



# FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2016 saw more than a few changes for Fire Station 20, with plans being completed that will update and reconfigure the living quarters, office and kitchen areas with little change to the face of the now historic station that was first constructed in 1948.



## Station Remodel

The remodel of the fire station is slated to begin with the adoption of a contractor's bid that is still out to competitive process as of the writing of this newsletter. The newly-remodeled fire station will house the same number of personnel; (1) Captain, (1) Fire apparatus engineer, and (1) Firefighter. The new fire engine that arrived in 2015, capable of pumping more than 1500 gallons of water per minute, is furnished with a wide variety of medical gear including Automatic External Defibrillator and standard basic life support equipment that exceeds the Fresno County Emergency Medical Authority minimums. It even has the ability to administer emergency procedures for pets in the event of a fire! Engine 20 is also outfitted with a variety of tools that assist during weather-related emergencies as well as a full complement of auto-extrication and rescue equipment including the Jaws of Life.

## Calls for Service

2016 was a year that saw the call volume for the station decrease as a whole very slightly; however, there were still 92 calls for fires\* within the district and the requests for service-related incidents increased by nearly 22% respectively. Calls for Emergency Medical Assistance remain as the greatest demand on the equipment and personnel.

\* This includes calls for all fire types including false alarms.

Collectively, your Fire Department was able to meet our response time goal of less than four minutes 87% of the time within the district, with an average time of 3.48 minutes!

## Smoke Detectors

The Fresno City Fire Department would like to remind everyone within the District to please take the time to check your smoke detectors. They are your first line of defense in the event of a fire within your home. Three out of five deaths in residential fires occur in properties without working smoke detectors. More than one-third (38%) of home fire deaths result from fires where no smoke detector was present. The risk of dying in a house fire is cut in half when the home has a working smoke detector.



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**Don't Wait —  
Check the Date!**

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.  
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

**1**

Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.



**2**

Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

**3**

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.



**4**

Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

For more information about “Check the date before it is too late,” go to:

[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/smoke\\_alarms.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/smoke_alarms.html)

Looking for more information? Go to [www.figgardenfire.org](http://www.figgardenfire.org) for more information, tips and stats about your Fire Department.