

2023

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Annual Report



In Honor of Our Fallen Brother

Fire Prevention Officer Taylor Bass (166)
End of Watch 02/23/2023



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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 10 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 71-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 nine fire stations and several other support facilities. The department protects approximately 108,000 citizens 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 9,960 calls for service in 2023.

We have been Internationally Accredited for 8 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 311 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 2023 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 and improve upon our “Class 2” rating and to becoming Re-accredited in 2025. 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. We are happy to report that we were able to maintain our Class 2 rating and able to make improvements in all areas that we were graded on. We always strive to provide the best and most efficient services to the citizens we serve.

Board of Commissioners



Dan Crowley
Chairman



Tracey Powell



Kevin Davis



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 2023



**Board of
Commissioners**

**Fire Chief
Chris Kaufmann**



**Chief of Operations
Jay Gross**



**Chief of Administration
Chad Duffaut**

Suppression

**3 Deputy
Chiefs**

**6 District
Chiefs**

**Fire
Captains**

**Fire
Operators**

Firefighters

Haz Mat

EMS

**Special
Operations**

Training

**Chief of
Training**

**3 Training
Officers**

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

Maintenance

**1 Maintenance
Coordinator**

2 Mechanics

Boat Team

High Water

Rapid Diver

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 of 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 on 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, and policies and procedures.

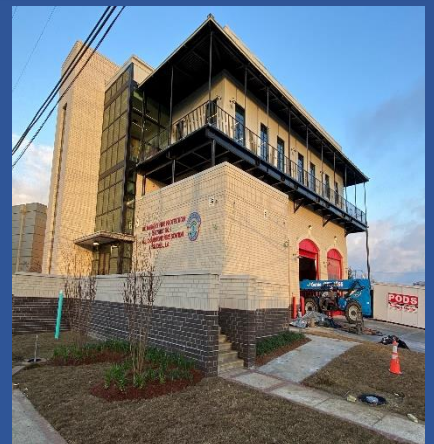
The Compliance/IT Division is responsible for IT, Accreditation, GIS, Emergency Management, and PIAL.

Facilities

New Central Station

Construction of the new Central Fire Station began in early 2021 and was slated to be completed in the Summer of 2022. However, because of building supply and labor shortages, the completion of the project was pushed back several times. Finally, on May 6, 2023, we were able to host the grand opening/open house of the newly built Central Fire Station.

The newly constructed station has apparatus parking on the ground floor and approximately 10,500 square foot of living space on the second floor, which is adequate space to serve this fire district well into the future. This station was designed to be fully operational in the event of flooding, to allow for continued service to the community.



Facilities Continued

Station 19

In late 2022, we started construction of our ninth fire station on Allen Rd. This location was chosen after analyzing the data and using mapping to determine where a new fire station would make the most sense. It was determined that a new station in this location would ease the burden on Station 11 (Olde Towne) and Station 14 (Cross Gates), all while protecting the citizens, in the very populated neighborhoods within this area.

On December 9, 2023, we held the grand opening/open house of our newly constructed Fire Station 19. We continue to grow to meet the needs of our ever-growing community, so that we can offer the best and most efficient service possible to the citizens we protect.



Apparatus and Equipment

In 2022, we ordered a new fire engine, (Engine 11), which was to be housed at the new Central Fire Station when it opened . In May of 2023, we took possession of our new engine, and after outfitting the new apparatus with all the necessary equipment, we put it in service at its new residence, the new Central Fire Station (Station 11) in Olde Towne Slidell. We will 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 get the most points possible for our PIAL class rating, which could mean a direct savings to our citizens on their homeowner's insurance premiums. It also allows our agency to reduce overall maintenance costs.



2023 Retirements & Promotions

RETIREMENTS



**Chief of Operations
Dominick (Nicky) Bruno
33 Years of Service**



**Chief of Training and Safety
John Bauer
25 Years of Service**



**Fire Captain
Fabious (Buck) Kleck
28 Years of Service**



**Master Mechanic
Marc Ladegaillerie
16 Years of Service**

PROMOTIONS



**Chief of Operations
Jay Gross**



**Chief of Training and Safety
Tim Harrison**



**Deputy Fire Chief
Greg Kelly**



**District Fire Chief
James (Danny) Herod**



**Fire Captain
Carter Shay**



**Fire Captain
Ray Pearce**

2023 Promotions Continued



**Fire Captain
Jacob Arnouville**



**Fire Captain
Stephen Batuk**



**Fire Captain
Talmage (Cole) Horton**



**Fire Captain
Ryan Gonzalez**



**Fire Operator
Christian Ruiz**



**Fire Operator
Russell Raymond**



**Fire Operator
Travis Collignon**



**Fire Operator
Daniel Williams**



**Fire Operator
Jon Miller**



**Fire Operator
Christopher Swanier**



**Fire Operator
Thomas (TJ) Mcmillan**



**Fire Operator
John Raymond**



**Fire Operator
Eric Dupuy**



**Fire Operator
Bret Gleason**



**Fire Operator
Dan Rost**

2023 Promotions Continued



Training and Safety Officer
Michael (Drew) Martin



Information Technology Officer
Kristoffer Remerow



Fire Prevention Officer
David Berns

2023 NEW HIRES



Firefighter
Kirkland Moore



Firefighter
Dylan James



Firefighter
Ryan Bosch



Firefighter
Brandon Bridges



Firefighter
Bradley Hart



Firefighter
Billy LaSalle



Firefighter
Cain Knight



Firefighter
Robert Worchel



Firefighter
Kip Morris



Firefighter
Tristen Saavedra



Firefighter
Braden Brown



Firefighter
Mason Graham

2023 New Hires Continued



**Firefighter
Andrew Bates**



**Firefighter
Elijah Burgoyne**



**Firefighter
Chase Elsworth**



**Firefighter
Lawrencina Patterson**



**Firefighter
Reginald Howard**



**Mechanic
Glen Macuick**



**Communications Officer
Jenah Cruz**



**Communications Officer
Jessica Burleson**



**Communications Officer
Pamela Little**



**Fire Records Clerk
Niki Strahan**

Notable Fires in 2023

647 Kostmayer Ave.

766 I-10 Service Rd.

37213 W Pinehill Dr.

4813 Cypress Dr.

Highway 11 Overpass (MVA)



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. This structure ensures that a Fire Prevention Officer is always on duty and able to respond to fires and calls for service. All members of the Fire Prevention Bureau are certified to conduct inspections, investigations, and teach fire safety.



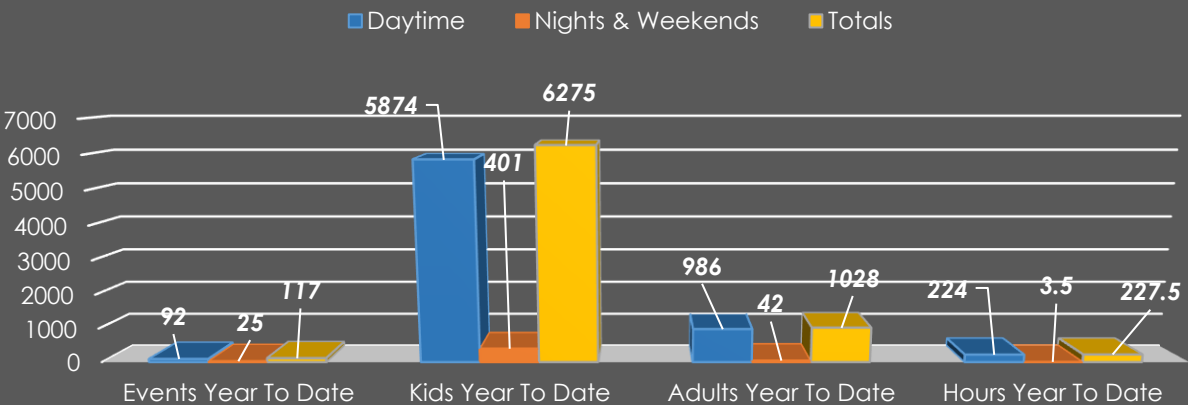
**Chief of Fire
Prevention
Robby Marquette**



Fire Safety Education

St. Tammany Fire District No. 1 is committed to educating our citizens on fire safety. Fire Prevention personnel attend numerous events throughout the year to teach the fire safety message. In 2023, Fire Prevention Officers attended 117 events. These events included school tours, fire station tours, community events, and homeowner’s association meetings which allowed us to educate 7,303 of our citizens. In addition, the Fire Prevention Bureau continued its annual campaign aimed at providing free smoke detectors to citizens in need. Through this campaign, 90 smoke detectors were installed in 71 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”, as well as through many community retail supporters.

PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATION

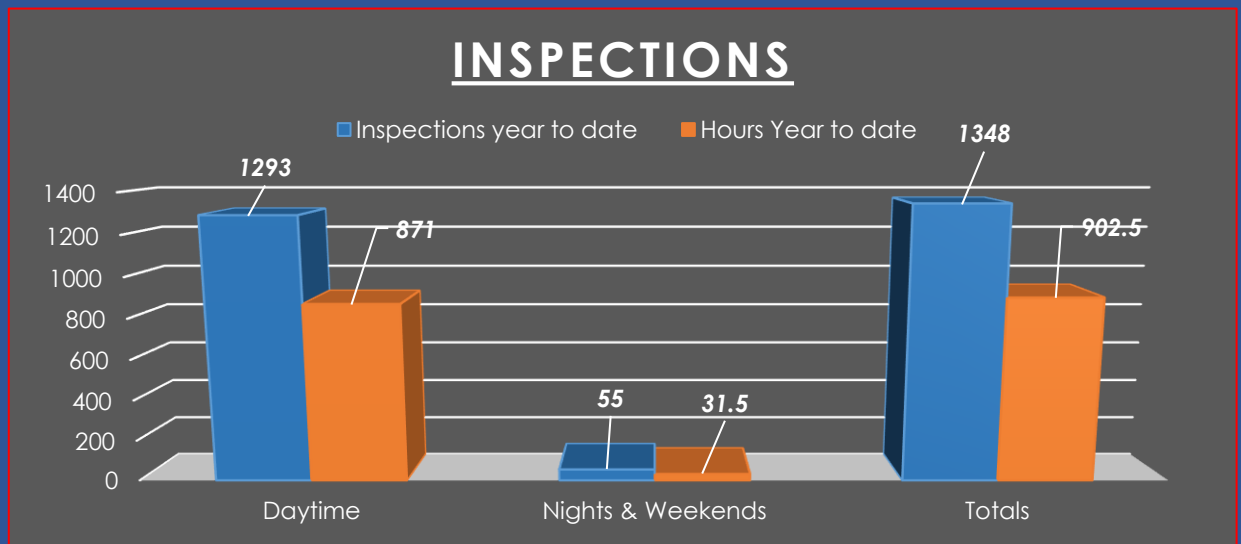


Fire Inspections

St. Tammany Fire District #1 is committed to ensuring that Slidell's public buildings are safe from fire. And other hazards. 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 2023, Fire Prevention Officers conducted 1,348 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.

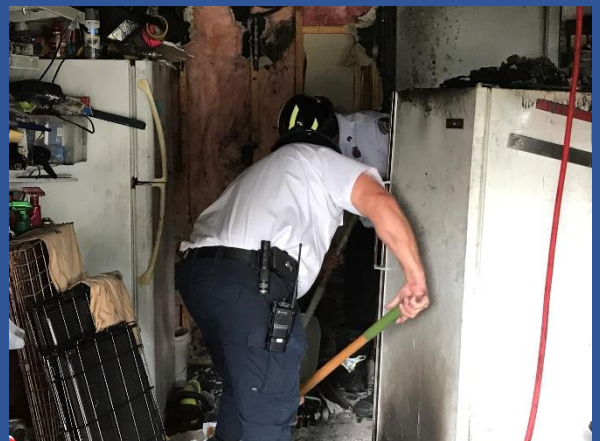
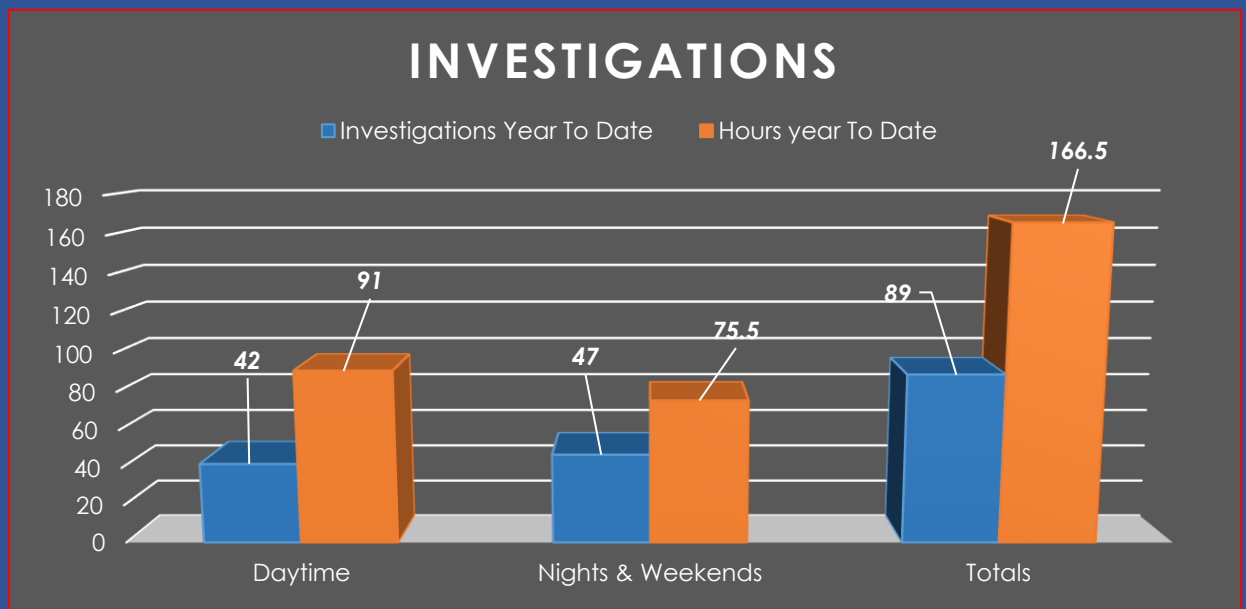
The Fire Prevention Bureau is taking advantage of the latest technology to streamline the inspection process by using inspection software designed for use on a tablet, allowing inspections to be more efficient and detailed. Inspection reports are emailed to the business, or building owner, eliminating 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 89 investigations in 2023. 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 No. 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, 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 2023, our Communications Center handled 44,094 calls for service that resulted in case numbers that were issued. Fire District #1 (9,960 items), Fire District #2 (1,892 items), Fire District #3 (2,047 items), Fire District #4 (7,924 items), Fire District #5 (904 items), Fire District # 6 (688 items), Fire District #7 (854 items), Fire District #8 (832 items), Fire District #9 (549 items), Fire District #11 (1,209 items), Fire District #12 (3,187 items), Fire District #13 (1,213 items), CFD (2,316 items), Coroner (10,519 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 No. 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**

Our Special Operations Team consists of 105 trained personnel (22 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 75 personnel, 45 of which are certified as open water divers. 8 members are certified as advanced, 3 are rescue divers, 1 dive master, and 1 certified instructor.





Hazardous Materials Team



**Fire Operator / Assistant
HazMat Coordinator
Jeremy Suber**



**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 152 members divided between three shifts. We respond to hazardous materials calls in our district and the Eastern half of the Parish, upon request.

In 2023, we had a total of 171 employees with Hazardous Materials Operations and Awareness level training, and 80 employees trained at the level of Hazardous Materials Technician.

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



Beauregard Parish Deployment 2023 Wildfires

With Louisiana experiencing severe drought in 2023, many parishes in Louisiana experienced out of control wildland fires. In August, the St. Tammany Emergency Response Team (STERT) was called to action to assist. Over the course of approximately one month, STFPD #1 sent 27 different rotating personnel to Beauregard Parish, along with firefighters and resources from other St. Tammany Fire Districts. Firefighters helped extinguish wildland fires, backfill fire stations, and respond to emergency calls.



Hydrant Inspection, Testing and Flushing

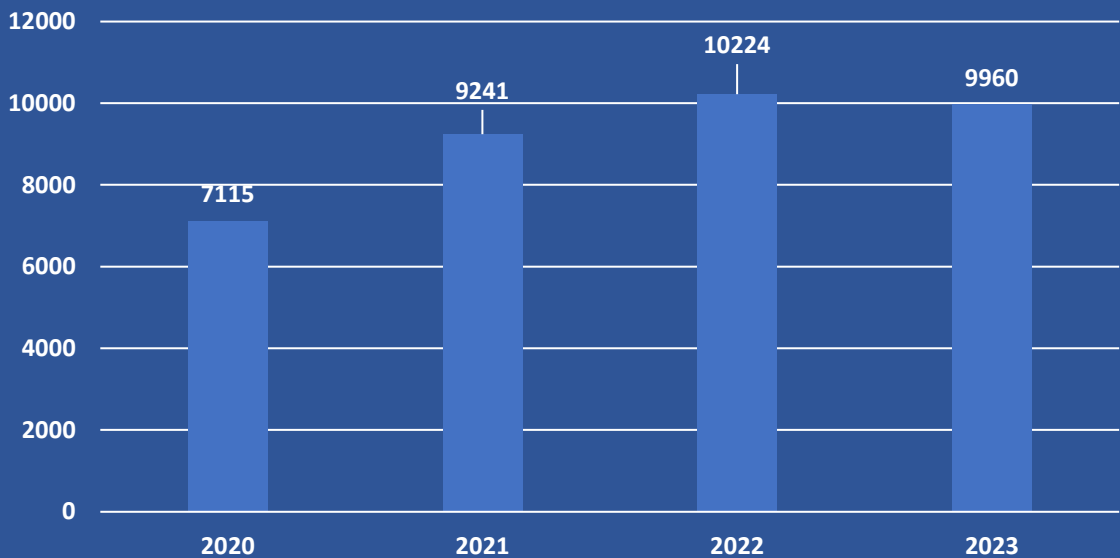
St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 works diligently to ensure that the many water systems in the district are reliable fire hydrant systems. Crews inspected 3,416 hydrants in 2023 and flow tested 1,116 of those hydrants. These hydrants are owned by the City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish (Tammany 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% of our PIAL Rating.



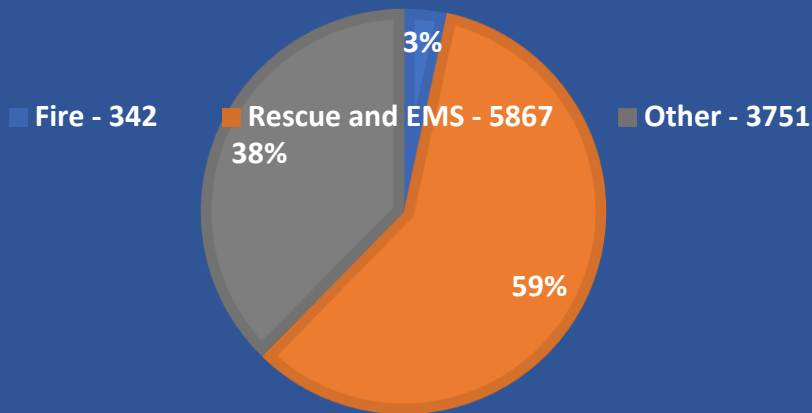
Operations

As Slidell continues to grow, so does the number of calls for service in our fire district. In 2023, St. Tammany Fire Dist. No. 1 responded to 9,960 calls for service, which was just slightly below the number of calls of service for 2022.

Total Runs Per Year



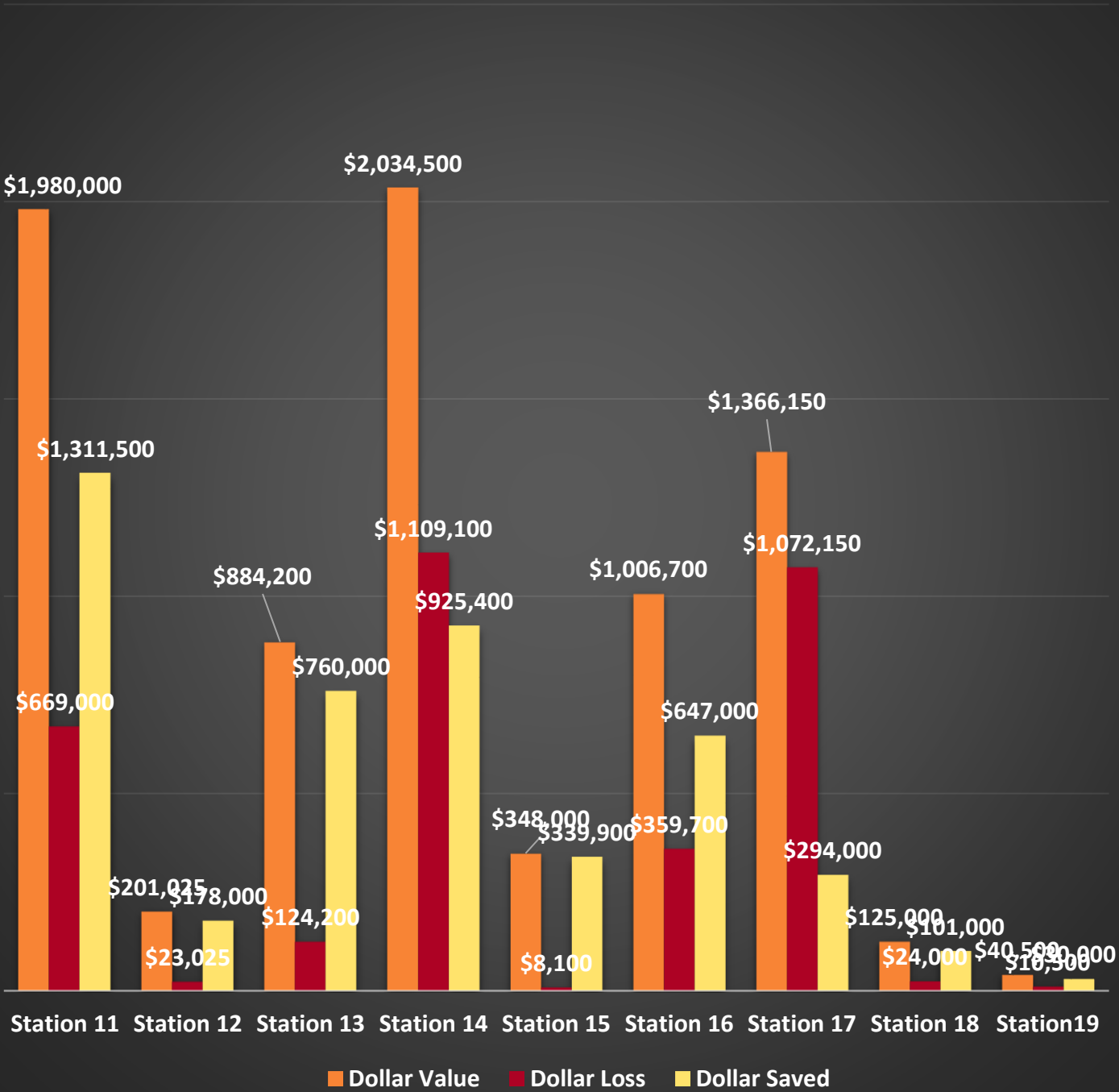
TYPES OF CALLS IN 2023



2023 Total Fire Loss

In 2023, there was an estimated total fire loss of \$3,399,775 in structures and vehicles, with an estimated dollar value of \$7,986,075. This number is slightly up from 2022, when the estimated total fire loss was \$3,325,750.

2023 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

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, 113 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 to 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.

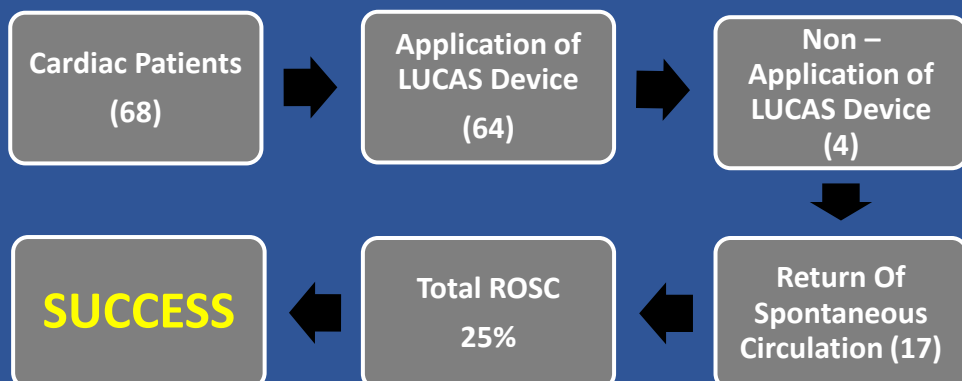
When a patient must be carried downstairs and/or is ready to be put into the ambulance, the LUCAS device will allow for uninterrupted chest compressions.

The LUCAS device costs approximately \$20,000 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, 2023 – December 31, 2023



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

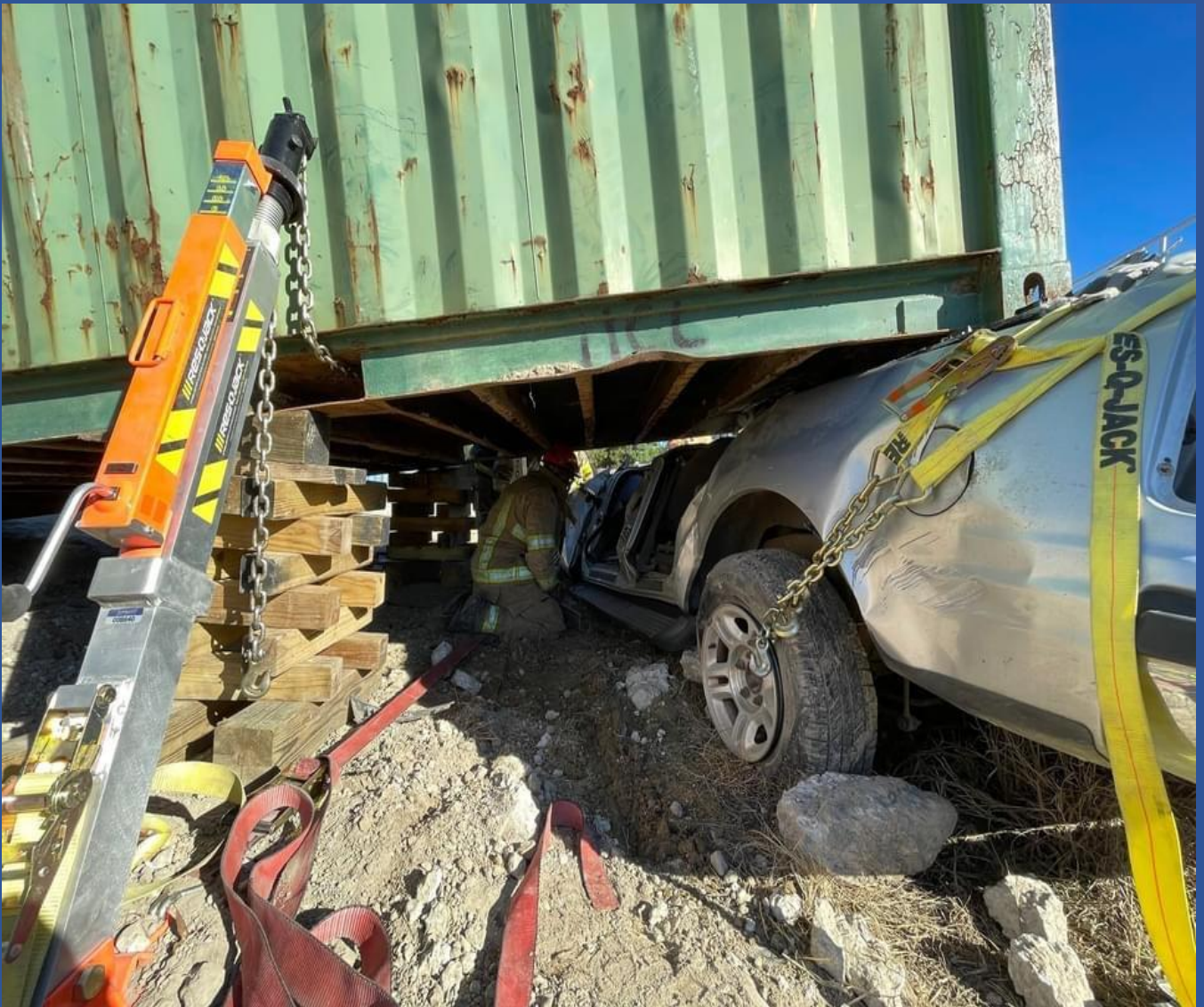
In 2023, our Training Division hosted many in-house training opportunities for our employees to continue to be trained at a high level and continue to be held to a high standard of job performance. Our Training Division also partnered with many other agencies to host, or co-host, classes at our facility. 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 awareness and operations course, leadership class, hosted Insight Thermal Imaging training, Aerial Operator, ICS 300, 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 \$115,223.50.



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 2023, we continued improving and upgrading the confined space prop area, expanded the extrication pad training area, and painted the burn tower stairs.



Training and Safety continued

Recruit Class 123

In the future, our goal is to become a regional training center, to help train firefighters to the highest level possible. We not only want to benefit our department and the citizens we serve but benefit the entire fire service. We currently offer recruit classes, which 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 123 started at the beginning of 2023 with 15 recruits, and 16 weeks later, 13 recruits successfully graduated as certified firefighters, ready to start a rewarding career in the fire service.



Fire Station Locations



Station 11
322 Bouscaren Dr.

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.



Station 19
57047 Allen Rd.

Headquarters



Headquarters

522 Robert Blvd.

Maintenance & Training Facility



Maintenance

34704 S. Range Rd.

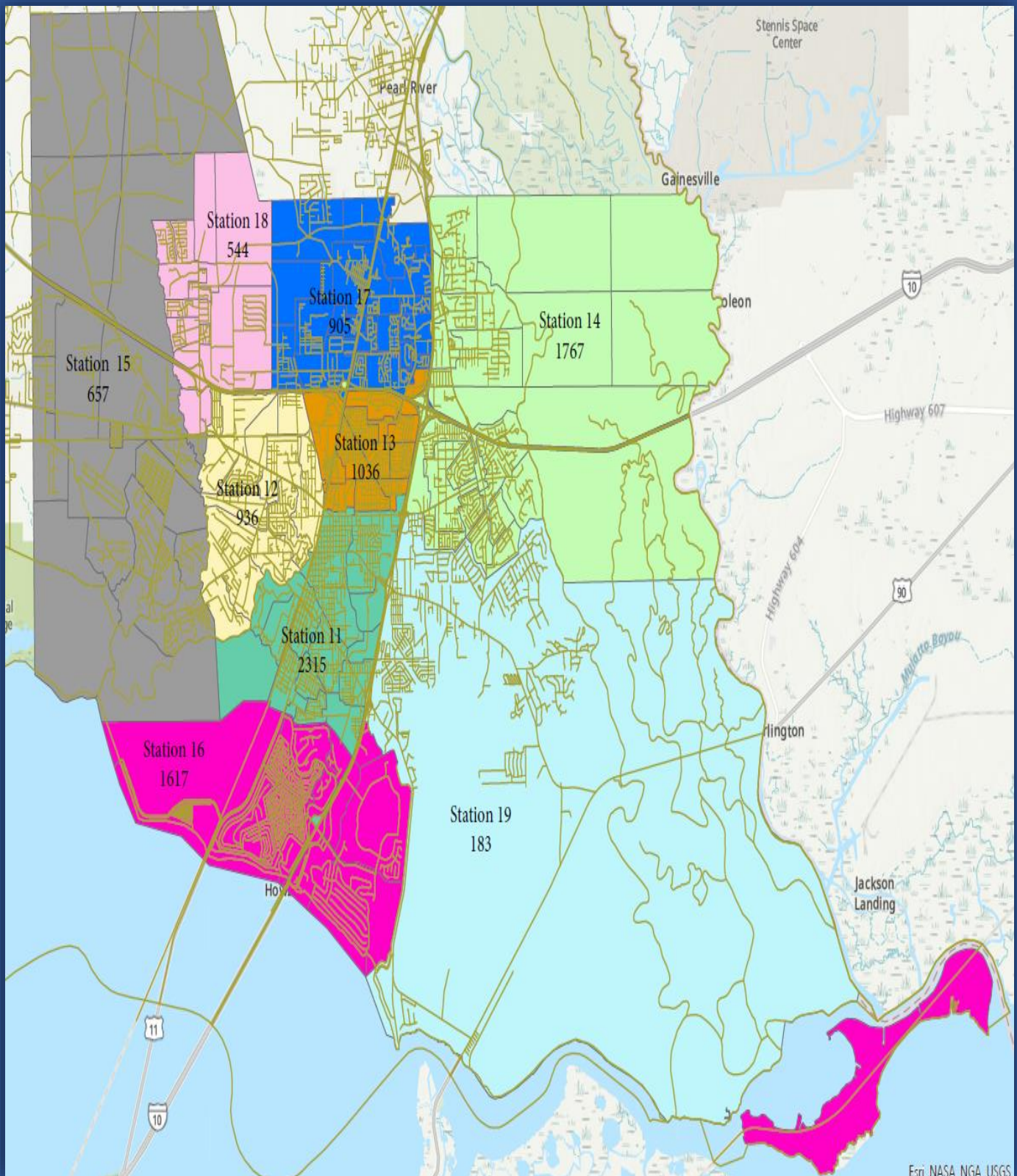


Training Academy

34780 S. Range Rd.



Responses per Station



St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Louisiana Fire Department Rankings 2023

| Rank | Department | Number of Personnel | Number of Stations | Coverage Area | Population | Number of Calls | Annual Budget in Millions \$ | PIAL Rating |
|------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | New Orleans | 640 | 31 | 180 | 396,048 | 52,549 | \$136.3 | 1 |
| 2 | Baton Rouge | 610 | 19 | 80 | 270,000 | 33,639 | \$63.8 | 1 |
| 3 | Shreveport | 540 | 22 | 123 | 184,500 | 46,865 | \$69.1 | 1 |
| 4 | City of Lafayette FD | 285 | 14 | 54 | 137,000 | 9,589 | \$32.0 | 2 |
| 5 | Jefferson Parish | 283 | 10 | 23 | 142,135 | 5,828 | \$53.5 | 1 |
| 6 | Bossier City | 206 | 9 | 44 | 68,000 | 13,782 | \$25.4 | 1 |
| 7 | St. George | 200 | 8 | 70 | 125,000 | 11,455 | \$28.8 | 1 |
| 8 | St. Tammany Fire District #1 | 193 | 9 | 122 | 108,000 | 9,960 | \$24.4 | 2 |
| 9 | City of Lake Charles FD | 182 | 10 | 144 | 130,000 | 4,385 | \$23.0 | 2 |
| 10 | City of Monroe FD | 180 | 9+ARFF | 35 | 48,241 | 12,878 | \$13.4 | 1 |
| 11 | Ouachita | 173 | 15 | 615 | 103,041 | 12,079 | \$24.5 | 3 |
| 12 | City of Kenner FD | 130 | 6 | 15 | 64,007 | 2,666 | \$12.9 | 1 |
| 13 | City of Alexandria FD | 127 | 6 | 29 | 45,000 | 6,840 | \$12.4 | 1 |
| 14 | St. Tammany Fire District #4 | 119 | 4 | 70 | 60,000 | 7,924 | \$23.7 | 1 |
| 15 | St. Bernard | 114 | 7 + NASA MAF | 85 inhabited 465 total | 52,000 | 5,035 | \$15.2 | 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 Prevention Officer Dave Berns



Association Vice-President
Fire Captain Ray Pearce

In 2023, The Slidell Firefighter's Association Local 2455 continued their involvement in our community by participating in several community events. The association competed in the 18th Annual Hospice House Crawfish Cook-Off benefiting the Hospice Foundation of the South. They also cooked in the 19th Annual East St. Tammany Red Beans 'N Rice Cook-Off benefiting the United Way of Southeast Louisiana, where they won second place. To wrap up the year, our association adopted a local family, with five foster children, to help them celebrate a Merry Christmas.



Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

In 2023, we teamed up with the Slidell Police Department to again raise awareness for breast cancer, by participating in their pink car campaign. We wrapped a staff vehicle in pink and made it available to local businesses, by appointment, as well as attended numerous community events, and collected signatures for a donations. Together, both agencies successfully raised approximately \$8,000 to be donated to the Slidell Regional Cancer Center.



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