



# City of Paso Robles

## Department of Emergency Services 2013 Annual Report

900 Park St. ♦ Paso Robles, CA ♦ 93446

### 2013 Quick Stats

EMS	2,217 (75%)
Service Call	418 (14%)
Fire	136 (5%)
False Alarm	110 (4%)
Haz. Condition	87 (3%)

**Total Calls 2,968**



### *About the Department*

Emergency Services is made up of 23 men and women dedicated to the life and property safety of the community's 30,000 residents and numerous visitors. The bulk of the Department's members are assigned to shift work in order to provide round-the-clock protection. The actual number of people working each day is between 6 and 7, depending on availability, and 1 on-call chief officer. The Department operates from 2 locations to minimize response time and handle the volume of work.

## C.E.R.T.

Along with other area fire departments, Emergency Services provides substantial support to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Paso Robles graduated another class in 2013, bringing the total number of North County CERT members to 344. More information on the program can be found at:

[www.northslococert.org](http://www.northslococert.org)



## Fire Engine Replacement

In late 2013, the City Council authorized replacement of one of the Department's two primary fire engines. The new one replaced a twelve year old engine that had accumulated 100,000

miles. The Department expects to soon replace its other front-line engine having similar wear. Engines are critical to the service provided. Engines transport workers and all the tools needed for a

wide variety of calls.



## Technical Rescue Team

The Department of Emergency Services and the Atascadero Fire Department teamed up to provide service in low-frequency/high-hazrd rescues. This bond was further strengthened in 2013. The combination of



specialty skilled responders benefits both communities at a minimum of cost. All services are provided with existing fire-fighters. High/low angle, water, and confined space are examples of the team's rescue work.

## 2013 Incident Detail

### EMS Responses - 2,217

Medical	2,094	94%
Traffic	112	5%
Entrapment	11	<1%

### Service Call - 414

Public svc. assist	346	84%
Smoke check	65	16%
Other	3	<1%

### Fire Responses - 136

Building	35	26%
Vehicle	20	15%
Vegetation	41	30%
Other	40	29%

### False Alarm - 110

Alarm activation	69	63%
Smoke detector	27	25%
Other	14	13%

### Other Responses - 91

HazMat	30	33%
Electrical	14	15%
Other	47	52%

# Non-Emergency Service Activities

The Department provides services beyond emergency response. The major objective here is to reduce the likelihood or impact of emergencies. Much of that work occurs through enforcement of the State Fire Code. Construction plans' reviews, construction inspections, and recurring inspections of commercial properties help to ensure public safety.

The Department also conducts public education with the intent of helping people understand how to avoid emergencies and how to react when they occur.

Lastly, the Department spends a great deal of its time engaged in training. Training is intended to see that all members are prepared to respond to the wide variety of community emergency needs.

### Fire Safety

Engine co. fire inspections	729
Fire code violations found	342
Auto. sprinkler permits	103
Other permits	26
Plan checks	129
Construction inspections	387

### Public Education

Pub. education events	230
Public education hours	416

### Training

Training classes/courses	2,075
Training hours	3,796
Avg. hrs. per Firefighter	181



# Red Cross Recognizes Paso Robles Firefighters

The San Luis Obispo Chapter of the American Red Cross recently recognized three Paso Robles firefighters as "First Responder Heroes" for their daring rescue on August 1.

A 16 year-old male, traveling at an estimated 100 MPH, ran his vehicle into a power pole. The vehicle came to rest part-way up the pole, which had been sheared off due to the force of the collision. Several power lines were down and laying across the vehicle.

A fire in the engine compartment began immediately. Bystanders could only discharge portable fire extinguishers at a distance and to no avail. The victim was conscious,

screaming, and unable to exit the vehicle due to his injuries. The engine company, consisting of Paramedic/Captain Randy Harris, Firefighter/Paramedic John Prickett, and Firefighter Jason Cox, quickly assessed the situation. The rapidly advancing fire could not be extin-

guished and a power company response was estimated at 15 minutes. The engine company determined immediate action was required to save the victim—regardless of the personal risk represented. The extrication was successful and no one was injured.

