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Current Organizational Chart

Fire Commissioners

Marge Perry, Ernie Bouthiette, Patrick Crowley, Keith Pliszka, Bob Gillespie

Fire Chief

David T Deskis

Administrative Assistant

Kellie Steneri

Fire Marshal	Training Officer
Captain Scott Ellis	Captain Jason Flanagan

Capt. K.Pliszka	Capt. D.Pliszka	Capt. M.Provencher	Capt. T. Burnham
FF. T O'Brien	FF. N.Barone	FF. M.Richardson	FF.B.Bigda
FF. D.Demur	FF. T.Smith	FF. K.Piacentini	FF. E.Miarecki
FF. Falletti	FF. M.Mokrycki	FF. S.Savage	FF. E.Fischl

THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dear District Citizens,

On behalf of the Thompsonville Fire Department, thank you for taking the time to review our 2022-2023 Annual report. It's with great appreciation I present this annual report summary for the 2022-2023 year of activities.

In March of 2019 I was appointed the permanent Fire Chief of the Thompsonville Fire District after replacing past Fire Chief William Provencher. I am honored to serve our district with pride and transparency today and into the future.

Many changes have taken place this past budget year which are a positive for the fire district and its citizens who live here. Working together as a team, the Thompsonville Fire district has had many accomplishments that will bring a continued movement forward into the future. This team effort promotes a positive work environment, therefore being able to provide a safe and efficient customer service to our employees and citizens we serve daily.

Thanks to the professional hard work of our members and staff, the 2022-2023 budget year was a success for the fire district. The Thompsonville fire district 2022-2023 budget year had average property damage from fire incidents within that period. There was an increase in services this past year which included supplemental medical call responses which we assist the Town of Enfield emergency medical services. Fire and other emergency dispatched incidents had a slight increase. On a daily average the response time to incidents in the fire district has averaged less than 3 minutes after being dispatched. These response times satisfy the national requirement with NFPA standards. Thompsonville fire district remains a fulltime department that is on duty 365 days a year. Our fire district had zero fire fatalities this budget year and minimal property loss compared to some cities and towns around our area.

Goals that were accomplished this past 2022-2023 budget year are provided below.

1. Hired two new firefighters.
2. Promoted one fire captain.
3. Lowered the district (ISO) rating from a 4 to a 2, 1 being the best.
4. Completed the department bell and plaque project.
5. Ordered a new fire pumper, which should be completed July 2023.
6. Certified 10 members with national certifications for upgrade training.

Goals for the 2023-2024 budget year include.

1. Hire a fire inspector to help with state statute required fire inspections.
2. Planning process to replace our fire districts boat with a newer model.
3. Move forward with the consolidation process.
4. Continue planning with Thompsonville's bright future.
5. Continue to educate and train our members.
6. Modernize our equipment to lessen the district's financial burden.

I would like to thank our districts citizens, and fire commissioners for the support and trust they give in our fire department members. I personally would like to thank the fire officers, firefighters, and support staff for being a staff of employees who I can count on daily. Thank you all for your dedicated service to the district and town of Enfield.

Respectfully,

David Deskis, Fire Chief

Fire Marshal Office May 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023

The 2022 / 2023 operational year has presented many challenges for fire prevention in the Thompsonville Fire District. The Fire Marshal's Office shifted from a pandemic posture to a more routine operational status, which allowed for a more seamless & complete implementation of the community risk reduction plan into day-to-day activities.

The continued focus of prevention efforts has been to inspect high-priority high-risk multi-family residential dwellings. There are approximately 3000 of these dwelling units in Thompsonville and Connecticut State law mandates that they are to be inspected annually. To make the most of available resources, the Fire Marshal's Office continues to work closely with the Enfield Office of Building Inspection, Zoning / Property Enforcement, and the North Central Health District, along with Fire Department members. The level of communication between these agencies, internal stakeholders, and the Fire Marshal's Office allows for the burden of administrative and logistical taskings to be shared and avoids duplication of effort. This includes scheduling, data research, and initial identification of properties of concern.

The Fire Marshal's Office is currently staffed with one full-time Fire Marshal. During the operational year 5-1-22 to 5-1-23, the following activities were completed:

Implementation of the new 2022 Connecticut State Fire Safety and Prevention Codes.

Implementation of the Brycer-TCE 3rd party Fire Protection System Reporting Software.

1267 total inspections, reviews, and investigations.

9 Fireworks Inspections

487 Annual Occupancy Inspections:

284 Multi-Family Residential Inspections

84 Mercantile Inspections

42 License Inspections

9Transient Camp Inspections

8 Underground Tank Inspections

3 Demolition Inspections

34 Business Inspections
32 Assembly Inspections
Plans)
11 Storage Inspections
158 Complaint / Referral Inspections
etc.)
154 Construction Inspections
Investigations
49 Fire Alarm System Inspections
40 Site Inspections
34 Fire Protection System Inspections
Installs/Checks
23 Mechanical / Electrical Inspections
16 Fair & Special Event Inspections

140 Plan Reviews
53 Consultations (Codes &

20 Fire Drills
30 Legal Referrals (Warrants

23 Origin & Cause

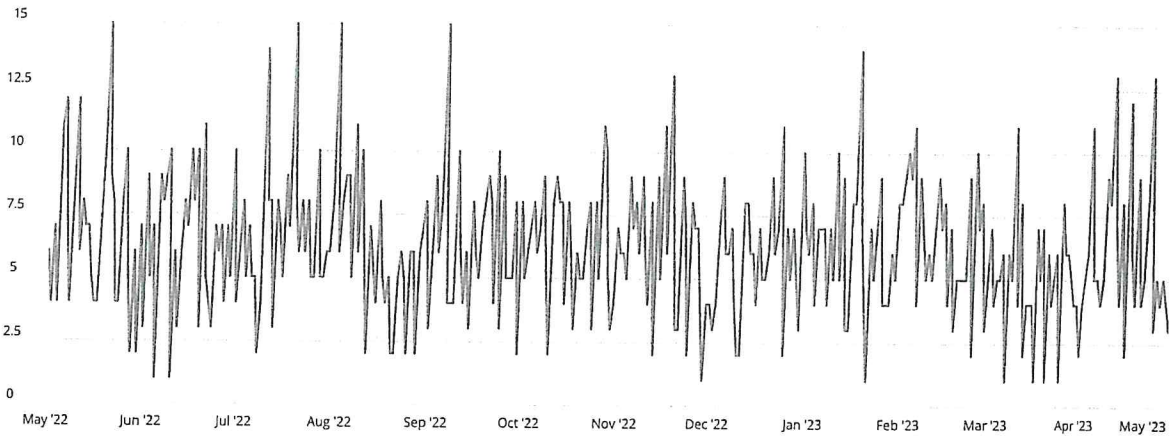
5 Pre-Plan Inspections
28 Community Events
34 Car Safety Seat

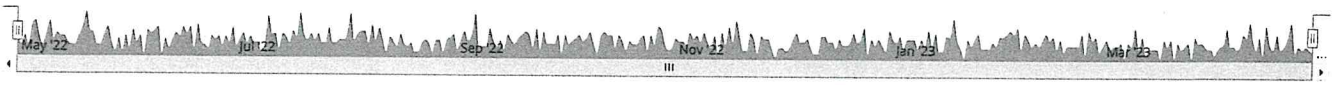
37%
FIRE
Percentage of Total Incidents

62%
EMS
Percentage of Total Incidents

2,269
INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

366
DAYS
In Selected Time Slice





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	May '22	Jun '22	Jul '22	Aug '22	Sep '22	Oct '22	Nov '22	Dec '22	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Total
(11) Structure Fire	5	4	5	2	4	3	2	5	7	3	2	2	1	45
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire	1									1				2
(14) Natural vegetation fire				3							1			4
(15) Outside rubbish fire		1						1			2			4
(16) Special outside fire	6	4	4				1				1	1		17
(20) Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat, other	1									1				2
(24) Explosion (no fire)								1						1
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2	2	1				1							6
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other	3				2	2	3		1		1			12
(31) Medical assist		1			1		1		1			3		7
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	129	114	123	115	114	114	126	118	119	107	100	101		1,380
(33) Lock-In								1		1				2
(35) Extrication, rescue	1	3	1	3	1	1								10
(36) Water or ice-related rescue	1	2												3
(38) Rescue or EMS standby		1	2											3

	May '22	Jun '22	Jul '22	Aug '22	Sep '22	Oct '22	Nov '22	Dec '22	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Total
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		1	1							1				3
(41) Combustible/f.. spills & leaks	5	3	2	4	4	7	4	7	4	3	4	4		51
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	2				1		1			1		1		6
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem		1	2	1		1		6	1	1	2	1		16
(45) Biological hazard				1										1
(46) Accident, potential accident		2	1	1	2	2	1	1		2	1	1		14
(50) Service call, other	1	3	5	1	3	3		1	3	4	4	8		36
(51) Person in distress	2	1	4	2	4	7	3	2	3	1	2	2		33
(52) Water problem	1	3				1	2	3		11		1		22
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1				1								2
(54) Animal problem or rescue								1				2		3
(55) Public service assistance	13	13	4	11	11	10	8	9	5	3	5	8		100
(56) Unauthorized burning					3		1			1		2		7
(57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	11	8	16	16	13	12	9	4	11	13	8	9		130
(60) Good intent call, other	3	4	6		2	3	3	1	3	1	5	3		34
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	11	3	7	4	10	10	6	8	5	6	4	9		83
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	2	2	5	5		2		1	2	1	2			22
(63) Controlled burning		3			1									4
(64) Vicinity alarm										1				1
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke				2		1		1	1	1				6
(67) HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	1	2	1	2	1	1		1	1				11
(70) False alarm and false call, other	1	1		2	1				1					6
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm					1	1								2
(72) Bomb scare										1		1		2
(73) System or detector malfunction	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1				2		14
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	10	9	15	10	7	12	16	9	14	12	3	10		127

	May '22	Jun '22	Jul '22	Aug '22	Sep '22	Oct '22	Nov '22	Dec '22	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Total
(90) Special type of incident, other									1					1
NULL									10	2	6	13	2	33
UNK					1									1
Total	213	192	208	185	190	197	190	181	193	180	153	184	3	2,269

Training Division

In 2022-2023 our team completed 7,755 hours of training to prepare for a wide variety of emergency calls. Our crews conduct fire training to meet the continuing education requirements for maintaining their required training requirements and accumulating credit to improve our District's ISO rating. Training conducted this past fiscal year concentrated on leadership, technical rescue, and fire suppression strategies and tactics.

TFD Training during the Covid 19 Pandemic Implemented Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) enhancements for our Training Program and adjusted classroom setting to comply with Executive Order and Social Distancing recommendations. Implemented TFD Fire Department COVID-19 Safety Policy. Began exploring options on long-term planning and delivery of training courses/classes in consideration of social distancing, number of firefighters in one classroom/training session, hands on delivery methods and other related items.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our department stepped up and provided a professional service which provided and implemented best practices and explored innovative solutions to support the mission. "During an unpresented time, our team worked diligently to ensure there were no interruptions to our essential and core services as well as ensured that our employees were operating in the safest environment possible