

# Cherry Hill Fire Department



## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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## CHERRY HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Dear Cherry Hill Residents and Business Owners:

In closing out the year 2024, it is my honor to present our Annual Report on behalf of all the members of the Cherry Hill Fire Department and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Although primarily a data driven report, it becomes more important to reflect on, and recognize, the exemplary work the men and women of our organization perform every day and night, as proof of their commitment to delivering excellence in emergency response, public education, training and the various other aspects that a full-service and “all hazards” Fire Department requires. It is also important to note that since June 2016, the Department continues to be an Accredited Agency as designated by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). We continue to welcome this yearly analysis of our agency.

This reinforces our commitment to you, the residents and stakeholders of our community, to provide the most effective, proficient and best Fire and EMS service delivery possible. This commitment does not come with ease, or without hard work and dedication. Our Department’s mission is to continue to focus on supporting and training our members to not only meet, but to exceed current standards. This is demonstrated within the more than 26,000 documented training hours that members of the Fire and EMS Divisions completed in 2024. Whether it involves training for the most basic or the most advanced situations, grant-funded Department training, or a small company officer led exercise, being able to maintain and improve on our skills as a Department keeps our members proficient, capable and gives them the best opportunity to operate safely in whatever emergency situation they may be called to.

These calls for service once again increased in 2024, dispatching our personnel to over 17,000 Fire and EMS incidents. Along with keeping our personnel trained and supported, we have invested in developing our future leaders and officers with various incident command and leadership courses. These included continuing our fireground command training and our human performance training initiatives.

We are committed to maintaining and supporting appropriate staffing levels of our Fire and EMS units to handle this ever-increasing demand. Through new hires and the promotional testing process of current members, we are able to plan and invest in our personnel to meet the growing needs of our community while maintaining a commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Through collaborative efforts and working relationships with our Township, County and State agencies and Departments, we continue to ensure that all areas of essential emergency services are provided not only within our Township, but on a regional level as well.

I cannot be prouder of the men and women of our team who play such a vital role in serving our fine community, demonstrating selfless courage, commitment and honor on a daily basis. I look forward to facing the challenges the future may bring, because with great people, we can do great things!

Please enjoy our Annual Report for 2024.

Sincerely,



# FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

180 Day Inspections	56
(includes daycare centers, multi-family homes, mid/high rise buildings - inspected 2 x per year)	
90 Day (Quarterly) Inspections	124
(includes health care facilities, Cherry Hill Mall, assemblies for 300 - inspected 4 x per year)	
Periodic (Annual) Inspections	2,438
Re-inspections	1,091
Complaint Inspections	55
Follow-up Complaints	55
Permit Inspections	82
(includes events/certain conditions—Monster Mania, welding operations, bonfires, tents)	
Residential Smoke Alarms	850
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>4,751</b>

## FIRE INVESTIGATION

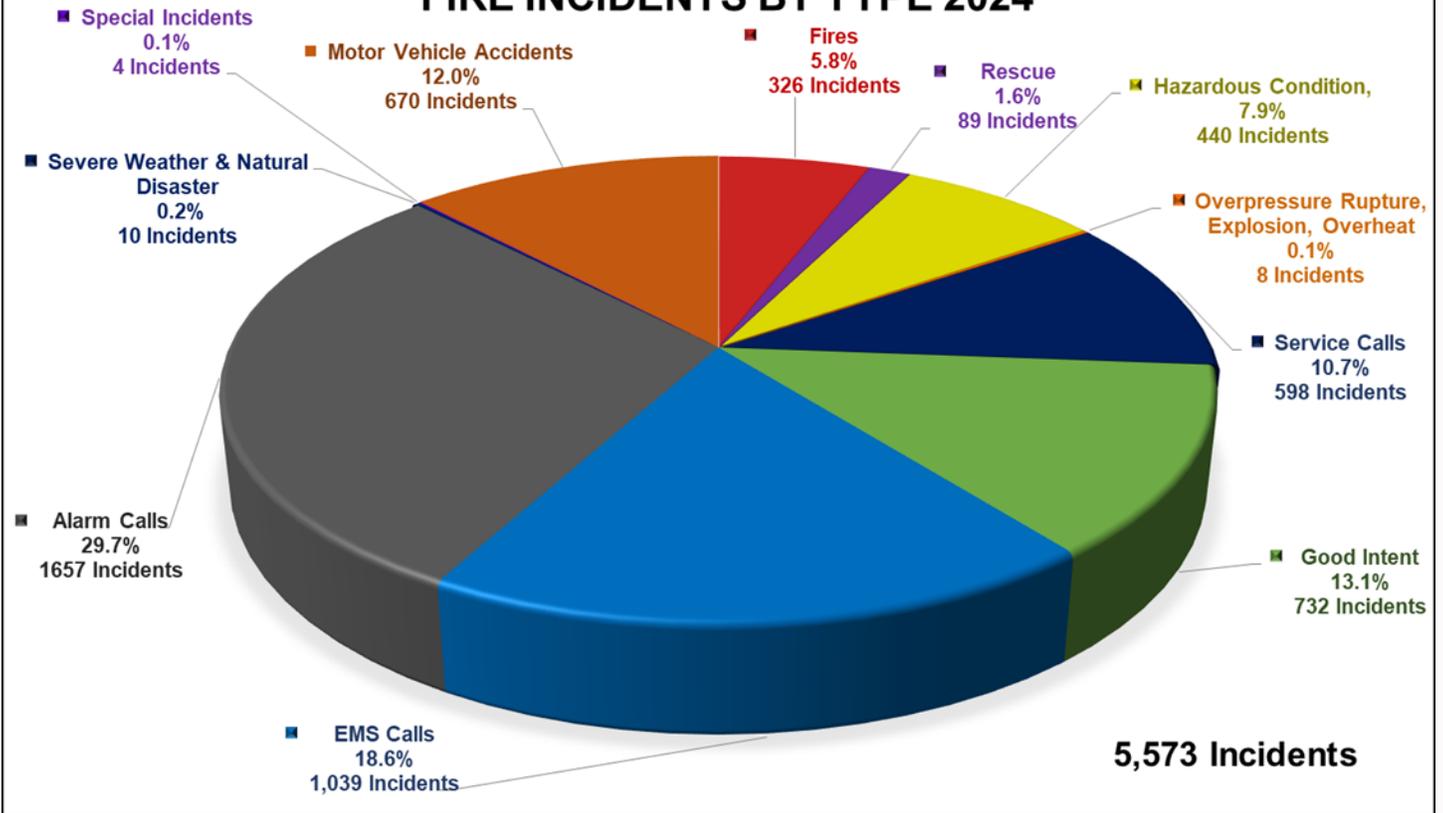
Total of 20 Structure Fires

## FIRE CAUSES

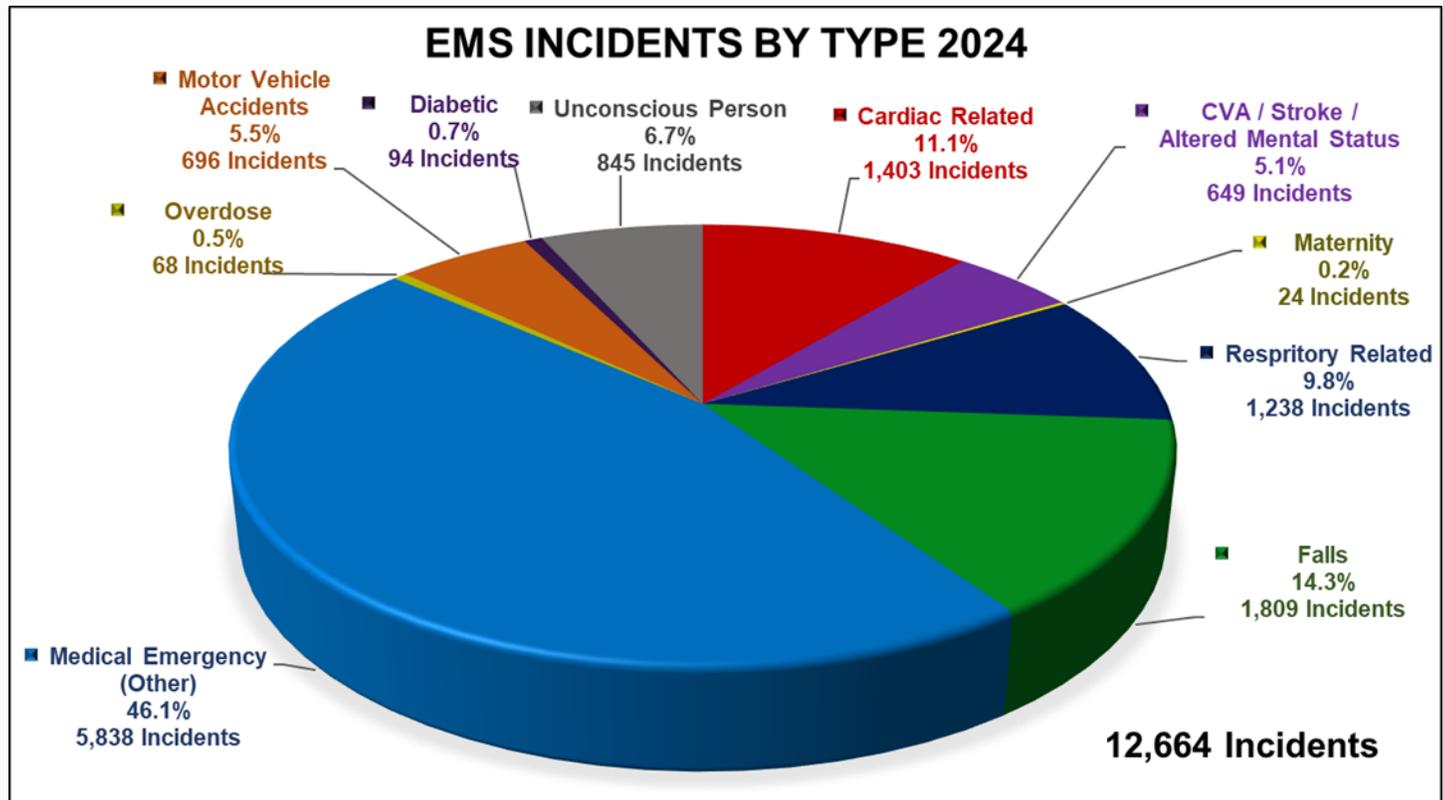
Failure of Equipment	2	0.04%
Smoking	2	0.04%
Heat from Operating Equipment	1	0.02%
Electrical	2	0.04%
Unknown/Undetermined	2	0.04%
Candles	2	0.04%
• Civilian fire related injuries	9	
• Civilian fire related deaths	1	

# 2024 FIRE/EMS RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

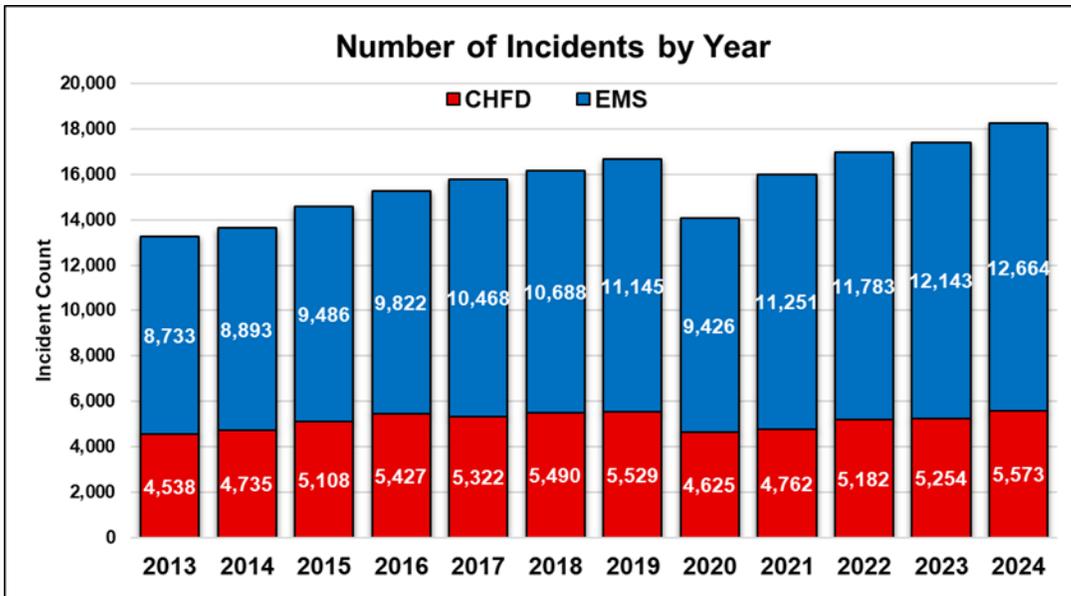
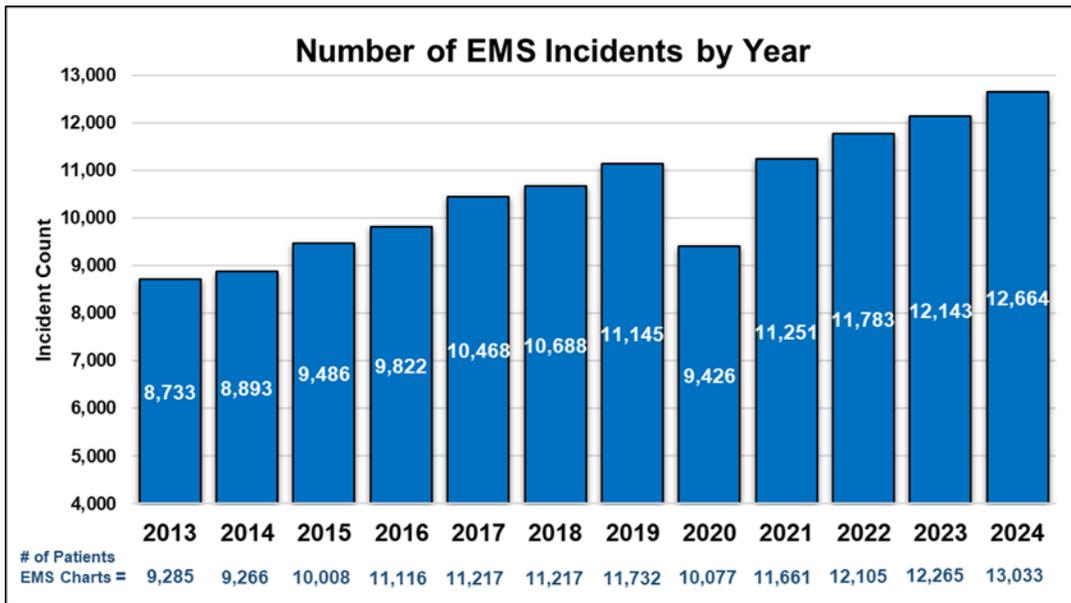
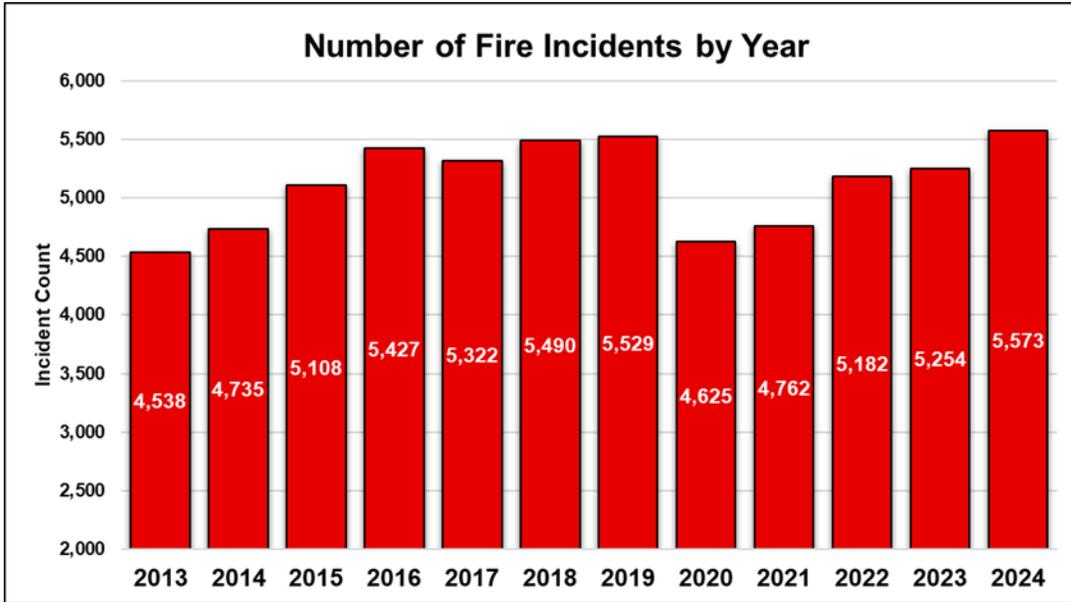
## FIRE INCIDENTS BY TYPE 2024



## EMS INCIDENTS BY TYPE 2024

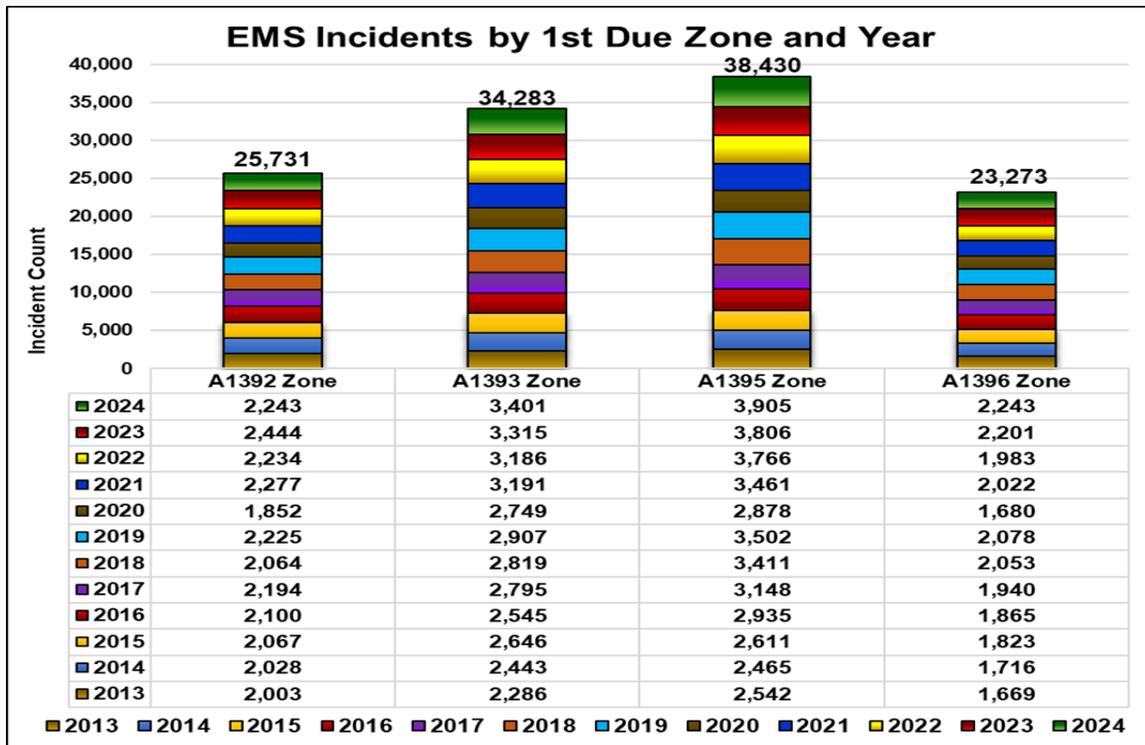
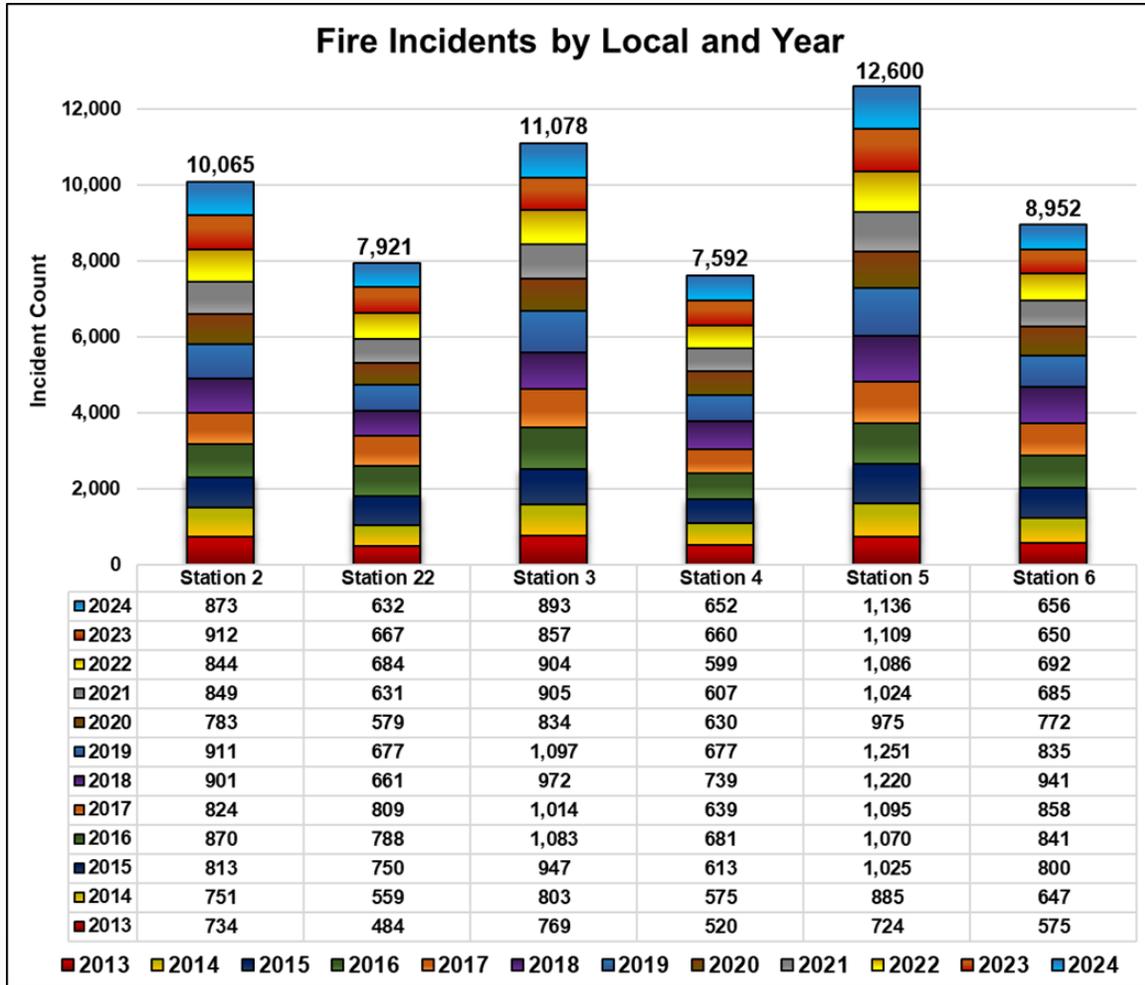


# 2024 NUMBER OF FIRE/EMS INCIDENTS BY YEAR

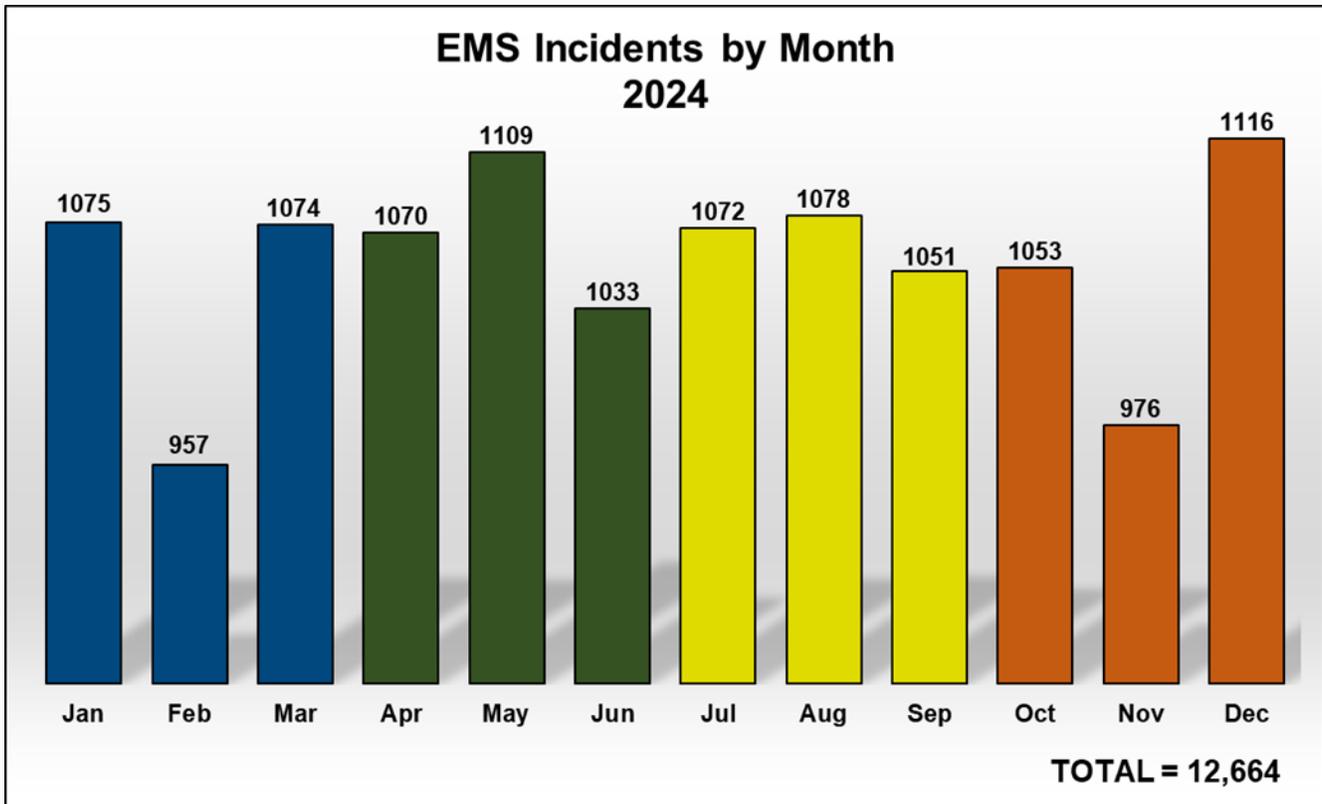
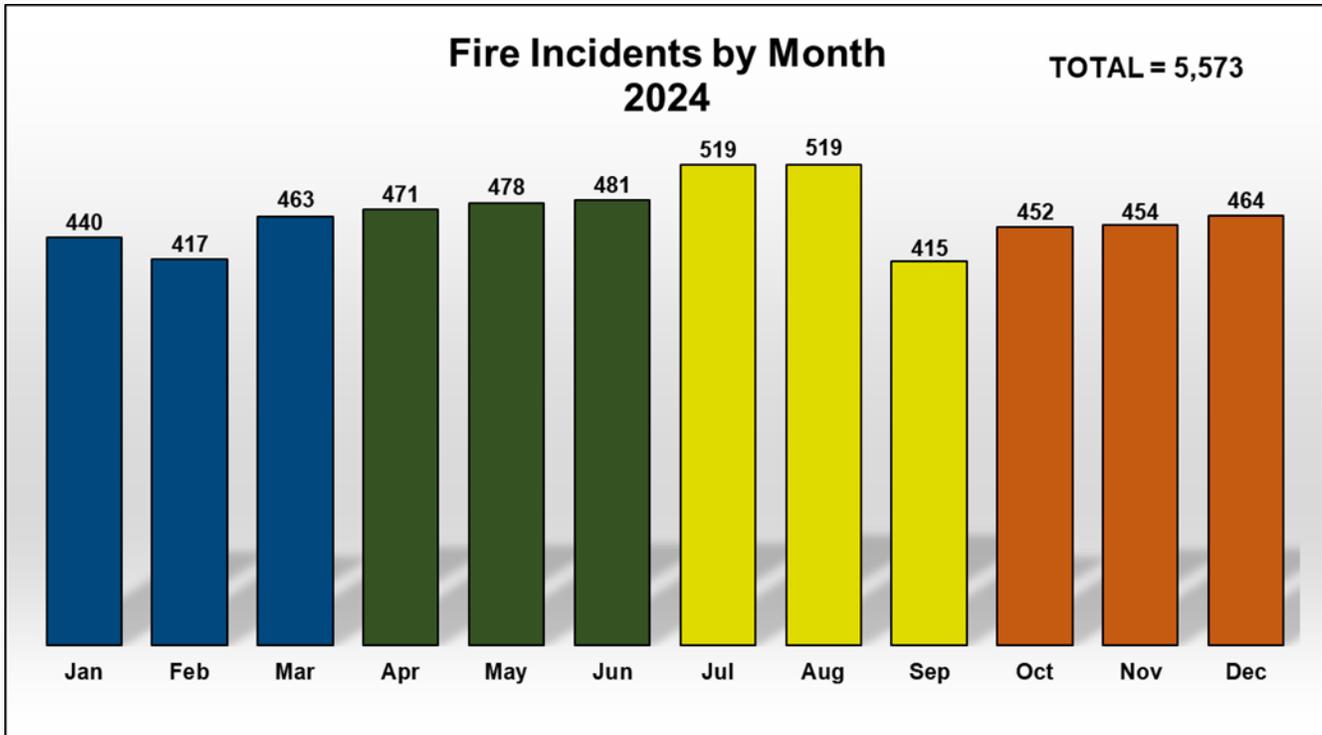


# 2024 FIRE INCIDENTS BY STATION AND YEAR

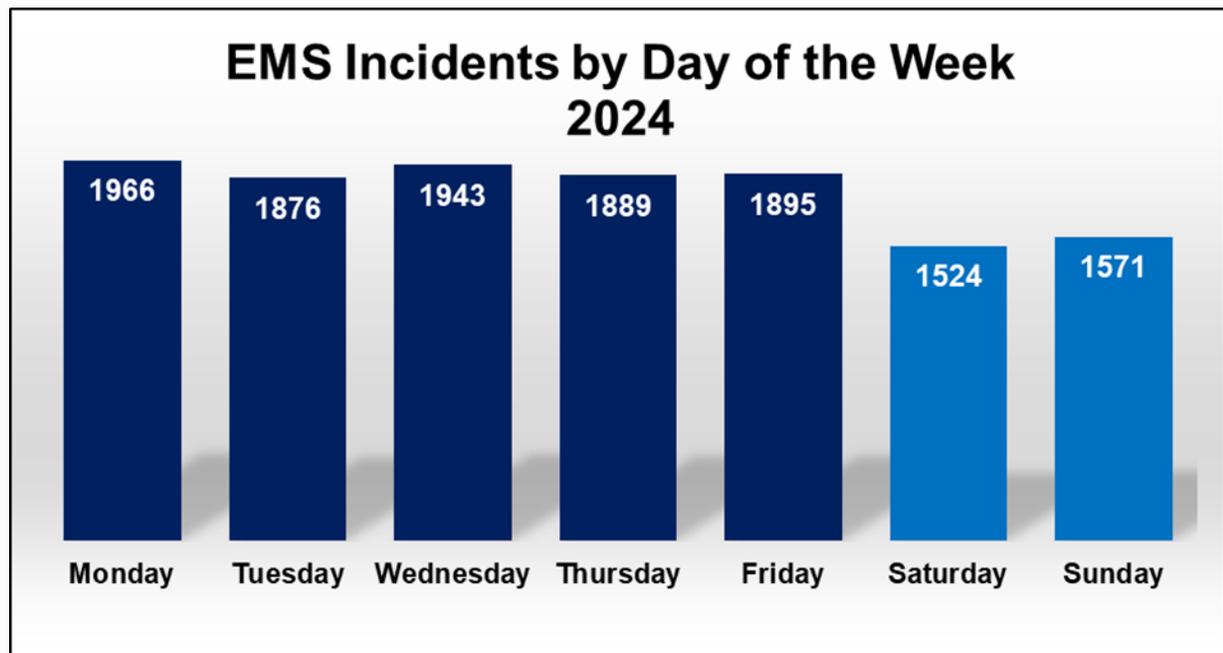
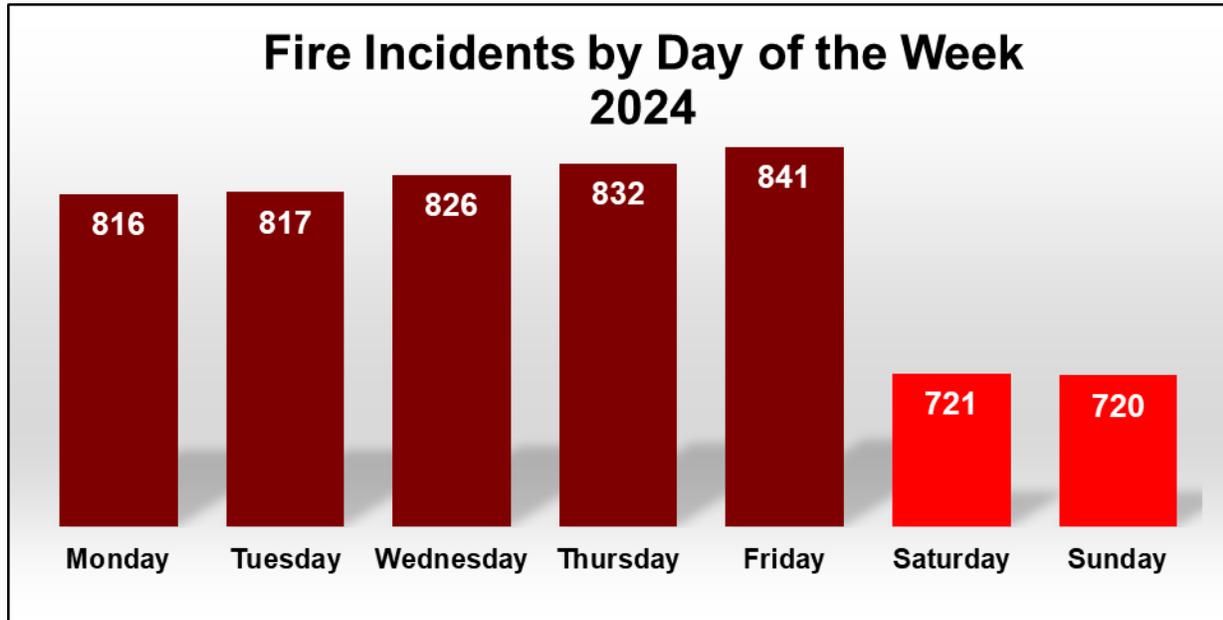
## EMS INCIDENT BY 1ST DUE ZONE AND YEAR



# 2024 FIRE/EMS INCIDENTS BY MONTH



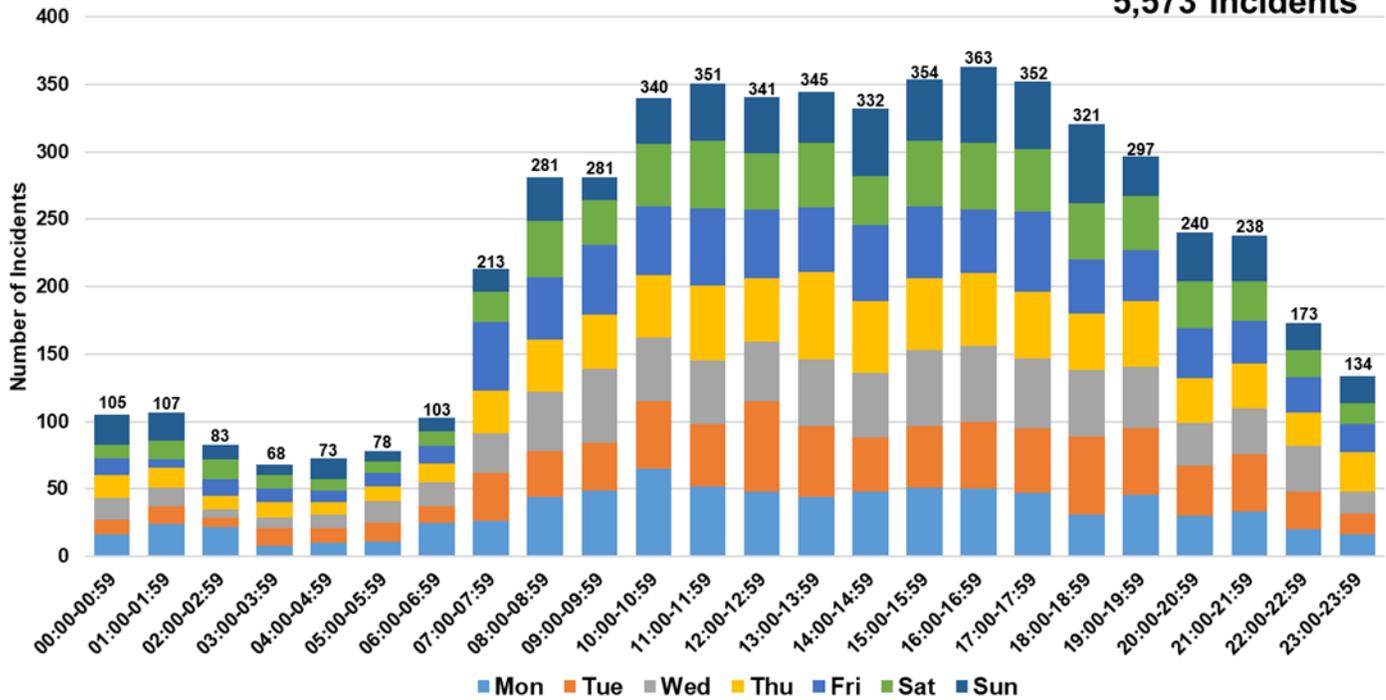
## 2024 FIRE/EMS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



# 2024 FIRE/EMS INCIDENTS BY HOUR AND DAY

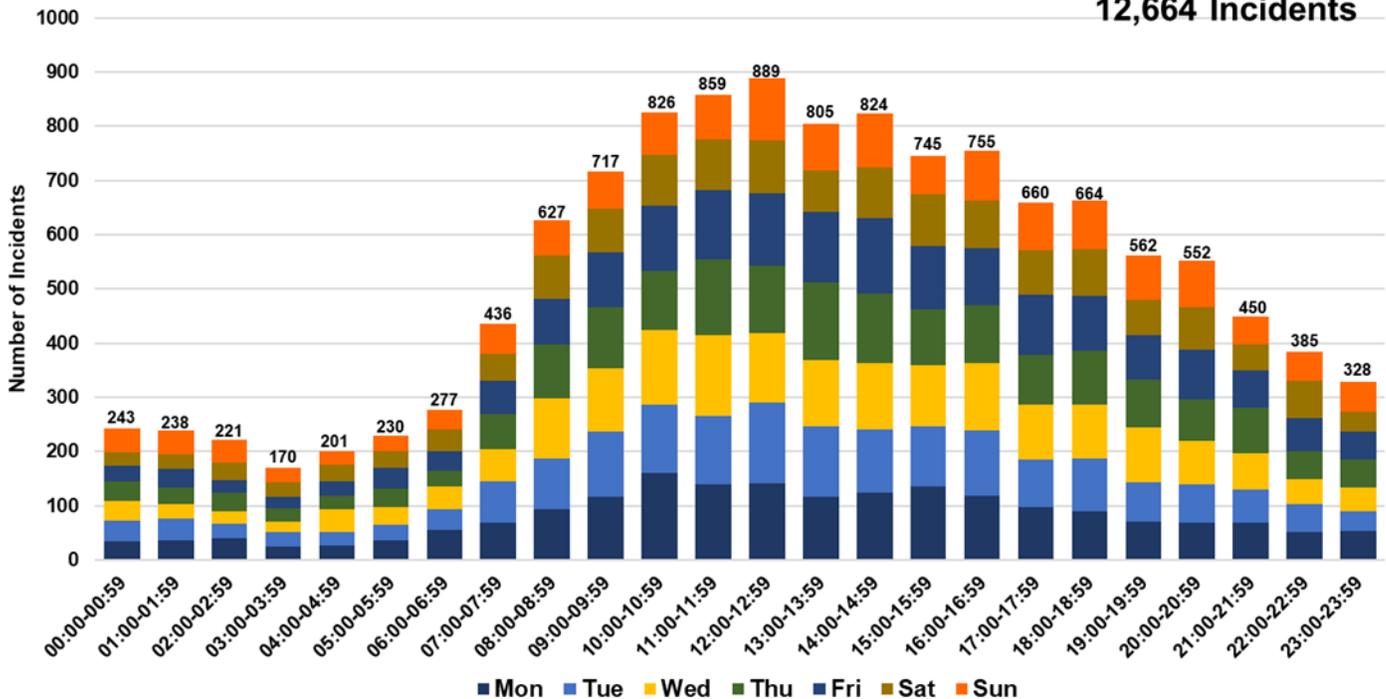
## Fire Incidents by Hour and Day 2024

5,573 Incidents



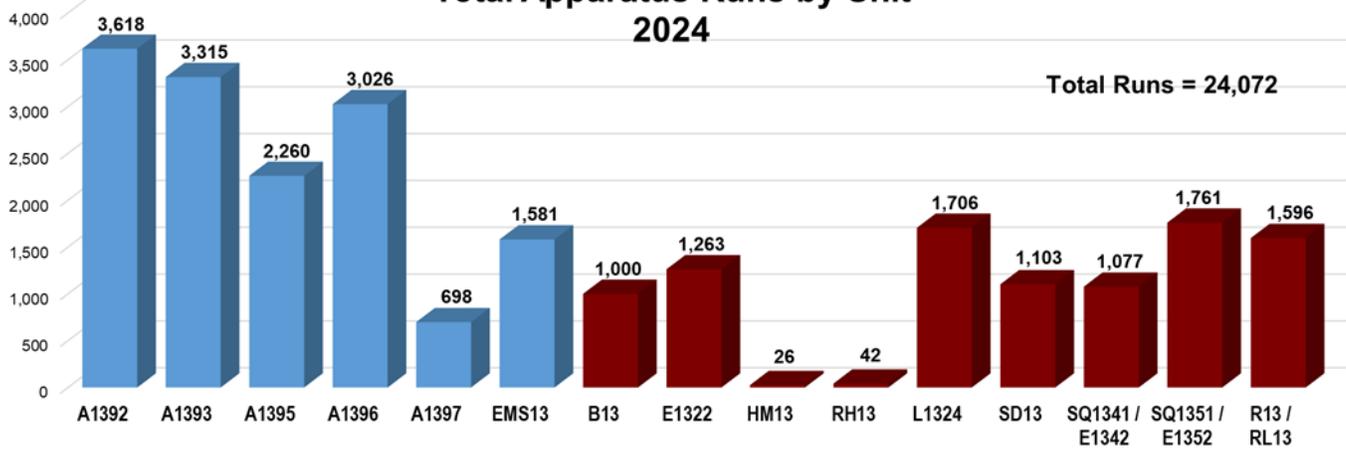
## EMS Incidents by Hour and Day 2024

12,664 Incidents

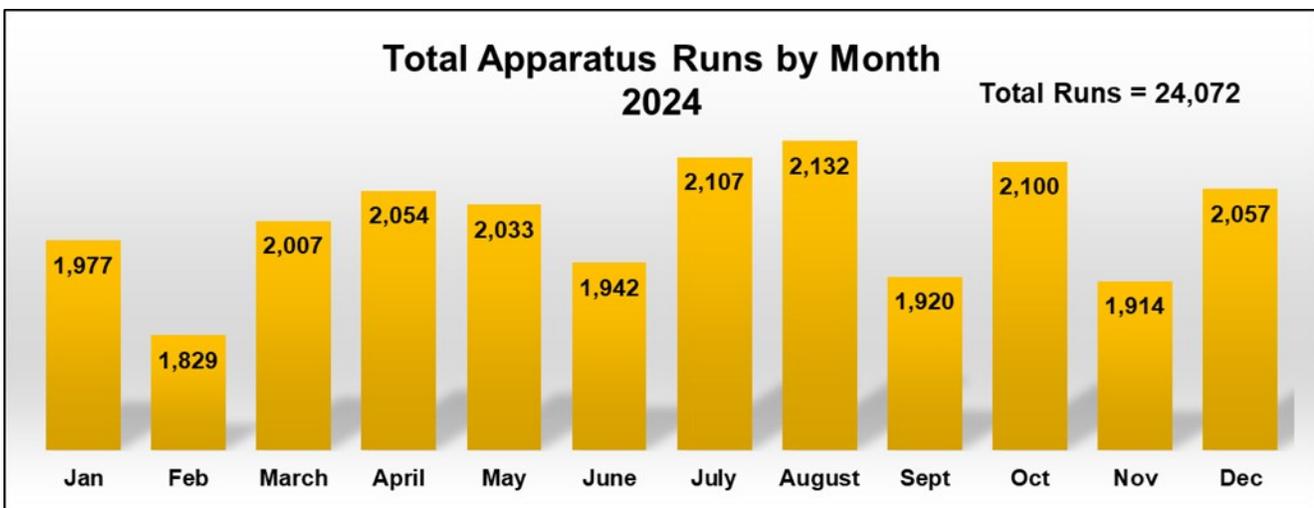


# 2024 APPARATUS RUNS BY UNIT / BY MONTH

**Total Apparatus Runs by Unit  
2024**

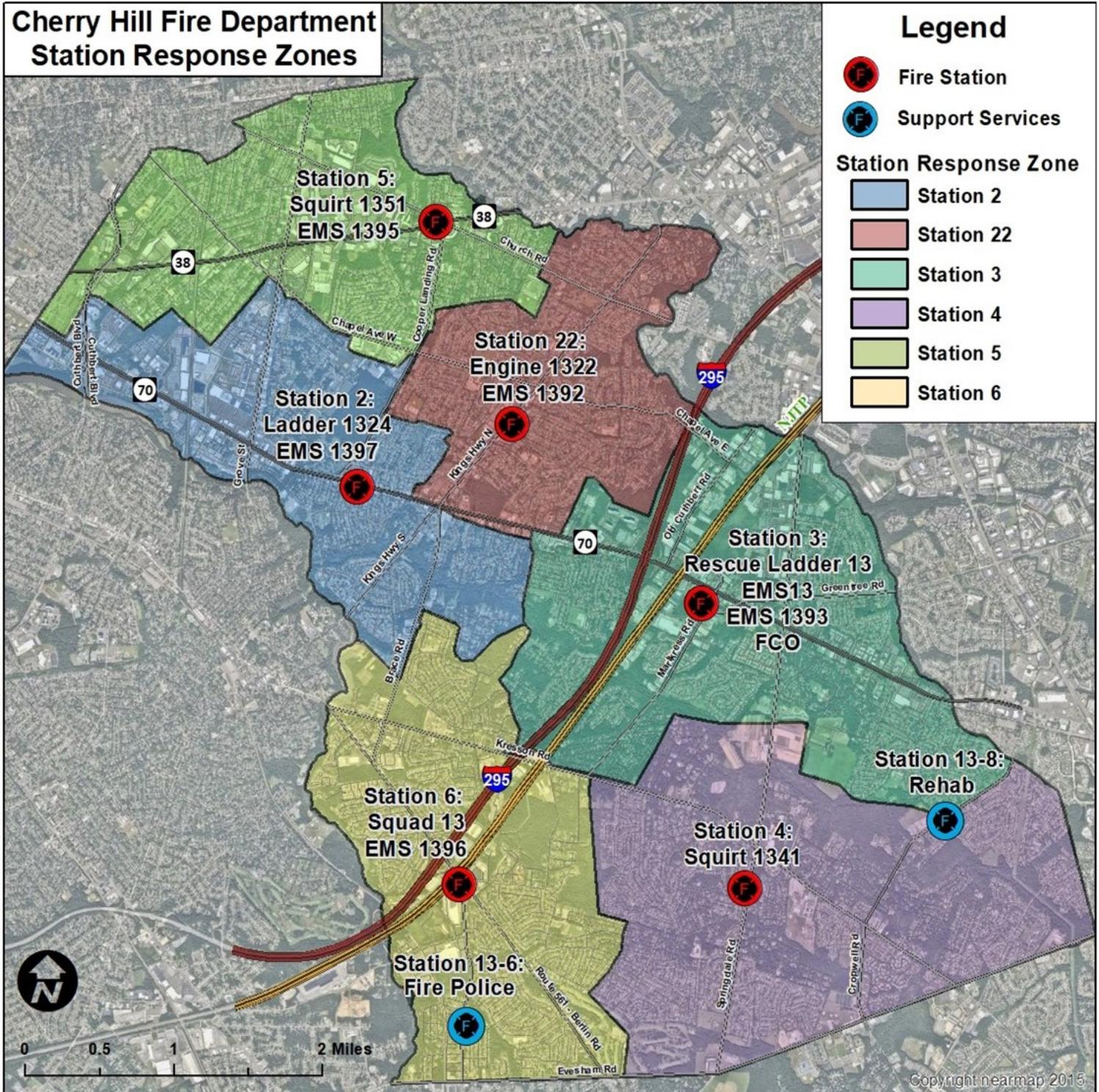


**Total Apparatus Runs by Month  
2024**



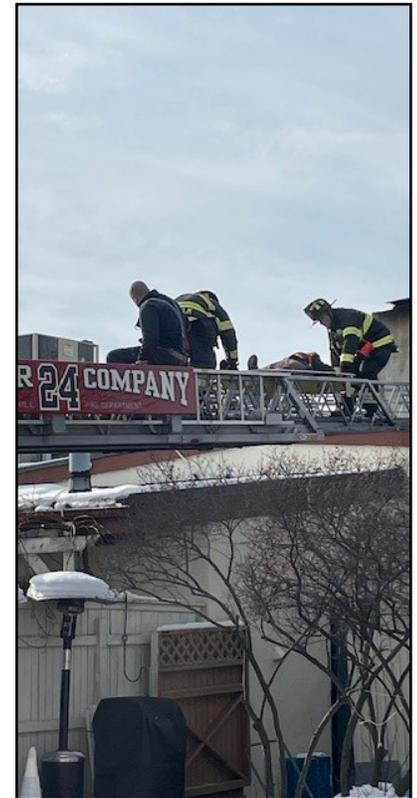
# CHERRY HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION RESPONSE ZONES

## Cherry Hill Fire Department Station Response Zones



## 2024 RESPONSES

- ◆ The Department responded to 5,573 fire service calls and over 12,664 EMS calls in 2024. These included, but were not limited to fire and medical emergencies, smoke detector alarms, car accidents, lift assist, hazmat incidents, stuck elevator and various other emergencies.



# INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED AGENCY— FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Accreditation

The Cherry Hill Fire Department (CHFD) has been designated as an accredited agency with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) since July 2016. Accreditation is a process that includes a comprehensive self-assessment and evaluation model that allows an organization to compare themselves to industry best practices. Each year, the CHFD is required to submit an annual report to the CFAI.

The Department received their second accreditation on October 13, 2021, and received 15 recommendations for areas of improvement from CFAI. The CHFD has fully implemented 6 of the recommendations as of December 2023, and is actively engaged in implementing the remaining recommendations to be completed in 2025.

The Department is prepared to enter into the re-accreditation process in 2025 with plans to submit for our third Accreditation evaluation and review in 2026.



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The CHFHD strives to connect with the community it serves. Our Public Safety Programs are a great way for residents to get to know us, while we continue to deliver our message of fire safety and community risk reduction. Programs offered by the Department include:

COMMUNITY EDUCATION/PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTATIONS	NO. EVENTS	NO. PEOPLE
	ATTENDED	REACHED
<b>COMMUNITY RELATION EVENTS</b>		
Child Safety Seat Installation/Instruction	12	269
Civic/Service Organizations/Township Events	13	3,950
<b>SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTIONS</b>		
Residential Inspections		850
<b>FIRE PREVENTION MONTH</b>		
Cherry Hill Township Harvest Festival	1	4,500
<b>FIREWATCH - JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM</b>		
Referrals Received/Evaluated		21
<b>SCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>		
Kindergarten through 12th Grade	27	3,000
<b>FIRE DRILL/LOCK DOWN OBSERVATIONS - SCHOOLS &amp; BUSINESSES</b>		
	6	300
<b>FIRE STATION TOURS</b>		
	5	175
<b>FIRE/EMS APPARATUS DISPLAYS</b>		
	26	2,575
<b>CLASSES</b>		
Safe Babysitting Class	0	0
Fire Extinguisher Training	0	0
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS</b>		<b>FOLLOWERS</b>
Facebook		20,293
Twitter		3,787
Instagram		3,940
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>43,660</b>



## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Throughout the year, the CHFD participates in numerous Community Events throughout Cherry Hill Township. Some of the events include: Read Across America, National Night Out, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Monthly Car Seat Events, Station Tours, Take Your Child to Work Day, Annual Star Games, Harvest Fest, CHT Memorial Day event, High School Career Day, various Apparatus Displays, Junior Police Academy and the much anticipated Santa Neighborhood visits and Hanukkah Parade. Below are some photos featuring these events:



# FIRE AND EMS TRAINING

The Training and Safety Division ensures that all CHFD personnel are adequately trained following all applicable federal, state, and Department requirements. The Department is required to maintain compliance with legal standards as provided by multiple agencies. Some examples include NJ PEOSH, OSHA, New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, National Fire Protection Association, NJ Department of Health, and FEMA. The CHFD operates a Tier 1 certified Fire Training Academy. This allows the Department not only to provide training, but also will enable us to administer testing for state and national certifications. In addition, the Training and Safety Division staff is responsible for developing and overseeing safety-related programs and investigating all accidents and injuries. In this capacity, the Training and Safety staff ensures agency-wide compliance with safety standards and reports directly to the risk manager assigned by the Department's insurance carrier. These tasks and others are achieved through the efforts of the training staff, multiple certified fire and EMS instructors, and subject matter experts throughout the organization. The CHFD has documented about 26,048 training hours in 2024. Members trained in various disciplines such as swift/flood water rescue, structural collapse, trench rescue operations, confined space rescue, structural firefighting, vehicle rescue, EMS, and hazardous materials training and optimizing human performance. The CHFD is an all-hazards response agency with subject matter experts who assisted in the training delivery.

## Officer Development

The Cherry Hill Fire Department prides itself on world-class training programs that exceed minimum requirements. In the fall of 2024, the CHFD anticipated running a promotional exam, which required us to conduct a Fire Officer Apprenticeship Program (FOAP) in the Spring. FOAP is a semester-long course that firefighters who desire to test for promotion to the officer rank must complete before sitting for a promotional test. The course includes Fire Officers 1 & 2, Incident Safety Officer, Fire Instructor I, and additional leadership training. In December, the CHFD continued investing in our officer development by partnering with Camden County Office of Emergency Management to bring the Intermediate Incident Management I300 course to the CHFD. This course teaches students how to manage expanding incidents of consequence like large storms, natural disasters, or large-scale accidents requiring numerous resources and time. Finally, the CHFD was proud to partner with the Leadership Under Fire Group and Dr. Andy Morgan from Yale and the University of New Haven to study human performance under stress while conducting firefighting operations. More than 16 firefighters participated in this initial study of its kind to examine the effects of the weight of PPE on a firefighter's ability to execute his job physically and mentally, make decisions, and learn from his actions. The initial findings proved incredibly fruitful, and we look forward to a continued partnership with hopes of effecting national changes in our industry.

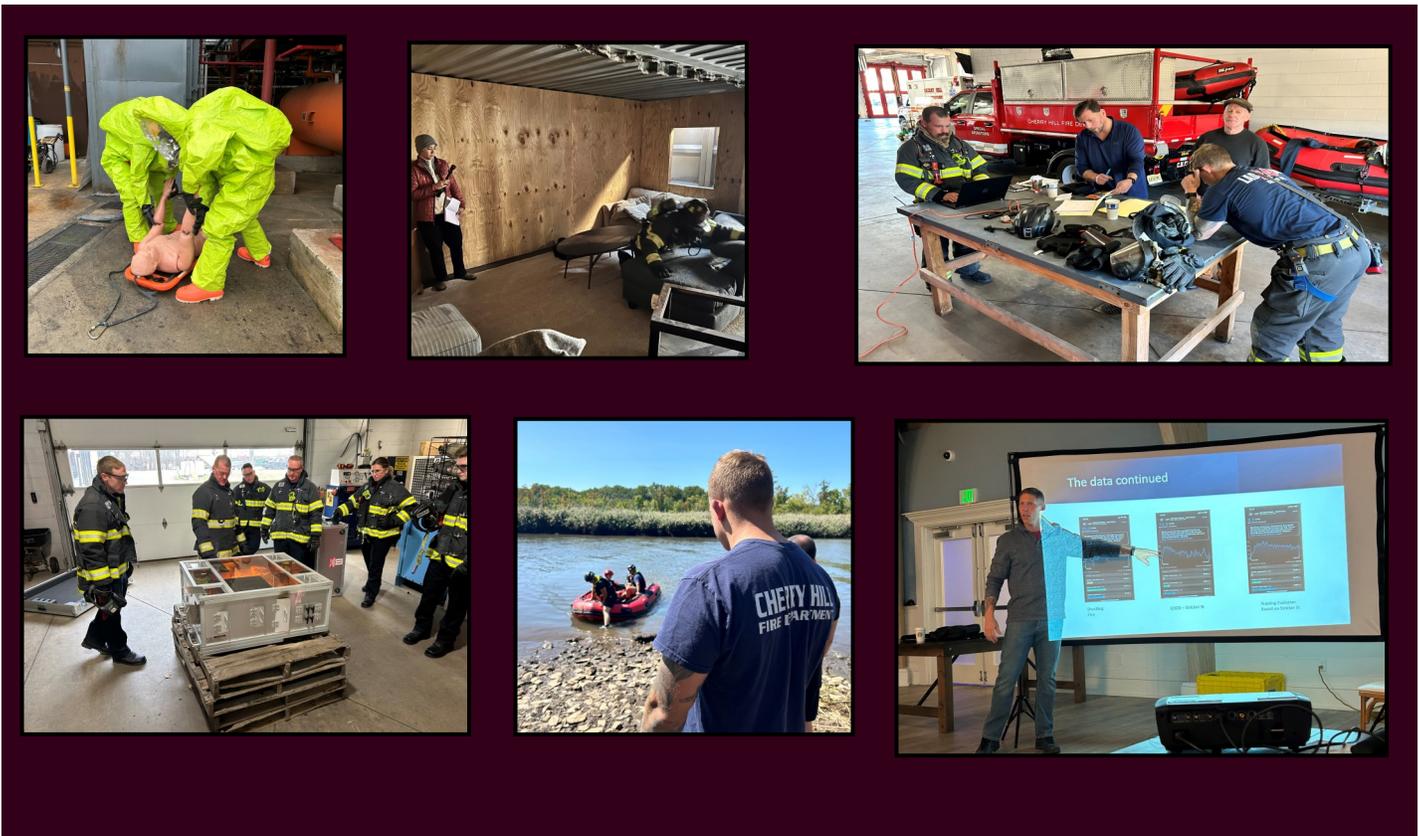


### Grant Training

In the fall of 2022, the CHFHD was awarded \$314,416 by the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for training in high-rise firefighting operations. The Cherry Hill Fire Department responds to an average of 250 alarm systems or reports of smoke and fire in high-rise buildings and at least three fires annually. These buildings pose several unique challenges, from elevators to limited ladder access, high civilian life hazards, wind impact, and more. Throughout 2024, the CHFHD put each firefighter and officer through 60-plus hours of training on high-rise firefighting operations, including live fire simulations. The CHFHD also hosted a National Fire Academy Incident Command Course taught by a retired Philadelphia Deputy Chief with over 30 years of experience fighting these fires. In addition, this grant allowed the CHFHD to send 24 firefighters and officers to a national high-rise firefighting conference and a live fire instructor training course. The CHFHD also received another Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$385,403, in which we implemented a new state-of-the-art firefighter accountability system linked to our radios and began live fire training that will continue into 2025.

### Specialized Training

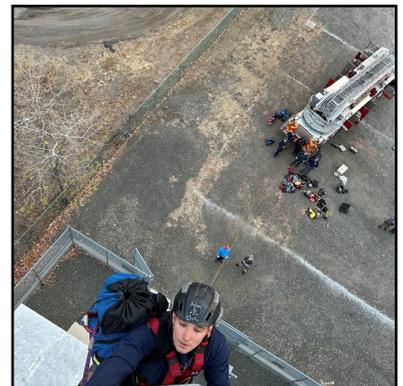
The CHFHD Rescue and Hazardous Materials units again dedicated considerable time in 2024 to complete mission-specific and certification-based training. The CHFHD operates as one of the lead emergency operational entities for the Camden County Hazardous Materials Taskforce, responding to emergencies all over Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester County. Thanks to a Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant in FY2022, the CHFHD continued sending firefighters through the 80-hour Hazardous Materials Technician training at Middlesex Fire Academy. To date, we have sent fifteen firefighters. At the end of 2025, we will be able to certify nearly every firefighter and fire officer to the hazardous materials technician level. Members of the Hazmat unit also conducted training in emergencies involving corrosive liquids, LPG, and CNG. The CHFHD Rescue Company also serves as the lead emergency operational entity for the Camden County US&R Taskforce. Members of the Rescue Company completed a Tower Rescue Training course designed to train rescuers for situations at many of the cell towers throughout our region. Also, over the summer, firefighters assigned to the Rescue and Ladder Company participated in an Emergency Boat Operations course in the Cooper River and a branch of Timber Creek. Firefighters trained in boat handling and rescue operations during flood and swift water emergencies.



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS

## RESCUE COMPANY — STATION 3 — RESCUE AND US&R 13

Station 3 is located at 1100 Marlkrass Road and is attached to Fire Administration. Station 3 is home to Rescue Ladder 13, USAR 13 and Swiftwater 13 and is also known as Rescue Company 13. In addition to Firefighting/EMS duties, Rescue Ladder 13, USAR 13, and Swiftwater 13 respond to all technical rescues and Swiftwater/ flood events in Cherry Hill as well as Camden County and beyond. These units are staffed and operated by Firefighters and Fire Officers who are trained in all aspects of Technical Rescue, Swiftwater, and floodwater emergencies. Members are certified to the Technician or Specialists levels in High Angle Rope Rescue, Tower Rescue, Structural Collapse, Confined Space, Trench Rescue, Elevator Rescue, Vehicle/Rail, Machine Rescue, Swiftwater, Flood, and Surface Ice. This unit works in conjunction with various local, county, and State response agencies as part of the Camden County Urban Search and Rescue Strike Team and Camden County Swiftwater Rescue Task Force. Camden County Urban Search and Rescue Strike Team units respond to incidents in Cherry Hill, Camden County, and the Southern Region of New Jersey. Ladder Company 1324 is trained as an internal support company, and all members are trained to the operations or technical levels in all aspects of technical rescue. In addition, Ladder Company 1324 staffs an additional marine unit that responds to incidents in Cherry Hill and the Cooper River. Several members of Rescue Company 13 are assigned as Rescue Specialists for FEMA New Jersey USAR Taskforce One. Two members were deployed with NJTF-1 in 2024 to Ashville, North Carolina, where they worked in the disaster area for 14 days before returning home. Rescue Company 13 has a long history of current and former members assigned to FEMA NJTF-1. The training and experience these members have brought back to Rescue Company 13 have proven to be invaluable. In 2024, Rescue Company 13 members completed a 40-hour Tower Rescue Technician program. This training was sponsored by the Camden County Office of Emergency Management and included our USAR partner agency, the Camden Fire Department. This program coupled high-angle rope rescue skills with skills and rigging specific tower scenarios. These towers include cell phones, broadcasting, communication, and an array of other unique tower-like structures. Also, in 2024, several members of Rescue Company 13 and Ladder Company 1324 completed the 16-hour Emergency Rescue Boat Operator course. This training was provided by internal certified instructors and took place at the Cooper River and Big Timber Creek. Lastly, through our partnership with the Camden Fire Department, 3 members of Rescue Company 13 were able to attend and complete the 88-hour Structural Collapse Specialist program in November of 2024. Looking forward to 2025, the members of Rescue Company 13 will continue to train at a high level to maintain operational readiness for the ever-evolving technical rescue needs of Cherry Hill and beyond.



## SQUAD COMPANY— STATION 6 — HAZMAT AND FOAM 13

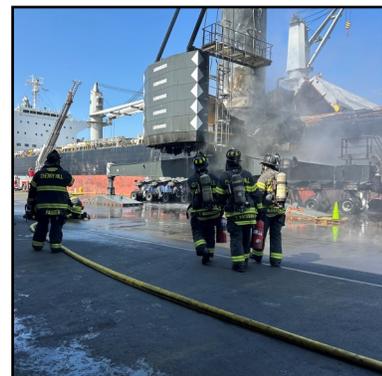
Station 6, located at Route 561 and Burnt Mill Road, houses the Department's Hazardous Materials Unit. This specialty unit, staffed with specialist-level firefighters, serves as a lead resource in the Camden County HazMat Task Force. Though serving primarily as an engine company, the men and women who are tasked with staffing the unit function in several different roles including; fire suppression, vehicle rescue, technical rescue support to Rescue Company 13, air monitoring, and chemical/hazard mitigation. In addition, Squad Company 13 works in conjunction with Station 22 to provide a county-wide foam asset, Foam 13.

Squad 13 / Hazmat 13 has been tasked with responding to incidents such as:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chemical Leaks and Spills     | Natural Gas and Propane Leaks     |
| Biological incidents          | Compressed Cylinder Emergencies   |
| Chemical Fires and Explosions | Radiological Incidents            |
| Illicit Activities            | Terroristic Threats               |
| Battery Emergencies           | Agency / Out of County Assistance |

Continued success requires constant training, equipment maintenance, and preparation. HazMat 13 proudly operated with the stakeholders of the Camden County HazMat Response Task Force on 31 unique and specialized incidents for 2024. These included incidents involving drug sampling, chemical fires, unknown white powders, battery emergencies, LPG flaring, fuel transfers, and foam operations.

HazMat response has some of the most diverse incidents when compared to other forms of emergency response. Training and preparation are key to ensuring the members of the unit are well prepared and ready for such diversity. Along with consistent, in-house training, the Cherry Hill Fire Department was able to secure just under \$20,000, in federal grant funds, to provide additional, nationally recognized programs. This funding provided specialized training on the response to Corrosive Chemicals and live fire training involving LPG. In addition, our multi-county relationship allowed for members to attend other training programs held outside of Cherry Hill. Finally, the Kellogg's facility, in Winslow Twp., graciously offered their facility for three days allowing for full-scale training scenarios that involved all partners associated with the Camden County HazMat Taskforce.



## LEATHER SHOP

The CHFD's Leather Shop continues to support the daily operations of the organization through innovation and cost-saving initiatives. In addition to the maintenance and repair of helmets and boots, "the Shop" cooperatively works on various initiatives with the Motor Maintenance Division, Logistics, and the Training & Safety Division.

2024 saw the swearing in of two classes of firefighters plus a host of promotions and transfers. The Shop curates a helmet front for each member affected commemorating each one of these occasions.

As we closed out 2024, members of the Leather Shop staff took time to assess stock and optimize the efficiency of operations. This results in more timely production, increased efficiency and cost savings, and most importantly; the end-user being properly outfitted and identified.

The daily operations of the Leather Shop are led by a members assigned to Station 3, with oversight from the OFC and support from the Logistics Division. It has and will continue to build a legacy of tradition and pride for current and future members of the Department."

## SCBA SHOP

The following are the annual statistics and highlights for the Station 22 SCBA Shop: Total Repairs: 71

### Repairs by Apparatus:

Ladder 2 - 8	Engine 22 - 4
Engine 52 - 6	Rescue Ladder 13 - 6
Squad 13 - 13	Squrt 41 - 2
Engine 23 - 2	Engine 63 - 4
Hazmat 13 - 1	Safety 13 - 1
SCBA Shop - 0	Bottle Repairs: - 11
Mask Repairs - 7	

**Total Hours Worked: 138.6 / Total Expenditures: \$12,726.45**

**Total Warranty Recovered: \$13,336**

Revenue exceeded expenses as some 2023 funding was received in the 2024 calendar year.

### Notable Items in 2024:

SCBA bottles able to be sent out for hydro testing and returned without interruption of service.

Planned and executed the outfitting of 21 recruit firefighters with masks and fit testing. In tandem, supported the SCBA needs for two recruit academies and several Hazmat Technician classes.

Received resources and training to allow the SCBA shop to perform escape pack flow testing eliminating the need to outsource.



# EMS DIVISION

## Operational Overview

The CHFD EMS Division maintains a fleet of 8 ambulances strategically distributed across five of our six fire stations. To ensure comprehensive coverage, Stations 3, 6, and 22 provide 24/7 EMS availability. Station 5 operates its EMS unit from 08:00 to 20:00 daily, while Station 2 offers EMS services Monday through Friday from 07:00 to 19:00, contingent upon staffing availability.

## 2024 Call Volume

In 2024, the EMS Division experienced another record-breaking year, responding to over 13,000 calls for service. The peak demand for EMS resources consistently occurs during daytime hours. This surge is attributed to the influx of commuters and visitors drawn to our local shopping district and various businesses, both of which contribute to a higher daytime population and a corresponding increase in service requests.

## Staffing & Recruitment

During 2024, the EMS Division successfully recruited for several full-time positions and expanded our per diem staff. To maintain adequate staffing levels, we conduct multiple per diem testing days throughout the year. Qualified EMTs and Paramedics interested in joining our team are encouraged to visit our webpage and submit an application, as we are always looking for great people to join our Team as EMS providers.



# FIRE OFFICER PROMOTIONS / PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER AND CAREER EMT OATH OF OFFICE / BOFC COMMISSIONER AWARD

**May, 16, 2024—Probationary Firefighter Oath of Office**—FF Joseph Ioannucci, FF Adam Layden, FF Andrew Bittner, FF Nicholas Bacigalupo, FF Matthew Wilhelm, FF Nicholas Kovacs, FF Nicholas Frontino, FF Jake Borrelli, FF Brandon G. Harris, FF Cedric Q. Presson, Jr. and FF Shane Tambussi

**November 21, 2024—Fire Officer/Firefighter Promotions**—Lieutenant Timothy K. Moore to Captain, Lieutenant Paul Hartstein to Captain, Firefighter James P. Keegan to Lieutenant

**December 19, 2024—Probationary Firefighter Oath of Office**—FF William S. Varner, FF Nicholas Kienzle, FF Nathan P. Finnegan, FF Matthew Ambrosio, Jr., FF Randall J. Knapp, Jr., FF Michael J. Scardino, FF Lacey M. Heist, FF Jeremy Hacker, FF Marc D. Pagan and FF Matthew Earle

**December 19, 2024—Career Emergency Medical Technician Oath of Office**—EMT Christopher J. Marks, EMT Stephanie Brunges, MICP Alexandra V. Knellwolf, EMT James Luebberman, EMT Dylan Mullen, EMT Amanda Grau, EMT Rebekah A. Esimio and EMT Travis Smith

**November 14, 2024—Fire Commissioner Mulholland, Jr.** received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from Spectrum 360. Spectrum 360 provides people with Autism and those with related challenges the specialized programs and support they need.



**May Probation Firefighter Oath of Office**



**November Fire Officer Promotions**



**December Probationary Firefighters and Career EMT Oath of Office**



**November Commissioner Mulholland Humanitarian of the Year Award**



# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Cherry Hill Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is dedicated to the comprehensive coordination of disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. Throughout 2024, OEM continued to enhance the township's resilience against both natural and man-made emergencies.

## Emergency Operations and Community Engagement

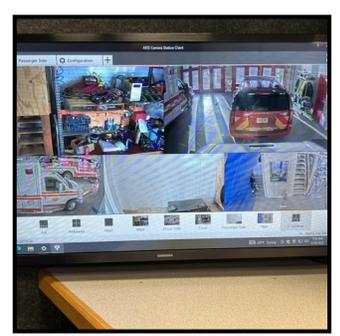
In 2024, OEM was actively involved in various community events, ensuring public safety and effective coordination among agencies. Notably:

- **Juneteenth Celebration:** OEM deployed the Mobile Command Post to oversee operations, monitor weather conditions, and coordinate communications.
- **Independence Day Fireworks Display:** The Mobile Command Post was deployed and OEM personnel utilized drones to monitor crowd dynamics, parking, and security, providing real-time video feeds to the Command Post to enhance decision-making processes.
- **National Night Out:** At National Night Out, OEM engages with the community by showcasing emergency response equipment and educating residents on disaster readiness, while also strengthening relationships with partner agencies through joint public safety demonstrations.
- **Harvest Fest:** OEM supported Harvest Fest at Croft Farm by deploying the Mobile Command Post, which served as a hub for interagency coordination, live weather monitoring, communication management, and surveillance of crowd movement and event logistics.

## Emergency Planning and Training

Beyond active deployments, OEM undertook several initiatives to bolster the township's preparedness:

- **Review of Emergency Plans:** OEM conducted thorough evaluations of emergency protocols for various local facilities, observing and assessing their implementation during drills to ensure readiness and compliance.
- **Participation in the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference:** OEM staff attended this annual conference, engaging in advanced training sessions and exploring new technologies, including mapping systems designed to assist first responders and residents during emergencies.



# VOLUNTEER COMPANIES

## Fire Police

The Cherry Hill Fire Police are volunteers specially trained to provide essential traffic control services for accidents and other emergencies, blocked roadways and utility incidents. In January of 2024, the Cherry Hill Fire Police redeveloped their command structure. John Shannon assumed the role of Chief of Fire Police; Aaron Hutkin Assistant Chief and former Chief, Doug Cook, stepped back from his previous role, but remains in a vital role within the command structure as the Captain. Eric Fralin was promoted to Lieutenant and Anthony Aquilino became the first ever Safety Officer within the Fire Police Ranks. Additional officers were also voted in to serve in administration roles within the Fire Police. Holly Hamill was voted to continue her role as President, Captain Cook also took on additional responsibility as the Treasurer and Ben Keating became the newest trustee.

During the year, the Fire Police completed a vast training schedule including Chain Saw Operations, EVOC courses, CPR Certifications and Traffic Incident Management Systems training. The Fire Police completed quarterly training after their scheduled business meeting to allow them to provide additional resources and guidance while on calls for service.

In 2024, the Fire Police saw a reduced amount of calls for service from previous years. The Fire Police Unit responded to a total of 67 calls throughout the year and provided a total of 590 volunteer man hours. The breakdown below shows the type of calls for service the Cherry Hill Fire Police respond to and assist with and when most calls for service occur.



## DEER PARK FIRE COMPANY/REHAB

The Deer Park Fire Company, also known as Rehab 13, provides the citizens and emergency responders, along with surrounding southern New Jersey communities, with shelter from extreme conditions, refreshments, hydration and additional equipment during prolonged emergency incidents. In 2024, Rehab responded to:

- 32 Emergency Scene assignments.
- Numerous assignments assisting CHFD in all of their Mutual Aid districts.
- Deer Park Station hosted 12 Child Safety Seat checkups
- Special Assignment dispatches totaled 25
- We mourn the loss of Life Members Greg Discher and Jim Bird
- 4 new Members joined in 2024
- 19 Volunteers continue as Responding Members



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