

## 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 16,050 hours averaging 486 hours individually. Volunteer firefighters accumulated over 630 hours of training.
- Specialized training was provided for Hazardous Materials incidents, Railroad Emergencies, Incident Safety Officer, Chemical Emergencies, and Defensive Tactics for Emergency Responders.
- The fire department became an accredited training entity for the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- Engineer Nathanael Jones and Firefighter Thomas Shaw completed an intensive Tactical Medic Program that supports the Police Department's Special Operations Squad.
- Fire Prevention Officer Randy Fogle and Engineer Dennis Brunner obtained state certification as Fire Investigators.
- Training was provided for employees of other City Departments in CPR, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, and Hazardous Materials.



Training Battalion Chief Mike Novak, Engineer Jim Nivens, and firefighters Chris Chindlund & Brian Heppner participate in a "Crossfit Challenge" in Springfield. This physically intensive competition focused on firefighter job-related strength challenges completed in Firefighter Gear!

## Making a Positive Impact!

- Two New Storm Sirens Added
- Firefighters and their families raised over \$16,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the annual Boot Block and a new event – A Steak Sandwich Lunch for the public held at fire station #2.
- Three (3) continuing education programs presented to CERT Team members serving in the community.
- Firefighters and their families worked hard to raise funds for special programs including the Firefighter Association, Every Firefighter Offering Relief Together (EFFORT), the Auxiliary, plus more!.

Shop with a Hero, First Annual Guns and Hoses Basketball Game, Annual Golf Tournament, Fishing Tournament, Participation in the Relay For Life, National Fallen Firefighters event at Baskin Robbins Ice Cream.

"We Are Blessed!"



The Fire Department Honor Guard presents the flags at a Kansas City Royals Game. Available upon request, this unit presented the flags at 15 community special events in 2010.

## 2010 Performance Report

### CITY OF BRANSON FIRE & RESCUE



January 2011

A REFLECTION OF THE COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

*This has been another remarkable year for Branson Fire & Rescue in terms of professional growth as each member strives to seek continuous improvement of services. I am proud of the effort our personnel put into excelling in every area of their profession, from fire and rescue services, training, and fire and life safety education programs for our residents and visitors. Even with a year of economic uncertainty and guarded budgets, there have been many achievements to celebrate within Branson Fire & Rescue. Prominent of these would be our continued low fire loss statistics. I have always said this is no accident. Low fire loss is achieved through outstanding fire prevention programs, a continuous presence in the community, countless hours of training, and maintaining our equipment to assure the highest level of response and effectiveness.*

*In 2010 the organization rewrote our mission statement, established a motto - Service Before Self - reshaped our goals to better represent our vision, which is to become an ISO Class 3 fire department.*

*The department was awarded an AFG grant to replace our aging water tender with a new modern apparatus with considerably more capability. Through the expertise of several department members a complete Firefighter Health & Wellness Program was prepared and will be implemented in 2011. Many other programs and advancements were made possible by firefighters utilizing their skills, dedication and determination.*

*Never before have I been more proud of the men and women of Branson Fire & Rescue for their commitment during difficult economic times to make their organization stronger and better.*

*Carl Sparks, Fire Chief*

#### 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 Inspections
- Fire Investigation

##### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Disaster Preparedness
- Storm Sirens / Warnings
- CODE RED Communications



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## BRANSON FIRE & RESCUE

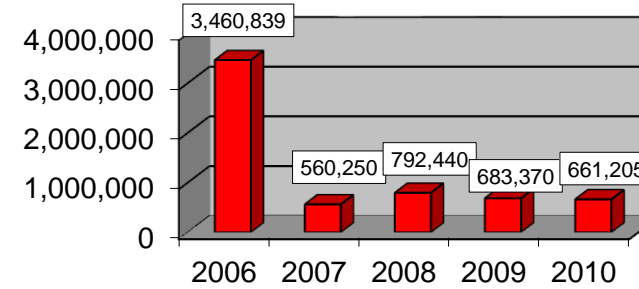
Our Mission is to provide high quality, cost effective fire-rescue operations, risk reduction services, and emergency preparedness to the Branson Community; guided by the principles of teamwork and professionalism.

Our Vision is to obtain an ISO 3 Classification



**FIRE FACT:** Over 8225 Kid Contacts and 2000 Adult Contacts made presenting All-Hazards Risk Reduction education programs in 2010.

## LOSS IN DOLLARS - 2006-2010



## EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1

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

2010: 3.88 Minutes

## FIRE LOSS – TOP 10 in 2010

Apartment (s)	\$ 310,000
Motor Coach/RV	\$ 150,000
Commercial Truck	\$ 50,000
Apartment	\$ 12,500
Camper	\$ 12,000
Apartment	\$ 11,500
Vehicle	\$ 11,000
Vehicle	\$ 8,000
Apartment	\$ 5,000
Residence	\$ 5,000

On April 9 firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire at the Golden Oaks Apartments. On arrival, firefighters discovered two dwelling units fully involved in fire. There were no injuries and careless discarding of a cigarette could not be eliminated as a cause.



## Technical Services Division

638 New Commercial Construction Inspections

1,262 Fire & Life Safety Inspections on Existing Commercial Properties.

### Operational Permits Issued

Tents	38
Open Burning	06
Burn Extensions	02
Blasting	02
Blast Extensions	07
Fireworks Sales	09
Fireworks Displays	07
Indoor Pyrotechnics	07
Tank Sets	10
Tank Removal	04

## Operations Division

The fire department took delivery of a 2010 Water Tender built by Pierce Fire Apparatus. Water Tender 3 carries 2000 gallons of water to supplement firefighting operations where water supplies may be limited or not accessible. The \$190,000 apparatus was purchased with funds provided by a federal grant.

Fire Station #2 was remodeled including new furniture, appliances, and a fresh coat of paint on all interior walls. Additionally, interior lights were replaced with more energy efficient fixtures.

A fire department health and wellness Program for all personnel was established. This includes a new safety task force charged with seeking ways to improve diet, exercise, and the overall health of the firefighters.



Engineer Nathanael Jones uses a thermal imaging camera (TIC) to check for hot spots after a fire.

**Community Participation:** Sixteen citizens completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Rob Evans from KOLR 10/Fox 27 and "Mike the Intern" from KKLH Radio experienced a "Day in the Life" of a firefighter as they rode along on-shift with the firefighters. 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.

## Branson Fire & Rescue Alarm Response 2006 to 2010

