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Annual Report for Service Year 2023

June 2024



Andover Fire-Rescue Annual Report
Andover, KS

MISSION STATEMENT:

Upholding core values of **RESPECT, INTEGRITY, HONOR, DUTY** and **UNITY**, the Andover Fire-Rescue family is committed to providing exceptional fire protection, emergency services, and positive interactions to our community.

ANDOVER



VISION STATEMENT:

Andover Fire-Rescue will become the foremost leader in the fire service and our community through professionalism, strength and trust while defending our core values.

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Message from the Chief



Dear Friends and neighbors,

I'm grateful for the unwavering support we received from our community during these challenging moments. Your trust in us fuels our determination to uphold the responsibilities entrusted to us. We're deeply humbled by the unity and kindness demonstrated by our community members.

The completion of your new firehouse stands as a testament to the trust our community has placed in us. It was no small feat, and I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort and dedication of your fire staff. Countless hours were spent planning and strategizing to ensure a smooth transition from one house to two. The logistical challenges were significant, but your team rose to the occasion with determination and resilience.



Transitioning to a two-house operation required meticulous planning and coordination. Your staff developed new operational procedures and workflows to effectively manage emergency responses from multiple locations. This involved extensive training and preparation to maintain the high standards of service our community expects and deserves.

Throughout the year, we responded to numerous critical calls, demonstrating our readiness and capability to handle emergencies of all kinds. Your team's swift and effective response in these situations is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of your firefighters.

In addition to emergency response, we've also prioritized ongoing training and maintenance to ensure that your staff remains at the highest level of readiness. Our commitment to continuous improvement is reflected in the rigorous training programs we've implemented, as well as our dedication to maintaining your equipment and facilities to the highest standards.

Despite the challenges we've faced, our team's dedication and resilience have never wavered. I'm incredibly proud of each and every member of Andover Fire-Rescue for their unwavering commitment to serving our community.

In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude to your fire staff for their tireless efforts in completing the new house, transitioning to a two-house operation, and responding to critical calls with professionalism and dedication. Your commitment to serving our community is truly commendable, and I have no doubt that the addition of the new house will greatly enhance our ability to respond to emergencies and ensure the safety of our residents. Thank you for your commitment to Andover Fire-Rescue and the residents of Fire District #1.

Finally, On behalf of the entire Andover Fire-Rescue team, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each member of our community. Your support fuels our determination to serve you with excellence and dedication. We are honored to be part of such a caring and resilient community, and we look forward to continuing to serve you with the highest level of professionalism and commitment in the years to come. Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Russell".

AFR Organization



The Andover community is proudly served by **36** uniformed personnel. Of those, **21** are full time career members plus **1** administration, **7** are part time and **7** are volunteer reserves.

Each shift contains 6 firefighters and now divided between two fire stations. Station 1 is located at 911 N. Andover Road and Station 2 which recently opened in November 2023 is located at 650 S. Andover Road.

Meet Your AFR Members

Administration



Fire Chief
Chad Russell



**Deputy Chief/
Fire Marshal**
Mike Roosevelt



Division Chief
Andy Saville



**Training Captain/
AEMT**
Chris Matson



Admin. Assistant
Felicia Massey

A Shift

2



Captain/EMT
Stephen Cullinane



Lieutenant/AEMT
Frank Shaw



Firefighter/AEMT
Brian Landers



Firefighter/AEMT
Steve Plantz



Firefighter/EMT
Matt Pippin



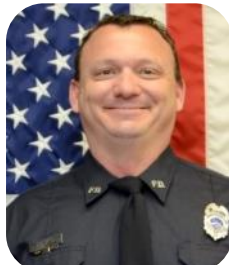
Firefighter/EMT
Zack Engelbrecht

Meet Your AFR Members

B Shift



Captain/EMT
Zach Lindsey



Lieutenant/EMT
Dennis Smith



Firefighter/AEMT
Aaron Parker



Firefighter/EMT
Jeremy Tuxhorn



Firefighter/EMT
Ben Johnson



Firefighter/EMT
Bailey Norris

C Shift

2



Captain/EMT
Chad Cheslic



Lieutenant/AEMT
John Gabriel



Firefighter/EMT
Jeremy Helsel



Firefighter/EMT
Jason Emley



Firefighter/EMT
Skyler Aikens



Firefighter/EMT
Kevin Taylor

Meet Your AFR Members

Part Time



Firefighter/AEMT
Cory Mattke



Firefighter/EMT
Justin Luinstra



Firefighter/Paramedic
Mike Lewis



Firefighter/EMT
Caleb Fistler



Firefighter/EMT
Derrick Burl, Jr.



Firefighter/EMT
Malachi Mosier

Reserves

2



Firefighter/EMT
Gary Elliott



Firefighter/EMT
Jay Robertson



Firefighter/EMR
Kristen Dexter



Firefighter/EMT
Jace Guerrie



Firefighter/EMT
Shane Frey



Firefighter
Brian Legrow



Firefighter/EMT
Jonathan Smith



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Vehicle Replacement Plan



Vehicle Replacement Plan

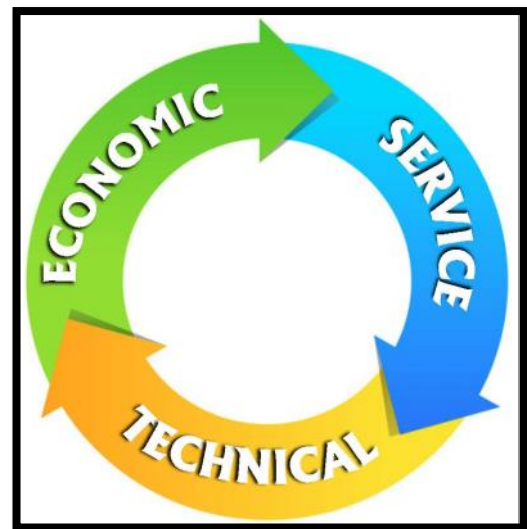


Since the initiation of the Vehicle Replacement Plan in 2014, the primary goal of AFR's analysis has been to ensure a safe, healthy, and economically sustainable community. AFR engaged an external company of certified emergency vehicle technicians to assess the entire fleet. This evaluation highlighted the need for a strategic plan to ensure the future and safety of our vehicles. A crucial aspect of Andover Fire-Rescue's (AFR) ability to aid the public and save lives hinges on maintaining a safe and adequate fleet of emergency vehicles. Given that personnel costs are significant, vehicle replacement also stands out as a major expense in fire department operations.

To maximize firefighter capabilities and minimize injury risks, it's essential for fire apparatus to be equipped with the latest safety features and operational capabilities. Timely replacement of fire apparatus is vital to ensure uninterrupted service provision. The importance and impact of the fleet necessitated a thorough assessment of its condition, identification of necessary apparatus requirements aligned with the department's mission, and the development of a manageable replacement schedule. This comprehensive vehicle study included a survey of all fire apparatus, an analysis of AFR's organizational goals and service demands, a comparison with other jurisdictions' fire apparatus replacement programs, and a proposed replacement schedule.

Fire apparatus, like all mechanical devices, have finite life cycles, typically divided into service, technological, and economic phases. Service life refers to the equipment's ability to perform its duties, while technological life com-

pares older apparatus with newer ones, particularly regarding safety technology. Economic life encompasses the total expenses over time, including depreciation, oper-



ational costs, fuel, maintenance, repairs, downtime, replacement, obsolescence, inventory, and training.

Previously, AFR's fire apparatus replacement intervals were based solely on estimated age effects, prompting a shift to using APWA's formulas for objective annual evaluations. This approach enables informed decisions on when to replace apparatus, ensuring better preparation for expenditures. The current survey indicates the average ages of primary apparatus across different categories, with recent acquisitions under the VRP enhancing AFR's capabilities.

As firefighters heavily rely on these vehicles for emergency services, the Vehicle Replacement Plan remains crucial for AFR's ongoing investments in safe and technically

In the chart below, the Vehicle Replacement Plan, (VRP), is based on replacement points and rates the apparatus in (4) different categories: **Condition 1: Excellent, Condition II: Good, Condition III: Qualifies for Replacement and Condition IV: Needs Immediate Consideration.**

Currently, (5) apparatus show they are a Category IV needs immediate consideration. Your AFR firefighters commit to regular service checks and maintenance to keep our apparatus running efficiently so we are ready in your time of need. Our priority is to provide safe and effective apparatus to service our community while also minimizing costs, repairs and premature replacement.

Andover Fire-Rescue Vehicle Replacement Plan 2023										
Apparatus	Year	Age	Mileage	Engine Hours	*Hour mileage	Replacement Points	Maintenance Cost to Date	Desired Replacement	Scheduled Replacement	Anticipated Replacement Cost
Car 2	2020	4	31,483	1,745	104,700	14.16	\$ 1,472.15	2025	2028	\$ 83,200
Car 4	2021	3	29,675	1,083	64,962	16.0	\$ 121.00	2026	2030	\$ 72,325
Rescue 35	2013	11	84,324	8,570	514,200	37.3	\$ 37,554.77	2022	2024	\$ 350,000
Brush 11	2020	4	3,263	345	20,700	10.7	\$ 252.64	2035	2035	\$ 171,563
Brush 12	2020	4	3,331	364	21,840	9.5	\$ 681.81	2035	2035	\$ 171,563
Tender 11	2002	22	16,146	1,414	84,810	33.3	\$ 30,293.69	2016	2027	\$ 402,500
Tender 12	2002	22	9,460	1,841	110,448	34.10	\$ 29,291.00	2016	2026	\$ 392,000
Engine 1	2007	17	54,603	5,314	318,840	38.06	\$ 62,806.69	2027	2028	\$ 1,045,175
Engine 16	2017	7	45,262	4,220	253,200	24.10	\$ 26,835.29	2037	2037	\$ 1,060,800
Ladder 15	2016	8	11,431	1,455	87,300	18.02	\$ 31,976.17	2041	2041	\$ 1,593,750
Engine 10	1998	26	47,353	4,264	255,840	42.24	\$ 36,903.56	2018	2025	\$ 1,100,000
Point Ranges										
0-19	Condition I	Excellent					Code = Exc.			
20-25	Condition II	Good					Code = Good			
26-29	Condition III	Qualifies for replacement					Code = QFR			
30-	Condition IV	Needs immediate consideration					Code = NIC			
* hour mileage is the mileage equivalency based on engine hours										

Enterprise Fleet Management Agreement



Mayor Price and the City Council members approved a partnership with Enterprise Fleet Management for vehicle maintenance and replacement in Andover.

City vehicle managers, after multiple meetings, reviewed projections on potential cost savings over time. Besides financial benefits, the program boosts employee morale by removing older vehicles from the fleet, leading to improved efficiency with fewer downtimes for repairs.

The program also generates new revenue. Positive feedback from Enterprise Fleet Management clients, including Haysville USD 261, Prais-

rie Village, and Valley Center, highlights its effectiveness. Signing maintenance agreements will enroll all city vehicles, including police vehicles, in a pay-as-you-go Maintenance Management Program overseen by certified mechanics, reducing maintenance costs by around 10%. New vehicles acquired through Enterprise will join a fixed-cost Full Maintenance Program, except for police interceptors, which remain in the pay-as-you-go model.

Using Enterprise's approach, AFR expects considerable savings in the coming years. In this past fiscal year, AFR has obtained a 2023 Ford F-150 for training, joining the city's lease program, while emergency vehicles with specialized equipment will lease on a 4-5 year cycle due to installation complexities.

In Memoriam



Daniel "Wade" Seibert

Wade Seibert, Project Manager for Crossland Construction, left us too soon in July of 2023 due to an unfortunate boating accident. Wade was not only a talented professional but also became a cherished friend and colleague of our AFR family and our community. His contributions as an integral part of the design and construction process of Andover Fire-Rescue's new fire station will always be remembered.

The news of Wade's passing deeply saddened us at AFR. Our hearts continue to be with Wade's family, friends, and coworkers. We continue to share in your loss and offer our thoughts and prayers for comfort and healing.

Though Wade did not witness the final completion of the Fire Station, his dedication, expertise, and passion will forever resonate within these walls. Wade will always hold a special place in our hearts, and his legacy will continue to inspire us in our mission to serve and protect our community.

Rest in peace, Wade. You will be dearly missed, but your spirit will live on in the work we do every day.



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Training/ Fire Prevention



Message from the Training Specialist

Dear Andover Community,

In my role as Andover's Training Specialist, I am dedicated to overseeing training hours and ensuring that our Firefighters possess the latest skills and knowledge necessary for providing emergency assistance to our citizens. This responsibility is of paramount importance to me, and I am immensely proud of the accomplishments we have achieved.

The following hours represent the training efforts undertaken by our local firefighters to ensure they are adequately prepared:

- ♦ **618 Hours** Medical Training
- ♦ **3,295 Hours** Other training encompassing Physical Fitness, Specialty Rescue, etc.
- ♦ **6,909 Hours** Training qualifying for ISO (Insurance Services Office) standards.

Our Firefighters have actively participated in various fire schools such as the State Capitol Area Firefighters Association (SCAFFA), National Fire Academy (NFA), and Labette County Fire School. Additionally, we have had valuable training experiences in live fire conditions at Butler Community College's burn facility and with the Wichita Fire Department.

Moreover, AFR has hosted numerous on-site training drills, combining classroom instruction with hands-on practice. These drills, often conducted in collaboration with neighboring fire departments such as Wichita, Rose Hill, Sedgwick County, and Benton Fire, have contributed significantly to our team's readiness and cohesion.

A focal point of our training in 2023 was Electric Vehicle (EV) fires. Given the increasing prevalence of EVs, it is imperative that firefighters can differentiate between EVs and non-EVs and understand the unique challenges associated with firefighting EV-related incidents. This includes addressing thermal runaway issues that can prolong firefighting efforts significantly. Rest assured, our Firefighters remain well-versed in handling these evolving challenges effectively and safely.

Many of our firefighters actively seek opportunities for self-improvement and contribute to the enhancement of our fire department as a whole. I am immensely proud of each firefighter's dedication and expertise, and I am confident that our Andover Fire-Rescue team is fully equipped to manage any emergency situations that may arise.

Sincerely,



Andover Training Specialist



Training Specialist
Chris Matson

Training Hours Statistics

(Pictured Right) - This graphic shows the hours/percentage of training accrued in 2023.



(Pictured Below) - This list is a detailed break-down of the training/hours earned in 2023.

TRAINING DESCRIPTION	HOURS
ISO Live Fire/Facilities Training	6
ISO Company – Level Training	4,373
ISO Officer Training	803
ISO Officer Certifications	125
ISO Driver/Operator Existing	387
ISO Driver/Operator New	277
ISO Hazardous Materials	54
ISO Recruit Training	594
ISO Building Familiarization/Pre-Incident Planning/ Company Level Inspections	290
Medical Training	618
Misc. (NIMS, SCBA, Specialized Rescue, Active Threat, WUI, Ropes & Knots, NFPA Standards & Extrication)	3,295
Training Hours	10,822

Training

Forcible Entry Training

Jan 2023 - AFR demonstrated their prowess by effectively utilizing the forcible entry prop at the WFD Training Grounds. This prop is designed to mimic both residential and commercial doors, with the latter often being more fortified and challenging to breach.

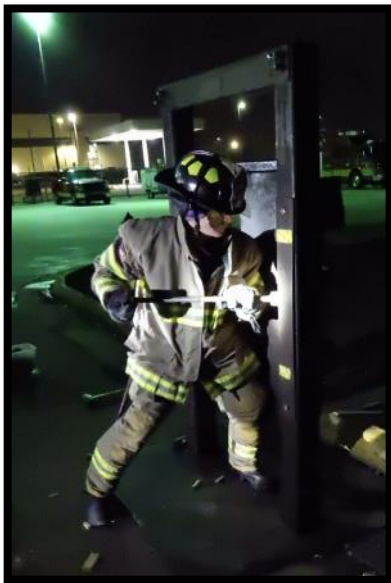


What made this training particularly impressive was that it was conducted at night, introducing an additional level of difficulty and realism to the drill.

By practicing forcible entry techniques in low-light conditions, AFR personnel honed their skills in accessing a wide

range of secured entry points. This type of training is invaluable as it prepares firefighters to handle real-world scenarios where quick and efficient access is crucial for saving lives and minimizing property damage.

The utilization of specialized props like the forcible entry simulator demonstrates AFR's commitment to continuous improvement and readiness for various emergency situations.



Ropes Training/Rescue

Captain Zach Lindsey was the lead instructor for Ropes Training once again for AFR. The purpose of ropes rescue training is to equip firefighters with the skills and knowledge necessary to conduct safe and efficient rescue operations in vertical or confined spaces.



These situations may include rescuing individuals trapped in elevated locations, such as buildings, cliffs, or trenches, where traditional methods of rescue are impractical or unsafe. Ropes rescue training covers techniques for setting up anchor systems, using various types of ropes and hardware, performing rope ascents and descents, executing rope-based rescues, and conducting patient packaging and evacuation.

By training in ropes rescue, firefighters develop the ability to assess and mitigate risks associated with complex rescue scenarios. They learn to work as a team to deploy ropes and rigging systems effectively, ensuring the safety of both rescuers and victims. Ropes rescue training also emphasizes the importance of communication, planning, and decision-making under pressure, preparing firefighters to respond confidently and competently to emergencies involving vertical or confined spaces. Overall, ropes rescue training enhances the fire service's capabilities to save lives and protect communities in challenging and high-risk environments.



Training

Vehicle Extrication

Andover Auto Body and CarStar went above and beyond by sponsoring an event that showcased multiple vehicles from various manufacturers for extrication training. This event provided participants with a unique opportunity to not only observe but also practice different extrication techniques tailored to each vehicle type.



The collaborative nature of this event was truly commendable, as it brought together the expertise of Wichita Fire, Sedgwick Co. Fire, and Rose Hill Fire Departments. This collaboration facilitated a valuable exchange of knowledge and experiences, ultimately enhancing preparedness and effectiveness across agencies.

By engaging in hands-on training with diverse vehicle models, your firefighters gained invaluable experience and



honed their skills in extrication procedures. This proactive approach to training ensures that responders

are well-equipped to handle a wide range of emergency situations involving various vehicle types.

Thank you Andover Auto Body and CarStar for your generous sponsorship and commitment to supporting first responders in enhancing their capabilities.

Aerial Training—Ladder Operations



At AFR, each apparatus serves a distinct purpose in emergency services, equipped with unique tools and tactics. It's vital for your firefighters to understand every apparatus, its control

panel, and its capabilities during emergencies.

Ladder 15, a Pierce Aerial with a 107-foot ladder extension, is extensively used in training exercises by AFR crews throughout the year. It's crucial for firefighters to master the control panel, operate the ladder, and extend it correctly. This proficiency is essential not only for equipment safety but also for ensuring the



safety of firefighters and anyone on the ladder during operations.

Safety remains the primary focus during all training sessions and emergency rescues, emphasizing operational excellence at all times.

Training

Live Fire (Car Fire) Training

In April 2023, AFR conducted a series of live fire burn drills focused on vehicles. These drills were meticulously de-



signed to ignite fires at various points within the vehicles, enabling AFR personnel to closely observe the dynamics of fire spread in such scenarios. Following the ignition, the fires were promptly extinguished, ensuring safety and control during the training exercises. What set these drills apart was the subsequent involvement of AFR Fire Investigators.

By integrating live fire drills with investigative procedures,



AFR not only enhanced the practical skills of its personnel in fire suppression and control but also demonstrated a holistic approach to understanding fire behavior and origins. This hands-on experience and investigative mindset are instrumental in improving overall response capabilities and ensuring accurate assessments in real-life fire incidents.

The dedication to ongoing training, coupled with the application of scientific methodologies in fire investigation, reflects AFR's commitment to excellence and continuous improvement in serving the community.

Vehicle Extrication (Off-Roadway)

During an innovative training drill, AFR showcased their adaptability and problem-solving prowess. They strategically staged vehicles in



unconventional positions, such as within trees, in a small creek area, stacked on top of each other, and overturned. These scenarios were designed to simulate challenging real-life situations.

Firefighters demonstrated their versatility and readiness by



successfully securing these vehicles using a range of techniques. This involved utilizing various tools and strategies to ensure the safety of both rescuers and

potential victims. Only after securing the vehicles did they proceed with extrication operations, highlighting their thorough preparation and ability to handle complex emergencies effectively. Overall, this training exercise emphasized the AFR personnel's ability to think on their feet and tackle diverse challenges with skill and precision. AFR would also like to thank Chris Burkhart and his team at Arrow Wrecker Service for partnering with us once again for heavy equipment training. Arrow has made it possible for AFR to reenact scenarios utilizing their heavy operating equipment that we would otherwise be unable to do. THANK YOU!



Training

Hydrant Testing



Your firefighters diligently work each day to ensure that all equipment, including fire hydrants throughout the city, is functioning correctly. The water flow pressure is crucial for delivering the necessary water to extinguish fires. Inadequate pressure and volume would make fire suppression nearly impossible.

Testing procedures determine the water delivery capacity of each fire hydrant during emergencies. The testing is divided among different shifts to ensure timely and efficient completion without burdening any single group of firefighters. Hydrant testing occurs annually, so if you spot firefighters in your area, feel free to stop by and say 'Hi'!



Winch-Assisted Rescue Training

In May 2023, your firefighters underwent exceptional training sessions focused on winch-assisted rescue procedures. AFR continuously strive to improve our capabilities and readiness for emergencies, which is why these sessions were dedicated to mastering winch use in rescue operations. Winches enable your firefighters to navigate difficult terrains, perform quick extrications, and save lives with precision and safety. With these advanced skills, AFR is better equipped to assist you in times of need. Safety remains our utmost priority.



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Ice Training

Ice training is a critical component of fire service preparedness, especially in regions where freezing temperatures and icy conditions are common. This specialized training equips firefighters with the skills and knowledge needed to safely navigate and respond to emergencies on frozen bodies of water, such as lakes, ponds, and rivers. Firefighters learn techniques for ice rescue, including how to assess ice thickness, use appropriate personal protective equipment, deploy rescue equipment like throw bags and ice sleds, and perform effective ice rescues while minimizing risks to both rescuers and victims. By undergoing ice training, your firefighters enhance their ability to swiftly and effectively respond to ice-related emergencies, ultimately saving lives and protecting the community in challenging winter environments.



PT & Air Management



Bi-weekly, your firefighters wear their air tanks during physical fitness training to simulate real-world conditions and ensure they are prepared for emergencies. This

practice helps firefighters acclimate to the weight and bulkiness of their gear, including the air tank, mask, and protective clothing, which can significantly impact mobility and stamina. Additionally, wearing air tanks during training encourages firefighters to monitor and manage their air supply effectively, reinforcing essential skills for maintaining safety and performance in hazardous environments.

Message from the Fire Marshal

Spotlight on Safety 2023

Wow, what a year it has been!

Fire Station Construction and Renovation: As the Fire Marshal in 2023, I spearheaded the coordination of two significant projects in Andover: the construction of the new Fire Station 2 and the renovation of AFR Station 1. These projects were crucial in ensuring that our fire department could effectively serve the community with modern facilities. We were actively involved in every stage of the process, from planning to execution, ensuring that safety standards were met, and the stations were tailored to meet the specific needs of Andover residents. This involved integrating advanced fire safety features such as NFPA 13 fire sprinkler systems throughout the stations and implementing "Fire Wise" principles for wildfire prevention in the building's exterior and landscaping.



Community Engagement and Service: Amidst the construction activities and the transition from Station 1 to Station 2, our fire crews remained committed to community engagement and education. We conducted Fire Safety visits to local schools, YMCA camps, Scout groups, and civic organizations, spreading awareness and promoting fire safety practices among different age groups. These efforts were crucial in fostering a safer environment and building positive relationships with the community.

Heritage Project and Innovative Solutions: The Heritage project, featuring Andover's first mid-rise Podium-style building, presented unique challenges that required innovative solutions. We collaborated closely with construction partners and city authorities to ensure safety standards were upheld throughout the project. This included developing specialized firefighting techniques and training processes for potential emergency situations in elevated structures. For example, we installed a dedicated fire service ladder in an enclosed courtyard, enhancing our capabilities for upper-floor rescues in emergencies.

Fire Prevention and Investigation: Our focus on fire prevention extended beyond construction projects. We collaborated with Weigand Real Estate to produce seasonal fire safety videos, educating the community on holiday safety, cooking precautions, and burn prevention. Additionally, our Fire investigations team underwent expansion, with trained investigators on each shift. This expansion improved our ability to preserve evidence and determine the root causes of fires, leading to targeted education campaigns and interventions to reduce fire incidents, especially those involving juveniles.

Future Initiatives: Looking ahead, our fire prevention office is dedicated to adopting updated fire codes that enhance safety standards for the city. This includes implementing stricter criteria for mobile food vendors and conducting thorough inspections of assembly occupancies like restaurants, churches, and sports venues to ensure adequate safety measures and emergency preparedness. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to safeguarding the Andover community and mitigating fire risks effectively.

Safety is what you make of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Roosevelt".

Mike Roosevelt
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal

Fire Prevention

Cooking Safety Campaign

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Prevention campaign slogan was “Cooking Safety Starts with YOU.”



Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Mike Roosevelt spearheaded efforts to spread awareness by sharing multiple Public Service Announcements on AFR's social media platforms. Additionally, AFR collaborated with local businesses, partnering with them to display PSA messages on their digital boards.

Furthermore, AFR joined forces with Weigand Real Estate to create a series of videos for a seasonal campaign focusing on holiday safety, cooking precautions, and burn prevention. This collaborative effort aimed to educate the community and promote proactive measures to prevent fires and ensure safety during various occasions and activities.

USD 385 Fire Prevention

AFR takes pride in teaching our elementary school children about fire prevention. It is incredibly important for their safety and well-being. At this age, children are curi-



ous and eager to learn, making it a great time to instill life-long habits and awareness about fire safety. By educating them about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it, we empower children to recognize potential hazards and take appropriate actions. Fire prevention lessons can be engaging and interactive, using age-appropriate materials and activities to teach kids about fire drills, smoke alarms, and safe behaviors around matches, lighters, and electrical appliances. These lessons not only protect children but also empower them to be responsible and prepared in case of a fire emergency, making a positive impact on their safety at home, in school, and throughout their lives.

Wildfire Awareness

Mike Roosevelt, who serves as Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal of AFR, made an appearance as a guest on KSN News to discuss Wildfire Awareness. This initiative comes at a cru-



cial time due to the prevailing dry weather conditions and the presence of overgrown vegetation, which significantly increases the risk of wildfires.

During the segment, Roosevelt emphasized the importance of raising awareness within the community through public service announcements. These announcements aim to educate residents about the potential dangers of wildfires and provide them with valuable fire prevention tips. By informing the public about proper safety measures and proactive steps to reduce fire hazards, AFR seeks to minimize the risk of wildfires and ensure the safety of the community.

AFR extends its sincere gratitude to KSN for partnering in these efforts. Collaborative initiatives like these play a vital role in promoting community safety and resilience, especially in the face of environmental challenges such as wildfire threats.

Thank You

AFR is incredibly fortunate to have the greatest businesses and neighbors who stop by to bring food, treats, and goodies to the station. Your kindness and generosity mean the world to us, and we want you to know how much we appreciate your support. Thank you for thinking of us and for being such a wonderful part of our community.

Below are just a few of the folks that stopped by that we got photos with:

Girl Scout Cookies!

THANK YOU GS Troop 41107

AFR was fortunate to have our Girl Scout Troop visit us here at the Fire House. These young ladies were so nice to bring us these



boxes of Girl Scout cookies!

Thank you for thinking of your Andover Fire fighters. We made sure these cookies were well cared for!

More Tasty Treats!

THANK YOU JAG Gymnastics

Our neighbors from JAG Gymnastics stopped by Station 1 to drop off goodies to the fire house. We are grateful for these young ladies took to time to think of us and AFR can assure that there were not any goodies wasted!



Happy Sweet 16!

THANK YOU Ailie!

AFR had the privilege of Miss Ailie stopping by Fire Station 2 and brought us Crumbl cookies to celebrate HER Sweet 16! Thank you for sharing your special day with us.

Ailie obviously knows that AFR has a "Sweet" tooth for Cookies! We are blessed with great neighbors!



Pizza Delivery!

THANK YOU Domino's Pizza

AFR would like to give a shout out to Robyn and Dominos [Kicka Pizza LLC](#) for providing pizzas for the staff today and the gift certificates and gift cards for our upcoming Open House in April!

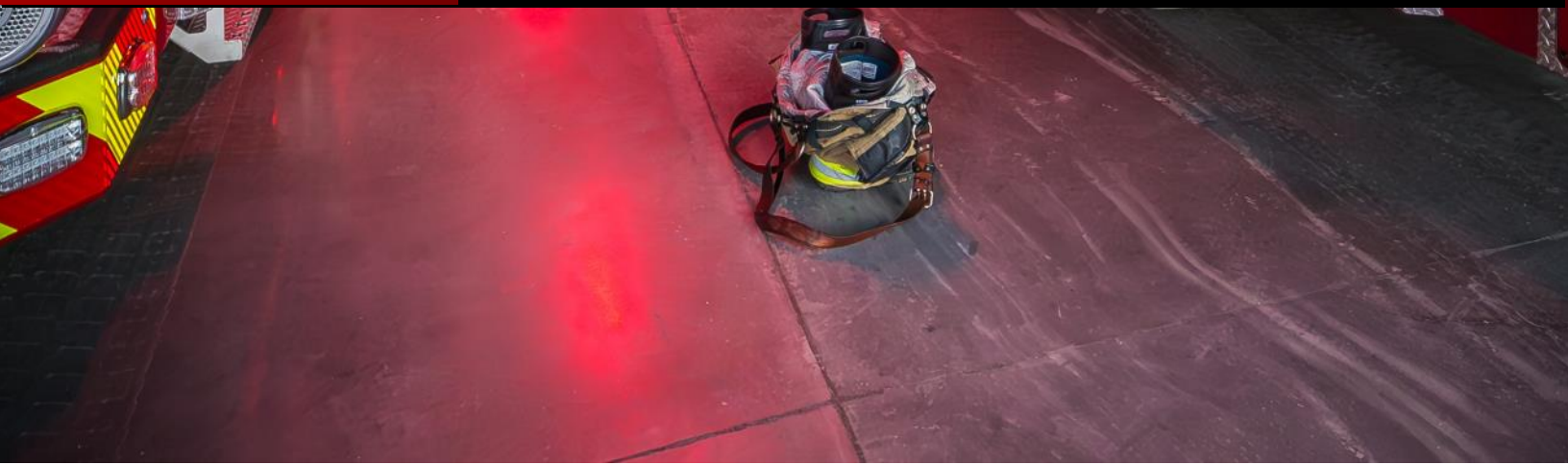
Thanks for reaching out to us and supporting our event— You guys are AWESOME!





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**Department Budget/
Equipment Costs/
Station 2 is in Service!**



Department Budget

Operating a fire department comes with considerable costs for the communities they serve. Despite not charging for their services, there's no income to offset these expenses. Yet, the value of ensuring the safety and welfare of everyone in our district is immeasurable. We handle the funds entrusted to us with utmost care, recognizing the responsibility it

entails. Our efforts not only involve spending but also aim at cost savings for you. A well-staffed and equipped fire department contributes to lower fire insurance premiums for residents. The table below outlines the department's budget expenditures, detailing the Total Activity in 2022 and the Approved Budget and Year-to-Date Activity in 2023.

Account Number	Account Description	2022 Total Activity	2023 Total Budget	2023 YTD Activity Thru Dec
Personnel				
001-07-9110000	FIRE PAYROLL	\$1,232,217.07	\$1,462,729.28	\$1,309,428.68
001-07-9120011	NEW HIRE PHYSICALS	\$2,616.17	\$1,200.00	\$580.58
001-07-9120012	ANNUAL PHYSICALS	\$7,748.93	\$12,000.00	\$10,083.09
001-07-9170000	PAYROLL TRSF TO DIST #1	-\$1,505.91	-\$1,940.00	-\$910.34
PAYROLL TOTAL:		\$1,241,076.26	\$1,473,989.28	\$1,319,182.01
Contractual				
001-07-9200000	MISC CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$16,090.99	\$12,000.00	\$11,519.30
001-07-9210015	ELECTRIC-FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$9,339.08	\$9,800.00	\$7,916.71
001-07-9210020	GAS/PROPANE SERVICE-FIRE DEPT. I	\$3,584.33	\$4,100.00	\$4,332.17
001-07-9210030	WATER SERVICE-FIRE DEPT.	\$2,229.13	\$1,850.00	\$2,231.12
001-07-9210040	PHONE SERVICE-FIRE DEPT.	\$4,542.00	\$6,100.00	\$7,399.13
001-07-9215000	POSTAGE	\$484.18	\$750.00	\$200.49
001-07-9220001	MILEAGE/AIRFARE	\$2,125.49	\$2,250.00	-\$26.79
001-07-9220003	MEALS	\$7,641.81	\$4,500.00	\$4,680.10
001-07-9220004	HOTEL/LODGING	\$7,058.01	\$6,000.00	\$3,635.58
001-07-9220005	PRINTING	\$797.02	\$2,000.00	\$767.65
001-07-9220020	VEHICLE TAGS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9220030	WORKSHOP/SCHOOLING	\$12,834.80	\$15,000.00	\$10,747.50
001-07-9220031	TARGET SOLUTIONS	\$3,716.70	\$4,500.00	\$4,490.30
001-07-9220040	PERIODICALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9220041	MEMBERSHIPS	\$2,699.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,260.00
001-07-9220042	TENZINGA - PMS	\$2,520.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,520.00
001-07-9220043	TYLER TECH	\$4,067.90	\$5,000.00	\$5,167.13
001-07-9220044	POWER DMS	\$4,400.75	\$4,400.00	\$5,052.91
001-07-9230001	PUBLIC/GENERAL LIABILITY	\$13,804.87	\$13,900.00	\$12,857.85
001-07-9230002	VEHICLE INSURANCE	\$14,058.00	\$16,500.00	\$17,357.00
001-07-9260000	MISC EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9260001	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$1,450.97	\$15,000.00	\$2,357.05
001-07-9260002	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$74.07
001-07-9260003	SCBA MAINTENANCE	\$3,438.22	\$4,700.00	\$3,966.75

Department Budget

Account Number	Account Description	2022 Total Activity	2023 Total Budget	2023 YTD Activity Thru Dec
001-07-9260004	GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	\$762.50	\$1,750.00	\$2,230.97
001-07-9260005	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$46.98
001-07-9260006	RADIO MAINTENANCE	\$7,940.72	\$10,000.00	\$775.00
001-07-9260007	DIGITAL SIGNAGE	\$2,050.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,770.00
001-07-9260008	BREATHING AIR COMPR MAINT	\$1,498.70	\$2,450.00	\$1,563.97
001-07-9260009	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$2,309.73	\$2,400.00	\$2,140.46
001-07-9265000	MISC VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$132.60
001-07-9265021	R35 MAINT (2000 FORD F550)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$429.90
001-07-9265023	E11 MAINT (90 FORD CARGO 8000) I	\$27.98	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9270000	CONTRACTUAL TRSF TO DIST #1	-\$19,189.20	-\$22,983.45	-\$17,569.97
CONTRACTUAL TOTAL:		\$112,283.68	\$133,366.55	\$101,025.93
001-07-9320104	UNIFORM #104	\$401.15	\$400.00	\$387.82
001-07-9320106	UNIFORM #106	\$117.00	\$400.00	\$321.00
001-07-9320107	UNIFORM #107	\$126.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9320108	UNIFORM #108	\$175.00	\$400.00	\$261.71
001-07-9320109	UNIFORM #109	\$332.28	\$400.00	\$248.09
001-07-9320110	UNIFORM #110	\$312.00	\$400.00	\$346.00
001-07-9320111	UNIFORM #111	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9320112	UNIFORM #112	\$707.63	\$400.00	\$338.00
001-07-9320113	UNIFORM #123	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$488.00
001-07-9320114	UNIFORM #114	\$394.38	\$400.00	\$395.49
001-07-9320115	UNIFORM #115	\$452.21	\$400.00	\$0.00
001-07-9320116	UNIFORM #116	\$899.68	\$400.00	\$392.00
001-07-9320118	UNIFORM #118	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9320119	UNIFORM #119	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
001-07-9320120	UNIFORM #120	\$309.35	\$400.00	\$391.35
001-07-9320121	UNIFORM #121	\$397.00	\$400.00	\$396.47
001-07-9320123	UNIFORM #123	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9320125	UNIFORM #125	\$377.20	\$400.00	\$376.00
001-07-9320126	UNIFORM #126	\$522.07	\$400.00	\$376.29
001-07-9320127	UNIFORM #127	\$222.95	\$400.00	\$111.00
001-07-9320128	UNIFORM #128	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$242.00
001-07-9320131	UNIFORM #131	\$892.55	\$400.00	\$337.00
001-07-9320134	UNIFORM #134	\$117.00	\$400.00	\$329.14
001-07-9350005	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5000	\$6,935.08	\$13,000.00	\$10,965.58
001-07-9355000	PHOTO SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9360000	MISC COMMODITIES	\$4,950.09	\$6,000.00	\$4,080.24
001-07-9360005	FIRE HOSE COMMODITIES	\$3,801.76	\$4,000.00	\$3,674.43
001-07-9360006	RADIO COMMODITIES	\$11,993.07	\$13,000.00	\$7,463.02
001-07-9365000	MISC VEHICLE COMMODITIES	\$16,371.85	\$1,700.00	\$17,212.11
001-07-9365010	STAFF VEHICLE	\$144.03	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
001-07-9365020	CAR 4 COMMODITIES (17 CHEVY TAHOE)	\$91.41	\$1,000.00	\$192.95
001-07-9365021	R35 COMMODITIES(2012 FORD F550)	\$3,103.55	\$3,000.00	\$32.79

Department Budget

Account Number	Account Description	2022 Total Activity	2023 Total Budget	2023 YTD Activity Thru Dec
001-07-9365022	E10 COMMODITIES(2000FRTLNRFL80 I	\$1,454.49	\$2,000.00	\$828.14
001-07-9365023	E16 COMMODITIES (17 PIERCE PUMPER)	\$2,265.59	\$4,000.00	\$6,828.47
001-07-9365024	BR11 COMMODITIES (20 FORD F550)	\$404.20	\$1,000.00	\$63.58
001-07-9365025	BR12 COMMODITIES (20 FORD F550)	\$203.22	\$1,000.00	\$70.57
001-07-9365026	T11 COMMODITIES(02FRTLNR FL70) I	\$3,428.48	\$3,000.00	\$12,744.48
001-07-9365027	T12 COMMODITIES(02FRTLNR FL70) I	\$4,975.28	\$3,000.00	-\$6,370.96
001-07-9365028	CAR 3 COMMODITIES (11 CHEVY PU)	\$53.90	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
001-07-9365029	L15 COMMODITIES (16 PIERCE AERIAL)	\$5,610.43	\$4,000.00	\$12,043.64
001-07-9365030	CAR 2 (2020 FORD F250)	\$110.51	\$1,000.00	\$406.23
001-07-9365031	CAR 1 COMMODITIES (2021 TAHOE)	\$46.72	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
001-07-9365032	E1 COMMODITIES (08 PIERCE)	\$7,218.98	\$4,000.00	\$5,046.17
001-07-9365050	TIRES	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,088.26
001-07-9365051	GASOLINE	\$32,142.83	\$22,500.00	\$25,506.54
001-07-9370000	COMMODITIES TRSF TO DIST #1	-\$22,472.18	-\$24,335.85	-\$23,612.19
COMMODITIES TOTAL:		\$125,178.90	\$141,214.15	\$138,266.17
Capital Expenditures				
001-07-9410000	AUTOMOTIVE & MACHINERY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9420000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
001-07-9440000	BUILDING	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$34,381.89
001-07-9470000	CAPITAL TRANSFERS TO DIST #1	\$0.00	-\$5,145.00	\$0.00
001-07-9610000	REIMBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TOTAL:		\$0.00	\$29,855.00	\$34,381.89
Transfers				
001-07-9720001	TRANSFER TO RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Andover Fire Rescue's Pump Replacement Innovation



AFR encountered a big challenge on our Tender apparatus when essential parts, (a pump), for this aging equipment became unavailable. This is a common dilemma often faced by fire departments, prompting the need for a creative and cost-effective solution to ensure the continued functionality of apparatus.

In response to this pressing issue, your AFR design team lead by Capt. Chad Cheslic, FF Jeremy Helsel, and FF Kevin Taylor, showcased their expertise and creativity by designing and fabricating a replacement pump in-house. Without access to commercial replacements, they turned to their own ingenuity, utilizing personal metal fabrication tools and collective knowledge to engineer a new pumping system for Tender 11.

Department Budget

The economical outcome of this innovative approach was significant. By designing and fabricating the new pumping system internally, AFR achieved dramatic cost savings. With just \$12,000 spent on parts, they avoided the financial burden of a \$50,000 replacement pump, this design saved thousands of dollars for your fire department and the City.

Moreover, the impact of AFR's ingenuity extended beyond the department. This design was replicated for Tender 12, which faced a similar issue with its pump. The adoption of AFR's

proven solution by Weis Fire Equipment not only resulted in comparable savings but also improved efficiency, highlighting the widespread influence of AFR's innovative approach.



These firefighters not only solved a critical problem for their department but also resulted in substantial cost savings for the City of Andover. Their efforts exemplify the spirit of excellence and collaboration that makes our community safer and more resilient. GREAT JOB!

Fire equipment and protective gear come with hefty price tags, yet they are absolutely essential for the fire department's mission. The ability to swiftly and safely start and operate fire apparatus is crucial.

Fires spread rapidly, with every second of delay result in escalating property damage and the release of hazardous chemicals that threaten lives. Your safety warrants a rapid and effective response, achievable only with sufficient personnel, training, equipment, and vehicles. If we can't reach the scene promptly, our ability to act swiftly is compromised.

The following pages (Pg. 28 and Pg. 29) visually depict the costs involved in maintaining efficient fire apparatus, tools, and personal protective gear for the daily emergencies your firefighters face. While these costs may seem high, our primary goal is to ensure we have the best equipment possible to safeguard our community and their property.

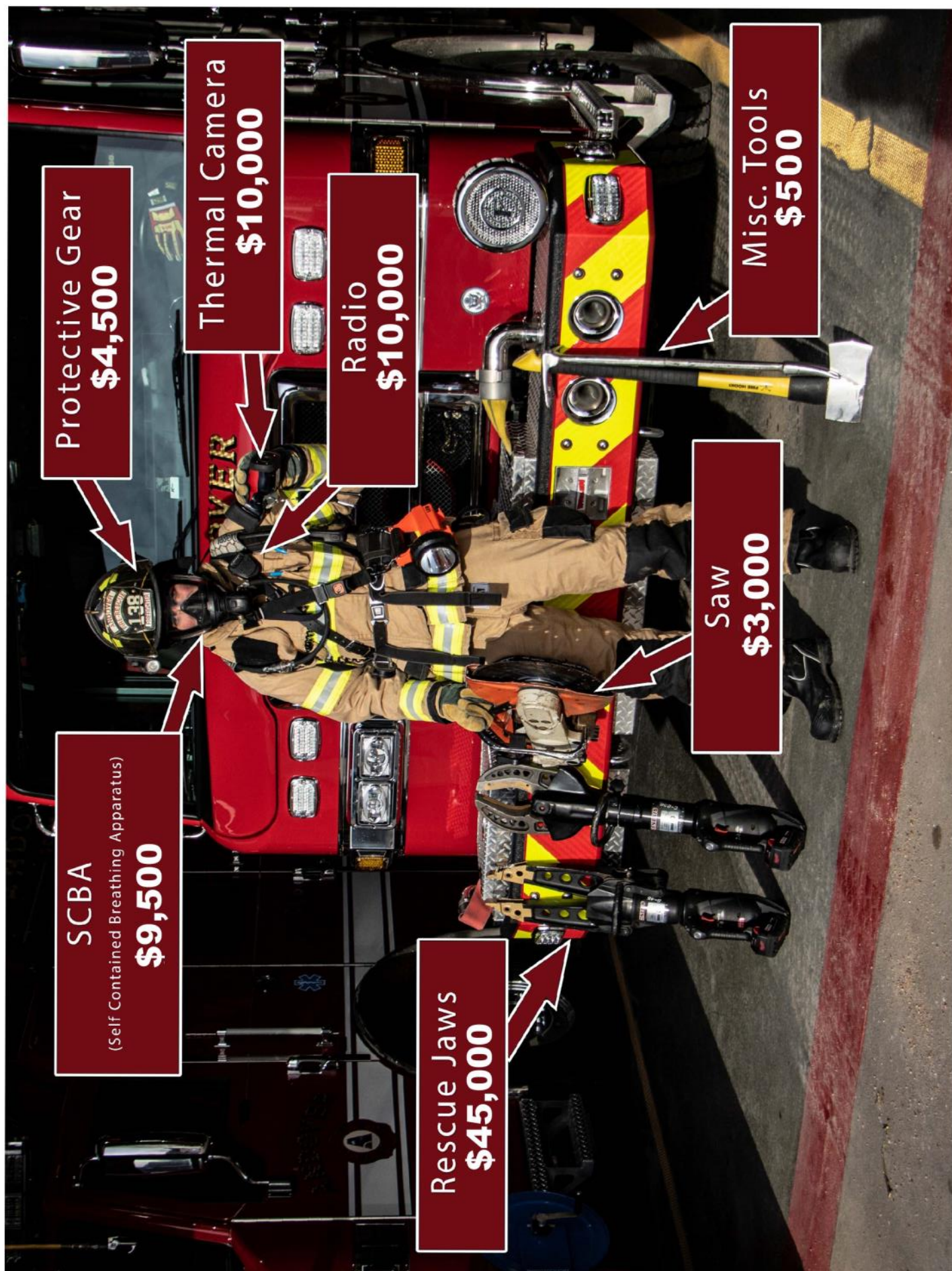


Pierce Engine
\$1,200,000

Cross Lay Hose
\$3,150

Positive Pressure Fan
\$3,500

Fire Tools
\$7,500



Station 2 is in Service!



Nov 2023 - After many years, “the dream” has become a reality!



AFR was excited and eager to move into the new AFR Station 2 facility located at 650 S Andover Road, a significant achievement accomplished through the Family Future Forward sales tax. The completion of this state-of-the-art facility in early November 2023 marks a momentous occasion for AFR and our neighbors, showcasing a commitment to enhanced emergency



response capabilities and firefighter well-being.

The newly unveiled fire station spans an impressive 16,000 square feet, meticulously designed to cater to the evolving needs of mod-

ern firefighting and emergency services. This new fire station represents a major leap forward for Andover Fire-Rescue. This facility not only supports our operational efficiency but will also prioritize the health and safety of your personnel.

One of the standout features of this new station is private sleeping quarters, strategically designed to accommodate diverse staffing and ensure firefighters are well-rested and ready to respond to emergencies effectively. Additionally, the station incorporates the latest strategies in cancer prevention, incorporating specialized equipment and protocols to minimize exposure risks for personnel.



In line with eco-friendly practices, the station boasts all-LED lighting and high-efficiency HVAC systems, reducing energy consumption and environmental impact. This commitment to sustainability aligns with AFR's broader initiatives to promote environmental stewardship

Station 2 is in Service!



within the community.

The staff at the new fire station will initially include administration personnel and three fire personnel, with plans to expand to accommodate two full fire companies in the future. This expansion reflects AFR's proactive approach to meeting growing demands and ensuring swift and effective emergency response across the region.



During the remodeling phase of AFR Station 1 located at 911 N. Andover Road, all AFR and Butler County EMS Personnel were being housed in the new facility until the remodel was complete. The remodel phase of Fire Station 1 was a project that began in late November and completed in early March 2024. Butler Co. EMS along with those AFR personnel assigned to 911 N Andover Road returned in early March '24.

Thank you to Mayor Ronnie Price, the city



council, city administration, Tessere, FGM Architects, PEC and Crossland Construction for your invaluable contributions and steadfast support. Together, we have achieved a milestone that will have a lasting and positive impact on the future of emergency services in Andover.

Lastly, AFR's gratitude runs deep for the incredible support received during the one cent sales tax Family Future Forward campaign. It is YOU the voters in the Andover community that made it possible for Station 2 to become a reality. The successful completion of our new fire station stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and shared commitment to serving the needs of our community.



A Collaboration of Pride and Resourcefulness



In early 2023, as the AFR design committee worked on the design for Fire Stations 1 and 2, a unique idea

emerged: having AFR personnel build custom kitchen tables for each station. This initiative aimed to instill a sense of pride and history within the department while adhering to the existing budget.

To turn this vision into reality, additional funding was required. The Andover Police and Fire Foundation (APFF) was approached and agreed to match the department's contribution, bringing the total to \$2,300. Weavix also provided a generous donation to support the project through the APFF.

The search for materials led to valuable community partnerships. River City Sawmill, owned by Eric Mead, supplied wood slabs at cost. The City of Winfield, KS, contributed scrap fire hydrants, which were then sandblasted by PK Industrial and painted by Andover Auto Body at no cost.

The project involved meticulous craftsmanship. Wood slabs were dried, planed, glued, CNC routed, and finished with epoxy, sanding, oiling, and staining. Metal frames were fabricated, welded, painted, and attached to the refurbished fire hydrants.

Station 2's table was completed in December 2023, followed by Station 1's table in April 2024. This project was led by the C shift crew, including



Capt. Chad Cheslic, Lt. John Gabriel, and Firefighters Jeremy Helsel, Kevin Taylor, Skyler Aikens, and Jason Emley, with contributions from other AFR personnel.

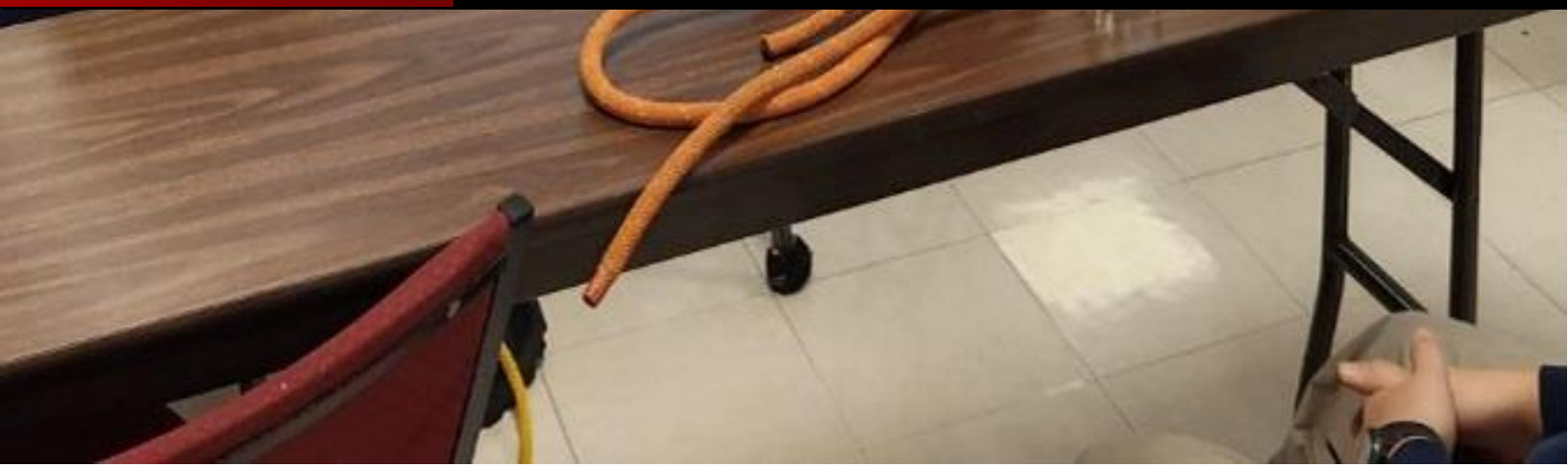
The Kitchen Table Projects exemplify the AFR department's dedication to collaboration, innovation, and craftsmanship. These tables, now integral parts of the new stations, symbolize community support and departmental pride.

A special thanks to our major contributors: Andover Police and Fire Foundation, River City Sawmill, Andover Auto Body, PK Industrial, Weavix. **THANK YOU** for your support of this project!

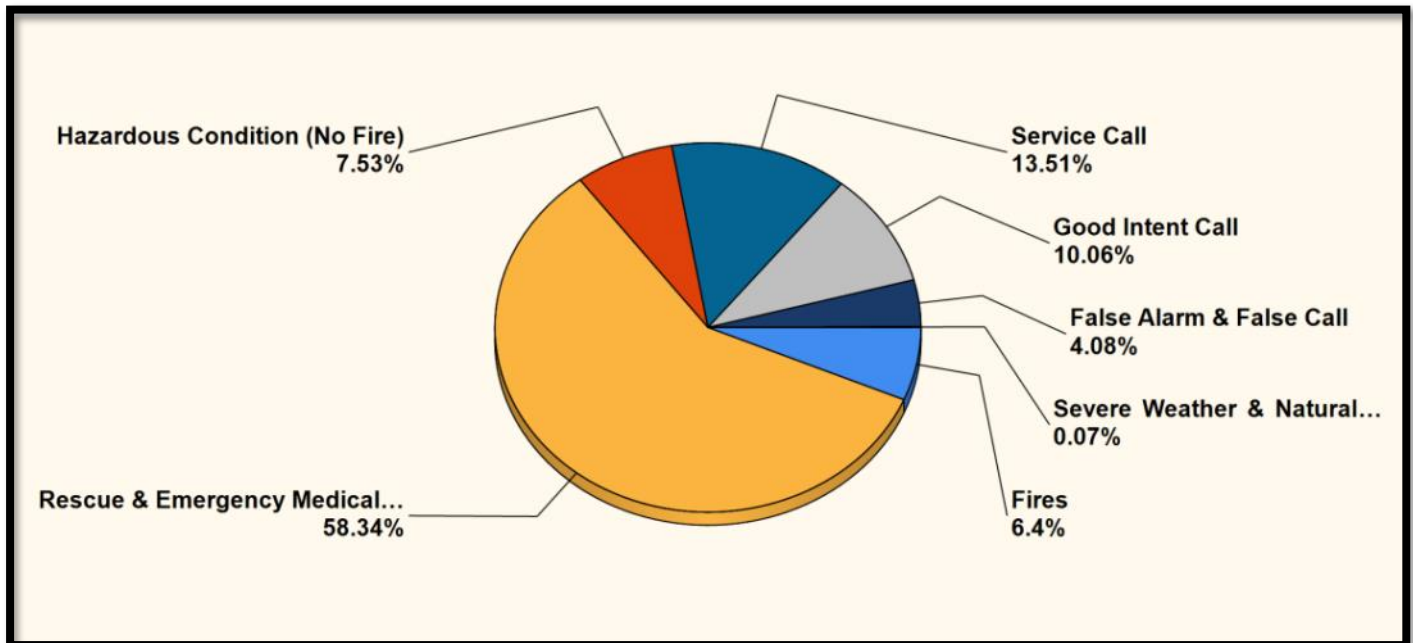


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Statistics & Data

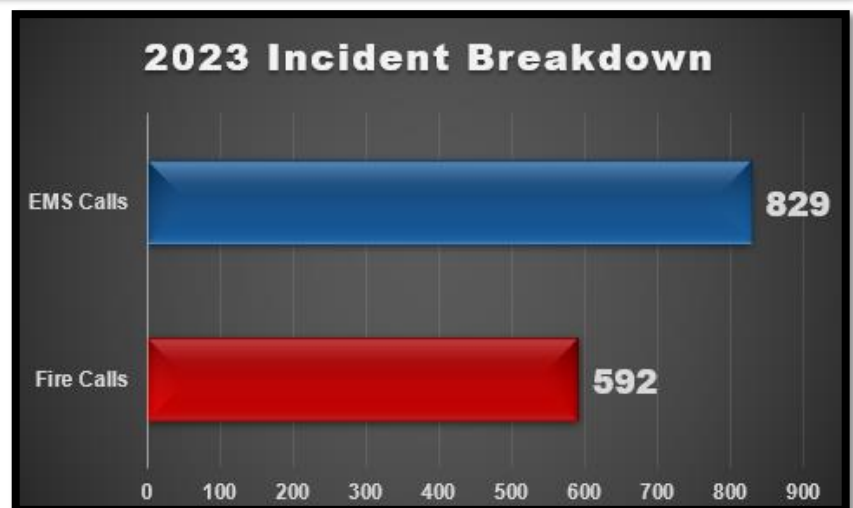


2023 Incidents

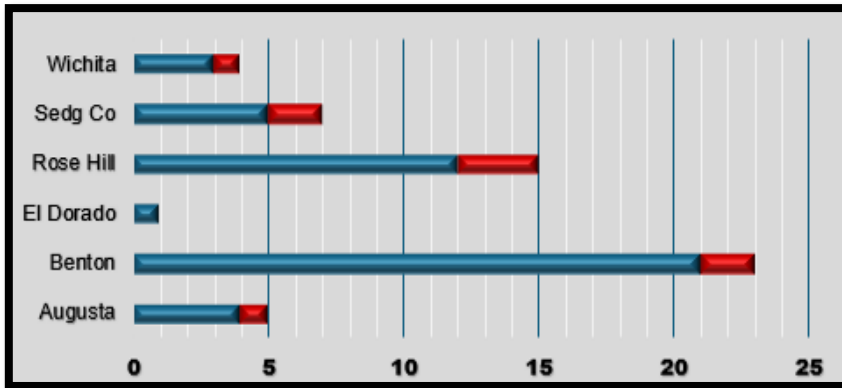


MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	91	6.4%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	829	58.34%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	107	7.53%
Service Call	192	13.51%
Good Intent Call	143	10.06%
False Alarm & False Call	58	4.08%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.07%
TOTAL	1421	100%

In 2023, AFR made over **829** medical related calls and **592** fire calls. Fire calls decreased slightly in 2023, whereas medical calls stayed nearly the same. Due to the higher number of EMS calls, it is imperative that our firefighters also be certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or higher. Your firefighters are well trained in both medical and emergency service needs.

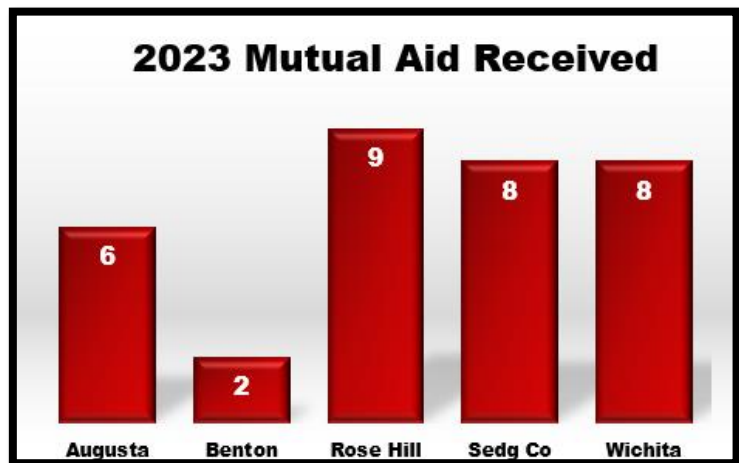


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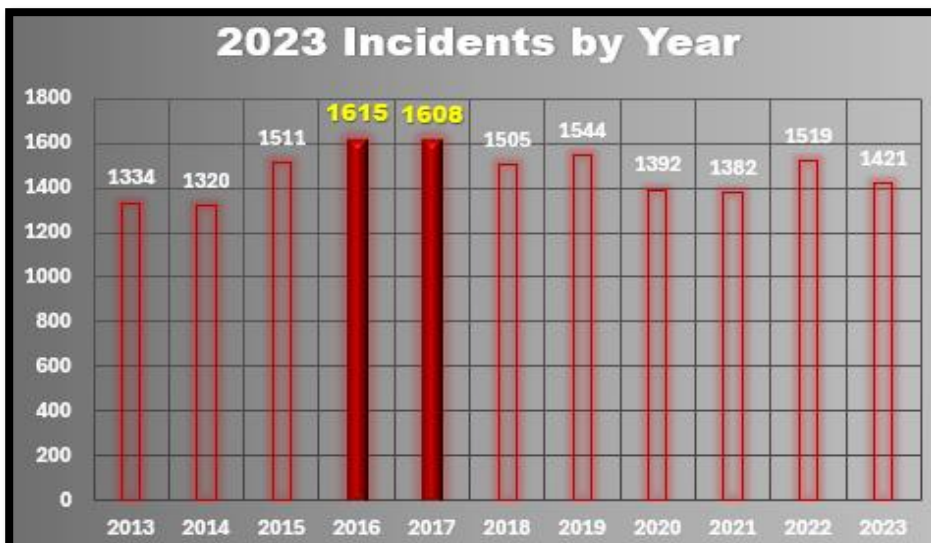


Rest assured, AFR has agreements with neighboring fire departments for Mutual Aid services, ensuring effective emergency responses. In 2023, AFR provided mutual aid to outlying districts 46 times, with 9 incidents being dispatched and then cancelled enroute.

During 2023, our outlying districts extended mutual aid to the Andover Area on 33 occasions, highlighting the critical role of Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid Agreements in the Fire Service. These agreements are essential to delivering optimal services for the protection of individuals and property.



Over the past 10 years, (2013-2023), there has been a steady increase in the call volume for AFR. 2016 continues to reign as the highest number of incidents with 1615 calls followed by 2017 with 1608 calls. In 2018, AFR proposed exempting certain level calls to nursing facilities to reduce call volume and improve time management. Mid-year 2019 saw the enforcement of Covid-19 protocols, which contributed to a decrease in calls in 2020 and 2021. Increased call volume continues to climb as AFR moved past the pandemic.



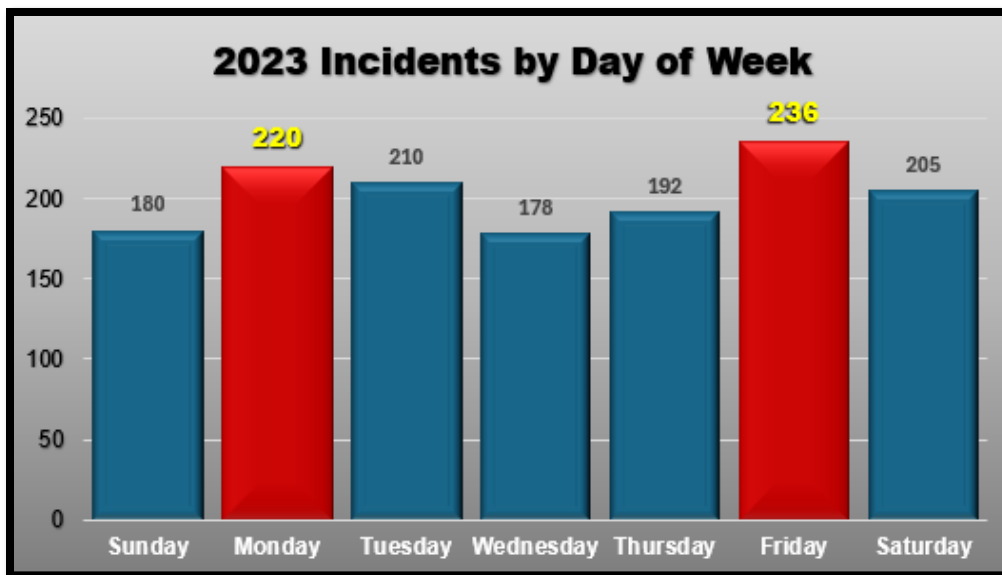
YEAR	INCIDENTS
2013	1334
2014	1320
2015	1511
2016	1615
2017	1608
2018	1505
2019	1544
2020	1392
2021	1382
2022	1519
2023	1421

2023 Incidents

AFR strives to enhance safety, health, and economic viability in our fire district. However, we face challenges with overlapping calls, reaching 304 instances in 2023. AFR is dedicated to developing innovative solutions and service levels to reduce strain on our resources.

# OVERLAPPING	% OVERLAPPING
304	21.39

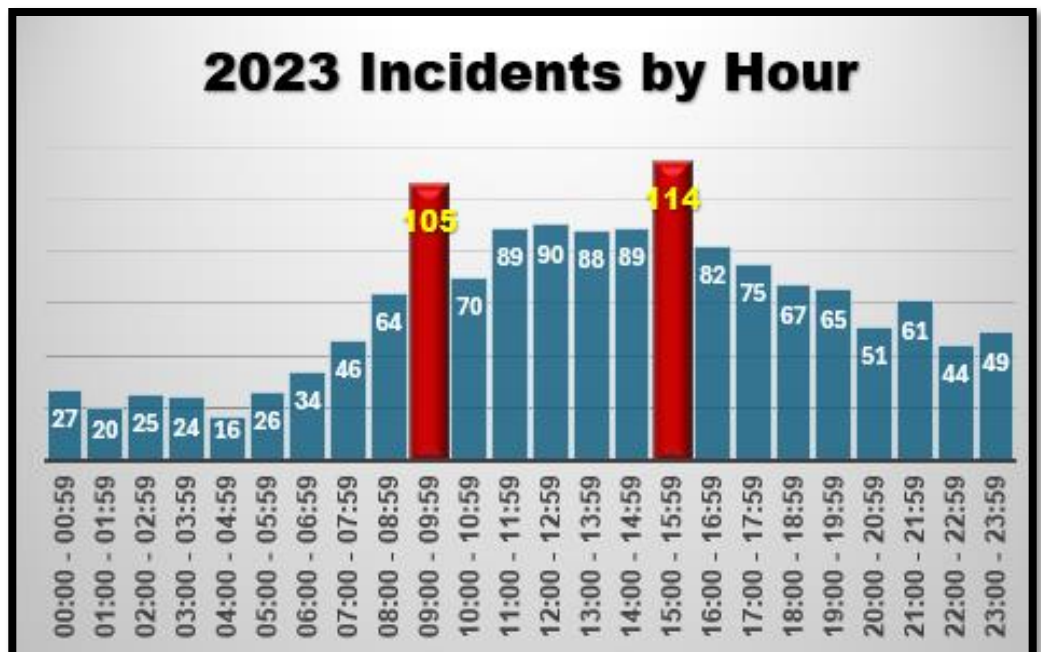
Andover Fire-Rescue operates 24/7. In 2023, the busiest day was Friday with 236 calls, followed closely by Monday with 220 calls.



Day of Week	# Incidents
Sunday	180
Monday	220
Tuesday	210
Wednesday	178
Thursday	192
Friday	236
Saturday	205

In 2023, the timeframe for the highest call volume was between the hours of 15:00-15:59 (3-4 PM) with 114 calls. Following closely with 105 calls was the hours between 09:00-09:59 (9-10AM).

HOUR	# of CALLS
00:00 - 00:59	27
01:00 - 01:59	20
02:00 - 02:59	25
03:00 - 03:59	24
04:00 - 04:59	16
05:00 - 05:59	26
06:00 - 06:59	34
07:00 - 07:59	46
08:00 - 08:59	64
09:00 - 09:59	105
10:00 - 10:59	70
11:00 - 11:59	89
12:00 - 12:59	90
13:00 - 13:59	88
14:00 - 14:59	89
15:00 - 15:59	114
16:00 - 16:59	82
17:00 - 17:59	75
18:00 - 18:59	67
19:00 - 19:59	65
20:00 - 20:59	51
21:00 - 21:59	61
22:00 - 22:59	44
23:00 - 23:59	49



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**Awards/
Special Recognitions/
Tom McGaughey Award**

Awards/Special Recognition

Police and Fire Gala 2024

The Police and Fire Gala, organized by the Andover Police and Fire Foundation, once again had a great turnout and a huge success! Thank you to Michelle Sell and the PFF committee members for a wonderful evening. Councilman Henry and his son William once again did an outstanding job as Masters of Ceremonies. The awards presented were for the year 2023:



2023 Tenzinga Leadership Award

This year our Tenzinga Legacy Award winner Capt. Stephen Cullinane presented the Tenzinga Leadership Award to FF Jason Emley. Jason began his career with AFR in March of 2017. Capt. Cullinane will continue to present the Tenzinga Leadership Award until another Legacy winner is selected. Congratulations FF Emley!

2023 Community Service Award

The 2023 Community Service Award winner is Landon Branine with Rogue Personal Training. This award is voted on by AFR team members. AFR would like to thank Rogue Personal Training for all the support they have given to AFR this past year. Congratulations to Landon and his team! Pictured right: Jaime Erickson, Landon Branine, and Cole Williams.



2023 Fire Chief's Big 4 Award

The 2023 Fire Chief's Big 4 Award is presented to Capt. Zach Lindsey. Zach joined AFR in August of 2022 as a Shift Captain replacing retired veteran Capt. Rocky Craig. This award is given out each year and voted on by AFR team members as to who represents the BIG 4; Do Your Job—Treat People Right—Give All-Out Effort—Have an All-In Attitude. Congratulations Capt. Lindsey! Pictured with Capt. Lindsey is his wife Kimmy.

2023 Firefighter of the Year

2023 Firefighter of the Year award was presented to Captain Chad Cheslic. Chad joined AFR in June of 2006 and moved up through the ranks to Captain. AFR considers Capt. Cheslic as one of

the master mechanics at AFR and rely heavily on his expertise to keep the apparatus running. We congratulate Capt. Cheslic on his recognition and well-deserved award. GREAT JOB!



Awards/Special Recognition

Andover Fire Crews Earn 2023 Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award

(The following article was published in the December 2023 issue of the Trumpet)

Andover fire crews were recognized at the Annual Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Manhattan, on Nov. 3, for receiving the Kansas State Fire Marshal's 2023 Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award. Each year, the Office of the State Fire Marshal joins with the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs and Kansas State Firefighters Association to honor a firefighter or team of firefighters for heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty.

After being nominated by Andover Fire-Rescue Chief Chad Russell, Engine 16 and Ladder 15 members were selected for this year's Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award for their heroic actions and the rescue of two individuals with special needs from a structure fire earlier this year.



Andover Fire-Rescue Engine 16 and Ladder 15 Crew Members (from left): Lieutenant John Gabriel, Firefighter Kevin Taylor, Firefighter Jason Emley, Firefighter Caleb Fistler, Firefighter Skyler Aikens, Captain Chad Cheslic, and Chief Chad Russell.

Engine 16 includes: Lieutenant John Gabriel, and firefighters Kevin Taylor, Jason Emley and Caleb Fistler.

Ladder 15 includes: Captain Chad Cheslic and firefighter Skyler Aikens.

Andover Fire crews responded to a house fire with multiple people trapped. They arrived to find a well involved, single-family residence with neighbors confirming two elderly individuals with limited mobility were trapped in the home.

Engine 16 arrived and initiated immediate search with a hand line. Crews found heavy dark smoke banked down more than 70 percent of the room height, and flame beginning to enter the living room space from both the kitchen and formal dining area. Firefighter Taylor operated the line protecting the access path to the basement, Lt. Gabriel located the basement stairs and went down finding one individual unable to escape. He then moved the individual up the stairs where he was assisted by firefighter Fistler in getting the patient into the care of other responders on scene. That individual was transported to the burn center in Wichita for smoke inhalation and minor burns. Gabriel and Fistler returned to the attack line, where they continued the search for the other occupant.

Simultaneously, the Ladder 15 crew had passed the engine crew and was crawling on their stomachs, trying to make it down the hallway to the back bedroom. Captain Cheslic realized they were not going to be able to make it down the hallway and made the decision to pull his crew out of the front door.

After quickly retrieving the Vent Enter Search ladder, they made entry into the northeast bedroom window. Cheslic and firefighter Aikens vented the window, finding dense smoke throughout the room. They quickly located the other victim near the middle of the room and removed the patient through the window, where CPR and advanced care by Butler County EMS was initiated. The 2nd patient was transported to Kansas Medical Center and, unfortunately, later passed away.

"These crews took quick, decisive action, with minimum staffing and at great risk to their own safety," Chief Russell said.

"The burns on their turnout gear were a testament to the extreme heat faced by both crews. Assisting fire agencies were

Awards/Special Recognition

"Every year, the McGaughey Award recognizes acts of heroism by Kansas firefighters," State Fire Marshal Mark Engholm said. "It is important that we take a moment every so often to pay tribute to the sacrifices our fire service personnel make each and every day, and I was honored to present this year's award to the Andover crews."

coming from Rose Hill, Wichita and Sedgwick County, but both victims were located and removed from the structure before that assistance arrived."

While search and rescue is not above and beyond the call for any Kansas firefighter, to do so with such minimal staffing and under such extreme heat conditions is what make this rescue exceptional.

The Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award allows for an individual firefighter or crew to be recognized for their acts above and beyond their basic duties and responsibilities, and for exemplifying

the finest traditions of the fire service. Congratulations Engine 16 and Ladder 15 of the Andover Fire-Rescue Department.

Your C shift crew was also honored during a City Council meeting, where State Fire Marshal Mark Engholm presented the award to the crew once again. The crew and their family members were invited to the State Capitol in Topeka, KS, where both the Senate and House acknowledged the team for their achievement. Below are some photos from these two events.



Pictured above: C Shift crew was recognized at City Council .**Pictured L:** A Standing ovation given at the City Council for C Shift's recognition of the Tom McGaughey Award.



Pictured below: Chief Russell, TM Award winners and their families were invited to the State Capitol in Topeka, KS where they were recognized by both the House and Senate members. Chief Russell is holding a special recognition of the team's heroic efforts.



Awards/Special Recognition

Chamber of Commerce Awards '22



Feb 2023— Andover Chamber Awards event, Andover Fire-Rescue and the Andover Police Department received the 2022 Community Appreciation Award. Fire Chief Chad Russell accepted the award on behalf of AFR, while Captain Ben Graber and 911 Director Becky Day accepted for APD.



Additionally, AFR Admin. Asst. Felicia Massey, along with Jodi Ocadiz and Brianna Gallegos, were recognized by Chamber President Lori Colum for their volunteer efforts at Chamber events last year. It's a great honor and our pleasure to serve the Andover Chamber and our community!



Andover Fire-Rescue Honor Guard

It's crucial to acknowledge the dedication of our Honor Guard within Andover Fire-Rescue. These firefighters take on the responsibilities of being part of the Honor Guard in addition to their regular duties. The Honor Guard fulfills several crucial roles in the Fire Service.

Firstly, they serve as a dignified representation of the firefighting profession during formal events like funerals, memorials, and ceremonies. Their precision and reverence honor fallen firefighters, supporting their families and preserving traditions within the fire service. Additionally, the Honor Guard engages with the community, promoting positive relationships and showcasing the values of honor, integrity, and dedication that define the fire service.

Our Guard members have attended numerous events throughout the year, often responding at a moment's notice. While we may not always send a full group, AFR ensures that we have a Guard member present at events when possible to represent our department.

Currently, we have 5 dedicated members in our Honor Guard:

- ♦ Lt. John Gabriel (Commander)
- ♦ Capt. Stephen Cullinane
- ♦ Lt. Frank Shaw
- ♦ FF Jason Emley
- ♦ FF Steve Plantz



We extend our sincere gratitude to each member of the Honor Guard for their hard work, commitment, and for representing Andover Fire-Rescue with honor and distinction.



9/11 Stair Climb 2023

AFR Returns to the Epic Center for 9/11 Stair Climb

September 2023, AFR returned to the Epic Center in Wichita, KS for the 9/11 Stair Climb. AFR joined more than 33 fire departments across Kansas for this event. AFR was represented by six firefighters that climbed 110 flights of stairs, to honor the 343 firefighters who were lost in the attack on the World Trade Center. This event first began in 2015 and returned this year after taking a three-year hiatus during the pandemic.

We climb to remember—We climb because we will NEVER forget!



Pictured from L to R: Ret. Capt. M. Hebert, FF D. Burl, FF A. Parker, FF S. Plantz, FF J. Emley, FF M. Pippin, and Capt. S. Cullinane

Awards/Special Recognition

AFR Continues Tradition for the 9/11 Stair Climb

September 2023, AFR continues our ongoing tradition of the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. This year, the stair climb was held at the Jaguar Stadium on Central Avenue. We would like to thank the Andover Public Schools for allowing AFR to utilize the High School stadium facilities to hold this event. As always, AFR wishes to thank our families, friends and community support as we climb and remember those we lost on September 11, 2001.



Pictured L to R: FF B. Norris, FF J. Robertson, FF D. Burl, FF J. Tuxhorn (Harper), and FF A. Parker (Erin)

Spaulding's Does it Again!



AFR has the greatest supporters in our Community! One in particular, is Ray Tharman and the Spaulding's team who

came through

once again with a generous donation to the Andover Police and Fire Foundation from their Annual .27K event for \$9,120!! Mayor Price along with members of AFR, APD and the PFF committee, were onsite to accept the check.

We are SO lucky to have such an AWESOME community and great neighbors . . . THANK YOU!

New Faces at AFR

Nov 2023— AFR welcomes Zack Engelbrecht to the team!

FF Engelbrecht is one of the newest to join our team of dedicated firefighters. Zack is a student in the Fire Science Program at Butler Community College and he will graduate in spring of '24. Welcome to the AFR Family!



FF Engelbrecht is being sworn in by Asst. City Administrator Jolene Graham.



Awards/Special Recognition



Apr 2023—Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Mike Roosevelt received his 30 year Service Award. Congratulations Chief on your service!



Dec 2023—Lt. John Gabriel received his 15 year Service Award. Congratulations John on your service.!



Dec 2023—Capt. Stephen Cullinane received his 10 year Service Award. Congratulations Stephen on your service!!

AFR wishes to recognize our team members who have served 5 or more years with the department. Your service and dedication is greatly appreciated. **Thank You!**

5 years

Chad Russell - 2014
Jeremy Tuxhorn - 2014
Felicia Massey - 2016
Derrick Burl, Jr.—2016
Jason Emley—2017

10 Years

Stephen Cullinane -2010
Justin Luinstra - 2010
Jeremy Helsel - 2011
Kristen Dexter - 2012
Jay Robertson - 2013

15 Years

John Gabriel - 2004
Cory Mattke - 2006
Chad Cheslic - 2006

20 Years

Brian Landers - 1999
Chris Matson - 2000
Frank Shaw - 2000

25 years

Aaron Parker - 1995
Andy Saville - 1996

30 years

Gary Elliott - 1991
Mike Roosevelt - 1991
Dennis Smith - 1992



Years of Service



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Community Events



Community Events

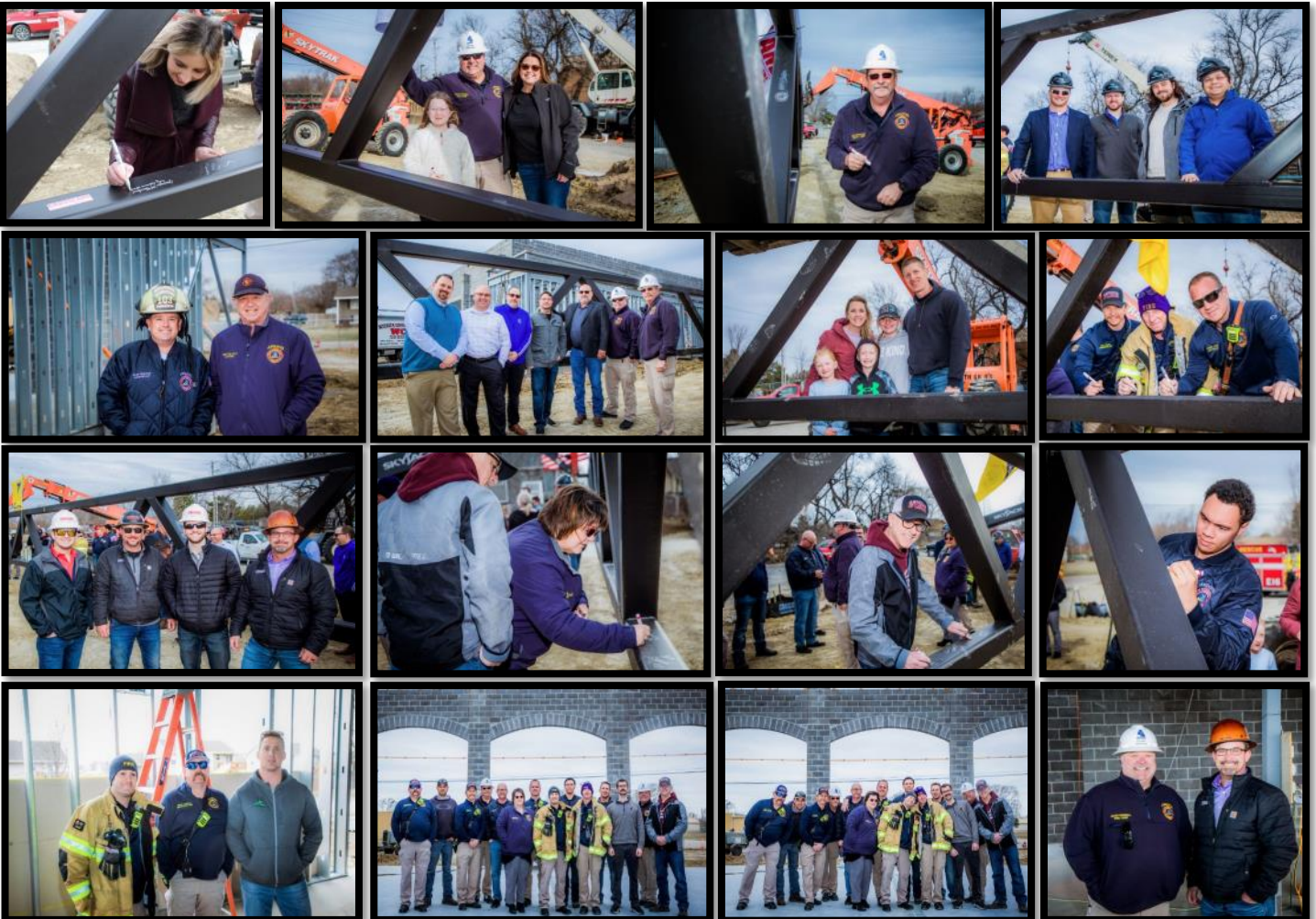
Topping Out Ceremony for Station 2

In March 2023, a Topping Out ceremony took place at the New Fire Station 2, situated off Minneha and Andover Road. This ceremony is a longstanding tradition in construction, marking the placement of the final steel beam at the top of a building. It symbolizes progress and marks a significant milestone in the construction process.

The event was attended by City Council members, Andover Fire-Rescue staff, representatives from Crossland Construction, and family and friends of the community. Although there was a slight delay due to high winds, necessitating a few extra days for the last structure to be placed, it was still an exciting day for everyone involved. During the ceremony, participants had the opportunity to sign the final beam, celebrating the progress made at the new fire station and looking forward to its completion.



Here are just some of the pictures taken during the event:



Community Events

Hands2Serve 2023

Hands2Serve is a respected community organization that AFR is honored to collaborate with.

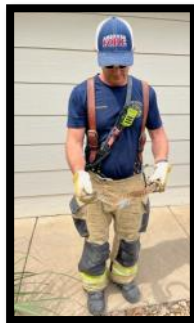
Annually, H2S teams engage in community projects to provide assistance to Andover residents who may require support.

We are grateful to H2S for involving our AFR team in this meaningful event each year, as it allows us to actively contribute and give back to our community members.



Uninvited Neighbor

AFR's response to the unexpected snake visitor in the neighborhood was not just about relocating the critter but also about reassuring and educating the community. When the team, led by the skilled "snake charmer" FF Helsel, arrived, their first priority was ensuring everyone's safety while



addressing the situation in a calm and controlled manner.

AFR not only successfully handled the unexpected situation but also showcased our commitment to community engagement, education, and wildlife conservation, all while ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone involved.



Police & Fire Cookout



June 2023, the Annual Police and Fire Community Cook Out, hosted by the Andover KS Police Department and Andover Fire-Rescue, is a fantas-

tic opportunity for the community to come together and engage with local law enforcement and fire personnel.

This event is held the first Saturday in June and gives the community a chance to meet your police officers and firefighters in a relaxed and social setting.



Thank you to the committee members and our Andover neighbors who support this event each and every year!



Community Events

Storytime with AFR

June 2023, your AFR firefighters were invited by the Andover Public Library to come to their Summer Reading Program to read stories to participants in the Summer Reading Program. Of course, it wouldn't be a visit from your



firefighters if we didn't have a chance to show off your fire trucks! All those in attendance were allowed to tour the trucks, gear and equipment on hand. These types of events are always a great opportunity for your



firefighters to interact with the community and have some fun away from regular job duties.

Thanks to Tom Taylor and his staff for the invitation - AFR had a great time and want you to **Keep Reading!**



AFR Supports Young Entrepreneurs

AFR had a delightful experience meeting talented kids running a lemonade stand in our community! Their home-made lemonade was delicious, and we stopped by to show our support.

Keep shining and reaching for the stars!



Dog Wash is Back!

After a brief pause, the BuCART Dog Wash returned to the Andover Fire Station. This fundraiser plays a crucial role in supporting our friends at the Butler County Animal Rescue Team.

All proceeds from the Dog Washes held at Butler County fire de-



partments contribute towards acquiring lifesaving equipment for animal rescue situations.

BuCART is currently planning another dog wash for July 2024. It's a wonderful cause supporting a fantastic organization.

Look for information to be published in the near future.

Community Events

It's GAD Time!



Greater Andover Days (GAD) is always a fantastic time in Andover! AFR is heavily involved in multiple events during this period.

You'll spot AFR trucks in the Andover Parade every year, and this year, the crew was welcomed by WUSock! GAD is a wonderful community event, and we eagerly anticipate participating in it for years to come.



Fill the Boot for MDA



Andover Fire-Rescue is incredibly proud of our participation in Fill the Boot, a program that brings together Fire Departments in the area to raise donations for the local Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

FF Aaron Parker has been working closely with MDA for several years, and our community has consistently shown immense support for this important cause. In 2023, thanks to the generosity of the

Andover community, we were able to collect an impressive \$6,045.07! While this isn't our highest total to date, it's still a remarkable achievement.

We extend our gratitude to Dillons Marketplace for hosting our event and recognize that the support of our friends and neighbors in Andover is what makes this event successful. Thank you!



Did You Say BBQ?

Andover Fire-Rescue (AFR) received an invitation to join the Montana Hills addition for a BBQ event held right in their neighborhood.



During the event, AFR proudly showcased your trucks and equipment, offering guided tours to fellow neighbors.



Thanks again to our friends in Montana Hills for thinking of us. We really enjoyed it! Your firefighters always appreciate some delicious BBQ!



Community Events

USD 385 Career Day

AFR takes great pride in participating in USD 385 Career Day, an event that introduces Andover 3rd Grade Elementary students to various career options. This occasion provides AFR with an opportunity to showcase the roles and responsibilities of firefighters and highlight the fulfilling nature of public service careers.



These events are not only about promoting AFR but also about igniting a spark of interest in a future career path.

Safe Halloween at SVDP



AFR joined in the fun again at the Trunk or Treat event sponsored by our Andover Chamber and hosted at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Despite slightly colder weather compared to the previous year, there was a fantastic turnout. Numerous businesses participate annually, making it a highly enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Additionally, AFR organized trick-or-treating at the new fire station location on S Andover Road. Members from both AFR and Crossland Construction were present to greet trick-or-treaters and distribute goodies.



AFR Christmas Party



AFR hosted our annual Christmas Party at the new fire station, bringing together the crew and their families for a festive celebration. It was a time for our team to reflect on the year, enjoy delicious food, exchange gifts for both kids and adults, and engage in lively conversations. And, no Christmas party would be complete without an Ugly Sweater competition, where AFR members and their families showcased their creativity with some fantastic sweaters!



Ugly Sweater Winners:

1st Place: Asst. Chief Andy Saville.

2nd Place: Lt. John Gabriel

3rd Place: JoAnn Russell

Look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Caring and Sharing 2023

The following is a letter from Michele Carlini—Director of the Caring and Sharing Program

To our Andover Community:

This year in 2023, Caring and Sharing served 80 families and 201 children. The names of families are provided by Andover School counselors and all families are contacted to determine their needs. All children received socks, underwear, and at least one complete outfit. We also provided coats and shoes to several of these children (these are requested by the parents and not considered gifts).



All children ages 18 and under in the home received gift items and clothing. Fortunately, many of our toys for younger children were donated. We continue to see a need for more gift items for children ages 10 - 18, as these are not usually donated. Older children receive personal hygiene items, or other special requests from parents. We do not provide video games as gifts.

We are incredibly grateful to Menard's for their continued support of this program. We are also extremely thankful for the support of members of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, who generously sponsored several families in addition to donating over \$8,300 to support this program.

Food costs continue to increase, the total for food baskets provided this year was \$39.17 per family. Total expenses \$6,744.24.

Thank you to the entire Andover Fire-Rescue staff and Andover Police Department for their continued support. It is always heartwarming to see the fire department staff and their families greeting the families as they pick up their gifts. This is a great community project that I hope will continue for years to come.

Sincerely,



Michele Carlini
Caring and Sharing



ANDOVER FIRE-RESCUE

We are so proud to have been given the opportunity to serve our neighbors. This is our life's work.

We see our mission as providing excellent service to our neighbors and visitors. We do this to protect the safety, health and economic viability of our community. At the core of our existence, we strive to **DO THE RIGHT THING** every day!

2024—A Look Ahead to the Future

As we move forward into 2024, AFR will continue to strive to be good neighbors. We would like to thank you all so much for your continued support.

Please let us know if we may be of service to you at any time.

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Give us a call for more information about our services.

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