

# LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023

*Greater Lafayette  
Firefighter  
Training Academy*

Graduation Ceremony

October 23  
2023



Serving our community  
for over 150 years

**"OUR FAMILY SERVING YOUR FAMILY"**

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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.**

# **2023 Personnel Roster**

## **Chief**

Richard Doyle (January – June)

Brian Alkire (June – December)

## **Deputy Chief**

Steve Butram

## **Assistant Chief of Training**

Grant Davidson

## **Training Captain**

Ryan Thoma

## **Assistant Chief of Special Operations**

Cody Roby

## **Battalion Chiefs**

Karl Stokes – A Shift

Tobias Frost – B Shift

Brian Perior – C Shift

## **Chief of Fire Prevention**

Brian Alkire (January – June)

Todd Budd (June – December)

## **Inspectors**

David Thomas

Todd Trent

Rick DeHahn

Brad Young

## **Administrative Services Manager**

Beth Duell

## **Administrative Assistant**

Allison Everett

## Captains

Ryan Altman  
Joe Barker  
Matt Chase  
Tim Franscoviak  
Jamie Blacker  
Robert McCord  
Jon McDaniel

## Lieutenants

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

## Sergeants

Brian Adkins

Steven Black

Lee Booth

Tim Butz

Seth Catron

Chris Conklin

Adam Deaton

Robert Dugan

Doug Dunwoody

Heather Evans

Alec Gibson

Robert Hamer

Caleb Hufford

Michael Koning, Jr.

Clinton Korty

Jayson Lohmeyer

Lance Martin

Marcus McKinney

Trent Richter

John Robinson

David Rose

Ben Shultz

Chris Smith

Michael Stull

Chris Terrell

Alan Wade

Chad Wiesler

Jacob Williams

Ryan Woody

## Journeyman

Chris Beedle	Blake Hillyer	Xavier Passement
Caleb Benjamin	Bill Holderfield	Juan Perera
Chance Billingsley	Mike Hoskins	Matt Peters
Wayne Bush	Mitchell Jachim	Mark Phillips
Kody Butz	Ted Koeppen	Alex Previs
Darren Chase	Nick Kopf	Jeff Ramey
Brian Clark	Matt Kubat	Eric Russell
Tanner Compton	Mike Little	Ryan Sanders
Seth Conger	Jared Lohmeyer	Eric Smith
Gage Corbett	Dalton Martin	Jeff Smith
Kyle Corcoran	Ron Martin, Jr	Ashley Sneathen
Brad Cornell	Sarah Martin	Ryan Souligne
Chandler Czpenski	Kyle McKinsey	Jason Swank
Damon Downey	Eliseo Medrano	Anthony Tomlin
John Eason	Chad Mills	Chris Wendt
Jared Faust	Heath Mitchell	Blake Wiesler
Greg Hasek	Todd Munson	Zach Wolf
Chris Hathaway	Luke Overbeck	Kevin Woollen
Cole Hauser	Brent Parker	

## Recruits

Jedidah Ausban	Bennet Miller	Joshua Satchell
Bryce Chase	Damon Munson	Brian Silver
Jacob Guess	Jonathan Olney	Alex Spencer
Ryan Hahn	Joel Raters	Anthony Tudder
Benjamin Justice	Aaron Rothenberger	

## **Promotions & Retirements**

**The following firefighters were promoted during the year 2023:**

Chief Brian Alkire – 6/20/2023  
Lieutenant Justin Brown – 3/13/23  
Asst. Chief of Prevention Todd Budd – 8/14/23  
Sergeant Timothy Butz – 11/17/23  
Sergeant Seth Catron – 9/11/23  
Lieutenant Jason Clark – 3/13/23  
Sergeant Adam Deaton – 6/29/23  
Sergeant Robert Dugan – 3/13/23  
Sergeant Alec Gibson – 3/14/23  
Sergeant Robert Hamer – 3/13/23  
Sergeant Caleb Hufford – 4/2/23  
Lieutenant Landon McDaniel – 10/16/23  
Sergeant Marcus McKinney – 9/11/23  
Lieutenant Michael Moran – 3/7/23  
Asst. Chief of Special Operations Cody Roby – 3/14/23  
Captain of Training Ryan Thoma – 7/8/23  
Captain of Fire Prevention Brad Young – 10/10/23

**The following firefighters retired during the year 2023:**

Chief Richard Doyle – 6/9/23  
Lieutenant Dane Elston – 3/14/23  
Firefighter Gary Gaither – 3/13/23  
Sergeant Jeremy Hostetler – 6/28/23  
Lieutenant Scott Hunter – 3/14/23  
Sergeant Mark Lee – 4/2/23  
Sergeant Charles Morris – 7/9/23  
Lieutenant James Morrow – 3/6/23  
Captain David Stanley – 7/6/23



**PREVENTION**

**EDUCATE**

**INVESTIGATION**

## **Lafayette Fire Prevention Division**

### **Overview**

The Fire Prevention Division is staffed by an Assistant Chief, a merit Captain Inspector, 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.

### **2023 Year End Review:**

The Lafayette Fire Prevention Division saw many changes within the division in 2023. Assistant Chief Brian Alkire was appointed Chief of Department. Captain Todd Budd was promoted to Assistant Chief of Prevention and Lieutenant Brad Young was promoted to Captain of Fire Prevention.

The Division was assigned a new data collection program after many years. The team continues to become more familiar with the new program and are submitting product improvements to the platform's builders on a regular occasion.

The Prevention Division completed 6169 points of contact with the Lafayette Community in 2023. Each inspection type is broken down into subcategories below.

In March of 2023, Inspector Todd Trent was named Inspector of the Year by the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana. Inspector Trent's honor was witnessed by his wife Wendy, Chiefs Richard Doyle and Brian Alkire, Captain Budd, and Inspectors Thomas and Dehahn at the annual conference banquet.



## **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 2022. 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:

- 225 Smoke/Carbon monoxide combination alarms
- 13 standalone carbon monoxide detectors
- Replaced 17 batteries in existing smoke alarms throughout the year.

### **Purdue University Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity**

Members of Purdue University Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity approached Lafayette Fire Prevention Division to develop and deliver a community outreach program. The Fraternity chose a smoke alarm blitz to take place from 12th to 17th street (east to west) and from Greenbush Street to Howell Street (north to south) in Lafayette, Indiana. The secondary area impacted was from 9th to 14th street (east to west) and from Howell Street to Hartford Street (north to south).



76 residential homes were approached by 12 Purdue University Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity members split into 6 groups and accompanied by 10 Lafayette Fire Department Firefighters from 09:15 am to 11:00 am on October 28, 2023. The primary area impacted was of the 76 homes:

- 46 did not answer the door, and instead received a door hanger to reach out to the Lafayette Fire Department to schedule a free alarm installation to be completed at a later date.

- 33 of the 76 answered and received a packet of information, as well as verbal information, about creating a fire safety plan, smoke alarm information, cooking safety, hoarding and fire safety, disability and fire safety, and lithium battery safety. 33 homes, 9 homes received free smoke alarm installations from the Lafayette Fire Department. Of these 9 homes, one of the homes did not have any smoke alarms before this event and had multiple young children living there. Of the 33 homes that answered, 6 received medication information. Of these 6, two received free pill boxes to assist with medication safety and adherence. Community risk was further reduced by 6 homes receiving Narcan doses, as well as instructions on how to recognize opioid overdose, administer Narcan, and receive additional doses. For future events, 3 out of the 14 people asked would have benefitted from a bin being provided to deposit expired medications.

Category	Number of Homes Impacted
Houses Knocked on <small>[No Title]</small>	76
Houses that answered	33/76
Houses than didn't answer	43/76
Houses receiving alarms + packet	9
Houses receiving medication info, pill boxes, or another service offered today	6
Houses receiving Narcan	6
Houses Interested in bins for expired medication	3/14 asked



## **Fire Prevention Week**

In 2023, the Lafayette Fire Department celebrated its 25th anniversary. This was a momentous moment for the Lafayette Fire Department and its history as this milestone achieved a tradition status within our community. A couple of the earlier pioneers were recognized for their forethought and ingenuity. 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, it is inspirational. Be sure to join us in 2024.



## **History of the Fire Prevention Show**

In the mid 1980's, members of the Fire Prevention Bureau would visit each elementary school during Fire Prevention Week and educate each school individually. In an attempt to be more efficient and effective, fire prevention education was moved to the Tippecanoe Mall and students in the Lafayette School Corporation in grades K-3, who were transported by bus to the mall and educated collectively. In the early 1990's, the show was transferred to the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, where students were educated by the use of hand puppets and recorded songs. In the mid 1990's the show had a brief hiatus at the Long Center, located in downtown Lafayette. Since 1996, the show has been held at Lafayette Jeff High School Auditorium for students in grades K-2 from Lafayette School Corporation, West Lafayette Schools, Tippecanoe County School Corporations, and private Christian Schools. In 2023 schools from Carroll, Benton, and Montgomery County were invited. We educate between around 5000 children each year during Fire Prevention Week. We have had approximately 100,000 children throughout our community and State of Indiana through our performances throughout the years. The Lafayette Fire Department has targeted elementary school age children as our main target audience over the past 20 plus years.

The Lafayette Fire Department also continued to promote the Fire & Life Safety Skills video that was produced in 2020. The video has currently received over 107K views on YouTube.



YouTube link to the video is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efDbHKqA-BE&t=67s>

Channel 18 covered the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show. The news story can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/PAbukkifvAg>



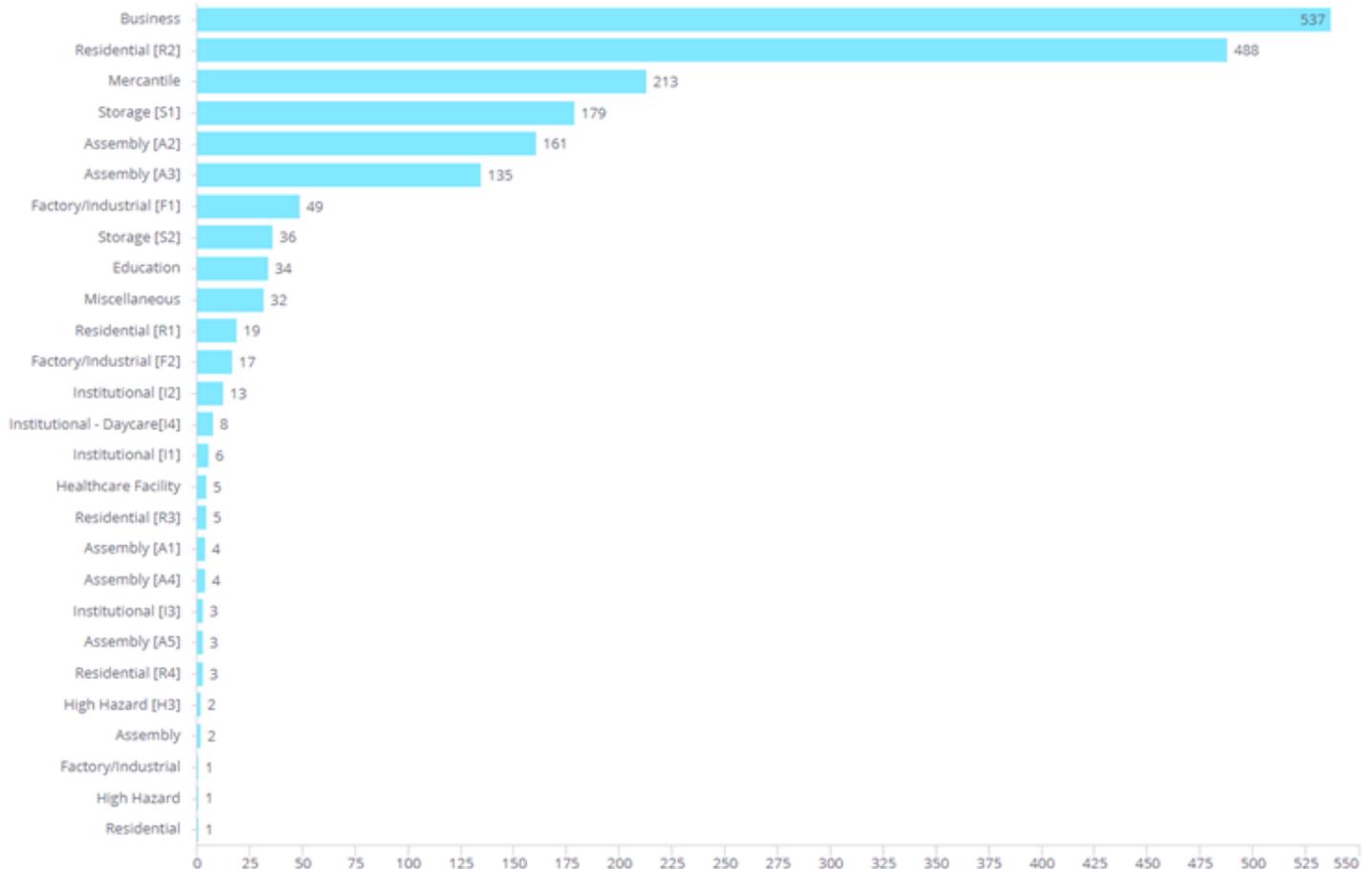
**We'll see you at the Fire Show**



## 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, a majority 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 the approximate **6126** existing 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.

### Breakdown of Total Business Occupancies in the City of Lafayette

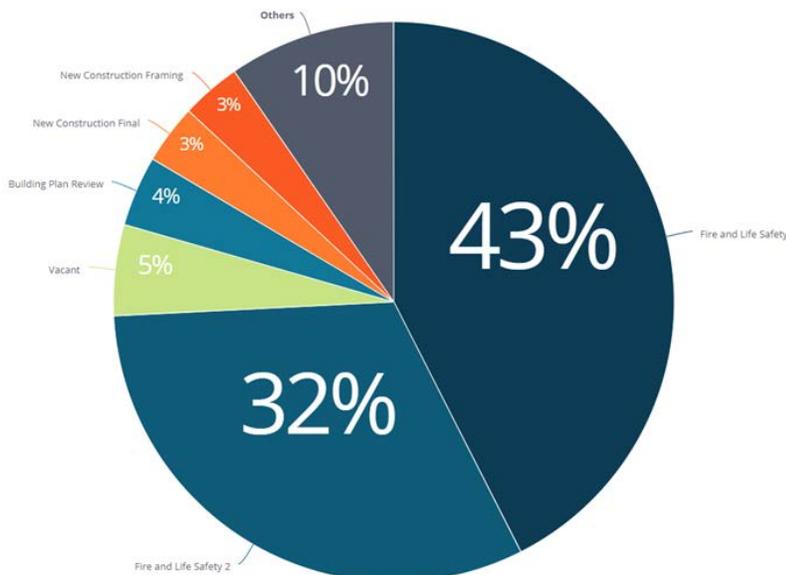


## **Total Activities for 2023**

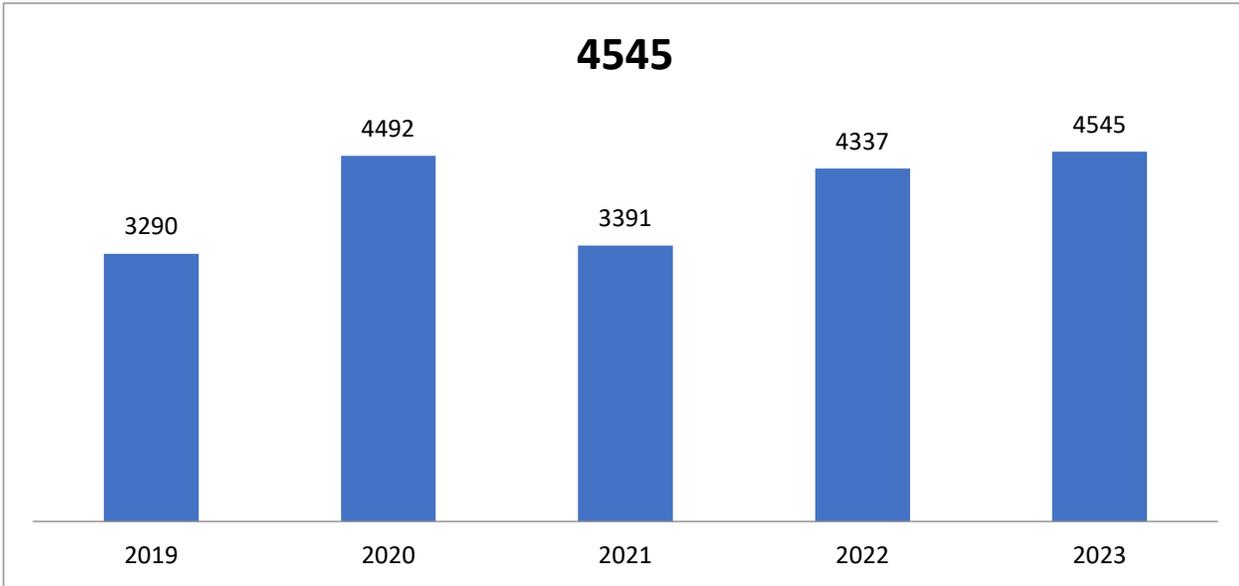
The Prevention Division had 6169 Points of Contact with the Lafayette Community. A more detailed list shown below outlines the type and amount of Code Enforcement activities that took place.

Inspection Type Name	Count of Inspections
Fire and Life Safety	2,619
Fire and Life Safety 2	1,952
Vacant	324
Building Plan Review	250
New Construction Framing	211
New Construction Final	211
Consultation	153
New Construction Above Ceiling	68
Fire Alarm Final	55
Fire Alarm Plan Review	45
Sprinkler Hydro	38
Sprinkler Final	31
Sprinkler Plan Review	30
Fire Protection System Out-of-Service	23
Kitchen Hood, Duct & Fan	23
Compliant Follow-up	20
Knox Box	18
Site Plan Review	17
Kitchen Fire Suppression System	15
False Alarm	12
Emergency Planning and Preparedness	12
Partial Final	8
Business Compliance	6
Building Plan Review ( Tenant Build-out)	5
Food Truck	4
Hydrant Flow Test	3
Special Events	3
Clean Agent System Review	2
Building Plan Review (White Box)	1
Reinspection	1

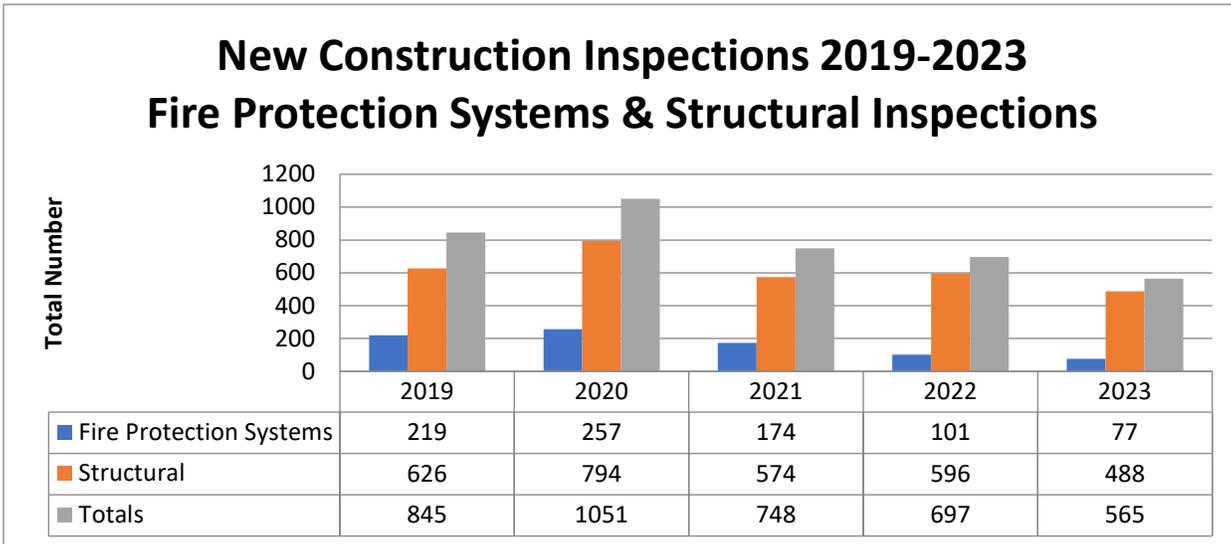
## **Percent of Inspections Based on Inspection Type**



**Periodic Inspections in 2023: 4545**



**New Construction Inspections in 2023: 585**



## **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 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 times, 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.

### ***New Construction Plan Reviews for the year 2023: 305***

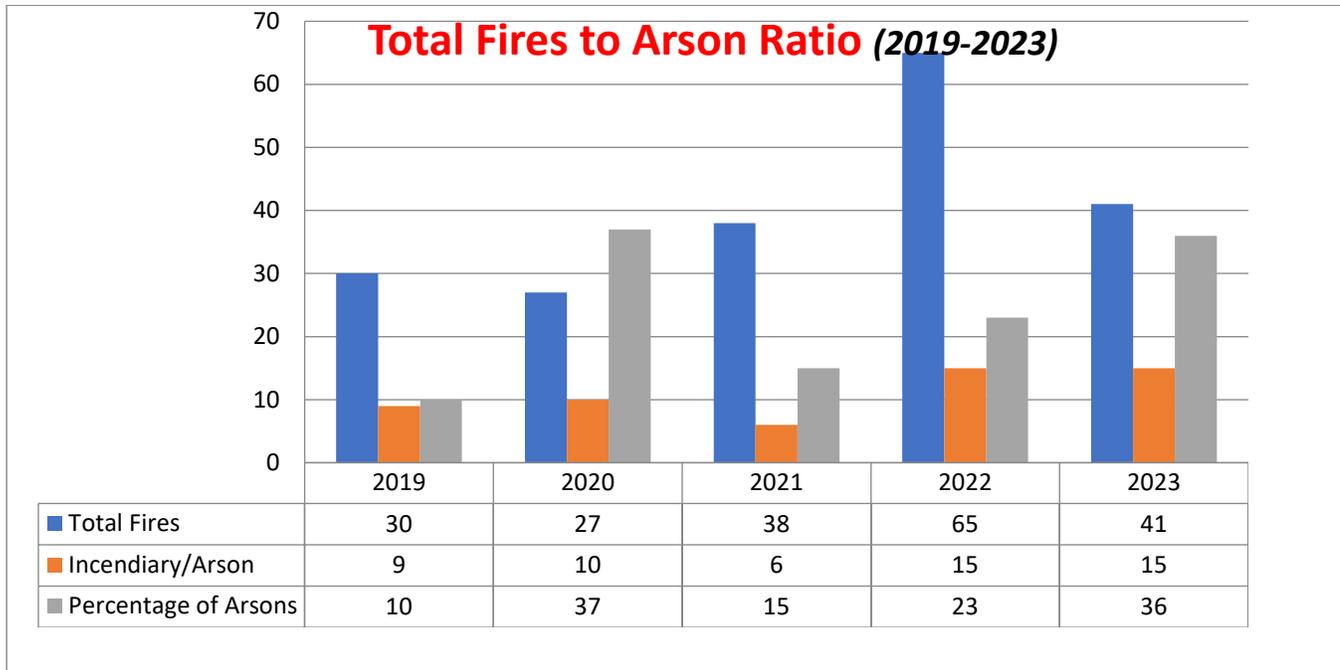
Inspection Type Name	Count of Inspections	↓
Building Plan Review	246	
Kitchen Hood, Duct & Fan	22	
Site Plan Review	16	
Kitchen Fire Suppression System	15	
Building Plan Review ( Tenant Build-out)	5	
Building Plan Review (White Box)	1	

## **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 is able to 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.



## 2023 Investigation Report Data

The Lafayette Fire Investigations Unit is responsible for investigating fires that the Fire Suppression Division is unable or needs assistance in determining the origin and cause of the fire. The Lafayette Fire Investigation Unit was requested to investigate 41 fires for the year. Of those 41, 15 of the fires investigated in 2023 were a result of an Incendiary act.

The Lafayette Fire Investigations Unit did investigate one residential fire fatalities in 2023 where an individual was manufacturing fireworks in their basement.

# Lafayette Fire Department Special Operations

## Leadership and Team Expansion

In 2023, the Lafayette Fire Department Special Operations Division witnessed significant growth and enhancements. The year marked a pivotal moment for the Special Operations Division as it embraced changes in leadership and team dynamics. A new chapter unfolded with the promotion of a new Assistant Chief of Special Operations. This promotion injected fresh leadership insights and innovative perspectives into the division, fortifying our commitment to excellence.

The Special Operations Division also welcomed dedicated personnel from West Lafayette Fire Department to each of our specialty teams – Technical Rescue, Water Rescue, and Hazardous Materials Response. This collaborative integration not only expanded our team size but also brought forth a wealth of diverse experiences and skills.

Additionally, the Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department Water Rescue Team and the Lafayette Fire Department Water Rescue Team established a dedicated agency partnership which has resulted in seamless coordination and joint deployment.

The synergy of this combined expertise has fostered a spirit of camaraderie and mutual learning, as well as strengthened our collective ability to tackle complex situations.

## Training Achievements

The year 2023 was marked by substantial achievements in training within the Special Operations Division. A total of 350 on-shift training hours were dedicated to advancing the skills of our personnel, ensuring their readiness to handle a broad spectrum of emergency scenarios. The breakdown of these training hours for each specialty team is shown below:



This steadfast commitment to continuous improvement serves as a cornerstone in maintaining the proficiency of our teams. The focus on continuous training ensures that our teams are well-prepared and proficient in handling a wide range of emergency situations.





### **Professional Development Through Courses and Conferences**

In tandem with on-shift training, our personnel actively engaged in a diverse array of courses and conferences throughout 2023, ranging from 8 to 40 hours in duration. These learning opportunities were meticulously selected to broaden the knowledge base and skill set of our teams. Courses completed during the year encompassed a spectrum of specialties, including:

- Swift Water Rescuer Operations / Technician
- Confined Space Rescuer Operations / Technician
- Tower Rescue
- International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference
- Rope Rescuer Operations / Technician
- SDI Open Water Diver
- Hazardous Materials Operations / Technician
- Indiana Alliance of Hazardous Materials Responders (IAHMR)
- Hazardous Materials Instructors and Commanders (HMIC)
- OSHA 510 – Construction Industry



These learning opportunities not only added to the skill set of our teams but also kept them abreast of the latest industry standards and best practices.



## Collaborative Training Initiatives with Agency & Industry Partners

Over the course of 2023 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

### Cargill Inc.

- Confined Space Rescue Drill

### Koch Fertilizer

- Hazardous Material Response Exercise

### Norfolk Southern

- Rope Rescue Exercise

### Ice Cream Specialties

- Emergency Preparedness Tour

### Tate & Lyle

- Hazardous Material Response Exercise

### Primient

- Hazardous Material Response Exercise

### Lineage

- Emergency Preparedness Tour

### GE Aerospace

- Hazardous Materials Response & Incident Command Training

### INTF-1 K9 Division

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

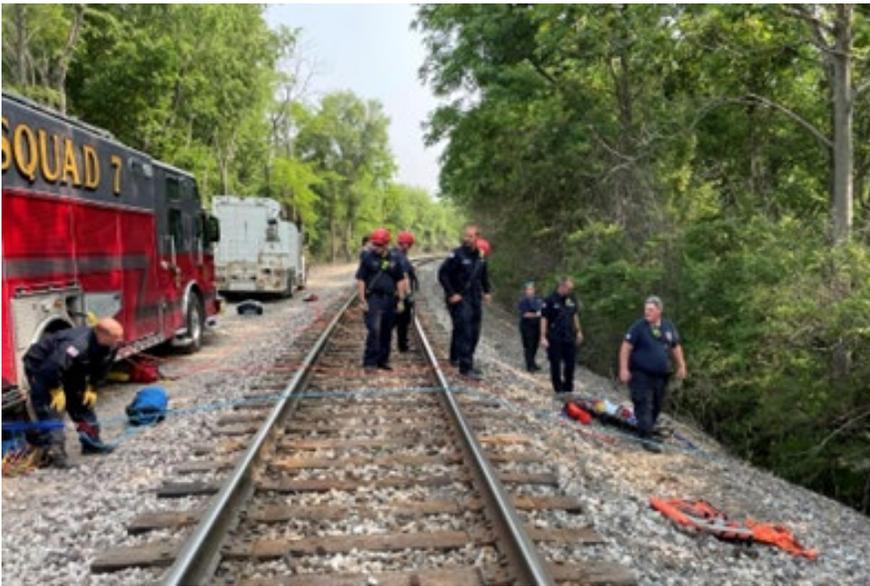
### Lafayette Police Department SWAT / Tippecanoe Sheriff Department Water Rescue Team

- Rope Rescuer Operations / Technician Course



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.





## Operational Highlights

Throughout 2023, the Lafayette Fire Department responded to a vast array of incidents. Some of which required the expertise of personnel on these specialty teams. These incidents encompassed critical tasks such as stabilizing compromised structures, executing technical elevator rescues, conducting water rescues, and managing hazardous material releases. While not all incidents necessitated a full team response, the comprehensive training and preparation instilled within these specialty teams equipped our personnel with the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to respond effectively and promptly to each unique situation.





## Acknowledgments

We extend our gratitude to all members of the Special Operations Division for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence. These members are the foundation of the Special Operations Division, their collective efforts and professionalism are the driving force behind the accomplishments and positive impact of this division.

## **2023 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  
SGT. Doug Dunwoody  
SGT. Chris Conklin  
SGT. David Rose  
SGT. Ben Shultz  
SGT. Lee Booth

SGT. Caleb Hufford  
SGT. Alec Gibson  
SGT. Seth Catron  
SGT. Tim Butz  
FF. Kevin Woollen  
FF. John Eason  
FF. Chad Mills  
FF. Chris Beedle  
FF. Zach Wolf  
FF. Matt Peters

FF. Jared Lohmeyer  
FF. Blake Hillyer  
FF. Damian Lynn  
FF. Eric Smith  
FF. Anthony Tomlin  
CPT. Eric Doyle  
FF. Craig Snider  
FF. Derek Cook  
FF. Grady Fountain  
FF. Sean Mayer

### **Technical Rescue Team**

CPT. Ryan Altman  
CPT. Ryan Thoma  
LT. Steve Arndt  
LT. Mark Antonian  
LT. Joey Danaher  
LT. Jeff Hauser  
LT. Chad Hoey

SGT. Chris Smith  
SGT. Adam Deaton  
SGT. Alec Gibson  
SGT. Jake Williams  
SGT. Ben Bumgarner  
FF. Caleb Benjamin  
FF. D. Wayne Bush

FF. Jeff Ramey  
FF. Chad Mills  
FF. Eric Russell  
FF. Zach Wolf  
FF. Alex Previs  
CPT. Eric Lamb  
LT. Ben Jones

LT. Jason Jordan  
LT. Chad McCord  
LT. Mike Moran  
LT. Travis Oliver  
LT. Landon McDaniel  
SGT. Mike Stull  
SGT. Jayson Lohmeyer  
SGT. David Rose  
SGT. Ben Shultz

FF. Chandler Czepinski  
FF. Jared Faust  
FF. Cole Hauser  
FF. Ted Koeppen  
FF. Mike Little  
FF. Jared Lohmeyer  
FF. Ron Martin  
FF. Sarah Martin

FF. Kyle Glover  
FF. Ryan Linder  
FF. Thomas Lynch  
FF. Derek Cook  
FF. Clint Knowles  
FF. Drew Snider  
FF. Cody Glover  
FF. Grady Fountain

### **Water Rescue Team**

Cpt. Ryan Thoma  
LT. Steve Arndt  
LT. Mark Antonian  
LT. Joey Danaher  
LT. Jason Jordan  
LT. Landon McDaniel  
LT. Travis Oliver  
SGT. Lee Booth  
SGT. Ben Bumgarner  
SGT. Robert Dugan  
SGT. Mike Koning Jr.  
SGT. Jayson Lohmeyer

FF. Caleb Benjamin  
FF. Chance Billingsley  
FF. D. Wayne Bush  
FF. Chandler Czepinski  
FF. Jared Faust  
FF. Cole Hauser  
FF. Ted Koeppen  
FF. Mike Little  
FF. Jared Lohmeyer  
FF. Kyle McKinsey  
FF. Brent Parker  
FF. Xavier Passement

FF. Alex Previs  
FF. Eric Russell  
FF. Zach Wolf  
CPT. Eric Doyle  
LT. Jon VanNess  
LT. Stevie Jenkinson  
FF. Adam Stanley  
FF. Curtis Shidler  
FF. Kyle Glover  
FF. Adam Arnold  
FF. Cadel Crowl  
FF. Conner Stacy

# Lafayette Fire Department Training Division



## **(Mass Casualty training exercise with West Lafayette, Purdue, and Wabash Township Fire Departments at LFDTC)**

The Lafayette Fire Department's Training Division is currently staffed with an Assistant Chief and Captain. The Division is assisted by Lafayette FD instructors/firefighters with various specialties and experiences which add to a well-versed training environment. LFD had 58 firefighters IDHS certified at the Instructor I level and 15 at the Instructor II/III level at the end of 2023. Three firefighters are certified as EMT-Primary Instructors and four as American Heart Association CPR Instructors. The Training Division continues to combine training resources with other departments such as Purdue, West Lafayette, and Wabash Township Fire Departments to expand our skills and abilities. The Lafayette Fire Department Training Center (LFDTC) also continues to be an active partner and host for many IDHS District 4 certification classes/trainings for departments across the State of Indiana. In 2023, the total amount of documented LFD training hours for EMS, Firefighting, and Hazmat Operations was 28,960.71.

## **Captain of Training**



Captain David Stanley retired on 7/6/23 after serving in the position for over 6 years. We wish him a wonderful retirement and thank him for his dedication to the Training Division and LFD!

Sgt Ryan Thoma was promoted to Training Captain on 7/8/23. Captain Thoma is certified as an Instructor II/III, EMT Primary Instructor, CPR Instructor and currently serves as the Program Manager for District 1 and 4 IDHS Fire & Public Safety Academy. Welcome to the Training Division and Congratulations!



**IDHS Certifications offered in 2023**

**Instructor I and II**

**Fire Officer I and II**

**Firefighter I/II**

**Emergency Medical Technician**

**Fire Officer Strategies and Tactics**

**Hazmat Awareness/Operations/Technician**



**(Hazardous Material Operations chemical release and vehicle extrication training exercise)**

**In-House LFD Training Hour Topics:**

**First Responder Operations Level Refresher (MOD #3)**  
**First Responder Operations Level Refresher (MOD #4)**  
**NFPA 1500 Advanced HAZWOPER Awareness (MOD #1)**  
**NFPA 1500 Advanced HAZWOPER Awareness (MOD #2)**  
**NFPA 1500 Advanced HAZWOPER Awareness (MOD #3)**  
**EMS Hazard Communication**  
**First Responder Operations Level Refresher (MOD #1)**  
**EMS HIPAA Awareness**  
**First Responder Operations Level Refresher (MOD #2)**  
**NFPA 1500 Advanced HAZWOPER Awareness (MOD #4)**  
**EMS Airway Management Basic**  
**EMS Bleeding and Shock Basic**  
**EMS Heat Illness and Emergencies**  
**EMS Pediatric Emergencies Basic**  
**Electrical Safety**  
**Fire Extinguisher Safety**  
**NFPA 1500 Bloodborne Pathogens Safety**  
**Ladder & Scaffolding Safety**  
**Hearing Conservation**  
**EMS Abdominal Trauma Basic**  
**EMS Burn Management Basic**  
**EMS Sills**  
**EMS Audit and Review**  
**Blood Glucose Monitoring System**  
**EMS Scopes of Practice**  
**EMS Protocols**  
**Hydrogen Fuel Cell and Fueling Station**  
**Ice Rescue**  
**Fire Stream**

**Traffic Incident Management**  
**ESO and Preplans**  
**Active Shooter**  
**Behavioral Health**  
**High Rise Structures**  
**Driver Operator Crew Level**  
**Driver Operator Sgt Level**  
**EVOC**  
**Preemption Driver Training**  
**Mask Confidence evolutions #1-9**  
**Firefighter Rescue**  
**Hazmat Operation Skills**  
**Mass Casualty Response**  
**Elevator Training**  
**NFPA 1500 Compressed Gas**  
**OSHA**  
**Blood Glucose Monitoring System**  
**EMS Scopes of Practice**  
**EMS Protocols**  
**Hydrogen Fuel Cell and Fueling Station**  
**Ice Rescue**  
**IDHS SCBA Confidence Trailer (Maze)**  
**Fire Streams**  
**Hydrogen Fuel Cell and Fueling Station**  
**Ice Rescue**  
**IDHS SCBA Confidence Trailer (Maze)**  
**SIA CMI Class 8 BEV Overview**

## Outside LFD Training Opportunities

Aggressive Search and VES (FDIC)  
Anatomy of Push (FDIC)  
Auto Extrication  
Barn Boss Leadership (FDIC)  
Basement Live Fire Training  
Company Drills in Acquired Structures (FDIC)  
Conventional Forcible Entry: Keys to the job (FDIC)  
CPR updates  
Critical Thinking for Officer Development (FDIC)  
Electric Vehicle Response (FDIC)  
Engine Company Tactics for Limited Staffing Engine Operations  
Fire Officer Development on a budget (FDIC) Fire Streams  
Firefighter Skills under Live Fire  
Fireground Survival and RIT (FDTN)  
First due Hazmat Rescue Tools (FDIC)  
First in and Understaffed H.O.T. class (FDIC)  
Flashover and Modern Behavior (FDIC) Flashover Training  
Forcible Entry Techniques for firefighters Hosting, Operating, Stretching, Estimating (FDIC)  
IDHS Confidence Trailer  
IDHS Fire Chief Executive Training Program (National Fire Academy)  
H.O.T. classes (FDIC)  
Heavy Rescue Extrication (FDIC)  
Heavy Vehicle Extrication (FDIC)  
High Rise Essential first due (FDIC)

Indiana Snoke Diver  
Initial Company Operations (National Fire Academy)  
Large Truck Extrication (FDIC)  
Live Fire Trainer (Fire Department Training Network)  
Live Fire Training  
Man vs Machine (FDIC)  
NFPA 1700 (Fire Control, Search, Ventilation, Incident Command, FF Safety)  
Operating the Flowpath by Flowing and Going (FDIC)  
Preparation for Initial Company Operations (National Fire Academy)  
Rapid Intervention Team (FDTN)  
Residential Primary Search and Making the Grab (FDIC)  
Residential Primary Search: Making the Grab (FDIC)  
Rethinking First Responder Mental Health and Trauma (FDIC)  
Search and Rescue  
Search Culture Training  
Solar Farm Fire Safety Training  
Street Smart Extrication (FDIC)  
Truck Company Essentials (FDIC)  
Truck Company Essentials: Beyond the Academy (FDIC)  
Vent-Enter-Search: Down and Dirty (FDIC)



# The Fire Department Training Network

**FDIC**  
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Administration

## Outside organizations that received training

IDHS District 4 Public Safety Training Academy  
Vehicle Extrication Training Day-IDHS District 4  
District 4 Engine and Trucks Skills Day  
District 4 Flashover Train-the-Trainer  
District 4 Flashover Training  
District 4 Hazmat Operations  
GLCA/D4 Live Fire Training Day  
GLCA Hazmat skills  
GLCA/D4 Firefighter Skills  
LPD SWAT training  
Wabash Township  
West Lafayette FD

ISP Clan Lab Training  
Williamsport Volunteer  
4H (Intro to EMS)  
Veterans Reserve Corp CERT Training  
Tippecanoe Township  
Clarks Hill  
Lafayette Waterworks  
Lafayette Street  
Shadeland Volunteer FD  
Purdue FD  
and many others via District 4 trainings...

## Recruit Academy



### **(2023 Recruit Class Graduation Ceremony)**

The Lafayette Fire Department welcomed fourteen new Recruits in 2023. Thirteen Recruit Firefighters graduated from the Greater Lafayette Recruit Firefighter Academy in a ceremony at the Long Center for Performing Arts on October 23rd, 2023. Once assigned to their shift and stations these Recruits began a Field Training Program with their assigned officers. One Recruit Firefighter completed reorientation training at the LFDTC and the Field Training Program on shift after being rehired following a separation of employment.

West Lafayette Fire Department added four firefighters, Purdue University Fire Department added one, and Wabash Township Fire Department added three to the Greater Lafayette Recruit Firefighter Academy. The

academy consisted of 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. Congratulations to Class #13!



**Live Car Fire Training**



**Flashover Training**



**EMT training**



**Hazmat classroom training**

**Total Service Contacts for 2023**

**14,758**

**Includes The Following:**

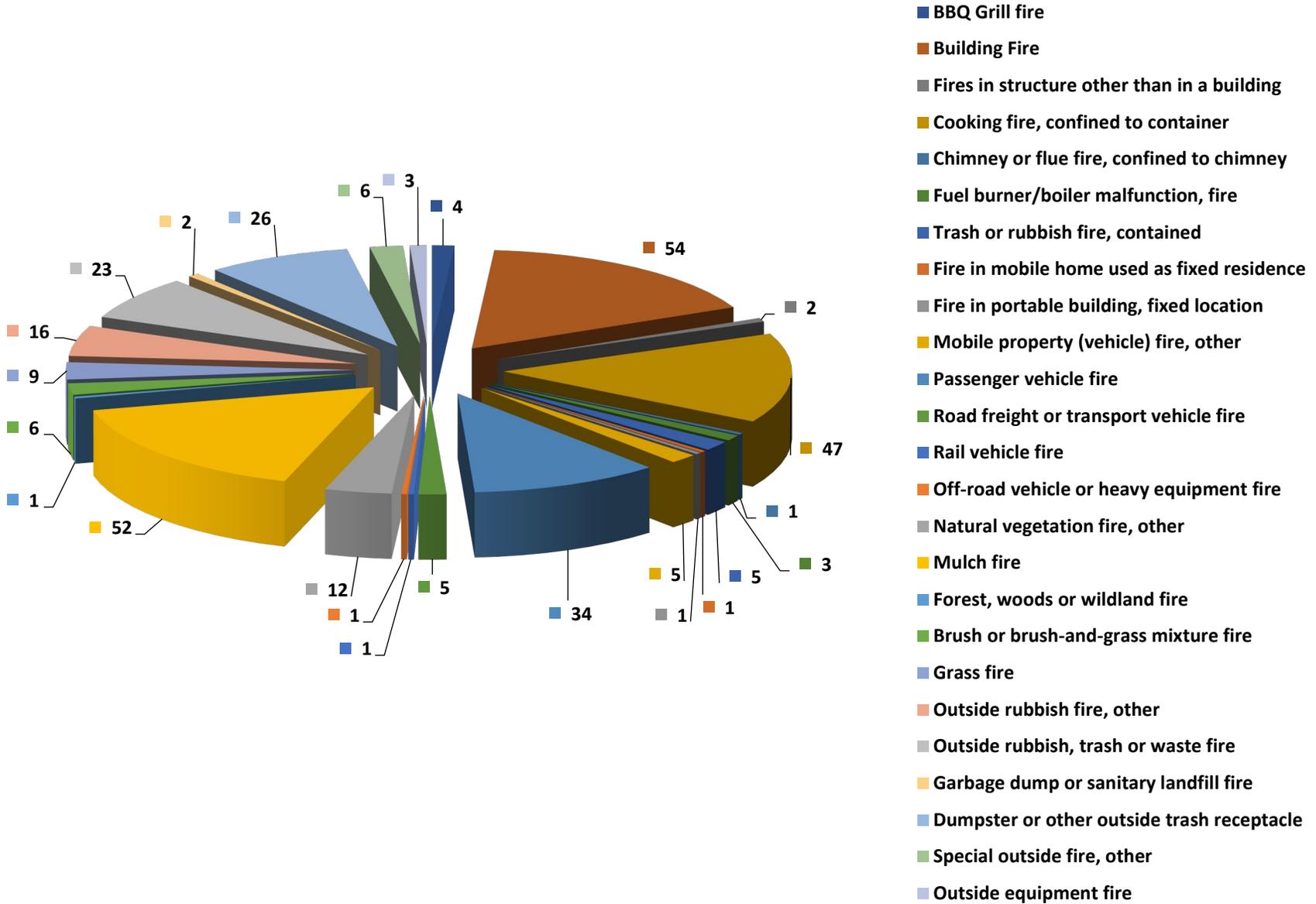
**Fire Related (321)**

**Non-Fire Related (1,781)**

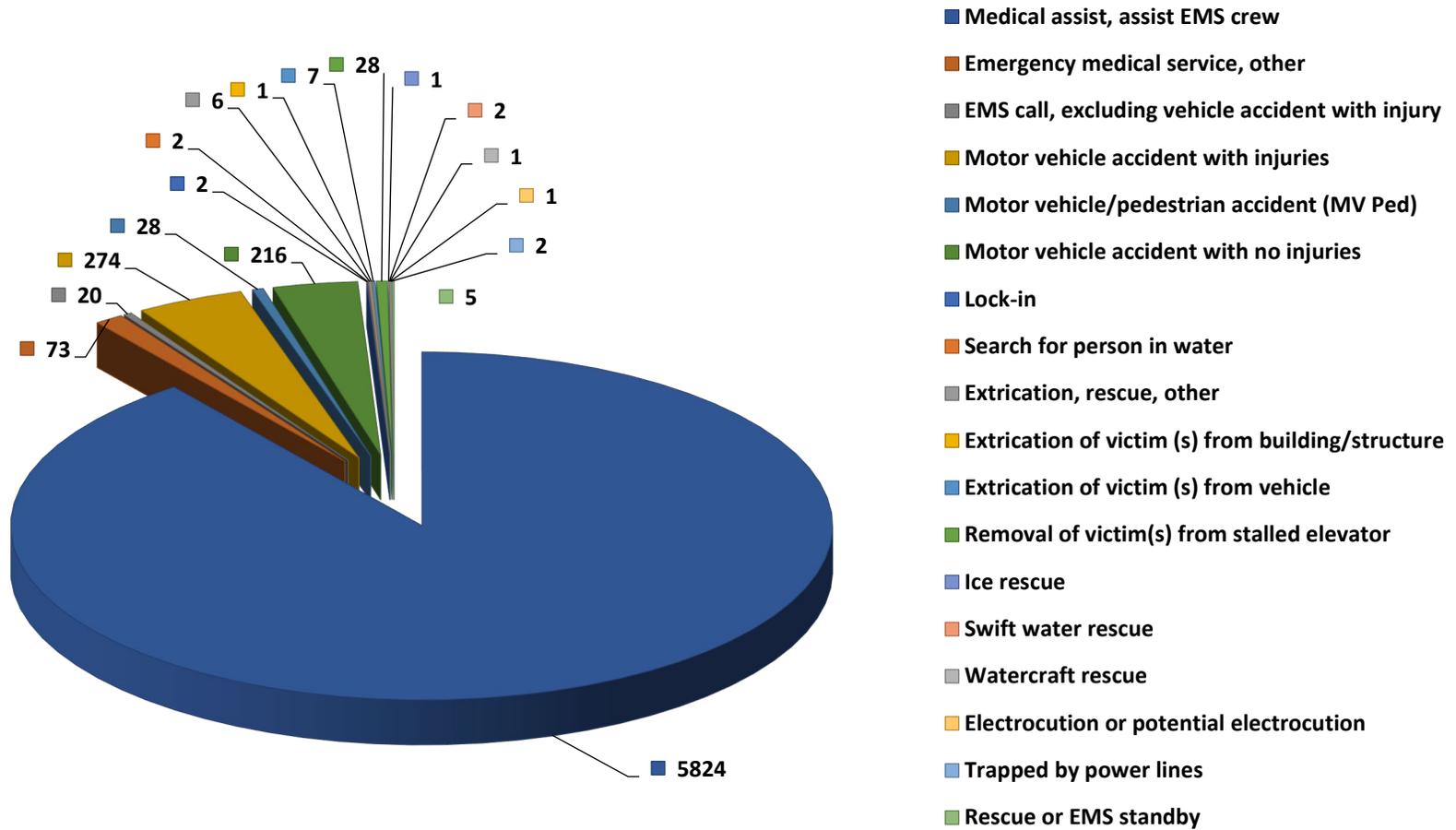
**EMS (6,487)**

**Inspections (6,169)**

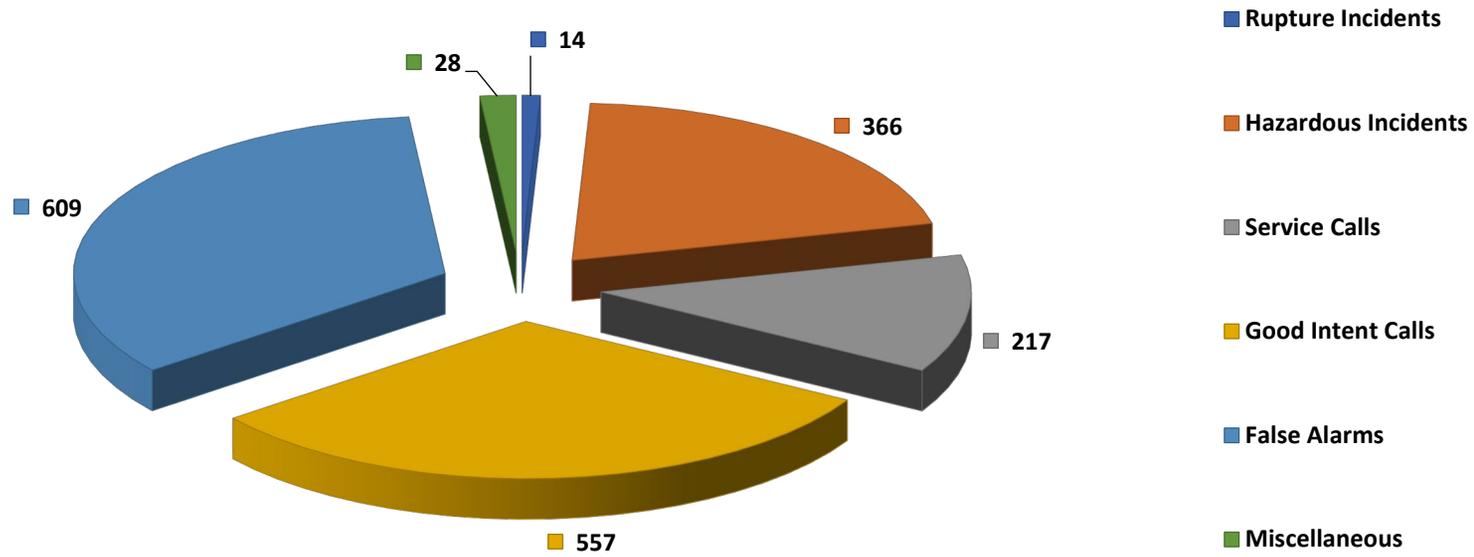
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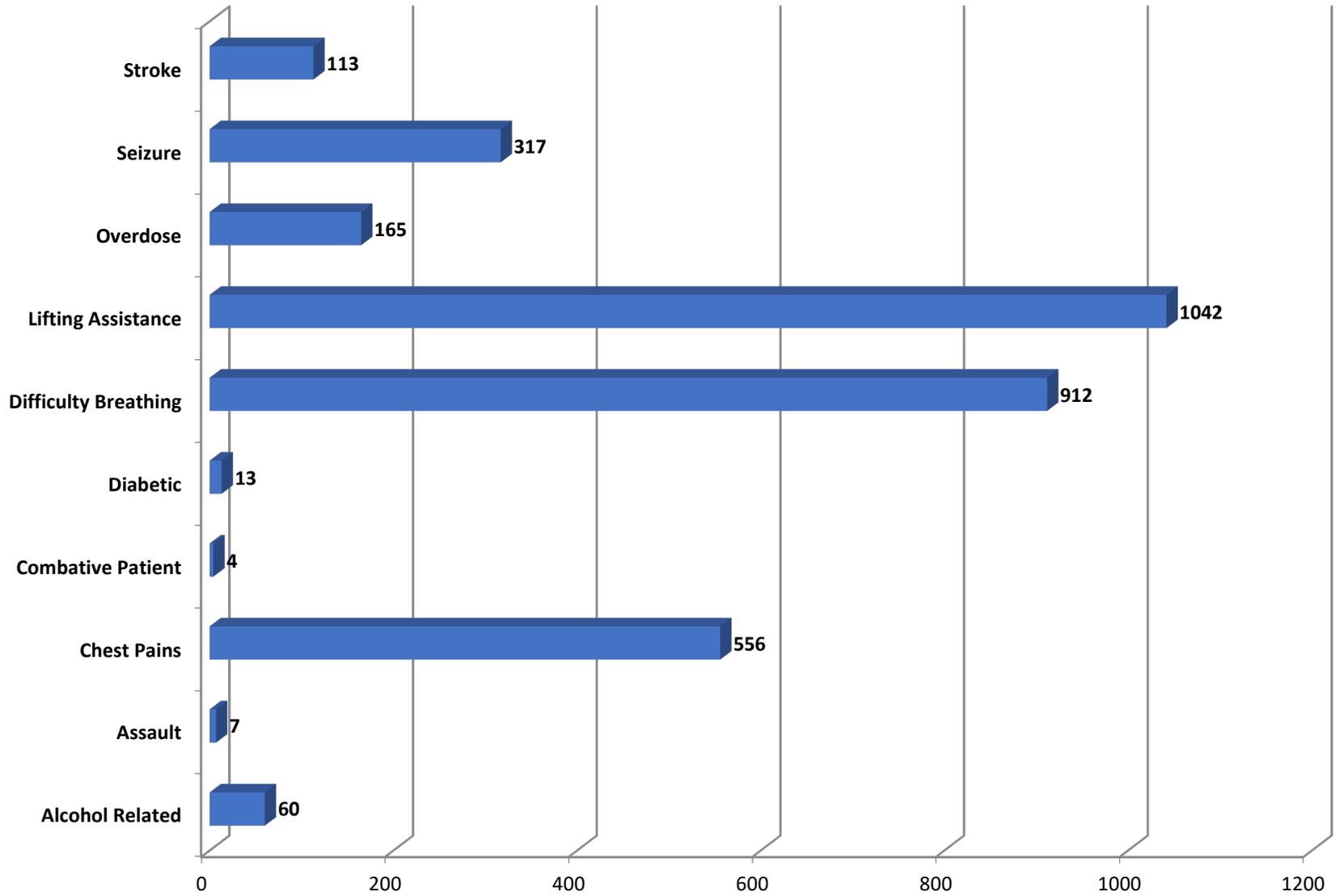
# 2023 EMS Runs



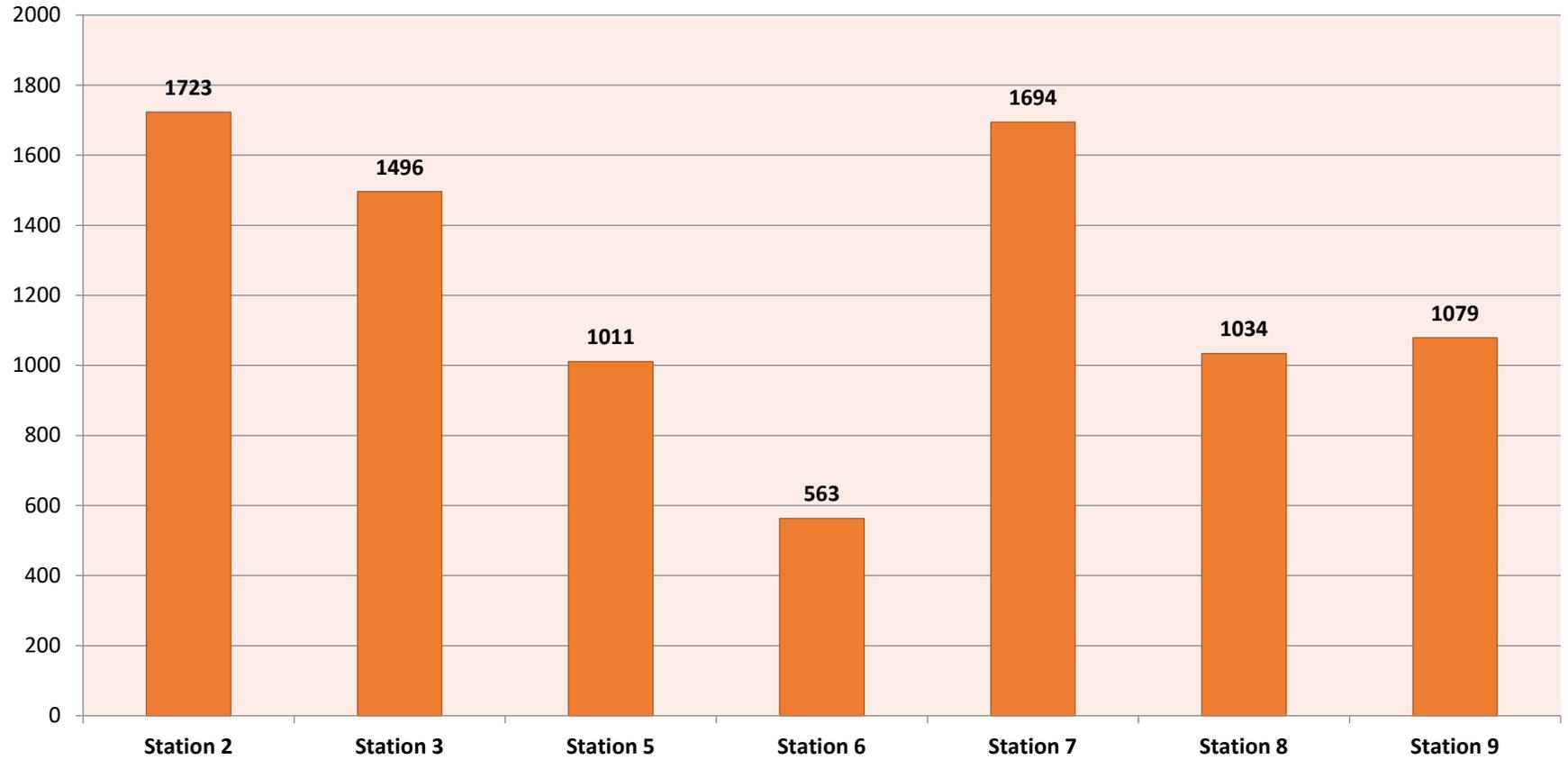
## 2023 Non-Fire Related Runs/Excluding EMS



## 2023 Medical Assists - Special Categories



## 2023 Calls Per Zone



## 2023 Responses Per Unit

