

# 2024

## 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 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 72-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 10,157 calls for service in 2024.

We have been Internationally Accredited for 9 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 2024 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  
Matt DelBuono**

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 311 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 CFAI Peer Assessment team and went before the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and earned our first Re-Accreditation. In 2025, STFPD1 will again be re-evaluated by a CFAI Peer Assessment team and go before the Commission on Fire Accreditation International for our third Re-Accreditation.

To obtain Accreditation, STFPD1 submitted written documentation addressing over 250 performance indicators as outlined in the Quality Improvement For The Fire and Emergency Services 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. The peer review team leader compiled and submitted a final report to CFAI commission members for review.



# 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.

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.

In the November 2024 Board Meeting, Chairman Dan Crowley stepped down after serving as Chairman since 2013. Troy Brackett was appointed the new Chairman of the St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 Board.



**Troy Brackett**



# St. Tammany Fire Protection District

## No. 1 Organizational Chart 2024



**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**

**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**

**Boat Team**

**High Water**

**Rapid Diver**

# 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 our 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.

The construction of the Training Academy new classroom began in March 2024 and was completed towards the end of 2024. This addition was greatly needed at our expanding Training Academy located at Camp Villere.



# Lowe's Historic Donation of Smoke Detectors to Operation Save-A-Life

SLIDELL – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is proud to announce a significant donation to its smoke alarm installation program, thanks to a partnership with St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 (STFPD #1) and Lowe's Home Improvement, along with First Alert/BRK. Lowe's donated over 34,000 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms to support the SFM's Operation Save-A-Life program, which aims to provide free smoke alarm installations to vulnerable residents. This generous donation is the largest in the program's history. State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan Adams stated, "Smoke alarms save lives, and this donation will help reduce home-fire deaths in Louisiana this winter." Fire Chief Chris Kaufmann emphasized the importance of smoke alarms and thanked Lowe's for their support. John LeMaster, Slidell Store Manager at Lowe's, added, "Serving our communities is not just our privilege, but our responsibility."



# 2024 Retirements & Promotions

## RETIREMENTS



**Fire Captain  
Jason Bayhi  
25 Years of Service**



**Deputy Chief  
Kenny Sanders  
32 Years of Service**



**Assistant Chief of  
Fire Prevention/PIO  
Jason Gaubert  
20 Years of Service**

## PROMOTIONS



**District Chief  
Paul (Sammy) Burke**



**District Chief  
Jack Ohlenforst**



**District Chief  
A.J. Wrublewski**



**District Chief  
Lester Schellinger**



**Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention/PIO  
Brian Macaluso**



**Training and Safety Officer  
Tim Dudenhefer**



**Fire Captain  
Clint Coulon**



**Fire Captain  
Jeremy Suber**



**Fire Captain  
Tony Scharenbroch**

# 2024 Promotions (Continued)



**Fire Captain  
Josiah Strecker**



**Fire Captain  
Devon Kennedy**



**Fire Captain  
Michael Willie**



**Fire Captain  
Kyle Campbell**



**Fire Captain  
Brandon Sauter**



**Fire Captain  
Joshua Musselman**



**Fire Operator  
Richie Carter**



**Fire Operator  
Derek Palmer**



**Fire Operator  
Jonathan Lankford**



**Fire Operator  
Aaron Davis**



**Fire Operator  
Dylan Estain**



**Fire Operator  
Brandon Palady**



**Fire Operator  
Norman Loustalot**



**Fire Operator  
Torrey Dallas**



**Fire Operator  
Austin Graham**

# 2024 Promotions (Continued)



**Fire Operator  
Vick Corso**



**Fire Operator  
Ashton Bond**



**Fire Operator  
Bailey Weber**



**Fire Operator  
Ethan Blair**



**Fire Operator  
Kamron Murphy**



**Fire Operator  
Brett Kloor**

# 2024 NEW HIRES



**Fire Records Clerk  
Nicole DeJesus**



**Fire Communications Officer  
Ryan Lorenz**



**Firefighter  
Blaine Carroll**



**Firefighter  
Trevor David**



**Firefighter  
Jackson Dudenhefer**



**Firefighter  
Ray Hill**



**Firefighter  
Jessup Holley**



**Firefighter  
Ethan Swann**



**Firefighter  
Zachary Tanner**

# 2023 New Hires (Continued)



**Firefighter  
Bradley West**



**Firefighter  
Ethan Sepulveda**



**Firefighter  
Jeremiah McDonald**



**Firefighter  
Andrew Garcia**



**Firefighter  
Mitchell Arnold**



**Firefighter  
Ryan Adams**



**Firefighter  
Gage Lisle**



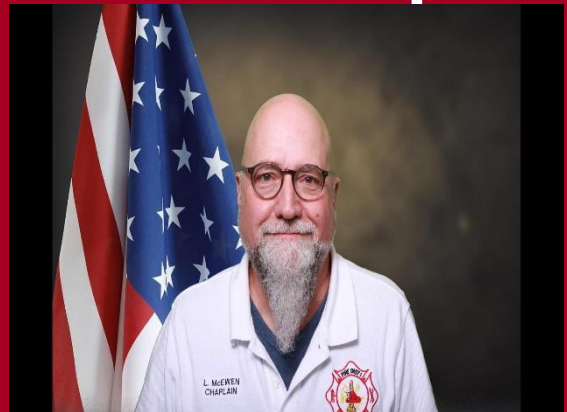
**Firefighter  
Cody Cathey**

In 2024, our Chaplain, Larry McEwen, retired after being our fire department Chaplain for 14 years and has certainly served our department well! We also welcomed our new Chaplain, Sean Murphy.

## New Chaplain



## Retired Chaplain



# Notable Fires in 2024

37502 Brownsvillage Rd. (4 plex)

Las Morritas Restaurant Gause  
West

364 Blue Crane #2

37484 Lopez St.

386 Robert Blvd.



# 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.



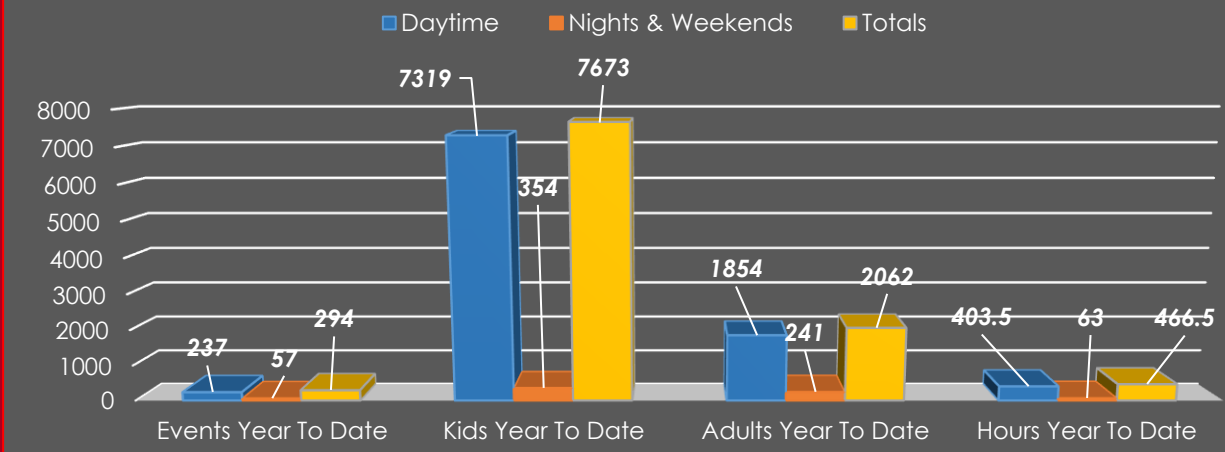
**Chief of Fire  
Prevention  
Robby Marquette**



# 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 2024, Fire Prevention Officers attended 294 events. These events included school tours, fire station tours, community events, and homeowner’s association meetings which allowed us to educate 9,735 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, 99 smoke detectors were installed. 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

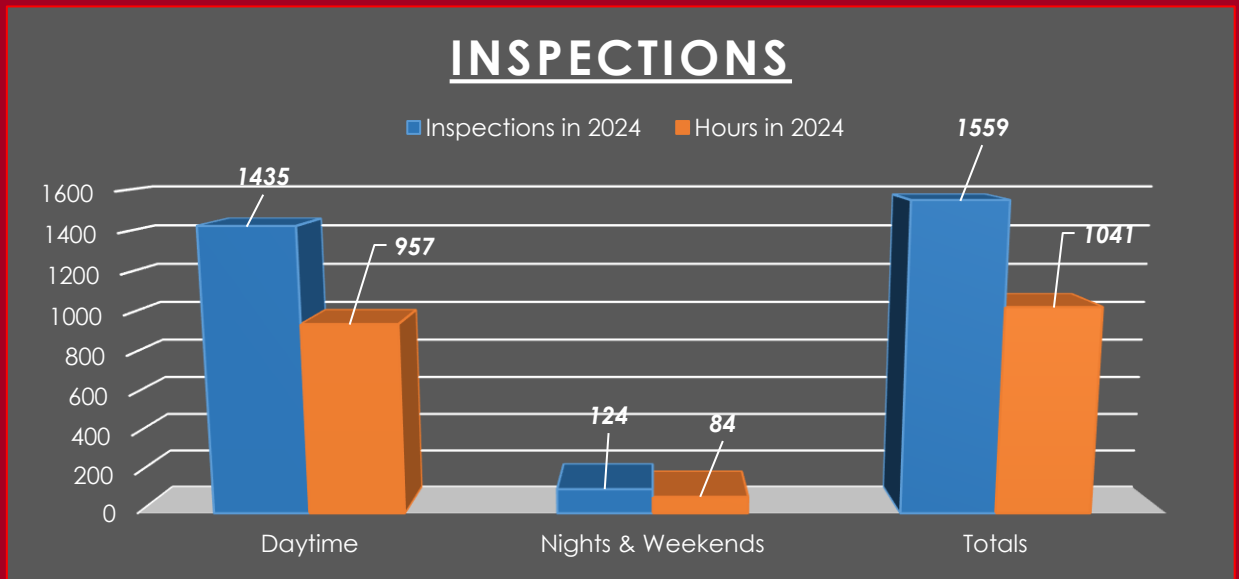


# Fire Inspections

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 2024, Fire Prevention Officers conducted 1,559 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.

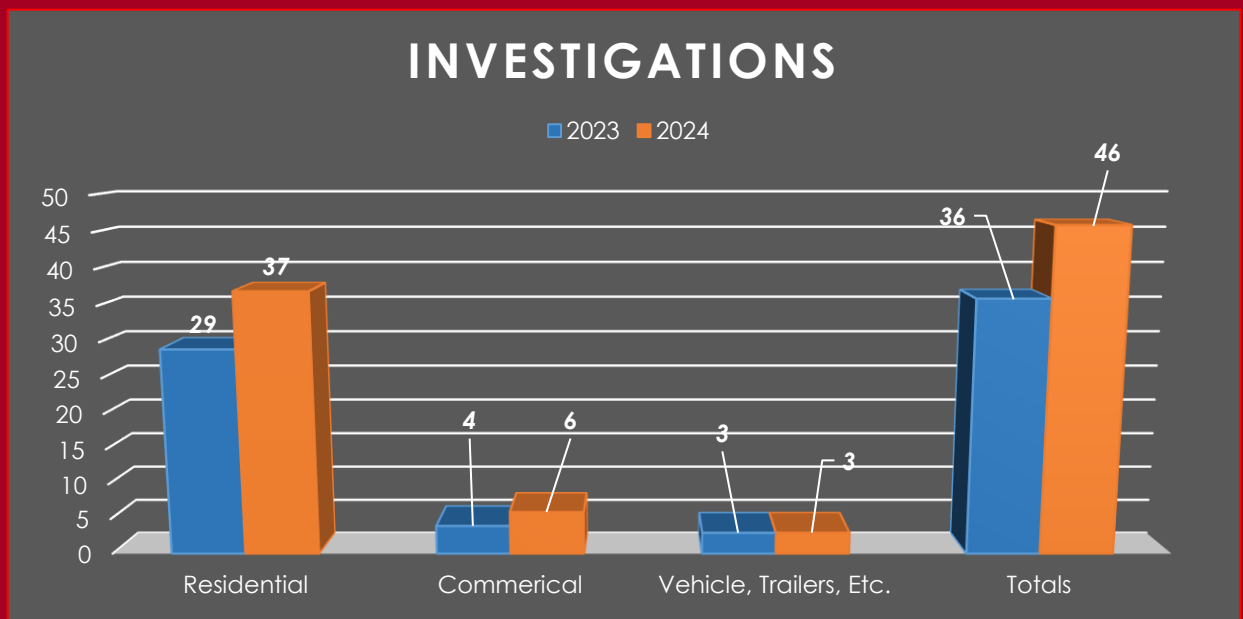
The Fire Prevention Bureau is taking advantage of the latest technology to streamline the inspection process by using inspection software designed for use on a tablet, allowing inspections to be more efficient and detailed. Inspection reports are emailed to the business, or building owner, eliminating 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 46 investigations in 2024. These investigations included commercial and residential structure fires, vehicle fires, and grass/woods fires.

The Fire Prevention Bureau works closely with various 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 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.



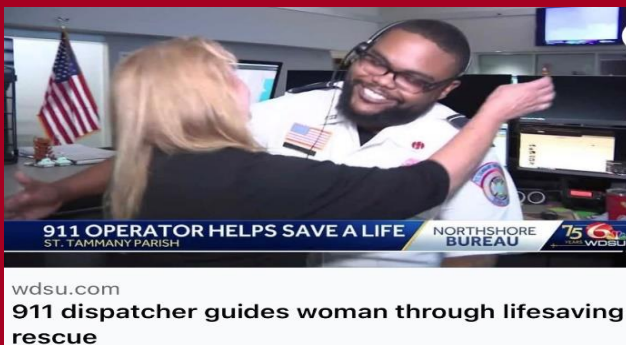
**Chief of Communications**  
**Matt Parish**

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 carry numerous certifications and come from various backgrounds in Public Service, such as EMTs, Paramedics, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement Officers. Many of the Communications staff hold Associate's, Bachelor's, and even Master's Degrees in various fields. The division also has several cross-trained suppression personnel who 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 and the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED). It can last anywhere from 4 -6 months and consists mainly of on-the-job training. The trainees must also complete APCO-Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST), IAED-Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), and IAED-Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) during the training period.

In 2024, our Communications Center handled 44,520 calls for service, which resulted in case numbers that were issued. Fire District #1 (10,157 items), Fire District #2 (1,917 items), Fire District #3 (1,777 items), Fire District #4 (8,110 items), Fire District #5 (869 items), Fire District # 6 (651 items), Fire District #7 (814 items), Fire District #8 (730 items), Fire District #9 (531 items), Fire District #11 (1,210 items), Fire District #12 (3,083 items), Fire District #13 (1,249 items), CFD (2,694 items), Coroner (10,728 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 on 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 (Continued)

## Boats:

Our marine fleet consists of 4 aluminum rescue flatboats and 1 Inflatable Zodiac boat.



## Rapid Diver:

Our rapid diver team consists of 72 personnel, 43 of whom are certified as open-water divers. 7 members are certified as advanced, 3 are rescue divers, 1 dive master, and 1 certified instructor with plans to increase these numbers in 2025.





**Captain / HazMat  
Coordinator  
Jeremy Suber**

# Hazardous Materials Team



**Training Officer / Assistant  
HazMat Coordinator  
Timmy Dudenhefer**

St. Tammany Fire District No. 1 maintains a Hazardous Materials Response Team based at Fire Station 17. The team is comprised of 160 members divided between 3 shifts. Upon request, we respond to hazardous materials calls in our district and the eastern half of the Parish.

In 2024, we had a total of 171 employees with Hazardous Materials Operations and Awareness level training and 75 employees trained as Hazardous Materials Technicians, 18 of whom are Paramedics.

We continue moving positively with the hazmat team by putting together short-term and long-term plans. The Hazmat Team is ready to deploy efficiently when needed. Each year, we add team members while increasing training and certification levels.



# Tornado and Hurricane Francine

On April 10, 2024, the city of Slidell experienced a significant weather event that resulted in multiple tornadoes within the community. Local agencies collaborated effectively to facilitate recovery efforts and restore normalcy. In September 2024, the community prepared for the impending arrival of Hurricane Francine. Slidell is distinguished by its resilient spirit, as residents consistently unite to support one another during significant events. We were able to free our roadways and get our streets open for traffic.



# Hydrant Inspection, Testing and Flushing

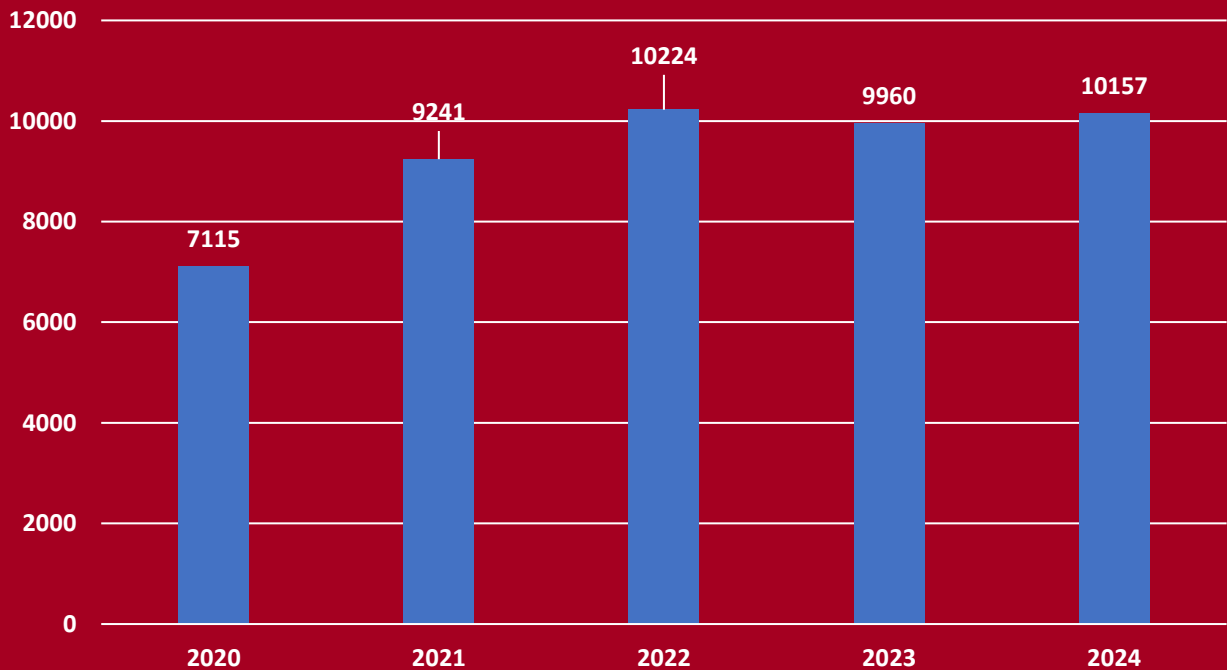
St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 works diligently to ensure that the many water systems in the district are reliable fire hydrant systems. Crews inspected 3,395 hydrants in 2024 and flow tested 473 of those hydrants for the year. Hydrants are set upon a five-year rotation for flow testing. These hydrants are owned by the City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish (Tammany Utilities), and private water companies. In addition, we install and maintain dry fire hydrants in areas with local bayous and canals for drafting operations. We also installed 1 new dry hydrant at the KOA on Hwy 190 East. Water supply makes up 40% of our PIAL Rating.



# Operations

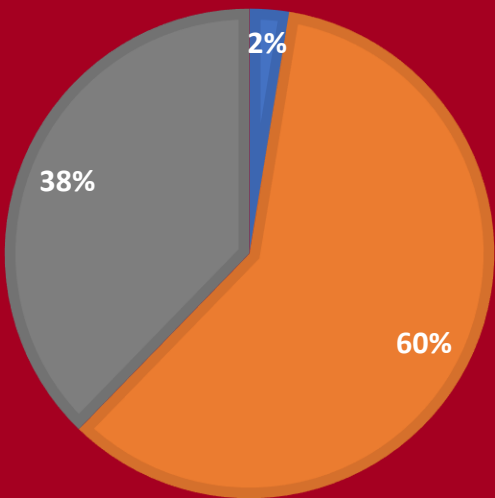
As Slidell continues to grow, so does the number of calls for service in our fire district. In 2024, St. Tammany Fire Dist. No. 1 responded to 10,157 calls for service, which was just slightly above the number of calls of service for 2023.

Total Runs Per Year



TYPES OF CALLS IN 2024

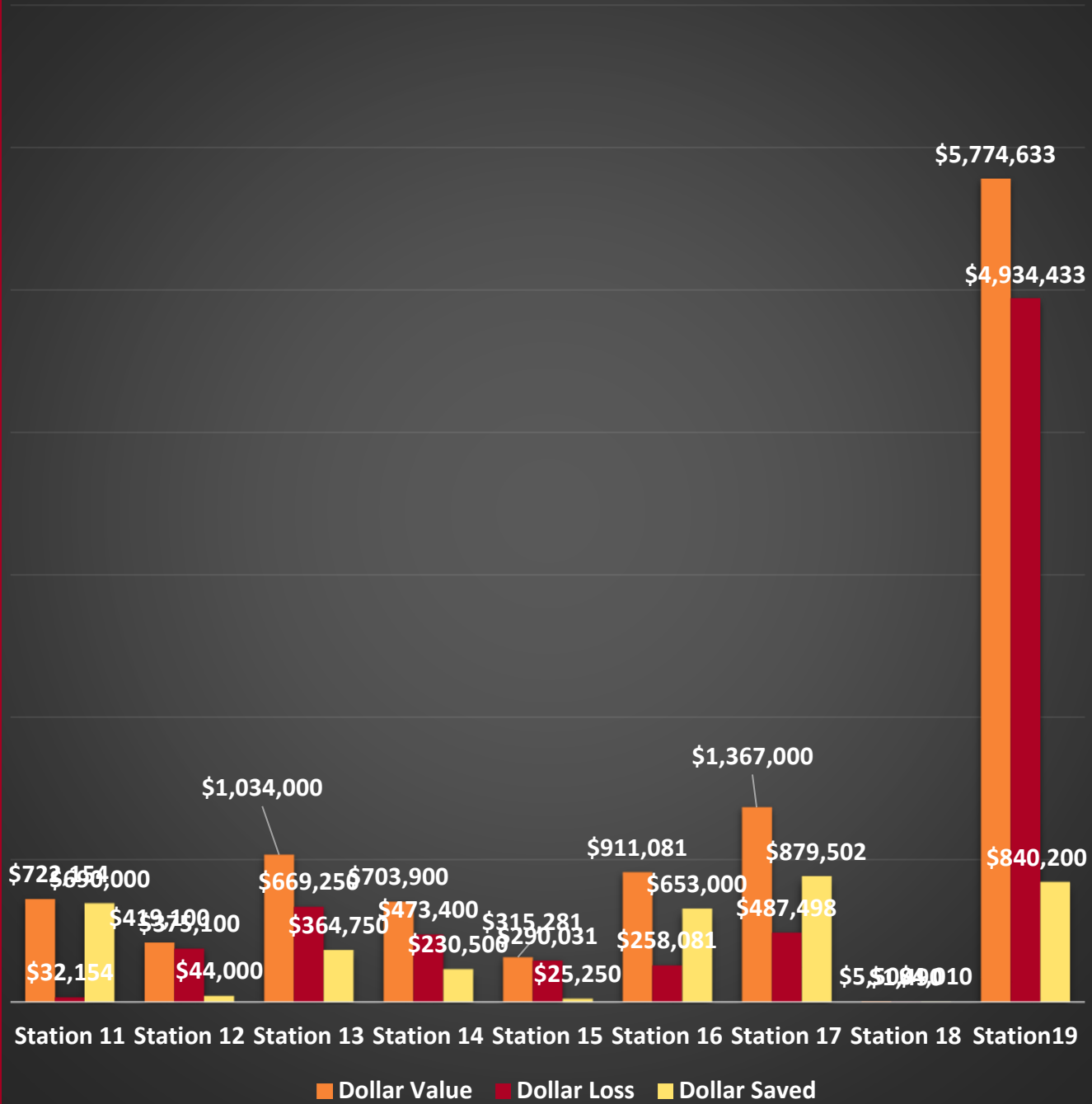
■ Fire - 264      ■ Rescue and EMS - 6061      ■ Other - 3832



# 2024 Total Fire Loss

In 2024, there was an estimated total fire loss of \$7,521,437 in structures and vehicles, with an estimated pre incident dollar value of \$11,252,649. The value of property saved from fire loss is \$3,731,212.

2024 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 25 Paramedics, 102 EMTs, and 46 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.

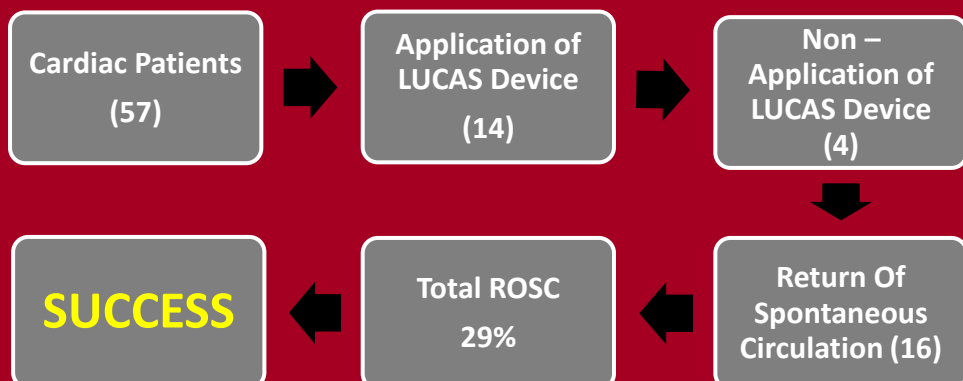
When a patient must be carried downstairs and/or is ready to be put into the ambulance, the LUCAS device will allow for uninterrupted chest compressions.

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, 2024 – December 31, 2024



# 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  
Tim Harrison**



# Training and Safety (Continued)

In 2024, our Training Division hosted many in-house training opportunities for our employees to continue to be trained at a high level and remain 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: Man vs. Machine Rescue Course, rescue refreshers, advanced vehicle extrication in conjunction with (MES), instructed rope awareness, operations, and technician course, Pump/Aerial Operator, dive rescue training, IFSAC courses, 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 \$122,683.00.



# Training and Safety (Continued)



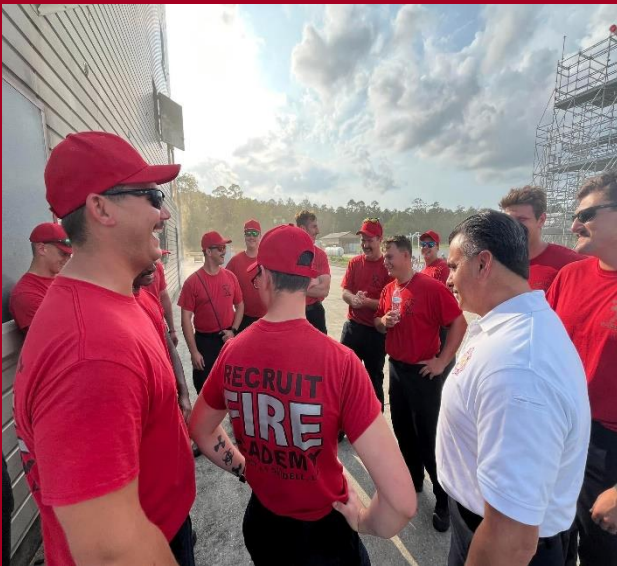
Another way that our Training Division continues to improve is by constantly adding new equipment and props to ensure that our firefighters are trained at a high level. We currently have a total of 32 props, including both fixed and mobile props. In 2024, we added an additional 2 story Conex box prop used to replicate apartment buildings and businesses, an impalement prop for rescue scenarios, and made upgrades to our extrication and confined space training areas.



# Training and Safety (Continued)

## Recruit Class 124

Our recruit classes start in January and last 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 124 started January 17, 2024 with 19 recruits. 16 weeks later, 15 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 (Continued)



**Station 14**  
297 Steele Rd.

**Station 15**  
58405 Holly Dr.



**Station 16**  
320 Marina Dr.



# Fire Station Locations (Continued)



**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.



## 2024 Responses Per Station

Station 11:	2,203
Station 12:	816
Station 13:	1,191
Station 14:	1,499
Station 15:	609
Station 16:	1,398
Station 17:	911
Station 18:	616
Station 19:	914
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10,157</b>

# St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Louisiana Fire Department Rankings 2024

Rank	Department	Number of Personnel	Number of Stations	Coverage Area	Population	Number of Calls	Annual Budget in Millions \$	PIAL Rating
1	New Orleans	657	30	180	396,048	53,404	\$145.9	1
2	Baton Rouge	610	19	80	270,000	38,840	\$63.8	1
3	Shreveport	544	22	123	184,500	48,990	\$70.2	1
4	City of Lafayette FD	288	14	55	123,792	10,126	\$38.7	2
5	Jefferson Parish	283	10	23	142,135	5,917	\$53.5	1
6	Bossier City	205	9	44	68,000	14,089	\$25.0	1
7	St. George	247	8	70	127,000	13,088	\$39.0	1
8	St.TammanyFD1	207	9	122 inhabited	109,000	10,157	\$25.4	2
9	City of Lake Charles FD	182	10	104	122,000	4,912	\$22.8	2
10	City of Monroe FD	164	9+ARFF	35	48,241	12,850	\$14.2	1
11	Ouachita	186	15	615	99,563	12,568	\$26.0	3
12	City of Kenner FD	135	6	15	63,333	2,638	\$14.1	1
13	City of Alexandria FD	129	6	29	45,000	7,998	\$13.0	1
14	St.TammanyFD4	120	6	70	60,000	8,130	\$29.3	1
15	St. Bernard	114	10+NASA MAF	85 inhabited	52,000	4,908	\$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.

# SLIDELL FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

## IAFF Local 2455



Association President  
Fire Prevention Officer Dave Berns



Association Vice-President  
Fire Captain Ray Pearce

In 2024, The Slidell Firefighter's Association Local 2455 continued their involvement in our community by participating in several community events. The association competed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice House Crawfish Cook-Off benefiting the Hospice Foundation of the South. They also cooked in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual East St. Tammany Red Beans 'N Rice Cook-Off benefiting United Way of Southeast Louisiana, where they won Honorable Mention for People's Choice Award. In addition, they helped with the Autism Awareness/Acceptance Campaign, donating \$5000 in proceeds to Starc of Louisiana. 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 2024, 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.



# Autism Awareness Campaign

In 2023, we launched the Autism Awareness Campaign to raise awareness and support a local nonprofit. In 2024, we received significant community support, and at the end of the campaign, we made a donation to STARC of Louisiana, Inc.



# Fit As A Firefighter

Each year, St. Tammany Fire District #1 partners with Slidell Memorial Hospital to host an annual summer camp for children ages 7 to 12. This week-long day camp typically takes place during the first week of June. The camp features enjoyable nutrition and fitness activities that encourage kids to adopt healthy, active lifestyles.



# Fire Chief For The Day

## Jared Sanchez

In 2024, we teamed up with our community partner, STARC, to select one of their clients to be "Fire Chief for the Day". Jared Sanchez was selected and spent the day with us in the role of Fire Chief. Jared is the son of the late Retired Captain William "Bill" Sanchez, who served 25 years with the New Orleans Fire Department. Jared had an extremely busy day that started with a hearty breakfast and then a staff meeting in which Chief Sanchez signed some upcoming policy revisions. The day then progressed to a tour of Fire Station 13, and then to our training facility, where Chief Sanchez experienced numerous training evolutions. Chief Sanchez got to perform a vehicle extrication, extinguish a vehicle fire, take a helicopter ride, and perform live fire simulations. It was a busy day for all involved, and we are glad to have given him such a wonderful and exciting experience. We know his father is smiling down and would be proud to call Jared "Chief".



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# St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

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**Commitment**

**Integrity**





