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Who is Santa Cruz County Fire?

We are approximately 80 volunteers comprising five volunteer companies in rural Santa Cruz county. Operationally we train and respond as a single team with Cal Fire to all types of fire, emergency and medical incidents in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz county. Under mutual aid agreements, we also respond to adjoining fire districts. Many of our volunteers go on to become career firefighters.

Our five (5) volunteer fire companies are located at:

- *Loma Prieta (Hwy. 17 summit)
- *South Skyline (Hwy. 35 by Castle Rock State Park)
- *Bonny Doon
- *Corralitos
- *Davenport

Each company has its own fire station except for Corralitos, which is co-located at the Cal Fire Corralitos station – one of the five Cal Fire stations in Santa Cruz county.

Our funding comes from the CSA 48 (County Service Area) fee shown on local property tax bills. This fee is restricted and can only be spent for Santa Cruz County Fire. It pays for all of our engines (over \$500k each!), rescue vehicles, water tenders, and personal protective equipment (PPE \$2k per firefighter) including helmets, turnouts and wildland gear. It also pays Cal Fire under contract to provide training and administrative support for our five volunteer fire companies, as well as staffing two(2) firefighters for continuous 24 hour coverage at the five (5) local Cal Fire stations during the non-fire season.

In 2017 <the last 12 months? 2018 so far?> we responded with approximately <?> volunteer hours to a total of <?> incidents.

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These included the <list of major fires in the area>, <other notable incidents>.
<In South Skyline/Loma/BD/Corralitos/Davenport we responded to ?? residences for medical emergencies and ?? fires>

<Community activities for families like 'touch a truck'>
<CERT sponsorship/assistance?>
<what else can we add here that hits home locally?>