

VCFD Dozer



Within the VCFD, bulldozers are referred to as "dozers." The dozer is a three-piece unit consisting of the dozer, the tractor/trailer used to transport it and dozer-tender truck. Dozers have an enclosed, air-conditioned and protected cab for the safety of the operator.

Dozers are used for constructing dozer lines on brush fires. These lines are paths that are scraped free of vegetation to allow firefighters to start backfires or stop the advance of the fire with hose lines. During flooding the dozers are used to create berms or clear debris. They are also used for fire road maintenance, or on construction or demolition

projects. The transport (trailer) can be used to carry a disabled fire engine if needed.

The dozer-tender carries the tools and equipment needed to maintain and support the bulldozer while it is operating in the field. Our Wildland Fire Division also operates other construction equipment such as motor graders, front-end loaders, mowers, etc.

Staffing: The dozer has a two-person crew. The operator drives the transport and operates the bulldozer. The "swamper" drives the dozer-tender and supports the operator.

Radio designation:

Dozer, transport, dozer-tender + number.

i.e.: Dozer 4, Transport 4, Dozer-Tender 4.



