

# WINNECONNE / POYGAN FIRE DISTRICT



## 2022 YEAR END REPORT

## **INTRODUCTION**

The goal of this report is to provide information regarding the activities of the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District for the 2022 fiscal year beginning 1 January 2022 and ending 31 December 2022. If there is any information not included that would be beneficial, please let me know and I would be happy to alter the format to fit the needs of the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District Fire Commission and the Municipal Boards that they serve.

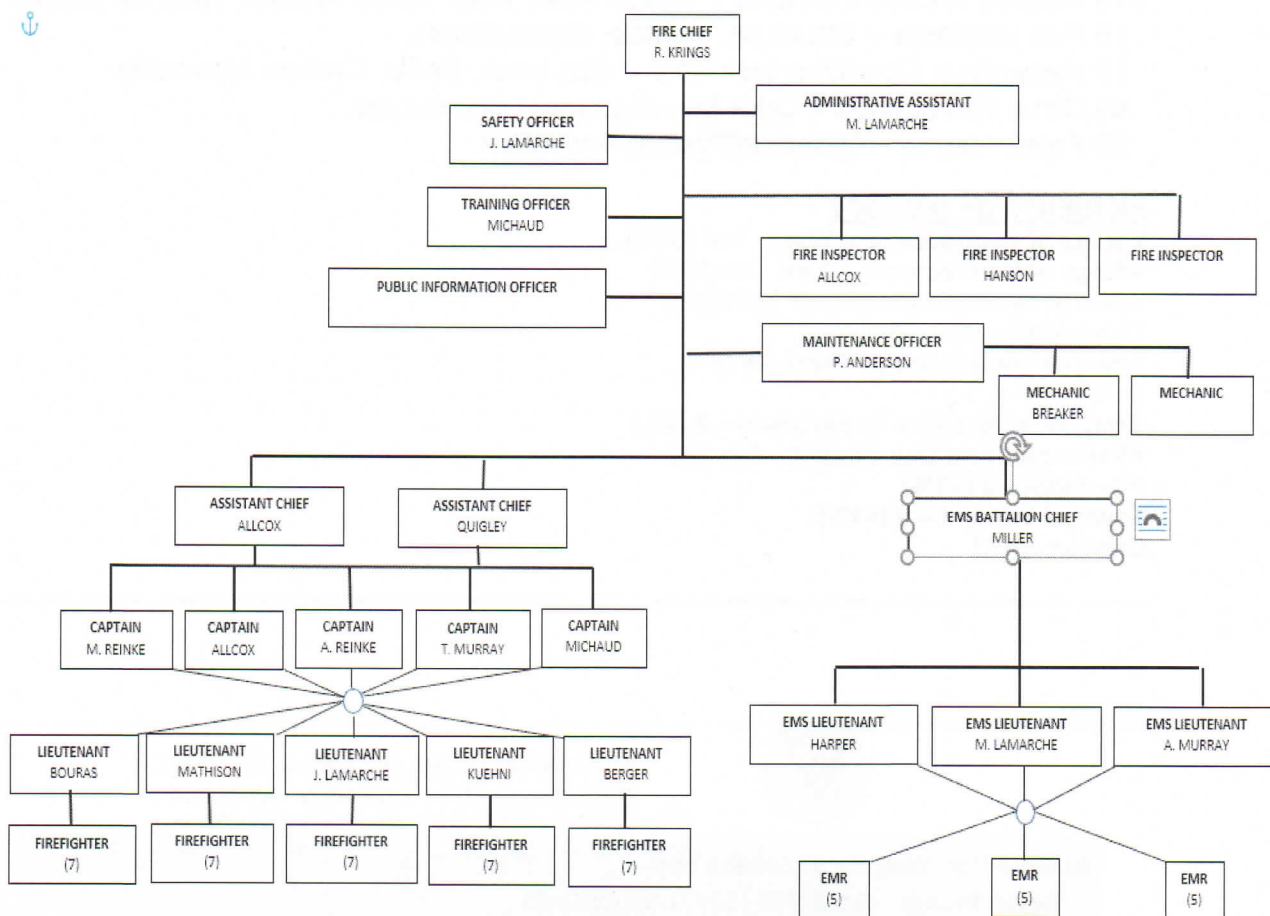
*Ryan R Krings, Fire Chief*

## **WINNECONNE/POYGAN FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

- In 2022 we added six new firefighters, Pete Anderson, Dominic Duncan, Cole Henke, Breena McIntyre, Jeremiah Pruetz, Kevin Tucker and two Emergency Medical Responders, Tabatha Bartlett and Zach Pingel.
- Resigned: 3
- Final Call: None
- Retirement: None
- Membership as of 12/31/2022: Firefighters - 42 (Roster Max. = 50)  
First Responders – 16 (Roster Max = 20)



## WINNECONNE/POYGAN FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## FIRE SUPPRESSION & EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSES

The Winneconne/Poygan Fire District and First Responders provide a professional service to the Towns of Poygan and Winneconne and the Village of Winneconne. We are also a member of a county-wide mutual aid agreement, providing fire and rescue support to our surrounding communities.

During 2022 we responded to 430 calls. This is an increase of 101 calls from 2021. The increase was primarily attributed to adding the Type A and Type B (non-emergency) medical calls back into our response. All Type A and Type B calls had been removed from our response matrix during the COVID pandemic to reduce the potential exposure of our personnel to the virus.

- 314** Rescue & EMS Incidents – Medical Assist, Motor Vehicle Accident, Water/Ice Rescue.
- 19** Fire Incidents – Structure, Vehicle, Brush/Grass.
- 17** Hazardous Condition Incidents – Gas Leak, Spills, Carbon Monoxide.
- 54** Other Responses – Odor Investigation, Lock-out etc.
- 26** False Alarms – Detector/System Activation.

#### **INCIDENTS BY DISTRICT**

**Village of Winneconne – West 134 (32%)**

**Village of Winneconne – East 86 (21%)**

**Town of Winneconne – East 89 (22%)**

**Town of Poygan 58 (14%)**

**Town of Winneconne – West 26 (8%)**

**Town of Oshkosh - 1 (<1%)**

**Omro Rushford Fire Department – 8 (2%)**

**Winchester Fire Department – 1 (<1%)**

**Poy Sippi – 3 (<1%)**

**Town of Vinland – 3 (<1%)**

**Clayton – 4 ( )**



### **Winneconne Poygan Fire District**

*Fire & Rescue • First Responders • Ice Rescue*

*Serving the Townships of Poygan & Winneconne, & Village of Winneconne*

#### **Alarms Per Year By Incident Typ**

**Report Period: 01/01/22 - 12/31/22 23:59:59**

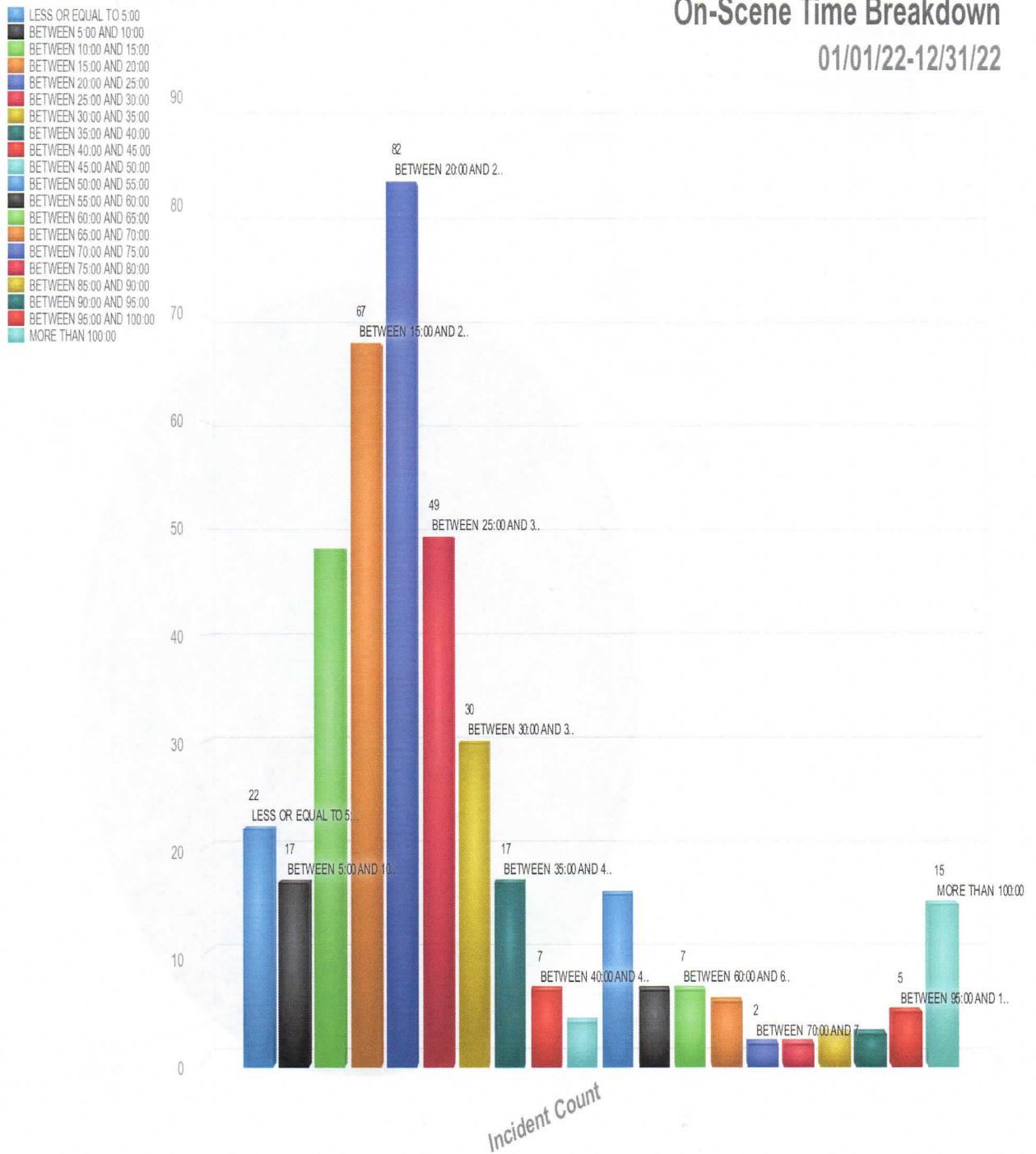
Incident Type	2022	Total							
All Other Responses (smoke scares, lock-outs, animal rescues, etc.) (IT 200–251, 500–699, 800–911)	54	54							
False Alarm Responses (malicious or unintentional false calls, malfunctions, bomb scares) (IT 700–746)	26	26							
Fires in Brush, Grass, Wildland (excluding crops and timber), with no value involved. (IT 142–143)	1	1							
Fires in Highway Vehicles (autos, trucks, buses, etc.) (IT 131–132, 136–137)	2	2							
Fires in Other Vehicles (planes, trains, ships, construction or farm vehicles, etc.) (IT 130, 133–135, 138)	1	1							
Fires in Rubbish, Including Dumpsters (outside of structures), with no value involved. (IT 150–155)	3	3							
Fires outside of Structures with Value Involved, but Not Vehicles (outside storage, crops, timber, etc.) (IT 140,141,161–162,164,170–173)	2	2							
Hazardous Materials Responses (spills, leaks, etc.) (IT 410–431)	10	10							
Other Hazardous Responses (arcing wires, bomb removal, power line down, etc.) (IT 440–482, 400)	7	7							
Rescue, Emergency Medical Responses (ambulance, EMS, rescue) (IT 300–381)	314	314							
Structure Fires (110-129)	10	10							

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## On-Scene Time Breakdown

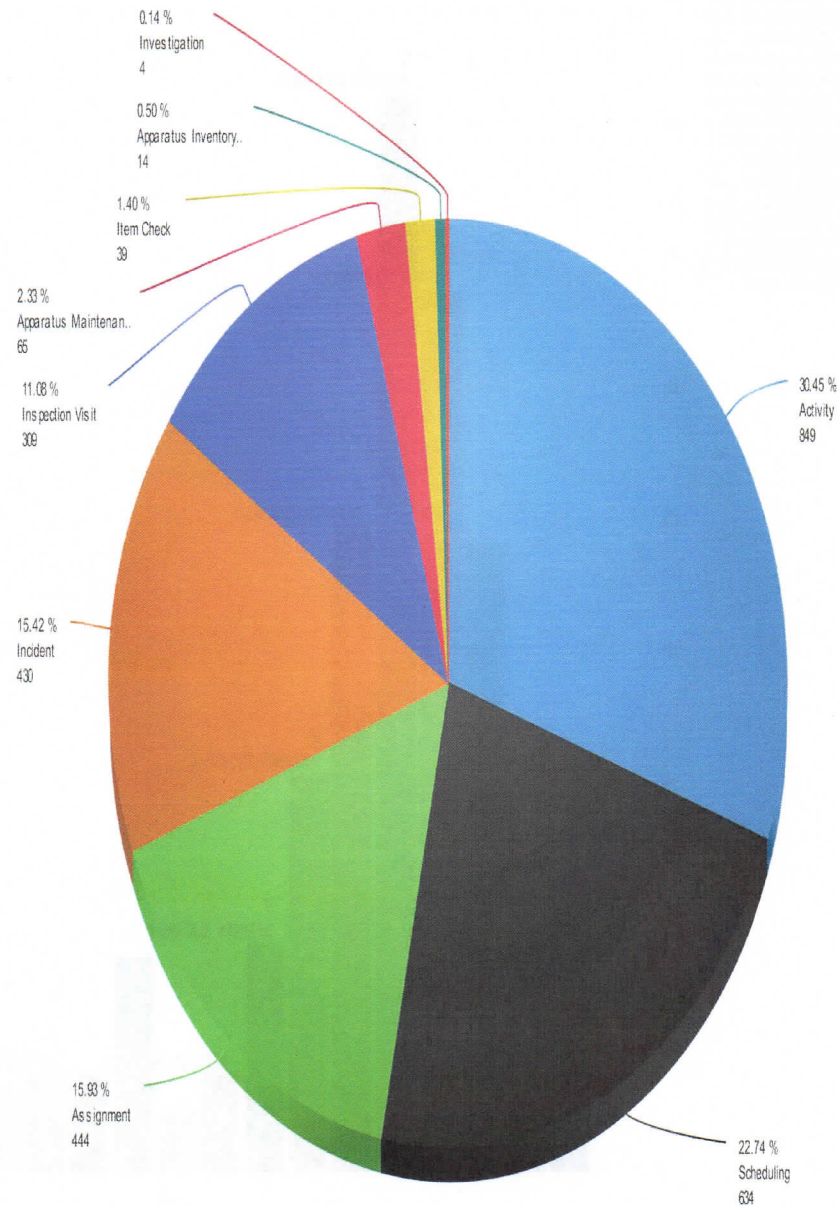
01/01/22-12/31/22



## Activity Summary

01/01/22-12/31/22

- Activity
- Scheduling
- Assignment
- Incident
- Inspection Visit
- Apparatus Maintenance Check
- Item Check
- Apparatus Inventory Check
- Investigation



Total of Activity Type: 2,788



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## TRAINING BUREAU

### INTRODUCTION

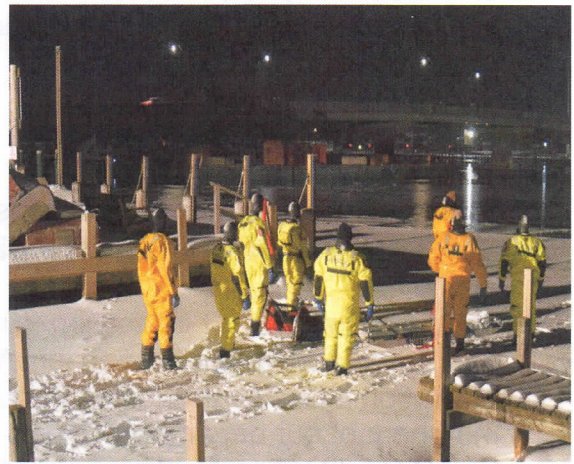
The Winneconne/Poygan Fire District Training Bureau is responsible for scheduling and conducting training operations for our membership. Fire and rescue related training is conducted monthly on the third Tuesday and occasionally on Saturdays as necessary.

### Fire/Rescue Training

During the 2020 fiscal year firefighters accumulated approximately 1200 hours in classroom and real-time practical evolutions in the following areas:



**Pumping Operations**



**Shore-based Ice Rescue**

- Apparatus Driver Skills
- Open-Water Boat Operations
- Hose Loads
- Electric Vehicle Operations
- Vehicle Extrication
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Husky Airboat Operations
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Shore-based Ice Rescue
- Ventilation Operations
- Ladder Operations
- Firefighter Survival
- Communications / Radio Operations
- Traffic Incident Management

### First Responder Training

Winneconne/Poygan Fire District First Responders meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Paramedics from the City of Oshkosh Fire Department (OFD) conduct these classes at our monthly meetings. The recertification sessions include classroom discussion accompanied by practical skills, all of which are needed during the various types of emergency medical incidents we are requested at.



All Winneconne/Poygan Fire District First Responders agree that the ongoing training provided by OFD paramedics is invaluable as it keeps our skills fresh while meeting the requirements of re-certification.

During the months that we do not have OFD at our meetings we discuss how we can improve the service that we provide.

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## FIRE PREVENTION / EDUCATION BUREAU

The Winneconne/Poygan Fire District Fire Prevention / Education Bureau is responsible for conducting semi-annual fire safety inspections of all commercial, industrial and educational facilities within the district. Semi-annual inspections are also conducted at all residential building over two-family occupancy. Inspectors Kevin Allcox, Brad Hanson and Nate Edlebeck complete these inspections.

### Fire Inspection Activity

Total Hours = 200

#### 311 Routine Fire Safety Inspections

- 158 Fire Safety Violations Discovered

The Fire Prevention / Education Bureau is also responsible for activities performed during Fire Prevention Week in October and any other public education activities requested throughout the year. During Fire Prevention Week members of our department, along with assistance from the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District Ladies Auxiliary, provide fire safety messages to local day care centers and the Winneconne Kindergarten students.





### Public Education Contacts

Total Hours = 100

Children Contacts – 400

Adult Contacts – 200

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## GRANTS

For the past several years the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District has applied for funding from three different grants. These include the Department of Homeland Security Fire Act Grant and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fire Grant.

### Fire Act Grant

In 2021 Winneconne Poygan Fire District applied for grant funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant to receive funding for replacement of our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). We were informed in October of 2022 that we had been awarded \$187,000 to replace (24) SCBA, (48) SCBA cylinders and (40) SCBA facepieces. The District is responsible for five percent of the \$187,000, or a little over \$8,000.

The new SCBA have been ordered, with new cylinders and facepieces already received by WPFD.

### Department of Natural Resources Grant

WPFD did not apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant in 2022.

### Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant

WPFD did not apply for a Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant in 2022.

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## FUND RAISERS

Members of the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District actively raise funds through functions conducted during the year. The first is the annual Chicken Fun Night held in January. In July we raise funds during Sovereign State Days.

### Chicken Fun Night

Funds raised by our members during Chicken Fun Night are used to purchase new equipment that may be necessary for fire or rescue operations. Over the

past 30+ years funds from this event have been used to purchase ice/water rescue equipment, wildland firefighting equipment, vehicle extrication equipment and thermal imaging cameras. For the past eight to ten years funds raised from this event have been designated for our future training facility.

The 2022 Chicken Fun Night was held at the Fin & Feather on January 26th. The following statistics are provided for the activities:

Meal Tickets Sold – 229

Donations - \$3,000.00

**Total Funds Raised - \$12,000.00**

### Sovereign State Days

During the annual Sovereign State Days held each July the members assist with the set up of the street dance and also with bartending on Friday night, as well as hosting a brat fry at the station during the Saturday morning parade. In 2022 we did not host the brat fry as we let the American Legion members host a brat fry to raise money for their organization. Proceeds from the sales made at the bar are distributed to the fire department. This money is used for annual get-togethers held for the members, and for purchase of equipment.

**Total Funds Raised - \$700.00**



**Firefighters Dave Pritzl (R) and Tom Kontos (L)**

### WPFD Training Facility Project

Over the past 11 years the members of the Winneconne Poygan Fire District have been actively pursuing funds to build a training facility that will be used for training evolutions. To date our members have raised approximately \$162,000 for the project and are close to reaching a projected goal that will allow us to move forward with the project. In January of 2022 the construction phase, Phase



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I, of the building project was completed. In May of 2022 WPF D members completed landscaping around the building.

Phase 2 of the project is to raise funds to construct or purchase training props for the site and to allow for construction of a two-story training model within the building. This model will act like a two-story residential building that can be utilized for many aspects of firefighter training.





## EMS BUREAU



**WPFD First Responders Brian Miller and Pauline Harper**

The Winneconne Poygan Fire District First Responders are comprised of 17 members, including cross-trained firefighters, who have been trained to the First Responder - Defibrillator level. Our first responders are on call 24/7 and provide emergency medical care throughout our response district.

Our first responders are also involved in the Fire District's annual Chicken Fun Night, and Sovereign State Days helping with operation of the events.

The first-due area of the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District is a significant area to cover and the first responders are always looking to improve our response methods, providing the district with the best possible coverage in the event of a medical emergency.

In April 2022 retired EMS Battalion Chief Cathie Ercegovac was awarded the City of Oshkosh Fire Department Teamwork Award for her 30 years of dedication and commitment to Winneconne Poygan Fire District's EMS Bureau.



**WINNECONNE/POYGAN FIRE DISTRICT**  
**2022 YTD**

LINE ITEM	2020 BUDGET	2021 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	Used 3/13/23	Remaining 3/13/2
Building & Grounds	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$17,617.63	\$7,617.63
Clothing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$98.00	\$902.00
Communications	\$10,360.00	\$10,360.00	\$10,360.00	\$7,521.13	\$2,838.87
Dues/Subscriptions	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,611.45	\$311.45
Education/Training	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$14,919.17	\$10,080.83
EMS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,612.65	\$4,112.65
Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$17,276.85	\$6,276.85
Fire Investigation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$393.00	\$107.00
Fire Prevention/Education	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,692.00	\$308.00
Food	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,167.00	\$1,333.00
Healthcare	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,825.20	\$325.20
Insurance	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$22,720.00	\$1,720.00
Miscellaneous					\$148.72
Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,729.39	\$1,229.39
Postage/Delivery	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$274.33	\$225.67
Professional Fees	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,892.24	\$892.24
Salaries/Payroll Taxes	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$39,243.11	\$756.89
Service Award Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,200.00	\$0.00	\$11,200.00
Telephone	\$4,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$3,484.28	\$1,184.28
Travel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$369.71	\$130.29
Turnout Gear	\$15,450.00	\$15,450.00	\$15,450.00	\$5,781.51	\$9,668.49
Utilities	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$19,926.64	\$426.64
Vehicle Expense	\$16,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$26,648.95	\$9,148.95
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$192,910.00</b>	<b>\$192,910.00</b>	<b>\$204,110.00</b>	<b>\$199,952.96</b>	<b>\$4,157.04</b>

Capital Expenses					
Building Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>North 6th Street Reconstruction - From Capital Budget</b>		\$5,400.00	\$6,700.00	\$5,394.93	