



Community Information Newsletter – February 2023

As I write this newsletter, we are once again dealing with a significant winter storm here in Amador County, specifically the upcountry area. With heavy snow and strong winds comes an uptick in emergency calls for service and your Lockwood Volunteer Firefighters have been responding to multiple calls including; vehicle accidents, structure fires, medical aides, and other emergencies. Emergency response in heavy snow and adverse weather conditions is challenging at best and I ask that our residents please plan ahead and stay home during these storms.

On a much brighter note, at our last Board of Directors meeting we reviewed our annual report for 2022 and I have included a few highlights below.

Total Service Calls that Lockwood FPD responded to in 2022:

Vegetation Fires	8
Structure Fires	17
Other Fires	28
Vehicle Accidents	40
Medical	201
Haz Mat	6
Public Assists	51
Other	9

Total Calls = 360

The National Fire Protection Association has determined that 14 minutes is an acceptable response time in rural areas such as Lockwood. We are proud to say that we are currently beating that threshold by averaging a 10-minute response time. Additionally, 273 of these calls were within the jurisdiction of Lockwood FPD and 87 calls responded to mutual aid outside the district boundaries to neighboring jurisdictions. In the past, our neighboring jurisdictions had concerns that we were not reciprocating mutual aid. That has since been resolved as is clearly indicated in our response data. Please visit www.lockwoofire.org for the full report.

Thank you all for the continued support!

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