

# Yreka City Newsletter

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## Important Numbers

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Police Department  
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Public Works  
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Tom Amaral  
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Councilmember

David Simmen  
Councilmember

Jason Darrow  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Michael Pavlik  
City Treasurer

## Yreka Police Department - Back to School & Traffic Safety

By: Lieutenant Rick Berwick

The time has come again for our young people to head back to school. I am sure the summer was too short for most of them.

There will be numerous kids walking or riding bikes to school. As drivers, we need to remember to be on extra alert because children may dart out into the street at a moment's notice.

Speeding cars colliding with a person walking or riding a bike will most likely result in serious injury or death and none of us wants that to happen. So please slow down, especially around the schools.



Children need to remember to walk on the sidewalk and look both ways before crossing the street. Use the crosswalks and make sure any oncoming cars are going to stop before stepping out in front of them.

Parents, if your child is one of the many kids riding a bike to school, remember, they must wear a helmet. A bike helmet is the most important piece of biking equipment.

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## Yreka Volunteer Fire Department



### Who We Are...

The Yreka Volunteer Fire Department began as the Siskiyou Hook & Ladder Company Number 1 in 1856. At that time, all of the engines and equipment were privately owned by the 30 volunteer members of the company. In 1924, the Siskiyou Hook & Ladder Company was officially reorganized as the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

The tradition of a Volunteer Fire Department has been preserved for its entire 152-year history. Today, the Department is authorized to have 50 volunteers; however, the active roster consists of about 30 members. The operations and volunteers of the Department are managed by an Executive Board, which is comprised of 7 members: Joe Suter, Chief; Jerry Lemos, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief; Robert Goyeneche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief; Rick Bettis, Mike Adams, Rick Dean and Chuck Faultner. Mike Mallory is the Department's Secretary/Treasurer.

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## Yreka Police Department - Back to School & Traffic Safety

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Helmets are to be worn at all times, even for short trips. They can save a life. Bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road that drivers of cars do. You must ride as close to the curb as possible and ride in the same direction as traffic. Ride your bike as though you were driving a car. For your own safety

and others, be sure to stop at all red lights and stop signs, yield to oncoming traffic, and obey street signs. It is best to walk your bike through busy intersections.

Remember to watch for road hazards such as potholes, glass, and sand.

Also watch for parked vehicles entering traffic and car doors opening unexpectedly.

The members of the Yreka Police Department hope that each child will be safe on their way to and from school and that they have an enjoyable new school year.



## Yreka Volunteer Fire Department

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### What We Respond To...

Yreka's volunteer firefighters respond to an average of 981 incidents per year. Last year, the Fire Department received 1,117 calls which averages out to 93 per month. The Yreka Fire Department responds to situations outside the city providing mutual aid. Volunteers are called away from work or family an average of three times every day to respond to 911 emergency calls. Currently, 80% of all calls the Fire Department responds to are medical-related. The rise in 911 emergency (and non-emergency medical) calls is one of the major challenges facing the Fire Department.

### Intruder Pumper Truck

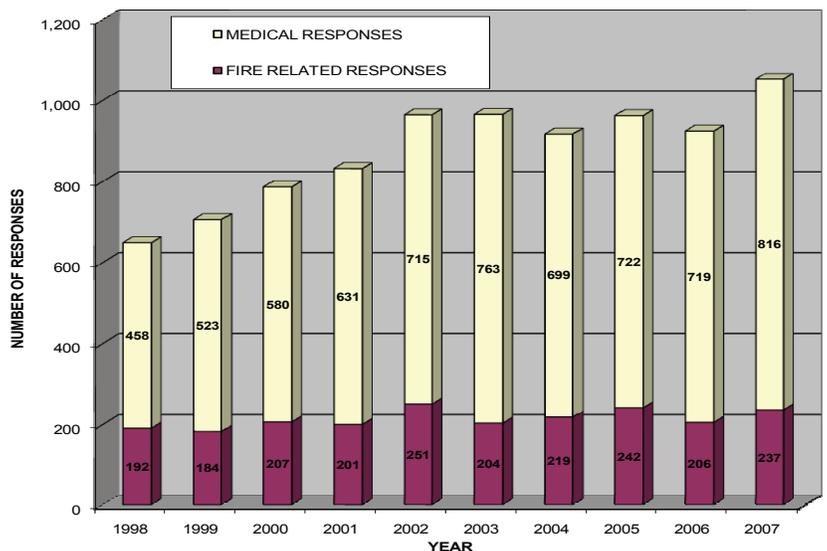
### Measure H (Fire Tax)...

In November of 2006, a two-thirds voter majority approved a special property-based assessment known as the fire tax. This tax enables the Fire Department to purchase capital equipment. With the revenue from the fire tax, the City was able to secure a 10-year loan for \$1,091,964 in order to purchase a four-wheel-drive Intruder Pumper Truck and a Quint Aerial Ladder Truck as well as the related hoses and supplies to outfit the engines.



### Quint Aerial Ladder Truck

### Fire Department 10-Yr Response History



If you would like to help ensure Yreka's fire safety, you can make a donation to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department or call City Hall at 841-2386 for more information.