

2022

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Annual Report



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Message from the Chief

It has been an honor to serve as Fire Chief for St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 for the past 9 years. Over the past year, the men and women of our department have worked extremely hard to keep our citizens safe and continue to serve our residents by providing the highest level of service in the most cost effective and efficient manner.



In our 70-year history, we have seen Slidell transition from a small bedroom community to a vibrant suburb of the City of New Orleans. We provide services to the community from eight fire stations and several other support facilities. The department protects approximately 100,000 citizens (estimated based on the 2020 census) in a 122 square mile area, approximately one third of the entire population of St. Tammany Parish.

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 is an “All Hazards Approach” organization that responds to fires (structural, vehicles, and wildland), emergency medical calls, technical rescue calls (swift water, confined space, trench, and high and low angle rope), vehicle crashes, animal rescues, hazardous materials incidents, active shooter incidents, and natural and manmade disasters. We responded to 10,224 calls for service in 2022, which is the most calls that we have responded to in the history of our fire department.

We have been Internationally Accredited for 7 years. We were Re-accredited in March of 2020. Therefore, St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 remains one of two Internationally Accredited public fire departments in the State of Louisiana and one of 301 worldwide. In addition to our Accreditation, our citizens and businesses also benefit from our Class 2 Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) rating, which can result in lower homeowner’s insurance rates.

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 continues to place additional emphasis on Community Risk Reduction (CRR) as well as the effective and efficient allocation of resources. I have instructed our department leadership to work with all staff to deliver the most effective service that will improve and promote public safety. We have empowered and challenged our members at every level, to provide the best possible service to our community.

If you are out in the neighborhood, or if you see our personnel out in public, feel free to stop by and say hello. Our personnel are routinely out in public to help make you safer and are involved in many community activities. As our community continues to change, our department will also change to meet those growing needs. We repeatedly tell our citizens, “if you don’t know who to call for help, call us”. I am honored to present our 2022 Annual Report, which illustrates a continued commitment to provide an above average service to our citizens.

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 continues to take a progressive approach to better serve our citizens. We are working hard to maintain our “Class 2” rating and we are proud to have been Re-accredited in 2020. My message to our members is simple, “serve our citizens as if they were your family members”.

Thank you for the privilege to lead such an outstanding group of men and women.
Chris Kaufmann, Fire Chief



Accreditation



**Accreditation Manager
Michael Thiel**

In March of 2015, St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 (STFPD1) was awarded Accredited Agency Status for the first time through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI); making us one of only 220 Accredited fire departments in the world, at that time, and the only Non-Department of Defense Accredited department in Louisiana. The Accreditation cycle is on a five-year rotation. To demonstrate continued compliance, agencies are required to submit annual compliance reports for each of the four intervening years. In 2020, STFPD1 repeated this process and was re-evaluated by a CPSE Peer Assessment team and went before the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and earned our first Re-Accreditation.

To obtain Accreditation, STFPD1 submitted written documentation addressing over 250 performance indicators as outlined in the Fire and Emergency Services Self-Assessment Manual. In addition, the department's Standards of Cover and Strategic Plan documents were updated and submitted. Following document submittal, a four-member peer review team traveled to Slidell to conduct a four day on site review to verify and validate the information provided. At the conclusion of the site visit, a presentation was held, and the peer review team verbally presented their findings. In addition to fire department personnel, the Board of Commissioners were invited to attend this presentation. During this presentation, the peer review team indicated their intent to recommend STFPD1 for Accredited status during the CFAI commission hearings occurring in March of 2015 and again in March of 2020. The peer review team leader compiled and submitted a final report to CFAI commission members for review.

In March of 2020, Fire Chief Chris Kaufmann, Chief of Administration Chad Duffaut, Chief of Operations Dave Kuhn (ret.), Compliance Officer/Accreditation Manager Mike Thiel, Slidell Firefighter's Association President/Operator David Berns, future Accreditation Manager/Fire Prevention Officer Matt DelBuono, BOC Chairman Dan Crowley, and Personnel Management Incorporated (PMI) CEO Mark Waniewski attended the CFAI Commission hearings, which were held in conjunction with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Conference in Orlando. During the hearing, our team along with the peer review team leader, sat before the CFAI panel to field questions from the commissioners based on their review of the final report. After all questions were answered, the panel members voted unanimously to award Accredited Agency Status to STFPD1.

PIAL Rating



Every four years, PIAL (Property Insurance Association of Louisiana) rates our fire department for the purpose of determining what fire class we will be assigned. Departments are rated from class 1 through class 10, with 1 being the best rating, and 10 being the worst. The classification earned can directly affect insurance premiums for both homeowners and business owners within our fire district.

At the last rating, in 2017, we were able to better our fire rating and become a Class 2 Fire Department. This rating was obtained through much hard work and dedication from everyone in our organization.

In October of 2022, a representative from PIAL spent three days with our organization, for the purposes of assigning us a new rating. While we haven't received the results of our new rating at this time, we are confident that we will maintain our Class 2 rating, as we were able to make improvements in all categories from our previous rating in 2017. It is always our goal to continuously improve, so that we can provide the best and most efficient service to the citizens we serve.

Board of Commissioners



Dan Crowley
Chairman



Tracey Powell



Larry Gay



Mike Rich



Jeff McDowell

The Board of Commissioners is comprised of five members. Two members are appointed by the Slidell City Council, one member is appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council, one member is appointed by the St. Tammany Parish President, and a Chairman, who is selected by the four Commissioners.



St. Tammany Fire Protection District

No. 1 Organizational Chart 2022



**Board of
Commissioners**

**Fire Chief
Chris Kaufmann**



**Chief of Operations
Nicky Bruno**



**Chief of Administration
Chad Duffaut**

Suppression

**3 Deputy
Chiefs**

**6 District
Chiefs**

**Fire
Captains**

**Fire
Operators**

Firefighters

Haz Mat

EMS

**Special
Operations**

Boat Team

High Water

Rapid Diver

Training

**Chief of
Training**

**3 Training
Officers**

**1 Fire
Records
Clerk /
Civil
Service
Secretary**

Maintenance

**1 Maintenance
Coordinator**

2 Mechanics

Admin/ IT

**1
Chief's
Admin
Assistant**

**1 Fire
Records
Clerk**

**1
Chief
of
Compliance**

**1
IT
Officer**

Communications

**Chief of
Communications**

**4
Communications
Shift Supervisors**

**18
Communications
Officers**

**Fire
Prevention**

**Chief of
Fire
Prevention**

**Asst. Chief
of Fire
Prevention
PIO**

**6 Fire
Prevention
Officers**

St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 - Divisions



Communications



Fire Prevention



Training



Suppression



Maintenance



Administration



Compliance/IT

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1's Suppression Division responds to all fires, fire alarm notifications, emergency medical calls, hazardous materials responses, and technical rescues.

The Communications Division receives and processes the 911 calls to ensure that the proper resources are directed to emergency scenes. They also support all our emergency and non-emergency operations by contacting additional resources as needed.

The Training Division ensures that all of personnel receive the required training needed to maintain an effective level of skill sets necessary to perform their jobs.

The Maintenance Division performs all repairs and preventive maintenance to our fleet to ensure that proper and safe operating conditions are maintained.

The Fire Prevention Division is responsible for performing commercial building inspections, public education, and fire investigations throughout the district.

The Administration Division is responsible for all human resource functions including budgeting, payroll, insurance, policies and procedures.

The Compliance/IT Division is responsible for IT, Accreditation, GIS, Emergency Management, and PIAL.

Millage Renewal

In March of 2022, we took to the community and asked them to renew our voter approved 35 mills, which we use to effectively operate the fire department. We educated our citizens about the many services that we provide and assured them that we are good stewards of their tax dollars. We accomplished this through a vigorous social media educational campaign, community yard signs, speaking engagements, and one on one discussions with citizens. On March 26, 2022, our community voted with an overwhelming 71% to renew our millage.



Operation Save A Life

We have always participated in the “Operation Save A Life” program, in which we install free smoke detectors in homes throughout our community. However, in 2022, after the fatality fire our community experienced in January, our program was kicked into overdrive. Because of our social media education campaign, local media attention, and national media attention concerning the fatality fire, smoke detector requests in our fire district and across the state exploded. The LA State Fire Marshal’s Office, who generally provides us with smoke detectors, could not keep up with the demand. Luckily, many of our community partners willingly donated smoke detectors for us to install throughout the community. In 2022, we installed 570 smoke detectors in 386 homes.



Facilities

New Central Station

Construction of the new Central Fire Station was originally set to begin in 2020. However, the COVID-19 Pandemic put the project on hold. At the end of 2020, the project was back on track. Once the original Central Fire Station was demolished in March of 2021, construction immediately began.

The newly constructed station will have apparatus parking on the ground floor and approximately 10,500 square foot of living space on the second floor. The new design will allow the station to become operational, very quickly, should a flooding event occur, which will allow for better service to our community.

The new Central Fire Station was originally set to be complete in late Summer of 2022, but because of building supply and labor shortages, the completion of the station was pushed back several times. As of now, we expect the new Central Fire Station to be complete in early 2023. We cannot wait to move in and be operating out of this state-of-the-art fire station.



Facilities Continued

Station 19

In 2020, with our community growing exponentially, and with the number of calls we were responding to steadily increasing, we knew that a ninth fire station was necessary for us to continue to offer a high level of service in certain areas. We looked at the number of calls throughout our fire district and used mapping to determine where a new fire station would make the most sense. It was determined that the new station needed to be in the Allen Rd. area, because of the surrounding population and current response times to get to this area. A station in this location would also ease the burden on Station 11 (Olde Town) and Station 14 (Cross Gates).

In 2021, we received approval from our Board of Commissioners and immediately started searching for a piece of property in the area, which took quite some time. We eventually secured a piece of property on Allen Rd., close to Voters Rd. We successfully completed the St. Tammany Parish permitting process, and in late 2022 we held the ground-breaking ceremony for the Station 19. The station is projected to be completed at the end of 2023.



Apparatus and Equipment

In 2022, we purchased a new engine. The engine is currently under production at this time and is expected to be completed in early 2023. This new engine will be named Ladder 11 and will reside at the new Central Fire Station (Station 11) in Olde Town Slidell. We also purchased two new Chevrolet Tahoes (Deputy Chief 1 and Fire Prevention 13) on state contract. We continue to properly budget, so that we can replace aging apparatus and staff vehicles. This helps us to satisfy the coverage needs of our community, and to get the most points possible for our PIAL class rating, which means a direct savings to our citizens on their homeowner's insurance premiums. It also allows our agency to reduce overall maintenance costs.



2022 Retirements & Promotions

RETIREMENTS



District Fire Chief
Brent Dupuis
31 Years of Service



Fire Training and Safety Officer
Eric Abney
31 Years of Service

Promotions



Chief of Communications
Matt Parish



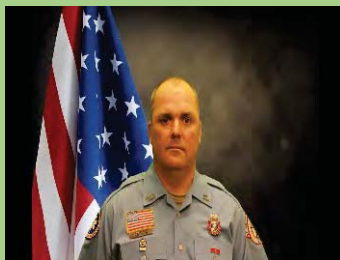
District Fire Chief
John Wadsworth



Fire Captain
Dave Berns



Fire Operator
Justin Brandner



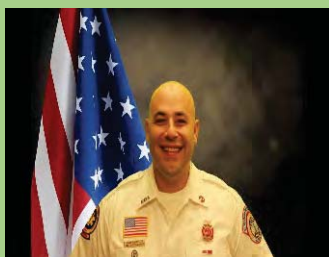
Fire Operator
Mike Carrasco



Fire Operator
Cody Moore



Fire Operator
John Fourcade



Fire Prevention Officer
Marc Cambre



Training and Safety Officer
Dean Marullo

2022 Promotions Continued



Communications Supervisor
Christina Black

2022 New Hires



Firefighter
Jared Schubert



Firefighter
Matthew Berkins



Firefighter
Reed Kastner



Firefighter
Roy Smith III



Firefighter
Dylan LaPlante



Firefighter
Jordan Roberts



Firefighter
Taylor McGoey



Firefighter
Donald Cannon III



Communications Officer
Mary Hotard

2022 New Hires Continued



Communications Officer
Bianca Roshto



Notable Fires in 2022

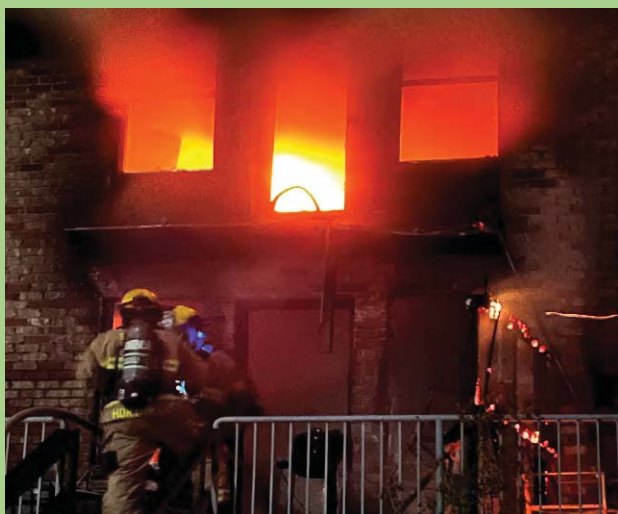
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56347 Frank J. Pichon Rd.

200 Terrell Dr.

4766 Pontchartrain Dr.

905 Patriot Dr.



Fire Prevention Bureau

The Fire Prevention Bureau is committed to reducing risks to our community through public education, fire code inspections, and fire investigations.

- ▶ The Fire Prevention Bureau is staffed with eight members, a Chief of Fire Prevention, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention/PIO, and six Fire Prevention Officers. The Chief and Assistant Chief work a 40-hour work week, Monday thru Friday. The Fire Prevention Officers work a 24-hour rotational shift, with two personnel assigned to each shift. Working 24-hour rotational shifts allows our Fire Prevention Officers to respond to working fires and medical calls. This structure also helps to ensure that a Fire Prevention Officer is always on duty. All members of the Fire Prevention Bureau are certified to conduct inspections, investigations, and teach fire safety.



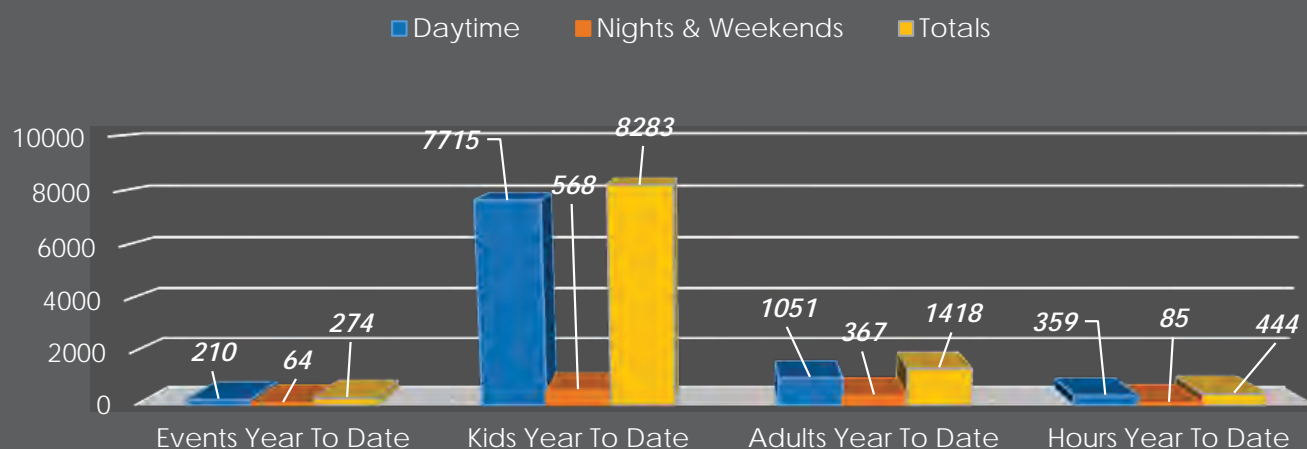
Chief of Fire Prevention
Robby Marquette



Fire Safety Education

St. Tammany Fire District #1 is committed to educating all of our citizens on fire safety. Fire Prevention personnel attend numerous events throughout the year to teach the fire safety message. In 2022, Fire Prevention Officers attended 274 events. These events included school tours, fire station tours, community events, and homeowner's association meetings which allowed us to educate 9,701 of our citizens. In addition, the Fire Prevention Bureau continued its annual campaign aimed at providing free smoke detectors to persons in need. Through this campaign, 570 smoke detectors were installed in 386 homes. This was made possible by a grant received from the State Fire Marshal's Office, which is part of a statewide program called "Operation Save A Life", and through many community retail supporters.

PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATION

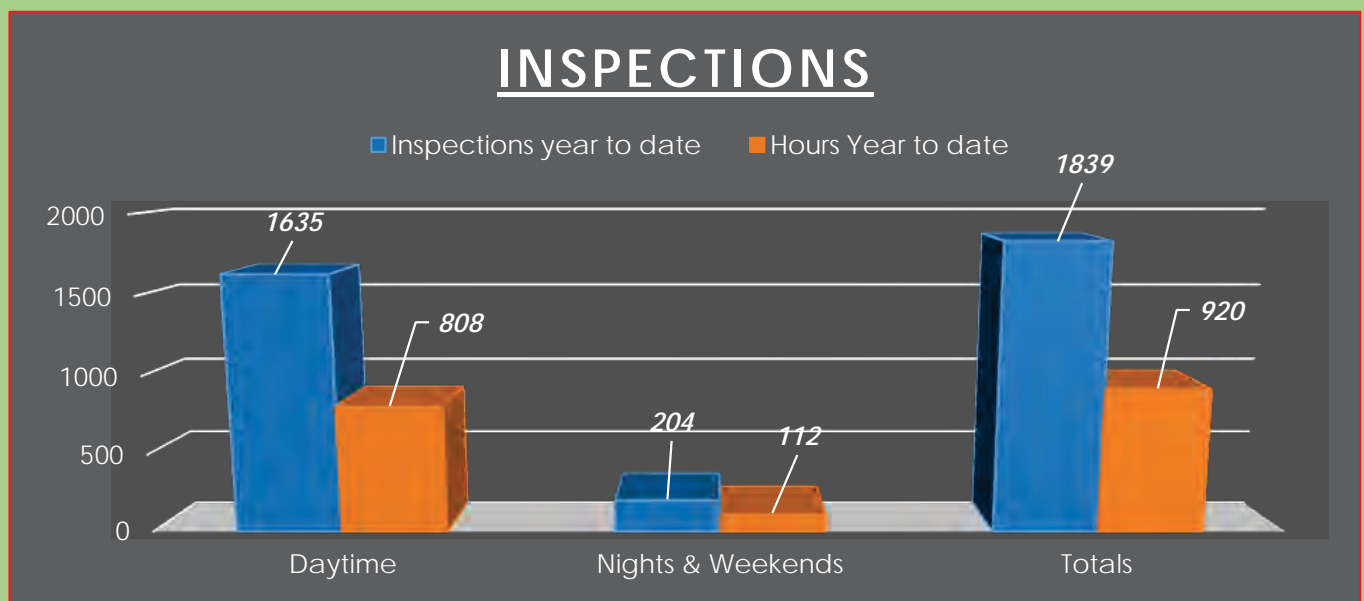


Fire Inspections

St. Tammany Fire District #1 is committed to ensuring that Slidell's public buildings are safe from fire. Fire Prevention Officers are commissioned through the State Fire Marshal's Office to conduct new construction and annual inspections on commercial buildings. Our target hazards include large assemblies, restaurants, hotels, apartment buildings, retail stores, and industrial buildings.

In 2022, Fire Prevention Officers conducted 1,839 inspections throughout the Fire District. These inspections are vital to ensuring that life safety is always maintained. Fire Prevention Officers also inspect buildings to ensure that key life safety components, such as sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, and hood suppression systems are properly maintained and operational.

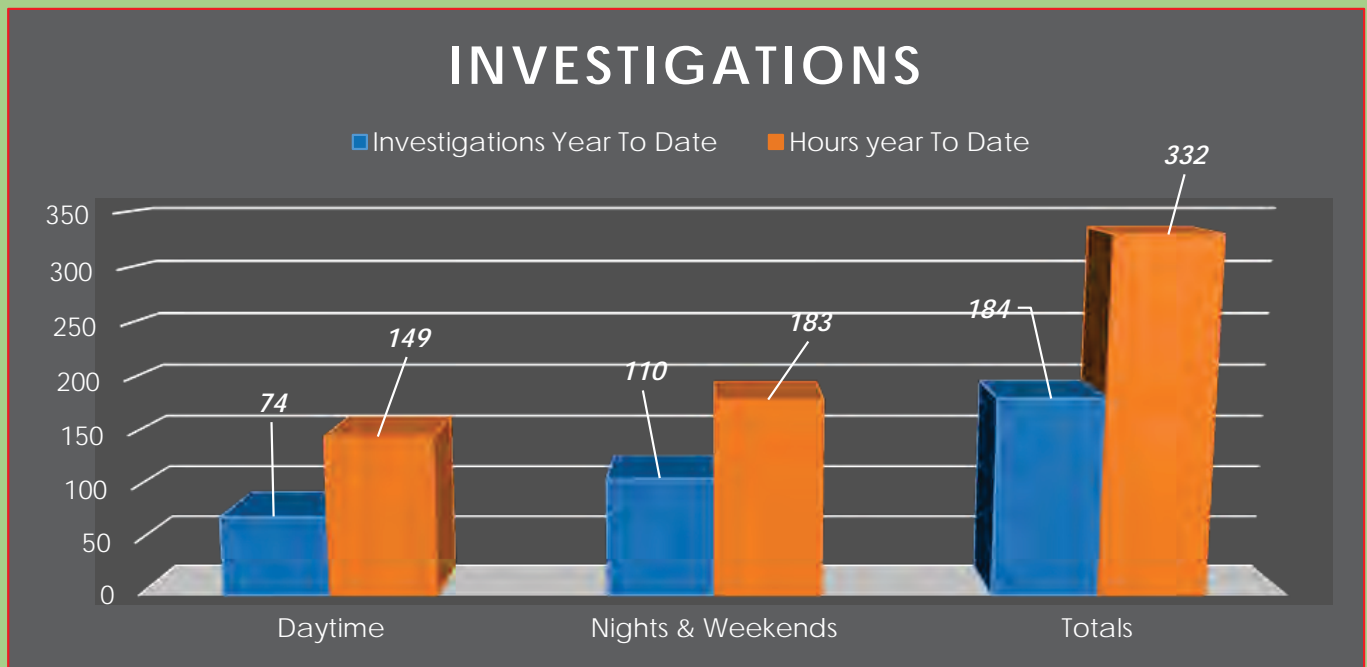
The Fire Prevention Bureau is taking advantage of the latest technology to streamline the inspection process by using inspection software designed for use on a tablet, allowing inspections to be more efficient and detailed. Inspection reports are emailed to the business or building owner, eliminating the use of paper and helping the environment.



Fire Investigations

St. Tammany Fire District #1 is committed to investigating all fires and educating the public on any trends that present a hazard to the community. Fire Prevention Officers are dispatched to all commercial and residential fires, including fire alarms. They also assist Fire Suppression on scenes by gathering important information needed to complete the fire report. Fire Prevention Officers conducted 204 investigations in 2022. These investigations included commercial and residential structure fires, vehicle fires, and grass/woods fires.

The Fire Prevention Bureau works closely with Law Enforcement agencies on all arson fires, including the Slidell Police Department, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, ATF, and State Fire Marshal's Office. Fire investigations are important to keeping our community safe and decreasing the number of arson fires.



Communications Division

St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 Communications Division is located in the new, multi-agency 911 Communications Center in Lacombe, La. The new 911 Communications Center houses both police and fire agencies for the entire Parish. They function as a secondary Public Safety Access Point (PSAP) in St. Tammany Parish, as do all other fire dispatch centers.



**Chief of Communications
Matt Parish**

In January of 2021, St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 began dispatching for all 12 fire districts in St. Tammany Parish, City of Covington Fire Department, and the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, after all the agencies agreed to a voluntary consolidation. St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 is compensated by the other agencies to help offset some of the costs associated with adding the extra employees. When the merger occurred, employment was offered to the employees of the agencies that were absorbed.

Communications Officers are the first point of contact for emergency response or any of the many other services provided by the fire districts. In 2021, 4 Communications Supervisors positions were added to help manage the growth within the division. Our Communications Division is made up of 18 full time positions with 4 Communications Supervisors, and a Chief of Communications. Our Communications Officers all have Public Safety Telecommunicator 1, and Emergency Medical Dispatch Certifications and CPR. Many of the officers have additional certifications such as EMT, Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazmat Ops, Fire Officer, Instructor, and Fire Science Associate's degree. We also have several cross-trained suppression personnel that work part-time in the Communications Division.

The training program for beginning dispatchers is based on the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) training standards. It can last anywhere from 4 -6 months and consists mainly of on-the-job training. The trainees must also complete PST 1 and EMD during the training period.

In 2022, our Communications Center handled 42,645 calls for service that resulted in case numbers that were issued. Fire District #1 (10,224 items), Fire District #2 (1,753 items), Fire District #3 (1,965 items), Fire District #4 (7,517 items), Fire District #5 (766 items), Fire District # 6 (629 items), Fire District #7 (841 items), Fire District #8 (754 items), Fire District #9 (547 items), Fire District #11 (1,369 items), Fire District #12 (2,835 items), Fire District #13 (1,110 items), CFD (2,274 items), Coroner (10,061 items).

These items can include, but are not limited to, structure fires (residential and commercial), fire alarms, medicals, wrecks, woods fires, burn complaints, lock-ins, extrications, and hazardous materials calls.



Maintenance Division

St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 hired a Maintenance Coordinator in 2013 to help organize the outsourcing of maintenance and repairs to our many apparatus and equipment. Since that time, we have developed a full Maintenance Division which consists of the Maintenance Coordinator and two Certified Mechanics. The division operates out of two buildings and has state of the art equipment, all of which we have been able to procure over the last eight years. The Maintenance Division performs all repairs and preventive maintenance to our fleet to ensure that proper and safe operating conditions are maintained.



Maintenance Coordinator
John Dillon



Special Operations



**Rescue Coordinator
Captain Nick Landry**



**Chief of Operations
Nicky Bruno**

Our Special Operations Team consists of 105 trained personnel (24 of which are Paramedics) in all different aspects of rescue, swift water and high-water rescue, trench rescue, boat operations, hazardous materials, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), and rapid diver. The team is ready to deploy in an efficient manner, no matter the operation. The team holds quarterly training sessions to stay proficient in knowledge and skills.



High Water Trucks:

Our fleet consists of 3 Military 5 ton cargo trucks and 3 Humvees. A 2,000 lb. lift gate was added to all of the high water trucks to ease in the loading of any persons needing assistance during emergencies.



Special Operations cont.

Boats:

Our marine fleet consists of 4 aluminum rescue flatboats.



Rapid Diver:

Our rapid diver team consists of 71 personnel, 49 of which are certified as open water divers. 5 members are certified as advanced, 3 are rescue divers, 1 dive master, and 1 certified instructor.





Fire Operator / Assistant
HazMat Coordinator
Jeremy Suber

Hazardous Materials Team

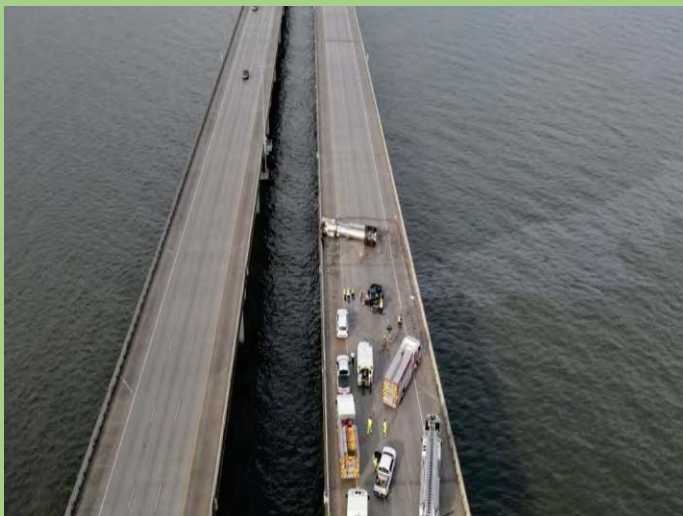


Deputy Chief / HazMat
Coordinator
Kenny Smith

St. Tammany Fire District No. 1 maintains a Hazardous Materials Response Team based out of Fire Station 17. The team is comprised of 150 members divided between three shifts. We respond to hazardous materials calls in our district and the Eastern half of the Parish.

In 2022, we had a total of 63 employees with Hazardous Materials Operations level training, and 87 employees trained to the level of Hazardous Materials Technician.

We continue to move in a positive direction with the hazmat team by putting together a short-term plan and long-term plan. Each year we add team members while increasing training and certification levels.



Hydrant Inspection, Testing and Flushing

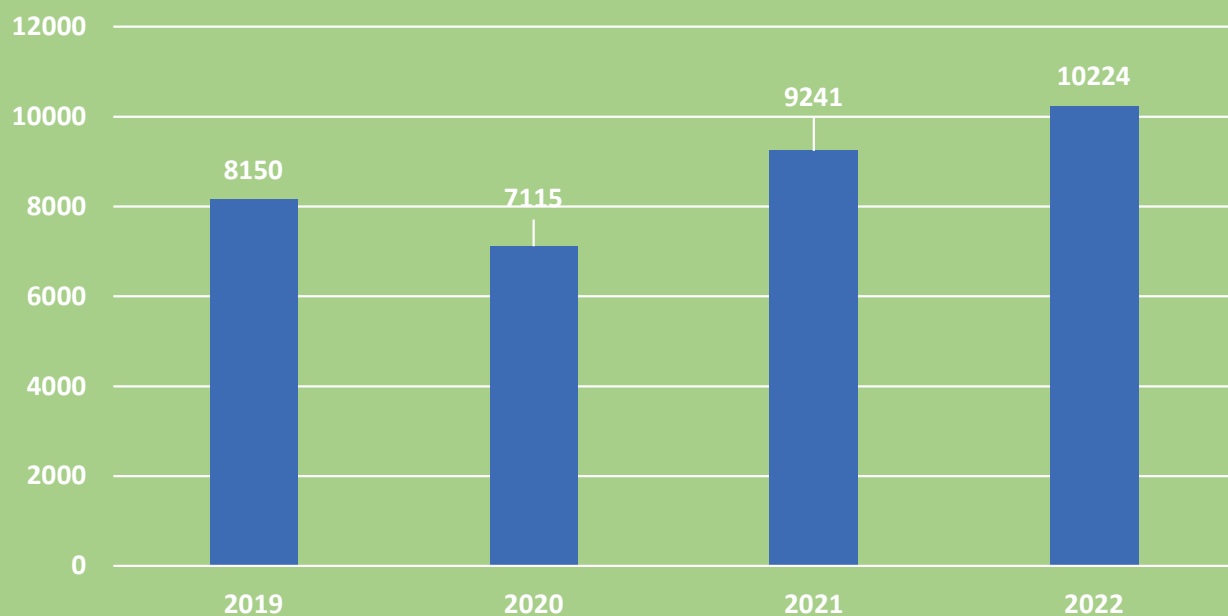
St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 works diligently to ensure that the many water systems in the district are reliable fire hydrant systems. Crews inspected 3,475 hydrants in 2022 and flow tested 1,355 of those hydrants. These hydrants are owned by the City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish owned (Tammany Utilities), and private water companies. We also install and maintain dry fire hydrants in areas where there are local bayous and canals for drafting operations. Water supply makes up 40 percent of our PIAL Rating.



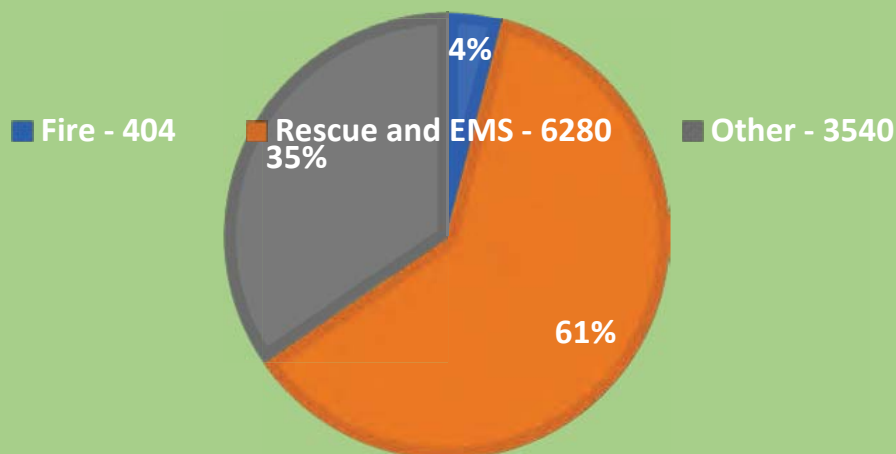
Operations

As Slidell continues to grow, so do the number of emergency calls that St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 responds to. In 2022, St. Tammany Fire Dist. No. 1 responded to 10,224 calls for service, which is the most in department history. The number of responses have been steadily trending upward, except for 2020, when we adjusted response protocols at the beginning of the COVID Pandemic. Going forward, we expect the numbers to continue to rise as our population does.

Total Runs Per Year



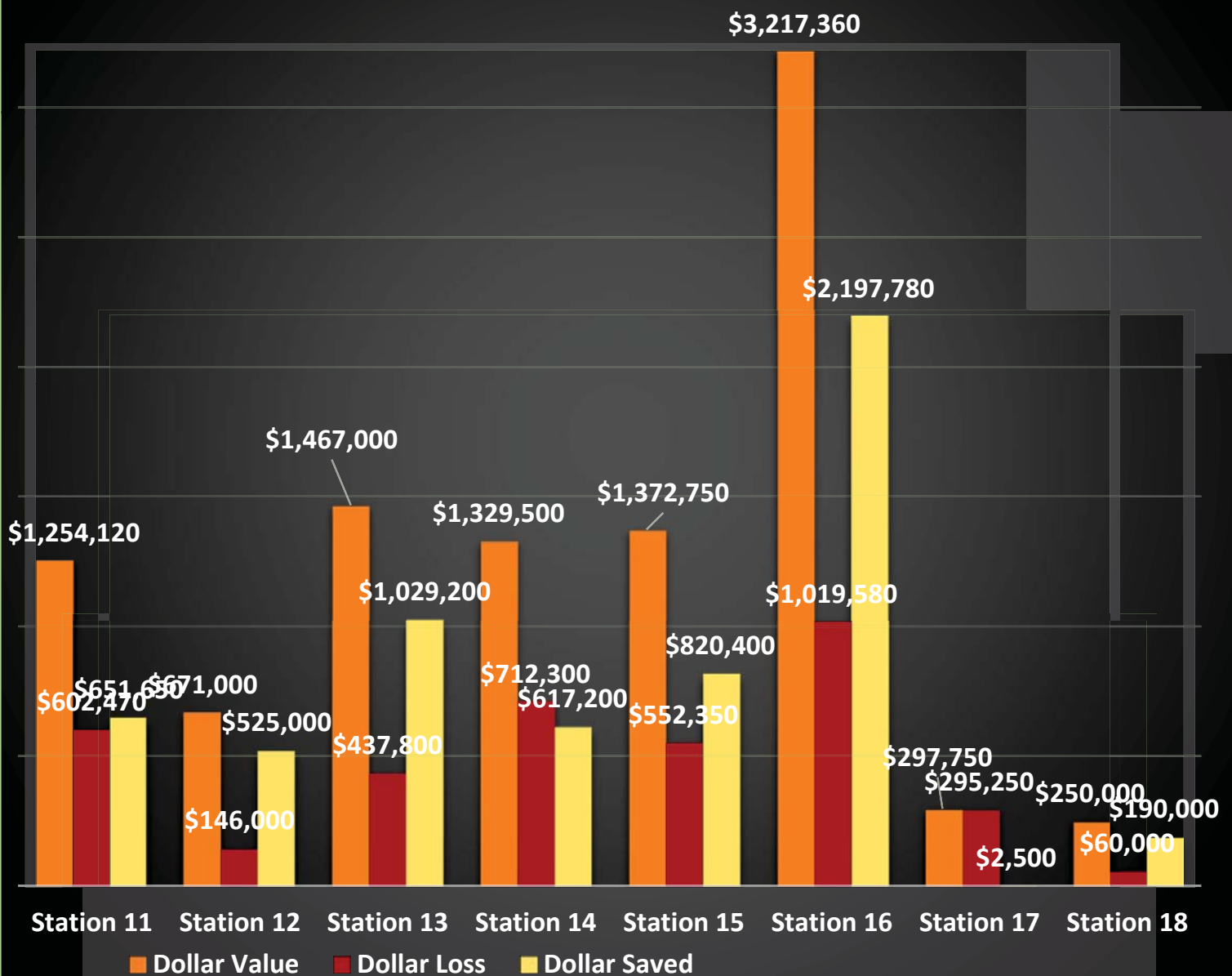
TYPES OF CALLS IN 2022



2022 Total Fire Loss

In 2022, there was an estimated total fire loss of \$3,825,750 in structures and vehicles, with an estimated dollar value of \$9,859,480. This number is slightly up from 2021, when the estimated total fire loss was \$3,532,350.

2022 Total Value vs Total Fire Loss



Emergency Medical Coordinator

Fire Captain / Paramedic Adam Willis oversees all aspects of our EMS program which include the following:

- Maintains EMS equipment and supplies
- Quality Control/Improvement of EMS Reports
- Liaison between the Fire Department and EMS agencies
- Track and enter continuing education training for all Nationally Registered EMTs and Paramedics
- Manage EMS details and special events
- Serves as the Fire Department Infectious Control Officer
- Development of EMS policies and procedures



**Fire Captain / Paramedic
Adam Willis**



**Medical Director
Dr. Jeff Elder**



Emergency Medical Training



EMS Training Coordinator
Fire Operator / Paramedic LJ Relle

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 is part of a tiered Emergency Medical Response System. This system allows public safety resources to respond quickly and reliably to emergencies in the community.

St Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1's Firefighters and Fire Officers are trained to respond as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and EMT – Paramedics. We currently have 22 Paramedics, 1 Advanced EMT, 102 EMTs, and 36 EMRs

The scope of practice for EMTs and EMT - Paramedics includes:

- Patient Assessment of Trauma and Medical Emergencies
- Treatment for Traumatic Injuries in the Out of Hospital Environment
- Oxygen Administration and Advanced Airway Management
- Resuscitation of Cardiac Arrest Patients with Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
- Assisted Delivery (Childbirth)
- Assistance with Medications
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support
- Advanced Medical Life Support

Recognition
of Emergency

911 Call

Dispatch
Appropriate
Responders

Emergency Response
Fire Department
Ambulance
Service

Patient Care

Definitive
Care



Emergency Medical Training continued

Our EMS program offers the necessary training for our EMTs and Paramedics to get the continuing education needed for them to recertify every two years and maintain proficiency in their skills. We open this training to other surrounding agencies so that they can receive the necessary training needed and we can build strong working relationships with agencies close to us.



LUCAS Device



The LUCAS Chest Compression System is designed to deliver uninterrupted chest compressions at a consistent rate and depth. We currently have a LUCAS device on every primary response unit.

The LUCAS device facilitates consistent blood flow from the moment it is turned on, helping to improve a patient's chance for survival.

The LUCAS device can be applied in as little as 20 seconds and frees up more hands to perform other life-saving functions.

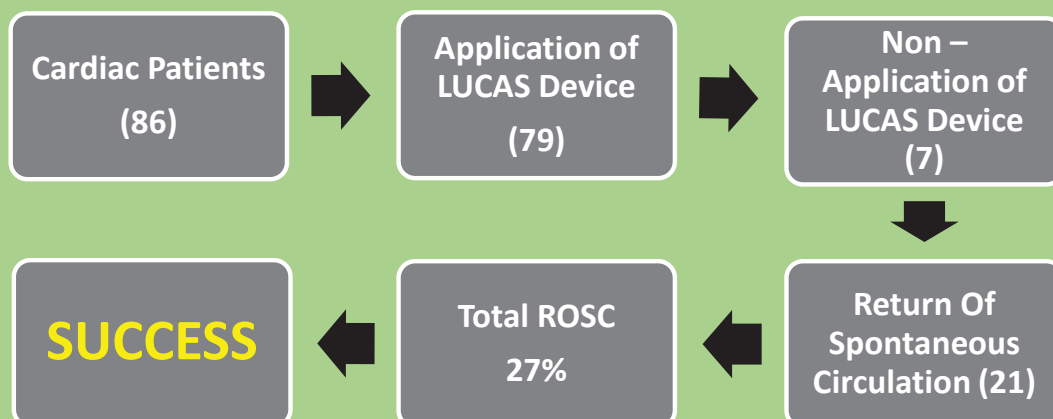
When a patient must be carried downstairs and/or is ready to be put into the ambulance, the LUCAS device will allow for uninterrupted chest compressions.

The LUCAS device costs \$16,000 and comes with two 45-minute rechargeable batteries.

There are almost 424,000 EMS-assessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCA) each year in the United States.

Early application of a LUCAS device, in conjunction with manual CPR, gives a patient in cardiac arrest the best chance at achieving ROSC (Return of Spontaneous Circulation).

Cardiac Patients January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

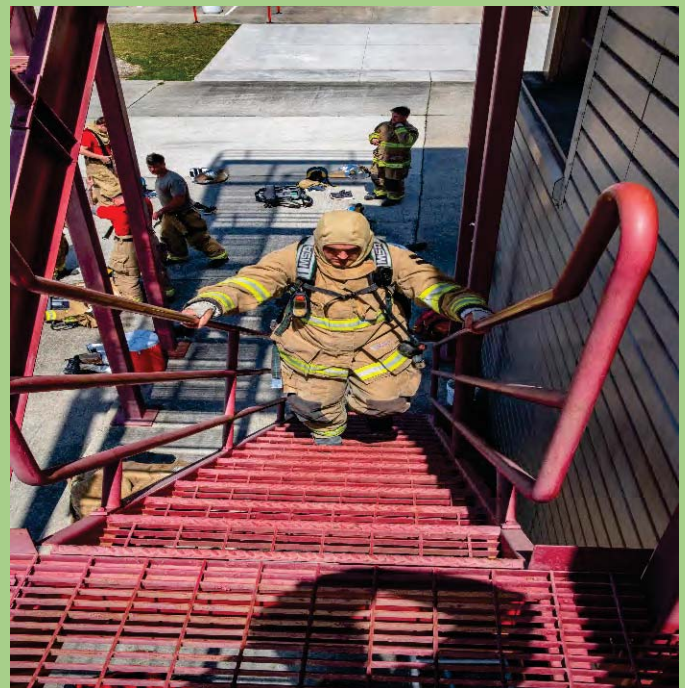


Training and Safety

The mission of the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Training Division is to provide the fundamental practical and cognitive training necessary to accomplish the department's mission of an all-hazards approach in efforts to mitigate emergency incidents efficiently, effectively, and safely for both emergency personnel and the public. This is accomplished through the utilization of sound principles and practices when it comes to training, which is in keeping with National Fire Protection Association Standards and a safety mindset.

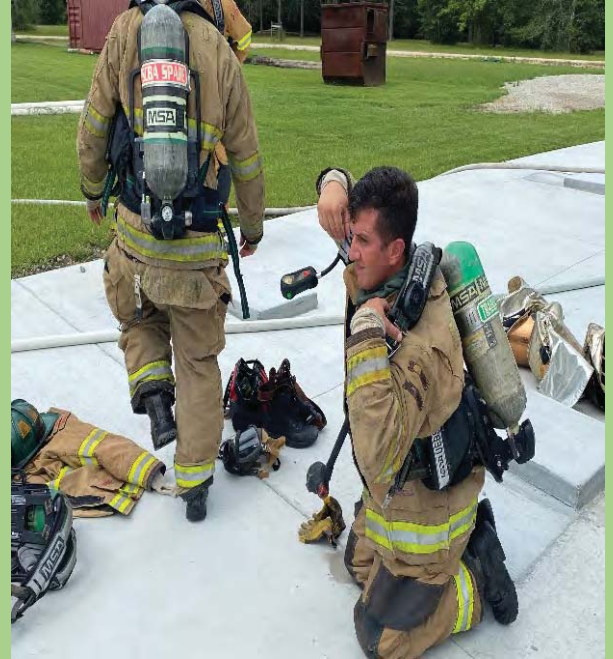


**Chief of Training
and Safety
John Bauer**



Training and Safety continued

In 2022, our Training Division hosted many in-house training opportunities for our employees to continue to be trained at a high level and continue to be held to a high standard of job performance. Our Training Division also partnered with many other agencies to host, or co-host, classes at our facility. Some of these courses include hosted CMC Rope & Confined Space class, in-house rope refresher, rope class for industry, advanced vehicle extrication (MES), instructed rope I/II course, hosted two ATF Citizen's Academies, hosted Response to Homemade Explosives (Mexico Tech), hosted VFIS Instructor course, provided staging area for LA State Fire Marshal for Hurricane Ian deployment, worked with LSU FETA to vet and update certification tests, hosted the annual HazMat refresher for the 62nd WMD Louisiana Army National Guard Unit, and provided a training area for local and federal law enforcement entities. By not sending our employees off to receive the training stated above, and by being the host agency for the training, our Training Division was able to cost avoid \$95,469.00.



Training and Safety continued



Another way that our Training Division continues to improve is by constantly adding new equipment and props to assure that our firefighters are trained at a high level. We currently have a total of 28 props, including both fixed and mobile props. In 2022, we improved and upgraded the confined space prop area, developed an extrication pad training area, took delivery of a backdraft prop, took delivery of a mobile water rescue prop, constructed a permanent burn cell & training area, expanded the capability of our burn tower by adding 5 additional burn rooms to include the second floor, which will allow for more realistic, live fire training, simulating realistic homes/conditions. We increased technical rescue training equipment, and we created a HazMat training pad/area. We also took delivery of an intermodal to be used for HazMat training,

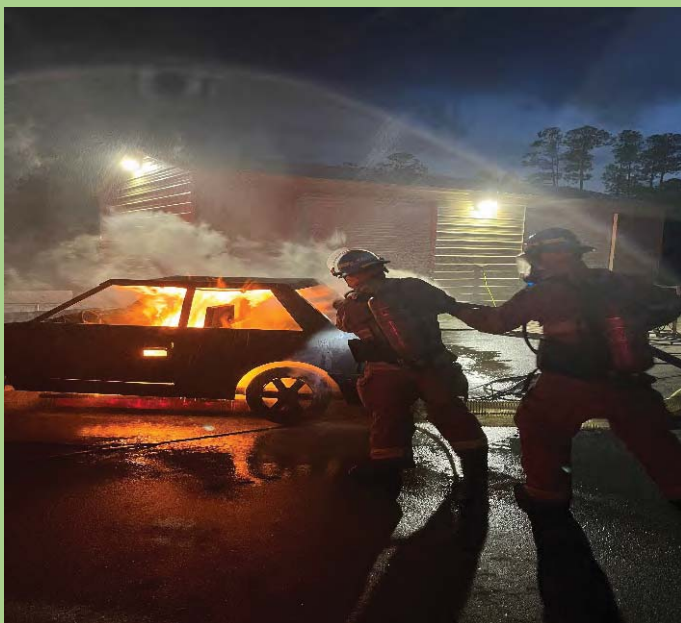


Training and Safety continued

Recruit Class 222

It is our goal to become a regional training center in the future and help train firefighters to the highest level possible. We not only want to benefit our department and the citizens we serve but benefit the whole fire service. Our recruit classes start in January and last approximately 16 weeks. While attending our recruit class, students attain Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, and EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) certifications.

Recruit Class 222 started at the beginning of 2022 with 11 recruits. 16 weeks later, 5 recruits successfully graduated as certified firefighters, ready to start a rewarding career in the fire service.



Fire Station Locations



**Temporary
Station 11**
1910 Possum Hollow Rd.

Station 12
1570 West Hall Ave.



Station 13
530 Robert Blvd.

Fire Station Locations cont.



Station 14
297 Steele Rd.



Station 15
58405 Holly Dr.



Station 16
320 Marina Dr.

Fire Station Locations cont.



Station 17
309 Johnny F. Smith Blvd.

Station 18
61735 Airport Rd.



Headquarters
522 Robert Blvd.

Maintenance Facility



Maintenance

34704 S. Range Rd.



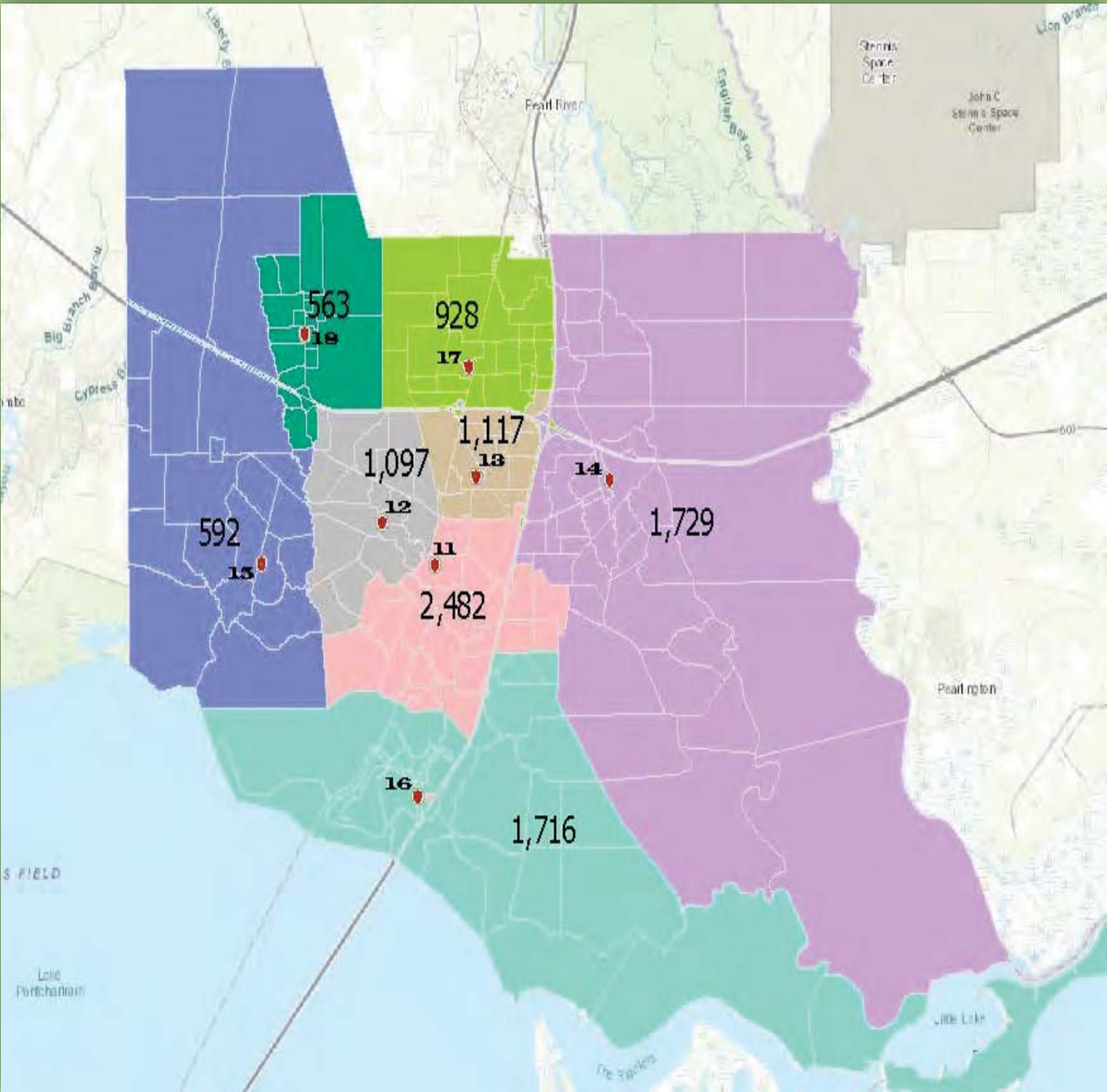
Training Academy



Training Academy

34780 S. Range Rd.

Responses per Station



St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Louisiana Fire Department Rankings 2022

Rank	Department	Number of Personnel	Number of Stations	Coverage Area	Population	Number of Calls	Annual Budget in Millions \$	PIAL Rating
1	Baton Rouge	610	19	80	270,000	37,429	\$63.8	1
2	New Orleans	598	29	180	376,971	53,277	\$136.1	1
3	Shreveport	560	22	123	184,500	47,619	\$72.7	1
4	City of Lafayette FD	285	14	54	137,000	9,595	\$31.0	2
5	Jefferson Parish	283	10	23	142,135	5,995	\$50.4	1
6	Bossier City	206	9	44	68,000	13,782	\$25.4	1
7	St. George	200	8	70	125,000	12,456	\$25.8	1
8	St. Tammany Fire District #1	190	8	122	100,000	10,224	\$23.5	2
9	City of Monroe FD	182	9 + ARFF	35	48,241	12,299	\$13.4	1
10	City of Lake Charles FD	182	10	144	130,000	4,722	\$23.0	2
11	Ouachita	175	15	615	99,650	11,518	\$22.6	3
12	City of Alexandria FD	127	6	29	45,000	6,025	\$12.4	2
13	City of Kenner FD	127	6	15	67,000	2,895	\$12.7	1
14	St. Tammany Fire District #4	115	4	70	60,000	7,515	\$21.8	1
15	St. Bernard	114	7 + NASA MAF	85 inhabited 465 total	52,000	4,590	\$14.8	2

Louisiana has a total of 552 Fire Departments across the State, of which 48 are Career Departments, 327 are Volunteer Departments, and 177 are Combination Paid/Volunteer Departments.



Association President
Fire Operator Dave Berns

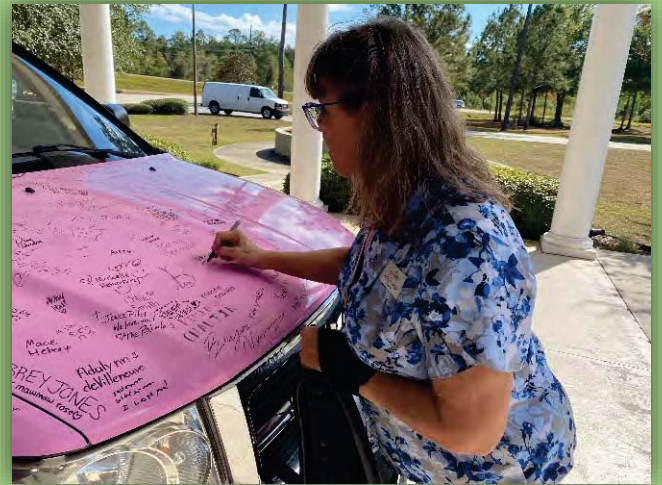


Association Vice-President
Fire Captain Glenn Morris

In 2022, The Slidell Firefighter's Association Local 2455 continued to be involved in our community, as well as bestow blessings on other communities. The association competed in the 2022 East St. Tammany Red Beans 'N Rice Cook-Off benefiting the United Way of Southeast Louisiana and the Annual Crawfish Cook-Off benefiting the Hospice Foundation of the South. Our association sent a group of guys on deployment to Florida, to help tarp roofs in Hurricane Ian ravished communities. To wrap up the year, our association adopted a local family, with four children, to help them celebrate a Merry Christmas.

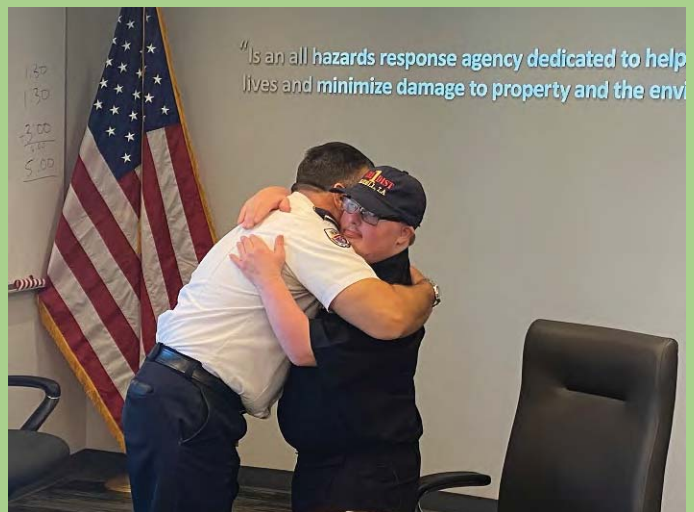


Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign



Fire Chief For The Day Travis Weinstein

In October of 2022, we teamed up with our community partner STARC, to select one of their clients to be “Fire Chief for the Day”. Travis Weinstein was selected and spent the day with us in the role of Fire Chief. Travis was treated to his own uniform, a hearty breakfast, and led a staff meeting all before the day’s events kicked off. With a plan in place, Chief Weinstein toured Fire Station 13, our Communications Division, and our Training Facility. While at our training facility, Chief Weinstein was outfitted with firefighting gear, and performed several training evolutions, such as extinguishing a car fire and a vehicle extrication with patient rescue. What made these evolutions even more special was that he completed them with his father, Barry Weinstein, who is a retired firefighter from St. George Fire Department, in Baton Rouge. After leaving the training facility, Chief Weinstein was given a ride in Ladder 18, and then returned to our headquarters to wrap up the day's events. It was a very special day for all involved.



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