# Estes Valley Fire 2023 Annual Report

Presented to the Board by District Staff February 28, 2024













#### **ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

# **Outline**



**Administration / Financial** 



**Prevention & Life Safety** 



**Support Services** 

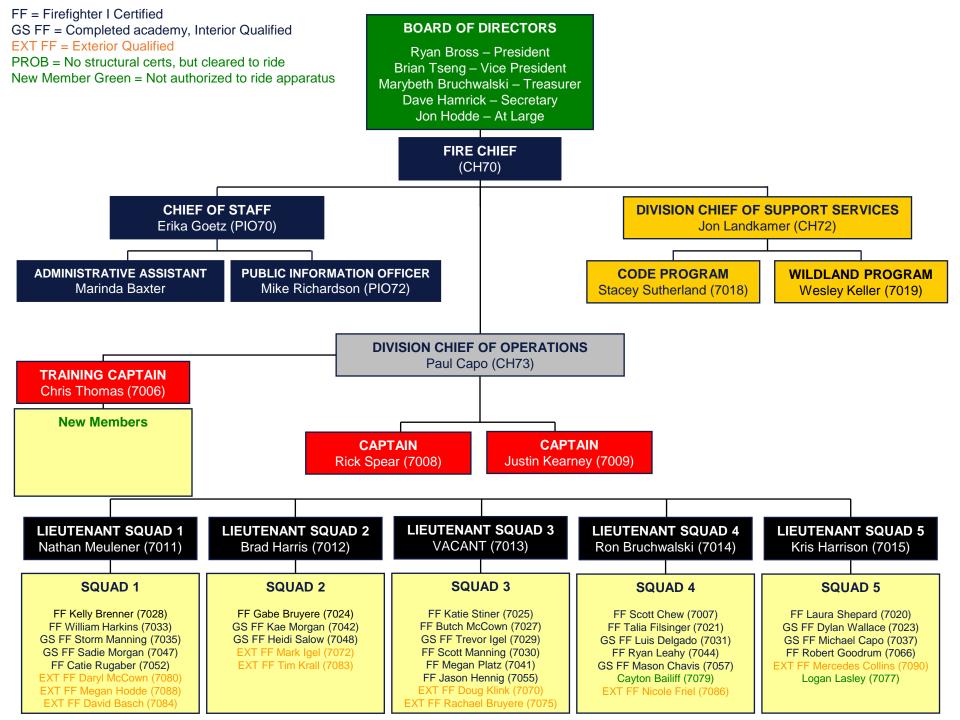


**Training** 



**Operations** 







# Administrative

**Erika Goetz, Chief of Staff** 







- Policy Updates
  - Continually review and update
    - Moved to Step Pay Plan
    - Updated Sick Leave
    - Added Auxiliary Program
- Legislative Updates
  - Property tax changes







- Onboarded two new employees
  - Stacey Sutherland Code Program
  - Wesley Keller Wildland Program
- Moved Administrative Assistant to full-time





Signed a lease for 1692 Big Thompson Ave for additional office space & conference room

Moved our phone system to VOIP for added capabilities

Added and updated our copier contract





- Strategic Planning
- May Election
  - failed Mill Levy ask
  - Two board seats
- Change in Leadership with Chief Wolf's departure
- Recruitment for Fire Chief



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- Moved to QuickBooks
  - Invoicing of Prevention fees
  - Syncs with Bill.com
  - Gives us greater budgeting capabilities future growth



# **Financial Report**

Jon Landkamer, Division Chief of Support Services





- District is financially sound
- Balanced budget
  - Operating and Capital Reserves
- Multiple, independent income sources
- Long range capital purchase plan
  - Paused with change in leadership





Source	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Property Tax	\$593,587	\$627,699	\$630,023	\$718,784	\$727,100	\$779,470	\$780,889
Sales Tax	\$775,260	\$838,413	\$884,534	\$847,430	\$1,150,820	\$1,267,633	\$1,279,907
Other Revenue	\$159,524	\$133,568	\$269,252	\$324,275	\$326,376	\$254,226	\$201,719
TOTAL	\$1,528,371	\$1,599,680	\$1,783,808	\$1,890,489	\$2,204,297	\$2,301,330	\$2,280,503

- Specific Ownership Tax
- Plan reviews
- Training
- Grants
- Donations
- Investment income
- Wildfire Revenue



#### ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# **Revenue Growth**



- Proactively sought opportunities to increase
  - Mill levy increase ask to the voters
  - EVFPD Included in the 1A Renewal conversation
    - 9% of the 1% for wildland fire mitigation
  - Division Revenues: Prevention & Training
    - Over \$150,000 per year to support program-specific growth
  - Grants
    - Working with Town of Estes Park grant writer for opportunities
- Reserve Increases
  - Capital and Operational reserves (stability)







- Larimer County Behavioral Health Grant
  - Continue Peer Support Training and Clinician
- FR-WRM Awarded
  - **\$183,000** over four years
  - WUI Educator position
- DHS NEAHR Tabletop Grant Declined
- SAFER Not Awarded
- Leary Foundation Awaiting decision
- Wildland Fire Grants RSG, CWDG, COSWAP







- EVFPD has a strong financial position
- We enjoy consistently clean audits
- This has been through consistent, proactive action

 Multi-pronged approach to lower costs, raise revenues, build reserves, protect budget



# **Prevention**

Jon Landkamer, Division Chief of Support Services





- Reorganization of Prevention staff positions
  - Fire Code Safety Assistant
    - Stacey Sutherland
  - Wildland Fire Program Specialist
    - Wesley Keller
- Highlights
  - Increased communication with Town/SafeBuilt
    - Regular meetings to discuss issues
    - DRT/Pre-App meetings to participate with Town of Estes development team
    - Access to Community Core SafeBuilt workflow system
    - Water Division communication improved
  - Residential fire sprinkler requirement left in the Town adoption of the 2021 IRC
  - 2021 IFC code adoption throughout the Fire District







- Community Outreach
  - Farmer's Market(755)
  - Safety Fair(100)
  - Estes Park Elementary School
    - Fire Safety Program developed for elementary students
    - Built props and coordinated the event with the school
    - 8 volunteers helped and contacted all EPES students
  - Production of business specific flyer that was distributed to 100 businesses
  - Created a couple of social media posts
- Total of 7320 contact hours in public education!







- Relationships
  - Fire Marshal Services
    - Plan review and inspections for new construction
    - Mentoring and training for inspections
  - Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
    - Resource for inspections and program development
    - Shadowed LFRA inspector(s)
  - Northern Colorado Fire Marshals Association
    - Networking and training opportunities
  - Town of Estes Park Building Safety (SafeBuilt)
    - Community Core workflow software keeping us informed





### Training

- Crosstraining with Larimer County to ensure consistency with inspection standards for STRs
- Conferences
  - International Code Council
  - Community Risk Reduction Network
  - Colorado State Chiefs Leadership Symposium
  - PEER Support Academy
- Certifications
  - ICC Fire Inspector I
  - Renewal of EMT
  - NWCG FF II (red card)
  - PEER Support certification







## Inspections

- 42 special event plan reviews
- Frozen Dead Guy Days
- 7 special event tent inspections
- 11 food truck operational permit inspections
- Fourth of July fireworks assistance
- Miscellaneous operational permits
- 15 STR pre-approval inspections
- 30 business inspections
- 70 existing STR inspections
- Multiple follow-ups on commercial alarm system inspection failures, false alarms, and repairs

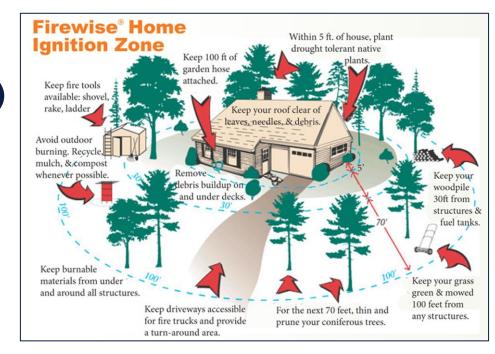


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- Crosstraining with Larimer County to ensure consistency in WUI inspection standards
- Community Outreach
  - Farmer's Market(755)
  - Safety Fair(100)
  - HOA Boards
- Completed 157 WUI home & HOA assessments









### Relationships

- EVWC
  - Thunder Mountain and Hurni Tree Farm projects
- IAFC Ready, Set, Go! program
  - Hurni Tree Farm project
  - Cold fire project
  - RSG online training
- FACO
  - Became active members, networking, training
  - Attended FACO conference
- COCO
  - Development of grant fundable projects
- WiRe
  - Developing best means to use research data collected
  - Attended WiRe workshop in Denver







- Relationships (cont)
  - LFRA/BTWC
    - Air Curtain burner
    - Attended two-day operational training
  - CPAW
    - Headwaters Economics Community Planning Assistance
    - Reengaged with CPAW, work already done for TOEP
  - COSWAP
    - Larimer Youth Conservation Corp
    - Grant awarded for mitigation work in the fall of 2025
  - Town of Estes Park
    - Grant writer assistance with multiple grants in process
    - Matching funds provided by TOEP
  - CSFS and RMNP working relationship







- Training
  - FACO Conference
  - WiRe Workshop
  - LFRA Air Curtain Burner operational training
  - RSG online training
  - Larimer County Conservation District
    - Attended three events
  - Numerous webinars





- Ensuring Fire District is a resource
- Communicating our role in helping businesses and homeowners be successful in their safety
- Developed flyer for distribution to businesses







# Facilities, Apparatus, & Equipment



- Maintained all annual testing requirements
  - Facilities
    - Fire alarm, fire sprinklers, and fire extinguishers
    - Backflow annual inspection
  - Apparatus
    - DOT Annual Inspections
    - Pump Testing
    - Aerial Testing
  - Equipment
    - Hose Testing
    - SCBA Testing
    - Ground Ladder Testing



# Facilities, Apparatus, & Equipment



- Facilities Maintenance
  - Added third bedroom upstairs

- Relocated Support Services and Prevention to **Olympus Views office building**
- Moved old Mako air compressor to training

# Facilities, Apparatus, & Equipment



#### Fleet

- Renewed our annual IGA with the Town for Fleet Services
- Garrett Hurni passed his Emergency Vehicle Technician I certification!
- Monthly fleet inspections of the apparatus has improved downtime
- Annual DOT inspections more thorough than before
- Improved communication and response from the Fleet Division
- Type 6 capital purchase delayed until 2024





# **Training**

Paul Capo, Division Chief of Operations & Training

# **Training Hours - Internal**



#### **EVFPD Member Hours Only**

Year	Hours
2016	2,473
2017	5,194
2018	8,910
2019	9,795
2020	5,865
2021	6,126
2022	6,542
2023	7,752

#### **Tuesday Evening Attendance**

Tuesday Training	Average EVFPD	Including Outside
2019	20.8	21.9
2020	22.7	24.2
2021	18	19.3
2022	20.14	22.77
2023	20.27	21.06

Our average volunteer finished the year with = **194 hours of Training**[72 training needed]



#### **ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

# **External Classes**



240

- Training provided to others
  - 7,563 Hours
- Total Internal + External = 15,315

#### Course Types

- Certification 5
- Other 11

### Revenue (back into Training)

• Gross: \$16,970

Net: \$10,944.08

**Fire Academy - \$7,150** 

	Course	Attendees
	Ice Rescue Cert & Refresher	17
	Swiftwater I Cert & Refresher	30
	Outside Instructor - Lasky Pride & Ownership	31
	WTGB - FF Rescue & Survival Seminar	35
	WTGB - Tricks of the Truck Seminar	17
	WTGB – FF Survival HOT	22
	WTGB - FF Rescue HOT	12
	WTGB - Aggressive Interior Search HOT	18
	WTGB - Unconventional Ground Ladders HOT	12
	WTGB - Street Smart Forcible Entry HOT	17
	Firefighter II	8
	Academy – Exterior	18
	Academy - Interior	12
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		0.10

**Educational Speaking Engagements (10)** 



# Fire Academy I – Class 7



Student Totals: 19 total

Exterior: 5 Interior: 11 3 Removed

#### Student Diversity

Estes: 9

**Pinewood Springs: 3** 

Glen Haven: 3

Big Elk: 1

LFRA: 3

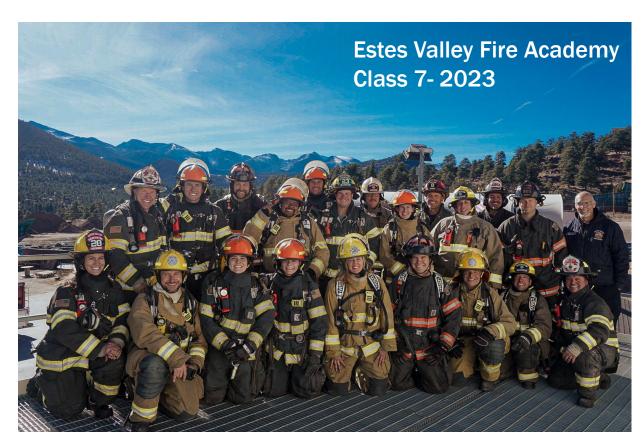
#### Instruction:

Estes instructors: 18

Outside: 5 (Lyons, BE, LFRA, Glen Haven)

#### Graduation

YMCA Hempel Auditorium





# **2024 Training Goals**

# TRAINING DIVISION

## **Support Operational goals**

- Increase Organizational Depth
- Increase Individual Capabilities
- 1. Continue to create innovative ways to provide training for our members (2024 Training Calendar)
- 2. Continue WTGB Advanced courses:
  - Firefighter Rescue
  - Firefighter Survival
  - Aggressive Interior Search
  - Unconventional Ground Ladders
  - Street Smart Forcible Entry
  - EV Hazard Class and H.O.T. (Outside Instructor)

#### 3. Additional Courses

- Advance individual skills Dual Track Driver Program
- Ice Rescue Cert
- Swiftwater Certs
- Battalion 71 Task Book
- Instructor I
- S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws
- FFI & Hazmat
- "Acting Lieutenant" Classes
- 4. Present Training Master Plan Desire to Chief Lasky to Support and grow Training Division

# **2024 Training Calendar**

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				S	stes Valley Fire Training a	and	Event Calendar - 2024				
Monday	$\overline{}$	Tuesday (Firefighter Training)	Tuesday (Dual Track Training)	$\overline{}$	Wednesday	$\overline{}$	Thursday	_	Friday	_	Saturday (Fire Training)
1/1 New Year's Da	tory 1/7	Volunteer Membership Meeting	Tuesday (Dual Truck Trusting)	1/3		1/4		1/5		1/6	
1/8		9 Medical Training			0 Board Meeting	1/11		1/12		1/13	
1/15		6 Chief Process Meet & Greet		1/17		1/18		1/19		1/20	
1/22		Medical Training		1/2/	4 Board Meeting (Annual Report)	1/25		1/26		1/27	
1/29		Medical Training	<u> </u>	1/31		2/1		2/2		2/3	
2/5		Family Dinner (Sq 1)	4	2/7	i e	2/8	Ice Rescue Cert Classroom	2/9	, [	2/10	Ice Rescue Cert & Refresher
2/12		FF Rescue/Survival	DO Task Books	2/14		2/15	Instructor I	2/16		2/17	7
2/19	2/2/	RIT/Survival Scenerios	DO Task Books	2/21	4	2/22	Instructor I	2/23		2/24	·
2/26	2/27	7 Man vs Machine		2/28	8 Board Meeting	2/29	Instructor I	3/1		3/2	2
3/4		Pack Test / Shelter		3/6			Instructor I	3/8		3/9	
3/11		Wildland Refresher (RT-130)			3 Board Meeting		Recruitment Dinner	3/15		3/16	
3/18		9 Hose and Tool Deployment, skills	<b>4</b>	3/20			Instructor I State JPR Test	3/22		3/23	
3/25		6 Volunteer Membership Meeting	<b></b>		7 Board Meeting		FF Survival - HOT	3/29		3/30	
4/1	4/2		<u> </u>	4/3			Instructor I - State Written Test	4/5		4/6	
4/8	4/9			4/10		4/11		4/12		4/13	
4/15	4/16		<u> </u>	4/17		4/18		4/19		4/20	
4/22	4/23	3 Pump Ops & PDP Classroom		4/24			FF Rescue - HOT	4/26		4/27	
4/29	4/30	Pumping Scenerios & Drop Tanks	<u> </u>	5/1			8 212 - Wildland Fire Chainsaws	5/3		5/4	
5/6		7 Struts, Air Tools and Airbags			Board Working Session		8 212 - Wildland Fire Chainsaws	5/10		5/11	
5/13		4 Pt Packaging/ Stokes/ Wheel/ Sked	<b>4</b>	5/15			8 212 - Wildiand Fire Chainsaws	5/17		5/18	
5/20		Low Angle Lower & Haul System	<u> </u>	5/22			8 212 - Wildland Fire Chainsaws	5/24			S 212 - Wildland Fire Chainsaws
		B Wildland Scenario		5/29			Aggressive Interior Search - HOT	5/31		6/1	
6/3	6/4			6/5		6/6		6/7		6/8	
6/10		1 Swift Water		6/12		6/13		6/14		6/15	
6/17		B Swift Water	DO Task Books	6/19	_	6/20		6/21		6/22	
6/24		Swift Water	DO Task Books	6/26			Unconventional Ground Ladders - HOT	6/28		6/29	
7/1		8wift Water	DO Task Books	7/3			JULY 4TH	7/5		7/6	
7/8		Volunteer Membership Meeting	<u>4                                    </u>		0 Board Working Session	7/11		7/12		7/13	
7/15		6 Forcible Entry	<b>4</b>	7/17		7/18		7/19		7/20	
7/22		Ground Ladders			4 Board Meeting		Street Smart Forcible Entry - HOT	7/26		7/27	
7/29	-	8 Search & Rescue		7/31			FF I - Academy - Exterior	8/2		8/3	
8/5	8/6			8/7			FF I - Academy - Exterior	8/9		8/10	
8/12		3 Ventilation		8/14		8/15		8/16		8/17	
8/19		Rig 2 Door", Moving the Line & Fire Attack	Pumping	8/21			FF I - Academy - Exterior	8/23		8/24	
8/26		7 Standpipe Ops / Vertical Stretches	Pumping	8/28			FF I - Academy - Exterior	8/30		8/31	
9/2 LABOR DAY		Fireground Scenerios	Pumping	9/4			FF I - Academy - Exterior	9/6			FF I - Academy - Exterior
9/9		0 Vehicle Stabilization	<u></u>		1 Board Meeting STAIR CLIMB	9/12		9/13		9/14	
9/16		7 Extrication	<u> </u>	9/18			FF I - Academy - Interior	9/20			1 FF I - Academy - Interior
9/23		A Extrication & Rope Scenerio	<u> </u>		5 Board Meeting (Budget Presentation)		FF I - Academy - Interior	9/27			FF I - Academy - Interior
9/30		family Dinner (8q 5)	4	10/2			FF I - Academy - Interior	10/4			5 FF I - Academy - Interior
10/7		/B Volunteer Membership Meeting	<u> </u>		9 Board Meeting		0 FF I - Academy - Interior	10/11			2 FF I - Academy - Interior
10/14		15 Gas Prop	Pumping	10/16			7 FF I - Academy - Interior	10/18			9 FF I - Academy - Interior
10/21		22 Vehicle Fires			3 Board Meeting		4 FF I - Academy - Interior	10/25			6 Free JPR Study Session
10/28		29 Live Fire	Pumping	10/30			1 HALLOWEEN	11/1			2 FF I - State- JPR Test
11/4		S CPR		11/6			FF I - Academy - Interior - Live Fire	11/8			9 FF I - State -JPR Live Fire Test
11/11	11/12				3 Board Meeting		4 FF I - State Written Test	11/15			6 FF I - Academy - Graduation
11/18		19 Leadership		11/20			1 HazMat Ops	11/22			3 HazMat Ops
11/25		26 IC worksheet /8ize Up/8cenarios			27 Board Meeting		8 THANKSGIVING	11/29			I HazMat Ops
12/2		3 HazMat Ops Refresher (all NEW JPRs!)		12/4			HazMat Ops	12/6			7 HazMat Ops
12/9		10 EVFPD HOLIDAY PARTY	<u> </u>		1 Board Meeting (Adopt Budget)		2 HazMat Ops - JPR's	12/13			4 HazMat Ops- JPR Test
	12/17	17 Station Projects	- ·	12/18	4	12/19	9 HazMat Ops- State Written Test	12/20		12/21	
12/16		24 HOLIDAY BREAK - NO TRAINING		12/25	S CHRISTMAS	12/26		12/27		12/28	

Saturday Training 00:00 - 17:00





# **Operations**

Paul Capo, Division Chief of Operations & Training

# **Member Qualifications**



FIREFIGHTING - 43 (40 volunteer, 3 Paid)					
Qual. / Cert.	2021	2022	2023		
Interior Firefighters	31	28	32		
DFPC Firefighter I	<b>1</b> 5	10	12		
DFPC Firefighter II	13	12	16		
Exterior Firefighter	8	9	11		
Wildland FFT2	27	25	32		

EMERGENCY MEDICAL					
Qual. / Cert.	2021	2022	2023		
EMR	1	4	6		
EMT-Basic / IV	10	10	13		
Paramedic +	4	3	4		

- Promotion of:
  - 1 Lieutenant Harrison
  - 1 Training Captain Thomas

TECHNICAL RESCUE						
Qual. / Cert.	2021	2022	2023			
Swiftwater I Swimmer	4	4	2			
Swiftwater II Swimmer	11	8	10			
Swiftwater I/II Trainer	2	2	2			
Ice Rescue	11	14	17			
Ice Rescue Trainer	3	3	3			

ADVANCED CERTIFICATIONS					
Qual. / Cert.	2021	2022	2023		
Instructor I	13	12	12		
Instructor II	0	0	1		
Instructor III	2	2	2		
Officer I, II, or III	2	3	3		
<b>DFPC Proctors</b>	10	8	8		

# **Engagement**



## Total volunteer responses (staff excluded)

	Calls	Volunteer Responses	Volunteer Responders Per Paged Call
2016	661	2,219	4.6
2017	723	2,920	5.4
2018	620	3,350	7.1
2019	609	3,432	7.3
2020*	570	4,054	9.8
2021	636	3,995	7.7
2022	633	3,314	8.7
2023	665	4,246	9

2023
472 paged
193 officer

- The average volunteer ran 106 calls (45 minimum)
- We averaged 9 volunteers per paged call



# ESTES VALLED BE STANDARD OPERATIONS DIVISION

# **Calls for Service**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Calls	651	602	611	667	755	621	609	570	666	642	665

#### **Calls**



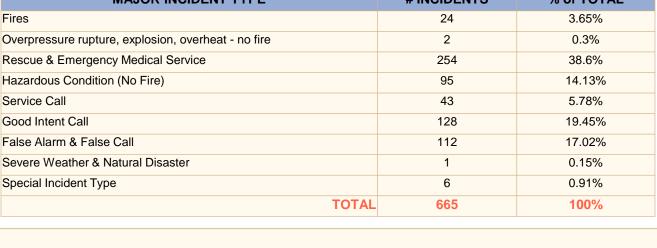
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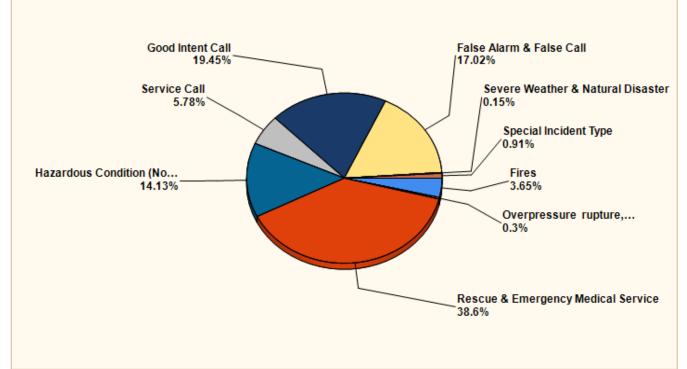


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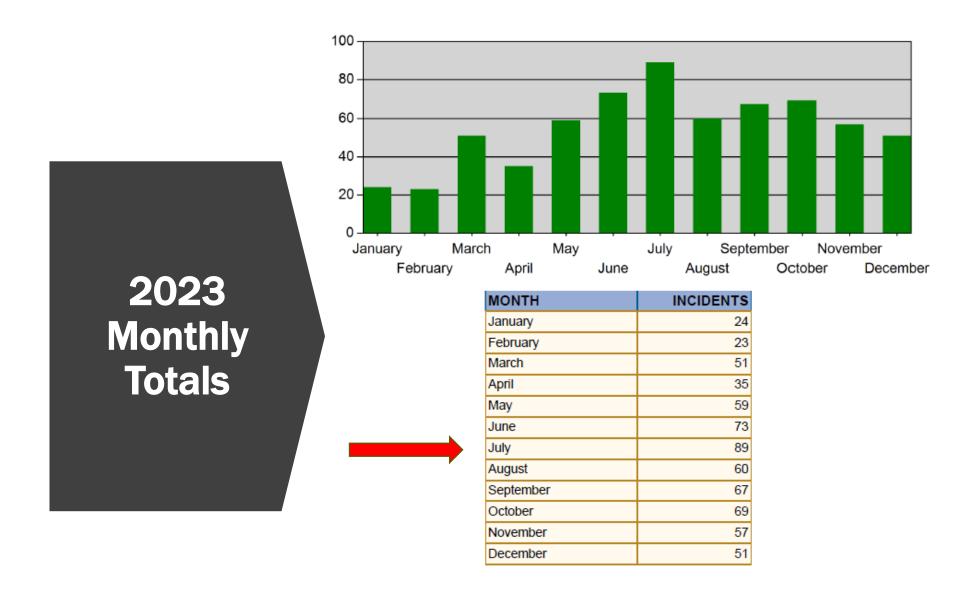
# **Call Type Breakdown**

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL	
Fires	24	3.65%	
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	2	0.3%	
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	254	38.6%	
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	95	14.13%	
Service Call	43	5.78%	
Good Intent Call	128	19.45%	
False Alarm & False Call	112	17.02%	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.15%	
Special Incident Type	6	0.91%	
TOTAL	665	100%	

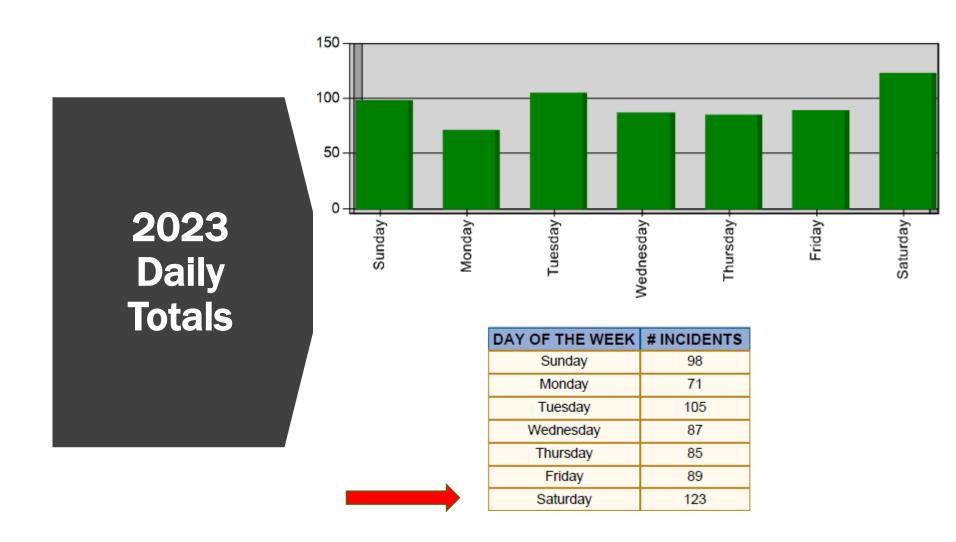






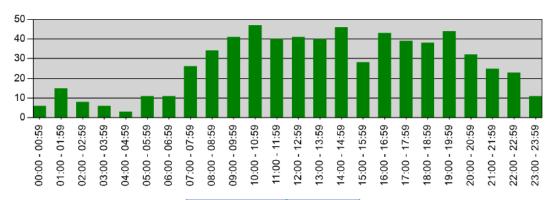












	HOUR	# of CALLS
	00:00 - 00:59	6
	01:00 - 01:59	15
	02:00 - 02:59	8
	03:00 - 03:59	6
	04:00 - 04:59	3
	05:00 - 05:59	11
	06:00 - 06:59	11
	07:00 - 07:59	26
	08:00 - 08:59	34
	09:00 - 09:59	41
	10:00 - 10:59	47
	11:00 - 11:59	40
	12:00 - 12:59	41
	13:00 - 13:59	40
$\rightarrow$	14:00 - 14:59	46
	15:00 - 15:59	28
	16:00 - 16:59	43
	17:00 - 17:59	39
	18:00 - 18:59	38
	19:00 - 19:59	44
	20:00 - 20:59	32
	21:00 - 21:59	25
	22:00 - 22:59	23
	23:00 - 23:59	11



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# **2024 Goals**



- Increase Reliability in all Areas
- How We'll Do It Internally:
  - Increase competencies in current classifications through training
  - Add depth to crucial roles (e.g. drivers)
  - Recruitment / Retention of Volunteers/ Auxiliary
  - Purchase of new Type 6
  - Take action on Chief Lasky's Goals
- How We'll Do It Externally:
  - Relationships. Participation in County Operating & Training Officers groups
  - Send Members to Outside Classes





#### **ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2023**

Back Row L to R: Gabe Bruyere, Megan Platz, Wesley Keller - Prevention, Robert Goodrum, Trevor Igel, Lieutenant Ron Bruchwalski, Ryan Leahy, Lieutenant Nathan Meulener, Lieutenant Kris Harrison, Mark Dieffenbach, Tim Krall, Scott Chew, Jack Kister, Michael Capo, Jason Hennig, Doug Klink

Middle Row L to R: Mark Igel, Administrative Assistant Marinda Baxter, Board Member Jon Hodde, Board Secretary Dave Hamrick, Division Chief Jon Landkamer, Interim Fire Chief Paul Capo, Chaplain Brian Schaffer, Board President Ryan Bross, Board Vice President Brian Tseng, Board Secretary Marybeth Bruchwalski, Public Information Officer Mike Richardson, Chief of Staff Erika Goetz

Front Row L to R: Mercedes Collins, Stacey Sutherland - Prevention, Heidi Salow, Lieutenant Chris Thomas, Rachael Bruyere, Talia Filsinger, Laura Shepard, Catie Rugaber, Luis Delgado, Nicole Friel, Kelly Brenner, Kae Morgan, Sadie Morgan

Not Pictured: Captain Justin Kearney, Captain Rick Spear, Lieutenant Brad Harris, Cayton Bailiff, Levi Baker, Mason Chavis, William Harkins, Megan Hodde, Fox Knapp, Logan Lasley, Scott Manning, Storm Manning, Butch McCown, Daryl McCown, Katie Stiner, Joe Strizki, Dylan Wallace



## PREVENT



PREPARE



### **PERFORM**

