

Annual Report

2025

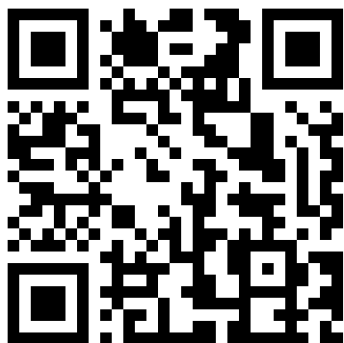


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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF SAPP

It is my pleasure to provide this report to you outlining fire department activities and accomplishments for 2025 and to have completed another year as chief of this department. Your fire department is staffed with a tremendous group of men and women who dedicate themselves to serve this community every day. I would say a couple of the most notable highlights this year were the stability in the staffing retention and the promotions of several EMT's to the paramedic position. We were fortunate enough to only loose one person from our staff in 2025. There are a number of personnel who will be taking advantage of retirement over the next several years. A stable workforce with decreased turnover helps the department have

personnel who are gaining valuable experience and training to be ready to advance up the chain of command and fill those vacancies. The City has committed a considerable financial investment over the last several budgets to assist current members in gaining a paramedic certification. All of our ambulances are Advanced Life Support, which means a paramedic must be present on every call. The additional paramedics allow for personnel to better distribute the workload with each other. It is an exciting time in Belton with much anticipation about future growth. I am excited to see what changes and advancement we will see in the near future. I want to thank all of the citizens for your continued support that you consistently show this department and its members. Please feel free to reach out to me if you ever have any questions or concerns.

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Fire Chief, John Sapp



WE SERVE THE CITIZENS OF BELTON WITH P.R.I.D.E.

PROFESSIONALISM

Excellence in all we do with competence, respect, and a positive image.

RESPONSIVENESS

Providing expeditious, efficient, and effective service.

INTEGRITY

Always doing what is right.

DUTY

Fulfilling our obligation and commitment.

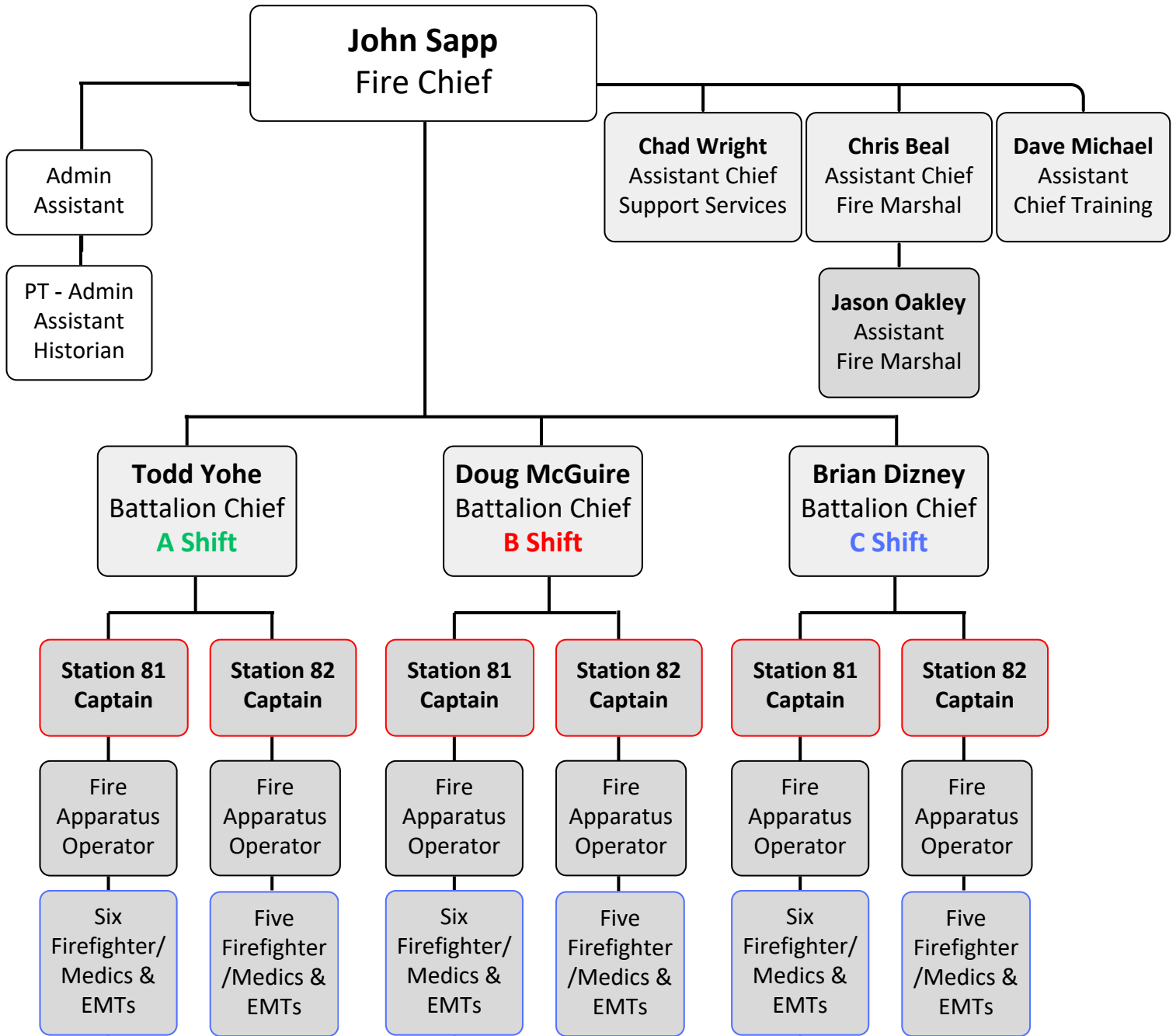
ENGAGEMENT

Connecting with our community through multiple communication and social channels.

We are committed to the highest standards and progressive employee development.

ALL THE TIME | WITHOUT FAIL | NO EXCEPTIONS

ORGANIZATION CHART



STATION 81
ENGINE 81
MEDIC 81
BRUSH 81
MEDIC 83

STATION 82
BATTALION 82
TRUCK 82
MEDIC 82
TANKER 82
BRUSH 82
MEDIC 84



RESPONSE DATA

6,529
TOTAL CALLS



RESPONSES BY UNIT

Engine 81	2,775
Truck 82/Engine 82	1,934
Medic 82	2,073
Medic 81	1,662
Medic 83	1,577
Battalion Chief	537

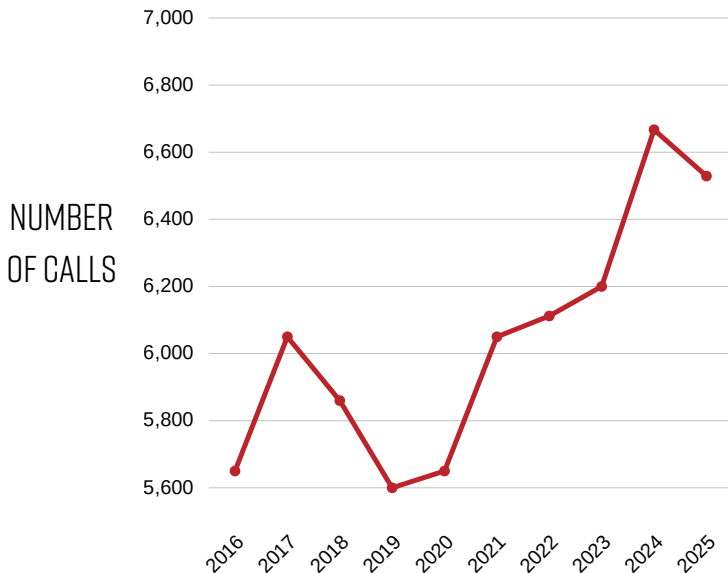
AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

911 Calls	3,130
Interfacility Transfers	951
Total	4,081

MUTUAL AID

Given	141
Received	76

ANNUAL CALL VOLUME



BUSIEST HOUR

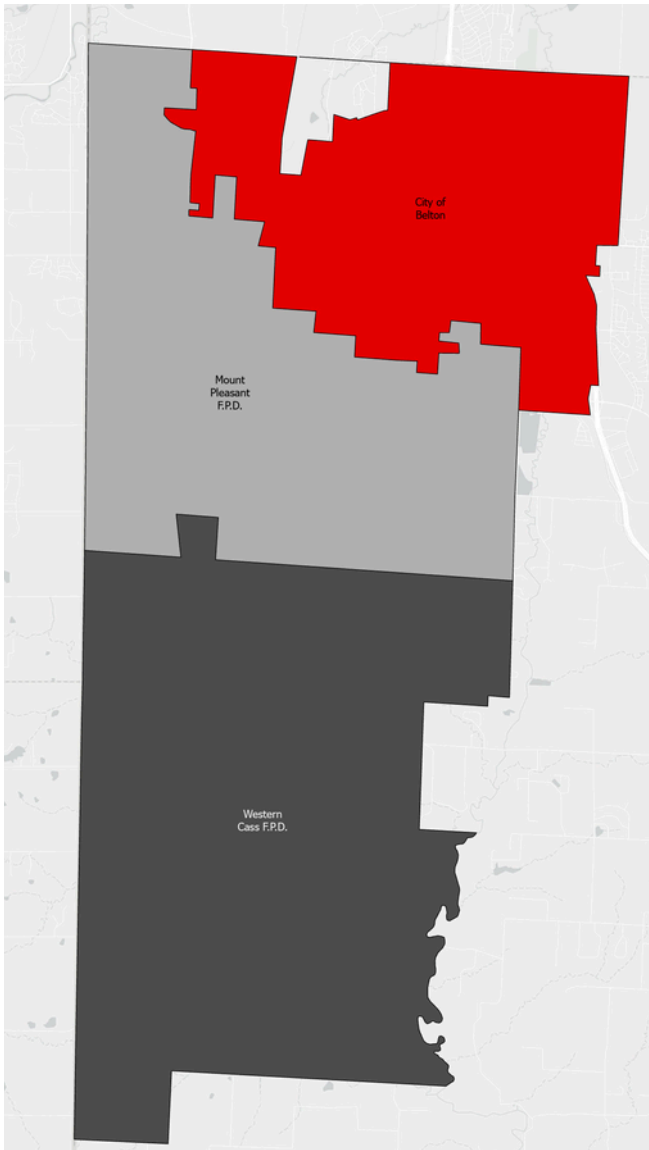
2:00-3:00 PM

BUSIEST DAY

Friday

BUSIEST MONTH

June and September



TOTAL AREA SERVED- 61.4 SQ MILES

AREA THAT RECEIVES FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICES

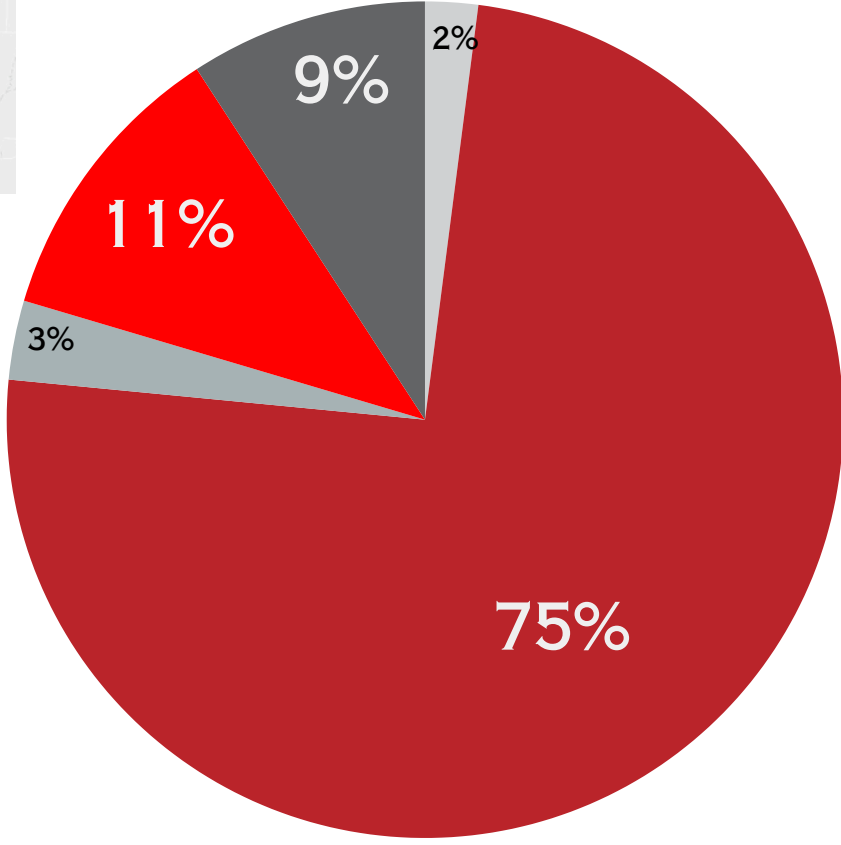
The City of Belton- 14.5 sq miles
 Mount Pleasant Fire District (Including Loch
 Lloyd)- 19 sq miles

AREA THAT RECEIVES AMBULANCE SERVICES

Western Cass Fire Protection District
 (Including Cleveland, MO)- 27.9 sq miles

TYPES OF CALLS

- RESCUE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
(INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS)
- FIRE
- GOOD INTENT CALL (CANCELLED EN-ROUTE, NO
INCIDENT FOUND, SMOKE SCARE, NO FIRE)
- SERVICE CALLS (INCLUDING LIFT ASSISTS)
- HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE)





NEW EQUIPMENT

STATION ALERTING SYSTEM



During the year, we were able to install a new Honeywell station alerting system from US Digital Designs.

This system allows our dispatch center to continue to talk to the caller while dispatching the necessary crew faster and at the same time. It also allows our dispatch to reach out to our mutual aid partners faster, saving us time when it matters.

Another aspect of this system is how it effects the health of our crew. In the past, the crew members were abruptly woken up with loud speakers and lights, potentially causing health concerns. Now the alerting system offers different options to ease the crew out of sleep.

Assistant Chief Wright had the opportunity to be interviewed for the new system. If you are reading the digital copy of this report, please take a moment to watch!



Assistant Fire Chief, Support Services
Chad Wright



South Metro and Belton Fire Departments Partner with US Digital Designs

See how South Metro Belton Fire improved response and reliability using USDD's station alerting solutions.

 honeywell.com

NEW EQUIPMENT

STAIR CHAIRS

We have upgraded our stair chairs, replacing 10-15 year old pieces of equipment. The updated chairs have a powered track assisting firefighters in safely moving patients up or down stairs.



LIFEPAK 35

We have also upgraded to Physio Control LifePak 35s. This purchase replaced the 12 year old LifePak 15s the department was using. It is one of the most used pieces of equipment during EMS calls allowing us to monitor heart rhythms, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, carbon dioxide levels, pulse rates, and respiratory rates. The monitors are fully integrated and are better capable of transmitting patient data to our reporting system as well as receiving hospitals.



7,385

TOTAL FIRE TRAINING HOURS

ABOUT OUR TRAINING

The Belton Fire Department Training Division is led by Training Chief Dave Michael. The training division ensures that members of the department maintain up-to-date certifications and qualifications to provide quality service to the community.

Training Division personnel are certified to the Fire Instructor 3, Fire Officer 3, Live Fire Instructor, and AHA CPR Instructor along with numerous other certifications.

PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION- 1200 HRS

New Paramedics	6
(Currently Attending Training)	3



Assistant Fire Chief, Training
Dave Michael

OVERTIME TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Last year, the crews voiced their desire to have time dedicated to training without the disruption of calls. The training division set aside days in 2025 dedicated to more hands on training including vehicle extrication, forceable entry, and a live fire simulation. This gave the crews valuable hands on experience and time to hone in on these skills.

OUTSIDE TRAINING

- EMS World Expo
- Firemanship Conference
- Fire Marshal's Assoc. of MO
- Wichita H.O.T (Hands On Training)
- Missouri Women of Fire Conference
- MUFRTI Instructors Conference

TRAINING BREAKDOWN

Company Training	1989 Hours
Officer Training	2929 Hours
Driver/Operator	1464 Hours
EMS Training	859 Hours
HAZMAT	358 Hours
Facilities (Live Burns, Extrication, etc)	644 Hours





RECOGNITIONS



FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CAPTAIN
JOSH GRIMSLEY



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
AUSTIN STANTON



COMPANY COMMENDATION

B SHIFT, E81, M83

This award was given to members on C Shift for exceptional performance during a medical code save on April 16, 2025. Their commitment to excellence and decisive, life-saving actions were instrumental in the successful resuscitation and recovery of the patient.

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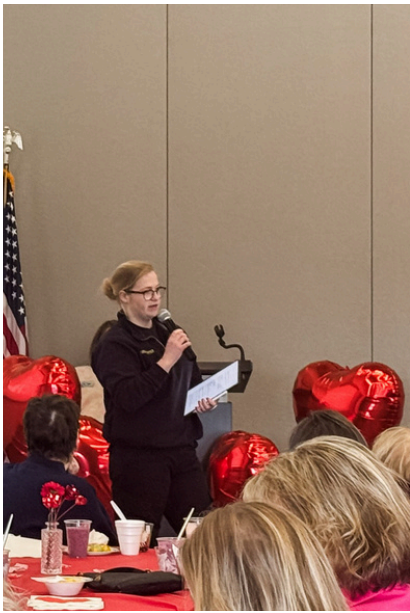


2025 PROMOTIONS

NAME	OLD ROLE	NEW ROLE
Brian Dizney	Captain	Battalion Chief
Dustin Miller	Firefighter/Paramedic	Captain
Austin Stanton	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic
Nicholas Biondo	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic
Jeremy Rozokat	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic
Joseph Willy	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic
Michael Martin	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic
Tyler Knard	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic

YEARS OF SERVICE

Steve Kratofil	25 Years
Rebecca Coussement	5 Years



FIRE PREVENTION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

STUDENTS REACHED- 1,871
 SCHOOLS REACHED- 6
 DAYCARES REACHED- 3

In 2025 the Belton Fire Prevention Division moved to a Community Risk Reduction Division that oversees plan reviews, inspections and enforcement, investigations, and community education. The intent of the change was to encompass more risk reduction through education and control measures to prevent fire loss, injuries/deaths, and overall risk for the community.

The division members are certified through the Fire Inspector 2, Fire Investigator, Juvenile Fire Setter, and Fire Instructor levels. This division also serves as the Public Information Division (PIO) for the Belton Fire Department. The members belong to numerous professional organizations to include the KC Arson Task Force, Cass County Fire Investigation Team, Heart of America Fire Prevention Group, Fire Marshal's Association of Missouri, International Code Council, and the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association.

The Division is led by Fire Marshal Chris Beal and consists of 2 members. This division is "Saving Lives Through Fire Prevention".



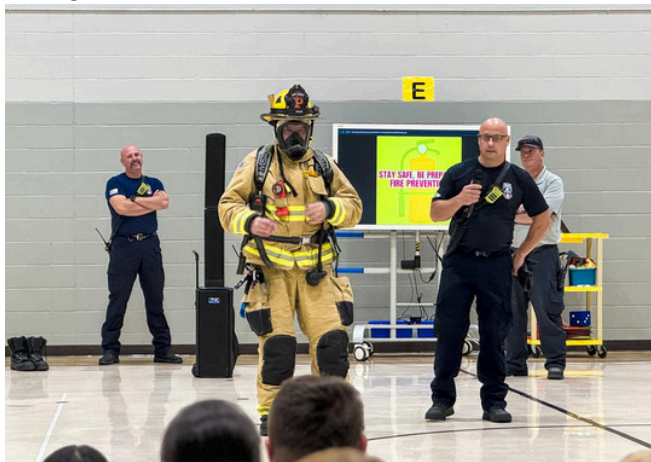
Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal
Chris Beal



Assistant Fire Marshal
Jason Oakley



FIRE PREVENTION



TYPE	TOTAL
Inspections (Includes Vacant Surveys, Business License, Construction Inspections, Post Incident Inspections)	538
Public Relations Events (Station Tours, Touch-a-Truck, Nat. Night Out, etc)	65
Plan Reviews	187
Investigations	22
CO Detector Installs	10
Smoke Detector Installs	16
Battery Changes	10

