

YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION

Yocha Dehe Fire Department

Public Safety is a Priority

The Yocha Dehe Fire Department (YDFD) plays a vital role in emergency response and life safety throughout the Capay Valley and Yolo County by providing fire protection, technical rescue and paramedic emergency services. YDFD proudly serves as a community partner through mutual aid agreements with other fire departments to protect the citizens and land in Yolo County.

When it was formed in 2003, the mission was clear: build a department for the entire community designed to work hand-in-hand with existing resources to provide the best fire and emergency services possible. Since 2004, when Fire Chief Mike Chandler and his staff were recruited, the YDFD has evolved into a state-of-the-art fire station.

Today, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is proud that YDFD is the only Native American fire department to achieve accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and will continue to invest in resources that protect our people, our land and our greater community.

Full-service Fire and Life Safety Response

YDFD provides full-service fire and life safety response to our local community and beyond. Reflecting the Tribe's values and commitment to our neighbors in Yolo County, YDFD makes every effort to open its doors to the local community and partner with the Capay Valley Fire Protection District, Esparto Fire Protection District, Madison Fire Protection District, and CAL FIRE.

YDFD is unique in terms of fire apparatus, personnel qualification/certifications and emergency response vehicle capability. Not only does the YDFD provide basic fire suppression and emergency medical services to the tribal community, Cache Creek Casino Resort, Capay Valley and other areas of Yolo County, but it is also fully equipped to perform technical rescues, such as swift-water rescue, trench rescue, confined-space rescue, low-angle rescue, vehicle extrication rescue and specialized search and rescue.

YDFD has 35 uniformed full-time employees and a full complement of equipment including three engines; rescue, command and utility vehicles; all terrain vehicles (ATVs); and a technical rescue trailer.

The Yocha Dehe Fire Department is guided by the twelve-member Yocha Dehe Fire Commission, which is chaired by Tribal Council Member James Kinter.

More info: <http://www.yochadehe.org/tribal-government/yocha-dehe-fire-department>