



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



MORGAN HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



The Morgan Hill Fire Department (MHFD) takes great pride in providing Protection of Life, Property, and the Environment through our core values of Customer Service, Performance, and Professionalism. Our City Council supports our mission with its commitment to public safety as a top priority.

We are fortunate to have employee diversity from all over California serving in the MHFD. Each member of our department has chosen public service as his or her profession and has chosen to work in Morgan Hill. We will continue our efforts to make Morgan Hill safe for our residents, businesses, and guests by providing and enhancing services to meet future needs.

The MHFD provides the Morgan Hill community with high quality fire, EMS, and fire marshal services. Just like many cities in California, we will face challenges in meeting increased service demand. We encourage our community to join in on the communication regarding the expectations of your fire department. We encourage your continued support and engagement to build partnerships with our fire team to enhance the quality of life in Morgan Hill.

Baraka Carter
Fire Chief



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ABOUT US

Mission

Committed to the Protection of Life, Property, and the Environment through Performance, Preparedness, and Prevention.

Vision

The Morgan Hill Fire Department will be recognized as a fire service leader through innovative programs focusing on regionalization, community preparedness, education, and youth programs while delivering exceptional emergency and non-emergency services.

Values

Customer Service • Performance • Professionalism

History and Overview

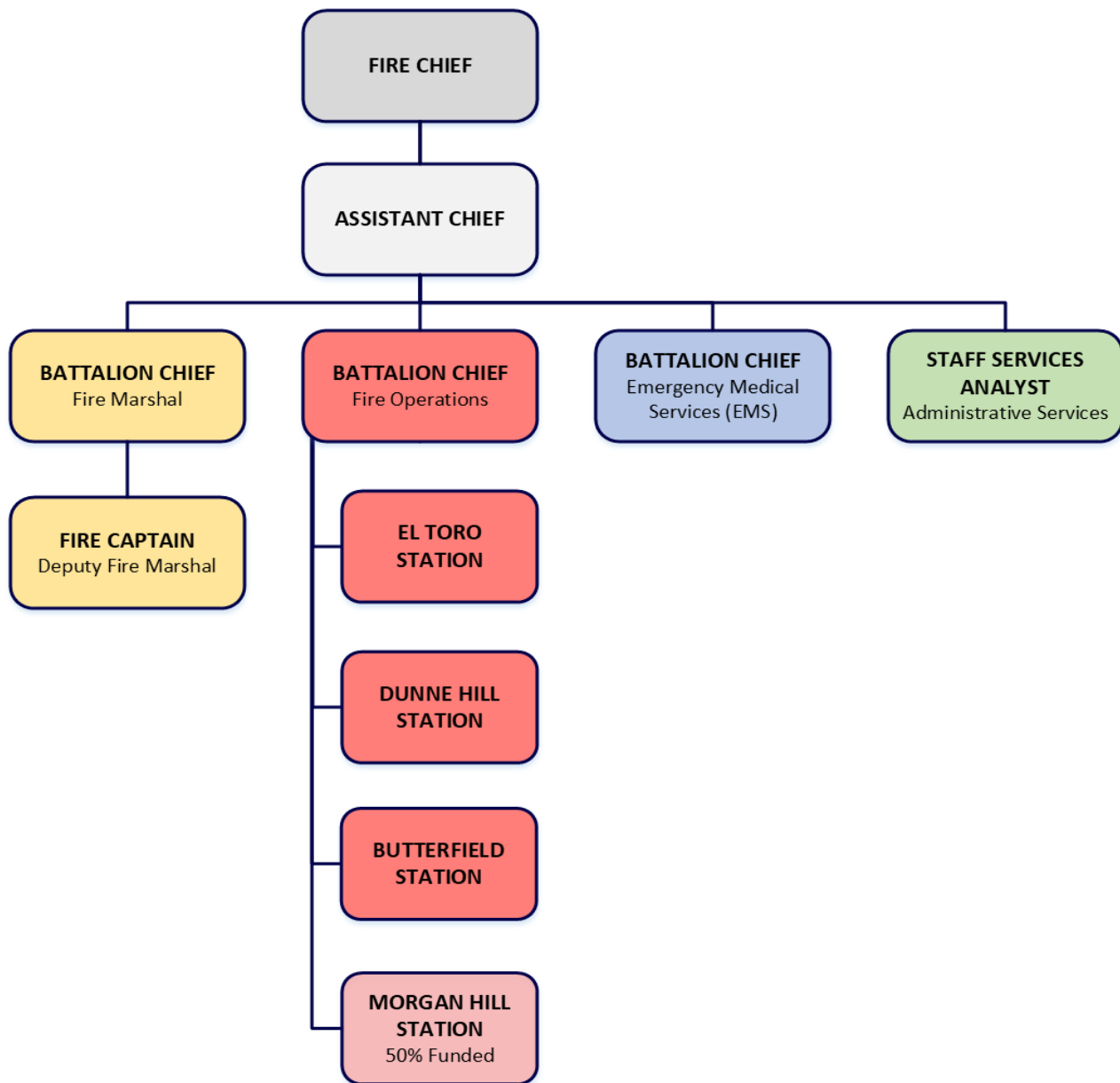
The Morgan Hill Fire Department was established on January 17, 1907, by ordinance #14 of the Morgan Hill City Council and disbanded in 1995. Fire Protection Services were provided by the Santa Clara County Fire Department from 1995 to 2013.

In January 2013, Morgan Hill reconstituted its fire department, ending a contract with Santa Clara County Fire Department and entered into an agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to provide staffing and administrative services for both fire protection and emergency medical services within the city.

Morgan Hill's fire personnel works a 66-hour shift and are currently quartered at 3 stations. Our highly trained and motivated firefighters provide emergency services for residential, commercial and wildland firefighting; medical emergencies; automobile and technical rescue; and other hazardous conditions.

The department is proud of its abilities to provide services for all emergencies that arise in the area with an Insurance Standards Office (ISO) rating of Class 3 on the valley floor and Class 3X in areas more than 5 miles from the nearest fire station or more than 100 feet from the nearest fire hydrant.

ORGANIZATION CHART



MHFD LEADERSHIP

Fire Chief
Baraka Carter

Assistant Chief
Carlos Alcantar

Battalion Chief – Fire Marshal
Vacant

Battalion Chief – Fire Operations
Vacant

Battalion Chief – EMS
David Riley

STATIONS & CALL VOLUME

STATION 57 18300 OLD MONTEREY ROAD

Call Type	#
Vegetation Fires	22
Structure Fires	23
Other Fires	315
Medicals	2,026
Hazards	73
Others	221
TOTAL	2,680



Home Of:
Engine 57, Squad 59,
Truck 57, and Rescue Medic 58

STATION 58 2100 EAST DUNNE AVENUE



Home Of:
Engine 58 and Engine 158

Call Type	#
Vegetation Fires	20
Structure Fires	18
Other Fires	176
Medicals	817
Hazards	58
Others	72
TOTAL	1,161

STATIONS & CALL VOLUME

STATION 59 17285 BUTTERFIELD BOULEVARD

Expected
Opening of
Early 2025



Future Home Of:
Engine 59

STATION 67 15670 MONTEREY ROAD



50% Funded by
the City of Morgan Hill

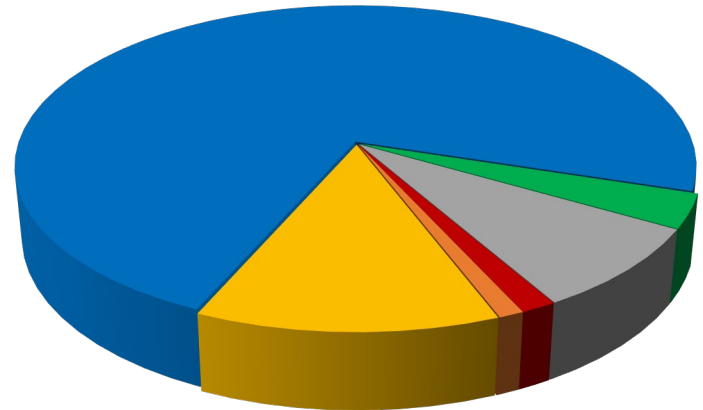
Home Of:
Engine 67 and Water Tender 67

Call Type	#
Vegetation Fires	49
Structure Fires	24
Other Fires	290
Medicals	1,744
Hazards	84
Others	232
TOTAL	2,423

STATIONS & CALL VOLUME

2024 Calls for Service

Call Type	#
Vegetation Fires	91
Structure Fires	65
Other Fires	781
Medicals	4,587
Hazards	215
Others	525
TOTAL	6,264



■ Vegetation Fires 1% ■ Structure Fires 1%
■ Other Fires 12% ■ Medicals 73%
■ Hazards 3% ■ Others 8%

2024 Response by Resources

Call Type	E57	TK57	SQD59	E58	E67
Vegetation Fires	15	8	3	20	39
Structure Fires	16	9	3	21	22
Other Fires	199	117	7	152	227
Medicals	533	253	1,481	727	1,634
Hazards	53	20	1	53	80
Others	134	83	23	62	216

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH



The Morgan Hill Fire Department has been actively involved in community outreach and education throughout the year. Our involvement has included multiple community events, presentations, and school visits all with a focus on fire prevention education. Using our platform as a fire department has allowed an increased level of engagement and awareness for our residents. It is our goal to continue sharing our knowledge in a variety of life safety and fire prevention topics over the next year while also implementing a new educational program into schools.

Major events we have been involved in:

- Leadership Morgan Hill "Reveal" Event
- Easter Egg Hunt at Magical Bridge
- AAUW Earth Day Festival
- Open Streets Morgan Hill
- Family Health and Wellness Fair
- Freedom Fest Parade
- National Night Out
- PVEA Car Show
- City of Morgan Hill Health Fair
- Home Depot Kids Workshop
- LATI Community Resource Fair
- Morgan Hill Lights Parade



2024 Public Outreach Data



76 hours
Public Contacts



33
Outreach Events

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

The Morgan Hill Fire Marshal's Office provides technical information, advice and recommendations regarding enactment, amendment, repeal, and enforcement of fire prevention and suppression ordinances and regulations within the City. In cooperation with the City, the Fire Marshal's Office enforces and provides services required by the Morgan Hill Municipal Code and mandated by the State and Federal government, including brush abatement inspections in the Wildland Urban Interface.

The Fire Marshal's Office is committed to the protection of life and property through the development and application of fire prevention engineering, education and enforcement.

The Morgan Hill Fire Marshal's Office provides planning input for developers, plan checking and inspection services at the various levels required by the City of Morgan Hill. Plan checks for all specialized fire detection and suppression systems are performed by outside resources, while the inspection of these systems is performed by the Fire Marshal's Office personnel and recorded through our Streamline program.



By ensuring the enforcement of all fire prevention laws, regulating the use and maintenance of buildings, codes, and ordinances relative to the protection of life, property, and the environment from fire and unauthorized or accidental hazardous material releases the Morgan Hill Fire Marshal's Office makes the community a safer place for everyone.

2024 Fire Inspection Data



776

Annual Fire Life
Safety Inspections



3,175

Fire Hazard
Severity Zone
Inspections



\$23,700

Bill in False
Alarm Fees

TRAINING & EMS BUREAU

Training Bureau

The Training Bureau is responsible for providing continuous professional training, education, and certification to all personnel. Trainings are focused on providing and maintaining the highest level of quality emergency service for both fire and medical responses to the residents of Morgan Hill. Instructional programs provide operational efficiency with an emphasis on safe operating procedures for our personnel in all aspects of fire and emergency operations.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau



The EMS Bureau is a very dynamic and constantly evolving program, with EMS responses accounting for over 73% of all incidents. The bureau is led by one Battalion Chief, who oversees approximately 14 Paramedics, and 10 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) assigned to Morgan Hill.

It is the responsibility of the EMS Bureau to ensure all EMTs and Paramedics are in good standing with all certifications and licenses, as well as ensuring that they are delivering the highest level of professional EMS services.

2024 Training and EMS Data

 **160 hours**
Required Training
(Per Firefighter)

 **100+ hours**
Department-wide
Training

 **432 hours**
EMS Continuing
Education (CE)

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