

2018

Annual Report

“Desire to serve, courage to act,
and the ability to perform since
1888”



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Brighton Fire Rescue



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Message from the Fire Chief



Dear Resident,

I am pleased to present Brighton Fire Rescue District's 2018 Annual Report. With 6,645 calls for service, 2018 was the busiest year in our 130-year history. A staff of 71 full-time employees worked to protect and serve our community in 2018.

Your Brighton Fire Rescue firefighters, EMT's, and paramedics are always committed to serving you, especially during emergencies. Since 1888, the members of the Fire District have demonstrated the desire to serve, the courage to act, and the ability to perform. The successes BFRD employees enjoy today are founded on the hard work and dedication of great firefighters that came before us.

Medical emergencies, including traffic accidents, make up the majority of our calls, but we train to be ready for any emergency that may arise. Every Brighton firefighter is also an EMT or paramedic. In 2018, three Brighton firefighters graduated from Denver Health Paramedic School. This enabled us to add one more paramedic to each shift, providing even better emergency medical coverage for our residents.

Recognizing that many emergencies can be prevented, Brighton Fire Rescue is committed to reducing the frequency and severity of harmful events. Through training and equipping our community with knowledge and tools to better prevent these incidents, Brighton Fire is committed to reducing preventable harm. In 2018 we hosted two Kids Academies and educated the public at more than 150 appearances which included special events, fire drills, car seat checks and classroom activities.

As our community grows, so do the demands of our Fire District. With 49 vehicles in our fleet, we needed to obtain a space where apparatus could be properly serviced. In 2018, BFRD mechanics began operating out of a new fleet maintenance facility on S. Main Street next to Fire Station 51. The 8,000 square foot building provides a service area for engines and ladder trucks. The new facility allows us to efficiently work on vehicles so they can be out of service for the shortest time possible.

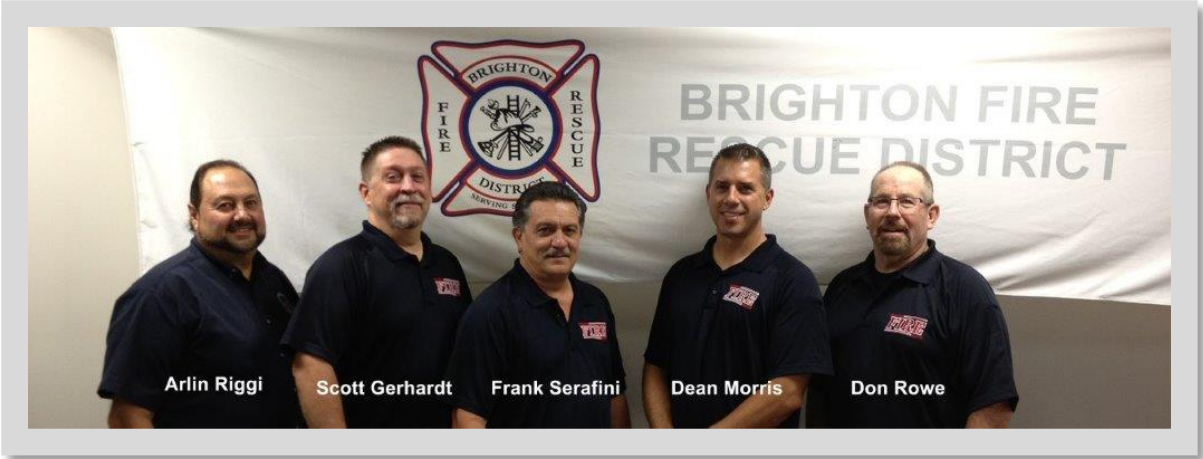
The Fire District also received a donation of land from Vestas America for a future fire station on New Energy Drive, east of County Road 27. Impact Fees on new development were approved by several of our municipal/county jurisdictions so that new development will be required to invest into the needed expansion of our services.

The personnel at Brighton Fire remain committed to your safety. We hope that you find this report to be interesting and informative. On behalf of all the Fire District personnel, thank you for your continued support and confidence in us. We hope you enjoy this look back at the success of 2018.

Respectfully,

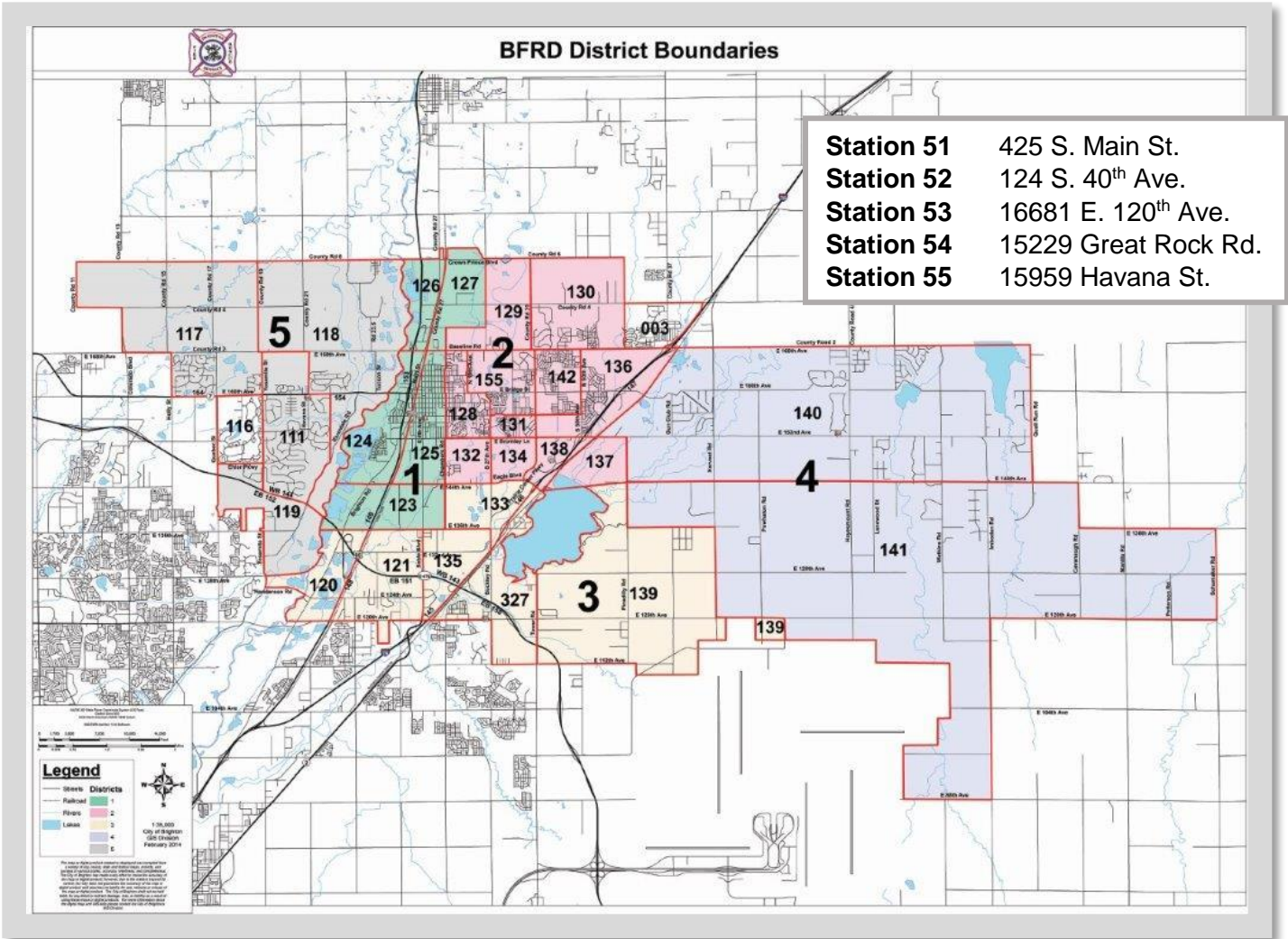
Mark A. Bodane
Fire Chief

Board of Directors

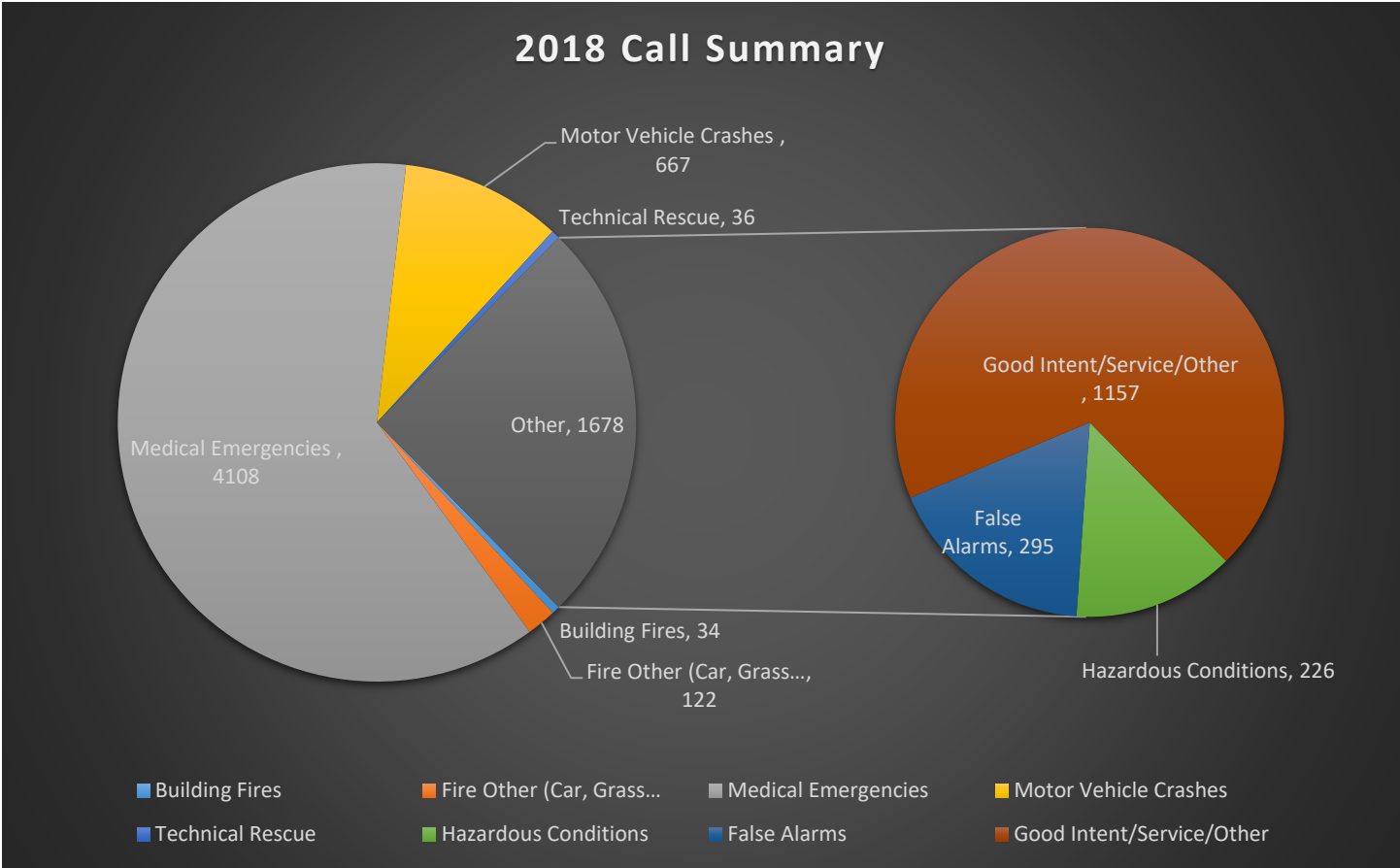


The District

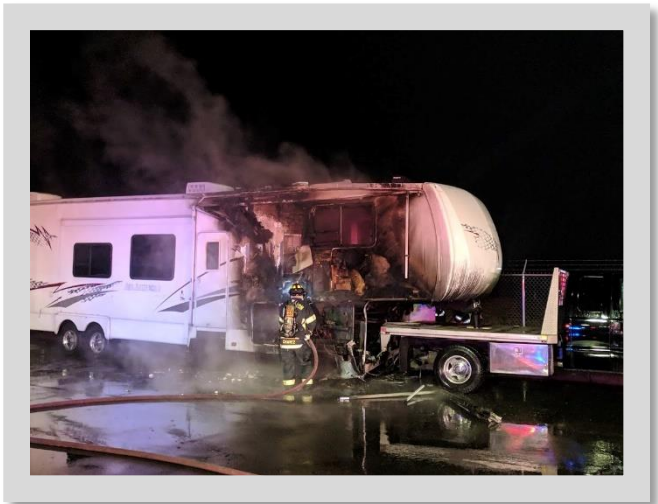
The Fire District protects the City of Brighton, Town of Wattenberg, part of the City of Commerce City, and parts of the towns of Henderson and Lochbuie. In addition, our area includes large unincorporated areas of Adams and Weld counties. Our service area consists of 150 square miles protected from five fire stations.



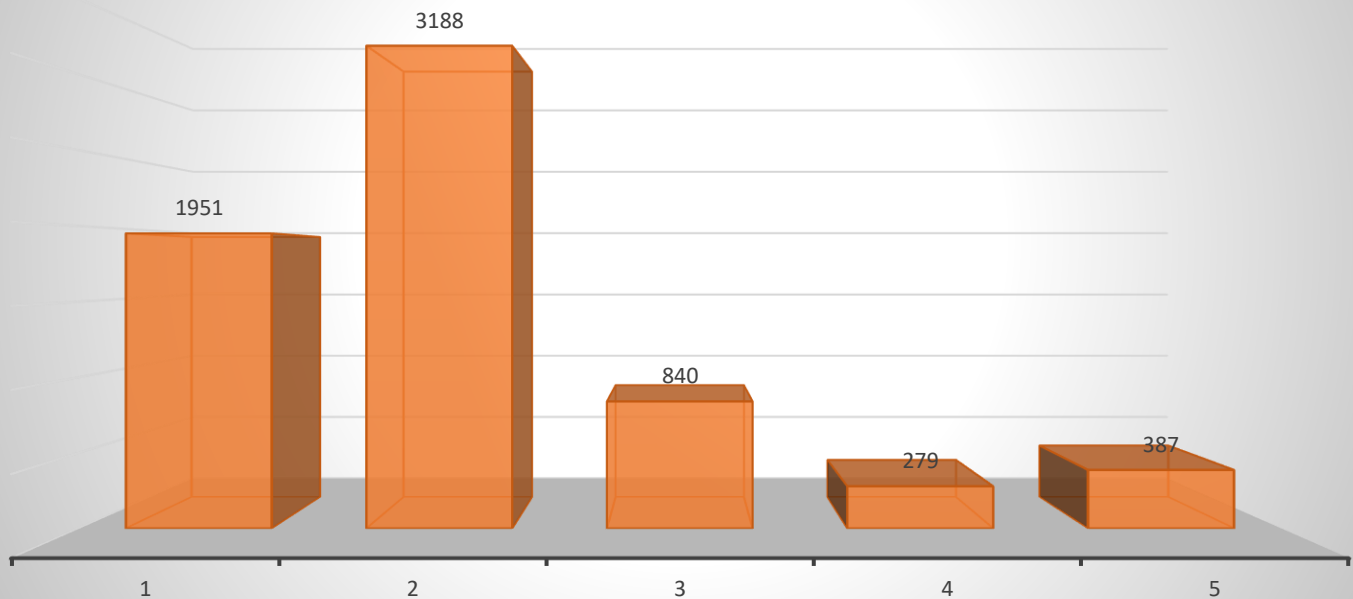
Emergency Incidents



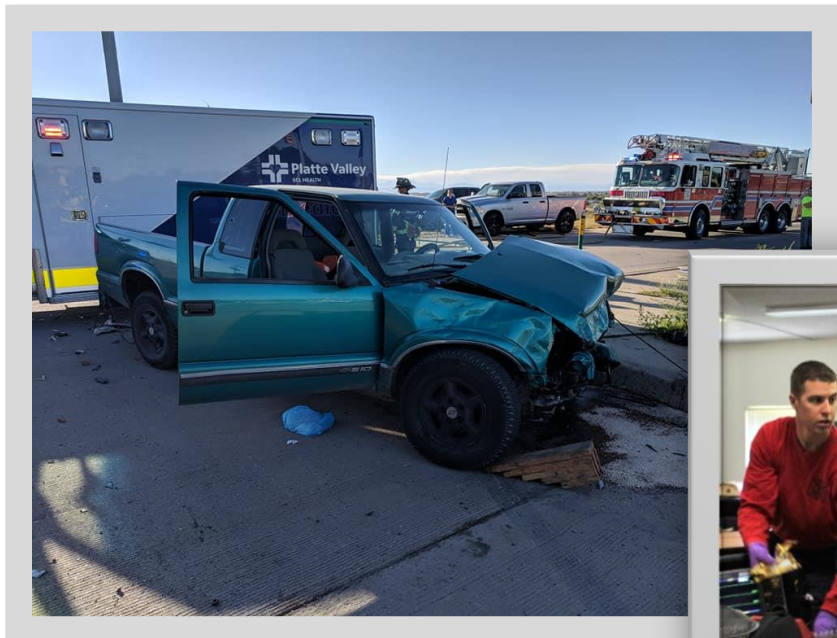
2018 was another busy year for Brighton Fire Rescue. In 2018 we continued our forward progress and growth in the number of personnel and the continued addition of paramedics on our fire engines and ladder trucks. Overall call volume totaled 6,645 incidents, a 0.6% increase over 2017. EMS/Rescue incidents represent most of our calls with 4,103 incidents, an 2.27% increase over 2017. Not included in the EMS/Rescue calls are motor vehicle crashes with an additional 667 incidents. Our wildfire season continues to be present year-round but overall our total fire incidents decreased 22% with 156 fire incidents in 2018 compared to 202 in 2017.

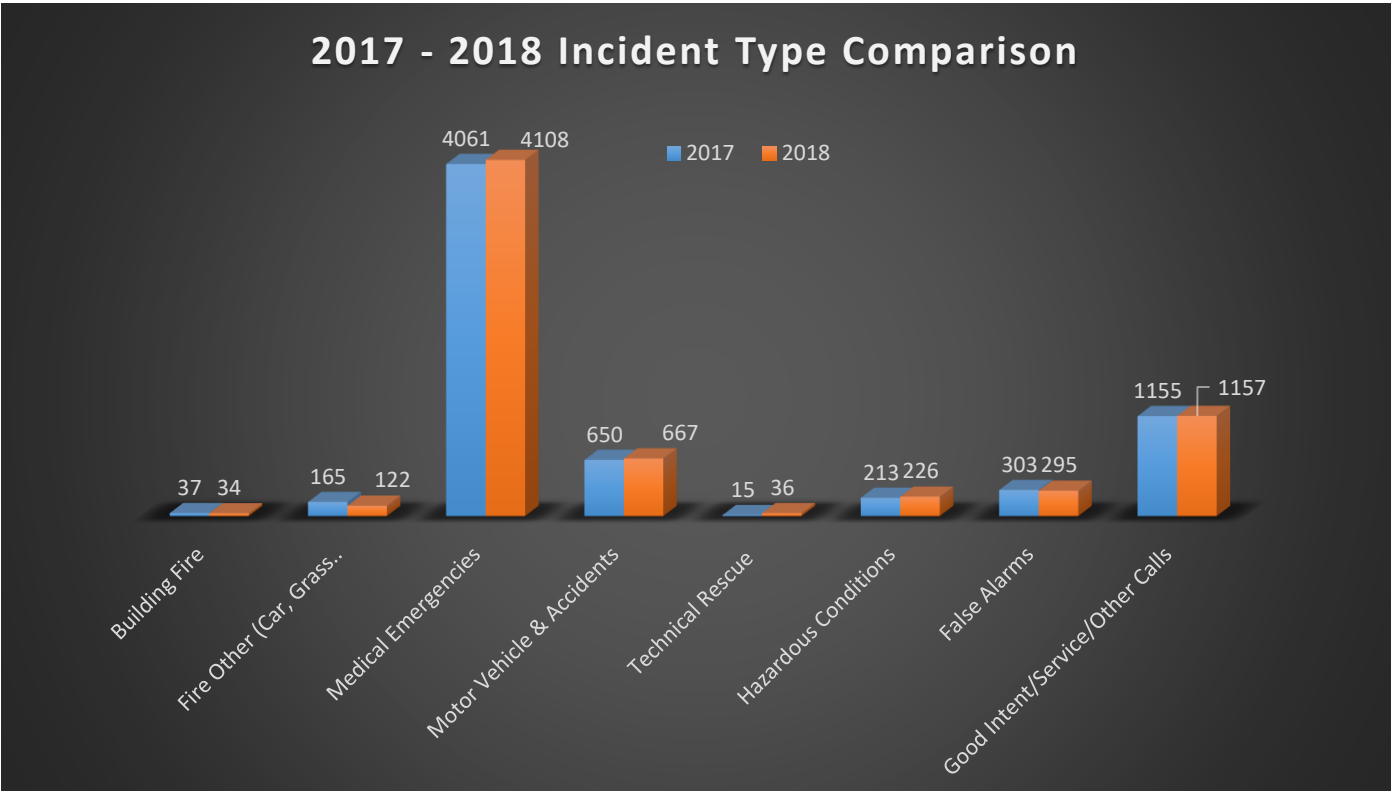


Incidents by Response District

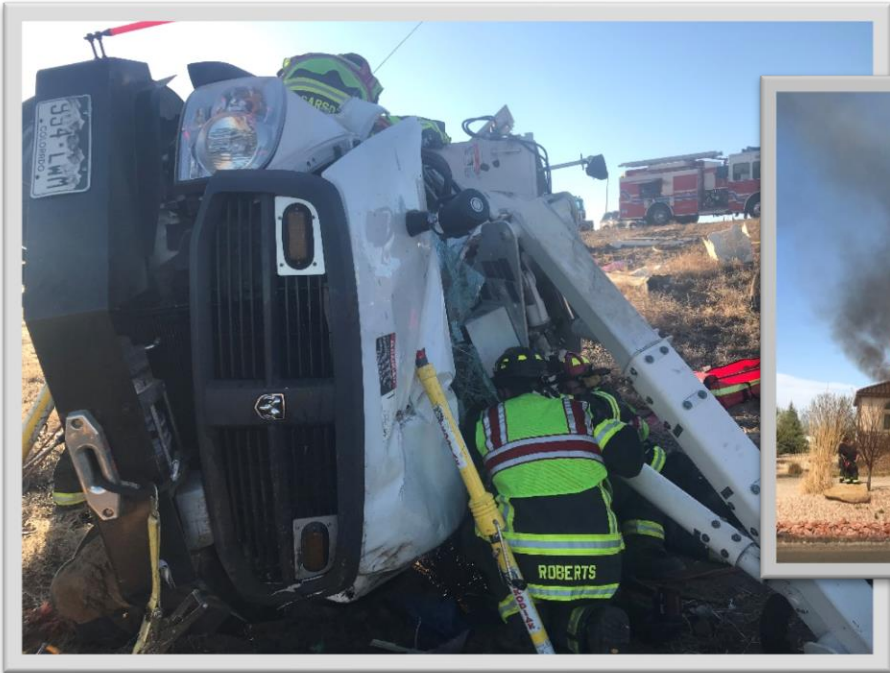


With the continued increase in EMS/Rescue related calls our EMS division continues to see changes as we work on adding paramedics to all our fire engines and ladder trucks throughout the Fire District. We had three firefighters that graduated from the 2018 Denver Health Paramedic School. Our service delivery model continues to be that we respond on all EMS/Rescue calls with a fire engine or ladder truck in addition to the transport services provided under our contract with Platte Valley Medical Center.

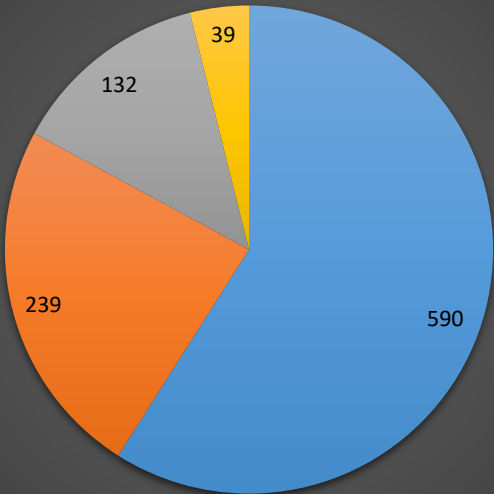




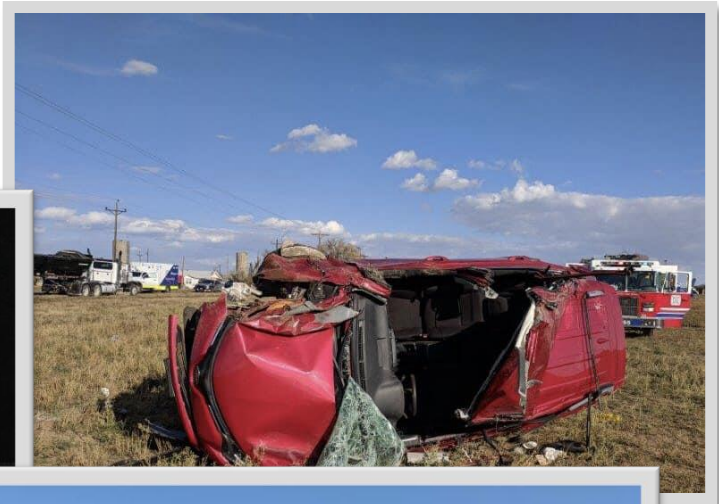
In March of 2018 we celebrated our one-year anniversary of utilizing closest unit dispatching in coordination with our dispatch center, Adams County Communication Center (ADCOM) through Computer-aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The new CAD allows the dispatchers to dispatch the closest fire apparatus and ambulance to calls for service through Global Positioning System (GPS) and Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL). By utilizing AVL and GPS we can enhance our responses to operate more efficiently and timely.

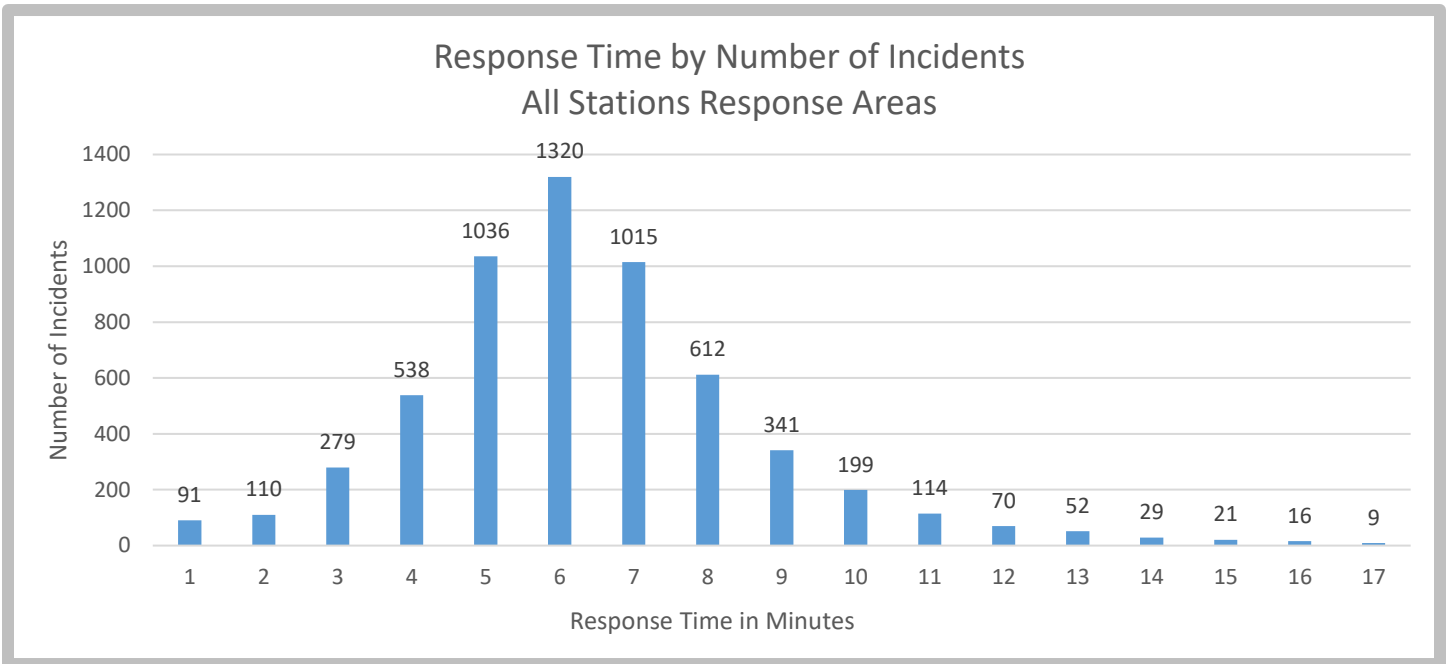


Aid Given and Received 2018



■ Automatic aid given ■ Automatic aid received ■ Mutual aid given ■ Mutual aid received





In 2018 the District's response time in the entire district was 9 minutes or less 91% of the time

Here's how that breaks down by each station's coverage area:

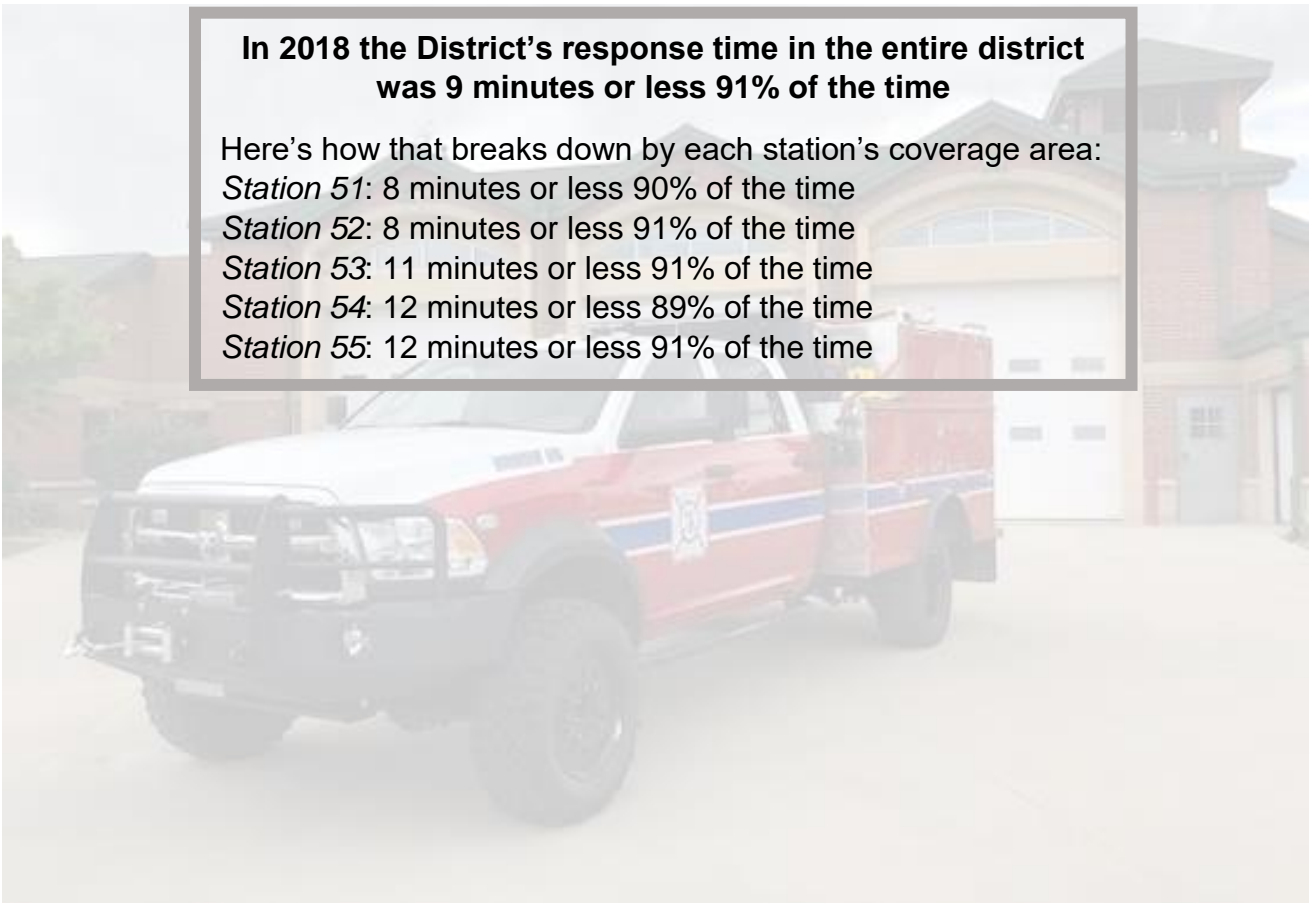
Station 51: 8 minutes or less 90% of the time

Station 52: 8 minutes or less 91% of the time

Station 53: 11 minutes or less 91% of the time

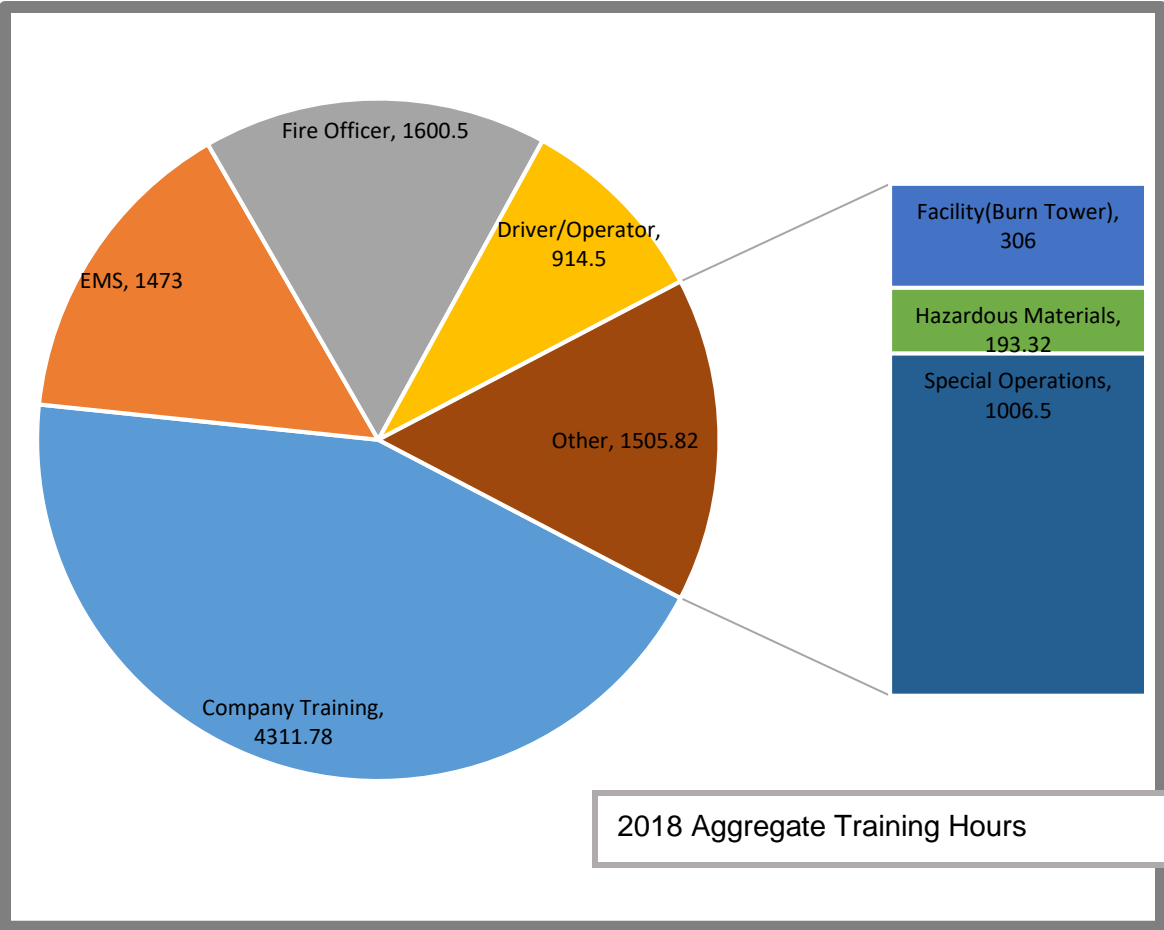
Station 54: 12 minutes or less 89% of the time

Station 55: 12 minutes or less 91% of the time



Response times are usually driven by travel time. Travel time is the time it takes for the emergency unit to travel from the fire station to the incident. Fire stations in rural areas cover larger, less populated areas and have longer travel times.

Training & Special Operations



2018 Aggregate Training Hours 9,805

2018 proved to be another successful year for the Training and Special Operations Division. Brighton Fire Rescue District (BFRD) once again participated in the regional North Area Firefighter Academy with Adams County Fire, North Metro Fire, Thornton Fire, and Westminster Fire. BFRD's Lieutenant Kevin Carson served as our cadre instructor. We did not graduate any one from the regional academy in 2018 but we remain committed to the North Area Fire Academy by providing instructors and equipment. This regional approach to recruit firefighter training is in its seventh year and has proven to be a successful collaboration of organizations and resources.



In 2018 several promotional processes were conducted throughout the year. Colin Brunt was promoted to the rank of Captain, Austin Coleman was promoted to the rank EMS Captain, Bryan Guyer was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Whitney Even was promoted to the rank of Fire Marshal.



Special Operations which include; Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials Response, Water & Ice Rescue, and Wildland Firefighting continue to be a focus of BFRD. We continue to participate in the North Area Technical Rescue Team and the Adams Jefferson County Hazardous Materials Authority as part of regional response teams. We also coordinate training activities with our partners in southern Weld County as part of their hazardous materials response team. Special Operations team members are cross trained to handle their general firefighting/EMS duties along with their specific special operations requirements. As the District continues to grow our capabilities have also grown and we continue to evaluate our needs at a local and regional response level.

Training of shift personnel continues to be an important component of firefighter readiness and competency. Several training opportunities were provided such as active shooter/active threat, apparatus operations, company officer development and wildland firefighting. In 2018 the total training hours for the year amounted to 9,805 encompassing both classroom as well as hands-on training.



Ending 2018, the Fire District placed an emphasis on firefighter wellness and career longevity of our members. We hosted outside instructor that presented information on Peer Support through Building Warriors.

Membership Roster

Board of Directors

President – Dean Morris
 Vice President – Scott Gerhardt
 Treasurer – Frank Serafini
 Secretary – Arlin Riggi
 Asst. Secretary – Don Rowe

Chief Staff

Mark Bodane - Fire Chief
 Michael Schuppe - Deputy Fire Chief

Administrative Staff

Emily Haskin - Administrative Assistant
 Rita Saunders – Finance Manager
 Natalie Ridderbos – Public Information Officer
 Andria Koenig, Administrative Manager

Fire Prevention

Whitney Even – Fire Marshal
 Dawn Blunt - Public Safety Educator
 Carla Gutierrez - Fire Inspector

Fleet/Facilities Services

Doug Tweedy - Manager
 Scott Anderson – Mechanic

Battalion Chief

Phil Beehler - C-Shift
 Gerard Lutz - A-Shift
 Rand Sheldon - B-Shift

Captain

John Blunt, Jr. - B-Shift
 Chris Forbes – C-Shift
 Colin Brunt – A-Shift
 Austin Coleman, EMS
 Mark Brasel – Training

Lieutenant

Kevin Carson
 Brad Cogburn
 Gary Dawson
 Jesse Eversman
 Daniel Grein
 Scott Griffith
 Brian Guyer
 Sean McCulloch
 Brian Nekvasil
 William Porterfield
 Michael Prill
 Tony Spresser



Engineer

Bill Bennett, Paramedic
 Nick DiAnnie
 Frank DiLorenzo
 Dave DiLorenzo
 Pasquale DiLorenzo
 Chris Elliott
 Todd Godek
 Chris Kennison
 Scott Kinne
 Justin Lauridson
 Mario Molinaro
 Mike Nekvasil
 Jeremy Osgood
 John Stevens
 Jeff Wright

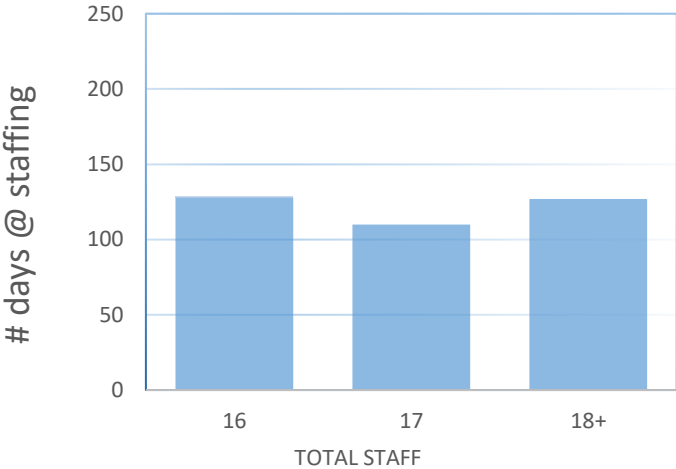
Firefighter/EMT or Paramedic

Logan Alberti, Paramedic
 Ron Chavez
 James Doran
 Ethan Gilbert
 Travis Hahl
 Aaron Heiser
 John Johnson, Paramedic
 Matthew Joslin, Paramedic
 Brian Lopez
 Clint Mader
 Ken Maine
 Devin Mellars
 Cole Miller
 Samuel (Leon) Miller
 Owen McKeough, Paramedic
 Richard O'Rourke
 Erik Ottosen, Paramedic
 Brent Palizzi, Paramedic
 Neicoli Palizzi
 Herbert Roberts, Paramedic
 Andrew Stone
 Ryan Tate
 Richard Towndrow
 Byron Vall
 Theron Virtue, Paramedic

Staffing

2018 MINIMUM STAFFING 48-HOUR SHIFT

Minimum career staffing was 16 each day.



2018 Awards

Congratulations to all the members that earned awards in 2018. We look forward to your leadership and continued commitment to the Organization.

Recognition Certificates

Battalion Chief Gerard Lutz
 Firefighter James Doran
 Firefighter Leon Miller (2)
 Lieutenant Scott Griffith
 Firefighter Bryon Vall (2)
 Firefighter Rik Stone
 Firefighter Neicoli Palizzi (2)
 Firefighter/Paramedic Erik Ottosen
 Firefighter Rich O'Rourke (3)
 Firefighter/Paramedic Herbie Roberts
 Engineer John Stevens (2)
 Lieutenant Dan Grein
 Lieutenant Brian Guyer (2)
 Captain Colin Brunt
 Firefighter Rich Towndrow (2)
 Battalion Chief Phil Beehler
 Lieutenant Kevin Carson (2)
 Fleet/Facility Manager Doug Tweedy
 Fleet Mechanic Scott Anderson
 Lieutenant Brian Nekvasil
 Engineer Chris Elliott
 Lieutenant Jesse Eversman
 Firefighter/Paramedic Logan Alberti (2)
 Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Joslin
 Firefighter/Paramedic Owen McKeough
 Firefighter Ethan Gilbert

Company Citation

Captain Colin Brunt
 Lieutenant Tony Spresser
 Engineer Mario Molinaro
 Firefighter/Paramedic Brent Palizzi
 Firefighter Ken Maine
 Engineer Scott Kinne
 Firefighter Ethan Gilbert

Distinguished Service

Fire Inspector Carla Gutierrez

Career Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Ryan Tate

Recruit of the Year

Firefighter Richard O'Rourke

Fire Chief's Award

Firefighter Richard Towndrow
 Public Safety Educator Dawn Blunt

Service Awards

5 Years

Austin Coleman

15 Years

Bill Bennett
 Kevin Carson
 Gary Dawson
 Chris Forbes



Vehicle & Facility Maintenance

The Brighton Fire Rescue District Fleet and Facilities division maintains a modern, efficient, and reliable fleet of emergency vehicles, facilities, and equipment. Staff hold multiple Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) and Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications, which allow them to perform multiple functions of a full-service maintenance facility. This division is responsible for 32 vehicles, four trailers, all equipment on vehicles and all five fire stations, training center, and the fleet/maintenance building. They perform a wide range of comprehensive maintenance, troubleshooting, and other related services on all vehicles and facilities.

Headquarters

CH 51	2018 Chevrolet Tahoe
CH 52	2015 Chevrolet Tahoe
SAM 51	2012 Chevrolet Tahoe
TR 51	2018 Chevrolet 1500
TR 52	2002 Ford Expedition
PIO	2010 Subaru Forester
FM	2016 Chevrolet Colorado
INSP	2017 Chevrolet Equinox
PUB ED	2016 Chevrolet Colorado

Station 51

E 51	2008 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
TWR 51	2010 Pierce Platform
RESERVE	2006 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
B 51	2000 Ford F550 Brush

Station 52

E52	2013 Spartan/BME Pumper
T 52	2009 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 52	2000 Ford F550 Brush
BAT 51	2016 Chevrolet Tahoe
AIR/LT	2010 Scott Air/Light Trailer
MASSCSTY	2006 Haulmark Mass Casualty
RESCUE 52	1990 GMC Kodiak Rescue

Station 53

TRK 53	2003 Spartan/Smeal Ladder
T 53	2009 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 53	2010 Ford F350 Brush
BOAT 53	2008 Zodiac/25 HP Mercury
BOAT TRLR	2010 Trailer Source

Station 54

E 54	2010 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
T 54	2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 54	2017 Ram 5500 Brush
HZMT	1982 Chevrolet Utilimaster

Station 55

E 55	2006 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
T 55	2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 55	2017 Ram 5500 Brush
RAFT 55	Black Raft
ZOD TRLR	2008 Zodiac Small Boat Trlr

Maintenance

MAIN TRK	2011 Ford F350
MAIN ASST	2000 Ford Expedition
MAIN TRK	1996 Ford F150

Trailers

GLF TRLR	2018 Mission Utility GC Trlr
CARTRLR	2014 Load Trail Car Hauler
PUB E TRLR	2017 Haulmark Pub Ed Trlr
SMKE TRLR	1997 SCO Safety Trlr
TRNG TRLR	2006 Haulmark Training Trlr
MAZE TRLR	1990 Kentucky Maze Trlr

Antiques/Golf Carts

1927	1927 American Lefrance Pump
1915	1915 Republic
PUPPYCRT	2012 Yamaha Gas Golf Cart
FRTK CRT	2010 EZ-GO Electronic GLF C

OOS District Vehicles

B 54	1993 Navistar/KME Brush
INSP	2009 Subaru Forester

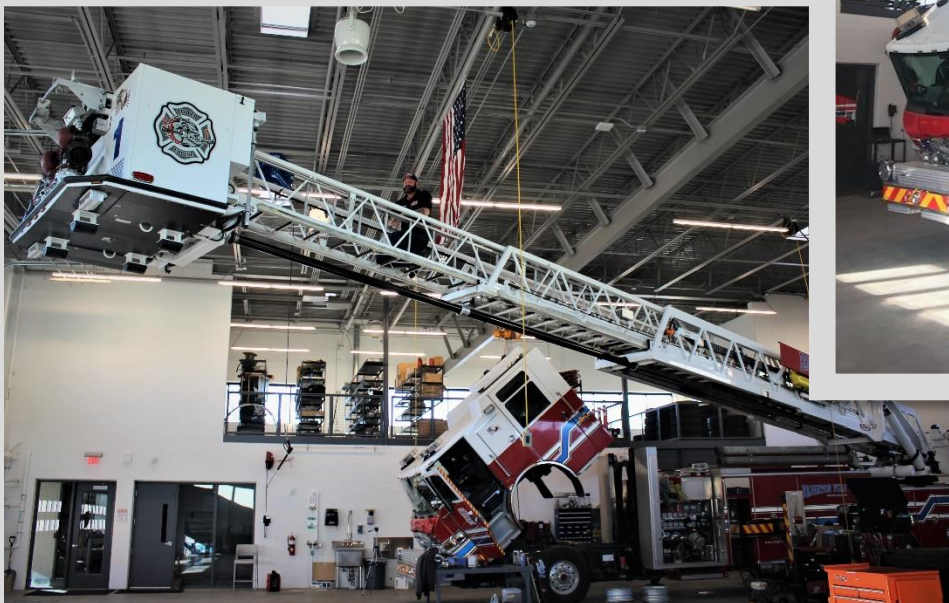
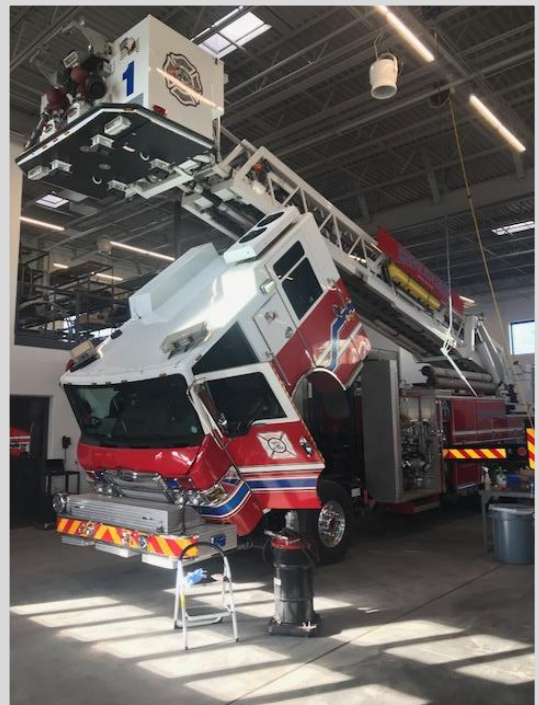
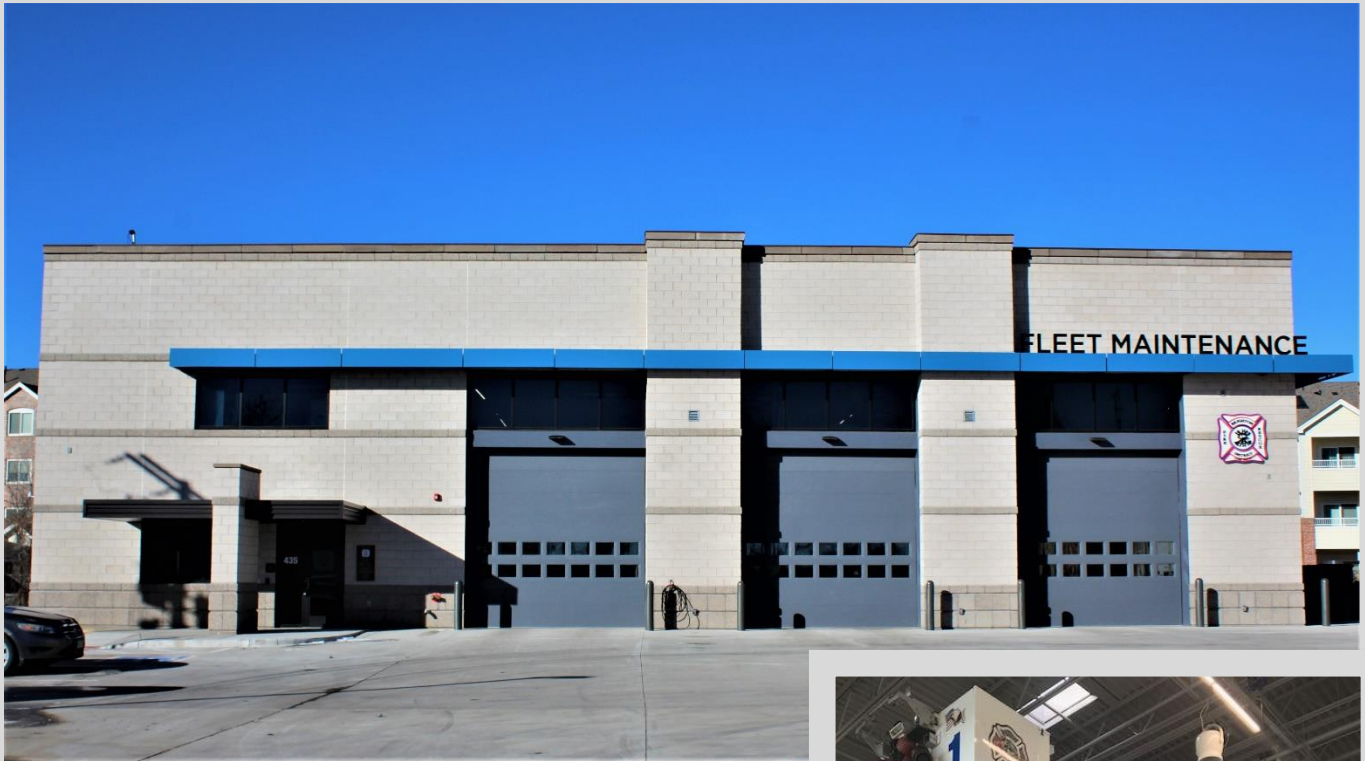
Two new brush trucks were added to the Brighton Fire fleet in 2018. The trucks are in service at Stations 54 & 55. Special features include oversized tires to allow safer operations in soft fields, a 300-gallon water tank, 12 gallon foam tank and a high pressure pump. The trucks also have seating and equipment for five firefighters and they carry equipment specific to wildland firefighting. The vehicles are designed to meet the growing needs of the District.



In 2018 we purchased one new type 1 Fire Engine with expected delivery in early 2019. The addition of this new fire engine will allow us to place one of our fire engines into a reserve status.



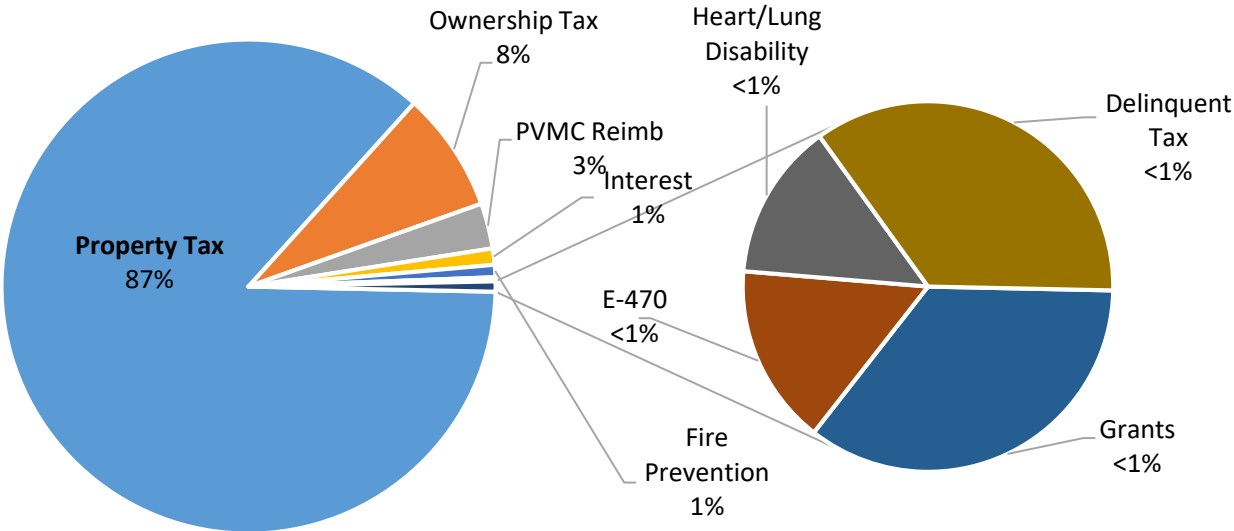
In July of 2018 construction was completed on the District's new Fleet Maintenance Building on S. Main Street. Construction costs totaled \$2.3 million.



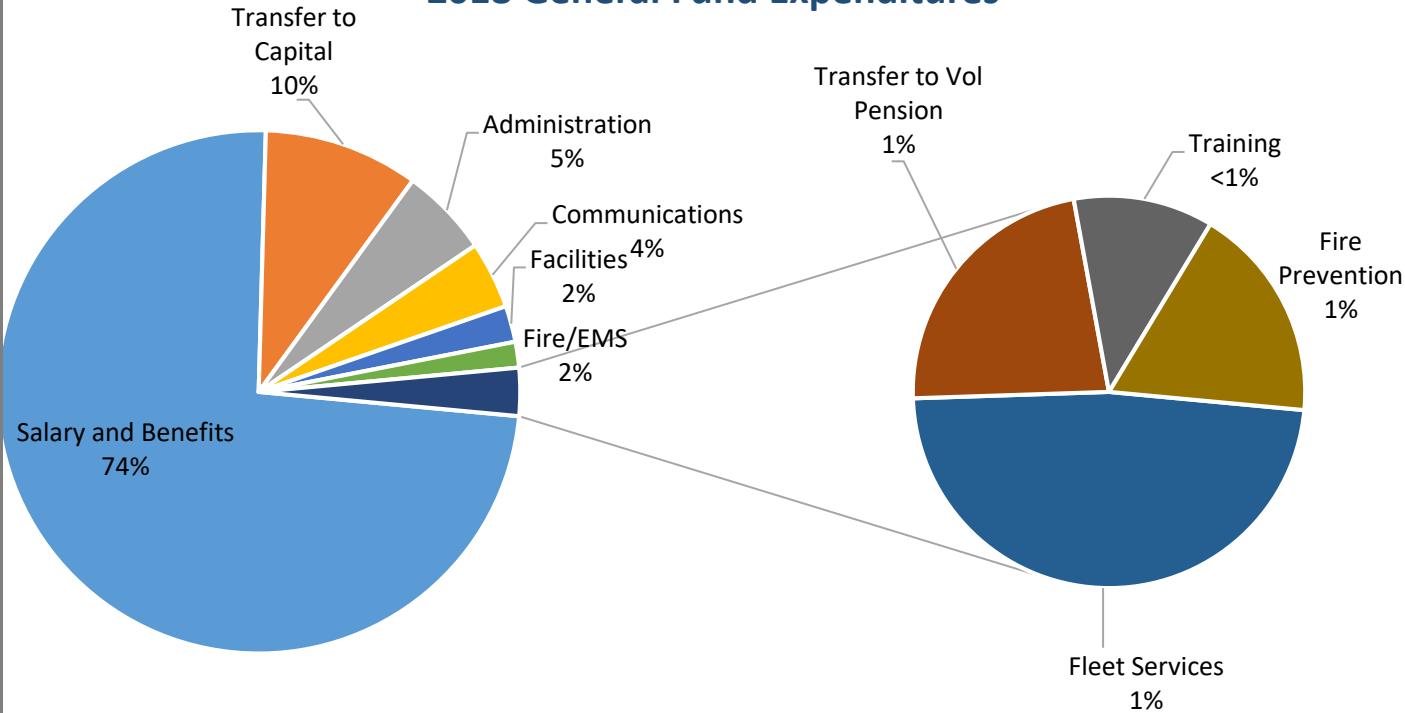
Finance

General Fund	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,413,211
Revenue	\$10,654,997
Expenditures	\$10,427,743
Ending Fund Balance	\$3,640,465

2018 General Fund Revenues



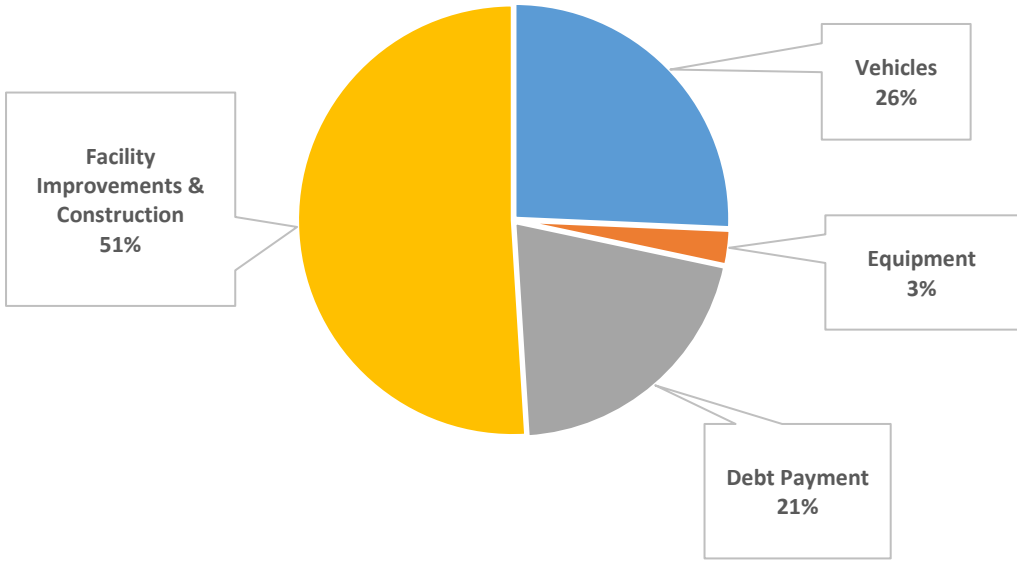
2018 General Fund Expenditures



Capital Development Fund

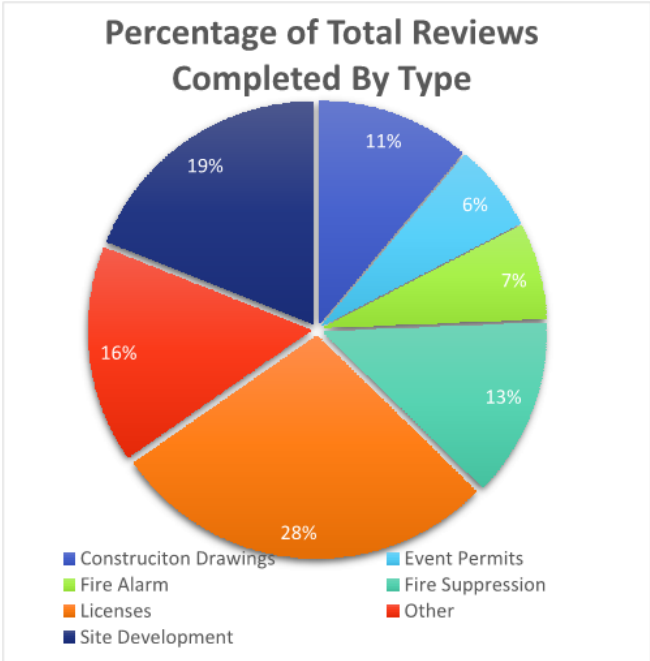
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,565,402
Revenue	\$ 1,202,041
Expenditures	\$ 3,733,380
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,034,063

2018 Capital Development Fund Expenditures

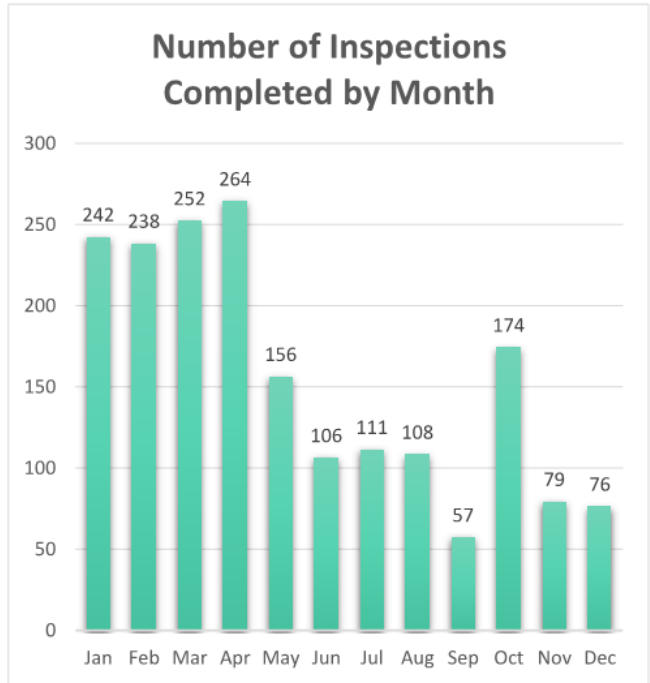
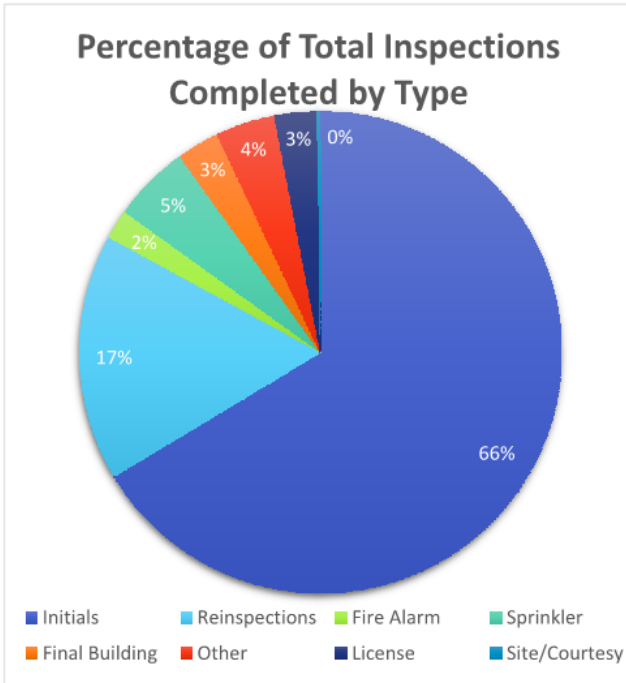


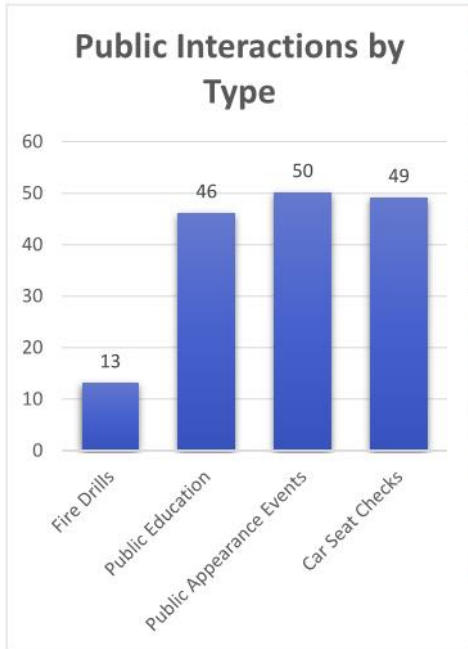
Vehicles being serviced at the new Fleet Maintenance Building

Fire Prevention

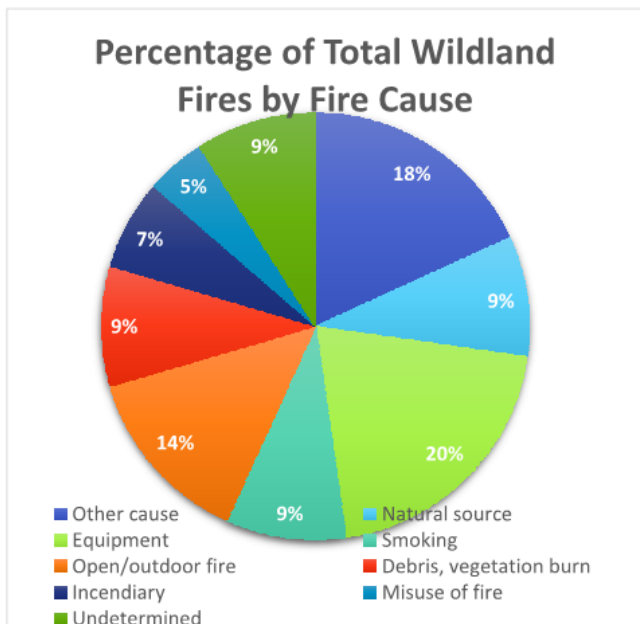
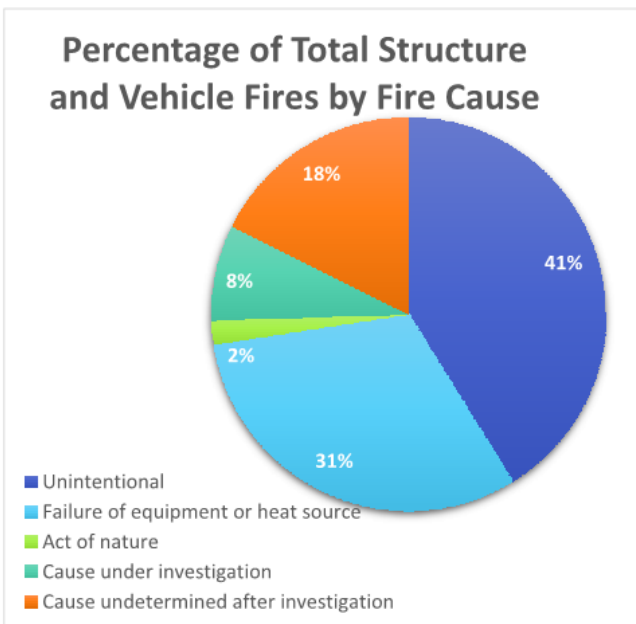


In 2018, a total of 649 reviews and 1,863 inspections were completed by fire prevention staff. Every year our fire inspectors visit each commercial property in our jurisdiction to complete a fire and life safety inspection. Also, all new businesses and construction projects are reviewed and inspected for code compliance as well. Reviews and inspections are important to ensure the safety of our firefighters and community. Among the new commercial and residential development projects were the following: 76 Commerce Center, Meadow Ridge Elementary, Hobby Lobby, Holiday Inn, Windmill Ranch Apartments, Christine Place Apartments, Brighton Crossing, and The Village at Southgate.





Another huge part of our fire prevention efforts are accomplished through public education and interactions. Our public educator and line personnel work hard throughout the year to reach the members of our community. In 2017 we introduced the first kids' academy. Due to the huge success of and high demand for this program, this year two were offered and filled quickly. The school presentations in October were also a huge hit and focused on important fire safety messages. The safety expo, child safety seat installations, school presentations and fire drills, smoke and carbon monoxide detector installs, juvenile firesetter interventions, story times, station tours, truck displays, blood pressure checks, and fire extinguisher training are other programs and events we were able to offer this year.



Public Information & Events



In 2018 Brighton Fire hosted public events including the Safety Expo, Open House, Truck-or-Treat and 9/11 Ceremony.



In 2018 we increased social media following on Twitter by 31%, ending the year with 3,116 followers.



In 2018 we increased social media following on Facebook by 20%, ending the year with 7,193 followers.

The District participated in several community events in 2018 including the Egg Dash, Help for Homes, Summerfest, Concerts in the Park, City Bike Rides, 4th of July Fireworks, City Ward BBQ, Children's Hospital Mobile Blood Drives, Adams County Fair, Thanksgiving meal deliveries, Festival of Lights & a Christmas family sponsorship.

