

Red Bank Fire Department

Annual Report

2023





Message from the Chief

This past year was certainly an exciting year for the City of Red Bank and the Red Bank Fire Department! We were fortunate to acquire a new engine to replace a 1979 apparatus, a UTV capable of multi-discipline responses, and complete a department restructuring to better serve our citizens, standardize our shift structure, and provide better upward mobility for our dedicated firefighters.

In 2023, our department answered 1,017 calls for service in our community. Although this is a slight decrease from last year, less than one percent, our call volume has increased approximately 12% more than in 2021 and 32% more than in 2020. Our personnel continue to respond to all hazards and provide the expertise and compassionate care that the public expects when they dial 911.

As we close out 2023, we are eager to see what the future has in store for Red Bank and how we can continue to serve our community through the Red Bank Way!

G. Brent Sylar
Fire Chief

Our Mission

The mission of the Red Bank Fire Department is to protect lives, property, and the environment by providing a high-quality of service that is prompt, skillful, caring, resourceful, and cost-effective.

Fire Department Staff



Fire Chief
G. Brent Sylar



Deputy Chief
D. Eddie Iles



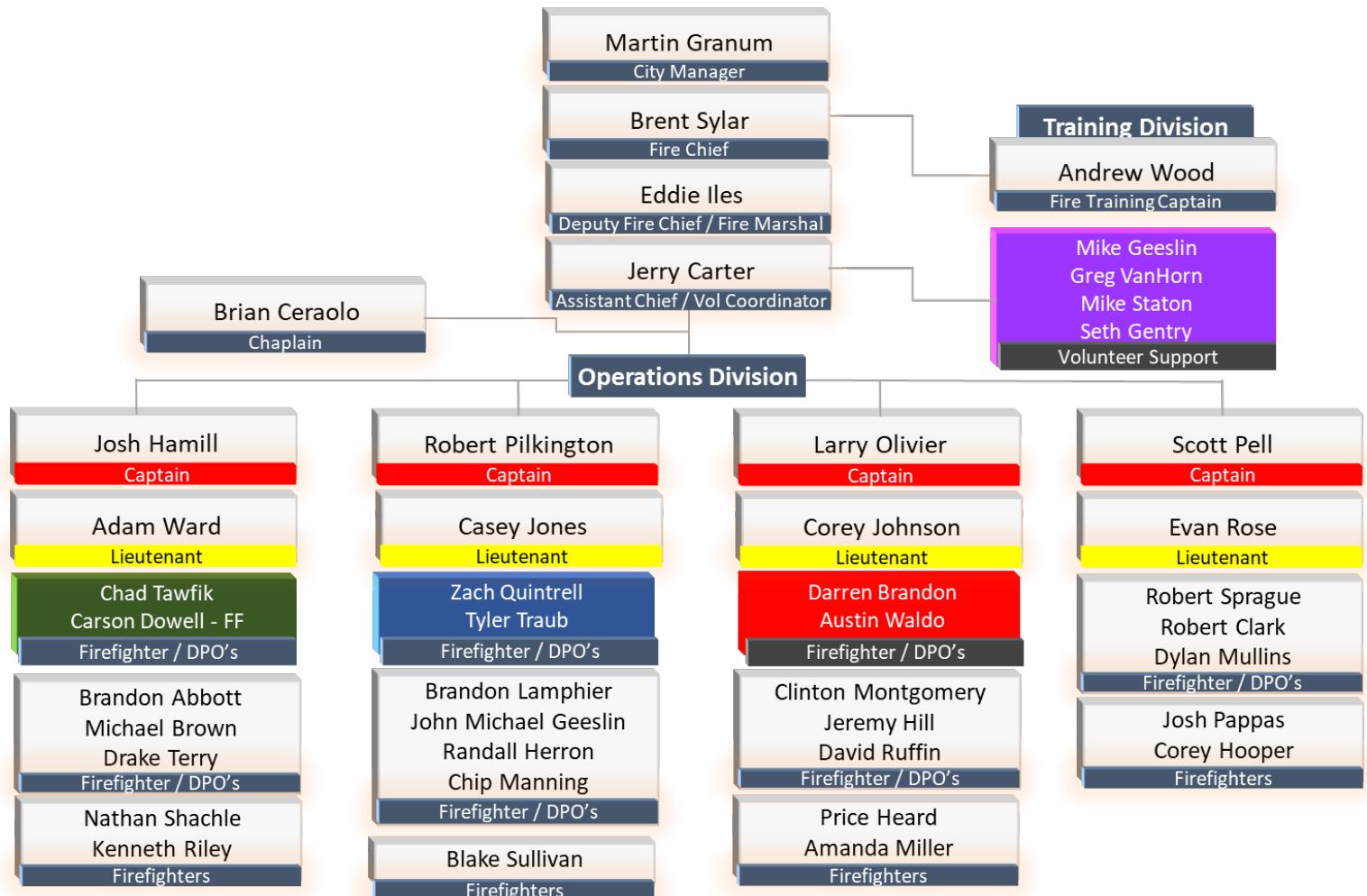
Assistant Chief
Jerry Carter



Training Captain
Andrew Wood



Organizational Structure





Incident Statistics

Breakdown by Major Incident Types

Fires: 49

Overpressure Ruptures, Explosions, Overheating: 1

Rescue and Emergency Medical Services: 472

Hazardous Conditions: 65

Service Calls: 230

Good Intent Calls: 123

False Alarm and False Calls: 77

Total Call Volume for 2022: 1,017

Fires

Building Fires: 16

Passenger Vehicle Fire: 6

Brush, Grass, and Outside Fires: 25

Dumpster Fire: 2

Total Fires: 49

Rescue and Emergency Services

Emergency Medical Calls: 220

Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries: 36

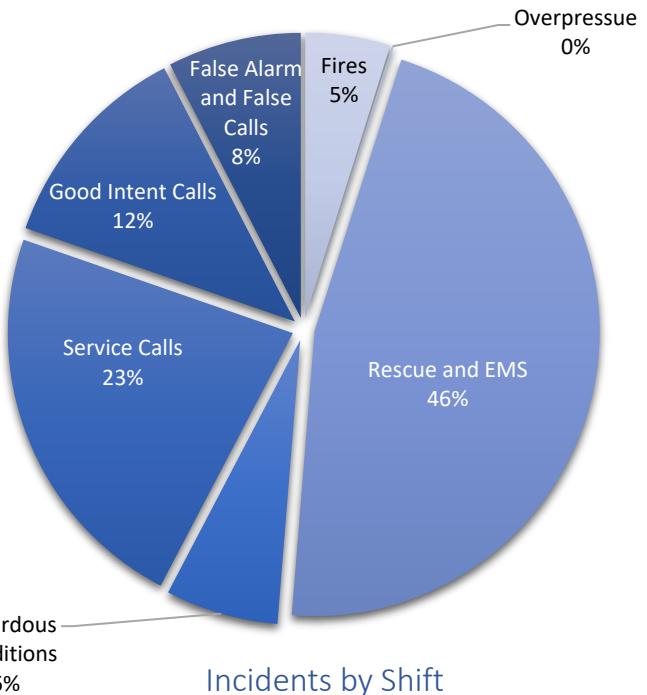
Motor Vehicle Accidents without Injuries: 30

Motor Vehicle Accidents with Entrapment: 3

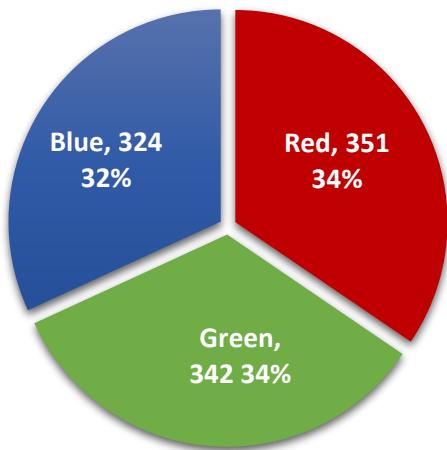
Elevator Emergencies: 5

Medical Assist (Assist EMS): 178

Total Rescue and EMS Calls: 472

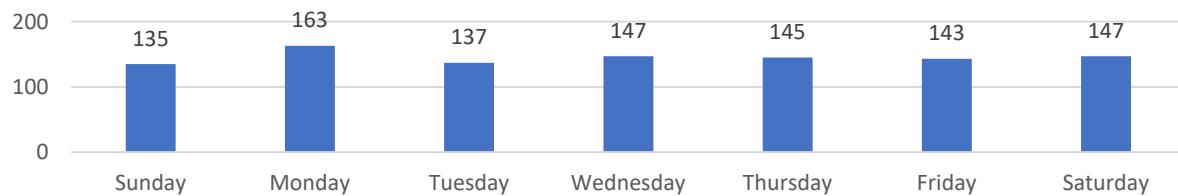


Incidents by Shift

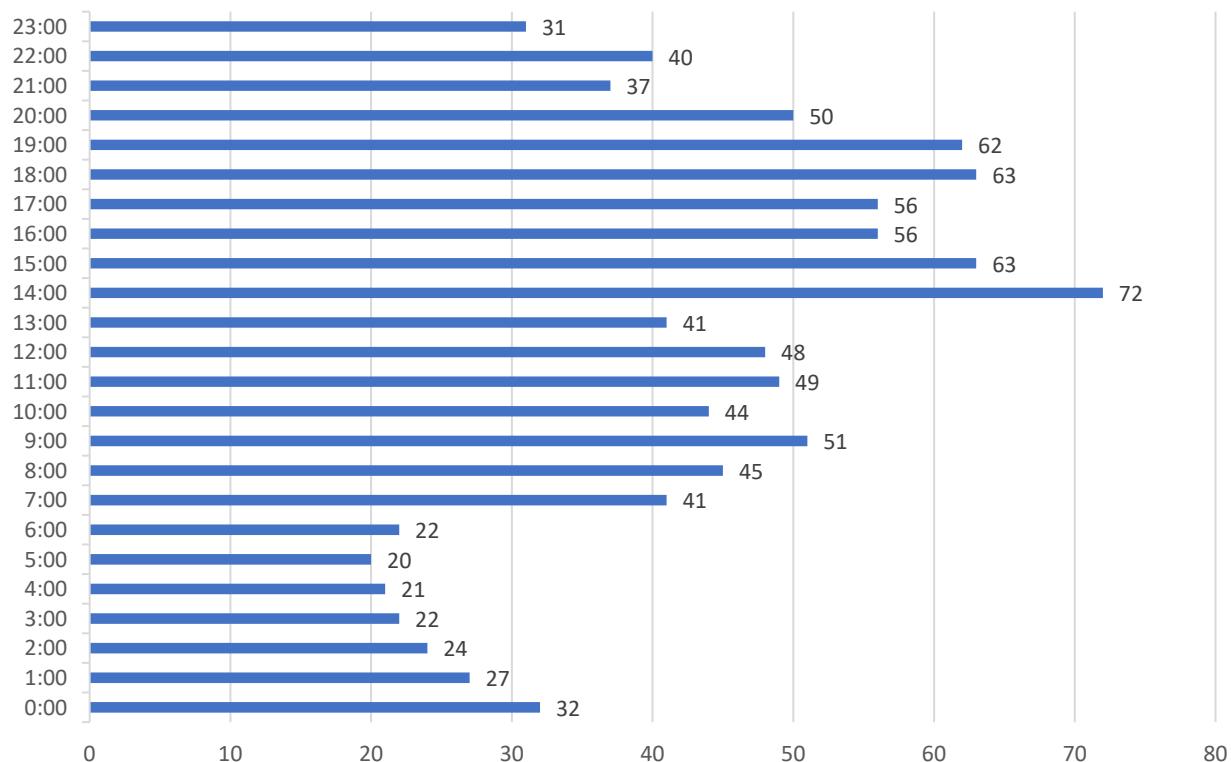




Incidents by Day of the Week



Incidents by Time of Day



Fire Prevention

An essential service of the fire department is the prevention of fires before they occur and educating the public on what to do in case of these emergencies.

Fire Inspections

Total Fire Inspections for 2023: 145

Public Education

Total Public Education contacts: 1613

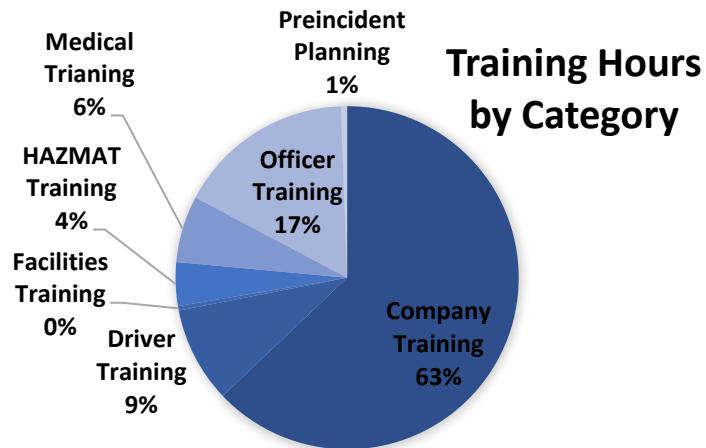


Fire Training

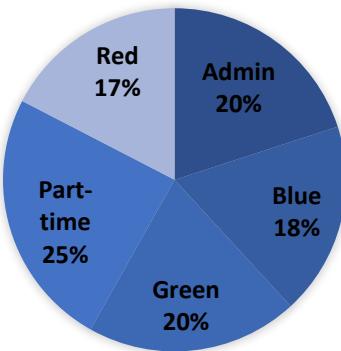
This last year was an exciting year for training as the first full year having a dedicated Training Officer to coordinate and oversee training. Our personnel totaled almost 5,000 hours of training in 2023 and averaged 13 manhours of training conducted each day.

In addition to normal company training, we also invested in professional development, sending personnel to professional development courses and conferences around the state and the country to ensure that we continue to provide our citizens with the best levels of service possible. This includes courses and conferences at the Fire Department Instructor's Conference, the International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Alabama Fire College.

In an effort to better diversify our technical rescue personnel, we also sent personnel to the Chattanooga Fire Department and Alabama Fire College for courses such as Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Structural Collapse Rescue. These personnel are attached to the Tennessee Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Taskforce 4 and are able to deploy in times of disaster for specialized rescues.



Training Hours by Shift





Promotions and New Additions and Recognitions

Promotions

Larry Olivier, Promoted from Firefighter/DPO to Captain and Shift Commander of Red Shift

Robert Pilkington, Promoted from Firefighter/DPO to Captain and Shift Commander of Blue Shift

Adam Ward, Promoted from Firefighter/DPO to Lieutenant at Station 2 on Green Shift

New Personnel

Carson Dowell, Firefighter/DPO, Transitioned from part-time to full-time.

Tyler Traub, Firefighter/DPO, Transitioned from part-time to full-time.

Chip Manning, Firefighter/DPO, Re-hire as part-time.

Corey Hooper, Firefighter/DPO, New hire as part-time.

Recognitions

Five Years of Service

Lieutenant Corey Johnson – January 22, 2018

Lieutenant Casey Jones – July 9, 2018

Firefighter/DPO Darren Brandon – September 29, 2018

Ten Years of Service

Captain Larry Olivier – July 12, 2013

Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter/DPO Chad Tawfik

Acquisitions

This year, we were fortunate to acquire two new apparatus that were put into service:

In January of 2023, we received our new SpartanER engine. This apparatus had been on order since 2021, and we were glad to see it finally arrive and be put into service! This engine replaces a 1979 engine that had been serving our community for 44 years. This engine is now serving as Engine 1 at Station 1



In June of 2023, we received our new Polaris UTV outfitted for wildland firefighting and remote rescues. Within a matter of days of the UTV being put into service, it was deployed to Collegedale for a 40-acre fire and has since been deployed to numerous requests for mutual aid. This apparatus also serves as a rapid response unit during city events to render medical aid.





2023 Photo Review

