

# HFD

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HFD expanded their operations in 1975 when the Avondale station was built on the new Hwy 45 Bypass. The reasoning behind having an additional fire station was due to Humboldt being divided by railroad tracks. Trains run through town at all times of the day and night. There was also new industrial development on the northern end of town making for a larger need.

Chief Owens said the fire department answers a call a day and sometime three or more. But not all are structure fires. In fact, structure fires are a small percentage of the calls the

department answers. Many of the calls are fire alarms and most of those are false alarms, but the department answers every alarm as if it is an actual fire. The fire department assists with vehicle wrecks where gasoline or other liquids could be flammable. They also assist the elderly that may have fallen and can't get up or when someone smells smoke or natural gas and call into the station or 911.

Owens said the fire department, police department, rescue squad and EMS all work together as a team for all types of accidents. Humboldt Fire Department has

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*Assistant Chief Lee Kail rolls up his sleeve to get his COVID shot.*

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