



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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# MISSION & VISION

## MISSION

To leverage our available resources to cultivate a highly skilled and well-equipped team dedicated to safeguarding our community's lives and property by delivering swift and effective responses to both fire and medical emergencies.

## VISION

To achieve a status of excellence by embracing cutting-edge technology and training, fostering professional growth opportunities for our personnel, establishing elevated standards of accomplishment, and championing a culture of ongoing education.



# Department Staff

## Command Staff

- Travis Kroll  
Fire Chief/EMT-B
- Jason Karell  
Captain/EMT-B
- Paul Bell  
Captain/EMT-B

## Firefighters

- Jonathan Miller  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Anthony Huyser  
Firefighter/MFR
- Stephen Hartman  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Ethan Rahn  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Zachary Porter  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Christopher Roberts  
Firefighter/EMT-P
- Zachary Sweet  
Rookie Firefighter/EMT-B
- Brian Wood  
Firefighter/MFR

## Sergeants

- Jamie Boersma  
Firefighter/MFR
- Andrew Kooyer  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Wade Wiltenburg  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Jillian Huyck  
Rookie Firefighter
- Lee Waldie  
Firefighter
- Andrew Spaulding  
Probationary Firefighter/EMT-B
- Scott Eastman  
Probationary Firefighter
- Chris Brandmiller  
Probationary Firefighter
- Makaedam Knoll  
Cadet
- Noah Brown  
Cadet



# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



Like many years past, 2024 will be one for the books. Our department persevered and looked toward the future while responding to our highest call volume to date—840 calls. The members of this department continued to step up and push themselves to be the best they could be.

Early in the year, we accomplished our goal of achieving Basic Life Support (BLS) Non-Transport status with the graduation of additional EMTs from the matriculation course. Returning to this licensure after many years was no easy feat. It required careful planning, the dedication of our members to pursue higher education, and the necessary funding to properly equip our apparatus with essential medical gear. Since this transition, I have personally witnessed the positive impact of our enhanced medical capabilities have made within our community.

Thanks to the generosity of our municipalities, we were able to hire a full-time firefighter/EMT, Ethan Rahn, to assist during the daytime hours when availability is at its lowest. This additional position has already proven to be a great asset to the department, strengthening community relations and ensuring coverage when I may not be available. I look forward to seeing how this role continues to evolve and support our department's needs.

A milestone for our department in 2024 was the launch of our Cadet Program. This initiative engages high school students in the Coopersville area who are interested in firefighting and emergency medical response. Following a thorough selection process, we welcomed our first two cadets, Noah and Mikaedam. These cadets were assigned mentors and worked closely with our Recruitment and Retention Committee to build a strong foundation in firefighting and medical response. Upon completing their initial training, they became eligible to respond to certain calls, gaining valuable real-world experience. Our goal is to foster the next generation of firefighters through this program.

As our community continues to grow, we remain committed to providing the highest level of service through training, preparedness, and community engagement. We look forward to serving Coopersville and Polkton Township into 2025 and beyond.

**Travis Kroll**  
Fire Chief

# Community Relations

In 2024, we continued to expand our presence and impact within the community, attending 28 events and strengthening our outreach programs. These efforts allowed us to connect with residents, promote fire safety, and provide essential services beyond emergency response.

## **Smoke & CO Alarm Program**

Since joining the State of Michigan Smoke and CO Program in August 2023, we have made significant strides in improving home safety. After conducting 9 home visits and installing 64 smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in our first few months, we greatly expanded the program in 2024. Our team visited 50 homes, installing 270 smoke alarms and 93 carbon monoxide alarms. CPFD remains committed to this life-saving initiative, ensuring more households have the protection they need.

## **Fire Prevention Education & School Visits**

During Fire Prevention Month in October, CPFD collaborated with Coopersville Area Public Schools and Lamont Christian to educate hundreds of children about fire safety. Through hands-on demonstrations and interactive lessons, we reinforced critical safety skills while strengthening our connection with local families. These efforts highlight our ongoing commitment to proactive fire prevention.

## **Child Seat Safety Inspections**

In our first full year of offering car seat safety inspections, our certified technicians inspected and installed car seats in 14 vehicles. Looking ahead to 2025, we aim to expand the program by increasing community awareness and hosting additional on-site inspection events to ensure even more children travel safely.

# Grants

## **DNR Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program: \$4,550**

Through a successful 50/50 matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources, CPFD acquired nine sets of Innotex Wildland/Tech Rescue protective gear. This equipment enhances firefighter safety during wildland and technical rescue operations. The new gear was placed into service in December 2024.

## **State of Michigan Turnout Gear Grant: \$3,300**

To support departments with full-time personnel, the State of Michigan provided grant funding for additional turnout gear. CPFD successfully applied for this grant and received funding to reimburse the purchase of a second set of turnout gear for the Fire Chief in 2024, ensuring readiness and compliance with safety standards.



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS

In 2024, no apparatus were added or removed from service. As part of our ongoing commitment to safety and reliability, all apparatus underwent **annual DOT inspections and regular maintenance**. These preventative measures allow us to identify and address potential issues before they escalate, ensuring our fleet remains in top condition.

Notable maintenance and repairs completed in 2024 included:

- **Ladder 441** – Suspension replacement, DEF header repair, and alternator replacement.
- **Engine 421** – Intake heater repair.
- **Squad 471** – Bodywork following a deer collision in December 2023.

By staying proactive with maintenance, CPFD ensures our apparatus remain operational and ready to respond when needed.



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



## Engine 421

2018

Toyne/Spartan

1,000 Gallon Tank

1,500 GPM Pump

## Ladder 441

2010 E-One

500 Gallon Tank

1,500 GPM Pump

78' Ladder



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



## **Tanker 461**

2009 OSCO  
3,000 Gallon Tank  
500 GPM Pump

## **Brush Truck 481**

2015 Ford F-350  
250 Gallon Tank  
5 Gallon Foam Cell  
120 GPM Pump



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



**Squad 471**  
2019 Ford Explorer

**Squad 472**  
2017 Ford Explorer



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



**Air Trailer**

**Jet Ski 482**  
1998 See Doo  
Bombardier





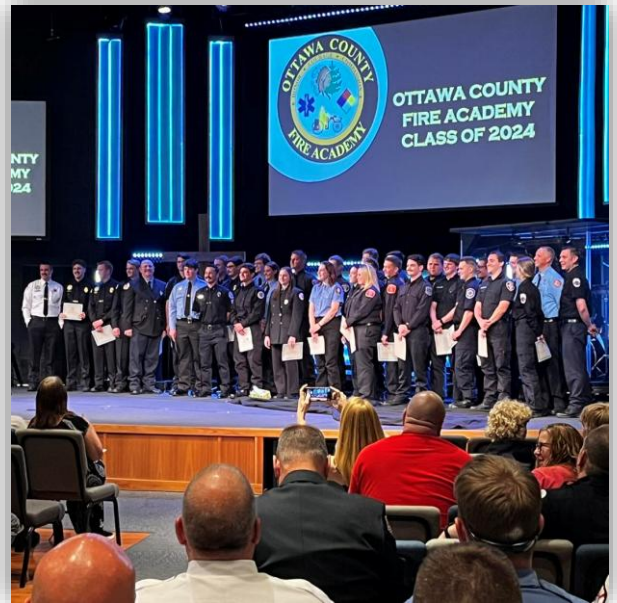
# TRAINING





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In 2024, our department continued its commitment to enhancing knowledge and skills by completing a total of 71 trainings. These sessions equipped our firefighters with diverse expertise, covering areas from water rescue to emergency medical care and fire attack strategies. In collaboration with the Allendale Township Fire Department in October 2024, we conducted live burn exercises focusing on fire attack and search and rescue techniques. These scenarios provided invaluable insights for our training committee, guiding our priorities into 2025.



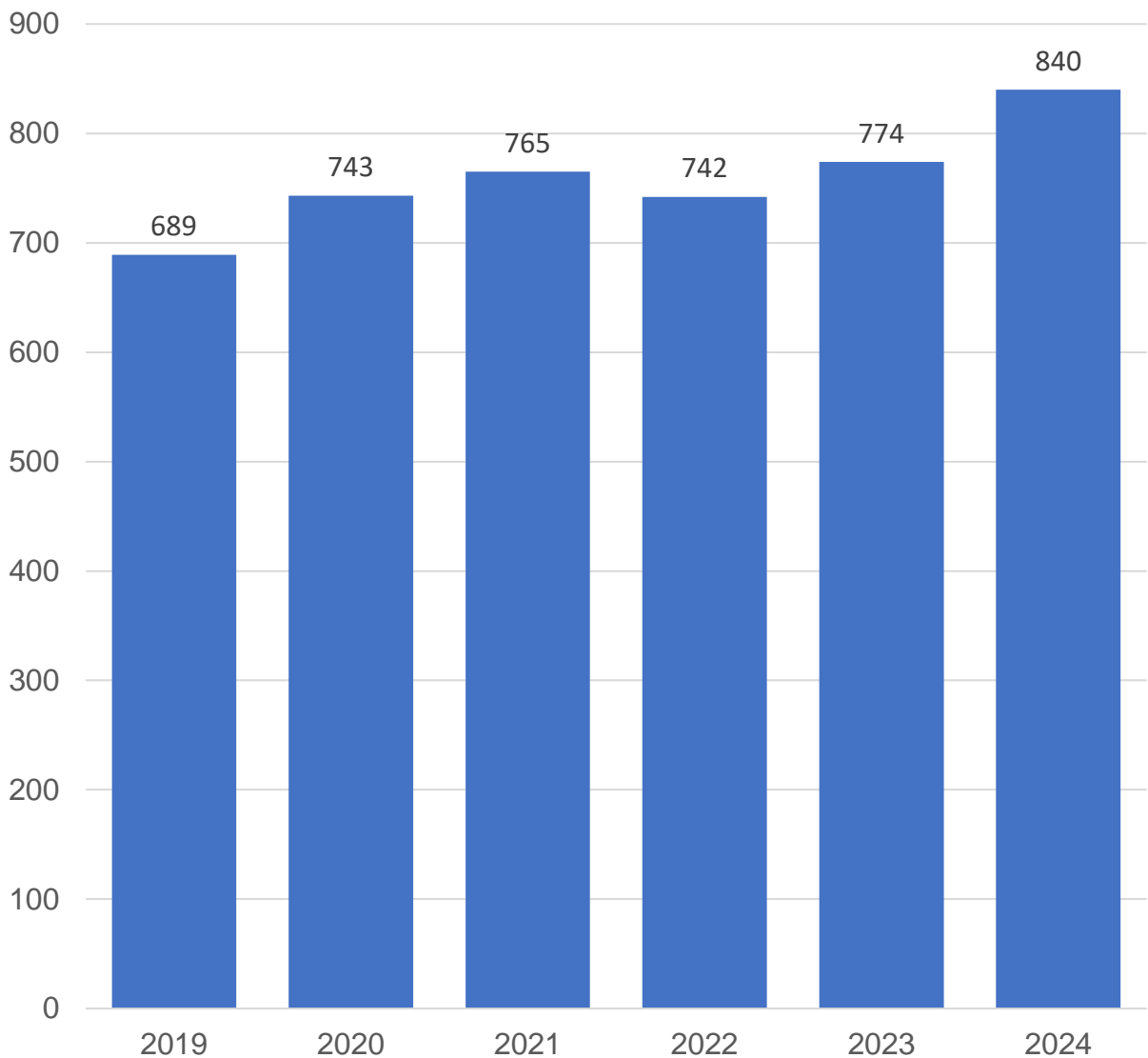
Additionally, 2024 marked the graduation of two probationary firefighters, Jillian Huyck and Zachary Sweet, from the Ottawa County Fire Academy. Following their academy training, both Jillian and Zachary earned the title of Rookie as they progressed through our department's field training, applying their skills in real-world emergency scenarios.

This year also saw our department transition to a Basic Life Support Non-Transport medical agency and welcomed four new EMT-B certified personnel: Paul Bell, Ethan Rahn, Stephen Hartman, and Wade Wiltenburg. Their addition emphasizes our commitment to expanding medical capabilities and delivering exceptional service to our community.

Throughout these advancements, our members have demonstrated their dedication to improving service delivery through continuous training and readiness.

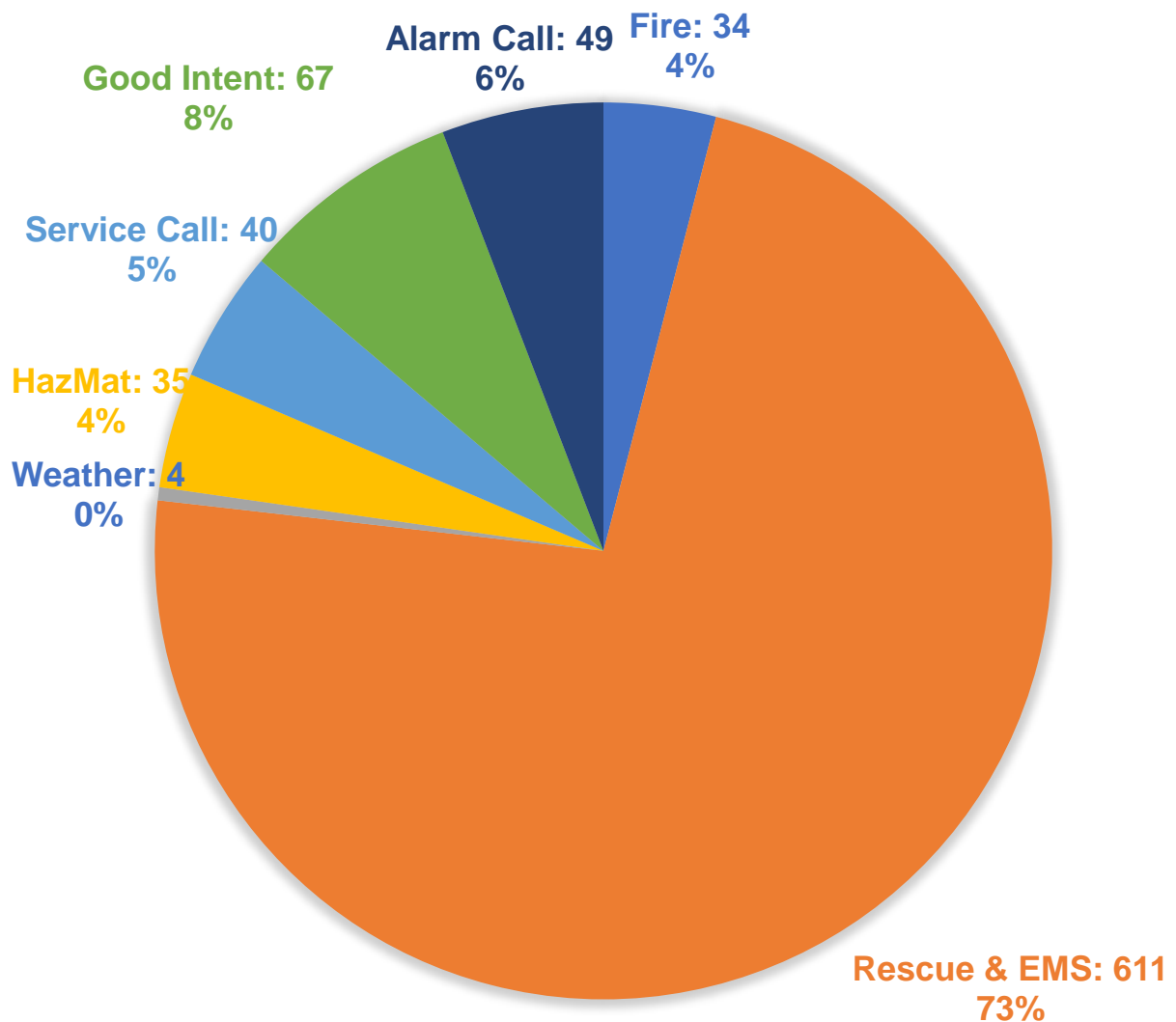
# FIRE & EMS REPOSENSE

Reponses by Year

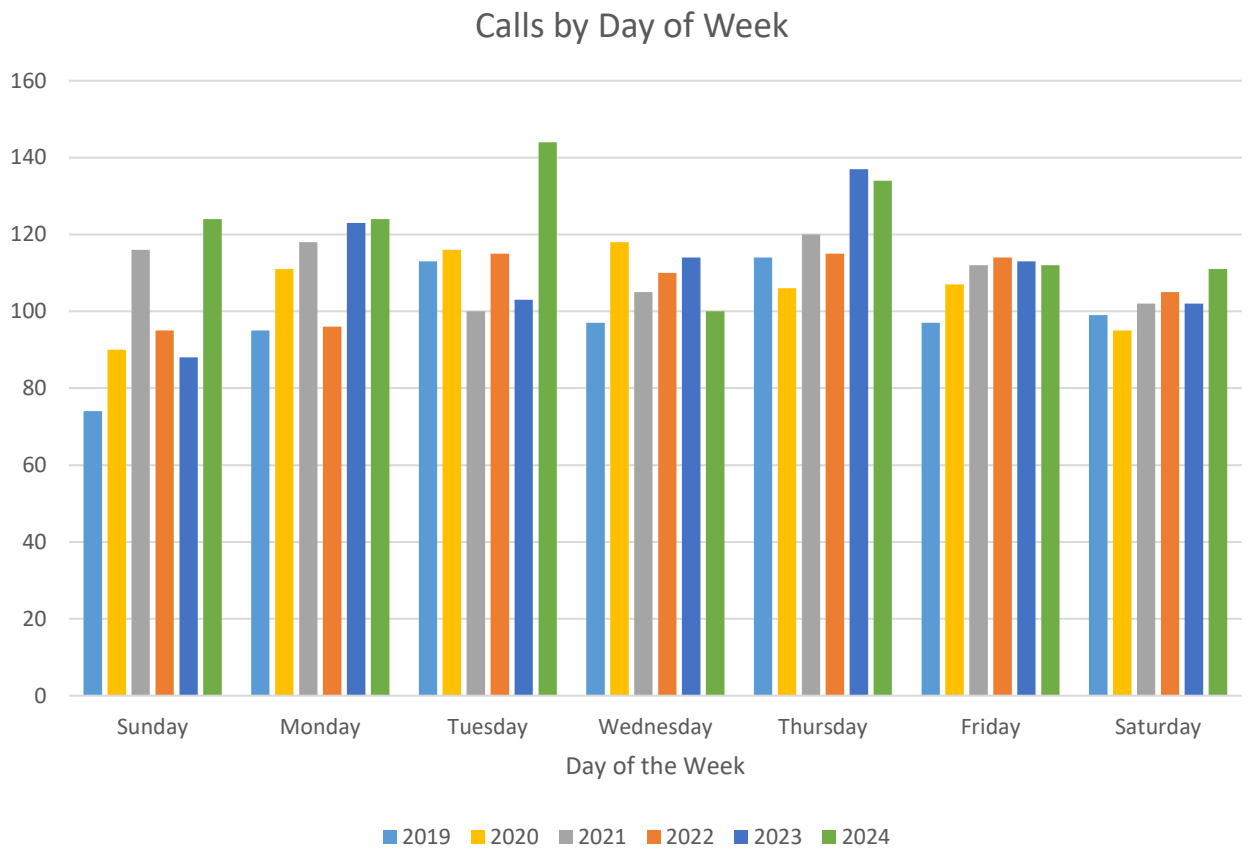


# FIRE & EMS REPPONSE

## RESPONSE BY CALL TYPE

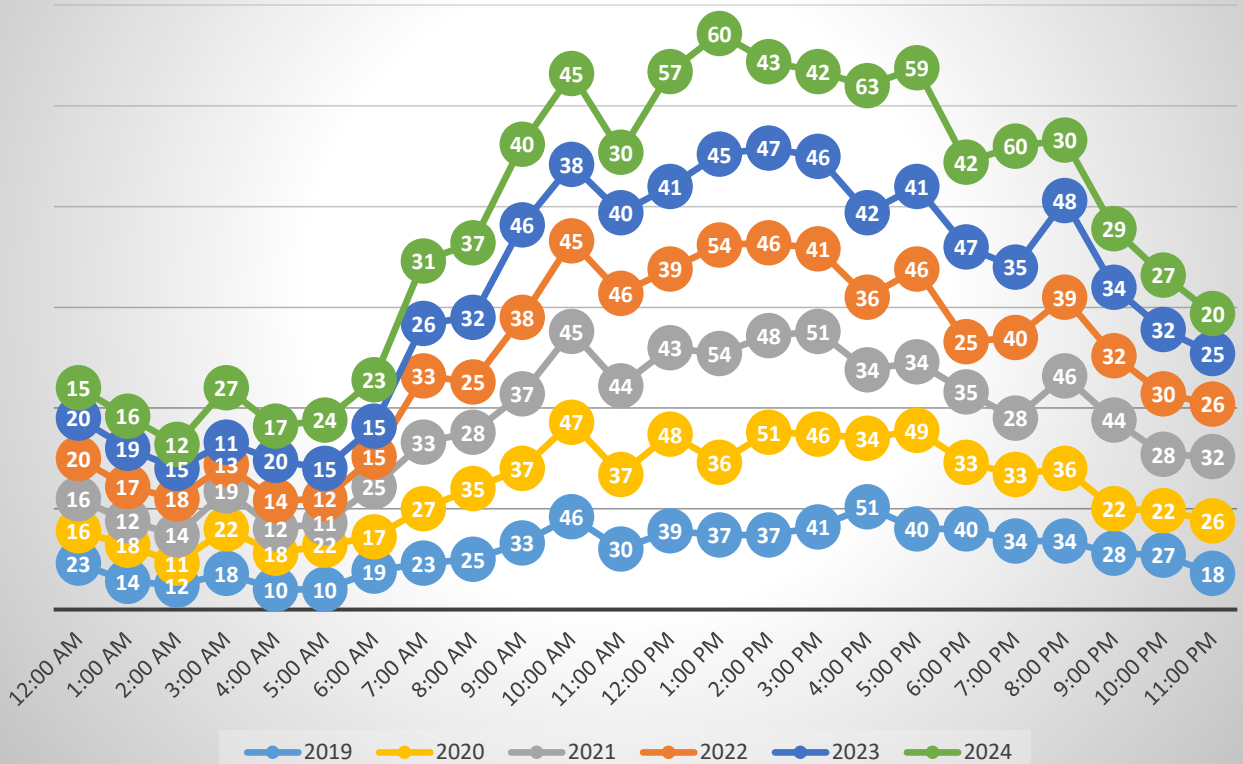


# FIRE & EMS REPPONSE



# FIRE & EMS REPOSE

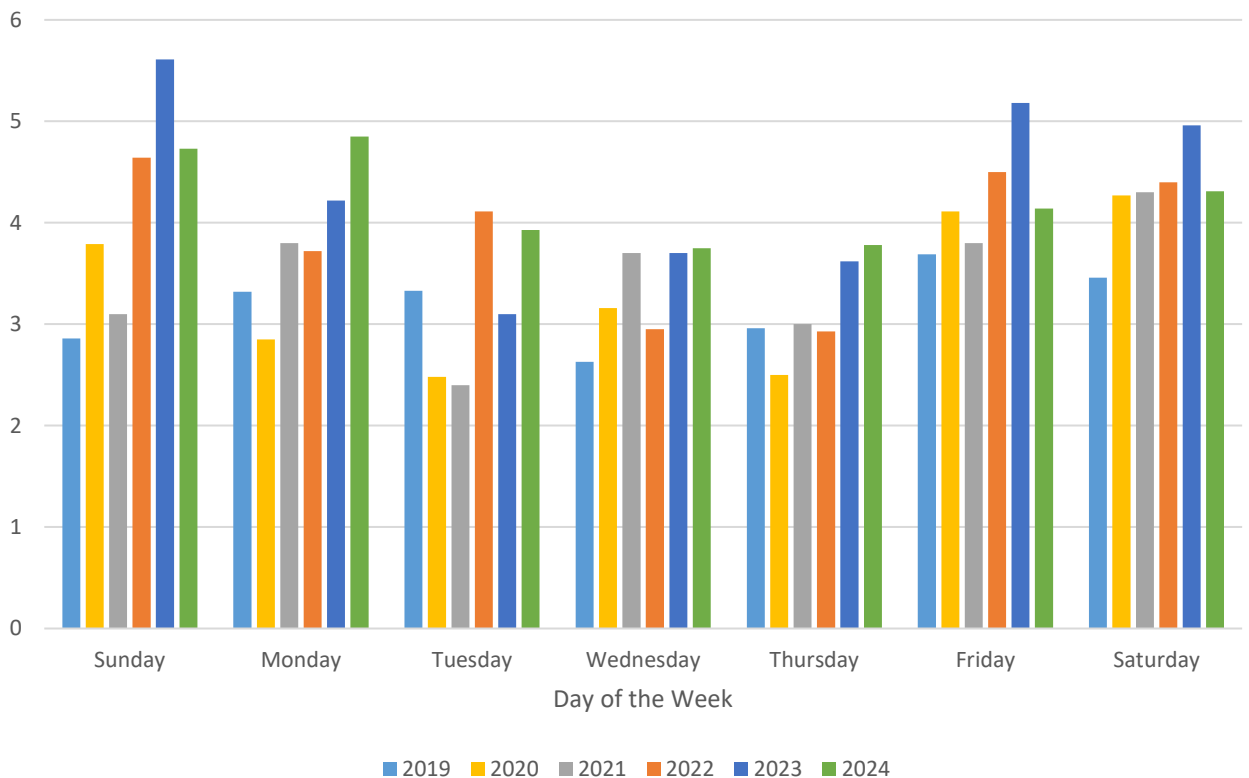
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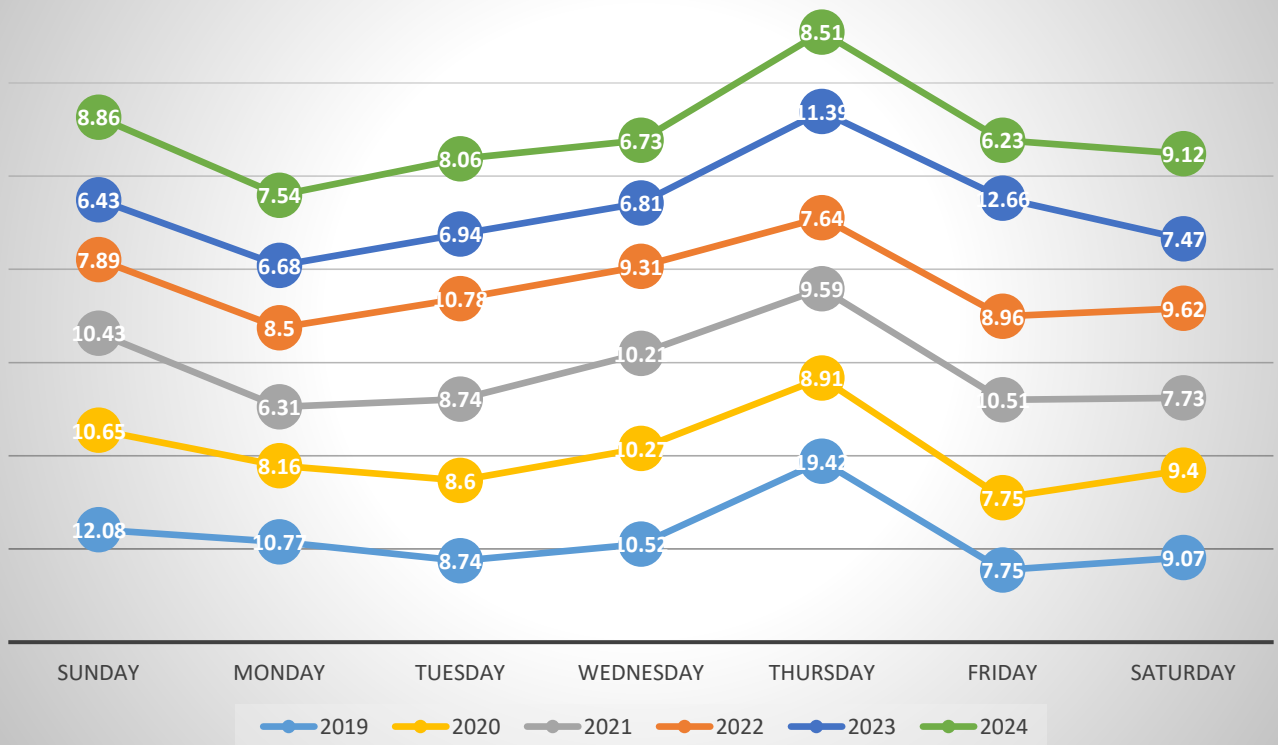
# FIRE & EMS REPOSE

Average Personnel by Day of the Week



# FIRE & EMS REPOSE

Average Response Times by Day of Week



# 2024 AT A GLANCE

In 2024, our department actively participated in numerous community events, recognizing the importance of fostering strong and meaningful connections. Our dedication to the community is reflected in the relationships we build, reinforcing trust and collaboration with those we serve.





# 2024 AT A GLANCE

## Department Calls





# 2024 AT A GLANCE

## Schools Visits





# 2024 AT A GLANCE

## Parades and Car Show





# 2024 AT A GLANCE

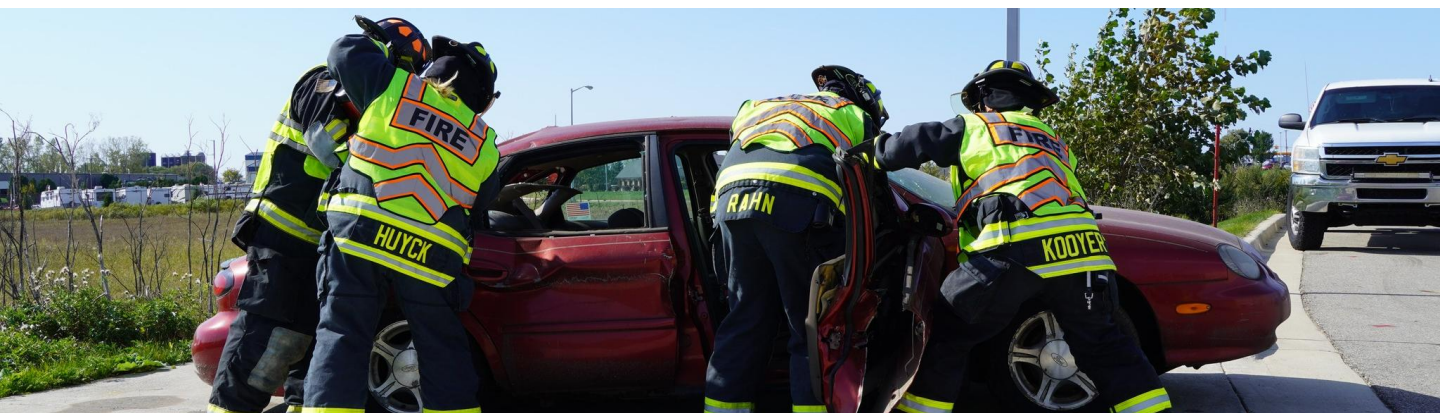
## Community Events





# 2024 AT A GLANCE

## Fire Prevention Open House



# 2024 AT A GLANCE

**Firefighter of the Year:**  
Zach Sweet

**Medical Responder of the Year:**  
Chris Roberts







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