

2011 Performance Report

CITY OF BRANSON FIRE & RESCUE

Training for Excellence!

Training is an integral part of the Operations Division. Each firefighter is required to obtain a minimum of 120 hours of training annually. This promotes a fire department staffed by well-trained and equipped firefighters as well as enhancing safety at emergency fire and rescue incidents.

- Career Firefighters totaled up 18,232 hours averaging 524 hours individually. Volunteer firefighters accumulated 545 hours of training.
- Training is provided in-house as well as at the regional, state, and federal levels. Examples of training include Truck Company Operations, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, Structural Collapse, and Tactical Medic.
- Several Fire Personnel Earned State Certifications:
Fire Apparatus Driver Operator / Pumper
Jason Bruck, Jerry Whitworth, Tom Shaw, and Zach Privette
Fire Instructor 1 – Josh Boehm
Firefighters I & II – Darren Matthews & Dustin Hall
Hazardous Materials: Technician
Chris Chindlund and Zach Privette
National Fire Academy – Mike Novak, Ben Bonner, Chris Morgan, and Scott Cizek
Fire Science Degree – Steven Wolven

Making a Positive Impact!

Firefighters and their families raised funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (a record \$21,000), the Backpack Club for Branson Schools, and the Firefighter Association's Every Firefighter Offering Relief Together (EFFORT), Honor Guard, Auxiliary, and more! We also participated in the Shop with a Hero, won the second Annual Guns and Hoses Basketball Game, Annual Golf Tournament, Fishing Tournament, and participation in the Branson Relay For Life events.

The fire department made three deployments to the Joplin tornado disaster in May. Branson Firefighters responded two hours after the tornado hit to assist with rescue efforts, the CERT Team responded with 12 trained community members mid-week assisting with search, recovery and debris. We also deployed our Hazardous Material decontamination equipment assets for the Joplin Fire Dept. to use for the Presidential visit.



The fire department received a new Ford 550 truck to re-mount the Haz-Mat Decontamination unit. Funding provided by Homeland Security. A task force of firefighters from Branson & Western Taney County responded to the Joplin Tornado. Engineer Brien Reinke tends to a garden located at fire station #2. Firefighters raise items such as corn, tomatoes, various peppers, squash & much more – used in some healthy firehouse cooking!

FIRE – RESCUE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION

Plan, Direct, Lead, & Oversee the activities and operations of the fire department.

OPERATIONS

- Fire Suppression
- Rescue/Extrication
- Medical Response
- Fire/Rescue Training

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Fire & Life Safety Education
- Fire Code Enforcement
 - Existing Commercial Building Inspections
 - New Commercial Building Plan Review & Inspection
 - Fire Pre-Planning
- Fire Investigation

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Disaster Preparedness
- Storm Sirens / Warnings
- CodeRED Communications
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

ISO Class 4 Fire Department

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A YEAR OF TRANSITION FOR A FIRE – RESCUE DEPARTMENT BECOMING “FULLY INVOLVED!”

This has been an incredible year of transition for Branson Fire – Rescue with the retirement of Fire Chief Carl Sparks who served our City for sixteen years. Chief Sparks facilitated growth and improvements in our fire stations, apparatus, and personnel, all designed to meet the explosive growth in our community during his tenure.

With his retirement came transition as I was named Fire Chief after serving 15 years as the Technical Services Division Chief. This led to three promotions within the department including Randy Fogle to Division Chief, Dennis Brunner to Fire Marshal, and Jonathan Butler to Engineer. Engineer Rick Palmer retired with 26 years of service (volunteer & career) filled by the promotion of Josh Boehm to Engineer. Filling firefighter positions we welcomed Darren Matthews, Dustin Hall, and Steven Wolven during the course of the year.

As the new Fire Chief I have asked our fire personnel to work on a model of being “Fully Involved!” This model is designed to encourage them to be fully involved at work, with their families, and in our community. Fire personnel challenged to continuously strive towards excellence and promote new ideas and concepts that enhance the fire – rescue services we provide, to be awesome spouses and parents, and to be the firefighter known for serving their community through avenues such as community not-for-profits, coaching, etc.

In closing, I am pleased to provide this “snapshot” of the accomplishments that your firefighters have done this past year. We have an incredible team that love their job and commit every day to providing the most efficient and professional fire – rescue service to our community.

Ted Martin, Fire Chief

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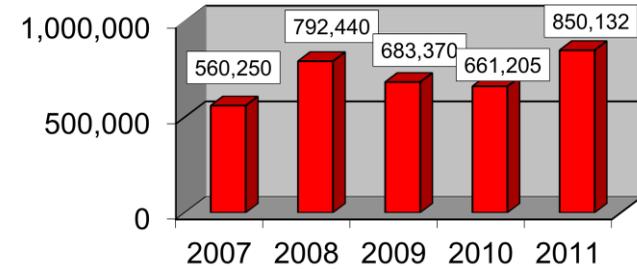
Our Mission is to provide high quality, cost effective fire-rescue operations, risk reduction services, and emergency preparedness to the Branson Community; guided by the principles of teamwork and professionalism.

Our Vision is to obtain an ISO 3 Classification



FIRE FACT: In 2011 over 4,500 Kid Contacts and 2,000 Adult Contacts made presenting All-Hazards Risk Reduction education programs.

FIRE LOSS IN DOLLARS 2007-2011



Firefighters responded to a structure fire at Vinyards Condos causing \$513,314 in damage. Captain Scott Cizek and Firefighter Matt Eaves put out hot spots after other crews knocked the fire down with the Ladder Truck and interior fire operations. Careless discarding of cigarettes a possible cause.



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Our goal is to respond to emergency incidents in five (5) minutes or less.
2011: 3.81 Minutes

FIRE LOSS – TOP 10 in 2010

Condominium	\$ 513,314
Residence	\$ 170,000
Hotel/Motel	\$ 35,000
Vehicle/Skid Steer	\$ 25,000
Vehicle	\$ 20,100
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Vehicle	\$ 11,385
Restaurant	\$ 10,000
Grocery Store	\$ 9,948
Retail Store	\$ 5,000

Over 8.1 Million Dollars of Property Saved at these Fires!

Technical Services Division

598 New Commercial Construction Inspections

1643 Fire & Life Safety Inspections on Existing Commercial Properties.

Operational Permits Issued

Tents	40
Open Burning	05
Blasting	05
Fireworks Sales	07
Fireworks Displays	07
Indoor Pyrotechnics	11
Tank Sets	04
Tank Removal	90

*Smoke Alarms Save Lives!
Test Yours Each Month*

Operations Division

The fire department in partnership with the police installed new “voting receiver” equipment enhancing the public safety radio system utilized by firefighters and police officers. The cost of this project was just over \$100,000, though the improvement in communications and safety were priceless!

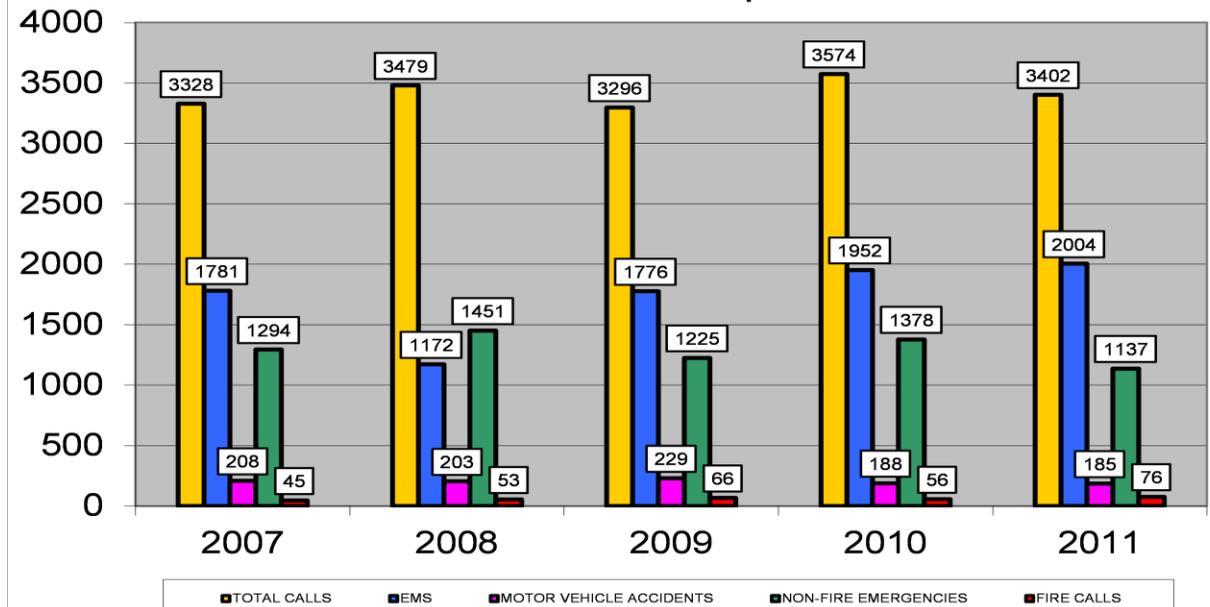
Station 3 was extensively remodeled and updated with new cabinets, appliances, furniture and paint throughout. Firefighters completed all of the price comparisons and did all of the work saving thousands of taxpayers dollars.

The Department received over \$10,000 in Structural Collapse Rescue Equipment through a Homeland Security Grant. Branson FD is a Type III team in Missouri designed for response to safely rescue people from collapsed houses



and various types of structures during tornadoes and other natural disasters in the community and region.

Branson Fire & Rescue Alarm Response 2007 to 2011



Community Participation: Twelve citizens completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This program taught annually prepared citizens to be self-sufficient and assist neighbors in the event of a disaster for up to 72 hours. Local residents also participated in the City's Citizens Academy where they spent an evening with the firefighters getting “hands on” experiences with fire hoses, extrication/rescue equipment, and climbed the 4 story training tower in firefighter gear.