



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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### Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

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**Subject :** Humboldt Bay Fire Annual Statistics

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Humboldt Bay Fire is releasing its annual statistics for incidents and estimated dollar losses. Overall Humboldt Bay Fire saw an increase of approximately 4% in total calls for service over the previous year.

There were 29 fewer structure fires in 2014 than 2013, however, the number of fatalities increased. In 2014 two people succumbed as the result of fire, with one fatality in 2013.

The number of vehicle fires was up last year as compared to the previous year. Vegetation fires declined slightly from 58 in 2013 to 55 in 2014.

Medical aid responses remained nearly identical with a decline of only one incident in 2014.

The most significant changes in all types of incidents were found to be in the categories of False alarms/Smoke Responses as well as Service Calls/Lift Assists. Humboldt Bay Fire responded to 91 more false alarms/smoke responses in 2014 than we did in the previous year. Service Calls and Lift Assists increased by 98 additional responses in 2014.

It should also be noted that Humboldt Bay Fire responded to neighboring agencies or assisted in coverage of neighboring jurisdictions 30 times last year and 27 times in 2013. The estimated dollar losses between the two year comparisons decreased in 2014 by \$300,000.

## Humboldt Bay Fire 2014/2013 Comparison

	2014	2013	Difference
Structure Fires	71	100	-29
Fatalities	2	1	1
Vehicle Fires	34	25	9
Vegetation Fires	55	58	-3
Refuse/Outside			
Fires-Other	119	107	12
Rescue/Extrication	10	15	-5
Medical Aids	3,409	3,410	-1
Hazardous Materials			
Responses/Conditions	186	168	18
Auto/Mutual Aid			
Response	30	27	3
False Alarms/Smoke			
Response/Dispatched			
and Cancelled En-			
route	1,138	1,047	91
Service Call/Lift			
Assists	492	394	98
Other Calls For			
Service	35	32	3
Estimated Dollar Loss	\$1.2 million	\$1.5 million	\$-0.3 million
Totals Calls	5,579	5,383	196

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