Fire Chief's Message

I am pleased to introduce the Fremont Fire Department’s 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report provides an update on major initiatives, highlights significant events, and notes progress on performance measures in alignment with our existing and forthcoming update to the Department’s Strategic Plan. I would like to thank the community, members of the department, and volunteers for all that we accomplished in 2018.

Respectfully,

Curtis P. Jacobson
Fire Chief

Technical Rescue

In 2018, the FFD responded to several “Technical Rescues” including:
- Arborist trapped in 50’ palm tree
- Seizure patient in a confined space
- Worker pinned in a trench
- Employee trapped in a cement silo

The most memorable was a 92 year old man who survived a 30 foot fall into a water well. Fremont Firefighters Local 1689 then returned off duty to rebuild the pump shed and make it safe.

Mutual Aid

Requests continue to increase and this year we spent over 21,000 hours assisting other communities;
- Camp Fire in Paradise, the most destructive fire in CA history
- Hurricane Florence in N. Carolina as part of a Federal rescue team
- Carr Fire in Redding and Mendocino Complex where we spent 3 straight weeks

Firefighters bring back lessons learned and ensure the Mutual Aid System will be there when Fremont needs it.

VALUES
Integrity | Cooperation | Professionalism
Dedication | Leadership | Respect

VISION STATEMENT
Building upon a legacy of excellence and leadership

MISSION STATEMENT
“To prevent and minimize the loss of life and property threatened by the hazards of fire, medical and rescue emergencies, hazardous material incidents, and disaster situations within the community”

Apparatus

We take great pride in our safe and modern fleet:
- 16 Fire Engines, including 3 brand new Pierce Type 1s
- 3 Tiller Aerial Trucks
- Air/light unit for incident support
- 2 Rescue Boats including a new 21’ Zodiac for SF Bay response
- Technical Rescue, OES Type 1
- Hazardous Materials, Type 2
- 6 off-road engines, including the new Type 3 shown below

Fire Prevention
Hazardous Materials

The addition of 2 staff positions has allowed us to make great strides meeting our inspection commitments.
- Conducted 754 inspections in multi-family residential complexes, schools and institutional facilities
- Engine and Truck Companies inspected another 282 businesses
- Reviewed 829 Business Plans in over 300 high hazard facilities
- Annual Wildland/Urban Interface management on 443 parcels
- Trained 6 new arson investigators

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Incident volume citywide has risen 16% in the last 5 years. In the same period, incidents in the Warm Springs Innovation District have risen 52% as the area continues to grow and develop.

Increased street traffic and incident volume have impacted our travel time (+17 seconds) to emergencies and our ability to arrive within our 5:30 standard (-6%). We are looking at new technology solutions to help us choose the most efficient route and a quicker arrival time.

A 3-person Paramedic Engine or Truck company is en route to a medical emergency within an average of 1 minute and 27 seconds from time of dispatch. Day or night, every day of the year.

The Fire Department logged more than 54,500 training hours in 2018, that's more than 325 hours per Firefighter! The largest segment can be attributed to an emphasis on driver training leading up to a test in November that saw 16 brand new Engineers promoted, our biggest group ever!

Fremont FD is an all-risk agency and responds to a wide variety of incidents. These values are in line with local and National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) averages.