



Why support TFPD's proposed Mill levy?

CALL VOLUME

The Telluride Fire Protection District has continued to see a year over year increase in call volume. This includes increases for Fire, EMS, Wildfire, MVA's, Hazmat, and all hazard responses.

Year after year, increased call volume has created a substantial burden on our staff, volunteers, apparatus and equipment.

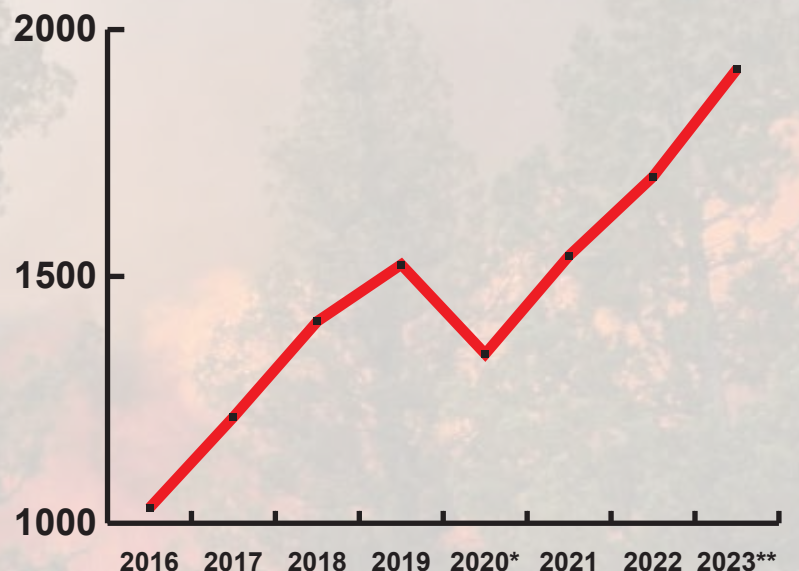
The district transitioned from a volunteer only response model to a formal combination department in early 2021. Our call load was too high for a volunteer only force.

With the current paid staff and volunteer support, the district still struggles to meet national standards on the number of personnel responding to a given incident NFPA 1710. (See 2023 master plan report available at telluridefire.com)

As the Telluride region continues to be a popular place to reside and visit, call volume is expected to increase. New housing projects (Sunny Side, Voodoo, Meadowlark at Mountain Village), commercial projects such as the approved Four Seasons hotel & potential Sixth Sense hotel will contribute to increased full time and visitor numbers. In addition, the region is seeing an exceptional number of single family residences being developed. With this continued development, call volume is expected to grow 10% to 15% annually.

Additional hiring through proactive forecasting and grant utilization fulfilled six full time live in staff positions in 2022. That grant is due to expire in 2025. Funding is needed to continue support for operational staff and provide care at the current levels expected by the public. Volunteer recruitment and retention is a current challenge. The District continues to require funding for training, protective gear, and improved volunteer benefits. Additionally, the district is working to secure housing for volunteers and staff.

Call volume per year



* = Reduced call volume due to covid pandemic

** = Projected for 2023