

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE MEDICAL

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Protecting Lives and Property*



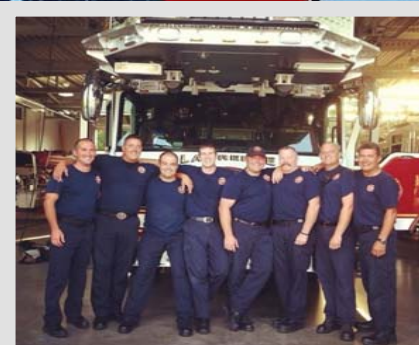
Fire Stations

7



Responding Units

14



Fire/Medics

146



Administration

6

Full - Time Promotions

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT



Aaron Davenport



Zach Taylor



Kathryn Beseth



Tobias Groene



Clayton Seals



Cole Broockerd



Jack Dolan

New Hires

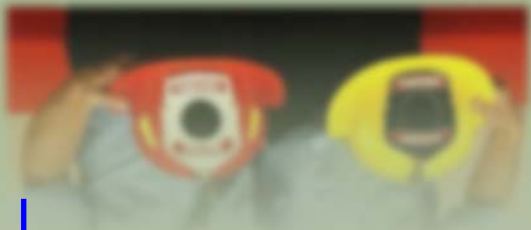


Katie Dukes



Promotions

- Lieutenant Paul Schneider
- Division Chief Chris King
- Captain Dennis Leslie (Prevention)
- Lieutenant Jason Ray (Prevention)
- Lieutenant Robert Garrison
- Lieutenant Brian Patterson
- Lieutenant Kevin Hodson
- Captain Maichel Hornberger
- Captain Nicholas Simon
- Engineer Malcomb Stapel
- Engineer Riley Spencer



20 Year Awards

- Captain Brandon Holloman
- Engineer Hank Besack

Acknowledgement of Service



Chief Mark Bradford On July 26th, 2018 Fire Chief Mark Bradford passed away, unexpectedly. Chief Bradford spent more than 40 years as a firefighter beginning his career with the Lee's Summit Fire Department before joining Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical in 2001, as Deputy Chief. He was appointed Fire Chief in 2006. As the Fire Chief, he proudly served the City of Lawrence and Douglas County community. Chief Bradford had reverence for the fire service; he was about honoring the service, honoring those who served and honoring tradition. It is with the dedication and honor he showed the community that we honor his memory.

Retirements

- Division Chief Jim King– 30 Years
- Engineer James Strohm– 22 Years
- Engineer Neil Taylor– 17 Years
- Lieutenant Ed Noonan– 27 Years
- Captain Pat Karlin– 25 Years
- Engineer Sean Sawyer– 28 Years

Valor Awards

- Engineer Seamus Albritton
- Firefighter Kathryn Beseth
- Lieutenant Chad Lisher
- Engineer Brian Fitzpatrick
- Lieutenant William Hallagin

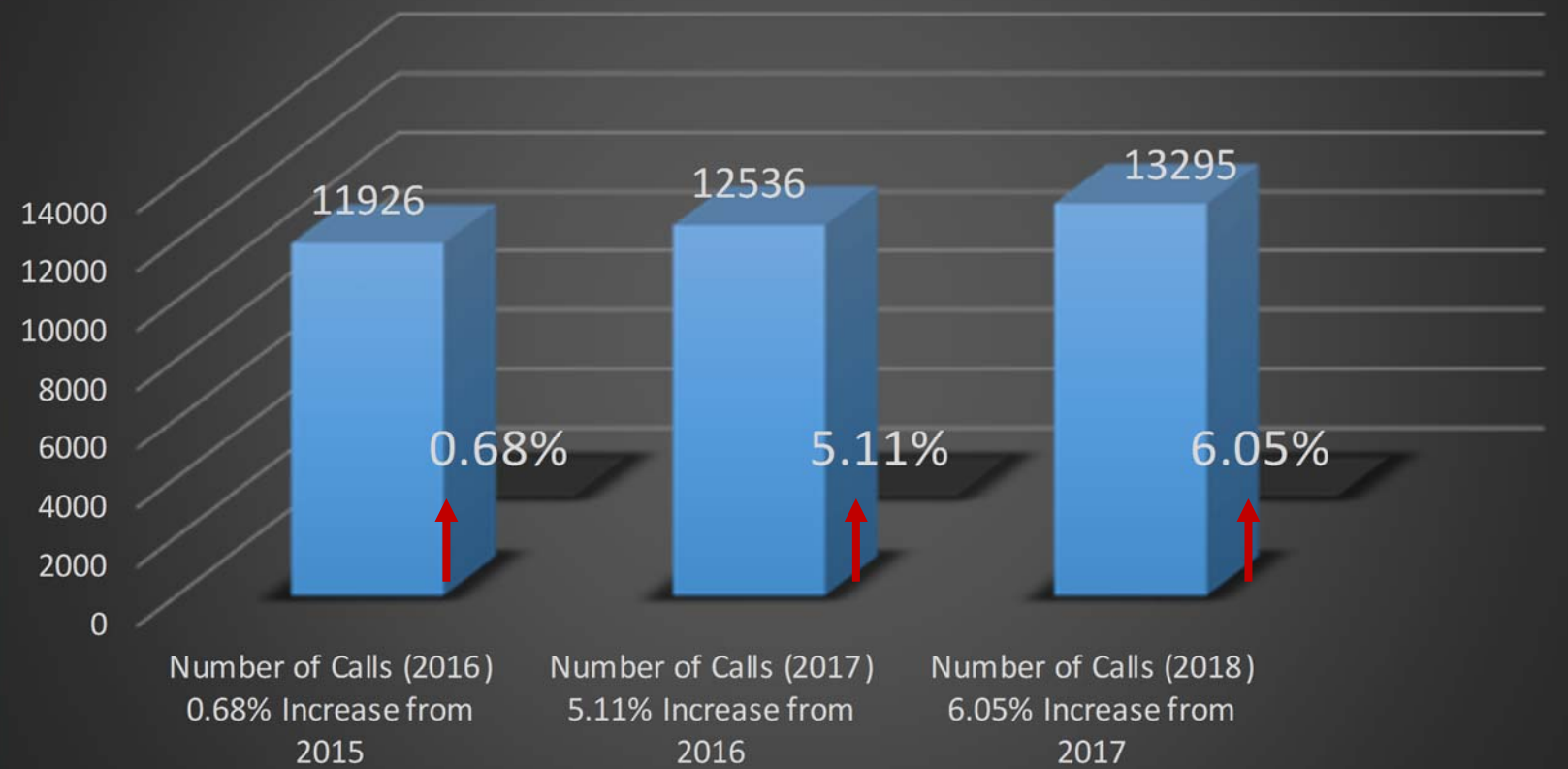
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Vital Statistics

2018 Incidents by Station

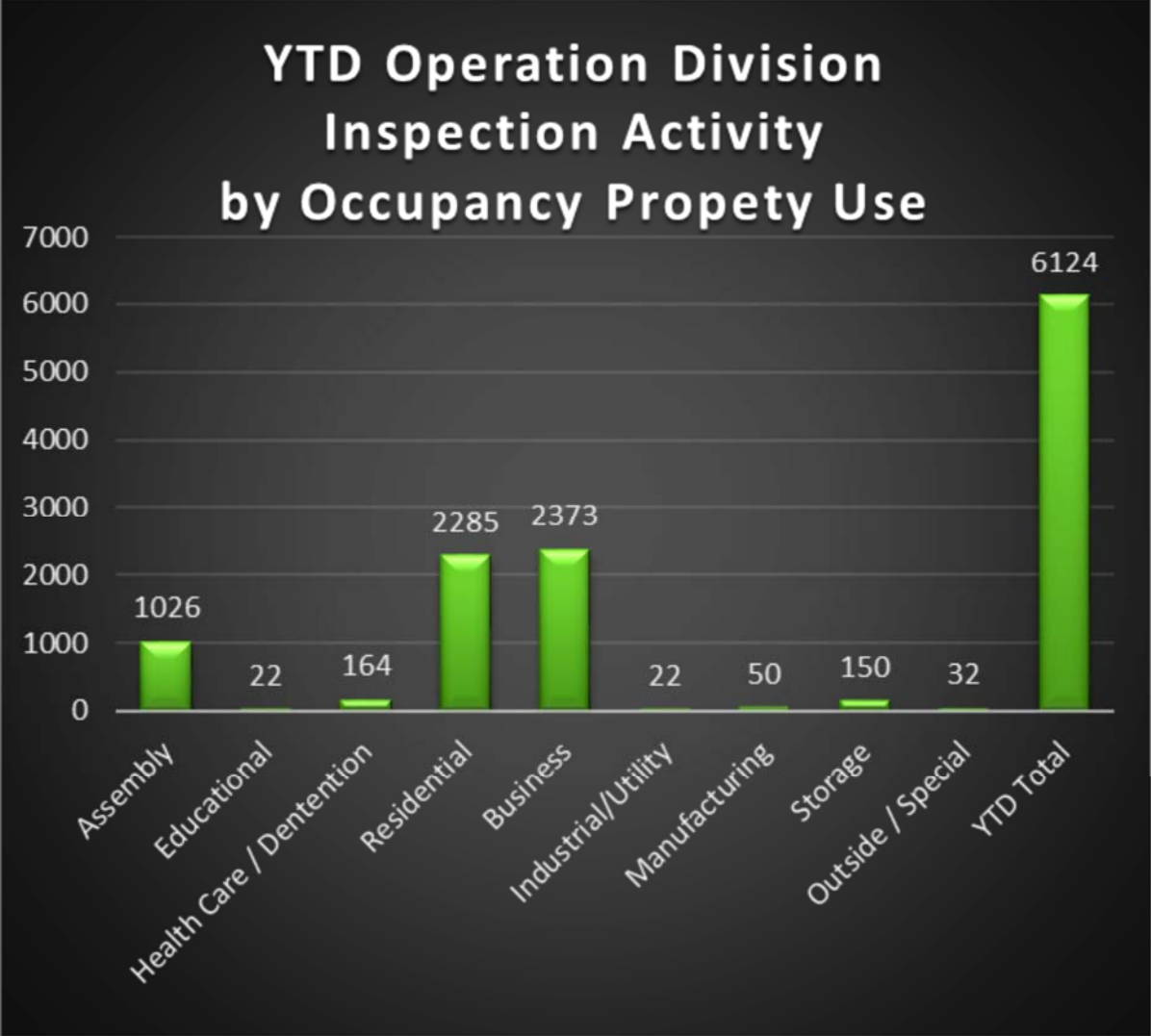


Incident Calls



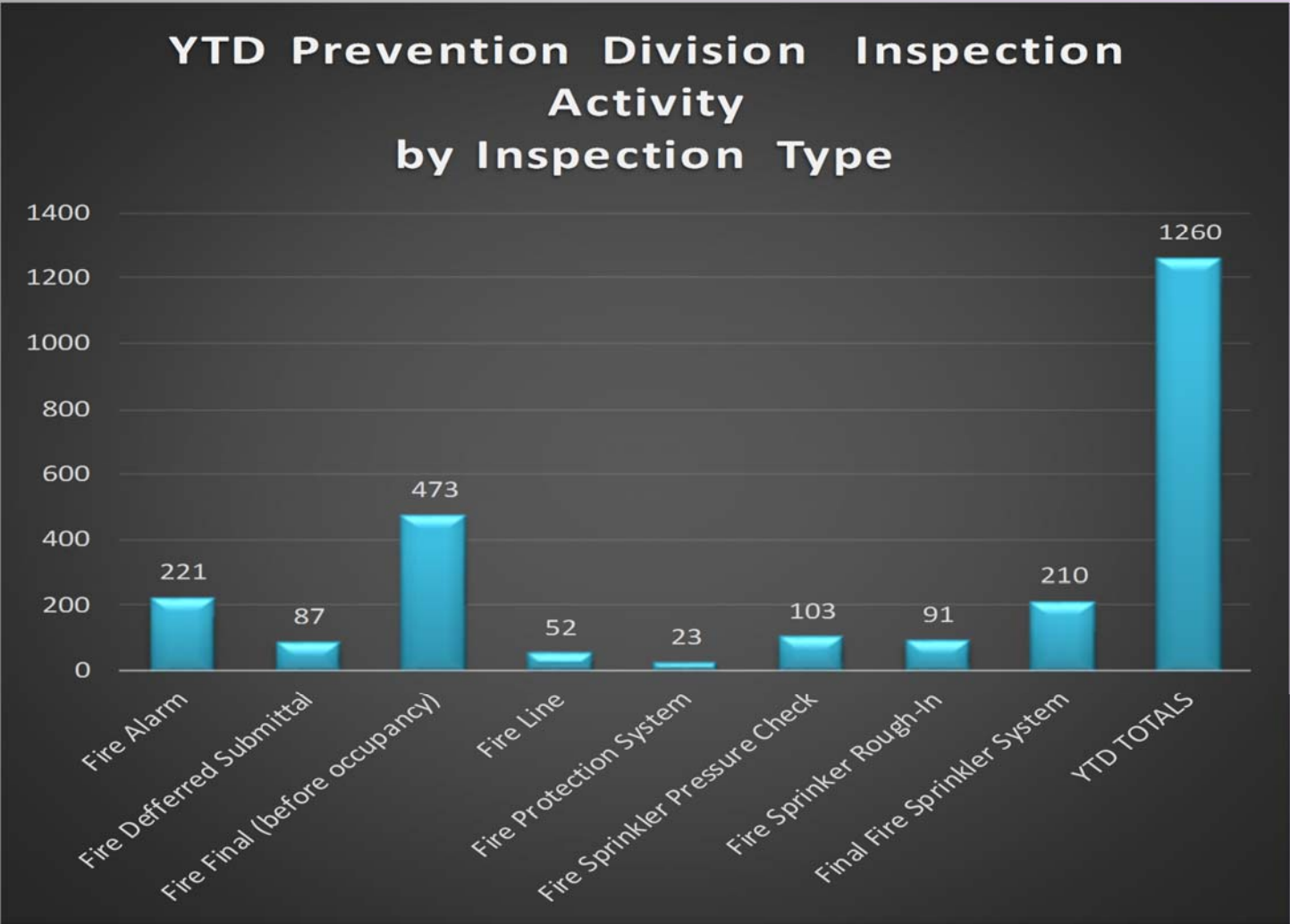
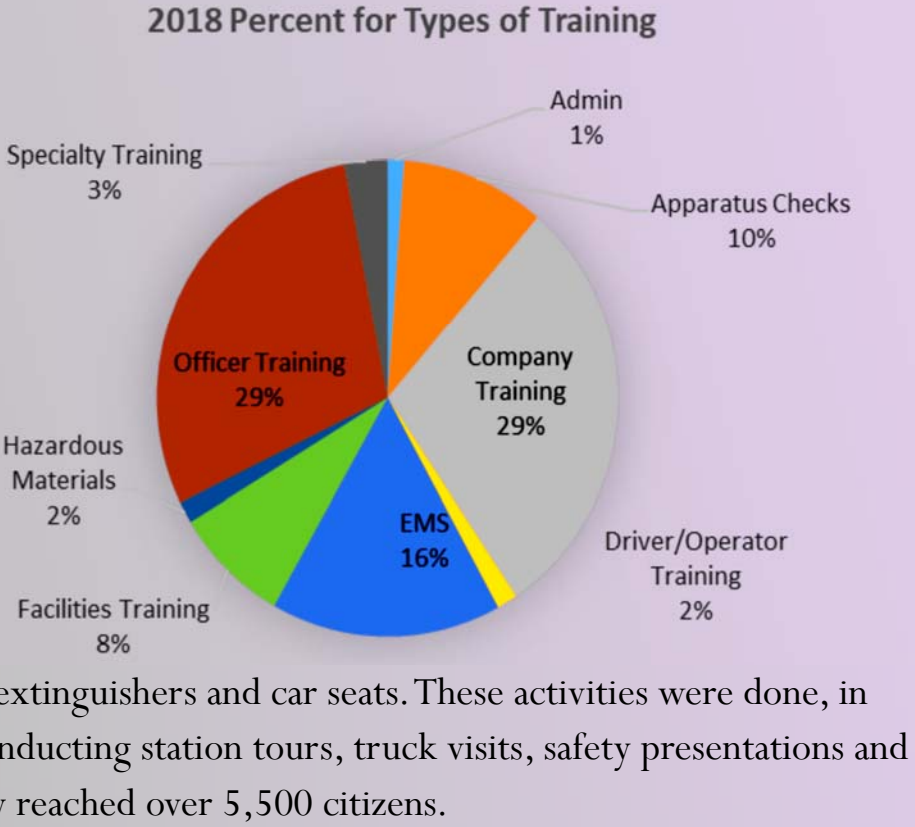
A DEPARTMENT HARD AT WORK

Our Training Division was hard at work, as well. They spent a large amount of time conducting and taking part in department-wide training. This included Officer Training, HAZMAT Training, Company Training, Apparatus Checks, etc. In total, there was over 25,000 hours spent growing, developing and increasing skills. Along with this, they were very active with their efforts in educating the public. The Training Division actively installed smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and car seats. These activities were done, in conjunction with actively participating in and conducting station tours, truck visits, safety presentations and many other public education events. In total they reached over 5,500 citizens.



In 2018 our Prevention Division made making their presence known a priority, even as they adjusted to change in staffing, due to retirement. In doing so, they were able to reach out to the public and complete more than 6,100 Occupancy Inspections. These inspections ranged from assembly, educational, residential, business and storage.

While doing this, they were able to conduct specific inspections based upon type and referral. This included inspections of Fire Alarms, Fire Lines, Sprinklers and Sprinkler Systems. This number amassed over 1,200 for a total of 7,384 inspections.



Significant Events



January 15th—Hotel Fire

- ♦ Flames tore through the America's Best Value Inn, near the 6th and Iowa intersection, sending smoke and flames towering over the three-story structure and, eventually, bringing down large sections of the building's walls.
- ♦ Firefighters called the blaze one of the larger ones in the city's recent history.
- ♦ Emergency crews were first called to the hotel shortly before noon on Monday. They initially attacked the flames, but around 1 p.m. changed tactics and took a defensive position, only trying to contain the fire from outside the structure and making sure it didn't spread to nearby buildings.



August 3rd— Water Rescue

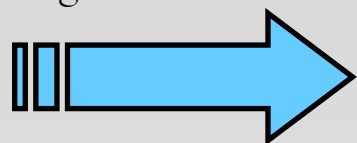
- ♦ At around 2 p.m., a Journal-World reporter observed at least eight water rescue workers, an inflatable watercraft and what appeared to be a tow line in the water just west of the western Kansas River bridge. Emergency responders probe the water of the Kansas River during a rescue operation. At 5:19 p.m. Friday the dive team was in the water attempting to locate and retrieve the vehicle, and a little over an hour later, a reporter saw the vehicle being pulled out. Crews stopped search and recovery efforts around 8:30p.m. because of diminishing light.



WHAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS

2018 Accreditation

Following an on-site visit by peer assessors from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), and a public hearing in Dallas Texas, the department was accredited for the third consecutive time since 2008. The department received eighteen recommendations for improvement covering items surrounding:



The department will be evolving to the new 10th Edition of the CFAI model and working towards the recommendations published in the 2018 CFAI Accreditation Report. Lawrence - Douglas County Fire Medical is 1 of 258 agencies accredited internationally and 1 of 73 fire departments that are both accredited and ISO 1, nationally (1 of 5 in Kansas).

Recommendations

- emergency response performance in the community
- reliability of resources
- station coverage
- administrative/command staffing
- risk reduction/prevention staffing
- training facilities
- technical rescue education
- domestic preparedness
- apparatus repair planning
- leadership and succession planning
- conflict resolution
- agreement review



Gear Washing Machines

The department purchased and installed bunker gear washing machines in each of the fire stations in 2018. Firefighters are now able to wash their firefighting apparel to remove harmful toxins in hopes to reduce the risks related to cancer.

Fire Engine “Reimagined”

The department redesigned the specifications for the replacement fire engine to be stationed in downtown Lawrence. This design was crafted following a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Assessment, and ultimately will provide a safer, more efficient and effective engine design. The innovative design incorporates new technology and materials for firefighter safety and fire hose placement for a faster, more efficient hose deployment. The new engine is on schedule to be in service by June 2019.



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

Facility Improvements

Fire Station #1 Renovation:

The Station One renovation began in 2016 and will be completed in 2019, as a capital improvement project. Fire Station One's primary response area is the historic downtown area and has the largest call volume of all fire medical facilities.

Fire Station #5 and 19th Street/Iowa:

The tunnel project, adjacent to Fire Station Five, will be completed in 2019 allowing more effective and safe pedestrian travel through the intersection.

Training Tower Replacement:

The Training Tower construction began in 2018. It is projected that it will be completed in 2019, as a capital improvement project. This new facility will be an enhanced training resource that allows firefighters to sharpen their skills more effectively. The property around the tower will also be upgraded to include a fence, new sidewalk, and several new trees.

Concrete Repairs:

All Fire Stations will be having concrete replaced in their degraded areas. This is a 2019 capital improvement project.

Enhanced Personal Protection Equipment:

The Department is adding a second set of bunker gear (firefighting apparel) in 2019. This second set of gear will allow firefighters to have a clean set of gear while their contaminated gear is cleaned.

Replacement Apparatus:

The new "Reimagined" Engine 1 will be placed into service in June 2019.

Technology and Response Coverage:

A Station Location Study will be published in 2019 to further evaluate the standards of cover and to identify opportunities for improved services.

Following an evaluation of the departments records management system, the department will be working with the City Information Technology Department to identify a more effective system in 2019.

