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Annual Report

Fire Department

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Fire Chief

Gregory Summers

It is an honor to present this annual report for the 2014 fiscal year. The Little Rock Fire Department continues to provide a level of service that our citizens have become accustomed to. Our mission statement protecting life and property through service and education-LRFD 24/7 represents our core purpose and communicates to our constituents what we strive to accomplish daily. The passion, dedication, and selflessness by our firefighters as they serve the citizen's and visitor's to Little Rock exemplifies the character of a true firefighter. It is this commitment to community that saves lives and protect property every year; 2014 was a monumental year for the Little Rock Fire Department as we placed seven (7) new apparatus into service at a cost of approximately $4 million dollars. The Department also registered zero citizen fire fatalities in 2014. This can attributed to the countless fire safety programs delivered by the Fire Prevention and Community Outreach Division and our firefighters. In addition, the Division achieved a phenomenal arrest & clearance rate of arson investigations. All this was achieved while maintaining continuing education and certifications through the Department's dedicated Training Division. We are a part of the fabric of this community and pride ourselves in maintaining a level of service second to none!

Fraternally,

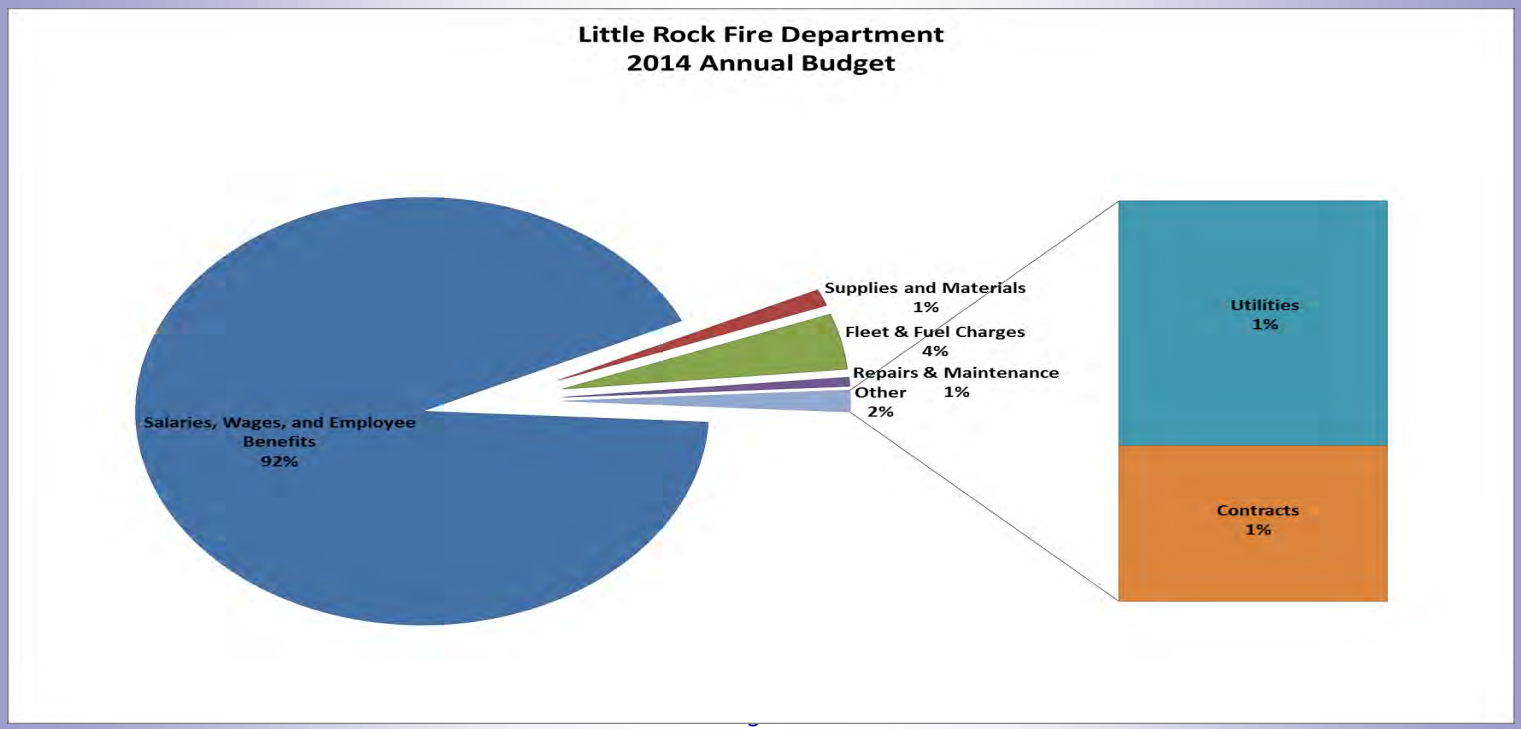
Gregory Summers
Fire Chief

Paula Patterson
Administrative Services Manager

Little Rock Fire Department
2014 Annual Budget

In 2014, the Little Rock Fire Department operated from a budget of $45,526,034. The majority of that budget, $41,982,747 (92.2%), was consumed in salaries, wages, and employee benefits. The remainder of the budget breaks down into $575,046 (1.2%) for supplies and materials, $1,918,979 (4.2%) for fleet and fuel charges, $306,012 (0.67%) for repairs and maintenance, $454,747 (1%) for utilities, and $288,503 (0.63%) for contracts.

The Little Rock Fire Department has been able to fund successful projects through the use of grants, government funding, and reoccurring revenue such as fees for fire reports, burn permits, daycare inspections, and a contract with Cammack Village. The largest occurring revenue comes from the contract with the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport. Successful grant projects include funding for an additional fire station, apparatus, training props and simulators, a free smoke and carbon monoxide alarm program, and initiating the Fire Department's community outreach, volunteer group the Little Rock Fire Corps. Additionally, a number of non-recurring capital improvement projects are funded through designated sales tax funds, short term financing, or the issuance of bonds. For example, a Southwest Little Rock fire station is slated to be constructed in 2016 with proceeds from a 3/8 cent sales tax for capital projects approved by voters in September 2011.



Purchasing

Sharon Forrester
Purchasing Agent

Purchasing carries out the various procurement functions for the Little Rock Fire Department by staying compliant with local, state, and federal laws. The goal is to have materials, supplies, and equipment meeting specifications, purchased for the Fire Department at the lowest cost, and delivered within a reasonable time frame.

The Purchasing Agent meets with vendors, and looks for opportunities to expand the vendor base to woman owned and minority vendors.

All Little Rock Fire Department invoices and utility bills are checked for accuracy, coded, and forwarded to the City of Little Rock Finance Department for payment.

Assistant Fire Chief

of Administration

Donald Bradley

Support

Air Management Systems

Communications

Payroll

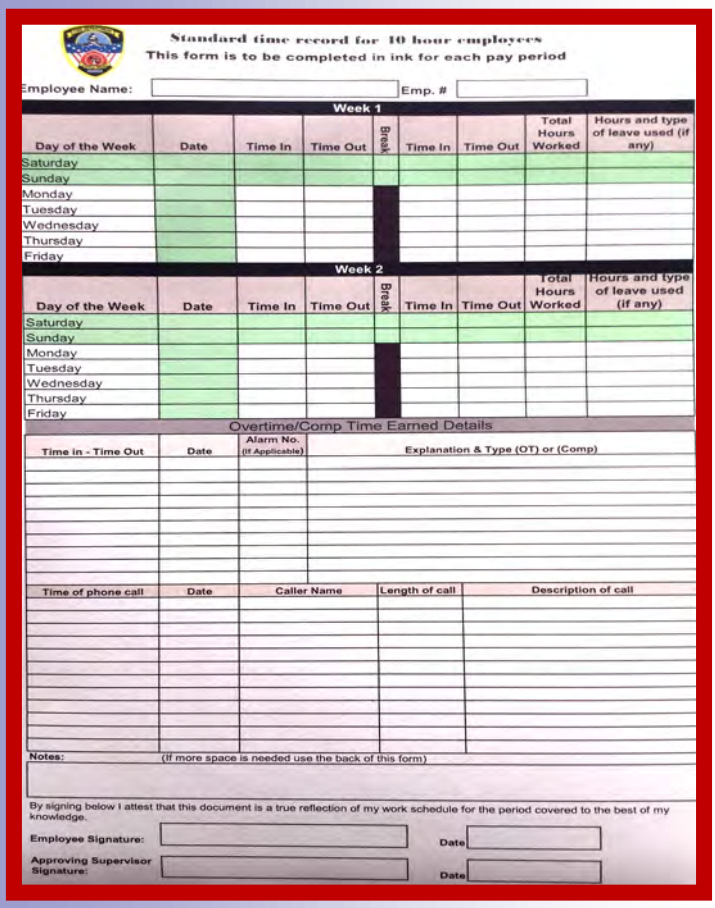
Logistics

Information Technology

Facilities Management

ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative Division provides a number of services to the Little Rock Fire Department. The division is comprised of two uniformed personnel, along with two full-time and one shared civilian personnel. With the limited staff and large number of services provided by this division the personnel have to fill many roles. The division is responsible for the delivery of quality services that relate to facility maintenance, payroll, supply, and logistics.



Standard time record for 10 hour employees
This form is to be completed in ink for each pay period

Employee Name: Emp. #

Week 1

Day of the Week	Date	Time In	Time Out	Break	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours Worked	Hours and type of leave used (if any)
Saturday								
Sunday								
Monday								
Tuesday								
Wednesday								
Thursday								
Friday								

Week 2

Day of the Week	Date	Time In	Time Out	Break	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours Worked	Hours and type of leave used (if any)
Saturday								
Sunday								
Monday								
Tuesday								
Wednesday								
Thursday								
Friday								

Overtime/Comp Time Earned Details

Time in - Time Out	Date	Alarm No. (if Applicable)	Explanation & Type (OT) or (Comp)

Time of phone call	Date	Caller Name	Length of call	Description of call

Notes: (If more space is needed use the back of this form)

By signing below I attest that this document is a true reflection of my work schedule for the period covered to the best of my knowledge.

Employee Signature: Date

Approving Supervisor Signature: Date

Payroll

The division has the responsibility for ensuring that proper payment is provided to all uniformed and civilian personnel. Record keeping for the 20 non-exempt 40 hour personnel is managed by utilizing a time sheet that each employee completes for the pay period. Entries for these employees is a manual process into the city's payroll software.

Record keeping for the 396 personnel assigned to the operations division is done utilizing a software program written in house by one of the City's computer programmer's in 2008. This system, simply known as "Fire Time Entry", allows for the mass export of payroll data for a given period which can then be directly uploaded into the city's payroll/financial software for processing.

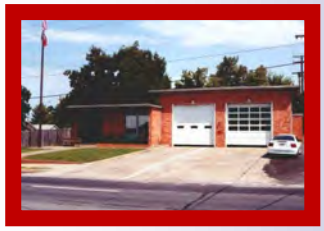
The Fire Time Entry program replaced a paper roster system that required manual entry into the City's financial software; this same process had been in place for over 25 years. This program greatly increased the accuracy of time entry and record keeping also allowing easy access to historical data.

The warehousing of supplies for emergency services, fire protection, training, and facility maintenance is extremely important. This function has a direct impact on the state of readiness of our Fire and EMS capabilities to deliver emergency services to our community.

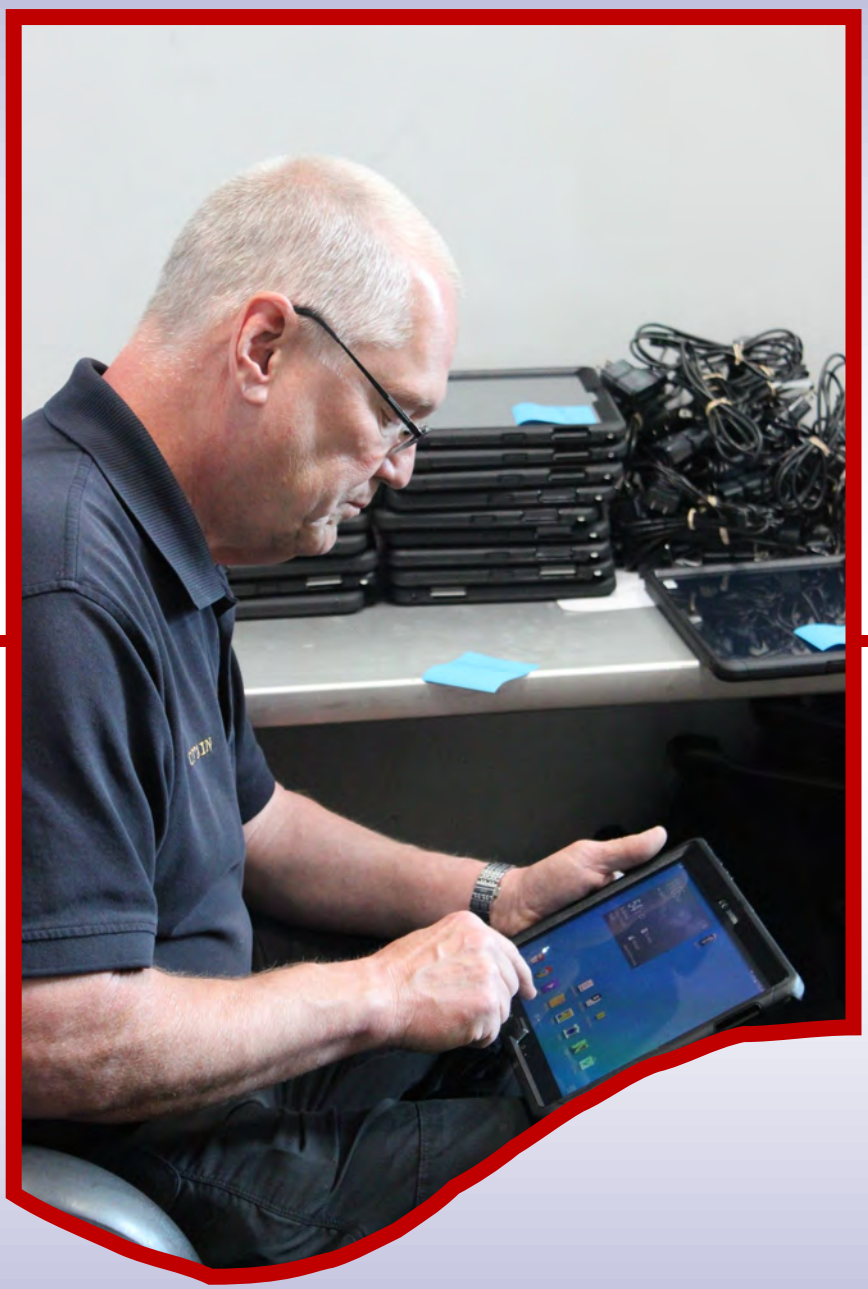
Facilities Warehouse and Supply/Logistics

Facilities Management

Facilities Management is responsible for coordinating all maintenance, repairs, and remodels of all fire stations with the city's Building Services Division and/or contract personnel. In addition, the division is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the vehicle exhaust systems in all of the fire stations.



The division of Information Technology and Communications is responsible for working with the city's Information Technology Department in meeting the Fire Department's IT needs. This includes evaluation of current hardware and software used by the department and recommending upgrades or additional software as needed. The division also works closely with the programming division in the design and development of programs needed by the department, such as the Fire Time Entry and Records Management programs.



Information Technology and Communications

The division maintains responsibility for the programming, installation, and repair of the departments 87 mobile, 228 portable, and 21 fire station/dispatch radios.

Communications

Odds and Ends

The Administration division is responsible for:

- Coordinating with Human Resources and the city's Loss Prevention Specialist in regard to all on-the-job injuries.
- Serving as liaison with the city's 911 dispatch center.
- Conduct Administrative Hearings concerning potential employee disciplinary actions.
- Working with the Human Resources Director in negotiating with the local labor union.
- Serve as the department's representative on the city's Catastrophic Leave Committee.
- Maintain the master personnel record in the Records Management System.
- Keep the personnel assignments in the city's financial software program current.
- Manage the department's modified duty program.
- Assist the city's Human Resources Department with the fire department promotional processes.
- Develop promotional material to be used by the Human Resources Department in the fire department promotional process.
- Oversee the annual testing of the city's 9,211 fire hydrants.

Assistant Fire Chief

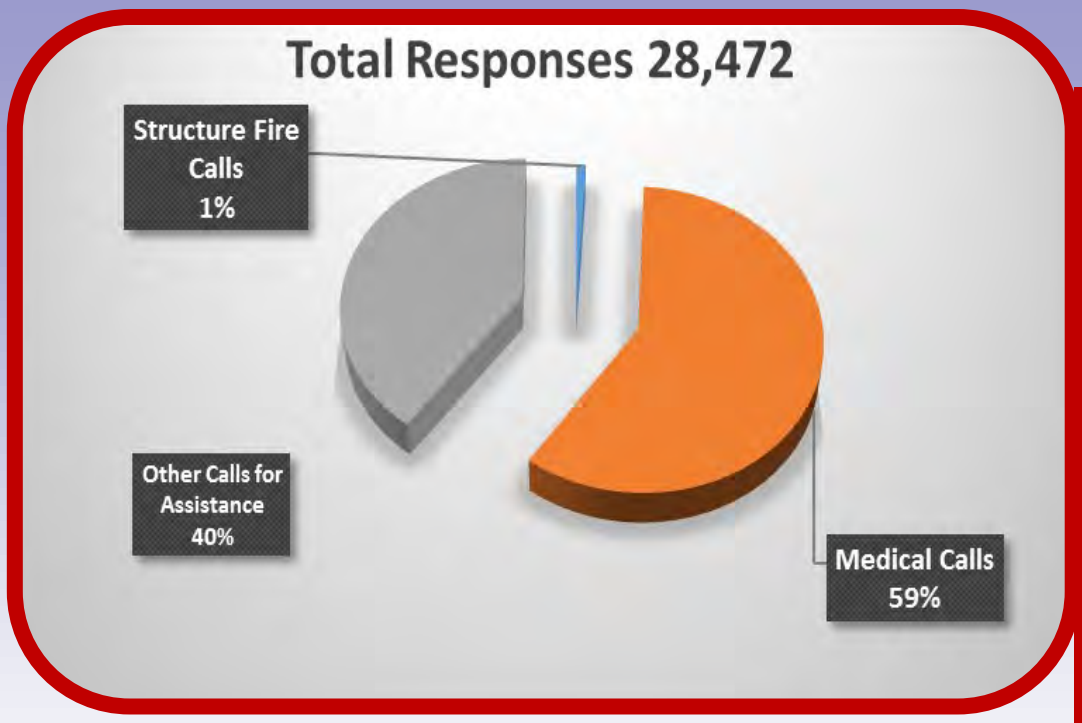
of Operations

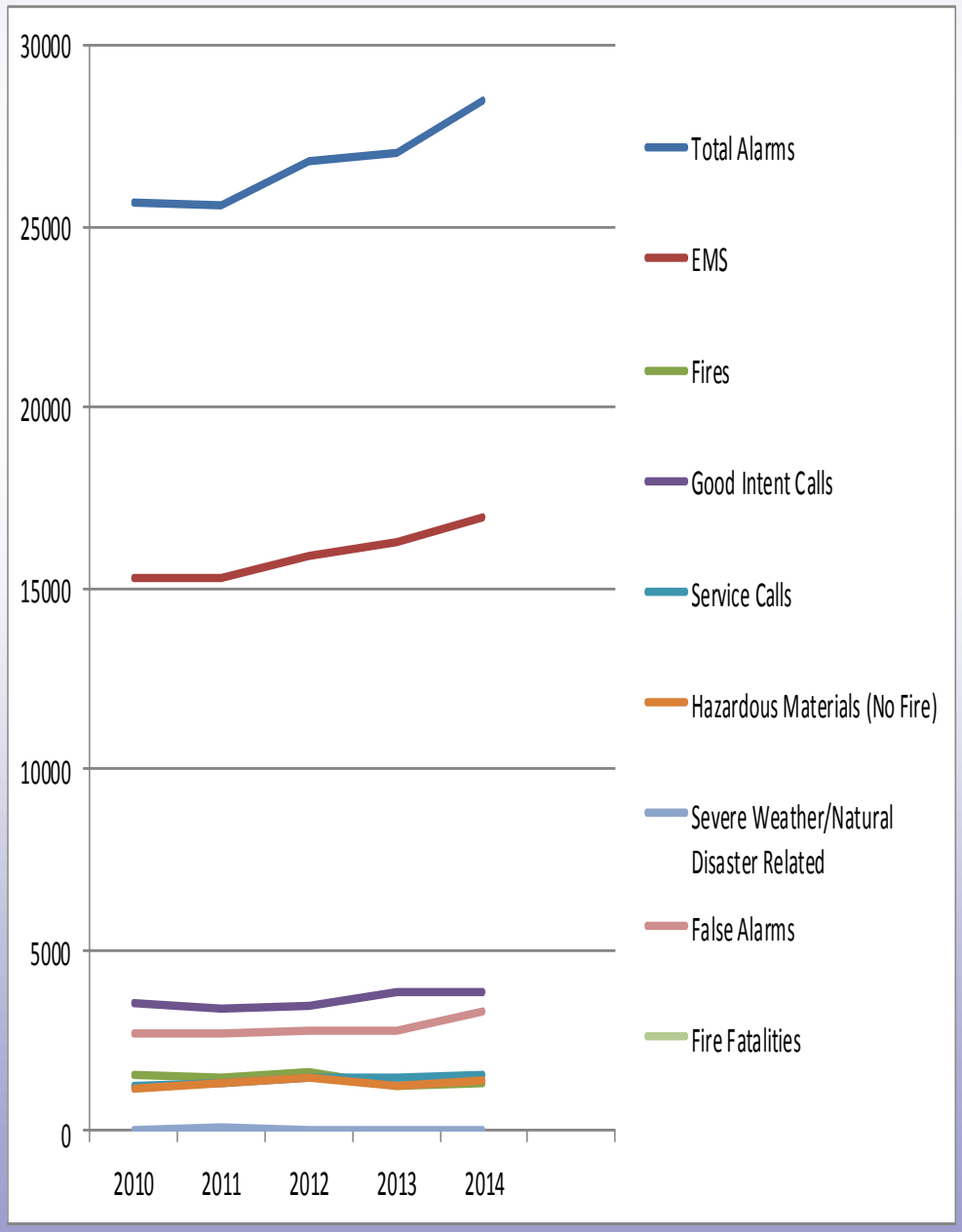
Douglas Coney

OPERATIONS

The Operations Division provides fire protection, rescue services and emergency medical response service to 197,357 citizens covering 121.982 square miles. The Fire Operations Division is divided into three 24-hour shifts (A, B, & C) and each shift is managed by a Shift Commander.

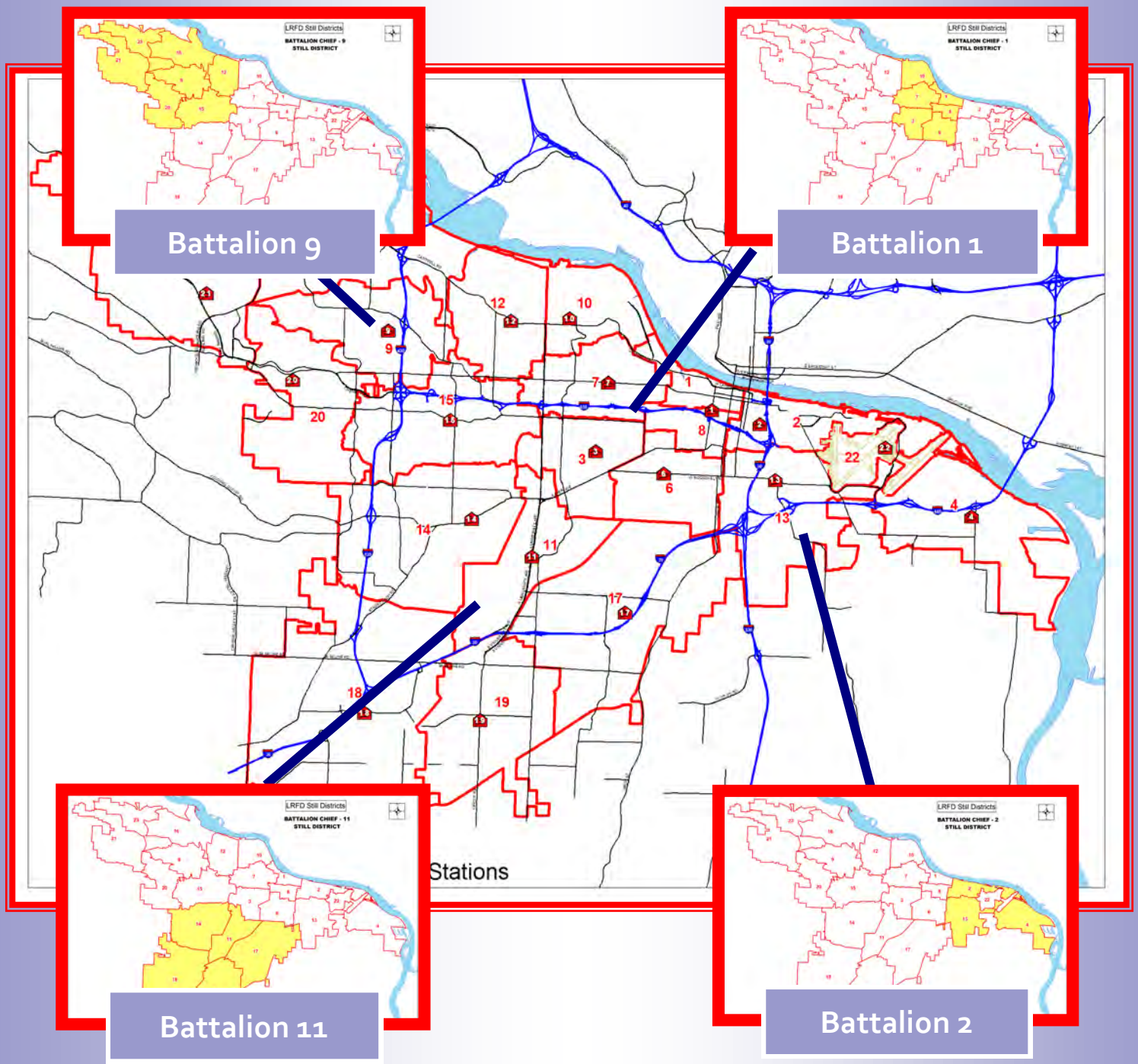
The Operations Division currently staffs 384 personnel operating out of 20 Fire Stations and includes 21 Engine Companies, 8 Aerial Ladder Companies, a Heavy Rescue Company, and a Hazardous Materials Company. The division also operates 2 inflatable boats as well as a fire boat on the Arkansas





The Little Rock Fire Department responded to 254 reports of structure fires, 16,776 Emergency Medical Calls, and 11,442 other calls for assistance. As Emergency Medical calls continue to be the majority of our responses, each member of the Little Rock Fire Department is required to maintain certification as an Emergency Medical Technician. Each of our response units currently carry Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and other Basic Life Support equipment to help provide our citizens with the best pre-hospital care.

The City is divided into (4) Battalions or service response areas managed by a Battalion Chief. Each Battalion Chief is responsible for the stations and personnel in their response areas.

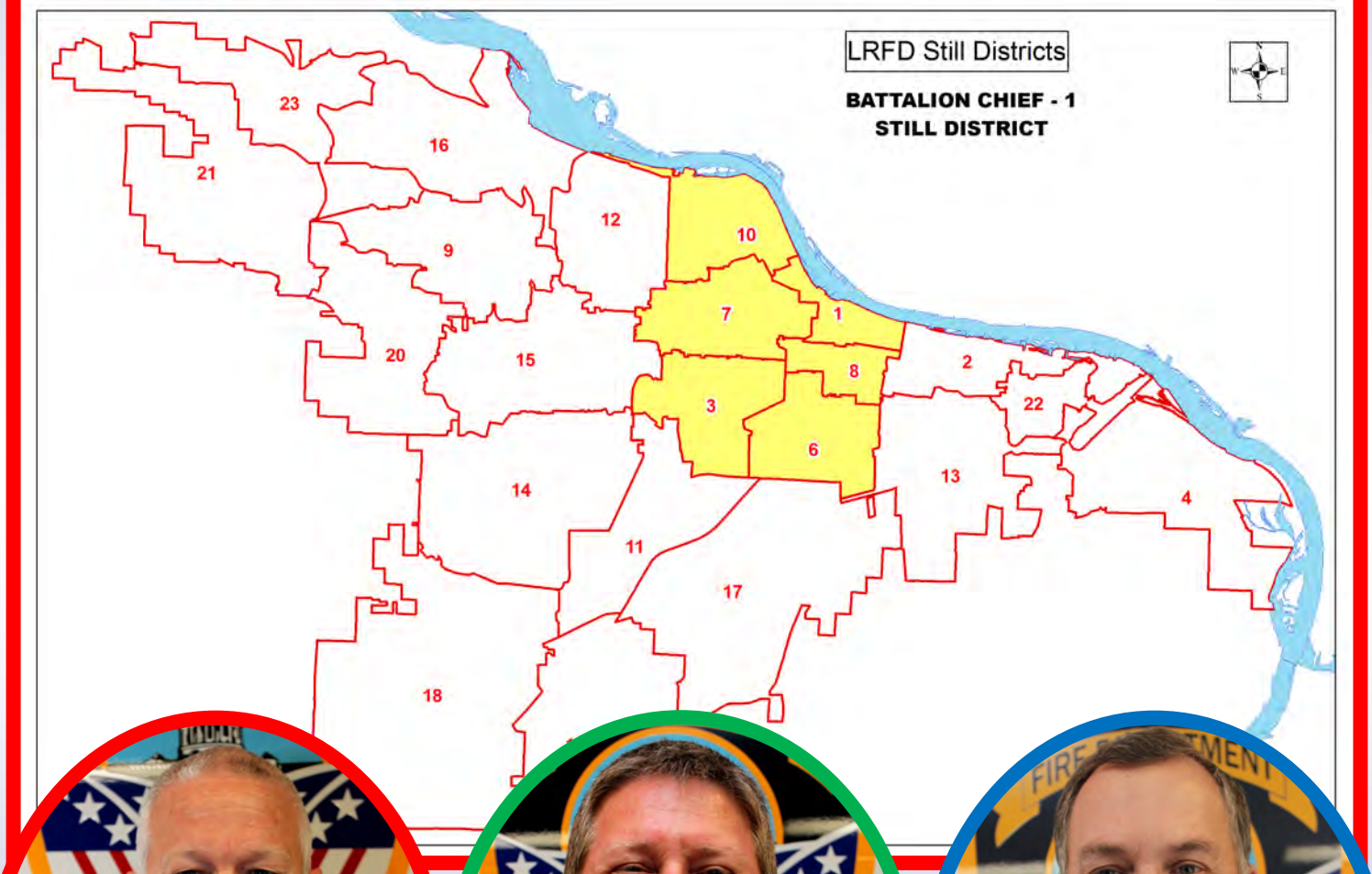


BATTALION ONE

A

B

C



Battalion Chief Scott Valentine

Battalion Chief Bryan Adkins

Battalion Chief Eugene Etheridge

Central Fire Station #1

Central Fire Station
624 South Chester Street

Units

Battalion Chief 1 - 1,665 Alarms
Engine 1—2,087 Alarms
Truck 1 - 1,513 Alarms
Engine 8 - 2,092 Alarms
Bomb Squad 1 - 108 Alarms
Bomb Squad 2 - 2 Alarms

7,467 Total Alarms

Hazardous Devices/Bomb Squad

The Little Rock Fire Department operates an FBI accredited Bomb Squad utilizing guidelines set forth by the Department of Justice. These guidelines direct the bomb squad and the bomb squad technicians assigned to it. The bomb squad is often called to assist external agencies such as the FBI, ATF, local and regional law enforcement and fire departments through mutual aid. The bomb squad consists of nine members and operates out of Little Rocks Central Fire Station. The bomb squad handles all suspicious package incidents within the city of Little Rock and many outside of the city limits. This includes Pulaski, Saline, and Lonoke counties, going even as far as Hot Springs in Garland County and Corning in Clay County. The bomb squad is regularly requested for marathons, football games, and other large scale events. They are also requested to be participants in joint exercises with law enforcement, hazardous materials teams, and military groups during stabilization and table top exercises. Because of the requirements and demands placed on the squad and its members it is vital that regular training take place. This training can involve basic and advanced electronics, active shooter, and joint training with the FBI and other bomb squads within the state.

Fire Station #3

Fire Station #3
4321 West 22nd Street

Units
Engine 3

2,479 Total Alarms

Fire Station #6

Fire Station #6
2218 West Roosevelt Road

Units
Engine 6

1,655 Total Alarms

Fire Station #7

Fire Station #7
4101 West Markham Road

Units
Engine 7 - 2,480 Alarms
Truck 7 - 1,409 Alarms

3,889 Total Alarms

Fire Station #10

Fire Station #10
5220 Kavanaugh Boulevard

Units
Engine 10

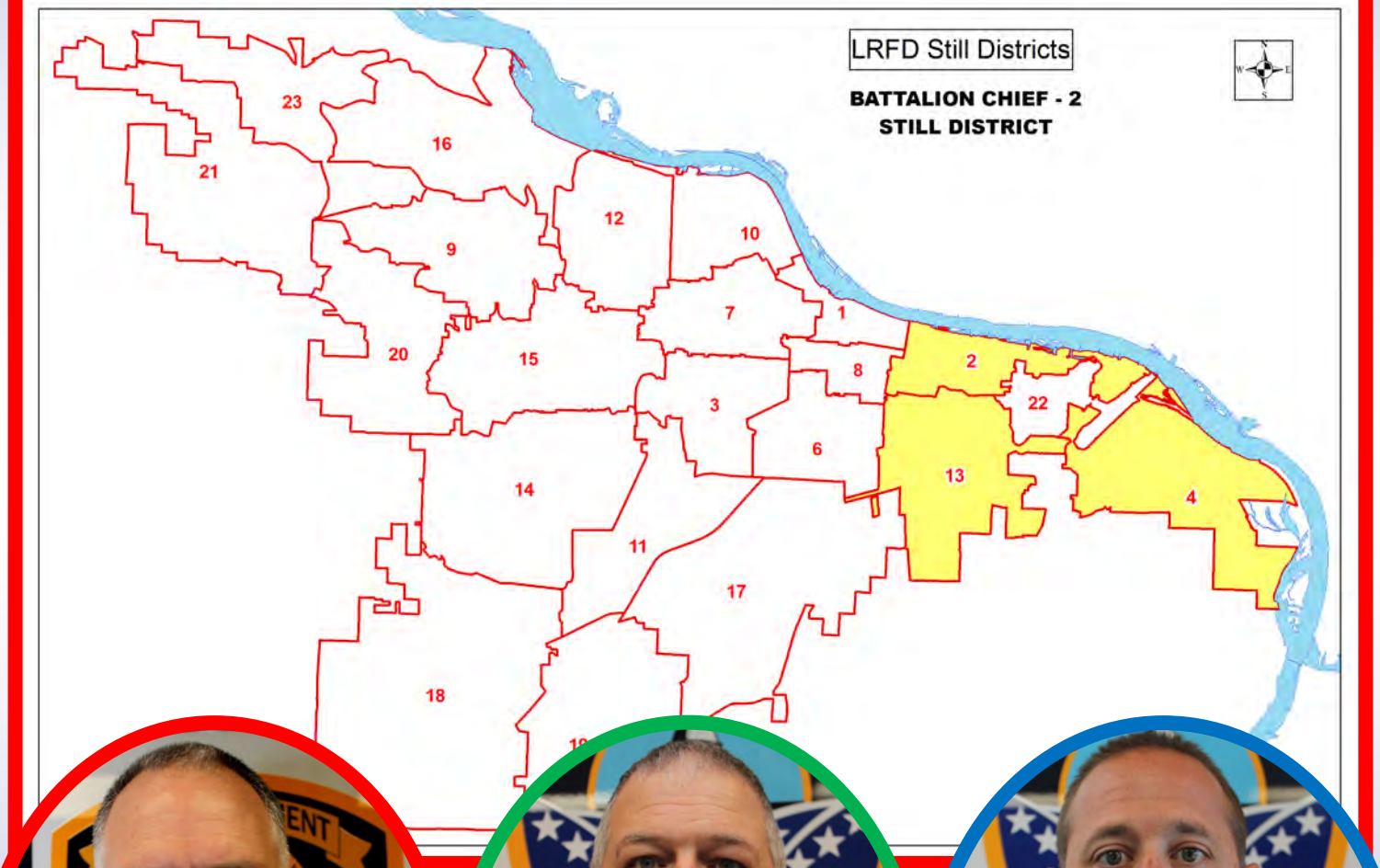
886 Total Alarms

BATTALION TWO

A

B

C



Battalion Chief Daniel Oberste

Battalion Chief William Sting

Battalion Chief Jeff West

Fire Station #2

Fire Station #2
524 East 9th Street

Units

Battalion Chief 2 - 1,282 Alarms
Engine 2 - 2,124 Alarms
Rescue 2 - 1,362 Alarms
Water Rescue 2 - 31 Alarms
Trench 2 - 7 Alarms

4,806 Total Alarms

Urban Search & Rescue

The LRFD USAR Team responds to high-angle rescue, swift water rescues, river rescue/firefighting, trench rescue, confined space rescue, structure collapse, vehicle extraction, and elevator rescue. USAR team members also respond to Hazardous Material incidents to assist and back up the LRFD Hazardous Materials Team as well as responding to structure fires throughout the city. The LRFD USAR Team is comprised of Rescue 2, Engine 2, and Battalion 2. Engine 21 and Truck 21 are also trained and equipped to respond to water rescue incidents on the west side of the city. The team also has several special apparatus at their disposal including: Water Rescue 2 (Inflatable Boat), River Rescue 2 (Fire/Rescue Boat), Trench 2 (Confined Space and Trench Collapse Unit), and Water Rescue 21 (Inflatable Boat). All of this equipment is housed at Stations 2 and 21.

Urban Search & Rescue (Cont.)

In 2014 Members of the LRFD USAR Team took training in swift water rescue, high-angle rescue, structural collapse, and extraction. The LRFD has ordered a replacement apparatus for Rescue 2 which should be in service by mid-March, 2015. Several new pieces of specialized rescue equipment were purchased and placed in service in 2014. Members of the USAR Team participated in several drills with members from other departments, all of which are a part of Arkansas Task Force 1. Several SOG's (Standard Operating Guidelines) were developed during 2014 for various USAR operations. LRFD USAR responded to the Mayflower/Vilonia tornado and participated in rescue operations as part of Arkansas Task Force 1 on April 28 & 29, 2014.

Fire Station #4

Fire Station #4
7500 Lindsey Road

Units
Engine 4 - 468 Alarms
Truck 4 - 250 Alarms

718 Total Alarms

Fire Station #13

Fire Station #13
1105 East Roosevelt Road

Units
Engine 13

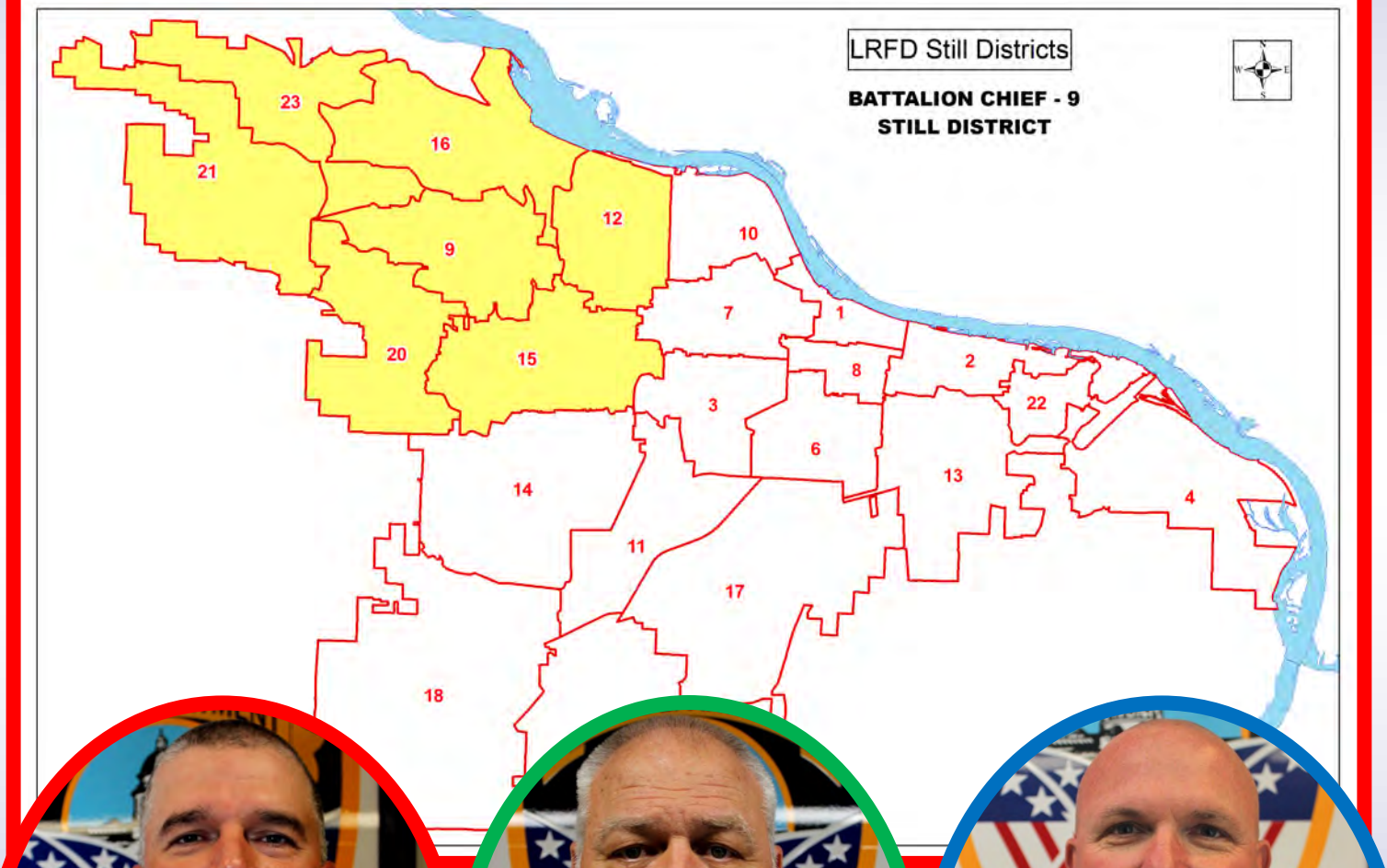
1,210 Total Alarms

BATTALION NINE

A

B

C



Battalion Chief Gene Earnhart

Battalion Chief Tommy Hoffman

Battalion Chief James Beck

Fire Station #9

Fire Station #9
1324 North Shackleford Drive

Units

Battalion Chief 9 - 1,270 Alarms
Engine 9 - 2,264 Alarms
Truck 9 - 971 Alarms

4,505 Total Alarms

Fire Station #12

Fire Station #12
7003 Cantrell Road

Units
Engine 12

1,300 Total Alarms

Fire Station #15

Fire Station #15
8915 Kanis Road

Units
Engine 15 - 2,930 Alarms
Truck 15 - 1,368 Alarms

4,298 Total Alarms

Fire Station #16

Fire Station #16
11000 SouthRidge Drive

Units
Engine 16

1,121 Total Alarms

Fire Station #20

Fire Station #20
300 Oak Meadow Drive

Units
Engine 20

1,228 Total Alarms

Fire Station #21

Fire Station #21
17000 Chenal Valley Drive

Units
Engine 21 - 781 Alarms
Truck21 - 441 Alarms

1,222 Total Alarms

Fire Station #23

Fire Station #23
12000 Rahling Road

Units
Engine 23 - 841 Alarms
Brush 23 - 36 Alarms

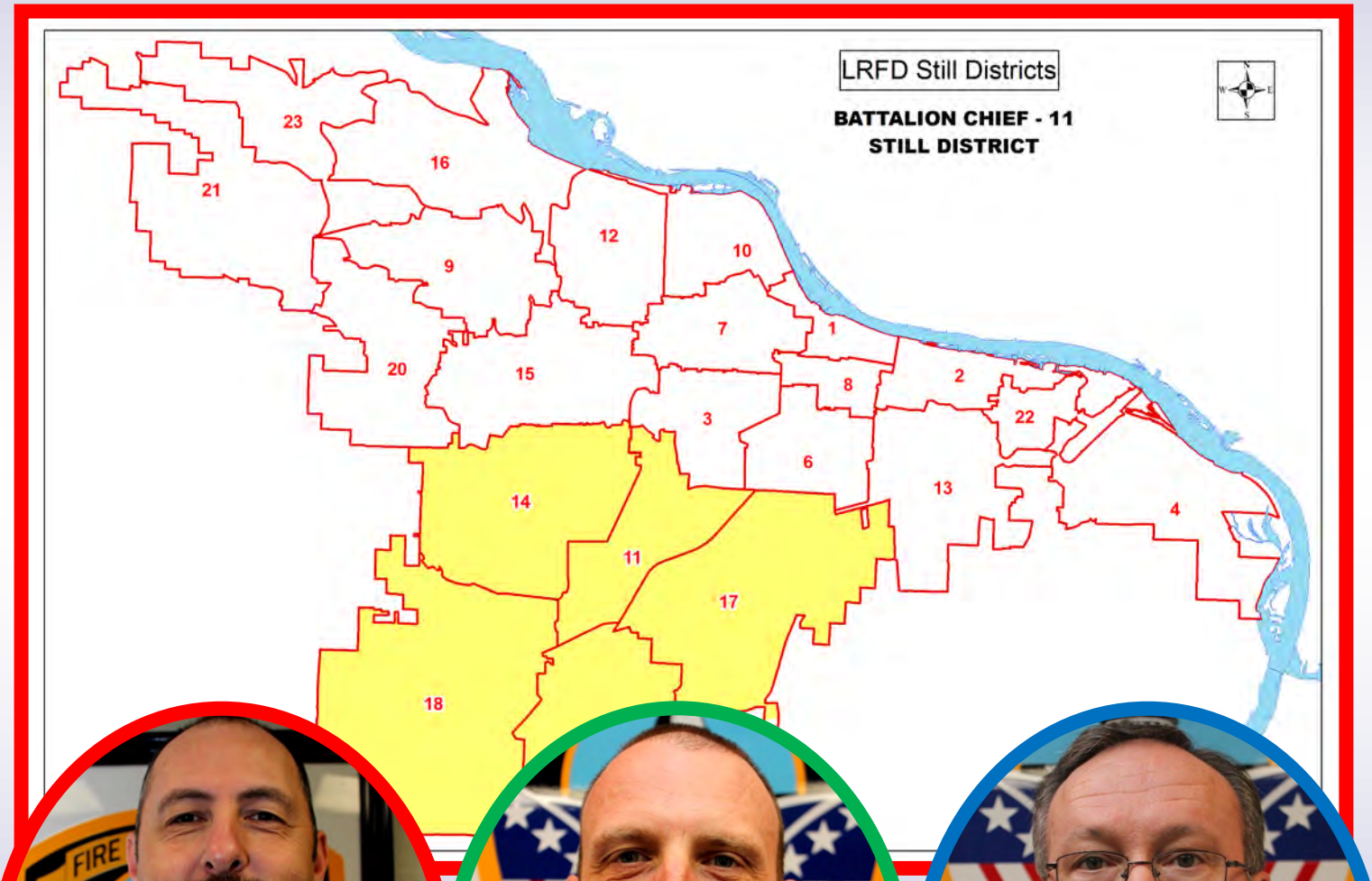
877 Total Alarms

BATTALION ELEVEN

A

B

C



Battalion Chief Eddie Rhine

Battalion Chief Andrew Shelby

Battalion Chief Vaden Holmes

Fire Station #11

Fire Station #11
5300 South University Avenue

Units

Battalion Chief 11 - 1,300 Alarms
Engine 11 - 1,932 Alarms
Truck 11 - 919 Alarms
Hazmat 11 - 579 Alarms
Decon 11 - 14 Alarms

4,744 Total Alarms

Hazardous Materials Team

The Little Rock Hazardous Materials Team responds to chemical spills, transportation incidents, and other hazardous materials incidents to mitigate the release and protect our citizens, personnel, and the environment to the extent possible. In addition, the Team responds to structure fires, providing air sampling procedures to ensure the atmospheres are within protocols for operations without self-contained breathing apparatus.

Fire Station #14

Fire Station #14
8121 Colonel Glenn Road

Units
Engine 14

1,766 Total Alarms

Fire Station #18

Fire Station #18
11500 Mabelvale West Road

Units

Engine 18 - 1,577 Alarms
Truck 18 - 610 Alarms

2,187 Total Alarms

Fire Station #19

Fire Station #19
10621 Chicot Road

Units
Engine 19

1,979 Total Alarms

Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF)

ARFF Division Chief
Wayne Craft

Fire Station #22
Airport

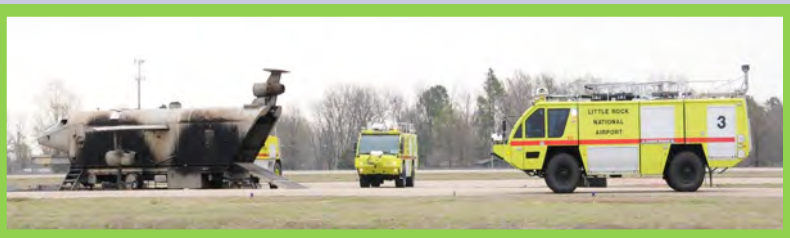
Fire Station #22 (Airport)
900 Temple Street

Units
ARFF Chief
Red Ball 1 - 126 Alarms
Red Ball 2 - 36 Alarms
Red Ball 3 - 36 Alarms
Red Ball 4 - 8 Alarms

206 Total Alarms

Aircraft Rescue & Fire-fighting (ARFF)

Fire station #22 is the home of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Division. The ARFF station is located at Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport. The Division is responsible for responding to aircraft emergencies at Clinton National Airport. Other duties performed by ARFF personnel are fire safety inspections on mobile fuel trucks and fixed fuel servicing stations, Emergency medical services and fire alarm responses at the airport terminal. 2014 was a successful year for the ARFF division. The FAA annual safety inspection was completed with zero discrepancies for the ARFF division. Certified Apparatus Engineers and Firefighters completed the annual ARFF vehicle operations certification and Live Fire Training with the Mobile Aircraft Firefighter Trainer. Two ARFF personnel attended the ARFF Chief Leadership Conference in Cape Coral, FL, and two received basic ARFF training at DFW Fire Training Research Center. Several ARFF personnel participated in a conference forum regarding a cohesive response to a suspected or confirmed Ebola patient at Clinton National Airport. In the public education area ARFF personnel assisted FF Hagar with his "Skype in the Classroom" session by giving a presentation and demonstration to kids in the classroom around the world through Skype.



FLEET

The Operations Division is also responsible for assisting the Fleet Services Department in maintaining all apparatus and keeping them in a state of readiness. Specifications are written and apparatus are inspected prior to being delivered to the city to ensure the apparatus meet the needs of the department. In 2014 the department, with the assistance of Fleet Acquisitions, wrote specifications for a Heavy Rescue, an Aerial Platform, 5 new engines and refurbishment specifications for an engine and the Hazardous Materials Unit. Currently the department has 98 pieces of equipment in the inventory.

ENGINES

Engine 1
2012 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
2,087 Total Alarms

Engine 2
2007 Pierce Contender Pump
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
2,124 Total Alarms

Engine 3
2015 E-One Cyclone II
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,750 Gallons Per Minute Discharge Capability
2,479 Total Alarms

Engine 4
1996 Pierce Engine
750 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
468 Total Alarms

Engine 6
2007 Pierce Contender
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,655 Total Alarms

Engine 7
2015 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,750 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
2,480 Total Alarms

Engine 8
2012 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
2,092 Total Alarms

Engine 9
2012 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
2.264 Total Alarms

Engine 10
1996 Pierce Engine
750 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
886 Total Alarms

Engine 11
2007 Pierce Contender
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,932 Total Alarms

Engine 12
1996 Pierce Engine
750 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,300 Total Alarms

Engine 13
2007 Pierce Contender
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,210 Total Alarms

Engine 14
2015 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,750 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,766 Total Alarms

Engine 15
2015 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,750 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
2,930 Total Alarms

Engine 16
2002 Pierce Engine
750 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,121 Total Alarms

Engine 17
2002 Pierce Engine
750 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,981 Total Alarms

Engine 18
2015 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,750 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,577 Total Alarms

Engine 19
2015 E-One Cyclone II Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class A Foam Tank/ 30 Class B Foam Tank
1,750 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,979 Total Alarms

Engine 20
2007 Pierce Contender Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
1,228 Total Alarms

Engine 21
2007 Pierce Contender Engine
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
781 Total Alarms

Engine 23
2007 Pierce Contender
720 Gallon Tank/ 30 Gallon Class B Foam Tank
1,500 Gallon Per Minute Discharge Capability
841 Total Alarms

Total On-Board Water

15,270 Gallons

Total Pumping Capability

33,000 Gallons Per Minute

Total On-Board Class A Foam

270 Gallons

Total On-Board Class B Foam

630 Gallons

LADDER TRUCKS

Truck 1
2003 Pierce Dash MFD
100 Foot Aerial Ladder
1,513 Total Alarms

Truck 4
1993 Pierce
100 Foot Aerial Platform
250 Total Alarms

Truck 7
2003 Pierce Dash MFD
100 Foot Aerial Ladder
1,409 Total Alarms

Truck 9
2009 E-One HP
100 Foot Aerial Ladder
971 Total Alarms

Truck 11
2012 E-One HP
100 Foot Aerial Ladder
919 Total Alarms

Truck 15
2015 E-One Cyclone II
100 Foot Aerial Platform

Truck 18
1994 Peirce
100 Foot Aerial Platform
610 Total Alarms

Truck 21
2006 Pierce
100 Foot Aerial Platform
441 Total Alarms

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Rescue 2
2015 E-One Cyclone II Heavy Rescue
1,362 Total Alarms

Hazmat 11
1998 Pierce Lance 1/4 Tilt
579 Total Alarms

Training & Professional Development

Training Division Chief

Bob Hunthrop

Captain Rick Miller

Captain McKinnley Davis

Captain Brandon Butler

Engineer Nathan Collie

Training & Professional Development

The Little Rock Fire Department Training Division took 2014 at an amazingly high operational tempo. Our team of five dedicated Training Division Staff members and numerous Adjunct Instructors worked extremely hard to train nine new firefighters, as well as refine and augment existing incumbent training programs, and enhance our media-based capabilities.

Recruits and Incumbents

Our Recruit Academy 2014A began the year with 9 Recruits from LRFD and 3 from Bryant FD. After 20 intense weeks of training, 12 new firefighters graduated and the 9 LR Recruits were assigned to the Operations Division. Our team continues to work towards improving our training plans, systems, and programs.

The Recruit Training Program is only one example of our commitment to our department and to our community. However, our team also worked feverishly towards developing and providing the best education and training courses for our incumbent firefighters.

Perpetual Improvement

The Training Division continued their innovations and offered a menu of courses department wide for Firefighters, Engineers, and Officers for skills development at the certification/license and non-certification levels. Mandatory continuing education for 415 members' EMT licenses was a key focus this year but multiple components of the Engineer Certification, Officer Certification, and Swiftwater Rescue Technician were also provided. **Eg:** 24 hour EMT refresher course, Emergency Vehicle Driving, NFPA Road Course, Fire Apparatus Driving Simulator, Inflatable Boat class, Swiftwater Technician class, and IS-200 Incident Command for Single Resources on-line course. Training Staff coordinated with Human Resources to provide professional development by way of Sexual Harassment courses department wide, and Reasonable Suspicion courses for supervisors.

2014 LRFD Training -

	Hours	# instructors	# classes	total hours		total students
EMT Refresher-day 1	7	1	25	175		
EMT Refresher-day2	7	3	25	525		
EMT Refresher-day3	7	2	25	350		
EMT total				1,050	75.49%	415
EVD Practicals	1	1	55	55		55
NFPA 1002 Road Course	1	3	18	54		119
Driving Simulator	2	1	65	130		186
Inflatable Boat class	6	1	3	18		42
Swiftwater Tech class	16	1	3	48		48
Probationary evaluations	2	2	18	36		9
Sexual Harassment	1	HR-1	24	-		403
Reasonable Suspicion	2	HR-1	18	-		160
IS-200 on-line	3	0	190			190
Total Hours- Division Training Instructor Hours				1,391		
Total Hours- Student Participation						11,592
Recruit School - 20 Weeks	800	4	1			9

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Fire Prevention & Community Outreach

Mission Statement

The mission of the Little Rock Fire Prevention Division is to minimize the effects fire has on the lives and property of the citizens of Little Rock through education, determining fire origins and causes, adherence to Fire Code by thorough inspections of businesses and building plans, and through following industry best practices and standards.

The Little Rock Fire Prevention and Community Outreach Division is overseen by the Chief Fire Marshal and consists of one Deputy Fire Marshal, six Assistant Fire Marshals, and one Accreditation Manager. The Division is tasked with many responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to, code enforcement, plans review, fire investigation, fire safety education, public relations, and accreditation.

Each member of the division has multiple responsibilities that are met on a daily basis, as well as maintaining inspections of the City's 117 high-rise buildings, 65 schools and universities, 5 hospitals, and countless adult and child care facilities and restaurants. Little Rock's Fire Prevention Office encompasses the Department's Accreditation Division, which is staffed by three fire prevention officers. The Little Rock Fire Department is committed to being an accredited agency through the Center for Public Safety Excellence under the umbrella of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

Fire Safety Education

Fire Prevention has two officers that serve as the Department's Fire Safety Educators and Community Outreach Team. Approximately one thousand programs are delivered each year to the City's schools, seniors, communities, and various organizations. These programs consist of classroom presentations teaching home fire safety, exit drills in the home (E.D.I.T.H.), and in-service training such as how to use a fire extinguisher. Programs also consist of numerous fire station tours, as well as participation in safety programs with partner organizations such as Arkansas Children's Hospital. In addition, Fire Prevention, through partnership with the Keep Kids Fire Safe Foundation, participates in the weekly children's fire safety show "Safety Spot", as well as helping provide in-class fire safety programs with schools across the globe via "Skype In the Classroom".

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Little Rock Fire Department is committed to improving the well-being of the communities it serves. This is accomplished through Fire Prevention's community outreach initiatives. Many programs are in place to provide a higher quality of safety for the citizens of Little Rock. These programs include the "Save-A-Life Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm" program which allows the fire department to install free smoke and CO detectors in the homes of low income residents, free blood pressure checks at all Little Rock Fire Stations, child passenger seat installations, and the "Beat the Heat" summer fan drive which provides box fans for the elderly and families that do not have adequate air conditioning. Community Outreach participates with other organizations as well such as the THV11 Summer Cereal Drive, Ozark Water Project shoe drive, the Arkansas Department of Human Service's holiday toy drive, and many other businesses to hold the Department's annual "Fire Safety Day" during Fire Prevention Week. To enhance community outreach efforts, the Fire Prevention Division manages accounts across many social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+, and YouTube for the fire department.

In 2012 Fire Prevention developed the Little Rock Fire Corps for the purpose of delivering and installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Since its inception, the Fire Corps has grown to provide many valuable programs to the City of Little Rock as well as participation in the programs mentioned above. The Fire Corps program continues to grow, offering a total of over 1,000 volunteer hours at the end of 2014. Fire Corps also helps Fire Prevention provide additional staffing during large community outreach events like the Arkansas State Fair and RiverFest.

In 2013 Fire Prevention partnered with the Little Rock School District to implement the Junior Fire Cadet Program. This program allows high school students within the Little Rock School District to participate in hands-on fire and EMS training with the Little Rock Fire Department and Metropolitan Emergency Medical Service. Students are given the opportunity as an elective to participate in the program at Metropolitan Vo-Tech School, where they have access to a dedicated instructor as well as members of the fire department and other emergency services personnel. Students that complete the entire Junior Cadet Program are enrolled into the Senior Cadet Program, which pays a stipend towards their college education and prepares the student for a career in emergency services.

The Little Rock Fire Marshal's office serves as the jurisdictional authority and is responsible for enforcing the International Fire Code, Arkansas Fire Code, and Little Rock City Ordinances. This is accomplished through oversight of all building and remodeling plans for businesses, biannual inspections of all businesses (done through Fire Prevention and on the Operations level), and code enforcement. Little Rock Fire Marshals are certified law enforcement, allowing them to write citations for code violations and make arrests on arson investigations under the authority of the Chief Fire Marshal. The Fire Prevention Division made 23 arson arrests in 2014, which, in tandem with education and community outreach efforts, resulted in zero fire deaths.

Fire Prevention & Community Outreach Summary

Fire Prevention & Community Outreach	2013	2014
Fire Investigations	291	276
Arson	N/A	56
Arrests	11	26
Convictions	12	28
Arson Dollar Loss	N/A	$1,867,30
Fire Prevention Programs	703	973
Smoke Alarms Distributed/Installed	257	255
Little Rock Fire Corps Members	18	15
Little Rock Fire Corps Total Volunteer Hours	289.25	1,021.25

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