

# Independence Fire Department



Annual Report 2023



This year has been a busy year at IFD. We welcomed 6 new members to our department as probationary firefighters. They all come from different backgrounds and a couple of them come from other departments as well. As it continues to be harder and harder to find people willing to sacrifice so much time to be on our fire department, our members continue to amaze me with the amount of time and sacrifice they make for this great community.

2023 was a record setting year for calls here at Independence Fire. As the community continues to grow, and more people come to visit Independence, our call volume continues to increase as well. We had a 30% increase in calls for service from last year. We will continue to monitor our call volume and try to focus some of our prevention efforts in those problem areas if possible.

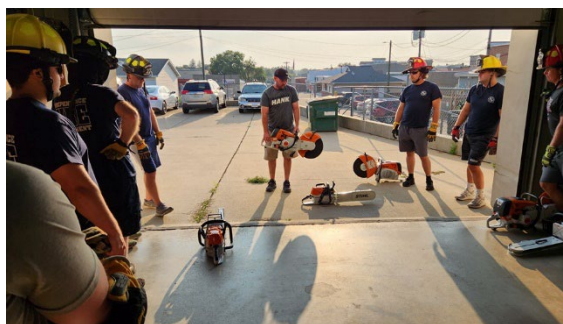
New for our department this year is a pickup truck. Thanks to the City Council we were able to work with Dunlap Motors and order a Chevy 2500 pickup truck to assist us with fire schools, investigations, permit inspections, pulling equipment, and saving the wear and tear on some of the larger trucks. Something so "small" is already making such a huge difference for us. I'd like to thank the Council for their continued support as well as the Truck Committee for all their hard work.

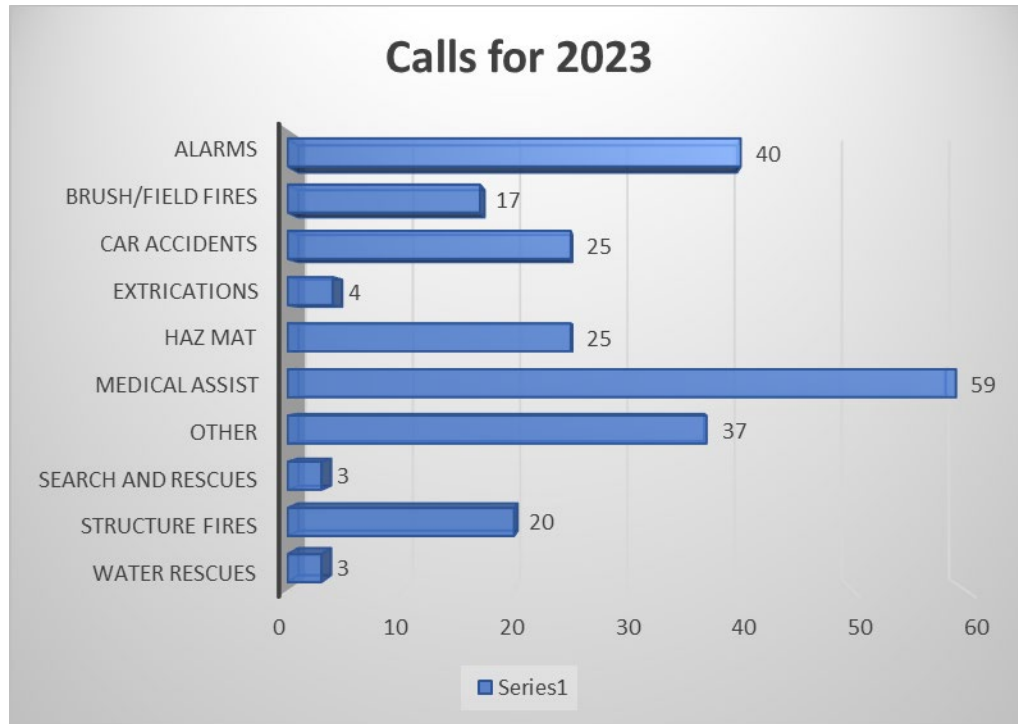
Earlier this year we hired Brian Stark, an Architect from Martin Gardner, to assist us with the first steps of a station expansion. Members from the department formed a Station Committee and worked for months with Brian on what we would like to see and do for a station addition as we are quickly running out of space for trucks and equipment. In planning for the future of our community we discovered that we need 20,000-22,000 sq ft of space. We are currently running out of space in our 10,000 sq ft and unable to replace equipment or add to our fleet. We continue to work with the city as well as the team from Martin Gardner to find the best fit for our department to meet the needs of our residents.

# **Annual Training Hours Per Member**

*\*Probationary Firefighter*

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Training Hours</b>
*Beenblossom	Nathan	47.5
Blad	Christian	133.5
Bowman	Richard	18
Burns	Jeff	104.5
Butler	John	95.5
Ceras	Josh	16.5
Decker	Jason	48.5
*Delgado-Connor	Tony	45
*Dugger	Benjamin	15
Erickson-Dale	Tanner	33.5
*Fangman	Ty	19.5
Fenner	Gordy	41
Hayward	Blake	102.5
Hookom	Wesley	71.5
Jacobs	Morgan	73
Loveless	Mike	96
Mayner	Matt	43
Newton	Richard	166
Nicolas	Roy	64
*Ratchford	Daniel	15
*Reicks	Drew	34.5
Simmons	Jen	59.5
Simmons	Taylor	25.5
Taylor	Judd	63.5
*Till	Brody	50
Wolf	Jacob	49
Wulfekuhle	Jordon	39
Zimmerly	Mike	30





### Calls for 2023

Alarms – 40

Brush/Field Fires – 17

Car Accidents – 25

Extrications – 4

Haz Mat – 25

Medical Assist – 59

Other – 37

Search & Rescue – 3

Structure Fires – 20

Water Rescues – 3

Total Calls for Service in 2023 – 233



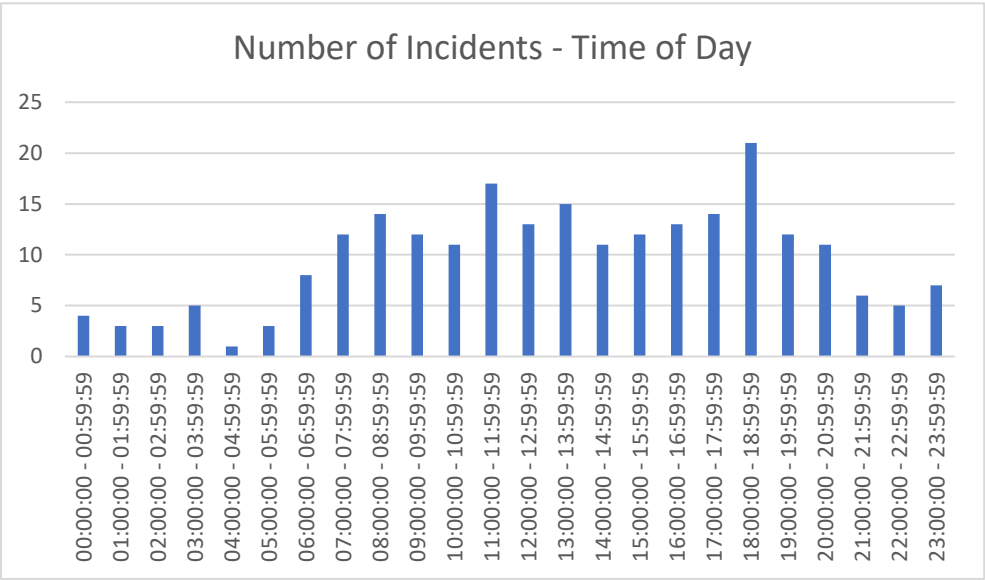
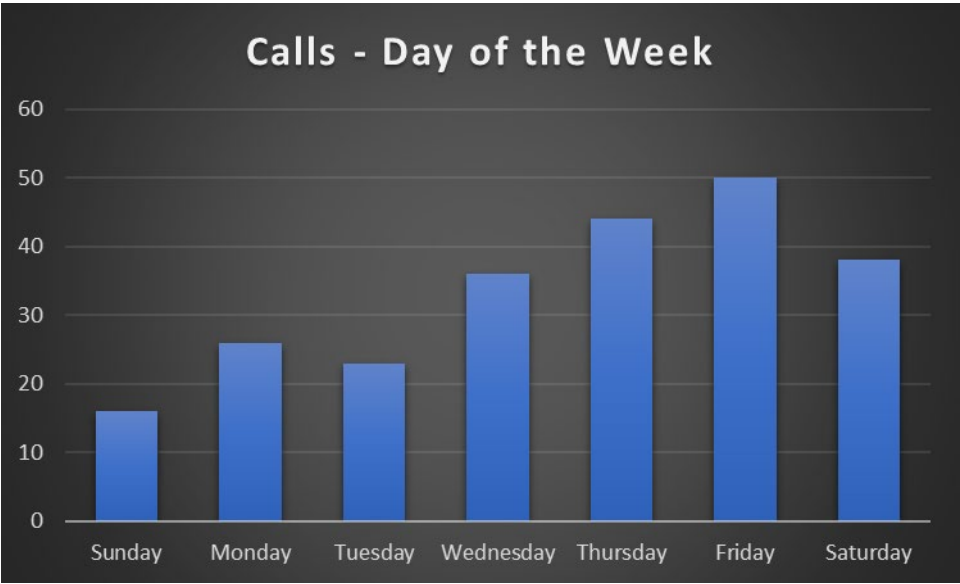


## Number of calls per personnel

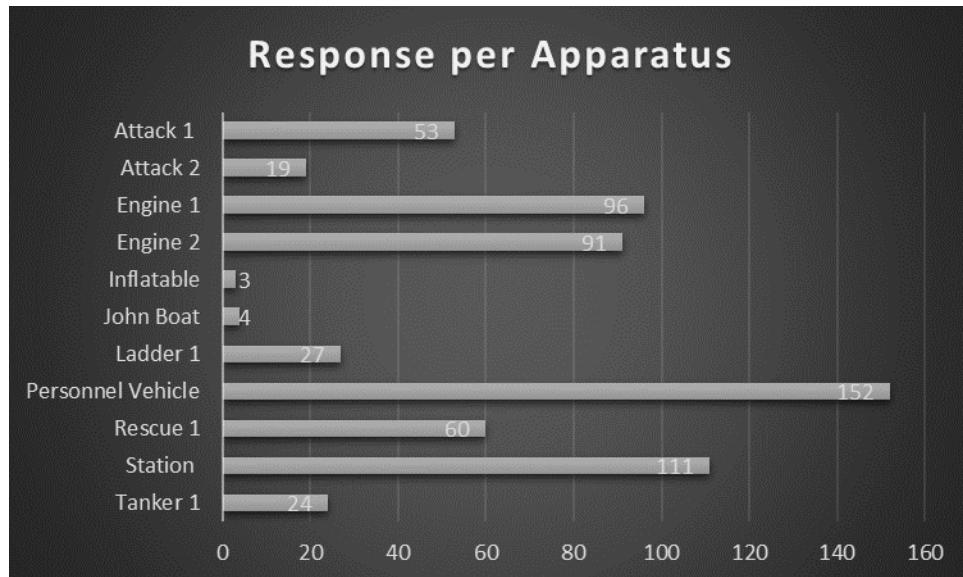
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Total Runs</i>
<b>Beenblossom</b>	Nathan	15
<b>Blad</b>	Christian	135
<b>Bowman</b>	Richard	57
<b>Burns</b>	Jeff	143
<b>Butler</b>	John	107
<b>Ceras</b>	Josh	5
<b>Decker</b>	Jason	29
<b>Delgado-Connor</b>	Tony	50
<b>Dugger</b>	Benjamin	16
<b>Erickson-Dale</b>	Tanner	57
<b>Fenner</b>	Gordy	13
<b>Hayward</b>	Blake	130
<b>Hookom</b>	Wesley	52
<b>Jacobs</b>	Morgan	34
<b>Loveless</b>	Mike	119
<b>Mayner</b>	Matt	11
<b>Newton</b>	Richard	174
<b>Nicolas</b>	Roy	30
<b>Ratchford</b>	Daniel	27
<b>Reicks</b>	Drew	30
<b>Simmons</b>	Jen	32
<b>Simmons</b>	Taylor	18
<b>Taylor</b>	Judd	52
<b>Till</b>	Brody	21
<b>Wolf</b>	Jacob	54
<b>Wulfekuhle</b>	Jordon	39
<b>Zimmerly</b>	Mike	21



# Calls by Hours of the Day and Day of the week



## **Incident Response per Apparatus**



**Attack 1** is our Brush Truck. When we designed this truck, we wanted to be able to make it a multipurpose piece of equipment. This truck is used for field fires, car accidents, and to help transport personnel to calls when needed. This truck continues to get used more and more each year.

**Attack 2** is our Polaris Ranger. Our Ranger has been a great asset to our department so far and has big a very big help, despite its size, during field fires.

**Engine 1 and Engine 2** are our main Engines or Pumpers. They go as the first truck out the door and carry up to 6 firefighters to the call. Engine 1 is primarily used for City calls and medical assists. Engine 2 is primarily used for rural calls and car accidents.

**Inflatable & John Boat** We utilize 2 different types of boats at IFD. The inflatable is a smaller, quick boat, able to get around fast and during swift water. Our John Boat is a 18 ft flat bottom boat that is equipped with lights to be able to help day or night.

**Ladder 1** is our 2<sup>nd</sup> out truck for all City Calls. We also respond to other communities when requested. It can be used for Rescues, Fire Attack, and can pump water like an Engine as well.

**PV** is Personnel Vehicle. When a call comes in, members respond to the station as well as to the scene depending on their rank. Some members will go direct and give a size up and direct responding units in and where to go.

**Rescue 1** is our garage on wheels. It can't pump water and doesn't carry any water on it. Instead, it carries tools and equipment used on emergency scenes.

**Station** is when we have personnel staged at the station and available to bring extra equipment or apparatus to an incident if needed.

**Tanker 1** is used mainly in the rural areas where fire hydrants aren't available. It's a support vehicle with its main task to provide 2000 gallons of water to a scene and return to town to fill up and return to the scene.

**Support 1** is the newest vehicle added to our fleet in late 2023. This is a chevy 2500 pickup that will be used as a Support Vehicle for our department. This will be used for inspections, hauling equipment to and from scenes, pulling equipment, personnel transport to and from scenes, etc. The goal is to save some of the wear and tear on some of the larger trucks.

## **The Future**

Our goal for the future is to continue to work with the team at Martin Gardner along with the city council to create a long-term plan for the expansion of Independence Fire Department. We want to make sure we take our time and do it right the first time.

We continue to work towards a truck replacement program for our fleet to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our residents. Our Rescue truck is planned to be the next truck to be replaced but due to the current station constraints we haven't been able to replace this truck yet. We will continue to adapt for the time being, but the goal is to design and spec out a replacement that is suitable to serve for years to come.

