

YOUR FWFD

THE OFFICIAL FORT WORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the Fort Worth Fire Department's Quarterly Newsletter: **Your FWFD!** Every quarter, we will release a new edition that spotlights various responses as well as community activities that we participated in. There will be seasonal safety messages and important Departmental updates.

To stay up to date with the latest information on your Fort Worth Fire Department, be sure to follow us on social media.

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Dear Fort Worth,

This September marked my third year as the Fire Chief. The past three years have brought unimaginable challenges for us on a global level while still tasked with managing and responding to the daily needs of Fort Worth residents and visitors. I'm incredibly proud of the Department, our City leadership and our community for the resiliency and commitment to serve.

I'm excited to have the quarterly newsletter for the Department available to the public. There are so many moving parts within the Department that we many rarely see just how much happens to make the Department operational every single day.

In addition to the daily **400-450 calls** your FWFD responds to daily, there are events that pull firefighters and staff to other areas of "response." We have specialized teams for wildland fires and urban search and rescue. In August, in the wake of **Hurricane Ida**, members of your FWFD deployed to Louisiana with the TIFMAS Strike Team and Texas Task Force 1.



Letter from Fire Chief Jim Davis



In September, we marked the 20-year anniversary of **September 11th**. We participated in several events that allowed us to honor the fallen, show our appreciation to the survivors and demonstrate the advances made in the fire service because of the lessons learned that tragic day.

Between **August 1st and October 31st**, your FWFD responded to **36,647** calls for service in the city. One of these calls includes the response to assist Lake Worth after the crash landing of a military jet. Two of our own firefighters, that were off-duty, were actually the first on scene to help rescue the injured pilots. Their swift actions and training are one of the many reasons I am proud to be the Fire Chief of this Department.

In the coming months, we will be getting eight new engines and three new aerial apparatus from **Pierce Manufacturing**. In September, I traveled to Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin to see the new rigs firsthand. We're excited to bring these state of the art pieces of equipment to Fort Worth to provide the best response to our residents.

You'll see in this edition a summary of the **community events** and **safety campaigns** that we do with the public. Education and prevention are key pieces of our mission as a fire department. The more you know and the more informed you are about safety and preparedness, the better equipped your family is in an emergency. You'll also find great safety tips and checklists for the colder weather in this edition too.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve as your Fire Department in the City of Fort Worth. We appreciate your support, your hospitality and your generosity. Stay safe.

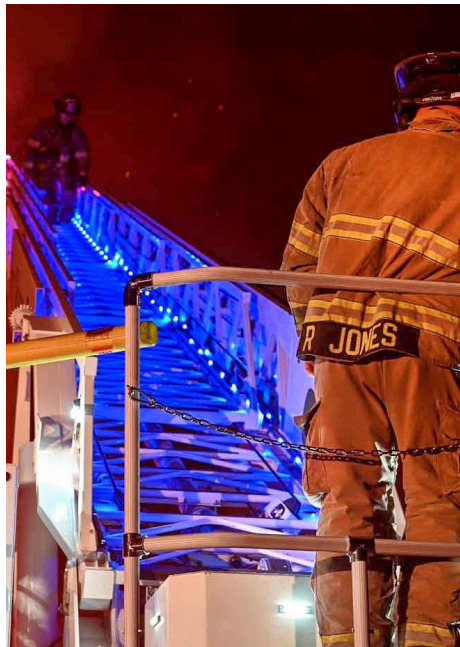


Sincerely,

Jim Davis

AN AERIAL VIEW

A Closer Look Spotlighting a Fire Response from this Quarter



Commercial Structure Fire at 601 North Throckmorton Street

October 6, 2021

Just before 10:00 p.m. on October 6th, firefighters responded to a structure fire at the Commercial Metal Company just northwest of downtown Fort Worth. When firefighters arrived, they found heavy smoke and fire already through the roof of a large, single story, warehouse building.

Crews pulled multiple hose lines, but due to the amount of fire and structural damage, the Battalion Chief on scene made the decision to pull crews away from the building and transition to a defensive approach.

Multiple ladder trucks were set up to ensure that the large amounts of water needed to extinguish the fire could be positioned from a safe distance.

Crews worked through the night to extinguish the fire and search for hot spots. In total, there were 75 fire personnel that responded to the scene.

Thankfully, no injuries were reported. Investigators are still working to determine the cause.

RESPONDING UNITS (A-SHIFT)

AR13, AR15, BAT02, BAT03, BAT07, E01, E02, E06, E08, E09, E12, E15, E19, E21, E25, MED01, OPS02, PIO, Q12, Q13, Q16, Q21, REHAB, SQ02, T01, T02, T08, UTIL06, UTIL07

#yourFWFD in the Community

Educating, Training and Assisting the Residents of Fort Worth



Your Fort Worth Fire Department is committed to serving our community by providing exceptional fire and life safety education services through engaging demonstrations and informative programs.

If you would like to learn more about events or have us come to your school/ business/ community group/ event, please contact us at:



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Events in the Community

August through October 2021

Your FWFD participated in numerous community events this fall!

- During National Fire Prevention Week, we focused on 'Learning the Sounds of Fire Safety' by making sure your home has functioning smoke alarms to keep you and your loved ones safe!
- Our two most recent Citizens Fire Academy events gave Fort Worth residents an up-close and personal look at both our K9 officers that work alongside our firefighters in the Arson/Bomb Squad and our highly trained Swift Water Rescue Team.
- Fire Chief Jim Davis appeared on Mayor Mattie Parker's popular podcast 'Go Time in Fort Worth' to discuss the FWFD's role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies in honor of National Preparedness Month this September.
- We taught fire and life safety education at several community events including Día de Los Muertos Festival, Alliance Air Show, Charles Nash Elementary Carnival, Handley Street Festival, and the GM Financial Parade of Lights.
- This November we are partnering with the FWPD and the Tarrant Area Food Bank to provide groceries to over 500 families experiencing food insecurity during our annual Fall Food Pantry event held at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex.

COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS



The onset of cold weather means warming the home for the first time this year. Be sure you're prepared. Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them monthly. Also, install carbon monoxide detectors and know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (dizziness, weakness, confusion, vomiting).

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

- Never leave portable heaters unattended.
- Keep any paper, clothing, bedding, curtains, and rugs at least 3 feet away from the space heater.
- Turn off the space heater before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters at all times.
- Place your space heater on a hard, level surface that's non-flammable. Do not place it on a rug or carpet.



In 2018, space heaters accounted for 43% of home fires in America.

FIREPLACE SAFETY



- Don't use your fireplace unless you have had the chimney cleaned and inspected this year.
- Keep the fire in your fireplace by using a glass or metal fire screen in front of it.
- Keep children and pets away from the fireplace.
- Never leave the fireplace unattended and make sure it is completely extinguished before leaving your home.

Winter and Cold Weather Safety

North Texas seasons are hard to predict but you can always prepare for whatever weather they may bring to our area.

As we enter the winter months, it's important to keep cold weather safety at the forefront of your preparedness kits. Build/restock your home and vehicle kits with the supplies needed to last **at least 72 hours for each member of your family (including pets!)** If you are unsure about what to add to either supply kit, check out the lists on the following page.

Colder temperatures means that space heaters and fireplaces will be utilized more in homes. Please review the safety information on using both of these forms of heat. And be sure to have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Thinking ahead to cold weather now ensures that your family and home are prepared and ready.

WINTER WEATHER DRIVING SAFETY

- Leave additional time for travel
- Leave extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you
- Remember bridges and overpasses freeze first
- Slow down and don't overuse your brakes
- Don't travel if you do not need to be out on the roads

Emergency Home Supply Kit Checklist



Be sure to have enough supplies for 72 hours for each person in your home!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Water (3 gallons) for each person
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-perishable food
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flashlight and extra batteries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully stocked first aid kit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete changes of clothing & footwear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bedding & blankets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Important family documents (copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pet supplies (if necessary)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A whistle to signal for help
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplies for ALL weather events (hot & cold temps)

Home Emergency Supply Kit

Vehicle Emergency Supply Kit

Emergency Vehicle Supply Kit Checklist



Be sure to have enough supplies for each individual in your vehicle

<input type="checkbox"/>	Flashlight with extra batteries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully stocked first aid kit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tire repair kit, tire pump and tire pressure gauge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jumper cables
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency flares
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local paper map/map book and compass
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bottled water and non-perishable food items
<input type="checkbox"/>	Battery powered/portable cell phone charger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blankets and/or extra clothing (coat, hat, gloves)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice scraper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tool kit (screwdrivers, pliers, wrench, duct tape, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sand or cat litter for tire traction

FORT WORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR AUGUST-OCTOBER 2021



Fire Responses
1,205 Calls



Emergency Medical Service
24,944 Calls



Automatic Alarms
2,064 Calls



Motor Vehicle Accidents
3,658 Calls



Other Responses
4,785 Calls

Total Calls:
36,647



Quarterly Calls for Service Totals

Between August 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021, your Fort Worth Fire Department responded to just under 37,000 calls for service.

Nearly 68% of these calls were emergency medical service calls ranging from cardiac arrest to strokes. The "other responses" include calls for service such as air craft alerts, high water rescues and gas leaks for example.

On average, your Fort Worth Fire Department responds to about 145,000 calls a year. Depending on the time of the year, the call types vary. Carbon Monoxide calls are much higher in the winter months which is why we provide preparedness messaging to our residents leading up to the winter. Your safety is our top priority. And we're proud to serve the residents of Fort Worth

Register for Emergency Alerts

The City of Fort Worth, through the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management, has a **free** alert system called "Fort Worth Texas Alerts."

This system replaced the NIXLE system. If you were previously registered for "NIXLE alerts," you will need to register for this system in order to receive emergency notifications.

You can register for texts, phone calls, email or a combination of all three at by visiting **this site** to sign up today!

FortWorthTexasAlerts.Gov

There are three ways to receive a FortWorthTexasAlerts.gov from the Fort Worth Fire Department Office of Emergency Management. You can choose all options or whichever is most convenient for you.



TEXT MESSAGE

When a FortWorthTexasAlerts.gov alert is sent out you can receive just a text on your phone to alert you of the notification.



PHONE CALL

You can opt to also receive a phone call but this is not a requirement. When you register or update your registration add or remove this option.



EMAIL

You can also receive an email with details about the alert. Your information will not be shared outside of FortWorthTexasAlerts.gov.

****Please be sure when you sign up for alerts to fully register and not sign up as a "guest." This enables you to edit your account as needed.**

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