

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 12/4/2025

Call Volume: November had 216 requests for service: 911 EMS 100, Transfers 84, Dive 0, and Fire 32
October had 194 requests for service: 911 EMS 90, Transfers 79, Dive 0, and Fire 25

Staffing

District Staffing Level: 99 members

Command Staff: 4 (1 Career Fire Chief & 3 POC Deputy Chief)

Administrative Assistant: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 38 members: 32 POC, 1 PT, & 3 Career (11 fire, 24 fire/EMS, 2 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 34 members: 32 POC & 2 Career (15 fire, 10 fire/EMS/dive, 1 EMS, & 8 dive)

St 6 has 20 members: 17 POC, 1 PT, & 2 Career (12 fire, 7 fire/EMS, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 51 members trained as EMS Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 28-member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 20 members (12 Divers & 8 support staff)

Department Interview(s)

Accepting application for eligibility list for career and part-time FF/EMT, FF/AEMT, and FF/EMT-P for positions in 2026

3 new applicants have applied for an interview for paid on call positions

New Members that have started orientation

ELFF/AEMT Robert Kelsall on 10/17/2025 assigned to Station 6

Members that have completed orientation

ELFF Nathanel Bogle effective 11/17/2025 assigned to Station 3

ELFF/EMT Luran Saleh effective 11/19/2025 assigned to Station 1

ELFF/EMR Bruce Miller on 11/19/2025 assigned to Station 1

Members that have completed Fire Training

Berry McCaffery – Fire Fighter II effective 10/9/2025

Rachel Sting – Firefighter II effective 10/9/2025

James Lange - Firefighter II effective 10/9/2025

Kriston Koffler - Firefighter II effective 10/9/2025

Dennis Hutchison - Firefighter II effective 10/9/2025

Anthony J Schlueter effective 11/12/2025

Ben Buchanan - Firefighter 1 effective 11/18/2025

Members do Ambulance Field Training

FF/EMT-P Haley Lane effective 9/2/2025

Member service anniversary this month

DC Cory Scheidler (EMT) – 16 years of service

FF/EMT-P Haley Hanson - 6 years of service

Training Officer Charles Holloway (EMT) - 6 years of service

FF/EMT-P Kaden Scott - 3 years of service

Capt TJ Schemenauer – 7 years of service

Diver Eric Huebler – 7 years of service

FF Ron Dreger – 37 years of service

Capt Robbie Kerjci – 13 years of service

FF Tim Mirron – 3 years of service

Training Officer Josh Pake - 3 years of service

EMT Michelle Scheidler - 5 years of service

FF Bryce Sikora – 2 years of service

Fire Inspector Rebecca Shervey – 20 years of service

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FF Joe Schindler – 37 years of service
FF Dan Syverson – 37 years of service
FF/CC EMT-P Steve Weyers – 15 years of service
Capt Ron Wolf (CC EMT-P) - 34 years of service

Members that have left

FF/EMT Hannah Millerman effective 11/25/2025

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 901 RIT Operations

SOP 1009 Patient Care

MOG 3250 Fire Risk Analysis

Note: SOP 104 Qualification and Membership

SOP 1014 Minimum EMS Training

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Medic 4 in for service on 11/20/2025

Engine 6 front and side scene light serviced on 11/20/2025

Brush 1 in for alternator issue on 11/24/2025

Squad 3 air shoreline replaced on 11/26/2025

Truck 1 shoreline outlet cover replaced on 11/28/2025

Tender 3 shoreline check valve replace on 12/03/2025

Medic 4 door latch serviced on 12/04/2025

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 12/3/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Station Officers, and members.

Station 3 meeting was held on 11/19/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

Station 6 meeting was held on 11/19/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

Meeting was held on 11/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Dc Nowak, DC Scheidler, and several employees of the District.

Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting was held on 10/28/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, DC Jeffers, Station Officers, Station members, and several from the public.

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 1/27/2026

Officer's Meetings

District Officers Meeting held on 11/6/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Scheidler, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers.

Station 1 Officer Meeting on 11/5/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, and Station Officers for new members

Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 10/15/2025 at Station 1 at 7:30am

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting to be held on 12/15/2025 at Station 1 at 7:30am

District Trainings

Fire Training

Nov: SCBA drills and initial fire attack/transitional attack Station 3 building

EMS Training

Nov: Annual Airway/Skill Training with Medical Director Doc Young

Other Meetings/Activities

CC Traffic Safety Committee Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 11/13/2025

NCFCA Meeting online attended by Chief Bernette on 11/20/2025

ImageTrend Meeting on the NERIS Reporting Software attended virtually by Chief Bernette on 11/25/2025

District Safety Topic

December: Hazards of Dehydration in Winter

While dehydration is commonly associated with hot weather, it's equally important to stay hydrated during winter. Cold weather suppresses thirst, making it easy to overlook hydration needs. Encourage members to:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty.
- Recognize signs of dehydration, such as dry skin, fatigue, and headaches.
- Opt for warm, hydrating beverages like herbal teas or broths.

Providing accessible water on calls and at the stations. Educating members on hydration as it can boost energy levels and overall well-being.

Note: If you see something, say something!