



2022 Annual Report



Fort Myers Fire Department 2022 Retirements

Assistant Chief Valerie Leitschuh
Division Chief George Camargo
Captain Greg Aston
Captain Don Jacob
Captain John Lindsay
Engineer Shanon Daniels
Engineer John Trujilo
Firefighter Alan Leitschuh
Firefighter Gary McCabe

Thank you for your dedication and service!

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Darla Bonk, Ward 6

Command Staff

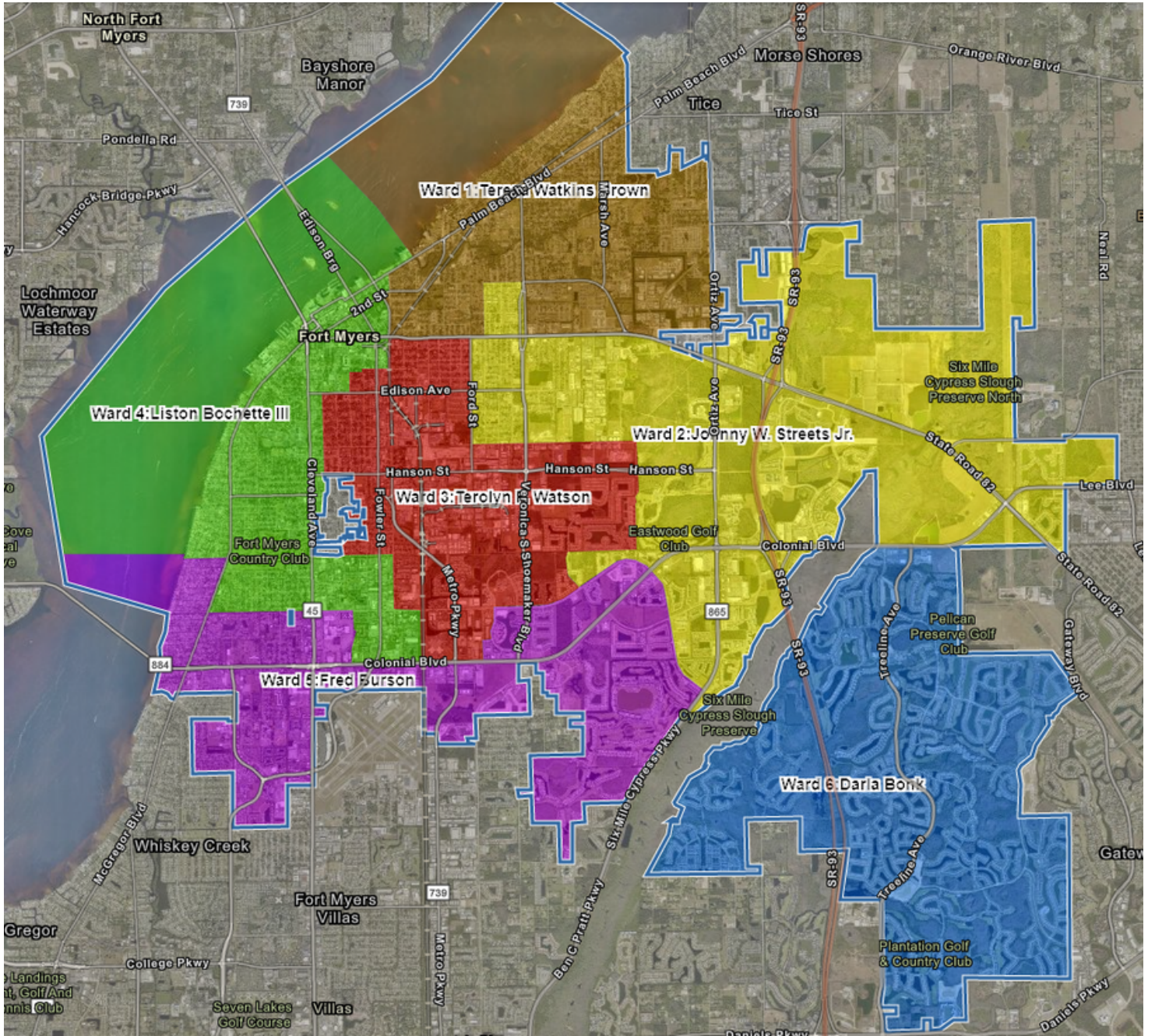
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Tracy McMillion, Fire Chief
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John Lovato, Battalion Chief





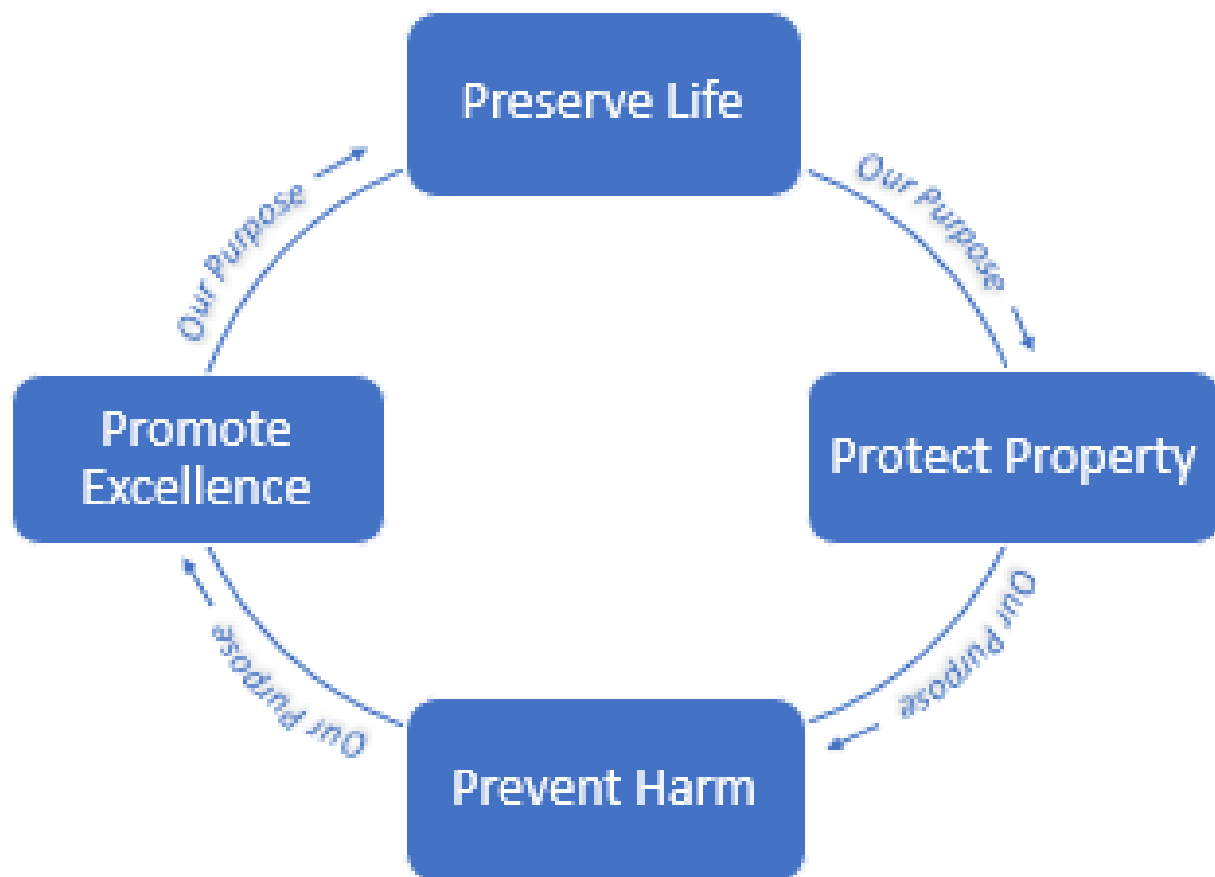
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- 1 - Teresa Watkins Brown
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- 3 - Terolyn P. Watson
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- 6 - Darla Bonk

Our Purpose

We provide fire suppression and emergency services that preserves life and protects property at the most vulnerable times of life. We engage with our community in risk reduction efforts that maximize safety, fire prevention and well-being – because the best way to deal with an emergency is to prevent it.

We promote our culture of excellence through commitment to each other, teamwork, diversity and professional development.



Because Our Community Depends On Us



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2022 QUICK LOOK

 **48.98**

SQ MILES

 **93,625**

POPULATION

 **\$33,870,191**

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

 **2**

ISO CLASS

 **146**

SUPPRESSION EMPLOYEES

 **14**

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

25,861 

TOTAL UNIT RESPONSES*

18,983 

EMERGENCY INCIDENTS*

96.5% 

PROPERTY SAVE PERCENTAGE

40% FIRE / 60% EMS 

FIRE VS EMS INCIDENT TYPES^

5,724 

FIRE INSPECTIONS

53,685 

DEPARTMENT TRAINING HOURS

*Data taken from NFORS program reported from CAD

^ Percentage taken from ESO Reporting Program

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Thank you for taking the time to review the City of Fort Myers Fire Department's 2022 Annual Report. The City of Fort Myers Fire Department continues to collectively seek to provide the highest level of fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical care and professional customer service to the residents, business owners and visitors of our charming City. It is the department's desire to make an impact in our community by preserving life, preventing harm, protecting property, and promoting excellence. We are thankful to the residents, elected officials and city leadership for suppling the resources for our fire department to continue to meet the needs of our city.

Our city fire department's diverse group of women and men's remarkable efforts are bolstered by a robust history, strong positive traditions, and a culture of commitment to the "greater good". This bolstering was needed in 2022 to manage the immense amount of growth within our city, the increased utilization of emergency services, and the mitigation of devastating Hurricane Ian. The City of Fort Myers Emergency Management Division and firefighters were on the frontlines with prevention, response, mitigation and recovery efforts to aid our city and those in need. I am proud of the selflessness, bravery and compassion demonstrated during and after the impact of this major storm. Truly, our fire department played a role in our city's recovery that highlighted strong community resilience, fortitude and dedication.

It is our pleasure to present the City of Fort Myers Fire Department 2022 Annual Report, which illustrates and reflects the hard work and tireless efforts of the firefighters, emergency medical technicians, officers, fire inspectors, emergency management and administrative staff that proudly represent the City of Fort Myers.

Tracy McMillion

Fire Chief

Fort Myers Fire Department



Tracy McMillion
Fire Chief



2022

Staffing Changes:

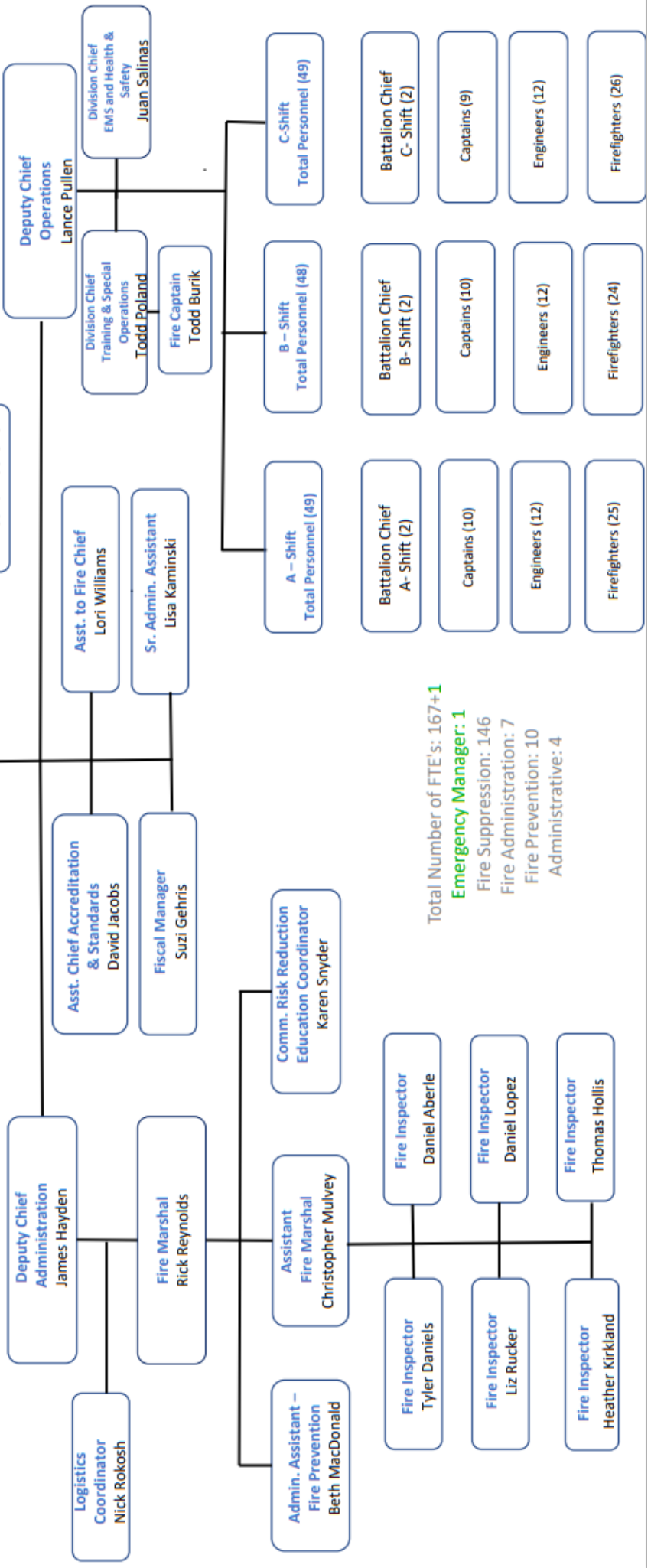
- 28 New Firefighters
- 29 Promotions
- 8 Retirements

Fort Myers Fire Department

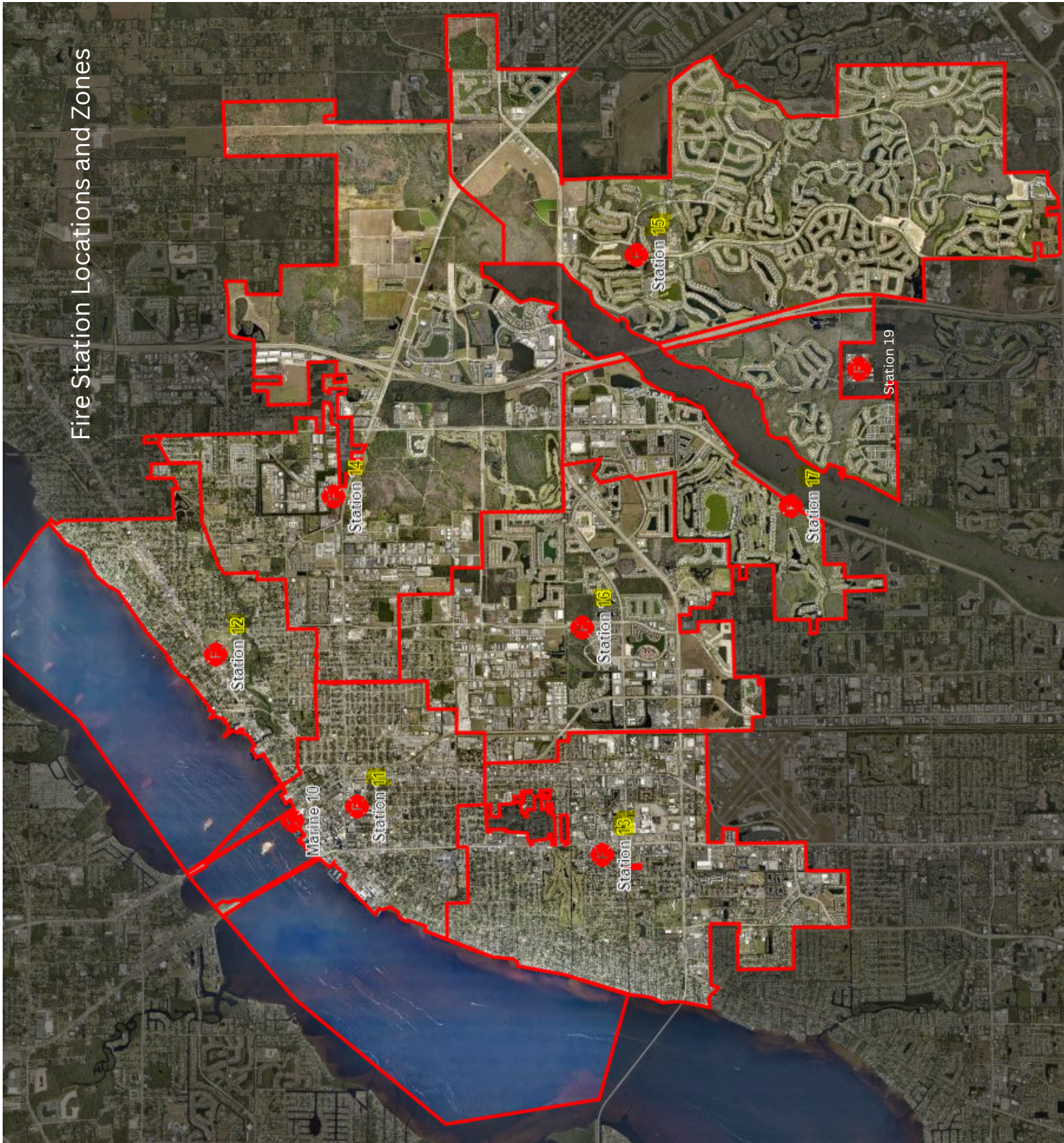


Fire Chief
Tracy McMillion

Emergency Manager
Kristina Mathews



Fire Station Locations and Zones

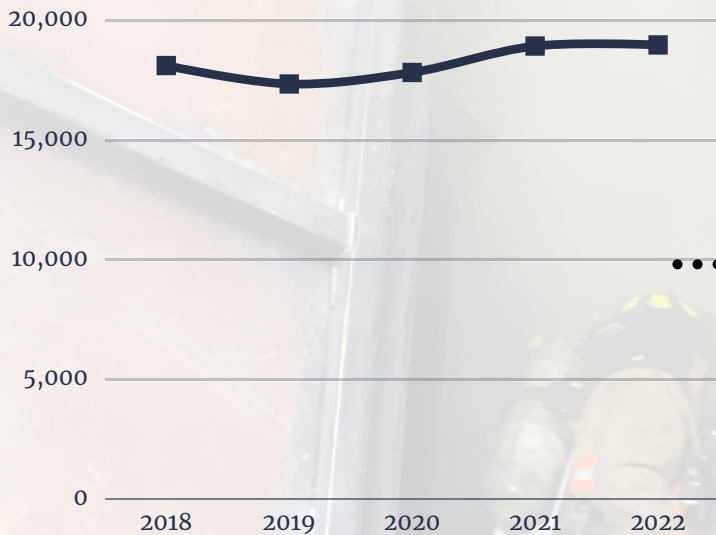




- Opened two new fire stations, Fire Station 17 and Fire Station 19.
- Secured and hired the Emergency Management Coordinator position.
- Created a position of Division Chief of EMS to enhance the department's ability to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care.
- Increased staffing by hiring 28 new firefighters to assist with opening of Fire Station 17 and staffing Rescue 15 and Truck 11.
- Received aid through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. This aid assisted with purchase of training materials and paramedic education assistance.
- Obtained six new Zoll Advanced X Series monitors to provide advance life support care during medical emergencies.
- Placed four new fire engines in-service. Engine 17 & Engine 19 for the opening of new stations and Engine 11 & Engine 12 to replace aging apparatus.
- Completed year one of the 5-year strategic plan.
- Maintained a Public Protection Classification of 2 with the Insurance Services Organization (ISO).
- We implemented a city-wide Hydrant Beautification Program. This program consisted of inspecting and painting all City of Fort Myers hydrants. The program was started on August 1, 2022, and will be completed in 2023.
- Began implementing a third-party portal, Inspection Reports Online (IROL) which allows for collection and follow through of all life safety system inspection reporting and deficiencies.

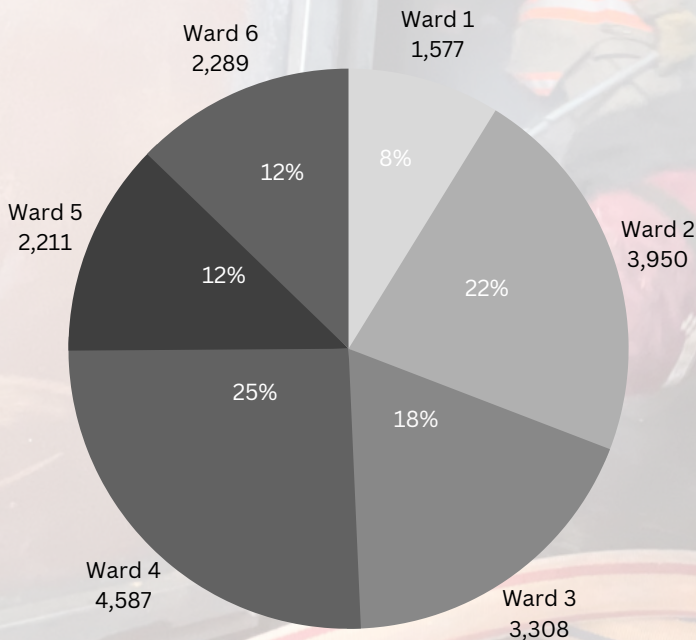
2022 Incident Data

Total Incidents Per Year

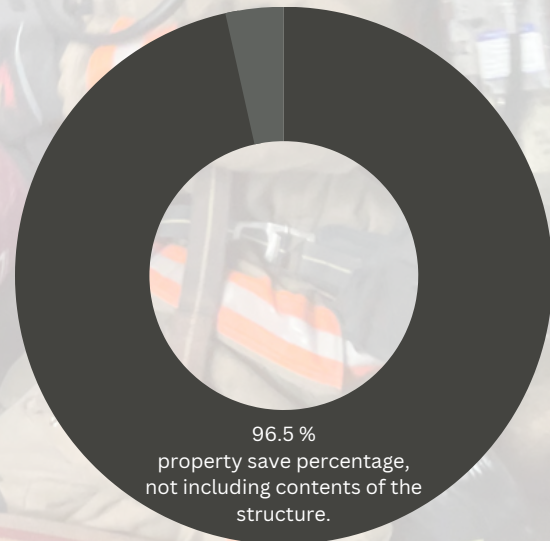


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|------|--------|
| 2022 | 18,983 |
| 2021 | 18,936 |
| 2020 | 17,834 |
| 2019 | 17,352 |
| 2018 | 18,122 |

*Data from NFORS



Property Loss Sum
\$8,886,524



Property Value Sum
\$245,267,154

1,738

Our busiest month was January with 1,738 incidents.

70%

Fires were confined to the room of origin 70% of the time, out of a total of 47 reported incidents.

4.8%

Increase in call volume over 5 years, since 2018.

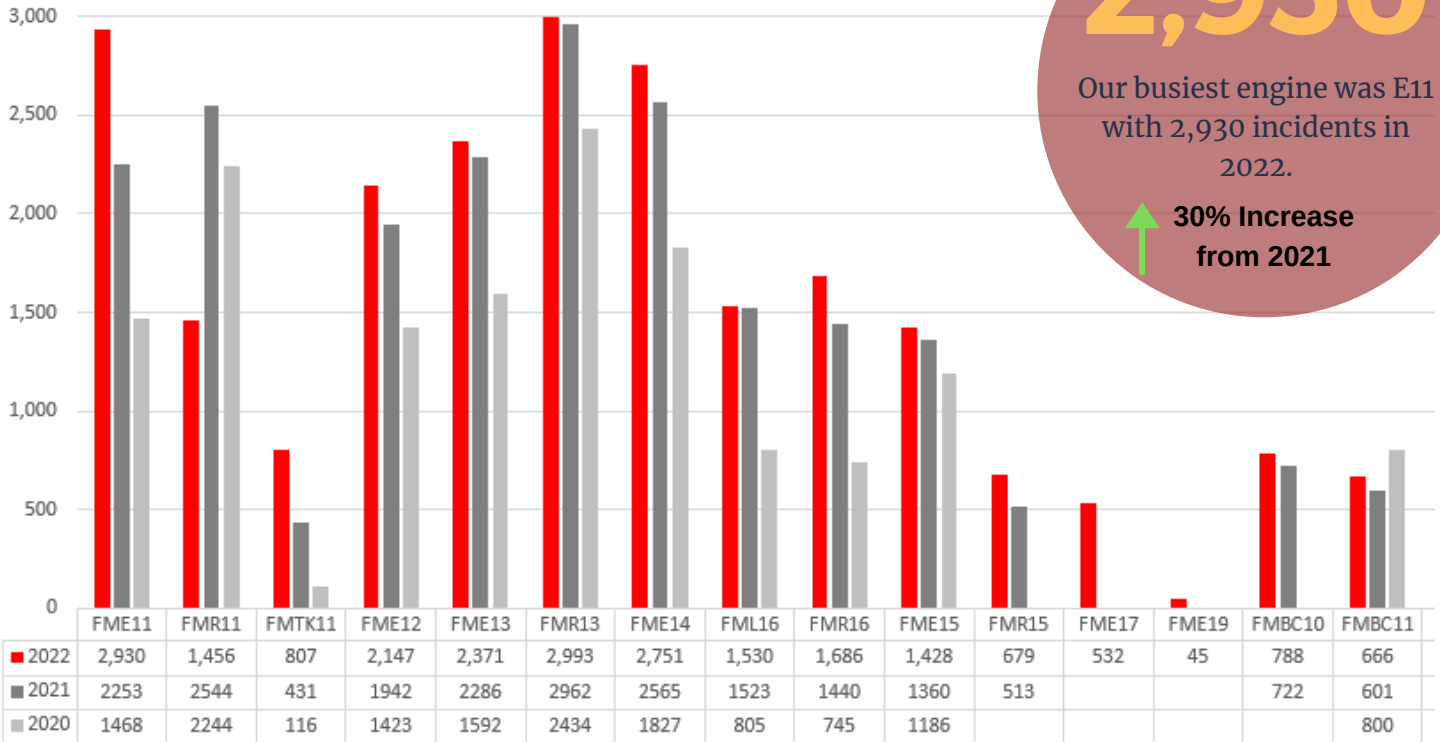
Deployment of Resources

Responses by Unit

2,930

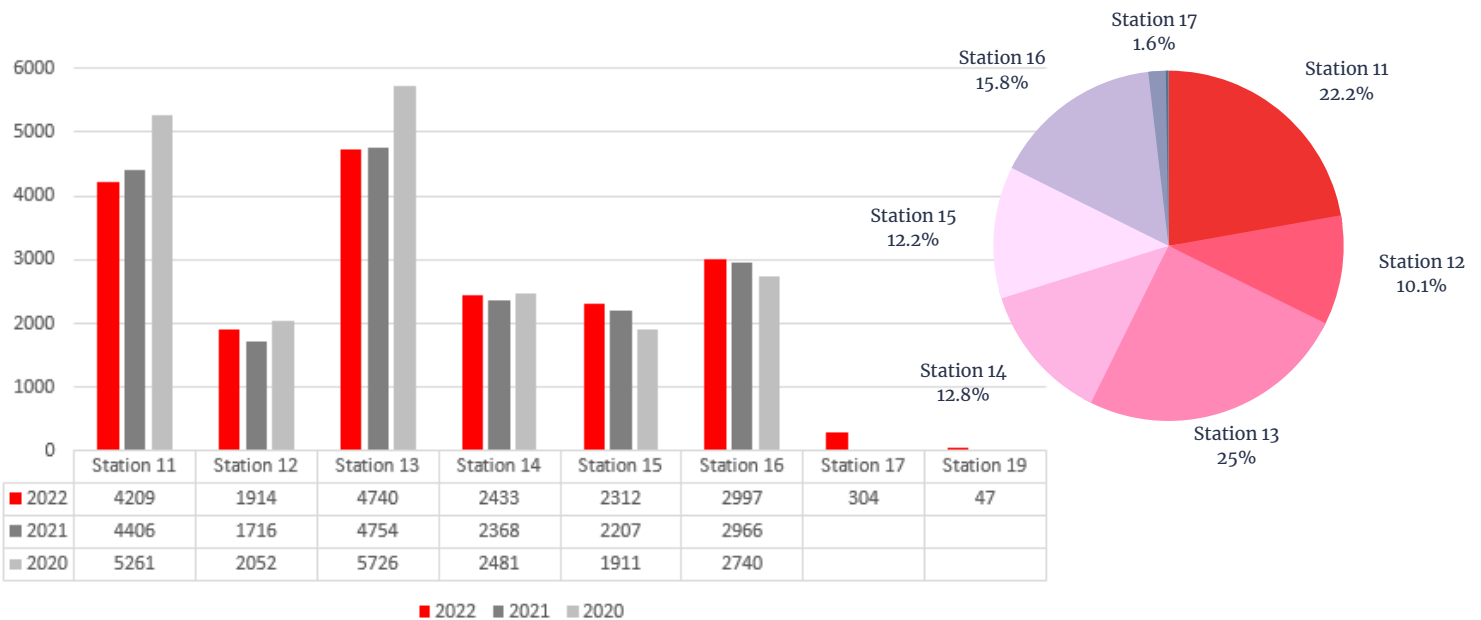
Our busiest engine was E11 with 2,930 incidents in 2022.

↑ **30% Increase from 2021**



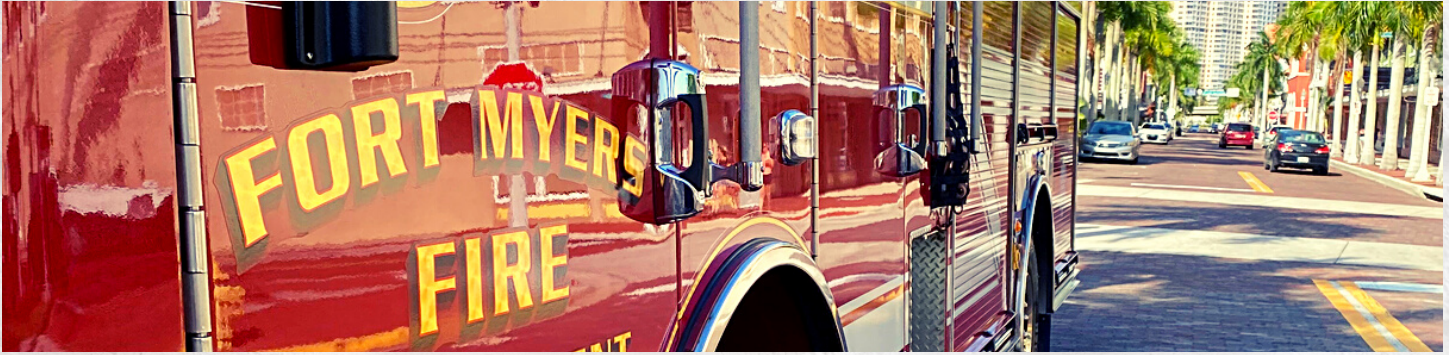
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Incidents by Station Area



*Data From ESO

RESPONSE TIMES



FIRE TURNOUT TIME

(Time unit dispatched to en route)

Fort Myers Fire Department standard is 100 seconds, 90% of the time.

| | |
|------|----------|
| 2022 | 124 sec. |
| 2021 | 121 sec. |
| 2020 | 122 sec. |
| 2019 | 131 sec. |

TURNOUT

Turnout is the time from the first apparatus assigned and notified by dispatch of the incident until the vehicle is moving towards the incident.

Our benchmark standard is 80 seconds for medical and 100 seconds for fire incidents.



EMS TURNOUT TIME

(Time unit dispatched to en route)

Fort Myers Fire Department standard is 80 seconds, 90% of the time.

| | |
|------|----------|
| 2022 | 113 sec. |
| 2021 | 117 sec. |
| 2020 | 123 sec. |
| 2019 | 128 sec. |

FIRE- TOTAL RESPONSE TIME

(911 call to at scene)

Fort Myers Fire Department standard is 10 minutes, 90% of the time.

| | |
|------|-------|
| 2022 | 10:25 |
| 2021 | 10:10 |
| 2020 | 9:25 |
| 2019 | 10:15 |

TOTAL RESPONSE TIME (TRT)

From when the 911 call taker answers the call to the first arriving fire apparatus on priority responses. This time includes three components of response (alarm handling/Dispatch, Turnout, & Travel time).

Our benchmark is 8 minutes, 30 seconds for medical and 10 minutes for fire incidents.

EMS -TOTAL RESPONSE TIME

(911 call to at scene)

Fort Myers Fire Department standard is 8 minutes, 30 seconds, 90% of the time.

| | |
|------|-------|
| 2022 | 8:25 |
| 2021 | 9:35 |
| 2020 | 10:35 |
| 2019 | 8:30 |

FIRE STATION 11, 2033 Jackson Street
.....



BUILT: 2016
WARD: 4
UNITS: BC11, Engine 11, Truck 11, Rescue 11
CALLS: 4,209

FIRE STATION 12, 1035 Terry Street
.....



BUILT: 1978
WARD: 1
UNITS: Engine 12, Marine 10
CALLS: 1,914

FIRE STATION 13, 1915 Jefferson Avenue
.....



BUILT: 1973
WARD: 4
UNITS: Engine 13, Rescue 13
CALLS: 4,740

FIRE STATION 14, 4520 Cummins Court
.....



BUILT: 1992
WARD: 1
UNITS: Engine 14
CALLS: 2,433

FIRE STATION 15, 9700 Treeline Avenue
.....



BUILT: 2005
WARD: 6
UNITS: Engine 15, Rescue 15, Recon 15, HM 15
CALLS: 2,312

FIRE STATION 16, 4000 Veronics S. Shoemaker Blvd.
.....



BUILT: 2007
WARD: 3
UNITS: Battalion 10, Ladder 16, Rescue 16,
CALLS: 2,997

FIRE STATION 17, 11000 Ben C Pratt Six Mile Cypress



BUILT: 2022
WARD: 5
UNITS: Engine 17
CALLS: 304

Station 17 was completed in July 2022 and officially placed in service August 15, 2022. This facility currently houses one Engine Company and stores one of our 1926 American LaFrance Fire Engines. The layout was designed for growth and can house two additional response units. This facility was built with flexibility in mind. Station 17 responds to an area south of Colonial Blvd, previously underserved due to considerable growth in southwest Florida. The crews are positioned to respond to Heritage Palms and many areas of unincorporated Lee County. This position has already shown to be an irreplaceable asset with drastically improved response times.

Key Features:

- Training mezzanine with mock FDC and sprinkler and window openings for laddering and practicing search drills.
- Steam room was incorporated into the decontamination room for firefighter health and wellness.
- The main building was designed with corridor separation from living quarters to the apparatus bay to help insulate the living quarters from harmful carcinogens from apparatus or gear.
- Large high-volume fans were added to the apparatus bay and storage building for adequate air movement.
- This facility will serve the residents in more ways with a community center, built for gatherings or meetings equipped with latest technology.
- Level E critical facility building classification provides safe staging for city resources during emergency activations from natural or man-made disasters.
- A 2500 square foot detached storage facility allows for additional resources and bulk storage of necessary products used in mitigating all hazards.
- A standby diesel generator that allows 96 hours of uninterrupted power at 100% load.

FIRE STATION 19, 11631 Palomino Lane



OPEN: 2022
WARD: 6
UNITS: Engine 19
CALLS: 47

Fire Station 19 opened in August of 2022. This station is a new concept for the City of Fort Myers. It is considered a micro or satellite station concept. The station sits on nearly 3 acres of land with a 1500 square foot home. The property is adequately positioned to respond to the Paseo and Reflection Isles communities, both within the city limits. The station houses three to four personnel with a mini pumper that provides advanced life support and fire suppression capabilities.

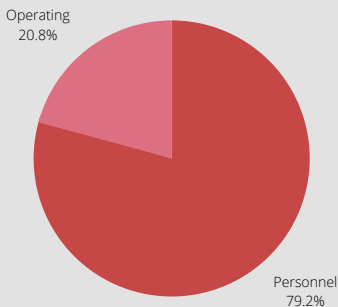
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Suzi Gehris
Fiscal Program Manager



2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget \$33,870,191



Fort Myers Fire Department opened two new Fire Stations in August 2022. Fire Station 17 is a 12,597 square foot station with a 2,585 square foot storage facility housed on a 2.76-acre lot located at 11000 Ben C. Pratt/ Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Station 17 serves the growing areas south of Colonial Blvd and portions of I-75. Fire Station 19 is a very “unique” station that was formerly a residential home converted into a 1,488 square foot “micro-station” that services the Paseo and Reflection Isle enclave. Micro-Station 19 is located at 11631 Palomino Ln., Fort Myers, FL 33912.

Our department continues implementation of numerous capital improvement projects, many of which are fully or partially grant-funded. Ongoing capital improvement projects included ADA improvements to our Fire Station 12, 13 & 16. New capital improvement project was established with a budget of 2 million dollars last fiscal year for Replacement & Relocation of our Training Field. City of Fort Myers sold approximately 47 acres to Suncoast Beverage, including the land where we had our training facility. New training facility will be state-of-the-art and will be near Fire Station 16, located at 4000 Veronica Shoemaker.

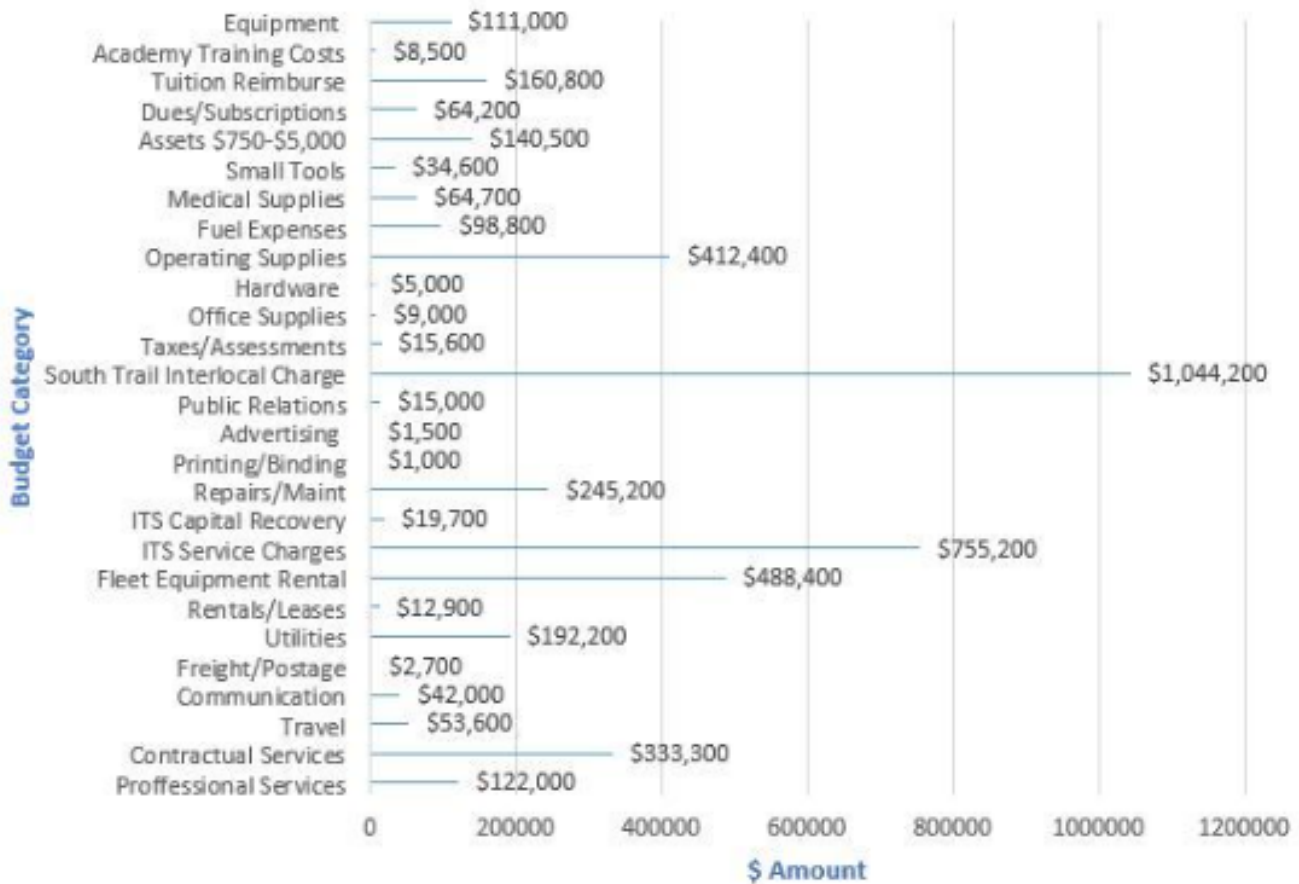
Fort Myers Fire Department is also a recipient of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant which is helping with funding of various much-needed equipment in the amount of \$310,000 with a 10% grant match from our department, as well as recipient of State Homeland Security Grant, which funds sustainment of previously purchased hazardous materials detection equipment and new equipment purchases in the amount of \$36,650 with no match required. Thanks to our grant awards, our department was able to procure SCBA’s, face pieces and a medical simulation manikin. We also received funding for Paramedic class, Haz-Mat Technician class, ICS 300 & ICS 400 classes as well as Aerial Driver/Operator class. In addition, we were able to purchase annual sustainment agreements for majority of our Haz-Mat grant funded equipment.

Lastly, during a budget workshop in July, the City Council voted unanimously to increase the fire assessment fee, as well as update the allocation of calls among property categories based on the calls for service study. The increased fire assessment fee generates approximately \$13.25 million in revenue and represents approximately 40% of our budget. The additional revenue is utilized to alleviate pressure on the general fund, as well as to fund 6 additional firefighter positions for our newly opened Fire Station 19 in addition to paying for additional operating costs associated with the opening of two new Fire Stations.

Personnel Services Budget Breakdown (\$25,990,100)



Operating Budget Breakdown (\$4,454,000)



OPERATIONS



Lance Pullen
Deputy Chief of Operations



TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS

| | |
|------|-----|
| 2022 | 357 |
| 2021 | 292 |
| 2020 | 290 |
| 2019 | 246 |
| 2018 | 299 |

HAZARDOUS CONDITION INCIDENTS

| | |
|------|-----|
| 2022 | 356 |
| 2021 | 268 |
| 2019 | 206 |

The focus of the Operations Division is to protect lives and property of the residents, businesses and visitors of the City of Fort Myers. As an all-hazard fire department, we respond to a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency fires, motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical incidents, water rescues, and hazardous material releases.



150

Operations Personnel

1

Deputy Chief

2

Division Chiefs

1

Training Captain

6

Battalion Chiefs

30

Captains

36

Engineers

74

Firefighters



18

Front Line Apparatus

2

Battalion SUV's

7

Engines

4

Rescues (non-transport)

2

Ladders

1

Marine

2

Hazmat

2022 Highlights

Annual Physicals

The department successfully negotiated and contracted with a new vendor for firefighter physicals. This contract will provide a thorough health screening for our members.

Orientation

39 new firefighters successfully completed a recruit school orientation in 2022 and were released to full duty to start their probationary year with the organization.

Promotions

28 operations personnel were successfully tested and promoted to their new rank and roles in the organization.

FIRE ACTIVITY



Cooking fires out of 357

Cooking Fires Confined to Container

6 16

1 or 2 story home Multi-family home



Building fires out of 357

Building Fires

14 11

1 or 2 story home Multi-family home

*Remainder of fires are different cause and property type

124

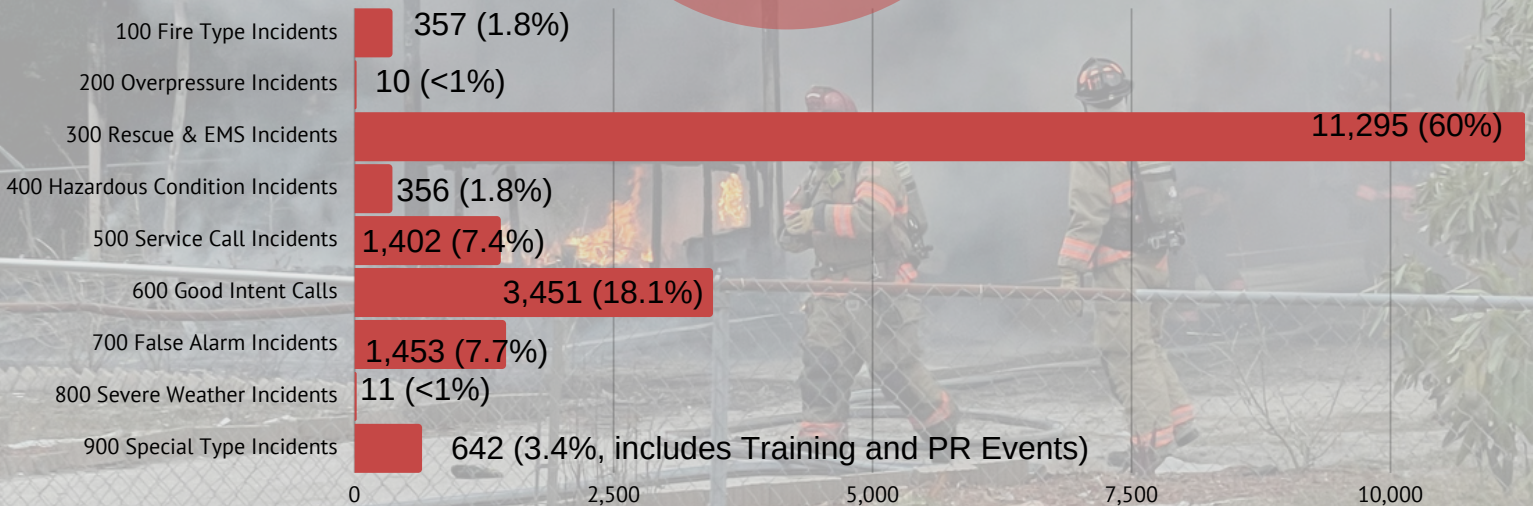
90% of the time the first unit was dispatched and went enroute in 124 seconds.

199

Working Fires
*anytime a hose line or extinguisher was needed to extinguish a fire.

90%

fires contained to the room of origin or better.



EMS AND HEALTH & SAFETY

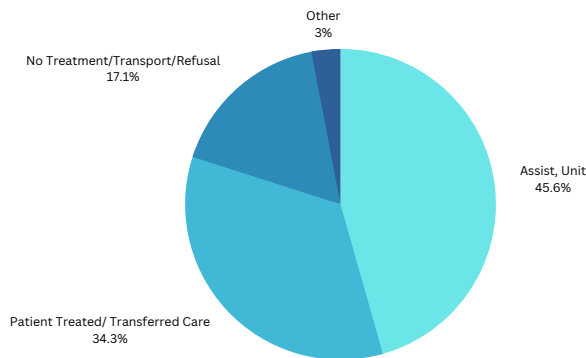


Juan Salinas
Division Chief of EMS
and Health & Safety

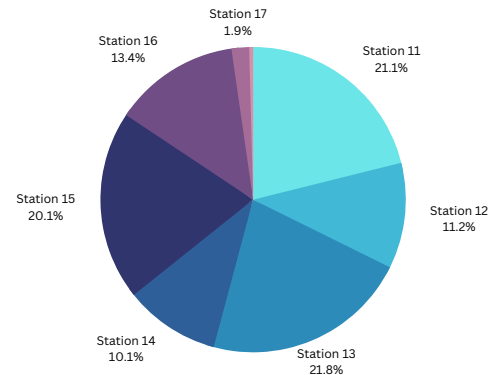


The focus of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Health & Safety is development and administration of EMS and health & safety for the department. The division serves as the liaison between the medical director and our fire department to ensure appropriate training, certifications, policies, and procedures are adhered to. Health and safety are important to operations of the department and the quality of our members. Through the Health and Safety Committee, peer support personnel, and critical incident monitoring, the division assists the Deputy Chief of Operations in maintaining an effective workforce and safe working conditions.

Disposition Breakdown



Fire Zone ALS Incidents



2022 Highlights

PTSD Acquired a licensed clinical therapist who specializes in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

CPR Established set community CPR class programs for the community and complete all fire department employee American Heart Association (AHA) renewals.

TRAINING A new simulation mannequin was purchased through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant which will allow our department to perform basic and advanced scenario training.

Paramedics In 2022 we had four newly credentialed Paramedics complete the training process. Currently, ten employees are attending Paramedic school. Upon completion they will complete the credentialing process to become a credentialed paramedic with the department.

11,295

Emergency Medical Incidents

60%

EMS ACTIVITY

203

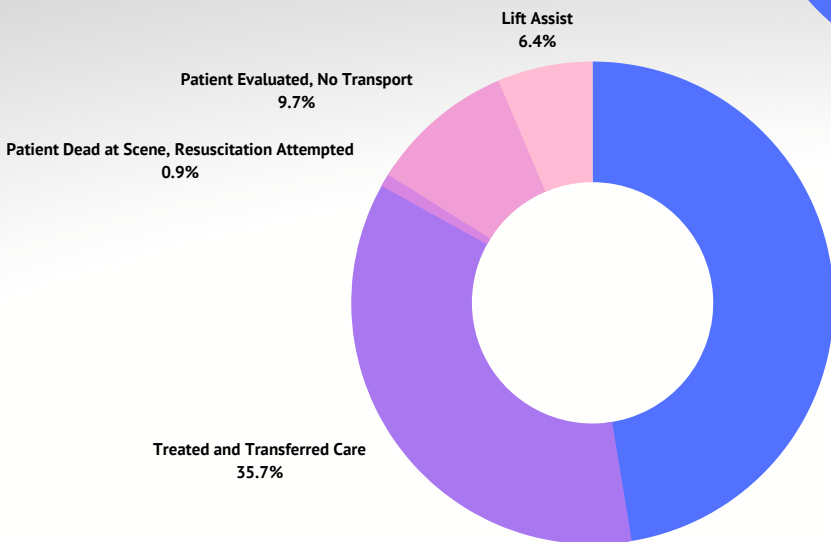
Dispatched Cardiac Arrests

154

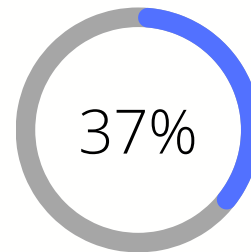
Cardiac Arrests on Arrival

25

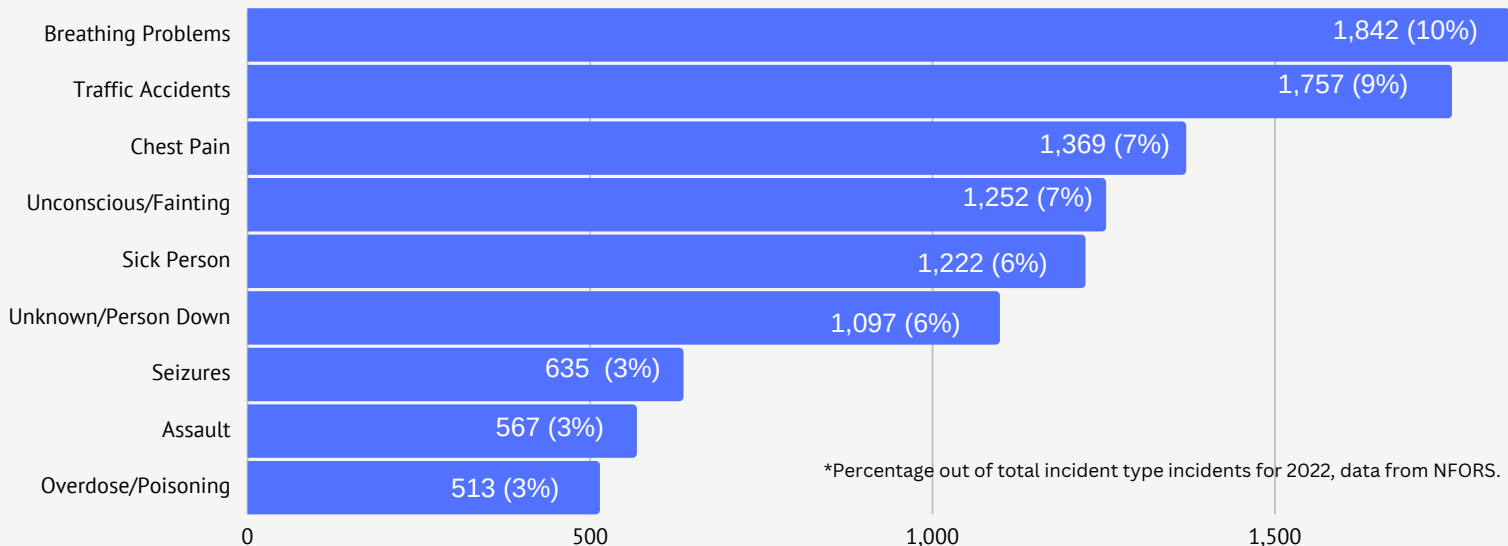
Incident Dispositions



Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) or pulse returned (16%)



EMS Incidents requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS) response



*Percentage out of total incident type incidents for 2022, data from NFORS.

TRAINING AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS

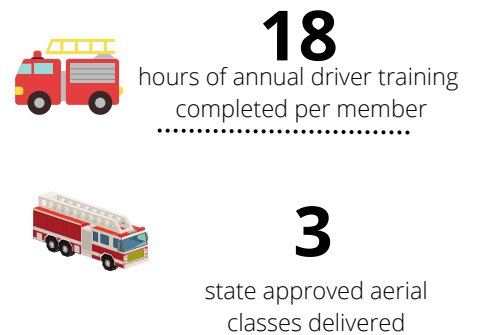
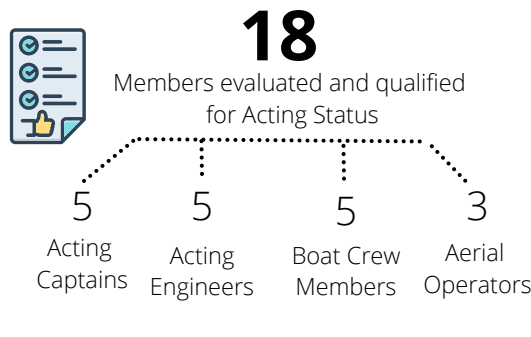


Todd Poland
Division Chief of Training and Special Operations



Todd Burik
Training Captain

The focus of the Training and Special Operations Division is to deliver training and development to ensure effective and safe emergency responses. The division is also responsible for hazmat, urban search and rescue, and marine operations. In 2022, the focus was to create performance benchmarks and develop our bench strength in all ranks so that members were prepared to meet the needs of the community.



- 6 Field Training Coordinators-Fire
- 45 Special Operations Team Members
- 6 US&R Members

2022 Highlights

2-Year ATP

The 2022-23 two-year Annual Training Plan (ATP) was implemented with a focus on training to our community risks and perfecting our core performance standards through individual and company performance standards.

Phase I

We started phase one of relocating our training field to a new location. The current training field provided a training tower, live burn Conex structure, classroom, and search trailer.

Orientations

2 recruit orientation classes were held to introduce the basic skills necessary to be a member of the organization. 39 new firefighters completed this training and are now in their probationary phase.

Advanced Training

We conducted advanced training in smoke reading and high-rise operations to prepare members with the tools to respond effectively. Members were also sent to various conferences to learn advanced skills and abilities.

TRAINING ACTIVITY



321

AVERAGE HOURS PER
FIREFIGHTER

Firefighters received an average of 321 training hours per person across the organization.



53,685

TOTAL HOURS

Each year training is conducted in both fire and EMS across the department. In 2021 there was over 53,000 hours logged for training.



43,804 / 9,881

FIRE / EMS
TRAINING HOURS

Out of 53,685 total training hours 43,804 were completions for fire training. The remainder 9,881 hours were EMS training completions.

ADMINISTRATION



James Hayden
Deputy Chief of Administration



Nick Rokosh
Logistics Coordinator

The focus of the Administration Division is to assist the Fire Chief with formulation and implementation of the fire department operating budget and Capital Improvement Budget. The division is responsible for work related situations, policies and disciplinary actions, coordinating with the Human Resources Department, Legal, and IAFF Local 1826 Fire Union. The division assists the department with all aspects of fire department facilities and apparatus from design & purchase to ongoing maintenance and retirement.



2022 Highlights

New Stations

In 2022, we opened Station 17 and Station 19. These stations help the department to continue to provide effective service to all areas of the city.

New Apparatus

With the addition of 4 new apparatus to our fleet, we were able to meet our strategic goal of keeping all front-line fire apparatus below a APWA vehicle replacement score of 21. We currently are at a score of 8.

ZERO

We met strategic item 2.1.1 of having zero cases of harassment and discrimination in 2022. Annually all fire department employees go through ethics, diversity, and harassment training.

Recruitment

Our strategic goal is to continue to recruit and hire employees that represent the demographics of our community. In 2022, we met that goal compared to the 2021 census data, building a diverse organization to better service our community.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION



2021-26
STRATEGIC PLAN



David Jacobs
Assistant Fire Chief
Professional Standards



The focus of Professional Standards and Accreditation is to standardize operations and align our objectives so that we meet the needs of our internal and external stakeholders. The Office of Professional Standards achieves success through task book development, performance standards, program management, data collection and analysis. Our process of obtaining the designation of an accredited agency continues to be a priority of our organization.



2022 Highlights

SOC Utilizing our Standard of Cover (SOC), we identified our community risks and occupancies. We tailored our annual training plan towards our occupancy risk types of single family, multi-family, commercial, and high rise. Our annual training plan also outlines performance standards for all members to meet when training on skills for the identified occupancy risk types.

2 The Fort Myers Fire Department maintained its public protection classification of 2 through the Insurance Service Organization (ISO).

1 year We completed our first complete year of the 5-year strategic plan. This plan outlines 3 key themes, 12 strategic objectives, and 19 outcome measurements that will help us continue to be an effective fire department.

Task Books The department implemented new task books for acting status training to meet NFPA 1021 standards and to eliminate performance gaps.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Rick Reynolds
Fire Marshal

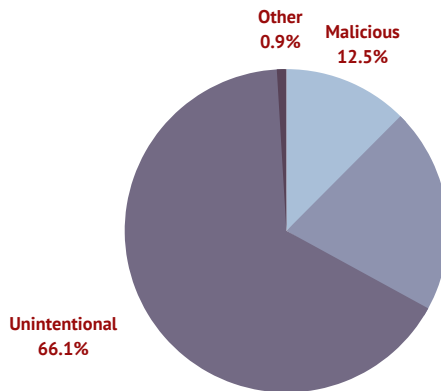


Christopher Mulvey
Assistant Fire Marshal

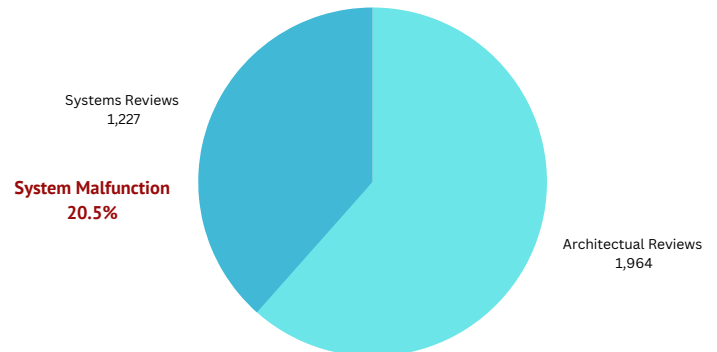
The focus of the Fire Prevention Bureau is to enforce fire and life safety codes pertaining to all commercial and multi-family structures to reduce risk and save lives and property. Under the direction of the Fire Marshal, the bureau also completes fire plan reviews, fire inspections, fire investigations, and responses to complaints involving fire and life safety hazards received from the public and other agencies.



Types of Fire Alarms



Plan Reviews Completed



2022 Highlights

5,724

Inspections were completed by the Fire Prevention Bureau to ensure codes and safety measures were met.

PR Events

We provided 101 scheduled public relations events. These events consist of truck visits, station tours, safety talks, and CPR education.

New Inspector

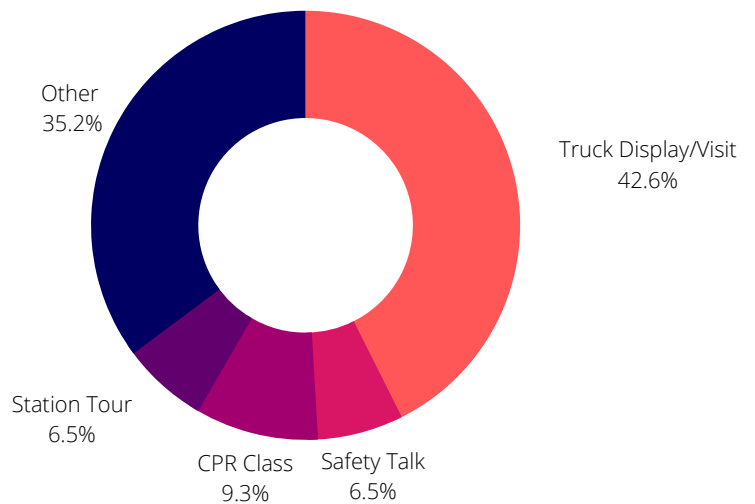
We hired one new fire inspector in 2022 to bring our total to six fire inspectors.

CRR

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) efforts were continued through 2022, with a focus on fire safety talks to communities and schools.



Public Education Events



Emergency Management



The Emergency Management Division is responsible for performing technical work in the development, implementation, and management of citywide disaster prevention, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation activities. Division staff provides citywide planning, training, and exercise programs in order to be prepared for natural, technological, and/or man-made emergencies. In addition, staff manages and coordinates the City's Emergency Operations Center during times of emergency. Division staff also plays a role in coordinating interdepartmental planning for special events.

The development of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and the development and implementation of the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a cooperative effort with various local government entities, non-profit agencies, and faith-based organizations.

Division staff is responsible for the development and maintenance of plans that include evacuation, disaster housing, debris management, damage assessments, emergency fuel, floodplain management, wildfire protection, and homeland security. The division also provides guidance to each City Department on the development of disaster management plans.

2022 Highlights

EAP's

We completed 9 Event Action Plans (EAP's) for large events held within the city. These EAP's assist all responders and staff with working under a common framework to provide for the safety and needs for the event. An example of these events are the Downtown Countdown, Freedom Fest, and Rocking on the River

Training

Emergency Management conducted 4 hurricane preparedness trainings for the community. The EM Division also conducted employee training with our damage assessment software, Crisis Track.

CERT

We have begun coordinating our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in the Pelican Preserve and Plantation at Summerset communities.

IAN

Hurricane Ian impacted our community in many ways. The Division of Emergency Management coordinated response and ongoing recovery efforts. Approximately 59 Incident Action Plans (IAP's) were completed with 50 supporting situational reports.

TIMELINE

HURRICANE IAN

HURRICANE IAN INFLICTED CATASTROPHIC STORM SURGE AND WIND DAMAGE ALONG ITS PATH, A MAJOR DISASTER HAS BEEN DECLARED IN AFFECTED AREAS OF THE STATE.

SEPTEMBER 23

Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-218 regarding Tropical Depression Nine and declared a state of emergency in 24 counties.

SEPTEMBER 24

Tropical Depression Nine strengthened into Tropical Storm Ian, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-219 declaring a state-wide emergency.

SEPTEMBER 26

Tropical Storm Ian strengthened into Hurricane Ian with maximum sustained winds of 85 miles per hour. **City of Fort Myers declared a state of local emergency. Evacuation Order for Zone A.**

SEPTEMBER 27

Hurricane Ian continued to strengthen, increasing its maximum sustained winds to 125 miles per hour. **Evacuation Order for Zone A, B, and C.**

SEPTEMBER 28

Hurricane Ian made landfall off the coast of Fort Myers as a category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of approximately 150 miles per hour, traveled across the peninsula, and exited the state from Cape Canaveral on September 29, 2022.

11:00 p.m. - Life safety response and rescue efforts began.

SEPTEMBER 29

Infrastructure response began with damage assessments, water maintenance, and debris management.

OCTOBER 2

Short term recovery began.



PERSONNEL ACHIEVEMENTS

PROMOTIONS

Assistant
Chief



D. Jacobs

Division
Chief



T. Poland

Battalion
Chief



J. Allen.

J. Lovato

Captain



M. Williams

T. Lynch

R. Leone

J. Krizka

O. Castellanos

D. Willis

Captain



M. Gross

J. Collins

A. Demond

R. Eaton

J. Garcia

Engineer



M. Young

P. Turner

C. Williams

W. Somers

B. Jones

C. Norman

Engineer



T. Haun

B. Dusick

M. Intile

K. Pawelczyk

J. Painter

E. Pounders

M. Szabo

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Captain Paul DeArmond is the recipient of the 2022 George Sanders Award. This award is given to a firefighter that went above and beyond the duties to make an impact on the organization. Captain DeArmond assists with coordinating our Hazardous Materials Team to maintain training and effective responses. He also is a key member of our Peer Support Team, always making himself available to assist members of the organization and service. He selflessly helps others and the department to be successful.

NEW HIRES



Top Row:

R. Keckley, W. Cunningham,
T. Akers, S. Cluck, J. Toussaint,
H. Cooper, V. Marquez

Bottom Row:

J. Miller, J. Sudak, B. Dejean,
R. Brammer, V. Vieyra, R. Shaffer,
R. Diaz-Garcia



Top Row:

B. Howe, K. Long, B. Nieves, N. Frazzini,
S. Neilly, D. Bouillon, J. Engelmeyer

Bottom Row:

W. Clark, B. Garcia, W. Wilkinson,
T. Smith, M. Sanudo, K. Sutton

Not Pictured:

Travis Bonyfield



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