

LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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Mission Statement



To respond to the needs of the citizens of Lafayette in a timely manner through continuing public education, multi-agency and community cooperation, quick response, and a desire to make Lafayette a safer place to live.

2024 Personnel Roster

Chief

Brian Alkire

Deputy Chief

Jamason Blacker

Assistant Chief of Training

Grant Davidson

Training Captain

Ryan Thoma

Assistant Chief of Special Operations

Cody Roby

Battalion Chiefs

Karl Stokes – A Shift

Toby Frost – B Shift (January–May)

Jon McDaniel – B Shift (May–December)

Brian Perior – C Shift

Chief of Fire Prevention

Todd Budd

Inspectors

David Thomas

Todd Trent

Rick Dehahn (January-July)

Brad Young

Zach Dague (July-December)

Administrative Services Manager

Beth Duell

Administrative Assistant

Allison Everett

Captains

Ryan Altman
Joe Barker
Matt Chase
Tim Franscoviak
Scott Guinn
Jason Jordan
Robert McCord

Lieutenants

Mark Antonian
Steve Arndt
John Berkshire
David Bisher
Mike Blann
Lee Booth
Justin Brown
Ben Bumgarner
Jason Clark
Myron Congram
Joe Danaher
Jeff Hauser
Chad Hoey
M. Todd Lyons
Chad McCord
Landon McDaniel
Mike Moran
Doug Newhart
Travis Oliver
Shawn Rice
Ben Shultz
Joe Steckler
Todd Wagner

Sergeants

Brian Adkins
Caleb Benjamin
Steven Black
Tim Butz
Seth Catron
Chris Conklin
Adam Deaton
Robert Dugan
Doug Dunwoody
Heather Evans
Jared Faust
Alec Gibson
Robert Hamer
Caleb Hufford
Michael Koning, Jr.
Clinton Korty
Michael Little
Jayson Lohmeyer
Lance Martin
Marcus McKinney
Xavier Passement
Trent Richter
John Robinson
David Rose
Ben Shultz
Chris Smith
Ryan Souligne
Michael Stull
Chris Terrell
Alan Wade
Chad Wiesler
Jacob Williams
Ryan Woody

Journeyman

Jedidah Ausban	Blake Hillyer	Juan Perera
Chance Billingsley	Mike Hoskins	Matt Peters
Wayne Bush	Mitchell Jachim	Alex Previs
Kody Butz	Ben Justice	Jeff Ramey
Bryce Chase	Ted Koeppen	Joel Raters
Darren Chase	Nick Kopf	Aaron Rothenberger
Brian Clark	Matt Kubat	Eric Russell
Tanner Compton	Jared Lohmeyer	Ryan Sanders
Seth Conger	Damian Lynn	Josh Satchell
Gage Corbett	Dalton Martin	Brian Silver
Kyle Corcoran	Sarah Martin	Eric Smith
Brad Cornell	Kyle McKinsey	Jeff Smith
Chandler Czpenski	Eliseo Medrano	Ashley Sneathen
Damon Downey	Bennet Miller	Alex Spencer
John Eason	Chad Mills	Jason Swank
Alec Gibson	Heath Mitchell	Anthony Tomlin
Jacob Guess	Damon Munson	Tony Tudder
Ryan Hahn	Todd Munson	Chris Wendt
Greg Hasek	Jonathan Olney	Blake Wiesler
Chris Hathaway	Luke Overbeck	Zach Wolf
Cole Hauser	Brent Parker	Kevin Woolen

Recruits

Josh Lanum
Dylan McKinley
Jaxon Riley
Jeffery Scott
Chris Thibaut
Jacob Watts
Austin Wiesler

Promotions & Retirements

The following firefighters were promoted during the year 2024:

Deputy Chief Jamason Blacker – 1/30/24
Battalion Chief Jon McDaniel – 5/18/24
 Captain Scott Guinn – 1/30/24
 Captain Jason Jordan – 5/21/24
 Lieutenant Lee Booth – 8/13/24
Lieutenant Ben Bumgarner – 1/30/24
 Lieutenant Ben Shultz – 4/14/24
Sergeant Caleb Benjamim – 8/13/24
 Sergeant Jared Faust – 1/22/24
 Sergeant Michael Little – 8/13/24
Sergeant Xavier Passement – 1/30/24
 Sergeant Ryan Souligne – 8/13/24

The following firefighters retired during the year 2024:

Deputy Chief Steve Butram – 1/29/24
 Sergeant Heather Evans – 4/16/24
Battalion Chief Toby Frost – 5/17/24
Firefighter William Holderfield – 10/4/24
Sergeant Marcus McKinney – 4/9/24
Firefighter Mark Phillips – 4/12/24
Lieutenant Todd Wagner – 4/12/24



Lafayette Fire Department
Fire Prevention



Overview

The Fire Prevention Division is staffed by an Assistant Chief, a merit Captain Inspection and 3 full-time Civilian Fire Inspectors whose primary responsibilities include:

- **Public Education through Media (print, radio, TV and social)**
 - Schools
 - Juvenile Fire Setter Education Program
 - Through Media (print, radio, TV and Social)
 - Free Smoke Alarms and Installation
 - Free Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Installation
 - Community “Outreach” events, such as:
 - ✓ High School Career Day
 - ✓ Neighborhood Association Meetings
 - ✓ Emergency Preparedness Planning
 - ✓ Wellness Fairs
- **Building and Fire Code Enforcement for Existing Commercial Buildings**
 - Annual/Triennial Periodic Fire and Life Safety Inspections
- **Plan Review and Inspections of New Construction Projects**
 - Review New Construction/Additions/Remodels
- **Liaison to Engineering Department (meet with building owners/architects/contractors)**
 1. Review Building, Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Kitchen Hood, Paint Booth Plans
 2. Conduct New Building Inspections from beginning to end of project.
 3. Conduct Pre-Design and Pre-Con Meetings with Architects and Contractors
 4. Conduct Hydrant Flow Tests
- **Fire and Explosion Investigations**
 - Work in close proximity with federal, state, and local law enforcement and the local prosecutor’s office in arson investigations.
 - Work closely with private insurance investigators
- **Special Investigations**
 - Administrative Investigations as assigned.
 - Background Investigations of New Department Personnel
- **Additional Administrative Duties include, but not limited to:**
 - Grant Funding
 - Updating Local Ordinances

 - Updating SOP’s
 - Continued Education and Training for Staff
 - Recruit and firefighter training (as assigned by Training Division)
 - Assist Company Officers with Preplans in complex structures.



2024 Year End Review:

The Lafayette Fire Prevention Division saw many changes within the division in 2024. Inspector Rick Dehahn retired, and the division hired Zach Dague to fill his position. Zach came to the division after serving as the Building Officials Code Administration (BOCA) for the City of Lafayette. Prior to working as the BOCA Inspector, Inspector Dague worked with Brenneco Sprinkler as a sprinkler installer and is certified to NICET Level II for Installing and Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems.

In addition to Zach duties for the Lafayette Fire Department, he volunteers with the Delphi Fire Department and is a Construction Engineer Supervisor with the Indiana National Guard.

The Prevention Division completed 5587 points of contacts with the Lafayette Community in 2023. Each inspection type is broken down

into subcategories below.

In addition to the Inspection Program the Division released a new script for the annual Fire Prevention Show.

Public Education

FREE SMOKE ALARM and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR PROGRAM

We continued to offer free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to members of our community in 2024. For people who qualify, free 10-year maintenance-free smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors are provided and installed by on-duty firefighters to ensure that each home is equipped with the proper number and locations of these life-saving devices. The Lafayette Fire Department also provides smoke alarms for the hearing impaired when requested.

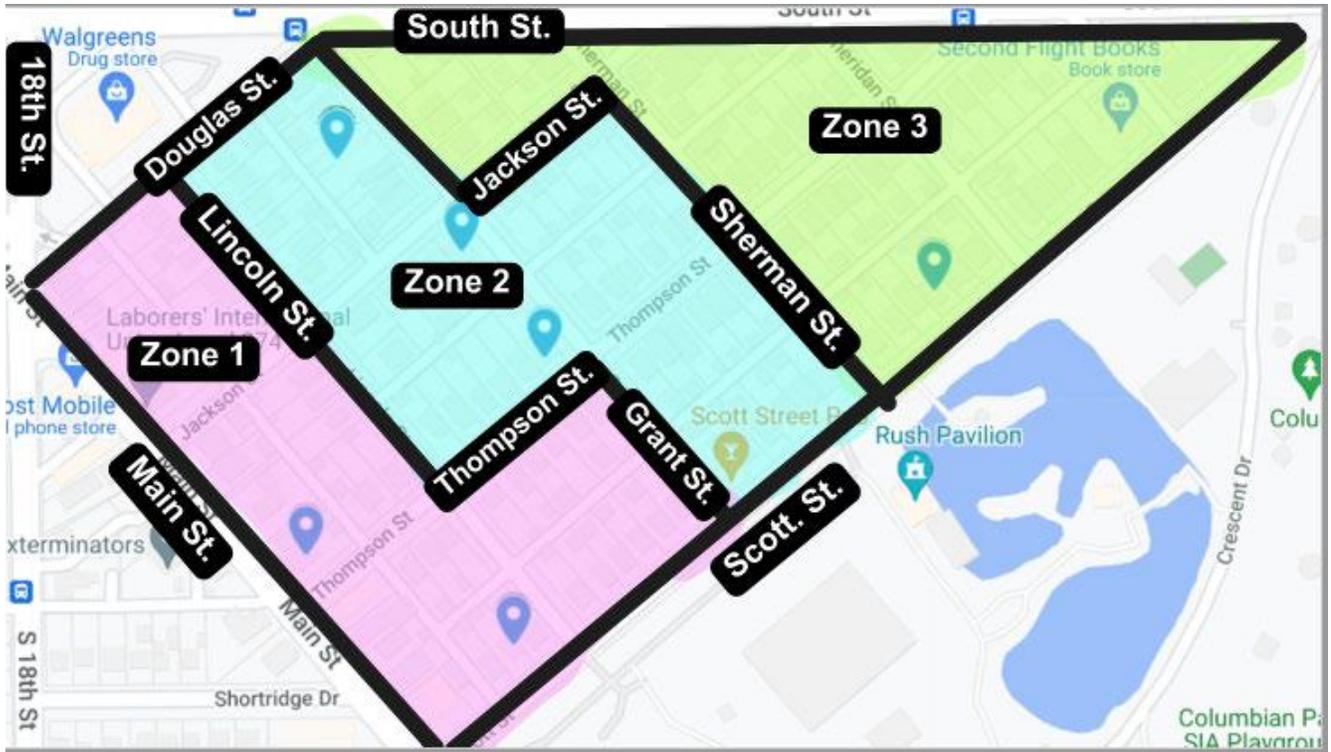
This program is made possible through a partnership with the Historic Five Points Fire Museum and grant funding provided by North Central Health Services as well as a funding provided by the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.

Lafayette Firefighters installed:

- 250 Smoke/Carbon monoxide combination alarms
- 2 standalone carbon monoxide detectors
- Replaced 16 batteries in existing smoke alarms throughout the year.

Purdue University Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

Members of Purdue University Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity approached the Lafayette Fire Prevention Division to develop and deliver a community outreach program. The fraternity chose a smoke alarm blitz to take place from Main to South and Douglas to Scott Streets in Lafayette, Indiana.

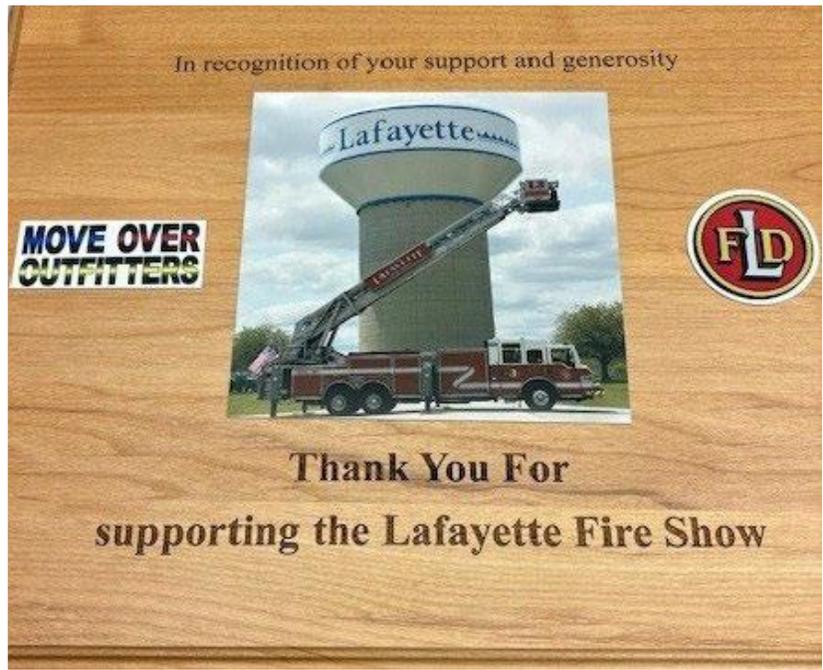
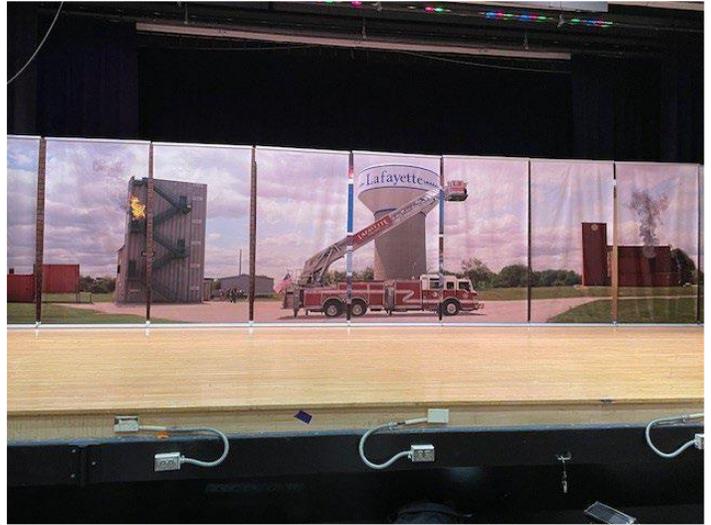


In addition to smoke alarm installations, information packets were handed out covering a variety of topics including Smoke Alarms, Lithium-Ion Battery Safety, Home Escape Plans, cooking safety, and hoarding conditions effect on fire to name a few.

Fire Prevention Week

In 2024, the Lafayette Fire Department hosted its 26th Fire Prevention Show. This year, after several years the prevention staff reached into the shows archives and resurrected a show from the past with minor changes. The theme of the show was a “Game Show” as kids continue to watch the adventures of Mario and Marshal Match and the exploits of their devious cousins Louey and Luigi Match. A new set was developed with the help of local business Moveover Outfitters.

Banners were created to give the set a view of the Lafayette Training Center. As a token of our appreciation for the creativity and generosity Moveover Outfitters was presented a plague reflecting their work and support of our mission.



A gracious thank you to all who have aided in the show's creation and production to what it has become today. We would not be able to do this without the help and support from our Prevention Staff, Firefighters, Band Members, and audio experts as well as Sunnyside Intermediate School and State Farm Insurance Company. Their time and effort are beyond meritorious, and it is inspirational. The Fire Show Reached over 3000 kids between the grades of kindergarten and 2nd grade from Tippecanoe and surrounding counties. Be sure to join us in 2025!



Building and Fire Code Enforcement (Existing Buildings)

One of the major functions of local government is to provide a reasonable degree of safety for the citizens it governs. This mindset is ever present for the members of the Fire Prevention Division, who understand that unsafe buildings pose an inherent risk to both citizens and responding firefighters. In fact, most of the building and fire code laws in effect today came into existence to address and correct unsafe building designs and housekeeping practices. Our inspections encompass commercial buildings that are required to meet minimum building and fire codes in effect at the time they were constructed in the City of Lafayette. Additionally, we inspect all new construction projects to ensure that they meet the current code requirements.

Total Activities for 2024

The Prevention Division had 5587 points of contact with the Lafayette Community in 2024. A more detailed list show below outlines the type and amount of Code Enforcement activities that took place.

Inspection Type Name	Count of Inspections
Fire and Life Safety	2,675
Fire and Life Safety 2	1,238
Vacant	249
Building Plan Review	237
New Construction Final	224
New Construction Framing	200
New Construction Above Ceiling	86
Fire Alarm Final	83
Business Compliance	68
Kitchen Hood, Duct & Fan	52
Fire Protection System Out-of-Service	51
Sprinkler Plan Review	46
Sprinkler Final	46
Fire Alarm Plan Review	44
Consultation	36
Knox Box	36
Site Plan Review	34
Building Plan Review (Tenant Build-out)	31
Compliant Follow-up	30
Kitchen Fire Suppression System	29
Sprinkler Hydro	26
Emergency Planning and Preparedness	22
Partial Final	14
Fireworks Retail Sales	5
False Alarm	5

Plan Review and Inspections involving (New Construction Projects)

Most new construction projects are required to be filed with the State of Indiana and our City Engineers Office to obtain necessary permits to begin construction. We conduct plan reviews of all new Class I construction and strive to conduct very thorough reviews at the initial phases of construction to help eliminate potential conflicts at the end of the projects. Often, this will require us to meet personally with architects, building owners, and project managers in pre-construction conferences. We believe that the benefits and rewards of spending time at the front of a project provides ample justification for the costs incurred and assists the building owner in avoiding potentially costly renovations at the end of their projects.

Our Fire Prevention Staff reviews and inspects all pertinent fire code issues, including but not limited to:

- Building Plans
- Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Kitchen Hood Systems

Our goal is to work with architects/engineers, building owners, and contractors to identify corrections at the beginning of the process, to help all parties eliminate costly revisions at the end of the project.

Fire and Explosion Investigations

Members assigned to the Lafayette Fire Investigations Unit have the responsibility to investigate the “cause and origin” of residential/commercial structure and vehicle fires and explosions when requested by the Incident Commander. Additionally, any fire that involves a juvenile is evaluated by the Fire Investigation Units Juvenile Fire Setter Program.

JUVENILE FIRE SETTER PROGRAM

The LFD Juvenile Fire Setter Program is a program of education and evaluation. It is designed to teach children and parents that matches and lighters are tools, not toys. A child who demonstrates interest or curiosity about fire should be provided with information and education as soon as possible. Our staff is able to conduct an evaluation interview with both the parent(s) and child, to help determine why the child is interested in fire.

The program also can determine if the curiosity can be controlled by the parent or if additional counseling is needed through professionals. In an effort to better serve our community, our staff networks with other juvenile fire setter programs throughout the state to identify new and better ways to educate and inform these children. In 2024, there were no known fires associated with a juvenile setting a fire.

2024 Investigation Report Data

The Lafayette Fire Investigation Unit was requested to investigate 37 fires for the year. Of those 37, 4 of the fires investigated in 2024 were a result of an Incendiary act.

The Lafayette Fire Investigations Unit did not investigate any fire fatalities in 2024.

Lafayette Fire Department

Special Operations

Overview

The Lafayette Fire Department Special Operations Division witnessed a year of increased training, modernization, and enhanced operational readiness. This report highlights key improvements, equipment acquisitions, specialized training, and major accomplishments of our three specialty teams: the Technical Rescue Team, Water Rescue Team, and Hazardous Materials Response Team. These advancements underscore our commitment to providing the highest level of emergency response capabilities, ensuring the safety of our personnel and the community we serve.

Training Achievements

Training remains a top priority for the Special Operations Division, ensuring that personnel maintain a high level of readiness for complex emergency situations. In 2024, on-shift training hours increased significantly compared to the previous year, reinforcing our commitment to continuous skill development and operational excellence. The breakdown of these training hours for each specialty team is shown below:



This marks an increase of **189 total on-shift training hours** for the Special Operations Division compared to 2023. These training sessions provided hands-on experience in real-world scenarios, ensuring that personnel are prepared for a wide range of emergency situations. By integrating advanced training techniques into daily operations, the division continues to build proficiency and confidence in specialized rescue operations.

Professional Development Through Courses and Conferences

The Special Operations Division participated in a robust training schedule, ensuring that team members remain well-prepared for a variety of emergency scenarios. In addition to monthly specialty team trainings, personnel attended the following advanced courses and conferences:

- **OSHA 511:** Comprehensive course on occupational safety and health standards, reinforcing best practices for hazardous environments.
- **International Hazardous Materials Response Teams (IHMMR) Conference:** A national conference offering cutting-edge information on hazardous materials response and mitigation techniques.
- **Confined Space Operations & Technician:** Advanced training on rescue techniques for confined space environments, including atmospheric monitoring, victim extrication, and rope systems.
- **Rope Operations & Technician:** Advanced rope rescue techniques, including rigging, mechanical advantage systems, and high-angle rescue applications.
- **National Fire Academy Special Operations Program Management:** A strategic management course focused on optimizing special operations teams for efficiency and effectiveness.
- **Vehicle Machinery Operations & Technician:** Training in vehicle extrication, stabilization, and machinery-related rescue scenarios.



- **Structural Collapse Operations & Technician:** Comprehensive instruction on structural collapse rescue, including shoring techniques, void space searches, and breaching methods.
- **ERDI I/II Public Safety Diver:** Specialized training in underwater search, rescue, and recovery operations for public safety divers.
- **Surface Water Rescue Operations & Technician:** Advanced water rescue techniques, ensuring responders are equipped to handle emergencies in non-moving water.
- **Hazardous Materials Instructors Commanders Conference (HMIC):** Specialized training for HazMat instructors, focusing on command-level response strategies and instructional techniques.
- **Anhydrous Ammonia Response:** Training specific to handling and mitigating anhydrous ammonia-related incidents, enhancing our team's knowledge and skill set regarding this type of release.
- **National Fire Academy HazMat Officer:** Training designed to enhance leadership and decision-making skills for hazardous materials incident commanders.



Operational Highlights

Technical Rescue Team (TRT)

The Technical Rescue Team continued to enhance its capabilities, focusing on improving safety, efficiency, and technical proficiency in high-risk operations. This year, the team received:

- **TeamWendy US&R Helmets:** Lightweight, impact-resistant helmets designed for urban search and rescue (US&R) and technical operations, ensuring improved head protection.
- **CMC Class 3 Rescue Harnesses:** Full-body harnesses offering superior support and security during rope rescues, confined space operations, and high-angle extractions.

- **Arizona Vortex System:** A highly adaptable artificial high directional system for advanced rope rescue scenarios, expanding operational flexibility in challenging environments.
- **CMC Confined Space Rescue (CSR) System:** A comprehensive rescue system designed for confined space extrications, enhancing both safety and efficiency.
- **Elevator Rescue Tools:** A new suite of tools dedicated to elevator entrapment rescues, reducing response times and improving victim outcomes.



The TRT also expanded its training regimen, attending and instructing multiple high-level courses to ensure operational excellence in technical rescue scenarios.

Water Rescue Team (WRT)

Water rescue operations saw a major upgrade with the acquisition of a **RescueONE Boat Package**, significantly enhancing our ability to perform water rescues and recovery operations. The new equipment includes:

- **RescueONE Connector Boat:** A modular rescue boat designed for a variety of water rescue scenarios, allowing for rapid deployment and maneuverability.
- **RescueONE Inflatable Boat:** A lightweight, highly mobile inflatable boat with a 30hp Mercury motor. The inflatable boat ideal for swift-water and flood rescues.
- **Double Stack Trailer:** A custom-built trailer designed to transport and deploy both rescue boats efficiently, improving response times.
- **Advanced Sonar Capabilities:** The addition of dual Humminbird Graphs and a Garmin LiveScope Graph provides enhanced underwater imaging technology. This significantly improves the team's ability to locate victims, submerged hazards, and sunken objects during search and recovery missions.



These upgrades have dramatically improved the Water Rescue Team's effectiveness in performing swift-water rescues, flood response, and dive rescue/recovery operations.

Hazardous Materials Response Team (HRT)

The Hazardous Materials Response Team made significant advancements in responder safety, operational effectiveness, and detection capabilities. This year, the team acquired:

- **60-Minute SCBA Bottles:** These extended-duration self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) provide increased operational time during hazardous materials incidents when time is of the essence, this equipment is essential for responder safety.

Additionally, a generous donation from Ice Cream Specialties provided funding for Anhydrous Ammonia Response training and critical equipment purchases, including:

- **(2) MultiRae Pro with PID Meters** for real-time detection of multiple hazardous gases.
- **(2) ToxiRae NH3 Meters** specifically designed for ammonia detection.
- **(1) Refrigerant Leak Detection Device** for identifying potential HVAC-related leaks.
- **(1) Ultrasonic Leak Detection Device** capable of identifying leaks that are otherwise undetectable.
- **Rae Systems Calibration Station** to ensure all monitoring equipment is properly maintained, bump tested, and calibrated as required.
- **Kappler Durachem 500 CBRN/HazMat Ensembles.** This personal protective gear is certified NFPA 1990 (1994) protection for both CBRN and Hazmat.
- **NH3 Training** to enhance response proficiency to ammonia-related incidents.



These acquisitions significantly improve the team's ability to detect and mitigate hazardous materials threats efficiently.

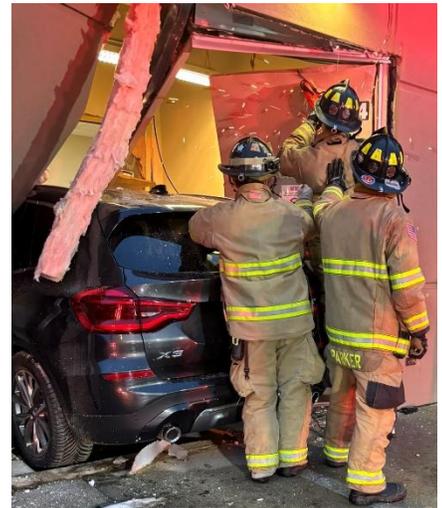
Incidents

In 2024, the Lafayette Fire Department faced a wide array of emergency incidents, several of which demanded the specialized skills and expertise of the Special Operations Division. These incidents included technical situations such as stabilization of compromised structures, technical elevator rescues, water rescues, and managing hazardous material incidents, including a particularly challenging train derailment that required a coordinated, multi-agency response.



While not every emergency necessitated a full deployment of the Special Operations Division, the division's comprehensive training and continuous readiness ensured that personnel were consistently prepared to respond to a variety of complex and high-risk scenarios.

Moreover, the personnel of the Special Operations Division's ability to operate efficiently in high-pressure environments continues to play a key role in ensuring the safety of both the public and first responders. Throughout 2024, the division's efforts were integral to the Lafayette Fire Department's overarching mission to provide high-quality emergency services in a safe and effective manner, no matter the challenge.



Collaborative Training Initiatives with Agency & Industry Partners

Over the course of 2024 the Special Operations Division actively fostered collaborative partnerships with our agency & industry counterparts, further developing the skill set and preparedness of our personnel as well as theirs. The following trainings and exercises were conducted in conjunction with our valued partners:

Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA)

- Confined Space Rescuer Training
- SIA Vehicle Donations (Training Purpose Only)

IU Hospital ED (Lafayette, IN)

- Decontamination Training

Primient

- 40-hour HAZWOPER Training

Bowen Engineering

- Excavation/Trench Site Visit
- Trench Rescue Training

Ice Cream Specialties

- Anhydrous Ammonia Preparedness Donation
 - NH3 Detection Equipment & Personal Protection Equipment
 - NH3 Training

Koch Fertilizer

- Hazardous Material Response Exercise

Tate & Lyle

- Confined Space Rescuer Exercise

Wabash

- 24-hour HAZWOPER Training
- 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training

Nutrien Ag Solutions

- Anhydrous Ammonia Preparedness Training

Lineage

- Emergency Preparedness Tour

Indiana State Police

- Annual Level A Refresher Training

Lafayette Parks Dept.

- Tropicane Cove – Swift Water Rescue Training

Tippecanoe School Corp. – McCutcheon High School

- Facility Use - Pool

Lafayette Renew

- Trench Safety Refresher Training
- LFD Confined Space Rescuer Technician Course
- LFD Trench Rescue Training

Tippecanoe Laboratories Fire Department

- Chemical Response Training

Tippecanoe County LEPC

- Continuous Support for the LFD Special Operations Division

INTF-1 K9 Division

- Utilizing K9's in Technical Rescue & Water Rescue Emergencies

West Point Volunteer Fire Dept.

- Grain Bin Rescue Training

Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department

- Water Rescue Training & Response

Tippecanoe County Parks Dept.

- Water Rescue Training Locations

Lafayette School Corp. – Jefferson High School

- Facility Use - Pool

West Lafayette Fire Department

- Support of personnel & equipment for WLFD members within the LFD Special Operations Division

Tippecanoe County EMA

- Hazardous Materials Training & Response

International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) & Lafayette Local 472

- Confined Space Rescue Training

These joint initiatives not only strengthened our professional relationships but also reinforces our dedication to promoting a culture of ongoing improvement and preparedness, within the fire department as well as within those agencies and industries.

Acknowledgments

We sincerely thank all members of the Lafayette Fire Department's Special Operations Division for their dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Their collective efforts and professionalism form the cornerstone of the division, driving its successes and making a significant positive impact in department & community we serve.

2024 Special Operations Division
Assistant Chief of Special Operations
Cody Roby

Hazardous Materials Response Team

LT. Mike Blann
LT. Joey Danaher
LT. Steve Arndt
LT. Doug Newhart
LT. Mike Moran
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LT. Ben Shultz
SGT. Doug Dunwoody
SGT. David Rose
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FF. Christopher Wendt
FF. Anthony Tomlin
BC. Eric Doyle
FF. Clayton Zak
FF. Craig Snider
FF. Derek Cook
FF. Grady Fountain
FF. Sean Mayer
FF. Gage Hegg



Technical Rescue Team

CPT. Ryan Altman
CPT. Ryan Thoma
CPT. Jason Jordan
LT. Mike Blann
LT. Steve Arndt
LT. Joey Danaher
LT. Jeff Hauser
LT. Chad Hoey
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FF. Clint Knowles
FF. Drew Snider
FF. Cody Glover
FF. Grady Fountain
FF. Wes Geib



Water Rescue Team

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LT. Landon McDaniel
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FF. Eric Smith
FF. Anthony Tomlin
BC. Eric Doyle
LT. Jon VanNess
FF. Adam Stanley
FF. Curtis Shidler
FF. Adam Arnold
FF. Cadel Crowl
FF. Conner Stacy
FF. Shane Chapman



Lafayette Fire Department Training Division



(Flashover and Fire Behavior, Facility Training, April 2024)

Overview The Lafayette Fire Department's (LFD) Training Division continues to provide high-quality training programs that enhance the skills and readiness of our personnel. Staffed by an Assistant Chief and a Captain, the Training Division is further supported by LFD instructors and firefighters with various specialties and extensive experience, ensuring a well-rounded training environment.

Instructor Certifications At the conclusion of 2024, LFD had a total of 62 firefighters certified at the Instructor I level through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), and 24 firefighters certified at the Instructor II/III level. Additionally, the department had three firefighters certified as EMT-Primary Instructors and four firefighters certified as American Heart Association CPR Instructors. These certifications reflect our commitment to maintaining a knowledgeable and skilled workforce.



(Facility Training, Flashover and Fire Behavior, April 2024)

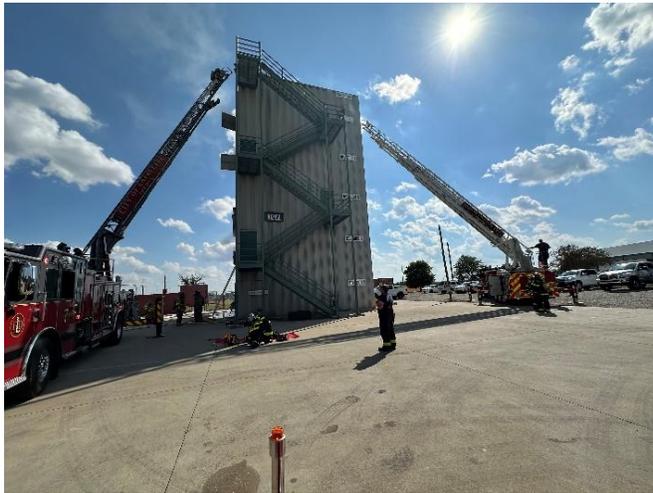


(2024 Recruit Class Graduation Ceremony)

Recruit Firefighters In July of 2024, the Lafayette Fire Department welcomed seven new Recruit Firefighters. They attended the Greater Lafayette Firefighter Academy, hosted by the Lafayette Fire Department Training Division. The Academy consisted of 13 weeks of training with certifications in Hazardous Material Awareness, Hazardous Material Operations, Hazardous Material Technician, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Technical Rescue Awareness, NIMS (100,200,700,800), EMS Learning Management Modules, and Emergency Medical Technician.

On October 29th, 2024, these Firefighters graduated from the Academy in a ceremony at the Long Center for Performing Arts along with Firefighters from West Lafayette FD (3), Purdue University FD (1), and Wabash Township FD (1). The Lafayette Recruit Firefighters received their shift and station assignments as they continue on-the-job training. They will complete a Field Training Program, obtain the Hazmat Technician certification, and have the opportunity to obtain the Driver Operator General & Pumper certifications.





(Facility Training-Wabash Township FD, West Lafayette FD, Purdue FD, and Lafayette FD-Sept 2024)

Collaborative Training Efforts The Training Division continues to strengthen its collaboration with neighboring departments, including Purdue Fire Department, West Lafayette Fire Department, and Wabash Township Fire Department. These partnerships enhance training opportunities and expand our collective skill sets, improving emergency response capabilities across the region.

Lafayette Fire Department Training Center (LFDTC) The LFDTC remains an integral facility for both local and statewide training initiatives. It actively serves as a host site for multiple Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy-District 4 certification courses and training programs. By facilitating these courses, LFDTC contributes to the professional development of firefighters and emergency personnel across Indiana.

Training Hours In 2024, LFD documented a total of 28,327.04 training hours across various disciplines, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), firefighting, and hazardous materials operations. These hours reflect the dedication and commitment of our personnel in maintaining operational excellence and ensuring public safety.

Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy

Certifications Obtained in 2024

**Instructor I
Inspector 1
Fire Officer I and II
Firefighter I/II
ICS 300 and 400
Confined Space
Driver Operator-Aerial**

**Driver Operator General/Pumper
Emergency Medical Technician
Fire Officer Strategies and Tactics
Hazmat Awareness/Operations/Technician
Vehicle Machinery Operations/Technician
Public Safety Leadership 100 & 200**



(Mobile Water Supply Training, August 2024)

In-House LFD Training Hour Topics:

Behavioral Health Driver Operator Crew Level Driver Operator Sgt Level EVOC New Engine 6 Training Hazmat Operation Skills IDHS SCBA Confidence Trailer Live Fire Scenarios-Facility Training w/ WLFD Mobile Water Supply-Facility Training First Responder Operations Level Refresher (MOD 1-4) NFPA 1500 Advanced HAZWOPER Awareness (MOD 1-4) NFPA 1500 Advanced HAZWOPER Awareness (MOD #2) Driver Operator General Driver Operator Pumper EMS Hazard Communication	Electrical Safety Flashover & Fire Behavior-Facility Training Fire Extinguisher Safety NFPA 1500 Bloodborne Pathogens Safety Ladder & Scaffolding Safety Hearing Conservation Confined Space EMS HIPAA Awareness EMS Skills EMS Audit and Review EMS CPR Renewal EMS Scopes of Practice EMS Protocols Vehicle Machinery Operations Vehicle Machinery Technician Apparatus Start/Stop Procedures
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Outside organizations that received training at LFDTC

IDHS District 4 Public Safety Training Academy District 4 Flashover Training F.O.O.L.S. Group GE GLCA/D4 Live Fire Training Days Lafayette Police Lafayette Renew Lafayette Local 472 Wabash Township West Lafayette FD	ISP Clan Lab Annual Training Tippecanoe Labs FD SIA IU Emergency Health Wabash Trailer West Point Volunteer FD Purdue FD Benton County Volunteer Departments Purdue University Engineers-Fire Blanket Tests And many others via District 4 trainings
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Outside LFD Training Opportunities

<p>CPR updates-American Heart Association</p> <p>Decision Making of Company Officer</p> <p>Flashover Training</p> <p>FOOLS skills training</p> <p>Instructor Training-Modern Techniques</p> <p>H.O.S.E. Hoisting-Operating-Stretching-Estimating (FDIC)</p> <p>Live Fire: Aggressive Thermal Imaging Search (FDIC)</p> <p>Live Fire: Vent-Enter-Search (FDIC)</p> <p>Truck Essentials for Effective and Efficient Outcomes (FDIC)</p> <p>Forcible Entry: The Keys for the Job (FDIC)</p> <p>Live Fire: Can Confidence-Searching for Live and Fire (FDIC)</p> <p>Live Fire Trainer-FDTN</p> <p>Commercial Tower Rescue and Rope Operations (FDIC)</p> <p>Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Impact on Emergency Operations (FDIC)</p> <p>The First Five Minutes: Size Up, Initial Incident Action Planning, and Effective Communications (FDIC)</p> <p>Women in Fire (FDIC)</p> <p>Harassment, Discrimination, and Diversity: Challenges and Struggles in the Fire and EMS Service (FDIC)</p>	<p>Lazy to Leader</p> <p>Leadership 101</p> <p>OSHA 511</p> <p>Search Tactics and Tricks-IDHS Winter Fire School</p> <p>Top Shelf Culture</p> <p>TIC tactics-Twin City Fire Tactics</p> <p>Vehicle Extrication Training</p> <p>Vehicle Emergency Operations/Technician</p> <p>Live Fire and Advancing Hoselines</p> <p>Streetwise Engine Tactics</p> <p>Peer Support</p> <p>Heavy Rescue Extrication (FDIC)</p> <p>Residential Primary Search “Making the Grab” (FDIC)</p> <p>Live Fire: Operating in the Flow Path (FDIC)</p> <p>Tower Ladders-Tactics and Tips (FDIC)</p> <p>Nozzlemanship (FDIC)</p> <p>Line Boss Leadership for today’s Engine Company</p> <p>Irons Ready HOT Class-Firemanship Conf.</p> <p>Bars and Hammers/Thermal Imaging</p> <p>H.O.T. classes (FDIC)</p> <p>Man vs Machine (FDIC)</p> <p>Heavy Extrication (FDIC)</p>
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Conclusion The Lafayette Fire Department’s Training Division remains committed to providing top-tier training, fostering interdepartmental cooperation, and ensuring that all firefighters and emergency responders are equipped with the skills necessary to protect and serve the community effectively. Our continued focus on certification, collaboration, and comprehensive training programs positions us for ongoing success in the years ahead.

Total Service Contacts for 2024

13,546

Includes The Following:

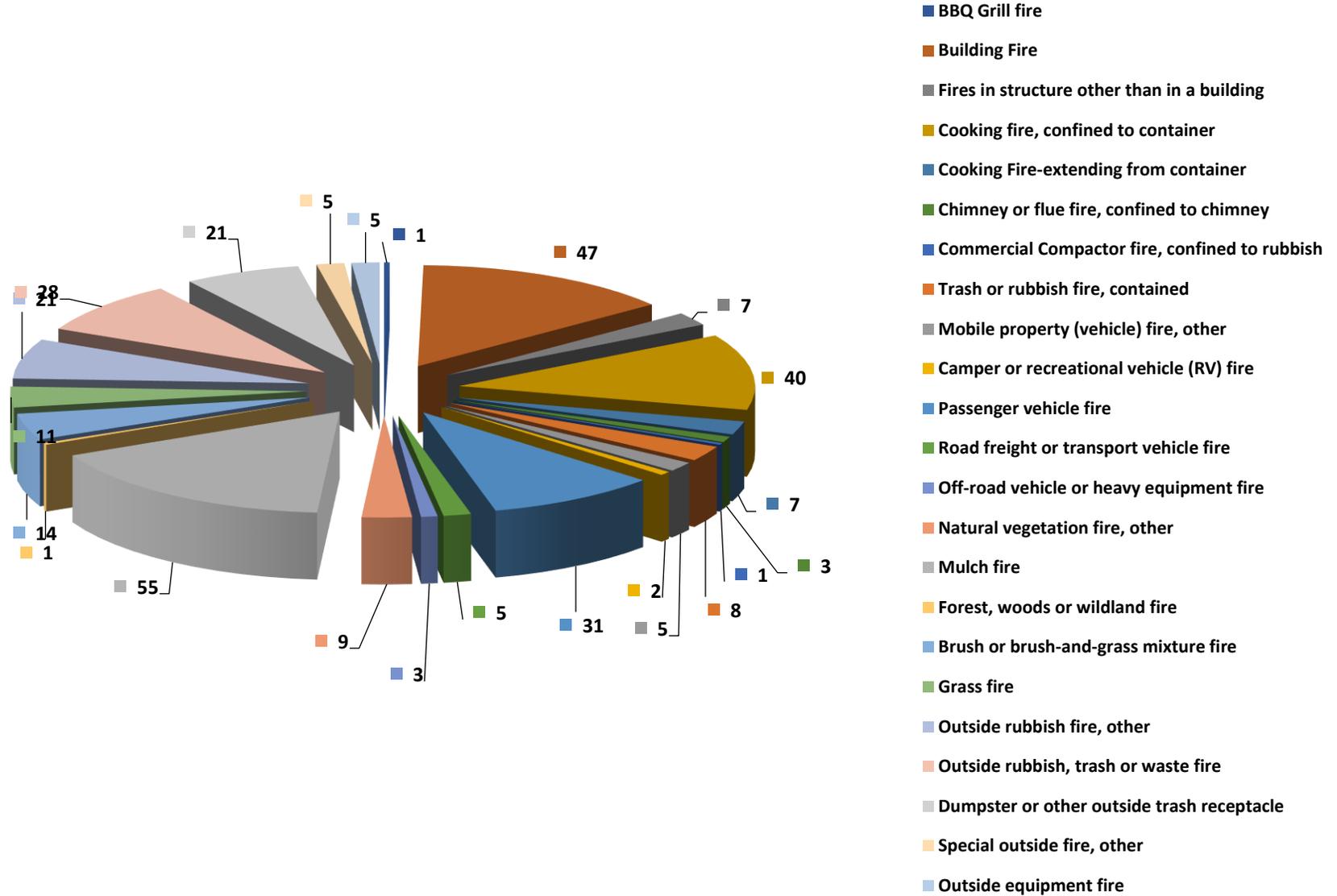
Fire Related (332)

Non-Fire Related (1,781)

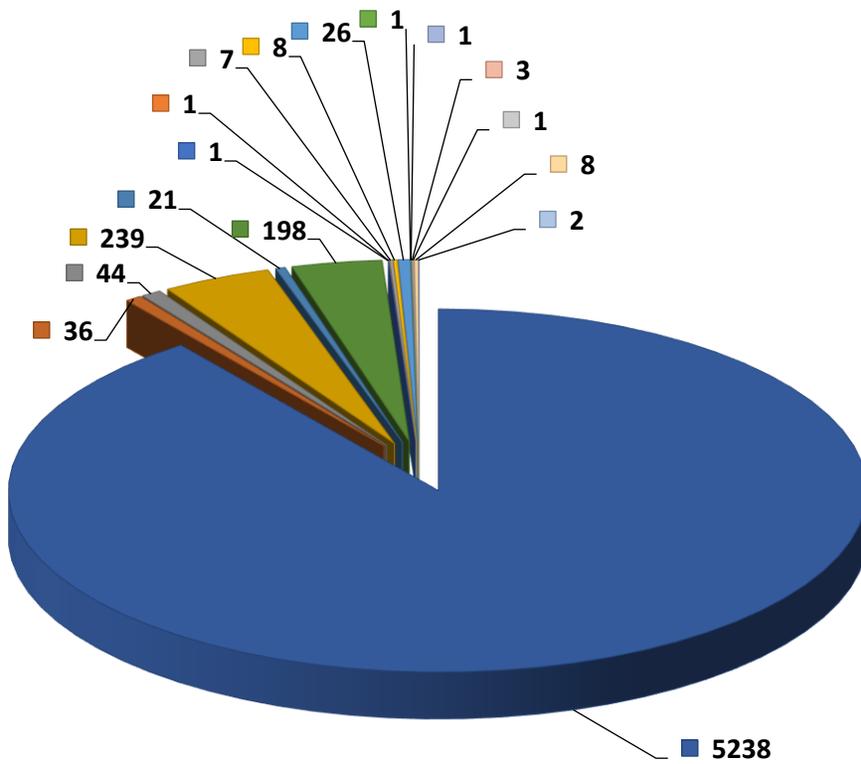
EMS (5,846)

Inspections (5,587)

2024 Fire Runs

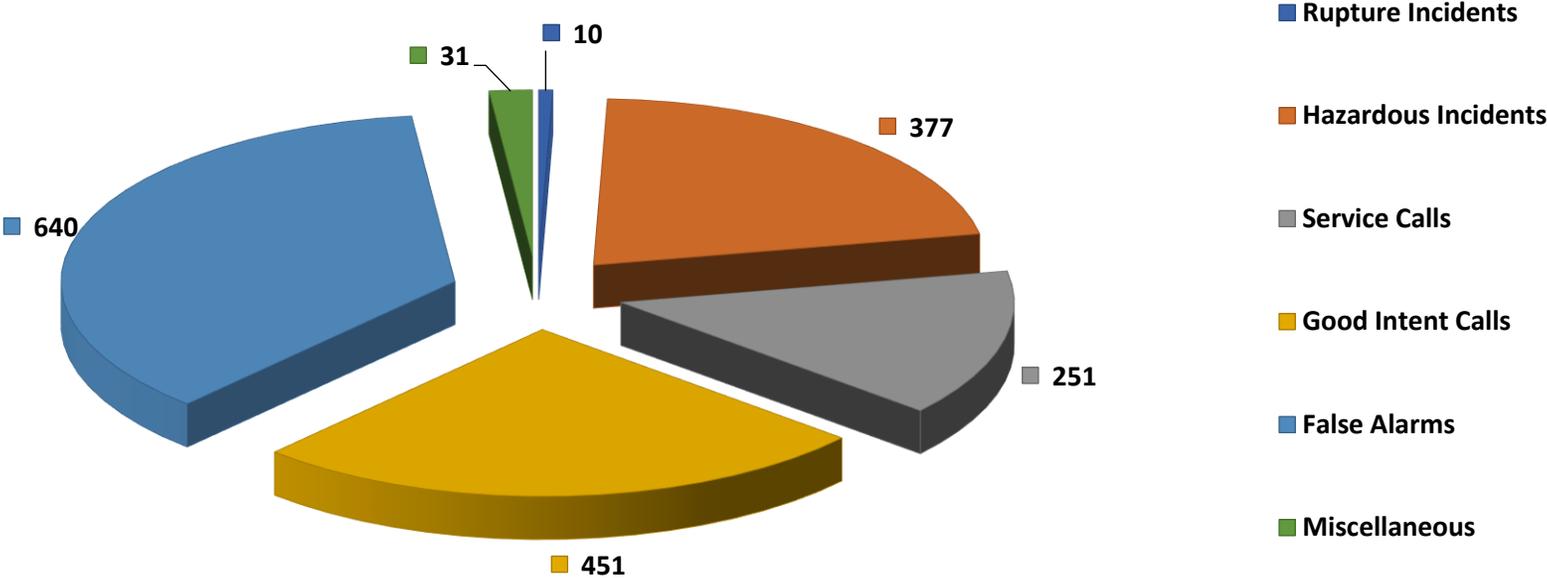


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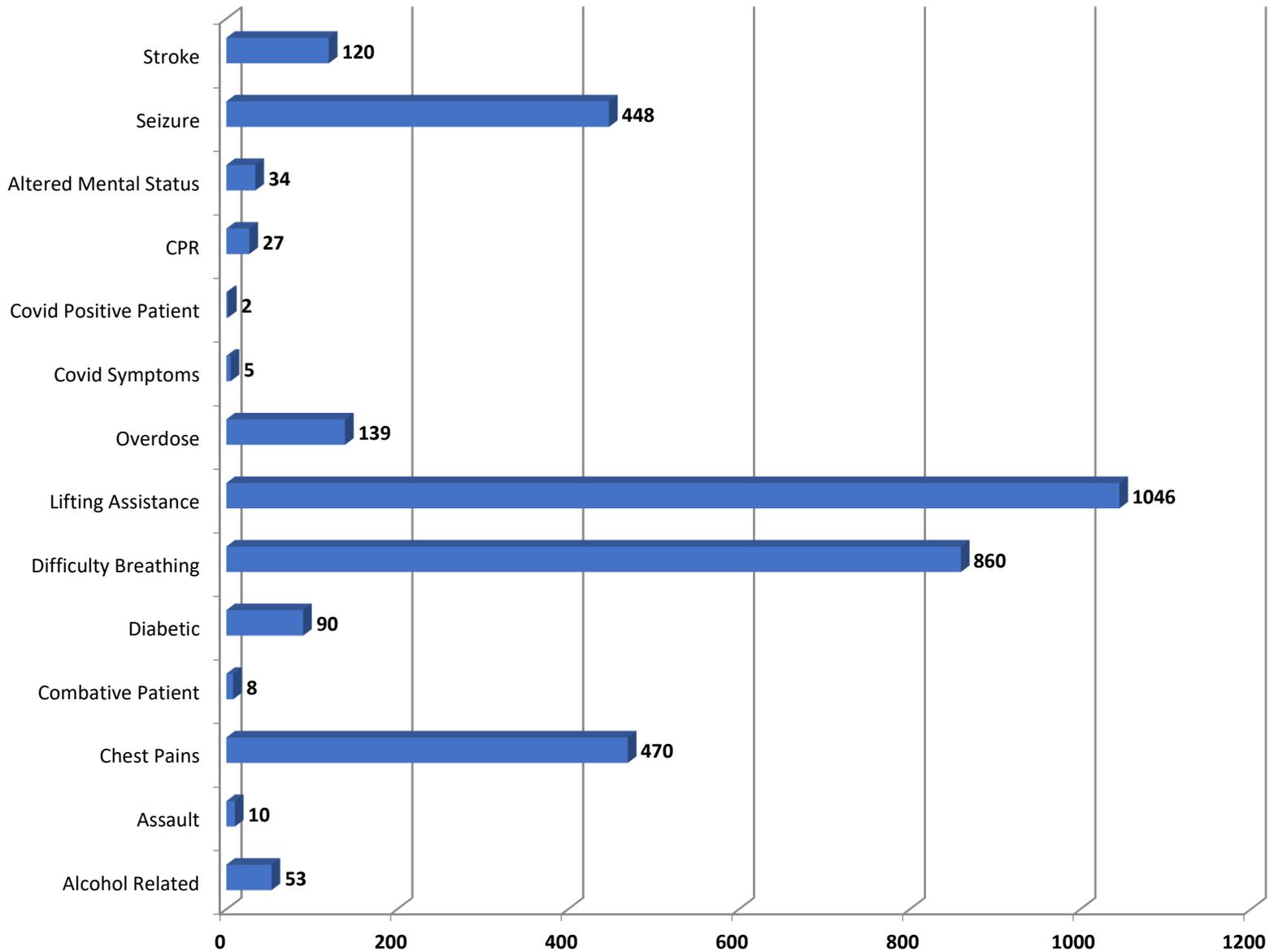


- Medical assist, assist EMS crew
- Emergency medical service, other
- EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
- Motor vehicle accident with injuries
- Motor vehicle/peDESTRIAN accident (MV Ped)
- Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
- Lock-in
- Search for person on land
- Extrication, rescue, other
- Extrication of victim (s) from vehicle
- Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator
- Extrication of victim (s) from machinery
- Water & ice-related rescue, other
- Swift water rescue
- Electrical Rescue, other
- Rescue or EMS standby
- Water related, non-rescue

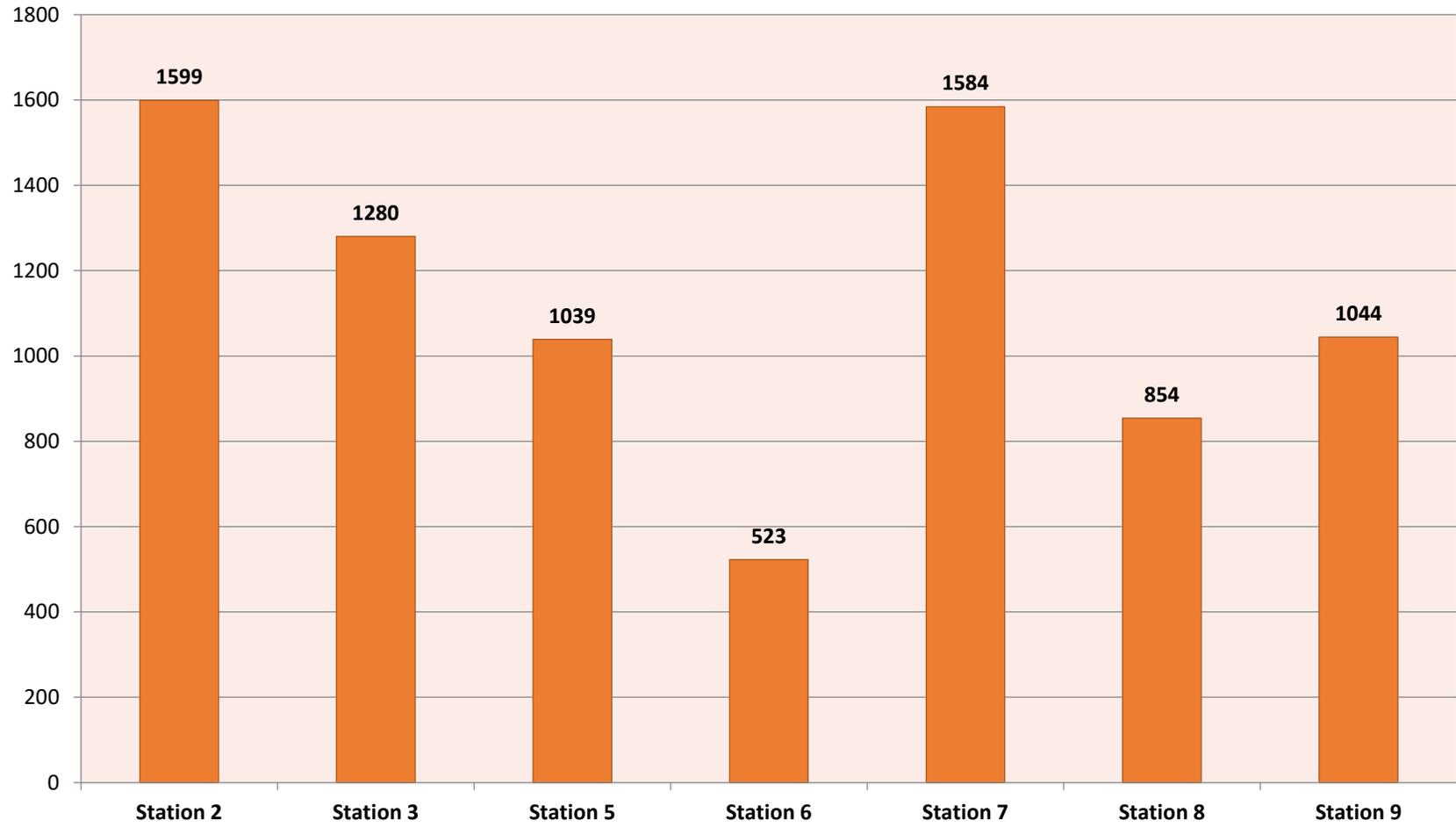
2024 Non-Fire Related Runs/Excluding EMS



2024 Medical Assists - Special Categories



2024 Calls Per Zone



2024 Responses Per Unit

