Brittney Withrow – *Administrative Assistant III / Finance*

## **TURLOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Christi Burbank – *Financial Operations Support Analyst*  
Vanessa Hubbell – *Senior Secretary*  
Julie Miranda – *Executive Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief*







# Station Locations

## MODESTO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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- 1 MFD STATION 1**  
610 11th St., Modesto 95354
- 2 MFD STATION 2**  
420 Chicago Ave., Modesto 95351
- 3 MFD STATION 3**  
635 El Vista Ave., Modesto 95354
- 4 MFD STATION 4**  
1505 Blue Gum Ave., Modesto 95351
- 5 MFD STATION 5**  
200 W. Briggsmore Ave., Mod. 95350
- 6 MFD STATION 6**  
2700 Standiford Ave., Mod. 95350
- 7 MFD STATION 7**  
1800 Mable Ave., Modesto 95355
- 8 MFD STATION 8**  
737 Airport Way, Modesto 95354
- 9 MFD STATION 9**  
4025 Fara Biundo Dr., Modesto 95355
- 10 MFD STATION 10**  
148 Imperial Ave., Modesto 95358
- 11 MFD STATION 11**  
4225 Carver Rd., Modesto 95356
- 12 MFD STATION 12**  
4820 Salida Blvd., Salida 95368
- 15 MFD STATION 15**  
2755 Third St., Ceres 95307
- 18 MFD STATION 18**  
3101 Fowler Rd., Ceres 95307
- 19 MFD STATION 19**  
830 Pecos Ave., Modesto CA 95351
- 27 MFD STATION 27**  
450 S Willowood Dr., Oakdale 95361
- 28 MFD STATION 28**  
325 E G St., Oakdale 95361
- 29 MFD STATION 29**  
17700 Main St., Knights Ferry 95361
- 30 MFD STATION 30**  
13200 Valley Home Rd., Oakdale 95361

## STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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- 21 SCFPD STATION 21**  
461 Mitchell Rd., Modesto 95354
- 22 SCFPD STATION 22**  
4845 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto 95357
- 23 SCFPD STATION 23**  
7737 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto 95357
- 24 SCFPD STATION 24**  
129 E St., Waterford 95386
- 25 SCFPD STATION 25**  
30198 Yosemite Blvd., La Grange 95329
- 26 SCFPD STATION 26**  
3318 Topeka St., Riverbank 95367

## TURLOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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- 31 TFD STATION 31**  
540 E. Marshall St., Turlock 95380
- 32 TFD STATION 32**  
791 S. Walnut Rd., Turlock 95380
- 33 TFD STATION 33**  
501 E. Monte Vista Ave., Turlock 95382
- 34 TFD STATION 34**  
2820 N. Walnut Rd., Turlock 95382



# We Are MST

## Regionalization

Regionalization of government services is a means to provide services more efficiently and to improve the quality of those services that many jurisdictions may not be able to provide on their own. The Modesto Fire Department (MFD) is a regional fire department that provides emergency services beyond the city boundaries of Modesto. Through what is known as regionalization, MFD provides fire protection services to many communities throughout Stanislaus County. These agreements, or partnerships, provide the communities with a high level of emergency services and the resources necessary to safely mitigate incidents that require a fire department that is capable of an all-hazard response. What started out as resource-sharing agreements to provide the closest fire unit to an incident regardless of agency or jurisdiction have now become more formalized partnerships to enhance fire service delivery. The goal of the regionalization efforts is to protect and partner with our communities to provide the best public safety model within our jurisdictions.

## Service Partnerships

These services are currently provided by a contract for fire service, which includes both full fire service agreements and partial fire services through administration-only contracts. A full-service fire contract is just that, full fire protection services to the contracting jurisdiction. Communities that are currently under a full contract for fire protection services are:

- **City of Oakdale**
- **City of Ceres**
- **Oakdale Fire Protection District  
(Valley Home, Oakdale, Knights Ferry)**
- **Salida Fire Protection District  
(Salida, Wood Colony, Del Rio)**
- **Ceres Fire Protection District**
- **Modesto-Ceres Fire Protection Agency  
(Former Industrial Fire Protection District)**





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An administrative-only contract provides fire administration for a city fire department or special fire district. MFD provides two administrative contracts for service to the following jurisdictions:

- **City of Turlock Fire Department (TFD)**
- **Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District (SCFPD) (Riverbank, Waterford, La Grange, Empire, Beard Industrial Area)**

The services provided to these jurisdictions are provided by MFD, SCFPD and TFD (also referred to as MST) through resource-sharing agreements created several years ago. The partnership created by these agencies made several advances in the delivery of emergency services to better serve the public and provide for safer fire ground operations. The MST agencies created standard operating guidelines (SOGs) for all agencies to operate more efficiently and effectively on the scene of an emergency incident. The MST partnership also allows for the appropriate number of resources to be dispatched to an incident. For example, a residential working structure fire response from MST includes five engine companies, a truck company and two battalion chiefs, meeting the deployment standards for National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1710. Utilizing MST resources under the closest unit response model makes for a safer community and for safer operations for the firefighters.

## Shared Training

MST agencies also share a common training division through a multi-year agreement with the City of Ceres, the City of Turlock, SCFPD and the City of Modesto. Each partnering agency provides resources to the training division that would be difficult for each agency to provide on its own. Ceres provides the facility, and the rest of the partners provide the personnel to staff the training division. The training division provides high-quality training to nearly 300 personnel and conducts multiple fire academies each year, ensuring that firefighters meet both state and national standards. The MST partnership also provides for coordinated EMS training on a consistent platform meeting the ongoing training needs of personnel with Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) certifications.

The MST partnership demonstrates how government entities working together can provide vital emergency services to citizens in a more effective and efficient manner. The MST partnership will continue to evaluate the service delivery model and explore opportunities to partner with agencies to improve the level of emergency services.



# Communities We Serve

- » Modesto
- » Ceres
- » Oakdale
- » Knights Ferry
- » Valley Home
- » Riverbank
- » Empire
- » Waterford
- » La Grange
- » Turlock
- » Salida





## Dignitaries

### Modesto City Council:

- Sue Zwahlen, Mayor
- Rosa Escutia-Braaton, District 1
- Eric E. Alvarez, District 2
- Chris Ricci, District 3
- Nick Bavaro, District 4
- Jeremiah Williams, District 5
- David Wright, District 6

### Ceres City Council:

- Javier Lopez, Mayor
- Bret Silveira, Vice Mayor / District 3
- James Casey, District 1
- Rosalinda L. Vierra, District 2
- Daniel A. Martinez, District 4

### Oakdale City Council:

- Cherilyn Bairos, Mayor
- Christopher Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
- Bob Amaral, Councilmember
- Fred Smith, Councilmember
- Kayleigh Gilbert, Councilmember

### Oakdale Fire Protection District

#### Board of Directors:

- Steve Guerrero, Chairperson
- Paul Rivera, Vice Chairperson
- Eric Feichter, Director
- Rodney Gambini, Director
- Erick Vandever, Director

### Salida Fire Protection District

#### Board of Directors:

- Mark Stone, Chairman
- Mark Riggins, Vice Chairman
- Susan Dignan, Director
- Tom Bert, Director
- Tina Goff, Director

### Stanislaus Consolidated

#### Fire Protection District

#### Board of Directors:

- Jonathan Goulding, President
- Brandon Rivers, Vice President
- Greg Bernardi, Director
- Steven Stanfield, Director
- Charles Neal, Director

### Turlock City Council:

- Amy Bublak, Mayor
- Kevin Bixel, District 1
- Rebecka Monez, District 2
- Cassandra Abram, District 3
- Pam Franco, District 4

## Unions:

- Modesto: IAFF Local 1289
- Stanislaus Consolidated: IAFF Local 3399
- Turlock: IAFF Local 2434



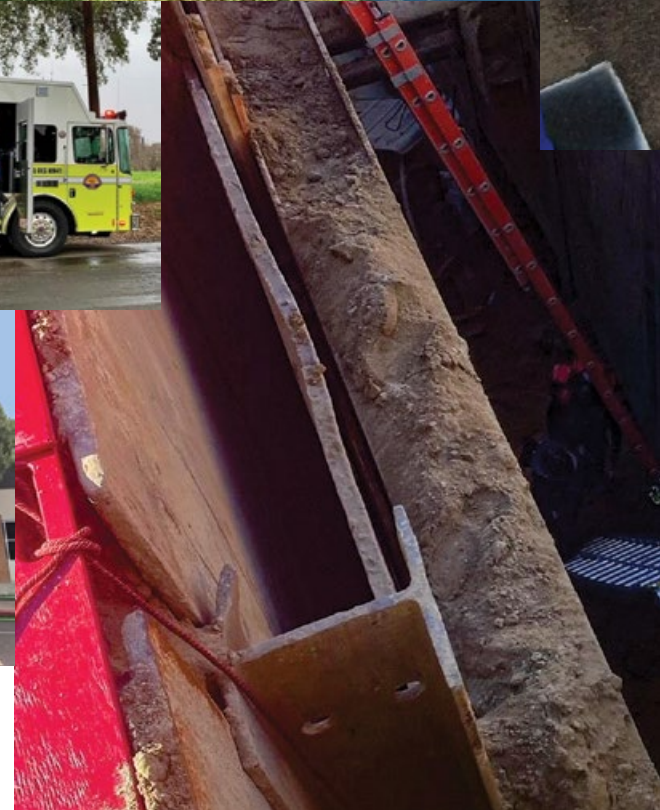
# Emergency Divisions

## Emergency Operations

The Emergency Operations Division includes Training, EMS and Special Operations. Emergency Operations is responsible for providing all-risk emergency response to the citizens we serve. Our service area includes suburban neighborhoods, city centers, commercial districts, foothill ranges and more. The region's varying terrain causes unique emergency incident challenges, including increased EMS calls and a variety of fires that can take place on a single day (i.e., wildland, structure, railroad, aircraft, vehicle, etc.) as well as river rescues across our 600-square-mile service area.

## Special Operations

Special Operations is a functional group within the Fire Department that focuses on technical rescue and emergency hazardous materials response. Our technical rescue team is comprised of on-duty personnel assigned to Truck 1, Truck 5 and Squad 11. This team responds countywide to handle high and low-angle rescues, confined space rescues and any other call type in which specialized equipment and training is required. Our county hazardous materials team is also comprised of on-duty personnel assigned to Engine 4. Hazmat personnel respond to emergency hazardous material incidents and work closely with agency partners throughout the county in mitigating these complex events.





### FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Calls for Service	28,299	31,759	33,443	38,159	42,837
EMS Calls	18,419	20,060	23,506	26,807	30,113
Vehicle Accidents	1,345	1,559	1,924	2,344	2,512
Fire Calls	1,398	1,441	1,897	2,044	2,281
Working Structure Fires	236	219	227	271	292





# Emergency Medical Services

## High Quality Patient Care

The Modesto Fire Department has provided EMS services since 1986. Through its Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division, its goal is to provide the highest level of public service to our patients.

The EMS Division participates in shaping pre-hospital care through collaboration with the Stanislaus County EMSA, local hospitals, and community organizations. These relationships have allowed the division to meet the needs of the community. Such partnerships have resulted in the development and implementation of high quality patient care and improved patient outcomes. Ongoing educational programs, research projects, and publications have also resulted from these affiliations. The EMS Division works closely with the Training Division to deliver new hire EMS training, Quarterly EMS training, and new equipment/protocol training. The EMS Division continues to provide opportunities to new paramedics through Field Training Officer programs, which help our community by continuing to bring new paramedics into the EMS System resulting in 20 additional paramedics upgraded into our system. The EMS Division is actively supporting existing firefighters while they are in paramedic schools.

## High Quality Service

EMS Division facilitates the delivery of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) first responder services. All MFD Firefighter/Paramedics are licensed by the State of California EMS Authority and accredited with the local EMS agency. Firefighter/EMTs are certified by the local EMS agency. All accreditation, certification and licensing is in accordance with Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code, the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, and EMSA policies 2040 and 2050.

All MFD Engine and Truck Companies are utilized as EMS first responders and staffed with Firefighter-EMTs and/or Firefighter-Paramedics. Every first responding unit is at least (BLS) capable. Depending on daily staffing, all MFD units are equipped to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic services, including 12-lead ECG monitoring, advanced airway interventions and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.





# Fire Investigation Unit



**750** INVESTIGATIONS  
PER YEAR

The Modesto Fire Investigation Unit is comprised of three full-time investigators from the City of Modesto Fire Department who are Certified Fire Investigation Technicians. In 2015, the fire department agreed to be part of an arson/fire investigation taskforce where fire investigators and law enforcement officers were combined as one unit to conduct fire investigations for the entire County of Stanislaus.

Aside from the three MFD investigators, the taskforce also includes an investigator from Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, two criminal investigators from the District Attorney's Office and one detective from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department.

The unit responds to an average of 750 investigations per year, working tirelessly to determine the origin and cause of fires. Investigators are also tasked with conducting criminal investigations related to arson fires, working closely with our law enforcement partners and testifying as expert witnesses in fire cause court.



# Business Operations

The Business Operations Division is responsible for supporting more than 200 sworn staff as well as the administrative staff. The division is also responsible for the development and management of the department's budget as well as the recruitment and promotions within the department. Our mission is to support the men and women who proudly and tirelessly serve the community.



## Quick Recap of 2022

**214** Allocated sworn positions (including all chief officers); 206 active employees

**7** Allocated administrative positions; 6 active employees

**6** Allocated Fire Prevention positions; 5 active employees

**5** Active part-time employees

**44** Employees hired, including sworn, non-sworn and part-time



# Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

In 2022, we successfully established a new division, Community Risk Reduction (CRR), which includes fire prevention, fire investigation, public education, outreach and engagement, disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation. Community Risk Reduction embraces the five E's: Education, Engineering, Economic Incentive, Enforcement and Emergency Response. Community Risk Reduction is a holistic, community-focused and data-driven approach that relies on partnerships and collaboration.

Within our new established division, Fire Prevention handles the enforcement aspect of the California Fire Code, which is a vital part to the life and safety of our community. We work together with various city departments to provide knowledge and experience with plan review of all the new construction in our jurisdiction. Additionally, Fire Prevention oversees the continued upkeep of the fire safety for our city's residential homes, commercial buildings, care facilities, hospitals, etc., and also works alongside our engine companies to provide the best possible emergency response and emergency prevention services.

Public education is a big part of Community Risk Reduction, and we pride ourselves on educating the community. Our fire inspectors work with the city's businesses and residents to provide quality information and training regarding fire safety and prevention. CRR participates in many events and seminars that help a variety of organizations see the importance of taking the prevention measures to avoid many different safety hazards.



Community Risk Reduction's main objective is to educate the community and reduce the risk of fire, thus protecting the lives, welfare and economic vitality of our community.





# MST Training Division

The MST Training Division continues to grow, improve and tackle the projects and logistics required to handle the training needs for such a large, complex and growing organization. The Training Division staff includes representatives from all three MST agencies. We operate under an established and adopted MST Training Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). An MST Training Policy has also been developed. It is the mission of the MST Training Division to provide the highest quality training, instruction and evaluation to our members. This is intended to prepare our members to serve our communities in the most effective, efficient and safe manner possible. This is accomplished by:



Encouraging individual and company training, two hours per shift, rain or shine.



Updating our training policy and addressing all training requirements as needed.



Maintaining for reference all training manuals, procedures and documents.



Delivering the most meaningful and realistic training possible while ensuring personnel safety.



Maintaining complete, comprehensive and accessible training records.

Maintaining an ongoing training regimen for over 300 employees requires a complex system of organization, scheduling, prioritizing and records management. The Training Division staff manages all components of this system on a daily basis.

Training is delivered using multiple formats, including department-level training, individual and company-level training, battalion drills, specialties, assignments, captain academies, engineer academies and new-hire firefighter academies. A variety of topics are covered throughout the calendar year, including:

- **Any new roll-out training**
- **Quarterly EMS training**
- **Annual wildland fire refresher training**
- **Firefighter survival**
- **High-rise and target hazards**
- **Foundational skills training**
- **Active shooter**
- **Technical rescue**
- **Hazardous materials**
- **Driver training**
- **River and flood water rescue**
- **Mandatory annual state-required training (bloodborne pathogens, HIPAA, harassment, etc.)**

It is the policy of the Training Division to maintain comprehensive records of all training received by the members. The Training Division creates and maintains individual training files for each member on a shared platform called Vector Solutions. These training files are used to record and track members' credentials, certifications, diplomas and coursework. All training is documented and easily accessible as needed.

MST utilizes a variety of training venues. Training occurs every day in a variety of locations, including off-site/field locations, fire stations, fire administration facilities, the Regional Fire Training Center (RFTC), Station 17 and the Turlock Drillgrounds.



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## Facility Support Dogs



**Hudson** and **Fuse** were donated to the Modesto Fire Department for use as facility dogs. Both dogs were specially bred and selected to complete intense specialized training to support firefighters in various settings and situations. Hudson and

Fuse came at a time when there was a growing need for mental health support for first responders. Recently, the number of firefighter suicides nationwide surpassed the number of line-of-duty deaths. First responders are chronically exposed to many stress-inducing situations. Our hope is that interaction with Hudson and Fuse will encourage connection and discussion so that, ultimately, we'll be able to provide support, normalization of feelings and experiences, and referral to appropriate resources like our trained peer support personnel or an appropriate mental health clinician.



# Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

## Who We Are

The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District was formed on March 3, 1995, as a result of Project 94, an exploratory project with the goal of providing the most effective and efficient method of public fire service delivery by reorganizing or combining fire service agencies. Today, the District has a highly motivated, well-trained staff of 56 full-time personnel and two part-time personnel. The District staffs five fire stations and serves approximately 199 square miles of unincorporated area, including the cities of Waterford and Riverbank, and the communities of Empire, Hickman and La Grange. The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Board is a five-member board consisting of one director appointed by each city in the District, Riverbank and Waterford. The three remaining positions are appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, with one position appointed from a citizen living in the area around the community of Empire, one position from the County Board of Supervisors District 1 and another from District 2.



## Our Mission

The mission of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District is to protect life, environment and property.

## Our Value Statement

Service and Protection with Pride, Respect, Teamwork and Safety.

## Our Vision

We strive to be role models in the community and leaders in our profession. We will be accountable to those we serve, each other and any fire service organizations we interact with. We are committed to providing the best public service through innovative training, education and equipment. We will take the fire department into the future through productive teamwork, open and honest communications and participative decision-making throughout the organization. We are committed to our values and mission and dedicated to our fire service profession. Our organization is driven to provide a cost-effective and efficient fire department while honoring our values, accomplishing our mission and achieving our goals.

## Our Goals

- **Increase the number of Advanced Life Saving (ALS) companies for a higher level of service to the community.**
- **Maintain and foster the relationship with our MST partners in the drop boundary agreements.**
- **Continue to focus on the health and wellness of our employees.**
- **Expand our relationships with the community through outreach.**



# Turlock Fire Department

## Who We Are

In 1893 and again in 1907, the Turlock area suffered two major fires that destroyed many of its existing downtown structures. To help combat future fire catastrophes, the merchants of Turlock band together to buy the town's first fire pump and become part of the county's existing fire district. The year was 1908. Turlock was newly incorporated into cityhood and the population was beginning to grow.

In 1912, the county's fire district was dissolved and the new Turlock Volunteer Fire District was formed, with E.B. Osborn serving as the first Fire Chief. The city's first fire station was built on Front Street next to Hotel Carolyn and was used until around 1950.

Currently, the Turlock Fire Department services 16.6 square miles within the City of Turlock, in addition to partnering with MST agencies throughout Stanislaus County.



## Our Mission

Protecting your quality of life with pride and compassion.

## Our Vision Statement

Protecting What Matters Most.

## Our Organizational Values

- **Ethical and honest**
- **Accountability**
- **Individual and organizational commitment**
- **Dedication**
- **Teamwork**
- **Pride of work and organization**



# Timeline of Accomplishments

## 2018

**JANUARY:** Modesto Fire and Police departments partnered together to create the Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART) in an effort to take a proactive approach to engaging with and providing assistance to the homeless community in Modesto.

**JULY:** An amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved between the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and Ceres Fire Department to continue providing countywide fire investigation services. The goal was to improve fire investigation services for the City of Modesto and the fire departments and districts within Stanislaus County by increasing the total number of fire investigators and including a full-time law enforcement position to assist the investigators. Since its initiation, the Regional Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) has been a vital tool in the county for investigation of suspicious and criminal fires as well as ensuring all laws and best practices are adhered to.

**JULY:** MFD entered into agreement with First Alarm Wellness, which provides services to combat and mitigate the effects of first responder psychological trauma.

## 2019

**MARCH:** The Modesto Fire Department officially moved into its new administration building. Before this, staff was spread across multiple locations without a permanent space to work.

**JULY:** The City of Modesto entered into an agreement with the City of Oakdale and Oakdale Fire Protection to provide fire protection services. With this agreement, the City of Modesto was able to add one battalion chief, nine captains, nine engineers and six firefighters, ultimately staffing four additional fire stations to serve the areas of: City of Oakdale, Knights Ferry and Valley Home.

**AUGUST:** MFD entered into a shared training agreement with the Ceres Fire Department, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and Salida Fire Protection District. This agreement allows for one training division to be utilized by all agencies and realizes operational and fiscal efficiencies by sharing resources to deliver a common training platform. In 2022, the agreement was renewed to include the Turlock Fire Department.

## 2020

**MARCH:** The Modesto City Council declared a local health emergency in response to COVID-19. The Modesto Fire Department played a critical role in supporting Stanislaus County with public adherence to public health orders, emergency planning and coordination, and the provision of essential services.

**AUGUST:** MFD amended its agreement with First Alarm Wellness to make services available to all City of Modesto employees, not just first responders, during the COVID-19 pandemic. First Alarm Wellness was able to support staff during a time of uncertainty with on-call behavioral health services as well as crisis management services.

**AUGUST:** MFD implemented its Fuel Reduction Program to identify areas that pose a threat to the environment and public. These areas are identified as: overgrown masses of vegetation, downed old growth trees, etc. The goal is to reduce fires and limit the risk to both firefighters and civilians, ultimately decreasing the number of responses to vegetation fires and making resources more available to respond to other calls.





## 2021

**JULY:** The City of Modesto entered into an agreement with the City of Ceres to provide fire protection services. With this agreement, the City of Modesto was able to add one division chief, three battalion chiefs, ten captains (one assigned to the Fire Investigations Unit), nine engineers, twelve firefighters and one fire inspector, ultimately staffing three additional fire stations.

**AUGUST:** The City of Modesto was awarded \$4.2 million through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This grant funded the hiring of nine firefighter positions, which ultimately helped maintain constant staffing to relieve the burden of overtime and additional work hours for firefighters.

**NOVEMBER:** The EMS Division expanded its Advanced Life Support (ALS) program by adding 19 additional paramedics, for a total of 39. These paramedics are trained to assess and deliver advanced care when patients present with medical and traumatic injuries. Fire-based paramedics are all-hazard responders who provide care in areas that ambulance transport paramedics do not provide. Six of our engine companies currently provide ALS services: Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 5, Engine 9, Engine 15 and Engine 29.

## 2022

**FEBRUARY:** The City of Modesto entered into an agreement with the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and the City of Turlock to provide fire administrative services. With these agreements, the City of Modesto has been able to represent both agencies and provide roles and responsibilities of the fire chief, overseeing and administering operations including, but not limited to: budget, training, personnel and facilities.

**JULY:** The City of Modesto entered into an agreement with the City of Ceres, the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and the City of Turlock for fire department training services. The participating agencies realized operational and fiscal efficiencies by sharing resources to deliver a common training platform. The partnership provides training staff, equipment and facilities to meet the training needs of the agencies and better serve the communities.

**SEPTEMBER:** The City of Modesto entered into an agreement with the Salida Fire Protection District to provide fire protection services. With this agreement, the City of Modesto was able to add three captains, three engineers and three firefighters, ultimately staffing one additional fire station.

**NOVEMBER:** MFD established a Type III All-Hazard Incident Management Team, better known as Central Valley IMT, with agencies from Stanislaus County and CalFire Tuolumne Calaveras Unit (TCU). The IMT is deployed as a team of 10-35 trained personnel to manage major and/or complex incidents, as well as incidents that extend into multiple operational periods and require written Incident Action Plans (IAPs). Incidents include, but are not limited to: fires, tornado touchdowns, earthquakes, floods and hostage/standoff situations.



# Community Engagement

The Modesto Fire Department attends and hosts public events year-round for safety, preparedness and emergency response education. Through events such as National Night Out (NNO), guest appearances at schools and scheduling public tours at our stations, we're able to further engage with our community on fire preparedness. Visit [modestogov.com/149/fire-department](http://modestogov.com/149/fire-department) or call 209-572-9590 to learn more about our upcoming events.



# Become a Modesto Firefighter



The men and women who work for the Modesto Fire Department have dedicated their lives to a career that helps others. Professionalism, a “can-do” attitude and sensitivity to community needs are all part of being a successful firefighter in our community.

## HOW TO APPLY:

- During open recruitments, visit the City of Modesto’s “Job Listing” page to apply online and find information on minimum qualifications for each position.
- To be considered for a firefighter trainee position, you must be on the Firefighter Candidate Testing Center (FCTC) list with a passing score AND have received an invitation to apply.
- If you meet the minimum qualifications for a lateral firefighter position, you may apply in lieu of firefighter trainee.

For more information, visit [modestogov.com/212/Become-a-Firefighter](https://www.modestogov.com/212/Become-a-Firefighter)



# MST

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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### WHY DO WE EXIST?

TO SERVE, PROTECT, AND PARTNER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

### HOW DO WE BEHAVE?

- Honesty and trust that preserves public confidence
- Professional customer service
- Lead in innovation and training
- A team whose members are empowered and enthusiastic in their service
- Role models in our community and leaders in our profession

### WHAT DO WE DO?

Provide all risk fire and administrative services to the communities of Modesto, Ceres, Oakdale, Oakdale Fire District, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District, Turlock and Salida

### HOW WILL WE SUCCEED?

Be Innovative | Be Progressive | Results Driven | Transparent

*Proudly Serving, Protecting, and Partnering for a Safer Community*



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