

ANNUAL REPORT



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



Joseph W. Dixon, Sr.
Fire Chief



JoAnne Rice
Deputy Chief
Interim Chief



Shawn Hillhouse
Deputy Chief



Stephen Hesson
Assistant Chief



David McIntire
District Chief
Emergency Manager/
Grants/Accreditation



David Sutton
District Chief
Training

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Shawn Hillhouse for successfully completing the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program!

**Operations
District Chiefs**

D.G. Campbell
Sean Campbell
Adam Hinton
Jeff Schuhmacher
Michael Steele
Cary Williams

GFR Demographics June 2021		
Total Sworn Personnel 178		
Male	170	96%
Female	8	4%
White	135	76%
Minority	43	24%
African-American	21	12%
Hispanic	11	6%
Other	11	6%



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 2021

- 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 2021

Emergency Operations

64+
City of Gainesville
Square Miles

141,000
City of Gainesville
Resident Population

\$20 Million
Department Budget FY21

9 Certified Firefighters Hired
4 Non-Certified Firefighters Hired

19,942
Total Incidents in
the City Limits GFR
Responded to

32 Confirmed Building Fires
in the City Limits

3 Firefighters Retired

\$29,295,084 Value of
Property Saved

2 Firefighter Injuries
at the Fireground

25,788
Total GFR Unit
Responses in the
City Limits

97% of Property Value at
Risk Saved

Fires in Commercial Structures
Inspected within five years **4**

10 Firefighter Injuries at
Non-Fire Emergencies



Risk Reduction Bureau

19,917,571
Square Feet Inspected
by Fire Safety Inspectors

303
Night Inspections
of Local Businesses

Public Education Events **236**

6,277 Citizens Touched

11 Fires Intentionally Set

108 Car Seat
Installations

53 Crowd Managers Trained

Community Resource Paramedicine

44 Recurrent Cases
47 Recovery Patients
128 Wellness Visit Patients
393 Flu Vaccinations
834 Covid-19 Vaccinations



Training Bureau

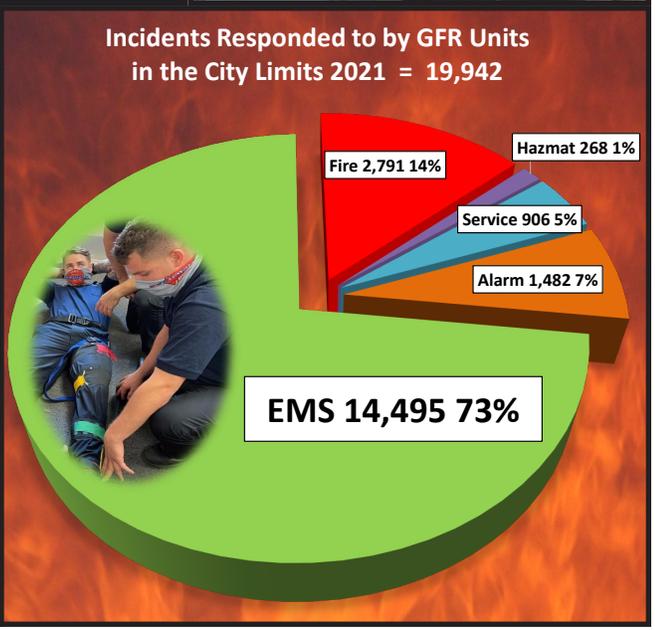
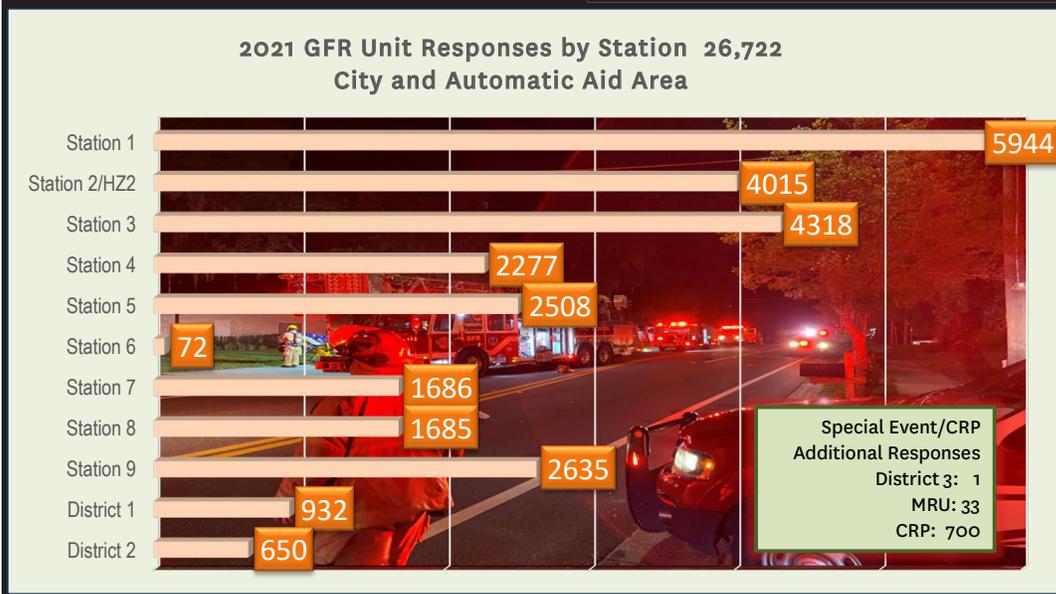
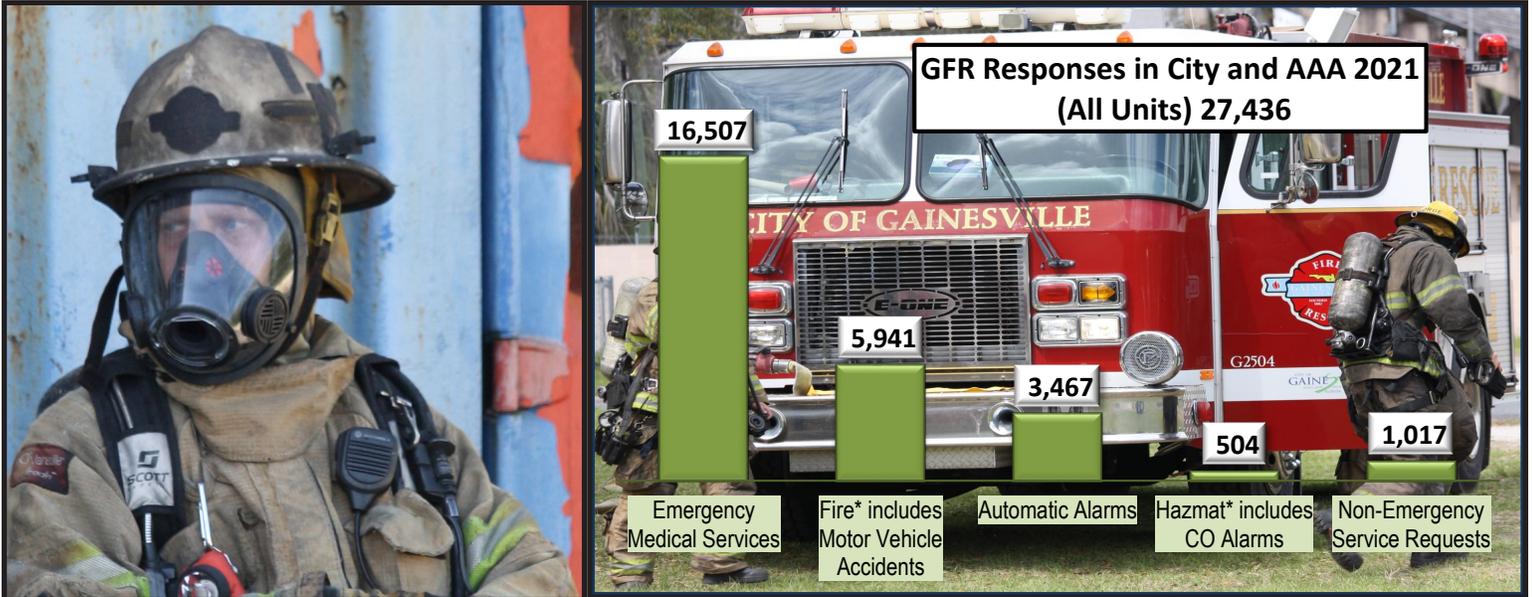
520 People Trained in CPR

36 Cardiac Arrest
Patients Arriving at ER
with a Pulse

19 Patients with a Pulse
who had Bystander CPR



GFR Unit Responses



Awards and Recognition

Medal of Lifesaving

Lieutenant Chase Prince
Firefighter Josh Gossett

Distinguished Service Medal

District Chief David McIntire

Distinguished Service Award

Marjorie Houston
Kathy Steidley

Donald J. King

Mentorship Award

FF Clarence Williams, Jr.

Employees of the Year

Chief Officer—David Sutton
Company Officer—Jon Cicio
Driver Operator—Mick Jasper
Firefighter—Andrew Picklo
EMS Provider—Austin Polk
Instructor—Mike Tringali
Admin Empl—Adrienne Baker
Dispatch—Jeanette Whitworth

Meritorious Service Award

Arnold Blackstone
John Coleman-Davis
Maureen Scian
Lesley Stuppy

Service Appreciation Award

University Air Center

Matt Lambert
Scott Lambert
Shannon Spears
Ace Saulsberry
Scotty Taylor
Driver Operator Paul Bruney
Driver Operator Marie Goltara
Driver Operator Gunnar Piner
Driver Operator Andrea Powell
Firefighter David Samperi

Unit Citations

Engine 4 A-Shift

Alix Thony, David Asbell,
and Matthew Chupp

Engine 2 C-Shift

Matt Browder, Josh Rodgers, and
Ryan Crile

Ladder 9 C-Shift

Adam Whitehead, Patrick Carty,
Todd Willoughby,
and Max Baggaley

B-Shift

District Chiefs Sean Campbell and
Jeff Schuhmacher

Tower 1 Devin Chapman, Andy
Pearce, Austin Bush,
and Tom Carty

Quint 8 Jeff Jamison, Alan
DuBose, Derek Joseph,
and Jimmy Nutt

Engine 3 Kurt Baumann, Jorge
Cortes, Kristian Harding,
and James Shapiro

Engine 5 Keith Saunders, Elliot
Tobin, and Josh Smith

Chief's Award of Excellence

Neysa Walkin-Boothe
and Michael Benefield
Driver Operator Ryan Clary
Driver Operator Noah Roberts

Retirees

Fire Chief Jeff Lane
Interim Fire Chief JoAnne Rice
District Chief David McIntire
Lieutenant Calvert Brown
Lieutenant Parnell Jones
Lieutenant Ace Saulsberry
Lieutenant Keith Saunders
Driver Operator Paula Buckholz
Driver Operator Jamel
Cheesborough
Driver Operator J. D. Perryman
Driver Operator Corey Thomas
Firefighter Aaron Hunt
Firefighter Mike Lowery

Promotions

Deputy Chief Shawn Hillhouse
Assistant Chief David Sutton
District Chief

Ron Thomas and Sean Withers
Lieutenant

Preston Attebery, Kurt Baumann
Devin Chapman, Tim Davis
Jason Hendricks, Jose Paredes
Colby Perryman, Scott Robinson
David Shuford

Driver Operator

Paul Bruney, Jeremy Cicio
David Cook, Dylan Corris
Dylan Gault, Reggie Kinsey
Matthew Nolan, Brian O'Connell
Michael Oliva, Nicholas Owens
Matt Pfof, Ryan Rodriguez
CRP Coordinator Kami Klejc

Continuing Education

Bachelor's Degree

Thomas Amato, Ernie Benjamin
Alex Cowart, Tracey Higdon
Chase Prince

Associate's Degree

Preston Attebery, Kevin Babcock
Ted Tenaglia

Hazmat

Trace Adkins, Ty Ottinger
Anthony Pacheco, Charles Shinn

Technical Rescue

Kurt Baumann, Clarence Williams
ARFF

Preston Attebery, Alan DuBose
John Kalaf, Reggie Kinsey
Scott Robinson, Nike Sheffer

Paramedic

Paul Alois, Tom Burgett
Austin Bush, Kien Cade
Patrick Carty, Jeremy Cicio
Kevin Cuthbert, Matthew George
Anthony Hutchinson
Matthew Nolan, Nicholas Owens
David Samperi



It was great to have our family, friends, and co-workers together once again for our annual ceremony on April 14th, 2022 after a two-year break due to Covid. Congratulations to everyone who was recognized for their achievements and excellent service to our neighbors!



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

The Risk Reduction Bureau (RRB) continues to operate with four fire safety inspectors and is in need of additional inspectors to keep pace with growth. The RRB completed 3,127 inspections covering over 19 million square feet of commercial property and over 300 night inspections to support safe entertainment activities. The RRB also continued its efforts to reduce false fire alarms by following up directly with the top five sites that contributed to over 1,000 false alarms during 2021.

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

GFR's Fire and Life Safety Education Program continues to be managed by one educator. In-person events came back as the community emerged from Covid-19 restrictions and GFR reached about one-third of its previous outreach efforts touching around 5% of the population. The FLSE program continued to provide services for Project Get Alarmed, safe car seat installation, crowd manager training, fire extinguisher training, and youth firesetter intervention.

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

GFR's Fire Investigation Program completed 62 cause and origin investigations and identified 11 intentionally set fires. Two suspects were referred for mental health evaluations and two arson fires resulted in arrests and formal charges. Two juveniles were referred to the Juvenile Firesetter Program.

5E.3 Fire Suppression - Deputy Chief Shawn Hillhouse

As the community emerged from Covid-19 restrictions and activities resumed, so did calls for service. There were over 27,400 unit responses to over 21,100 incidents of which 73% were emergency medical services. Recruitment and retention are the most challenging issues facing Emergency Operations as experienced personnel retire and attrition for the one to five year members increases due to losses to other departments and competing professions, such as nursing. The team pulls together with overtime assignments to ensure GFR can continue to be an all-hazards response agency addressing all of the emergency needs of our Gainesville neighbors. A significant training need is the preparation to manage incidents at multi-story buildings which are being added to the service area.

5F.7 Emergency Medical Services - Training Captain Betty Braun

The EMS Program encompasses several areas including Protocol Management, Quality Assurance, Training and Certifications, Paramedic Clearance, records requests, and State reporting. The increasing volume of medical calls requiring quality assurance reviews have exceeded program capacity and additional personnel are supporting this effort through overtime assignments. GFR continues to study Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) rates for cardiac arrest events and bystanders performing CPR make a difference which is demonstrated by a 53% to 31% ROSC rate.



Annual Program Appraisals

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

Light Technical Rescue Team #310 had 29 certified Rescue Specialists in 2021. Members of the team deployed with other regional Task Force 8 members to the Surfside condominium collapse in June 2021. The team continued to train on Mondays and Fridays and partnered with Gainesville Regional Utilities to create a stand-by cache and team for confined space rescue.

5H.3 Hazardous Materials - Interim Captain David Shuford

GFR has a 40-member Type I Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) which serves a multi-county region of over 10,000 square miles. Staffing does not support individually placing a four member team on the Hazmat unit, so the unit is staffed with personnel from Tower 2 and the apparatus respond in tandem. Technicians are trained to be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours in the event of a long-term incident. GFR relies on State grant funding for much of the team's equipment.

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

The program fully met the needs of the airport during 2021 by providing continual 24-hour service with two personnel at Station 6. The ARFF personnel have been integrating themselves more fully into the overall Airport services by participating in managerial meetings on safety, wildlife, and day-to-day activities, thus improving the value of GFR to the community. The ARFF team responded to over 35 incidents to provide basic life support services and to support aircraft safety needs.

9B.10 Communications - District Chief Adam Hinton

Dispatching and Calltaking services are contracted with the Alachua County Sheriff's Combined Communications Center utilizing an 800MHz trunked radio system maintained by Gainesville Regional Utilities. CCC staff maintain the following certifications: State of Florida Department of Health Telecommunicator, Florida/National Crime Information Center, CPR, International Association of Emergency Dispatcher Basic Telecommunicator and Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Crisis Intervention, and a basic course for National Center for Missing / Exploited Children.

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

GFR has one contracted mental health counselor and contracts in place with Lifescan for yearly physicals. Peer fitness counselors and peer support team members are cross staffed by frontline operational personnel. H&S committee members must perform gear inspections and assist department members as peer fitness evaluators: Training for this was conducted in-house to meet objectives. During 2021 the Committee met four times and completed annual station inspections, semi-annual gear inspections, and annual physicals.

5L.2 Community Resource Paramedicine (CRP) - Program Coordinator Kamelia Klejc

CRP services expanded in 2021 and the team worked closely with many partner agencies and student interns to improve the health of Gainesville's underserved neighbors. CRP provided Covid-19 testing and vaccinations, Flu vaccinations, case management, wellness checks, and recovery support to reduce patients' need for emergency and hospital services and to inspire healthy life choices.



GFR Personnel 2021

Ernesto	Acuna	Driver Operator
James	Adams	Firefighter
Malik	Adelson	Firefighter
Trace	Adkins	Firefighter
Paul	Alois	Firefighter
John	Amato	Firefighter
Thomas	Amato	Firefighter
David	Asbell	Firefighter
Preston	Attebery	Driver Operator
Kevin	Babcock	Firefighter
Max	Baggaley	Firefighter
Ariella	Bak	CRP Coordinator
Adrienne	Baker	Staff Specialist
Dallas	Baker	Lieutenant
Kurt	Baumann	Lieutenant
Paul	Beauchamp III	Driver Operator
Chad	Belger	Lieutenant
Ernie	Benjamin	Fire Inspector
Hannah	Bodden	CRP Technician
Timothy	Bowen	Lieutenant
Elizabeth	Braun	Captain
Wesley	Breeden	Lieutenant
William	Brideson	Firefighter
Cory	Brinson	Firefighter
Casey	Brooks	Firefighter
Matthew	Browder	Driver Operator
James	Brown	Lieutenant
Paul	Bruney	Firefighter
Thomas	Burgett	Fire Inspector
Austin	Bush	Firefighter
Kien	Cade	Driver Operator
Jacob	Campbell	Firefighter
Payton	Campbell	CRP Technician
Sean	Campbell	District Chief
Don	Campbell, Jr.	District Chief
Sean	Canady	Lieutenant
Shane	Carroll	Firefighter
Patrick	Carty	Driver Operator
Thomas	Carty	Firefighter
Trevor	Caslin	Driver Operator
Devin	Chapman	Lieutenant
James	Chestnut	Firefighter
Artie	Chestnut	Tech Sys Analyst, Sr
Matthew	Chupp	Firefighter
Eli	Cicio	Firefighter
Jeremy	Cicio	Driver Operator
Jonathan	Cicio	Lieutenant
Ryan	Clary	Driver Operator
Matthew	Combs	Firefighter
David	Cook, Jr.	Driver Operator
Dylan	Corris	Firefighter
Jorge	Cortes	Driver Operator
Alexander	Cowart	Lieutenant
Jordan	Crawford	Firefighter
Ryan	Crile	Firefighter
Kevin	Cuthbert	Firefighter
Johannez	Damm	Firefighter
Bram	Davidson	Firefighter
Evan	Davis	Firefighter
Shetiquea	Davis	Executive Asst, Sr
Timothy	Davis	Lieutenant
Jay	Del Castillo	Firefighter
Alexis	Delisle	Lieutenant
Kelly	DeRasmo	Investigator
Scott	Dillon	Driver Operator
Joel	Dixon	Fire Chief
Alan	DuBose	Driver Operator
Eugene	Dugan	Lieutenant
Herbert	Ennis, III	Lieutenant

Edward	Evans	Fire Inspector
Hans	Everson	Firefighter
Dylan	Gault	Driver Operator
Matthew	George	Firefighter
Marie	Goltara	Driver Operator
Joseph	Gonzalez	Driver Operator
Nicolas	Gonzalez	Lieutenant
Joshua	Gossett	Firefighter
Joel	Graves	Lieutenant
Kevin	Gutierrez	Fire Inspector
Jamal	Hafiz	Driver Operator
Drew	Halvorson	Lieutenant
Thomas	Hand	Firefighter
Kristian	Harding	Firefighter
Matthew	Harrison	Driver Operator
Robert	Healy	Logistics Officer
Jason	Hendricks	Lieutenant
Stephen	Hesson	Assistant Chief
Tracey	Higdon	Lieutenant
Jeffrey	Higgins	Firefighter
Shawn	Hillhouse	Deputy Chief
Adam	Hinton	District Chief
Marjorie	Houston	Account Clerk, Sr.
Zachary	Howard	Firefighter
Aaron	Hunt	Firefighter
Anthony	Hutchinson	Firefighter
Conrade	Irving III	Captain
Billy	Jackson	Lieutenant
Amanda	James	Lieutenant
Jeffrey	Jamison	Lieutenant
Mick	Jasper	Driver Operator
Juan	Jiminez	Firefighter
Alvin	Jones II	Driver Operator
Derek	Joseph	Firefighter
Robert	Kalaf	Firefighter
John	Kalaf Jr	Driver Operator
Kristopher	Keen	Lieutenant
Robert	Kiem	Firefighter
Reginald	Kinsey III	Driver Operator
Kami	Klejc	CRP Coordinator
Hunter	Langford	Firefighter
Zarak	Lawson	Firefighter
Ezekiel	LeClerc	Firefighter
Joseph	Lewis	Driver Operator
Wesley	Lewis	Firefighter
Alexander	Lopez	Driver Operator
Michael	Lowery	Firefighter
Sreya	Malladi	Temporary
Jody	Markwich	Lieutenant
Andrew	Marsh	Lieutenant
Todd	Martin, Jr	Firefighter
Robert	Mason	Firefighter
Jeremy	Massicotte	Lieutenant
Joshua	Mazzarella	Firefighter
David	McIntire	District Chief
Sara	McKinnon	Firefighter
Westin	McQueen	Lieutenant
Anthony	Meyer	Firefighter
Douglas	Mudry	Firefighter
Christopher	Nelson	Lieutenant
Matthew	Nolan	Firefighter
Jared	Nuccio	Firefighter
Jimmy	Nutt	Firefighter
Brian	O'Connell	Driver Operator
Michael	Oliva	Driver Operator
Kristy	Orbe	Temporary
Krista	Ott	FLSE
Anthony	Ottinger	Firefighter
Nicholas	Owens	Firefighter

Eric	Pace	Driver Operator
Anthony	Pacheco	Firefighter
Bradley	Paquette	Driver Operator
Jose	Paredes	Lieutenant
Joseph	Park	Firefighter
Cole	Parks	Firefighter
Michael	Partridge, Jr	Firefighter
Andrew	Pearce	Firefighter
Luis	Peglow	Firefighter
Colby	Perryman	Lieutenant
J D	Perryman	Driver Operator
Matthew	Pfost	Firefighter
Andrew	Picklo	Firefighter
Corey	Pinder	Firefighter
Gunnar	Piner	Driver Operator
Austin	Polk	Firefighter
Andrea	Powell	Driver Operator
Jason	Powell	Driver Operator
Kyle	Preus	Firefighter
Chase	Prince	Lieutenant
Kahlin	Randolph	Firefighter
Tracen	Ransdell	Firefighter
JoAnne	Rice	Interim Fire Chief
Joshua	Roberts	Driver Operator
Noah	Roberts	Driver Operator
Ketshia	Robillard	CRP Technician
Scott	Robinson	Lieutenant
Josh	Rodgers	Driver Operator
Ryan	Rodriguez	Firefighter
Rut	Rogers, Jr	Lieutenant
David	Samperi	Firefighter
Keith	Saunders	Lieutenant
Jeffrey	Schuhmacher	District Chief
Tyler	Seibert	Firefighter
James	Shapiro	Firefighter
Sheryl	Sheehan	Staff Assistant
Nike	Sheffer	Driver Operator
Zachary	Shinn	Firefighter
Charles	Shinn, Jr	Firefighter
Dustin	Shreiner	Firefighter
Glenn	Shuford	Lieutenant
Christopher	Silcox	Lieutenant
Devonte	Simon	Firefighter
Daniel	Sivyer	Driver Operator
Joshua	Smith	Firefighter
Caleb	Southey	Firefighter
Michael	Steele, Jr.	District Chief
Kathy	Steidley	Admin Assistant
David	Sutton	Assistant Chief
Theodore	Tenaglia	Firefighter
Brett	Thomas	Lieutenant
Corey	Thomas	Driver Operator
Ronald	Thomas, Jr	District Chief
Alix	Thony	Lieutenant
Elliot	Tobin	Firefighter
Michael	Tringali	Lieutenant
Bradley	Tschorn	Lieutenant
Joseph	Walker	Lieutenant
Derrick	West	Lieutenant
Adam	Whitehead	Lieutenant
Andrew	Williams	Firefighter
Cary	Williams	District Chief
Clarence	Williams, Jr.	Firefighter
Daniel	Williams	Tech Sys Analyst 2
Dennis	Williams	Firefighter
Eric	Williams	Firefighter
Todd	Willoughby	Firefighter
Sean	Withers	District Chief



Retirees and New Firefighters 2021

District Chief
David McIntire



Firefighter
Aaron Hunt



Firefighter
Michael Lowery



New Firefighters

Matthew George
Zachary Howard
Juan Jimenez
Anthony Pacheco
James Shapiro
Charles Shinn
Ted Tenaglia
Eli Cicio
Bram Davidson
Ezekiel LeClerc
Tracen Ransdell



We Will Always Remember...

Robert J. Perryman
Captain

1960-1985

Walter McGraw
Lieutenant
1965-1990

Lonnie E. Craft
Driver-Operator
1967-1988

Gerald Smith
Lieutenant
1963-1987



Donald R. Dees
Driver-Operator
1967-1991



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