

Annual Report 2020



Gainesville Fire Rescue

Gainesville Fire Rescue Mission Statement

To protect and serve through community involvement, education, prevention,
and rapid intervention by professionals committed to excellence.

Department Vision

Gainesville Fire Rescue will be recognized as the model of excellence
by the provision of our services.

Department Organization

Administration 1025 NE 13th Street 352-334-5078

Office of the Fire Chief

Information Management

Operations 1025 NE 13th Street 352-334-5078

Fire Station 1 525 S Main Street

Fire Station 2 2210 SW Archer Road

Fire Station 3 900 NE Waldo Road

Fire Station 4 10 SW 36th Street

Fire Station 5 1244 NW 30th Avenue

Fire Station 6 3638 NE 39th Avenue (Airport)

Fire Station 7 5601 NW 43rd Street

Fire Station 8 3223 NW 42nd Avenue

Fire Station 9 4213 SW 30th Avenue

Risk Reduction Bureau 1025 NE 13th Street 352-334-5065

Fire Marshal

Fire Safety Inspection

Fire Investigative Services

Fire and Life Safety Education

Training Bureau 1026 NE 14th Street 352-334-5075

Training, Recruitment, and Community Instruction

Community Resource Paramedicine 352-393-8300



Accredited by the
Commission on
Fire Accreditation
International
2019-2024

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Self-Assessment Categories

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Leadership & Diversity



Jeffrey Lane
Fire Chief



JoAnne Rice
Deputy Chief
Interim Chief 10/19/20



Stephen Hesson
Assistant Chief



Shawn Hillhouse
Assistant Chief



David McIntire
District Chief
Emergency Manager/
Grants/Accreditation



Michael Steele
District Chief
Training

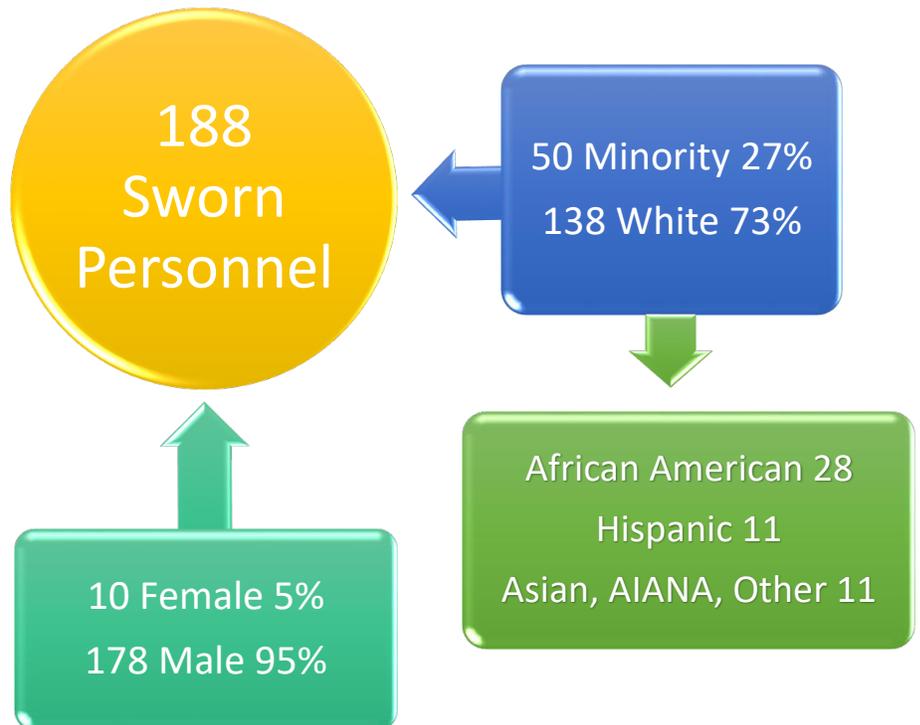


David Sutton
District Chief
Training

**Operations
District Chiefs**

- D.G. Campbell
- Sean Campbell
- Adam Hinton
- James Lovvorn
- Jeff Schuhmacher
- Cary Williams

Demographics for Sworn Personnel as of August 5, 2020



Apparatus, Stations, & Staffing

Fire Station # 1	525 South Main Street	2018
Fire Station # 2	2210 SW Archer Road	1976
Fire Station # 3	900 NE Waldo Road	1960
Fire Station # 4	10 SW 36th Street	1964
Fire Station # 5	1244 NW 30th Avenue	1965
Fire Station # 6	3638 NE 39th Avenue	2017
Fire Station # 7	5601 NW 43rd Street	1981
Fire Station # 8	3223 NW 42nd Avenue	2011
Modular Station #9	4213 SW 30th Avenue	2017

- 6 Engines—2 Towers—2 Quints
- 2 Airport Firefighting Units
- 1 Hazmat Response Unit at ST 2
 - 1 Squad Unit at ST 1
- 1 Squad - Peak Unit at ST 3
 - 2 District Chief SUV's
- 1 Air and Light Truck at ST 1

200 FTE's in 2020

- 87 Firefighters
- 42 Driver Operators
- 39 Lieutenants
- 6 District Chiefs
- 1 Chief
- 1 Deputy Chief
- 2 Assistant Chiefs
- 1 District Chief / Emergency Manager
- 1 District Chief Training
- 3 Training Captains
- 1 Investigative Services Officer
- 4 Fire Safety Inspectors
- 1 Fire and Life Safety Educator
- 1 Community Resource Paramedicine Program Coordinator
- 2 CRP Technicians
- 1 Technical Systems Analyst, Sr.
- 1 Technical Systems Analyst II
- 1 Logistics Officer
- 1 Account Clerk, Sr.
- 1 Administrative Assistant to Fire Chief
- 1 Executive Assistant, Sr.
- 1 Staff Specialist
- 1 Staff Assistant



188 Sworn Personnel - 174 On Shift
12 Support Staff



GFR By The Numbers 2020



135,000
City of Gainesville
Resident Population

64+
City of Gainesville
Square Miles



\$20 Million
Department Budget FY20

17,319,276 Square
Feet Inspected
by Fire Safety Inspectors

Number of Fire Departments
Both ISO 2 and Accredited

18,157
Total Incidents in
the City Limits GFR
Responded to

83
Night Inspections
of Local Businesses

90 Nationwide **7** in Florida

40 Confirmed Building Fires
in the City Limits

34,000
Estimated citizen contacts
through all programs

23,434
Total GFR Unit
Responses in the
City Limits

\$8,938,433 Value of
Property Saved

92% of Property Value at
Risk Saved

Public Education Events **115**

10,131 Citizens Touched



17 Fires Intentionally Set

63 Car Seat Installations

Community Resource Paramedicine

32 Recurrent Cases

21 Recovery Patients

51 Crowd Managers Trained

93 Wellness Visit Patients

391 People Trained in CPR

Fires in Inspected
Commercial Structures

4

2 Cooking, 1 Smoking,
1 Welding

13 Firefighters Hired

10 Firefighters Retired



41 Cardiac Arrest
Patients Arriving at ER
with a Pulse

4 Firefighter Injuries
at the Fireground
26 Inhalation Exposures at
a Hazmat Incident

12 Patients with a Pulse
who had Bystander CPR

13 Firefighter Injuries at
Non-Fire Emergencies



GFR Unit Responses

GFR Responses 2020 (All Units) 24,911



INCIDENTS RESPONDED TO BY GFR UNITS IN THE CITY LIMITS

2020
18,157



EMS
13,507



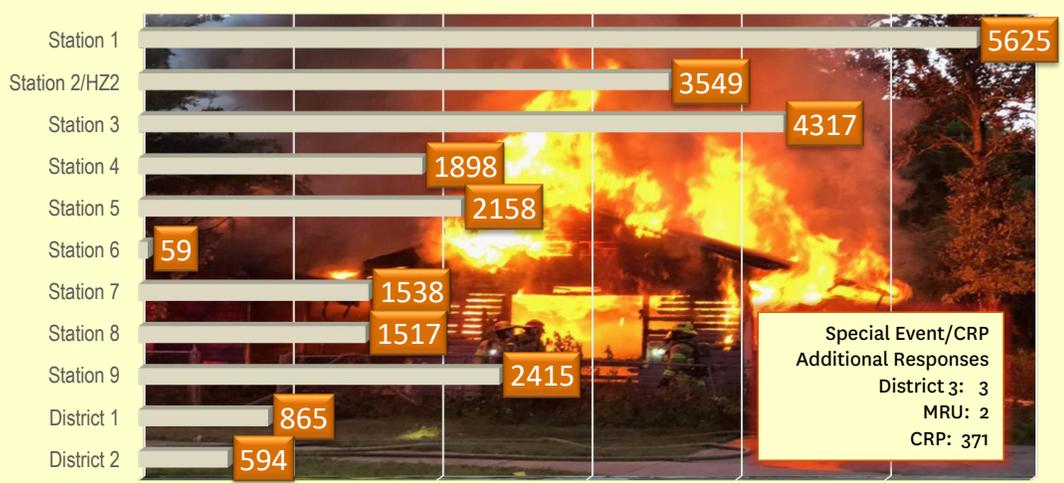
Fire
2,376

Alarm
1,427

Service
560
Hazmat
287



2020 GFR Unit Responses by Station 24,911 City and Automatic Aid Area



Special Event/CRP
Additional Responses
District 3: 3
MRU: 2
CRP: 371



Annual Program Appraisals

Command Staff annually appraise each program for effectiveness and future needs. Detailed reports look at performance, training, resources, accomplishments, and sustainability needs. Here are *highlights*.

5A.5 Fire Prevention - Assistant Chief Stephen Hesson

Fire Safety Inspections were suspended from March through October 2020 due to Covid-19 health precautions. Fire Safety Inspectors were assigned enforcement of local, county, and state executive orders intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The team completed 1,845 Inspections, 320 Follow-up Inspections, and 309 Plans Reviews. They also continued to work on False Fire Alarm Reduction through online education classes and onsite business support.

5B.3. Public Education - Fire and Life Safety Educator Krista Ott

Education efforts were reduced by Covid-19 precautions from 248 events in 2019 to 115 in 2020. GFR's Fire and Life Safety Educator was also assigned with the Inspectors to support enforcement efforts. In spite of the challenges, the program was able to touch over 10,000 neighbors including 63 car seat installations, training for 51 Crowd Managers, and providing intervention for eight juvenile firesetters.

5C.5 Investigative Services - Investigative Services Officer Kelly DeRasmo

GFR conducted 86 fire investigations: 67 were determined to be accidental/unintentional, fifteen arsons, two undetermined and two involved a juvenile firesetter. Six arson fires resulted in arrests and formal charges. Six of the arson fires were associated with homeless encampments and three arson fires involved a large construction site. In addition, the ISO provides post-fire support for fire victims to match their needs with community resources.

5E.3 Fire Suppression - Assistant Chief Shawn Hillhouse

Daily minimum staffing consists of 42 firefighters, including a peak load squad staffed by three personnel between the hours of 0800hrs and 2000hrs daily. Minimum staffing between the hours of 2000hrs and 0800hrs is 40. Operations personnel applied additional personnel protection measures to reduce Covid-19 infection risk to neighbors and first responders. The level of service for fire suppression emergencies was never compromised during the pandemic. GFR units were dispatched to 4,645 non-medical incidents in 2020 which included 109 confirmed building fires, 47 vehicles fires, and 50 brush fires. The 90th percentile total response time from call to arrival for the first arriving unit at reported building fires was 8:45 in the urban area.

5F.7 Emergency Medical Services - Captain Betty Braun

GFR responds to approximately 16,000 medical incidents annually that are subject to review. In addition to Quality Assurance Reviews of EMS incidents, the EMS Program also completed orientation for 26 new Firefighters; assisted with Community Covid testing and Influenza vaccinations; facilitated six new Paramedics through the clearance process; completed training for 391 neighbors for Basic Life Support / CPR; and collaborated with the Medical Director for in-service, training, and protocol updates.



Annual Program Appraisals

5G.3 Technical Rescue - District Chief Don Campbell, Jr.

GFR responded to 32 calls typed for Technical Rescue, not counting any Extrication calls (motor vehicle involved), or stuck elevators. Calls for service have increased in recent years and further development of the City will see that trend continue. Additionally, the Department was requested to provide standby for 45 permitted confined space entries.

5H.3 Hazardous Materials - Captain Sean Withers

During the 2020 Hurricane season, GFR supported the Statewide Emergency Response Plan and State Emergency Operations Center with a Type III HazMat Team ready for regional deployment. The GFRHMT responded to 345 Hazmat calls in 2020 including multiple North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Council District 3 Regional Responses to aid surrounding counties including Union, Bradford, Suwanee, and Alachua Counties and mitigated a significant, multi-day incident involving chlorine at a local pool company.

5I.2 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting - District Chief Cary Williams and Lt. Dallas Baker

GFR's Station 6 personnel ran a combined thirty-two (32) calls in 2020. Sixteen (16) were for aircraft trouble, four (4) were fire or alarm activations, one (1) Hazmat call, and eleven (11) EMS calls on the airport property. Twenty personnel completed their ARFF Recertification (Hot drill) in 2020 at a cost of \$ 13,348.05. The program fully met the needs of the airport during 2020 by providing continual 24-hour service.

11B.6 Health and Safety / Physical Fitness - District Chief Don Campbell, Jr.

The multi-day Fire/HazMat incident at a local pool company resulted in 26 personnel being contaminated by chlorine gas. Eleven sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) had to be replaced. This was the first year of Covid-19 and GFR reduced health risks to neighbors and community builders by updating procedures and increasing supplies for PPE use to ensure first responders could maintain service levels for medical and other calls. No GFR units were out of service for any extended time due to Covid-19. The H&S Committee evaluated one fireground injury, 13 non-fireground injuries, and four training injuries.

9B.10 Communications - District Chief Adam Hinton

During this first year of Covid-19, the Combined Communications Center (CCC) adopted protocols to provide symptom information for first responders. UF held five reduced attendance home games which the CCC provided communications support for. GFR has replaced all radios which were end of life mobiles and portables with P25 capable radios. The overall cost for the radios was \$685,000.

5L.2 Community Resource Paramedicine (CRP) - Program Coordinator Ariella Bak

Community Paramedicine Program outreach grew in 2020 to include Addiction Recovery efforts for 21 clients. Continued goals include improving primary care compliance and reducing the need for hospital admissions, use of the 911 system, and visits to emergency departments. Two full-time CRP Technician positions were added to the budget by the City Commission in October 2020.



Awards and Honors

Distinguished Service Medal

Deputy Chief JoAnne Rice

Donald J. King Mentorship Award

Assistant Chief Shawn Hillhouse

Employees of the Year

*Chief Officer—Sean Campbell
Company Officer—Colby Perryman
Driver Operator—Patrick Carty
Firefighter—Thomas Carty
EMS Provider—Paul Bruney
Instructor—Rut Rogers
Admin. Employee—Sean Withers
Dispatcher—Toni Finley*

Community Service Award

District Chief Adam Hinton

Service Appreciation Award

*Lieutenant Keith Saunders
Lieutenant Devin Chapman
Driver Operator Eric Pace
Firefighter Andy Pearce
Firefighter Evan Davis*

Meritorious Service Award

CMC Recycling

Alachua County

Department of Health

Jamie Lambert and Diana Duque

University Police Department

Lt. Jacob Pruitt and Ofcr. Henri Belleville

Unit Citations

Squad 3 B-Shift

*Lieutenant Colby Perryman
Firefighter Kristian Harding
Firefighter Cole Parks*

Engine 3 C-Shift

*Driver Operator Tim Davis
Firefighter Cory Brinson
Firefighter Matt Combs
Firefighter Sara McKinnon*

Promotions

*Lieutenant Colby Perryman
Lieutenant David Shuford
Lieutenant Devin Chapman
Lieutenant Kurt Baumann
Driver Operator Brian O'Connell
Driver Operator Dylan Gault
Driver Operator Jeremy Cicio
Driver Operator Reginald Kinsey
Driver Operator David Cook
Driver Operator Michael Oliva*

Chief's Award of Excellence

*Covid-19 Planning
Captain Sean Withers*

Hazardous Materials

Firefighter Ty Ottinger

Paramedic

*Firefighter Malik Adelson
Firefighter Kien Cade
Firefighter Doug Mudry*

SWAT Medic

*Driver Operator Jeremy Cicio
Firefighter Andrew Picklo
Firefighter David Samperi*

ARFF

Driver Operator Scott Robinson

Continuing Education

*Thomas Amato—
Bachelor of Science*

Rewarding Excellence and Achievement from 2020 was again affected by the need for social distancing due to COVID-19. Instead of hosting our annual ceremony, GFR leaders recognized their members in their respective work areas in small groups to maintain safety.



GFR Personnel 2020

Chief Officers

Jeffrey Lane	Fire Chief
JoAnne Rice	Deputy Chief
Stephen Hesson	Assistant Chief
Shawn Hillhouse	Assistant Chief
Sean Campbell	District Chief
Don Campbell, Jr.	District Chief
Adam Hinton	District Chief
James Lovvorn	District Chief
David McIntire	District Chief
Jeffrey Schuhmacher	District Chief
Michael Steele, Jr.	District Chief
David Sutton	District Chief
Cary Williams	District Chief

Administration

Artie Chestnut	Tech. Systems Analyst, Sr
Shetiqua Davis	Executive Assistant, Sr
Robert Healy	Fire Rescue Logistics Officer
Marjorie Houston	Account Clerk, Sr.
Sheri Sheehan	Staff Assistant
Kathy Steidley	Admin Assistant to Fire Chief
Daniel Williams	Technical Systems Analyst 2

Risk Reduction

Kelly DeRasmo	Investigative Services Officer
Ernie Benjamin	Fire Inspector
Thomas Burgett	Fire Inspector
Edward Evans	Fire Inspector
Kevin Gutierrez	Fire Inspector
Krista Ott	Fire & Life Safety Educator

Training

Elizabeth Braun	Captain
Conrade Irving III	Captain
Sean Withers	Captain
Adrienne Baker	Staff Specialist

Community Resource Paramedicine

Ariella Bak	CRP Program Coordinator
Payton Campbell	CRP Technician
Kamelia Klejc	CRP Technician

Lieutenants

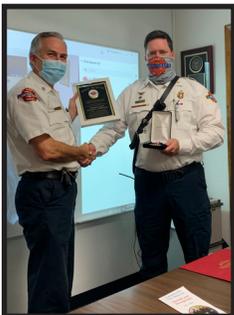
Dallas Baker
Chad Belger
Timothy Bowen
Wesley Breeden
Calvert Brown
James Brown
Sean Canady
Devin Chapman
Jonathan Cicio
Alexander Cowart
Alexis Delisle
Eugene Dugan
Herbert Ennis III
Nicolas Gonzalez
Joel Graves
Drew Halvorson
Tracey Higdon
Billy Jackson
Amanda James
Jeffrey Jamison
Kenneth Johnson
Parnell Jones
Kristopher Keen
Jody Markwich
Andrew Marsh
Jeremy Massicotte
Terry McCarthy
Westin McQueen
Christopher Nelson
Colby Perryman
Chase Prince
Rutledge Rogers, Jr.
Willie Saulsberry
Keith Saunders
David Shuford
Christopher Silcox
Brett Thomas
Ronald Thomas, Jr.
Alix Thony
Michael Tringali
Bradley Tschorn
Joseph Walker
Derrick West
Adam Whitehead

Driver Operators

Ernesto Acuna
Preston Attebery
Kurt Baumann
Trey Beauchamp III
Matthew Browder
Paula Buckholz
Kien Cade
Patrick Carty
Trevor Caslin
Jamel Cheesborough
Jeremy Cicio
Ryan Clary
David Cook, Jr.
Jorge Cortes
Timothy Davis
Scott Dillon
Alan DuBose
Dylan Gault
Marie Goltara
Joseph Gonzalez
Jamal Hafiz
Matthew Harrison
Jason Hendricks
Mick Jasper
Alvin Jones II
John Kalaf, Jr.
Reginald Kinsey III
Joseph Lewis
Alexander Lopez
Joseph Morris
Brian O'Connell
Eric Pace
Bradley Paquette
Jose Paredes
Erick Pena
JD Perryman
Gunnar Piner
Andrea Powell
Jason Powell
Joshua Roberts
Noah Roberts
Scott Robinson
Josh Rodgers
Nike Sheffer
Daniel Sivyer
Corey Thomas

Firefighters

James Adams	Michael Lowery
Malik Adelson	Todd Martin, Jr.
Trace Adkins	Robert Mason
Paul Alois	Joshua Mazzarella
John Amato	Sara McKinnon
Thomas Amato	Anthony Meyer
David Asbell	Douglas Mudry
Kevin Babcock	Matthew Nolan
Max Baggaley	Jared Nuccio
Tyler Bell	Jimmy Nutt
William Brideson	Michael Oliva
Cory Brinson	Anthony Ottinger
Casey Brooks	Nicholas Owens
Paul Bruney	Joseph Park
Brett Burhenne	Cole Parks
Austin Bush	Michael Partridge, Jr.
Jacob Campbell	Andrew Pearce
Shane Carroll	Luis Peglow
Thomas Carty	Matthew Pfost
James Chestnut	Andrew Picklo
Matthew Chupp	Corey Pinder
Eric Clary	Austin Polk
Matthew Combs	Kyle Preus
Dylan Corris	Kahlin Randolph
Jordan Crawford	Ryan Rodriguez
Richard Crile	David Samperi
Kevin Cuthbert	Tyler Seibert
Johannez Damm	Zachary Shinn
Evan Davis	Dustin Shreiner
Jay Del Castillo	Devonte Simon
Hans Everson	Joshua Smith
Cross Fischer	Caleb Southey
Joshua Gossett	Dimitri Stimpfil
Eric Green	Elliot Tobin
Thomas Hand	Andrew Williams
Kristian Harding	Dennis Williams
Jeffrey Higgins	Eric Williams
Aaron Hunt	Clarence Williams, Jr.
Anthony Hutchinson	Todd Willoughby
Michael Johnson	
Derek Joseph	
Robert Kalaf	
Robert Kiem	
Hunter Langford	
Zarak Lawson	
Wesley Lewis	



Retirees and New Firefighters 2020

Fire Chief Jeffrey Lane
Deputy Chief JoAnne Rice
District Chief James Lovvorn



Lieutenant Calvert Brown
Lieutenant Kenneth Johnson
Lieutenant Parnell Jones
Lieutenant Terry McCarthy
Lieutenant Willie Saulsberry



New Firefighters

Driver Operator Jamel Cheesborough
Driver Operator Paula Buckholz



Tyler S. Bell
Shane P. Carroll
James A. Chestnut
Jordan C. Crawford
Richard R. Crile
Hunter M. Langford
Joshua A. Mazzarella
Sara E. McKinnon
Corey J. Pinder
Kahlin A. Randolph
Caleb Southey

We Will Always Remember...

Lieutenant
Donald Elder
Served 12/3/73 - 9/14/03



Driver Operator
Victor Jackson
Served 12/3/84 - 11/1/05



