

ANNUAL REPORT

Gainesville Fire Rescue



2022



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



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Self-Assessment Categories

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Leadership & Diversity



Joseph W. Dixon, Sr.
Fire Chief



Shawn Hillhouse
Deputy Chief



Stephen Hesson
Assistant Chief



David Sutton
Assistant Chief



Sean Withers
District Chief
Emergency Manager/
Grants/Accreditation



Sean Campbell
Training Chief



Brandy Stone
Community Health
Director

**Operations
District Chiefs**

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

GFR Demographics Oct. 2022 Total Sworn Personnel 180		
Male	171	95%
Female	9	5%
White	135	75%
Minority	45	25%
African-American	23	13%
Hispanic	13	7%
Other	9	5%



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—1 Quint- Ladder
 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

209 FTE's in 2022

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

192 Sworn Personnel - 174 On Shift
 12 Support Staff



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GFR By The Numbers 2022

Emergency Operations

64+ City of Gainesville Square Miles	141,000 City of Gainesville Resident Population	\$20 Million Department Budget FY23
6 Certified Firefighters Hired	21,364 Total Incidents in the City Limits GFR Responded to	70 Confirmed Building Fires in the City Limits
8 Non-Certified Firefighters Hired		\$349,252,724 Value of Property Saved
7 Firefighters Retired	27,670 Total GFR Unit Responses in the City Limits	98% of Property Value at Risk Saved
3 Firefighter Injuries at the Fireground		Fires in Commercial Structures Inspected within five years 5
10 Firefighter Injuries at Non-Fire Emergencies		

Risk Reduction Bureau

28,230,622 Square Feet Inspected by Fire Safety Inspectors	204 Night Inspections of Local Businesses	54 Public Education Events
13 Fires Intentionally Set	49 Car Seat Installations	12,765 Citizens Touched
		18 Crowd Managers Trained

Community Resource Paramedicine

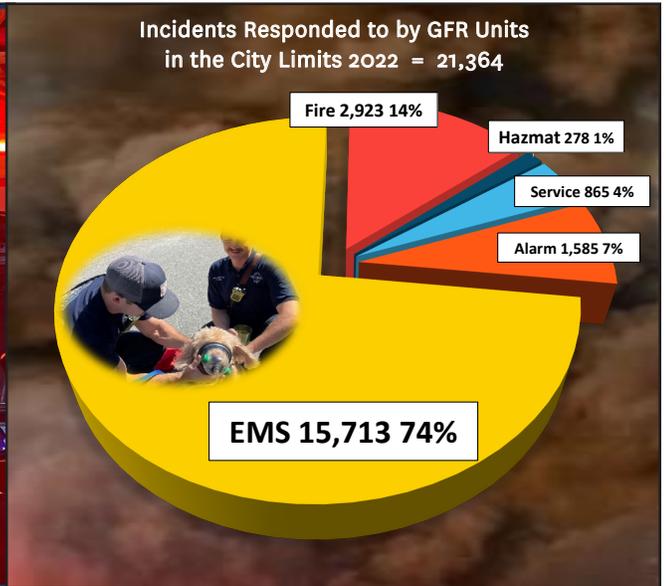
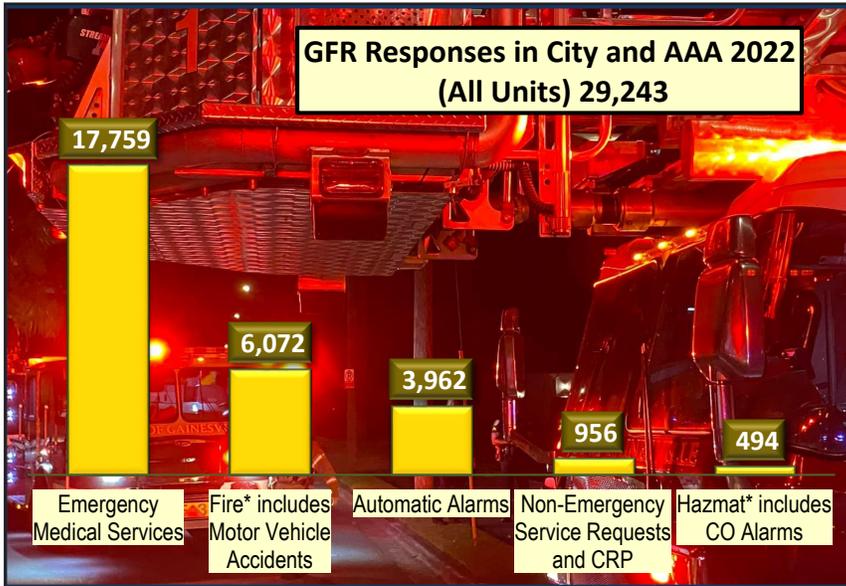
682 Care Touchpoints <ul style="list-style-type: none">236 Recovery Response Referrals32 Homeless Outreach and Prevention Referrals155 Chronic Disease Management Referrals20 Flu Vaccinations159 Covid-19 Vaccinations80 Monoclonal Antibody Treatments
78 Newly Enrolled Patients
13 Community Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">2,545 neighbor engagements

Training Bureau

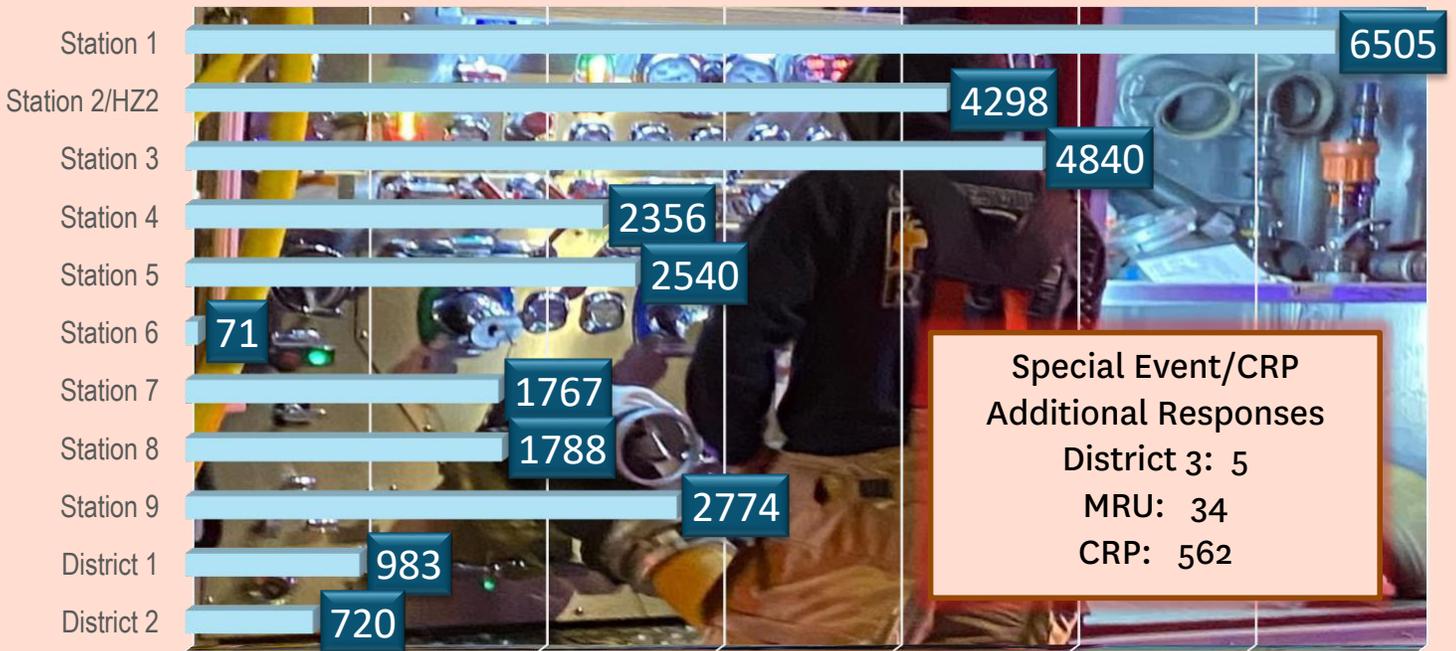
459 People Trained in CPR
29 Cardiac Arrest Patients Arriving at ER with a Pulse
10 Patients with a Pulse who had Bystander CPR



GFR Unit Responses



2022 GFR Unit Responses by Station 29,243 City and Automatic Aid Area



Awards and Recognition

Medal of Lifesaving

Lt. Derrick West
Driver Operator Brian O'Connell
Firefighter Anthony Ottinger
Firefighter Jared Nuccio

Donald J. King

Mentorship Award

Inspector Ernie Benjamin

Employees of the Year

Company Officer—Colby Perryman
Driver Operator—Jamal Hafiz
Firefighter—Zach Howard
Instructor—Lt. Herb Ennis
Administrative Employee—
CRP Tech Keshia Robillard
Dispatcher—Erin Crise

Meritorious Service Award

Mark Watson—Grace Marketplace

Service Appreciation Award

GFR Logistics Officer

Rob Healy

GFR Honor Guard

Ernie Benjamin, Jamal Hafiz,
Amanda James,
Rob Mason, Austin Polk, Kahlin
Randolph,
Clarence Williams

GPD—Meridian Co-Responder

Teams

Cpl. William Gough
Officer Sarah Reeves
Clinician CharMayne Jackson
Clinician Victoria Blass



Unit Citation and Meritorious Service Award

Q8C

Lt. Kris Keen, DO Patrick Carty,
FF Ryan Crile, FF Corey Pinder
CCC Dispatcher Anthony Russell
Daniel Coelho, Jimmy Ho,
Kenneth Madlos, Nam Tu,
Daniel Watts, Janelle Weathers



Unit Citations

Q8C

Lt. Jeff Jamison, DO Patrick Carty,
FF Max Baggaley, FF Ryan Crile

Community Resource

Paramedicine Team

Krista Ott, Caitlin Kohl, Sreya
Malladi, Kristy Orbe, Keshia
Robillard, Mali Rodriguez,
PM Shane Stocking



Chief's Award of Excellence

GFR Inspector Ed Evans
GFR Technical Systems Analyst II
Danny Williams
Code Enforcement Supervisor
Samantha Norris
84 Lumber General Manager
Steve Smith

Promotions

Captain

Eugene Dugan

Lieutenant

Marie Balak
Evan Davis
Gunnar Piner
Driver Operator
Cory Brinson
Hans Everson
Michael Partridge
Andrew Picklo
Austin Polk
Andrew Williams



CRP Program Coordinator

Krista Ott



Continuing Education

Bachelor's Degree

Eugene Dugan
Austin Polk
Joe Walker

Associate's Degree

Josh Smith

Hazardous Materials Technician

Johannez Damm
Tim Davis
Matthew George
Jimmy Nutt
Michael Partridge
Gunnar Piner
David Samperi
Elliot Tobin

Technical Rescue

Andrew Williams

ARFF Clearance

Wes Breeden

Paramedic Clearance

Casey Brooks
Matthew Combs
Ryan Crile
Johannez Damm
Josh Gossett
Robert Kiem
Sara McKinnon
Brendan Mungavin
Anthony Ottinger
Shane Stocking
Dennis Williams



Annual Program Appraisals

Command Staff annually appraise each program for performance, training, resources, accomplishments, and sustainability. Their detailed reports are available upon request.

5A.7 Community Risk Reduction: GFR's four Fire Safety Inspectors completed 827 inspections of 4,437 buildings with over 28 million square feet. Inspectors followed up on 96% of the initial visits to ensure those properties provided safe environments for our neighbors. The team also completed 233 Plans Reviews; reviewed 254 special event permits; completed 42 Special Event Inspections; and conducted 204 Night Inspections to keep our entertainment areas safe.

5B.4. Public Education: GFR's Fire and Life Safety Education program reached nearly 13,000 neighbors in our return to action following Covid-19 restrictions. Outreach included 49 car seat installations, 20 station tours and fire company visits, 16 public presentations, and installation of 411 smoke detectors. The Fire and Life Safety Educator also partners with GFR's Community Paramedicine Program to assist neighbors who are at risk for health and safety concerns.

5C.4 Investigative Services: GFR has one full-time Investigator and one Inspector who serves as a backup Investigator. Together, they completed 90 fire cause and origin investigations and identified 13 as arson resulting in five arrests. Six additional fires were caused by juvenile firesetters. The team also provides post-fire incident support and follows up on referrals for code violations and open fire burning concerns.

5D.9 Domestic Preparedness: GFR leads the way in Emergency Preparedness for the City's General Government departments. The City has followed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) since 2005. During 2022, the Emergency Management Team conducted three functional exercises of the EM system including a full-scale exercise for the biennial Airport crash response drill.

5E.3 Fire Suppression: GFR has 174 positions assigned to Emergency Operations with daily minimum staffing of 42 personnel on six engines, one quint, one ladder, two towers, two squads, two District Chiefs, and two airport units. The service level has increased post-Covid and multi-story construction continues to challenge the training and response capacity for the agency. The team responded to over 22,500 incidents including 1,585 alarms, 299 hazmat calls, 916 service calls, and 3,160 fire type calls. GFR continues to seek solutions to staffing losses due to retirement and other agencies, and to address aging facility needs identified in the GFR Master Plan.

5F.9 Emergency Medical Services: Over 16,500 responses (74%) are for EMS requests ranging from very simple to very complex and life-threatening. GFR's EMS program is overseen by one Training Captain and guided by a contracted Medical Director. Training to keep up with evolving treatments is a continual process and the team was able to increase the number of EMS report analyses by 50%. GFR's SWAT Medics provided specialized support on over 70 incidents.

5G.2 Technical Rescue: GFR had 29 members trained in all five technical rescue disciplines and 25 others learning in 2022. The LTRT 310 Team stands ready to respond to natural and man-made disasters to provide rescues from collapsed buildings, crushed vehicles, machinery, swift or deep water, confined spaces, and elevated heights. The Team responded with Task Force 8 to the devastated area of SW Florida after Hurricane Ian.



Annual Program Appraisals

5H.3 Hazardous Materials: The GFR Hazmat Team (GFRHMT) has 48 members trained as a regional asset for multiple North Florida counties and is prepared to respond statewide for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) incidents. GFRHMT technicians begin with 160 hours of training and continue their CBRNE competency training weekly throughout their careers. Training includes preparation to operate self-sufficiently for a minimum of 72 hours.

5I.2 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting: GFR staffs two personnel 24/7 at the Gainesville Regional Airport and operates two aircraft firefighting and rescue (ARFF) apparatus. The ARFF crew are prepared to respond to more than aircraft emergencies and can provide Basic Life Support services for medical emergencies at the Terminal and other airport property. During 2022, ARFF crews responded to 36 incidents including 22 EMS calls. They also participated in the full-scale biennial airport exercise which simulated a mass-casualty incident with over 130 patients.

5L.2 Community Resource Paramedicine (CRP): Improving the quality of life for neighbors navigating social and health challenges to reduce their dependence on the emergency medical system is the primary mission of this team of enthusiastic and compassionate problem-solvers. The CRP Program is a stellar example of the success that partnerships can achieve to address coexisting needs. CRP enrolled 78 new patients in 2022, conducted 155 wellbeing visits, worked with 236 addiction recovery patients, and provided outreach to 32 homeless individuals during 2022.

8B.6 Training: GFR's Training Program provides an array of education, both in-house and with other partners. The Training Chief and three Training Captains provide dedicated instruction and quality control for Medical, SWAT Medic, Technical Rescue, Fire Suppression, ARFF, and Hazmat programs. In addition to meeting mandated requirements for certifications, the training conducted by GFR is a component of the Fire Protection Classification Rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) which helps to reduce property insurance rates.

9B.13 Communications: The accredited Combined Communications Center of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office provides E911 call-taking and Fire/EMS dispatching services. GFR works closely with the CCC Radio Users' Group to monitor, maintain, and improve communication services using an 800 MHz Trunked Radio System and an enhanced 911 system.

11B.6 Health and Safety / Physical Fitness: This program focuses on wellness and injury prevention through personal protective gear inspections, fitness assessments, annual physicals, and mental health resources. GFR also contracts with a provider to support early detection and cancer prevention. A long-term goal is to secure funding to provide two sets of gear for each firefighter.

Facilities: GFR works closely with the City's Facilities staff to address daily maintenance needs and long-term planning needs. A Master Plan for facilities has recommended the replacement of several older fire stations as well as the Administration and Training facilities. An infrastructure surtax of 1/2 cent was approved by local voters in 2022 to help fund these significant projects.

Fleet: Fire Rescue apparatus are in use 24/7 and require specialized care and repair. GFR relies on the City's Fleet Department to purchase and maintain all emergency and support vehicles.



GFR Personnel 2022

Ernesto	Acuna	Driver Operator	David	R Fernandez	Firefighter	Jose	L Paredes	Lieutenant
James	K Adams	Firefighter	Dylan	L Gault	Driver Operator	Joseph	H Park	Firefighter
Trace	H Adkins	Firefighter	Matthew	R George	Firefighter	Cole	A Parks	Firefighter
Paul	F Alois	Firefighter	Joseph	L Gonzalez	Driver Operator	Michael	T Partridge, Jr	Driver Operator
John	A Amato	Firefighter	Nicolas	E Gonzalez	Lieutenant	Andrew	A Pearce	Firefighter
Thomas	M Amato	Firefighter	Joshua	D Gossett	Firefighter	Colby	D Perryman	Lieutenant
David	B Asbell	Firefighter	Joel	J Graves	Lieutenant	John	D Perryman	Driver Operator
Preston	P Attebery	Lieutenant	Kevin	E Gutierrez	Fire Inspector	Matthew	T Pfof	Driver Operator
Kevin	J Babcock	Firefighter	Jamal	A Hafiz	Driver Operator	Andrew	M Picklo	Driver Operator
Max	T Baggaley	Firefighter	Drew	S Halvorson	Lieutenant	Corey	J Pinder	Firefighter
Adrienne	C Baker	Exec Assistant, Sr	Thomas	A Hand	Firefighter	Gunnar	G Piner	Lieutenant
Dallas	T Baker	Lieutenant	Kristian	J Harding	Firefighter	Austin	M Polk	Driver Operator
Marie	L Balak	Lieutenant	Matthew	R Harrison	Driver Operator	Tracy	L Pont	Account Clerk II
Kurt	L Baumann	Lieutenant	Robert	C Healy	FR Logistics Officer	Andrea	S Powell	Driver Operator
Paul	R Beauchamp III	Driver Operator	Jason	T Hendricks	Lieutenant	William	J Powell	Driver Operator
Ernie	L Benjamin	Fire Inspector	Stephen	C Hesson	Assistant Chief	Kyle	C Preus	Firefighter
Aubrey	Bocalan	UF Intern	Tracey	D Higdon	Lieutenant	Chase	R Prince	Lieutenant
Timothy	A Bowen	Lieutenant	Jeffrey	D Higgins	Firefighter	Kahlin	A Randolph	Firefighter
Elizabeth	J Braun	Captain	Joseph	S Hillhouse	Deputy Chief	Tracen	R Ransdell	Firefighter
Wesley	A Breeden	Lieutenant	Daniel	A Hinton	District Chief	Joshua	Y Roberts	Driver Operator
William	E Brideson	Firefighter	Marjorie	A Houston	Account Clerk, Sr.	Noah	R Roberts	Driver Operator
Cory	W Brinson	Driver Operator	Zachary	J Howard	Firefighter	Ketshia	Robillard	CRP Technician
Casey	G Brooks	Firefighter	Anthony	A Hutchinson	Firefighter	Scott	W Robinson	Lieutenant
Matthew	C Browder	Driver Operator	Conrade	Irving	Captain	Timothy	J Rodgers	Driver Operator
James	D Brown	Lieutenant	John	W Jackson	Lieutenant	David	R Rodriguez	Driver Operator
Paul	J Brunej	Driver Operator	Amanda	L James	Lieutenant	Mayrangel	Rodriguez	CRP Tech Temp
Thomas	A Burgett	Fire Inspector	Jeffrey	B Jamison	Lieutenant	Sims	R Rogers, Jr	Lieutenant
Austin	R Bush	Firefighter	Mick	C Jasper	Driver Operator	David	R Samperi	Firefighter
Kien	J Cade	Driver Operator	Alvin	C Jones, II	Driver Operator	Keith	E Saunders	Lieutenant
Sean	S Campbell	District Chief	Derek	H Joseph	Firefighter	Jeffrey	J Schuhmacher	District Chief
Don	G Campbell, Jr.	District Chief	Robert	R Kalaf	Firefighter	Tyler	S Seibert	Firefighter
Sean	C Canady	Lieutenant	John	W Kalaf Jr	Lieutenant	James	F Shapiro	Firefighter
Shane	P Carroll	Firefighter	Kristopher	L Keen	Lieutenant	Sheryl	L Sheehan	Staff Assistant
Patrick	B Carty	Driver Operator	Robert	D Kiem	Firefighter	Nike	Sheffer	Driver Operator
Thomas	A Carty	Firefighter	Reginald	E Kinsey, III	Driver Operator	Charles	H Shinn, Jr.	Firefighter
Trevor	R Caslin	Driver Operator	Kamelia	Klejc	CRP Coordinator	Zachary	T Shinn	Firefighter
Devin	S Chapman	Lieutenant	Hunter	M Langford	Firefighter	Charles	H Shinn, Jr	Firefighter
James	A Chestnut	Firefighter	Ezekiel	S Leclerc	Firefighter	Dustin	G Shreiner	Firefighter
William	A Chestnut, Jr.	Tech Sys Analyst, Sr	Joseph	R Lewis	Driver Operator	Glenn	D Shuford	Captain
Dallas	M Christoffers	Firefighter	Wesley	A Lewis	Firefighter	Christopher	D Silcox	Lieutenant
Matthew	Chupp	Firefighter	Alexander	Lopez	Driver Operator	Daniel	R Sivyer	Driver Operator
Eli	D Cicio	Firefighter	Arvin	D Mackey, Jr	Firefighter	Joshua	M Smith	Firefighter
Jeremy	D Cicio	Driver Operator	Sreya	Malladi	CRP Technician	Caleb	Southey	Firefighter
Jonathan	D Cicio	Lieutenant	Jody	L Markwich	Lieutenant	Michael	W Steele, Jr.	District Chief
Harold	R Clary	Driver Operator	Andrew	H Marsh	Lieutenant	Kathlene	E Steidley	Admin Assistant
Matthew	R Combs	Firefighter	Todd	L Martin, Jr	Firefighter	Shane	G Stocking	Firefighter
Kyle	D Cook II	Firefighter	Matthew	R Martinez	Firefighter	Brandace	L Stone	Comm Health Director
David	P Cook, Jr.	Driver Operator	Robert	W Mason	Firefighter	Roberto	D Sutton	Assistant Chief
Dylan	J Corris	Driver Operator	Jeremy	S Massicotte	Lieutenant	Theodore	C Tenaglia	Firefighter
Jorge	Cortes	Driver Operator	Sara	E McKinnon	Firefighter	Brett	M Thomas	Lieutenant
Alexander	C Cowart	Lieutenant	Westin	F McQueen	Lieutenant	Corey	R Thomas	Driver Operator
Richard	R Crile	Firefighter	Anthony	A Meyer	Firefighter	Ronald	R Thomas, Jr	District Chief
Robert	C Crooms IV	Firefighter	Shane	W Moore	Firefighter	Graham	M Thompson	Firefighter
Kevin	M Cuthbert	Firefighter	Brendan	P Mungavin	Firefighter	Alix	Thony	Lieutenant
Johannez	K Damm	Firefighter	Jessica	K Muron	Firefighter	Elliot	P Tobin	Firefighter
Bram	M Davidson	Firefighter	Christopher	J Nelson	Lieutenant	Michael	R Tringali	Lieutenant
Evan	P Davis	Lieutenant	Matthew	T Nolan	Driver Operator	Bradley	H Tschorn	Lieutenant
M Shetiquea	M Davis	Exec Assistant, Sr	Jared	J Nuccio	Firefighter	John	D Tumbleson III	Firefighter
Timothy	H Davis	Lieutenant	Jimmy	S Nutt	Firefighter	Joseph	S Walker	Lieutenant
Alexis	L Delisle	Lieutenant	Brian	J O'Connell	Driver Operator	Derrick	G West	Lieutenant
Kelly	M DeRasmo	Inv Services Officer	Michael	R Oliva	Driver Operator	Adam	W Whitehead	Lieutenant
Scott	L Dillon	Driver Operator	Kristy	Orbe	CRP Technician	Andrew	W Williams	Driver Operator
Joseph	W Dixon	Fire Chief	Krista	K Ott	CRP Program Coord.	Cary	T Williams	District Chief
Alan	W DuBose	Driver Operator	Anthony	T Ottinger	Firefighter	Daniel	J Williams	Tech Sys Analyst 2
Eugene	J Dugan	Captain	Nicholas	W Owens	Driver Operator	Dennis	K Williams	Firefighter
Josiah	Dye	Firefighter	Rene	L Owens, Jr	Firefighter	Eric	M Williams	Firefighter
Herbert	F Ennis, III	Lieutenant	Eric	D Pace	Driver Operator	Clarence	A Williams, Jr.	Firefighter
Edward	A Evans	Fire Inspector	Anthony	A Pacheco	Firefighter	Todd	E Willoughby	Firefighter
Hans	E Everson	Driver Operator	Bradley	A Paquette	Driver Operator	Sean	L Withers	District Chief



Retirees and New Firefighters 2022

Enjoying Retirement!

Lt. Tracey Higdon 1997-2022
Lt. Billy Jackson 1992-2022
Lt. Keith Saunders 1992-2022
DO J.D. Perryman 1994-2022
DO Eric Pace 1992-2022
DO Jason Powell 1992-2022
DO Corey Thomas 1992-2022



Welcome to
Brandy Stone
Community Health
Director!

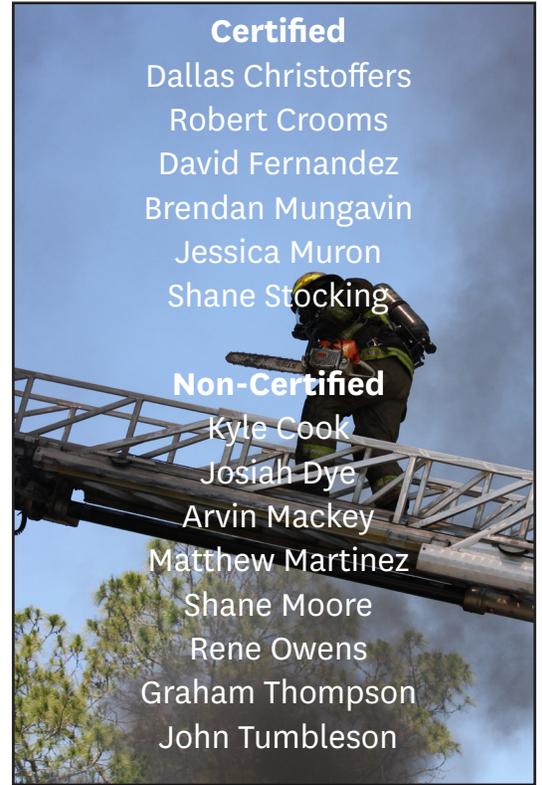
New Firefighters

Certified

Dallas Christoffers
Robert Crooms
David Fernandez
Brendan Mungavin
Jessica Muron
Shane Stocking

Non-Certified

Kyle Cook
Josiah Dye
Arvin Mackey
Matthew Martinez
Shane Moore
Rene Owens
Graham Thompson
John Tumbleson



We Will Always Remember...

Sandy F.
Ellison



Investigative
Services Officer
1994-2013

Deane W. Martin
Driver Operator
1965-1991



Kathryn S. Dukes
Staff Assistant
1979-2001



