



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**FORT WORTH
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



The mission of the City's Fire Department is to serve and protect our community through education, prevention, preparedness and response. The service area covers 359 square miles and over 955,900 residents. The Fire Department is organized in four divisions: Operations, Executive Services, Educational & Logistical Services, and Administration. In addition to fire prevention and response, the department responds to calls for emergency medical services, coordinates with the city's contracted ambulance provider (MedStar), and oversees Fort Worth Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management.

Photo by Glen E. Ellman

October of 2022 marked my fourth year as the Fire Chief. It has been a privilege to serve as Fort Worth's Fire Chief during this period of historic events. After a pandemic, civil unrest, and debilitating winter storm in 2020-2021, this year brought even more challenges. However, it also brought growth and new beginnings. I am incredibly proud of the Department, our City leadership and our community for their support, strength and commitment. This year, we held three graduations for three different Fire Academy Recruit classes. The graduating Fire Recruits of Class 90 brought 35 new firefighters onboard in January. An additional 29 new firefighters graduated in August with Class 91. Then Class 92 graduated in November with 24 recruits. Class 92 was the most diverse in the 129-year history of the Department. Since becoming Fire Chief in the fall of 2018, I have made it a priority to diversify the Fire Department to be more inclusive of the population of the City. In the past four years, there has been an:

- 46.34% increase in hiring Hispanic firefighters
- 66.2% increase in hiring African American firefighters
- 291.67% increase in hiring female firefighters.

In January, Station #43 became operational, serving the far west side and Walsh Ranch areas of Fort Worth. In December, we held the grand opening of Station #45, in North Fort Worth. Both of those stations are already busy in their neighborhoods. As the city grows, we need to grow to meet the needs of our residents. So as new stations open, we also move forward with improving existing stations. In May, the residents of Fort Worth voted "YES" to the 2022 Bond Project. This funds the reconstruction of Station 16 and Station 37. We are grateful for your support!



Fire Chief James Davis

As the Department grew, we also said goodbye to long-time veterans. After 37 years of dedicated service to the city of Fort Worth, Assistant Chief Homer Robertson retired in July. His leadership and mentoring has influenced generations of firefighters. Then, in September, we lost Engineer David Greene after a short battle with occupational cancer. He served with the Fire Department for 29 years. We continue to hold his family in our thoughts and prayers. He will forever be a part of the FWFD family. We will continue to work towards advancements in this profession's health and safety. February 11, 2022 marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic I-35 pileup that injured dozens of people and claimed the lives of six men and women. A year later, we wanted to make sure that the victim's families had a place to remember their loved ones. With the help and support of the Park & Recreation Department, Mayor Parker, City Council and City Management, we were able to dedicate two benches and a plaque at Riverside Park in a beautiful ceremony attended by the victim's families.

This year brought one of the hottest and driest summers we have seen in more than a decade. The weather conditions made for an incredibly busy summer with a 238% increase in wildfire and grassfire responses since 2021 and a 148% increase since 2020. Our firefighters worked 1,690 of these fires from June 1st to August 21st. The summer drought quickly ended in August when historic rainfall caused massive flooding throughout the Metroplex in just a matter of hours. Our crews pivoted from battling grassfires to high water rescues of stranded motorists and even livestock. As we approach our 130th anniversary of the Fort Worth Fire Department in 2023, I look forward to working to bring the best service to the residents and guests of this City. I am proud to serve alongside the men and women of this department. They are faced with incredible challenges, every day, and their professionalism and dedication to the mission is beyond commendable. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Jim Davis

2022 LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

We honor the memory of those who
made the ultimate sacrifice in the
delivery of our mission in 2022.



**Engineer David Greene
EOW 09/19/2022**

Our mission continues.
To serve and protect through education, prevention, preparedness, and response.

IN HONOR OF OUR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Hubert Elmo Barham 11/07/1949	Laf Warren 07/22/1981	Joseph William Powell 05/16/1981	Paul H. Luddley 09/06/1956	Charles L. Smith 12/26/1982	Harry Slone 03/21/1915	Frank Bishop 05/13/1925	Benjamin O. Keeton 07/08/1929
W. R. Rickett 07/07/1902	Henry L. Fene 12/12/1912	George Herbert Buckland Sr. 12/11/1962	Robert Lane Keen 01/14/1985	Otis Harmon Rodden 01/20/1929	Frank Massingale 06/13/1927	J. Frank Powell 10/30/1932	
Charles W. McCann 09/21/1916	Joseph Edna 04/02/1941	Joseph Edna 04/02/1941	John F. Smith Jr. 06/17/1977	Robert R. Cocke 12/06/1993	Brian William Collins		
Leopold Kato 05/14/1957	12/04/1994	05/14/1991	07/31/1911	J.E. S. 07/27/1916	Robbie W. Alshire		
10/04/2020							

On March 1, 2017 Fort Worth Fire Department achieved an ISO Class 1 rating. Residents in ISO 1 rated cities can benefit from lower insurance costs.



100,000+

INCIDENTS
RESPONDED
TO ANNUALLY

45

FIRE STATIONS

7

BATTALIONS

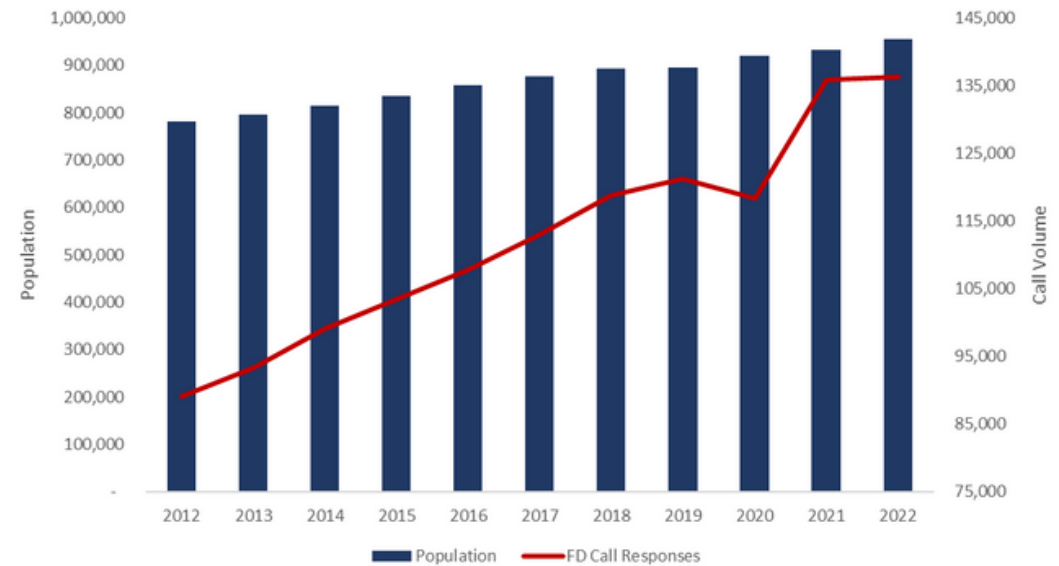
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FRONTLINE VEHICLES

29

RESERVE VEHICLES

OVERALL CALLS AND POPULATION, 2012 - 2022



Population
UP 18%
SINCE 2012

Overall Fire Calls
UP 42%
SINCE 2012

CALL TYPE	2012	2022	% CHANGE
OVERALL CALLS	89,041	136,242	↑ 35%
FIRE CALLS	2,464	4,275	↑ 42%
EMS CALLS	57,484	82,781	↑ 31%
OTHER CALLS	29,093	49,186	↑ 41%

FWFD currently provides emergency response services from 45 fire stations. FWFD also has 13 facilities from which it operates the following support functions: Training (2), Vehicle Services & Supply (4), Arson & Bomb Investigations, Bomb Range, Communications, Air/Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Shop, and Administration. Additionally, FWFD units are housed in shared City facilities – Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) in the Zipper building downtown and the Bureau of Fire Prevention Inspections unit in City Hall.

Driving the need for new or expanded FWFD facility projects in the future are the following factors:

- The continued geographic and population growth of the city.
- The need to begin replacing or expanding older, smaller fire stations built in the 1960s and early-1970s.
- The opportunity to “build-out” shell space available at the new Public Safety Training Center Complex to further expand training capabilities and to relocate other FWFD units to create operational efficiencies such as Supply, PPE Gear Cleaning/Repair, and Arson & Bomb.
- The need to relocate and expand the Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) and Fire Dispatch Center.

The following summarizes the department’s facility-related recommendations over the course of the next five years, as capital funding is identified:

- Construct a new fire station along the Chisolm Trail Parkway corridor in southwest Fort Worth (i.e., Fire Station 46);
- Renovate older stations due to significant structural issues and other age-related maintenance challenges including FS’s 14, 21, 22, 24, and 28;
- Replace Fire Station 37, which was built in 1998 as a temporary facility (2022 Bond Program);
- Purchase alternative property located near Fire Station 16 and construct a larger facility (2022 Bond Program);
- Purchase property (if necessary) and replace the aging and functionally obsolete Fire Station 40 that the city inherited when Lake Country was annexed (proposed for 2026 Bond Program);
- Purchase property and replace the aging and functionally obsolete Fire Station 12 that was initially slated for the Station Refurbishment project, but was determined to require full replacement as a refurb was not possible due to site constraints (proposed for 2026 Bond Program).



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The City of Fort Worth employs the following goals and strategies to serve and protect through education, prevention, preparedness, and response, as well as providing emergency medical services.

GOALS

1 Operations

- Respond to and mitigate emergency and service calls in a timely and competent manner with adequate resources.
- Provide for a highly trained workforce that is adequately furnished with well-maintained equipment and facilities.

2 Educational and Support Services

- Recruit a qualified workforce that reflects the diversity of the city.
- Develop a competent workforce through education and training.
- Provide effective medical training to the public and fire personnel.
- Dispatch appropriate resources and respond to needs of on-scene personnel in a timely manner.
- Efficiently procure leading-edge communication equipment and keep it well maintained and well-organized.

3 Executive Services

- Provide professional, timely, and thorough inspections and plans review.
- Thoroughly investigate the cause of all fires of unknown origin and accurately identify incendiary fires and their perpetrators.
- Completely, accurately, and impartially investigate complaints involving Fort Worth Fire Department members.
- Prevent or mitigate the destructive effects of explosives and explosive devices.
- Effectively educate the public in fire and life safety strategies and skills.

4 Emergency Management

- Reduce the adverse impacts of emergencies and disasters through all-hazard preparedness programs and initiatives.
- Facilitate educational activities that produce a greater understanding of emergency preparedness amongst governmental agencies and the public.
- Coordinate an integrated emergency management system with internal and external agents in a timely manner.
- Strengthen our ability to plan for and provide assistance to special needs citizens.

STRATEGIES

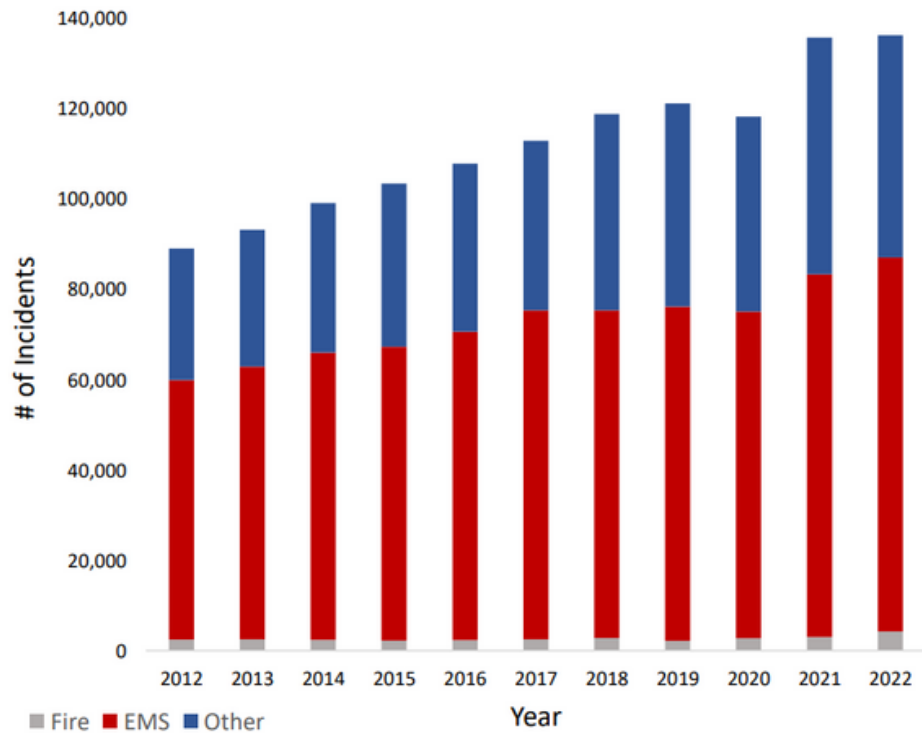
Fire Service Strategies

- Increase the number of minority and female applicants through an aggressive recruiting program.
- Increase public participation in education programs such as Learn Not to Burn, Youth Fire Academy, and Citizens Fire Academy.
- Educate the public on appropriate reactions to bombs and bomb threats through lectures and presentations. Apply for FEMA and other grants in order to expand and improve the department's Public Safety programs and supplement other department initiatives.
- Improve internal and external communication through focus groups, meetings, replacing paper-based processes with electronic ones, etc.
- Strengthen sprinkler and fire alarm requirements in the Fire Code for new and existing construction.
- Implement National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Coordinate the expenditure of Homeland Security grant funds with the Office of Emergency Management.

Emergency Management Strategies

- Enhance the Office's relationship with the National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth to coordinate severe weather monitoring and response activities. Re-certify the City and Tarrant County as a Storm Ready Community.
- Provide Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) training and exercises to prepare local organizations for emergency and disaster situation response and recovery.
- Implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

CALL VOLUME



The Operations Division employs the majority of the Department's personnel, conducts daily emergency response activities, as well as nonemergency, and specialized responses. Firefighters are also responsible for commercial inspections, training, hydrant inspections, public education, as well as truck and fire station maintenance/inspections.

FIRE, EMS, & OTHER CALL TYPES - DENSITY MAP 2022

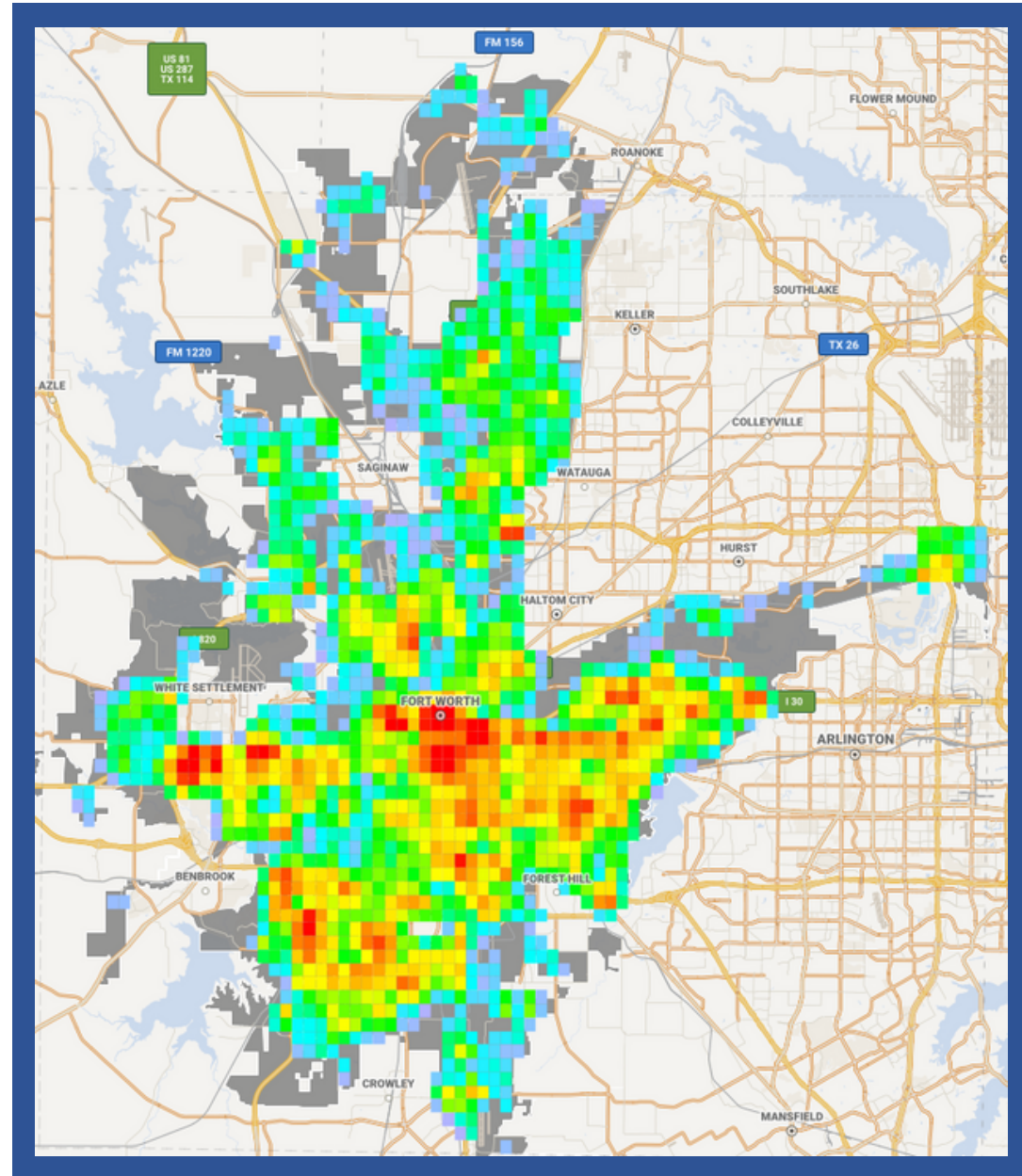
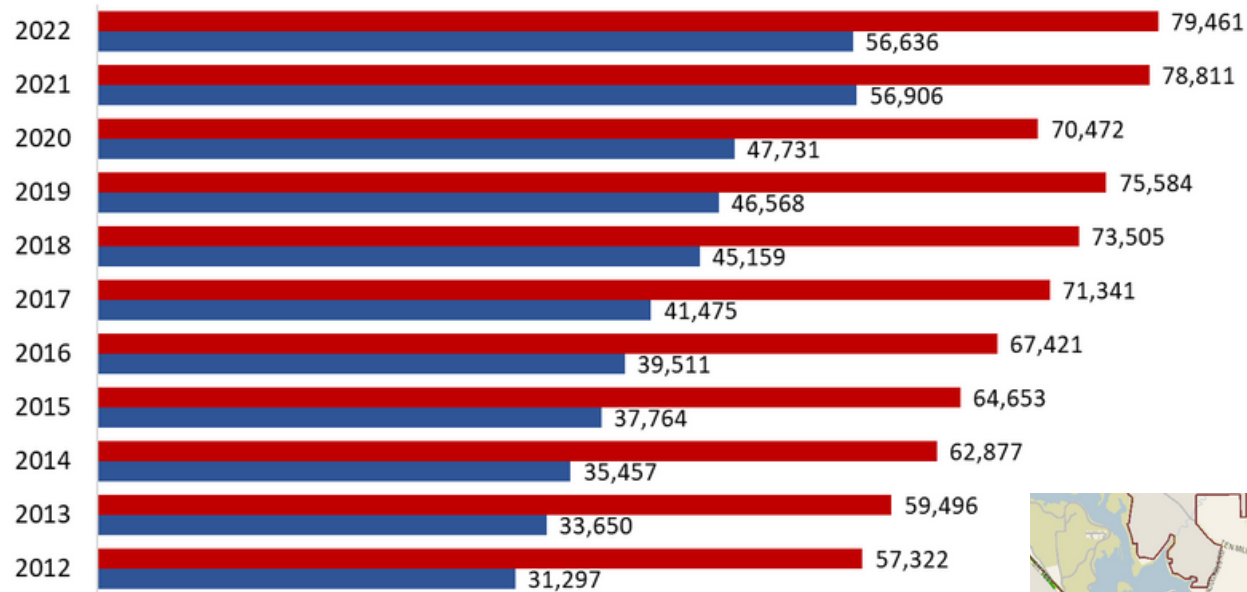




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Total Call Volume Inside vs. Outside Loop 820



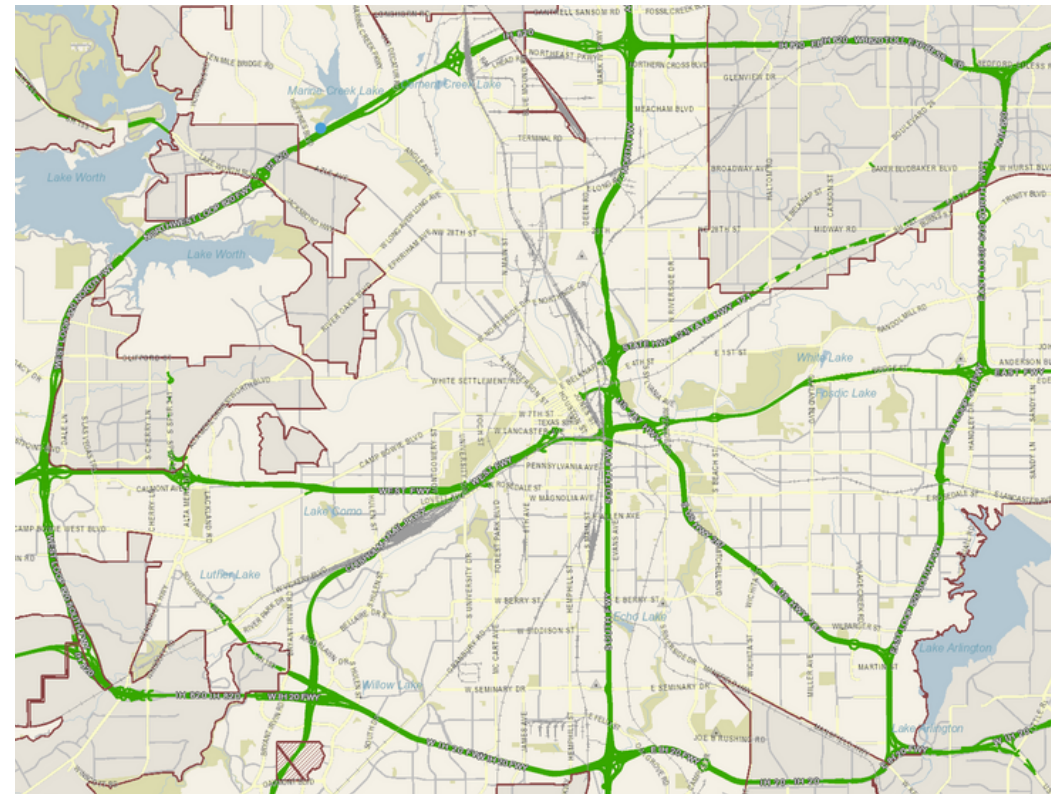
Inside

Outside



Call volumes inside Loop 820 have increased by 39% since 2012 — while volumes outside Loop 820 have increased by 81% during the same timeframe.

This increase in call volume is indicative of continued development, increased density, and population growth across the city.



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN MINUTES PER CALL TYPE



The increase is a result of growing congestion related to construction and population growth as well as increasing travel distance due to urban sprawl.

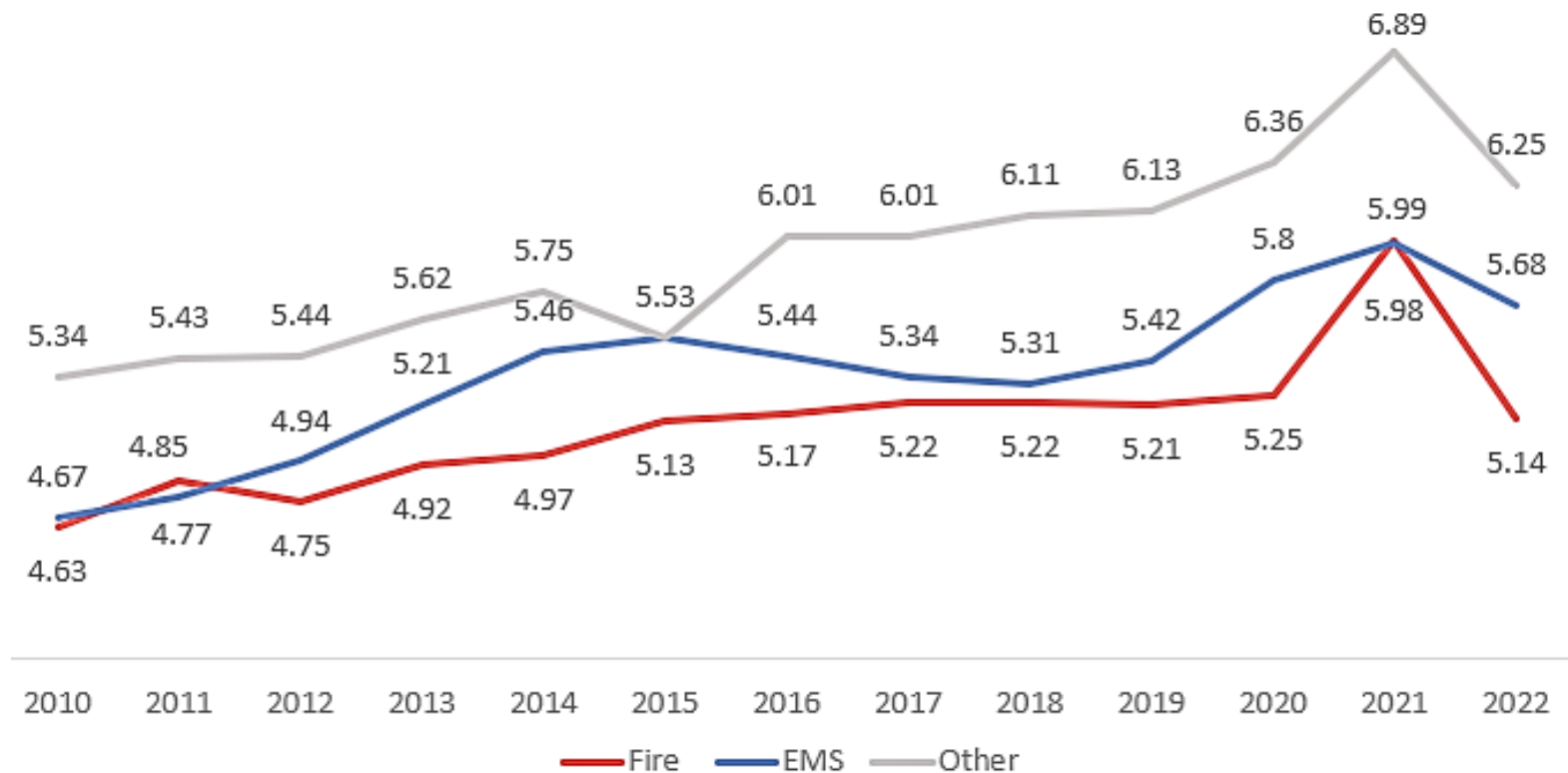
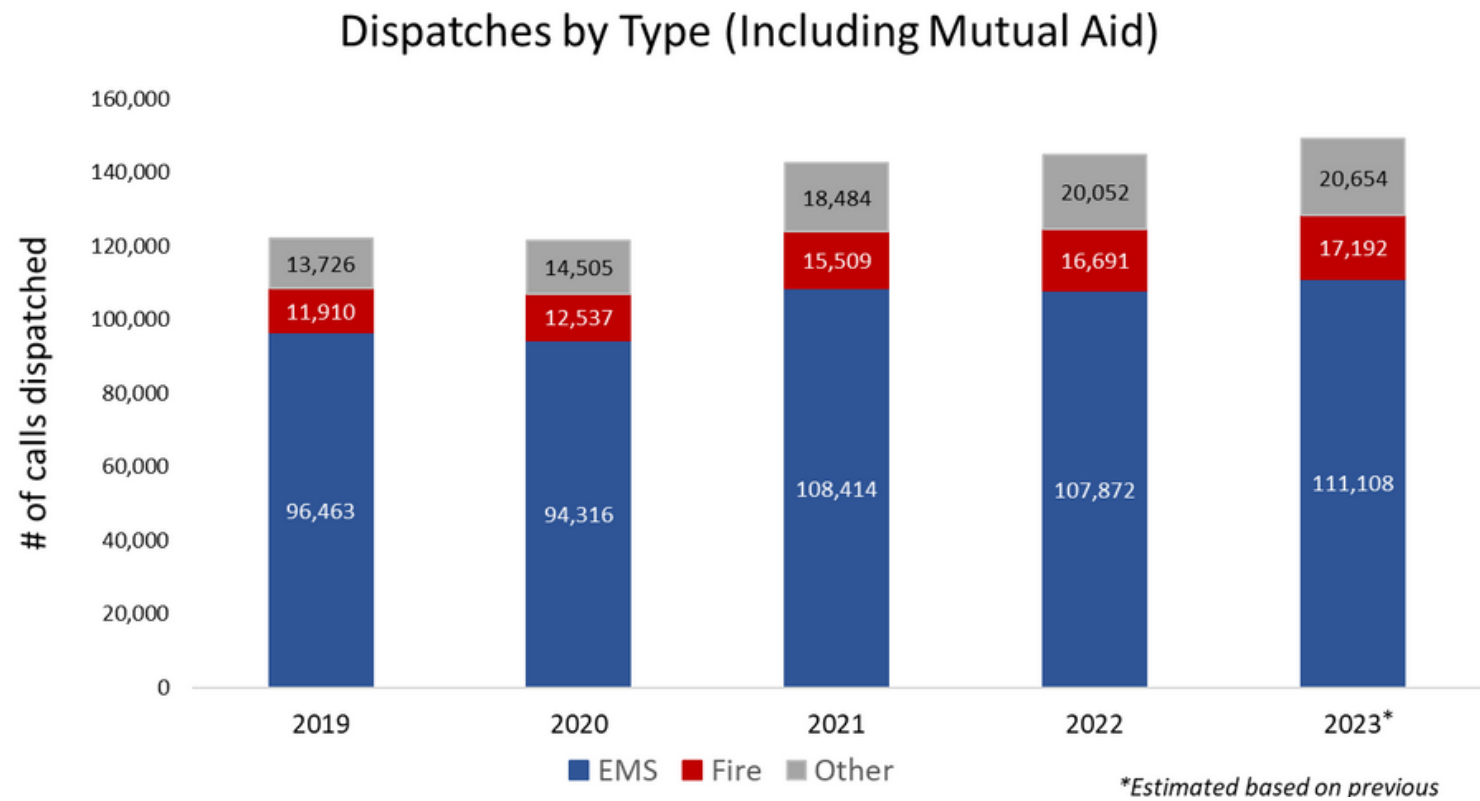




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The Fire Alarm Office receives all emergency calls related to fire incidents, fire alarms, or other non-police related emergency incidents for Fort Worth FD, Saginaw FD, Lake Worth FD, River Oaks FD, Haslet FD, and soon for Sansom Park FD.

Most medical calls are sent to the the Fire Alarm Office through the Computer Aided Dispatch system, however, the FAO does receive some EMS calls, and occasionally, a Police related call, through the 911 Opt-Out cue selector. The Fire Alarm Office transfers these calls directly to MedStar or Police Dispatch. In some of the more critical EMS calls, such as Cardiac Arrest, or Severe Trauma, the Fire Alarm Office will dispatch a Fire Unit first before transferring to MedStar.

The Fire Alarm Office is staffed with firefighters who answer all calls, provide information to the caller, dispatch operations personnel, and coordinate communications with firefighters both en route and at the scene.



COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS

16,479

COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS
ASSIGNED TO FIRE
COMPANIES IN 2022

19,795

TOTAL COMMERCIAL
INSPECTIONS ASSIGNED IN
2022

3,316

SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES
ASSIGNED TO THE
BUREAU IN 2022

The Bureau of Fire Prevention (BFP) effectively and efficiently addresses community risks by:

- Preventing incidents from occurring.
- Reducing the overall impact of incidents when they do occur.
- Aligning prevention services with what customers value and want.

Fire inspections are conducted to positively impact:

- Public safety
- Firefighter safety
- Property conservation

Members are structural firefighters who have completed additional training to become Texas commissioned Peace Officers and arson investigators. These individuals examine fires that may have been intentionally set and investigate threats of explosive devices or suspicious items. Their mission is to prevent fires and explosions through effective investigation, and by prosecution of those responsible, in order to serve as a strong deterrent to others who might commit arson or incendiary acts in the future.

Administratively, this section approves all firework permits, provides stand-by at pyrotechnic shows to ensure proper codes are followed and performs background investigations on all new fire department applicants.

Fire/Arson Investigation Unit

Fire Investigators respond to determine the origin and cause of a fire and whether a crime has been committed. This section is responsible for on-scene investigation, collection and processing of evidence, case development, interviews, issuance of warrants, arrest, filing criminal charges, and expert testimony. The Unit is also responsible for the management, deployment and training of an ATF accelerant-detection K-9 and its' handler.



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Investigation Activities	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Responses	888	706	802	759	979
Fires Investigated	595	469	569	575	557
Arson Fires	129	107	139	126	119
Fire Fatalities	6	11	11	11	9
Fire Injuries	53	57	78	48	57
Citations Issued	4	12	5	12	9
Total Cases Filed	38	39	59	38	49
Arson Cases Filed	33	37	48	31	39
Arson Prosecution Rate %	25.58%	34.58%	34.53%	24.60%	27.73%
Juvenile Firesetter Referrals	10	11	7	13	21



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Bomb Squad

Bomb Technicians respond regionally to hazardous device incidents for assessment, render safe procedures and disposal operations. They frequently partner with federal, state and local resources in both criminal investigations and deployment to special events in the city as part of a Joint Hazard Intervention Team.

The Bomb Squad is also responsible for the management, deployment, and training of the city's four explosive-detection K-9s and their handlers. Outreach and community engagement to include multiple threat identification classes regarding improvised and homemade explosives and active threat situations.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is funded primarily by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant programs. The organization is responsible for educating citizens on natural disasters, terrorism, and other hazards, preparing and implementing the City of Fort Worth Emergency Operations Plan, conducting training, drills and exercises for first responders and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel for response readiness. It's responsible for implementing public warning notifications when situations warrant.

CY 2022 ACTIVITIES

HazMat Alerts (OEM/EOC Monitoring & Activation)	5
Severe Weather Monitoring/EOC Activation	15
Flooding (Dam, Lake, Water Main Break, etc.)	32
Winter Weather Coordination/EOC Activation & Monitoring	11
Cold Weather Overflow Shelter Operations	15
Standby Overflow Shelter	51
Excessive Heat Coordination	5
Multiple Alarm Fire Monitoring/Support	4
Aircraft Alerts (OEM Monitoring)	7
Law Enforcement EOC Activations (Rallies, Special Ops Support)	33
Active Threat Coordination/UC Support	1
Special Events Monitoring/EOC Activation (Days)	144
Healthcare Facilities Coordination	18
Power/Infrastructure Issues Coordination	2
Outdoor Warning Siren Coordination	52
West Nile Positive Sample Notifications	1
Public Health Coordination	72
Other	7

OEM also activates the Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) during special events and disasters, coordinating resources and distributing situational awareness reports, and managing grants provided by the Department of Homeland Security. OEM plays a major role in City of Fort Worth Special Event planning. This includes scheduling and hosting coordination meetings, developing and hosting tabletop exercises with responders and event organizers, Incident Action Plan (IAP) development and distribution, integration of OEM staff in unified command, and JEOC activation for monitoring of these events.



Currently, the Fort Worth Fire Department has two Fire Stations with dedicated 24 hour Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting response. The six personnel at Station 44 provides primary protection for Fort Worth Meacham International Airport with the twelve firefighters at Station 25 acting as backfill. All eight firefighters at Station 35 protect the recently renamed Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport, with all backfill being in house.

The FWFD ARFF program is composed of 45 active responders in the ARFF program. All responders are trained to both the Texas and FAA mandated skill level with monthly continuing education and an annual burn. Due to the training and equipment provided by the FWFD ARFF program, Meacham is certified by the FAA as an “Index B” airport while Alliance maintains an “Index E.” Index rating is based on the largest aircraft departing five or more times a day.

	Alliance	Meacham
ARFF Certified Personnel	12	18
# of ARFF Vehicles	3	2
Gallons of Water (Total)	7,500	1,600
Gallons of Foam (Total)	1,000	200
Pounds of Auxiliary Agent	1,000	650
(Total) Index Rating	E1	B2

- 1. An index rating of E is the highest index and it applies to cases where aircraft longer than 200 feet will be operating.
- 2. An index rating of B applies to cases where aircraft between 90 and 125 feet operate.

Both primary response stations are tasked to respond to aircraft emergencies on the airport grounds as well as any aircraft emergency within a 5 mile radius of their respective runways.

ARFF units will also respond to incidents in hangars as they are could develop into aircraft emergencies.

45
ACTIVE
MEMBERS
IN ARFF
PROGRAM



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The FWFD maintains a primary Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZMAT) Team located downtown along with four satellite stations strategically located on the north, south, east, and west sides of the city.

Fire Station 2 is the centrally located primary HAZMAT Response Team. Station 2 houses Battalion 2, Engine 2, Truck 2, Squad 2, Support 2, the decontamination and shower trailers. The station also serves as front line fire suppression, EMS, and personnel are trained as part of the Technical Rescue Team.

All Battalion Chiefs are trained to the Technician level. There is a current program underway to provide additional Command and Control training to all Battalion Chiefs. The daily minimum staffing is currently 20 Hazardous Materials Technicians plus 4 Battalion Chiefs. The daily minimum staffing is under review due to new NFPA standards.

In addition to everyday response the Hazardous Materials Response Team also works closely with FWFD Bomb and FWPD through the Joint Hazardous Intervention Team (JHIT) for special events.

881

SQUAD 2 RESPONSES

24

TRAINED
PERSONNEL PER
SHIFT FOR ENTIRE
CITY (MINIMUM)

120

ACTIVE HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS
TECHNICIANS AT THE
STATION LEVEL AT
THIS TIME

The Fort Worth Fire Department maintains four stations that serve as the high angle, confined space, structural collapse, heavy rescue, trench, and tower rescue resources within the city. We have 111 active members of the team and we are staffed with a minimum of 12 trained TRT personnel on a daily basis at this time.

The FWFD maintains a close working relationship with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), the Texas A&M Task Force 1 US&R team (TXTF1), the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), as well as the cities that have mutual aid and automatic aid contracts with like disciplines. The FWFD Technical Rescue Team (TRT) has been involved with the Council of Governments efforts to simulate regional disaster drills that involve many other cities from the region.

As a result, the TRT discipline has maintained this relationship with the TXTF1 since its inception and regularly deploys with the team across the country.



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648

MAJOR ACCIDENT
EXTRICATIONS

3

HIGH ANGLE
RESCUES

24

HEAVY
RESCUES

2

STRUCTURAL
COLLAPSE

3

TRENCH
RESCUES



The Fort Worth Fire Department Swift Water and Underwater Search and Rescue (commonly referred to as the Dive Team) primarily responds to underwater recoveries and urban/swift water flooding events. The two dive stations, Station 7 and Station 32, serve as front line fire suppression and EMS response companies as their primary responsibilities. The Dive Team is tasked with providing technician level water related search and rescue capabilities. The team also assists the FWPD with evidence search and recovery as requested. Underwater recoveries include drownings, vehicle retrieval, and evidence collection. Swift water and urban flooding events are generally citywide incidents that include not only the two dive stations, but multiple additional fire apparatus.

In 2022 saw two major flooding events – one on June 3rd and another on August 22nd. Both were wide spread incidents that saw both dive stations and various fire apparatus respond to over 25 calls for service from citizens trapped in swift water or stuck in an urban flooding situation. During the August 22nd event, additional water squads and the High Profile Vehicle (HPV) were used to supplement the Dive Team's response capabilities.

In 2022, Fire Department added two new zodiac boats for Station 7 and Station 32, allowing for the older zodiacs to be used to add two additional water squads to the City's response capabilities during periods of wide spread flooding. The Dive Team also added 8 water rescue dry suits and 12 diving dry suits to its cache of PPE. The 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative UASI grant enabled the Dive Team to purchase an additional 18 water rescue dry suits and 29 diving dry suits. The UASI grant acquired suits will be put in service in the spring of 2023.

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HUMAN REMAIN SEARCHES

5

DROWNING RECOVERIES

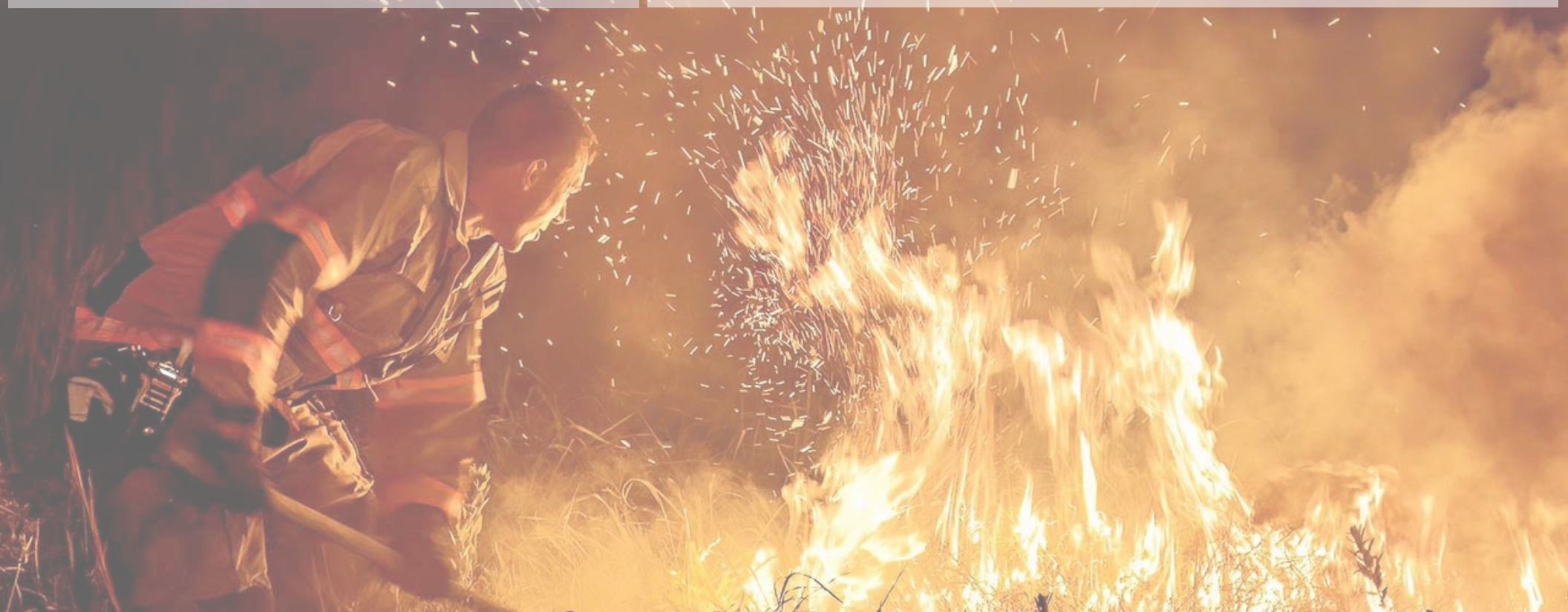
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RETRIEVED VEHICLES FROM
AREA LAKES AND RIVERS





50 Members are trained in Wildland Fire Saw operations and provide saw teams during bad weather events. The Wildland team also participates in the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) and responds to disasters when requested by the State. Last year members participated in 10 TIFMAS assignments and provided support on Wildland Strike Teams, Fire Modules (Hand Crews), Overhead and 1 Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) assignment as a Rapid Extraction Module. Deploying Fort Worth Firefighters across the state allows for cross training opportunities. It fosters mutual aid partnerships and provides experience that is then used within the City.



FWFD has a Wildland Fire team consisting of 20 members per shift for a total of 60 personnel. Members are trained to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards which is the national standard. Personnel respond to complex wildland fires on high fire danger days. Fort Worth had 3,435 grass/brush/outside fire responses in 2022. The average is 1,700 per year.

The Fort Worth Fire Department actively seeks to hire qualified applicants to become firefighters for the City of Fort Worth. The requirements follow the standards issued by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. The goal of the FWFD is to recruit, hire, promote and retain the best candidates to serve the community.



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RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

The mission of Hiring/Recruiting is to attract a diverse and qualified applicant pool that is a representation of the city of Fort Worth. Our recruiting efforts target various community groups, faith-based organizations, sports and athletic programs, schools/colleges, and the military to help identify qualified applicants. We inform and educate potential candidates on the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary to become a firefighter in the City of Fort Worth.

The FWFD offers a civil service exam for those interested in testing for the fire recruit position.

GRADUATING RECRUITS BY RACE AND GENDER (2021-2022)

	Male	Female	Total
African American	17	3	20
Asian	3	0	3
Hispanic	13	5	18
2 or more races	8	1	9
Native American	1	0	1
White	46	7	53
Total	88	16	104

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/hr/careers/firerecruitment>



Photo by Glen E. Ellman

The Training Division is responsible for all aspects of firefighter training including initial recruit training, apprenticeship program, continuing education for professional firefighters, professional development training, and training with numerous mutual aid partners.

Training of firefighters is governed by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 419.

EMS training is governed by the Texas Department of State Health Services, as authorized by Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 9, Chapter 773. Both of these governing bodies set standards for initial training, testing, and certification, as well as continuing education requirements, and additional training for specialized functional areas.

The state-of-the-art Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex (BBPSC) has enhanced Training's mission of helping people by supporting the Operations Division with the training, tools, and services they need. The BBPSC has also made it possible to extend training beyond the FWFD to other outside agencies and regional partners.



FWFD Recruit Class 92

Photo by Glen E. Ellman

The HOPE Team is a multidisciplinary team comprised of members from not only the Fire Department but the Police Department, DRC (housing), and MHMR (mental health) as well. The purpose of the HOPE team is Home, Outreach, Prevention, and Education to the community at large. The Fire Department side of HOPE oversees and assists the homeless community in taking care of medical needs, Maslow's hierarchy, and being a hub for those experiencing homelessness, allowing the homeless to placement in programs that meet their needs. These needs include but are not limited to, responding to housing, medical, and social-emotional health inquiries. Additionally, the HOPE Team has become the central contact for multiple other area agencies that provide services for people experiencing homelessness.



Photo by Glen E. Ellman



The goals of the HOPE Team are to meet the people where they are and provide the resources and care they need to better themselves and the community. The HOPE Team's aid is life-changing for the people in this community and assists in decreasing routine calls to area stations. We are city-wide and not only work with the homeless but now do a high utilizer group, an infant mortality reduction program, a fall prevention program, and community outreach. We also meet with many organizations to look at the systemic issues in Tarrant County and look for ways to make them better.

Some of the community outreach highlights:

- Camp health & safety checks
- Chicken line health & safety checks
- Teaching First Aid and CPR to homeless shelter staff
- Community wound care
- Community emotional support
- Issue resolution
- Community paramedic dealing with high utilizers
- Follow-ups
- Treatment plans
- Job placement assistance
- Hydration assistance program



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The mission of the Fort Worth Fire Department's Community Risk Reduction (CRR) section is to serve and protect our community through education, prevention, and preparedness. Our objective is to educate the public on practical fire safety measures to prevent potentially harmful fires. The CRR sector is committed to preparing the public, young and old alike, on how to prevent fires, and how to protect themselves in the event an emergency occurs. CRR offers a wide array of programs throughout our community, from pre-kindergarten to senior citizens. The strategy is a focused and targeted approach designed to meet the needs of the public to get ahead of incidents before they occur and reduce the losses that affect the community.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION ANNUAL SUMMARY 2022	ANNUAL TOTALS FOR # OF EVENTS	DETECTORS	BATTERIES	ANNUAL TOTALS FOR # OF INSTALLS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	ANNUAL TOTALS FOR # OF PEOPLE CONTACTED
LNTB	11	0	0	0	2965	214	3179
JUVENILE FIRE SETTERS	45	0	0	0	32	32	64
SMOKE ALARM INSTALLS	17	0	0	0	0	12855	12855
WATER SAFETY	1	473	167	640	50	100	150
CORPORATE TRAINING	27	0	0	0	194	1869	2063
PROGRAMS	38	0	0	0	362	5294	5656
FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION	95	0	0	0	11982	19165	31147
TOTALS	234	473	167	640	15585	39529	55114



- **Youth Fire Prevention/Intervention Program**

The program enlightens parents and children about fire safety and the consequences of fire.

- **Citizens Fire Academy**

The program provides participants with an inside view of the organization and operations of the Fort Worth Fire Department.

- **Fire Explorer Program**

A hands-on program open to young men and women with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire and EMS.

- **Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition**

Tasked to prevent fatal and non-fatal drownings through strong collaborative partnerships, educating families, and teaching key preventive strategies.





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