

BELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2024

ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF SAPP

I am pleased to present you with this annual report of the Belton Fire Department. I am very proud of the men and women who serve this city. This report will hopefully give you a small glimpse of exactly how they are doing that by highlighting calls and other activities your firefighters are doing in the line of service. It also gives us a chance to show some of the new equipment and products obtained over the last year. I think it is important for you to see how and where your tax dollars are being used. We are very grateful for the support this community shows year after year. Without this community support we would not be able to provide the outstanding staff or reliable up-to-date equipment that is helping provide Belton with, what I would say, is one of the best services in the KC Metro area.

I hope this report is informative to you and if it should leave you with unanswered questions, please feel free to reach out to us, 816-331-7969 or jsapp@beltonfire.org.



STAFFING

Belton Fire Department has now been fully staffed with 16 per shift and a new minimum staffing of 13 since September of 2024. Incidents where automatic and mutual aid was received decreased by 71% in the four months after the September 1st staffing increase when compared to the previous four months.

The amount of crew members on each shift can make a difference.

With daily staffing of 13-14 members, we can support:

- 1 Ladder Truck
- 1 Engine
- 3 Ambulances
- 1 Battalion Chief

With daily staffing of 15-16 members, we can support:

- 1 Ladder Truck
- 1 Engine
- 4 Ambulances
- 1 Battalion Chief



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.

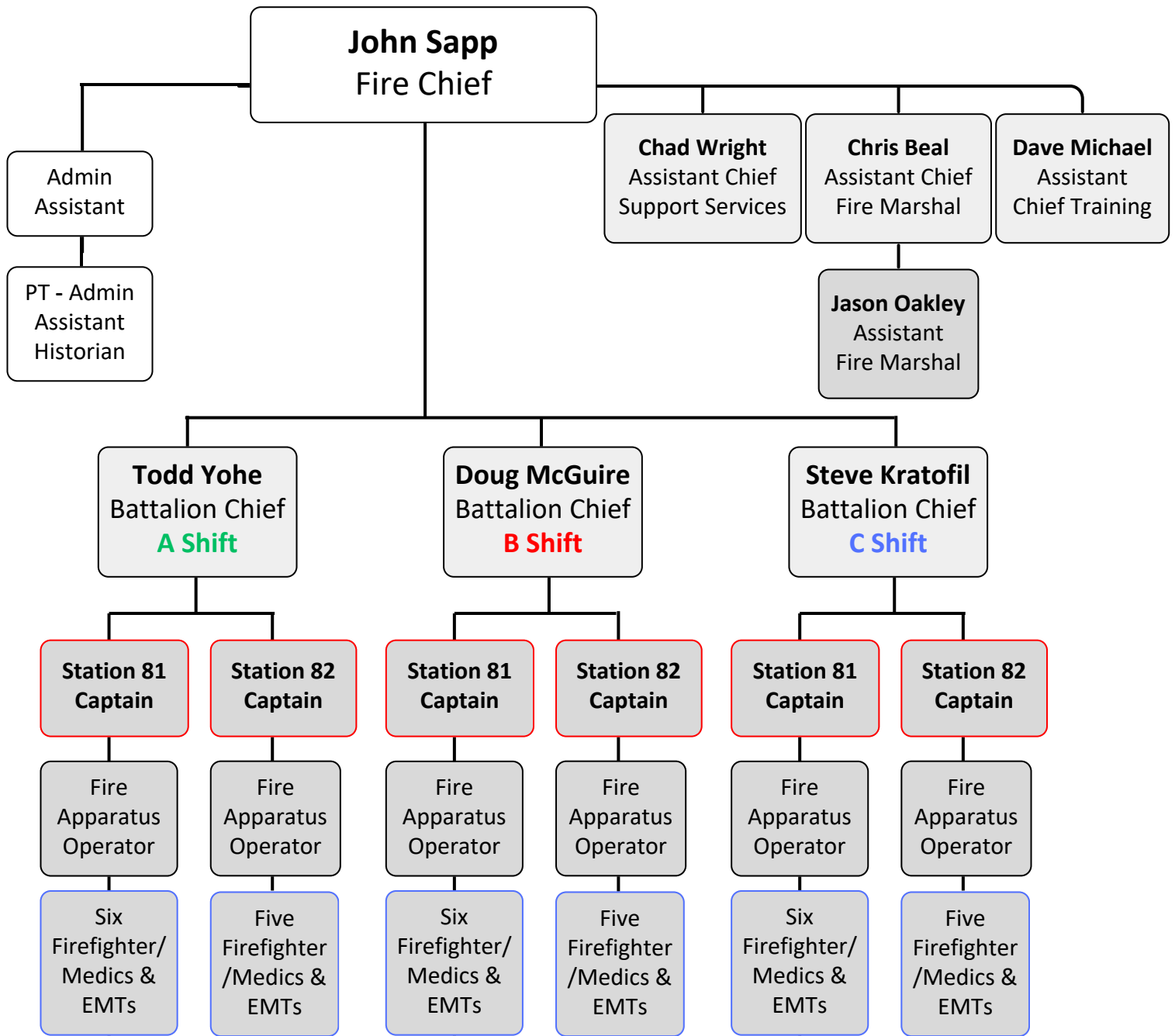
ENGAGEMENT

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

6,667
TOTAL CALLS



RESPONSES BY UNIT

Engine 81	2,805
Truck 82/Engine 82	1,912
Medic 82	2,185
Medic 81	2,090
Medic 83	1,007

AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

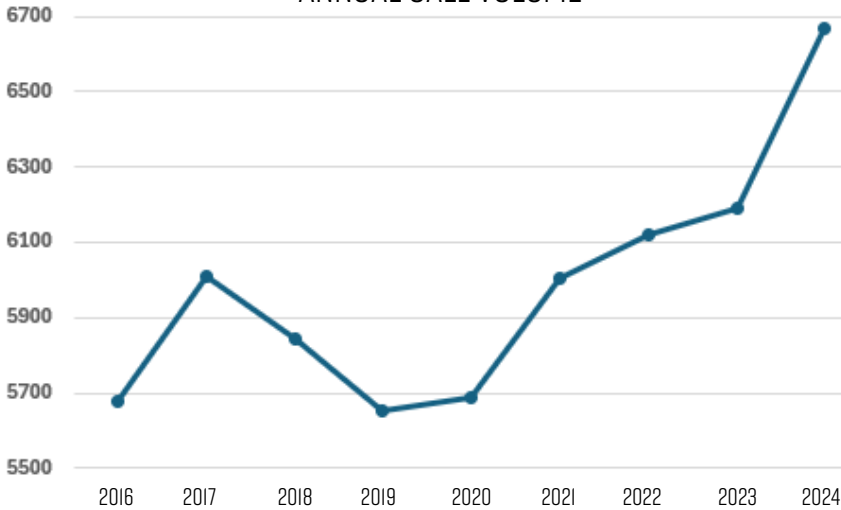
911 Calls	3,137
Interfacility Transfers	1,094
Total	4,231

MUTUAL AID

Given	123
Received	113

ANNUAL CALL VOLUME

NUMBER
OF CALLS



BUSIEST TIME

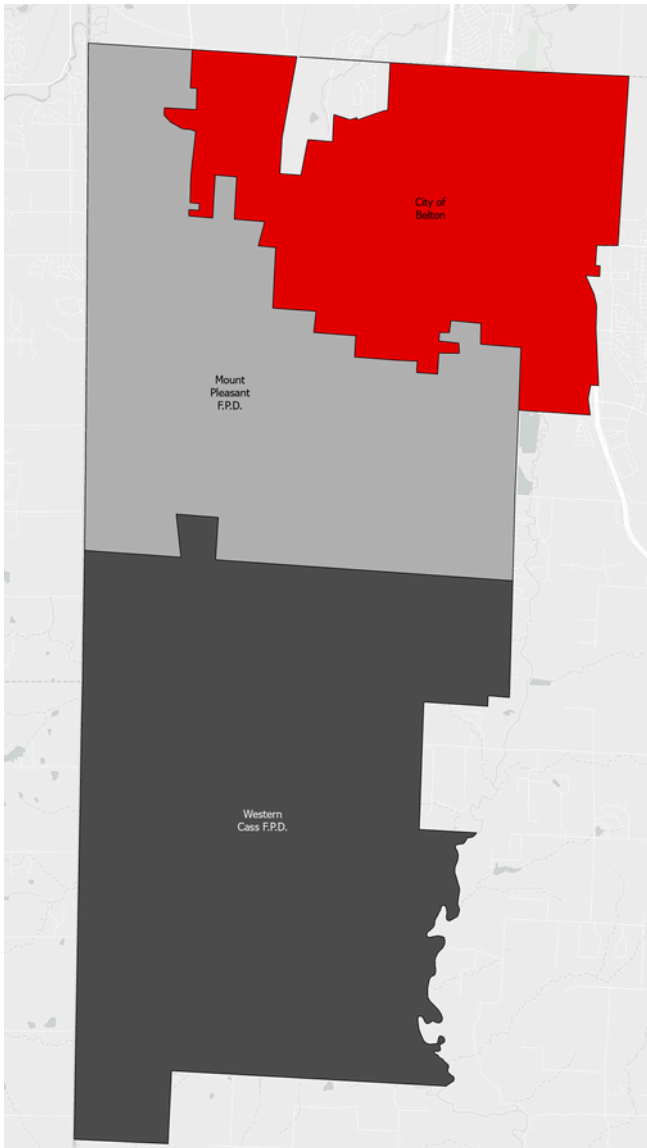
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BUSIEST DAY

Tuesday

BUSIEST MONTH

December



TOTAL AREA SERVED- 61.4 SQ MILES

AREA THAT RECEIVES FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICES

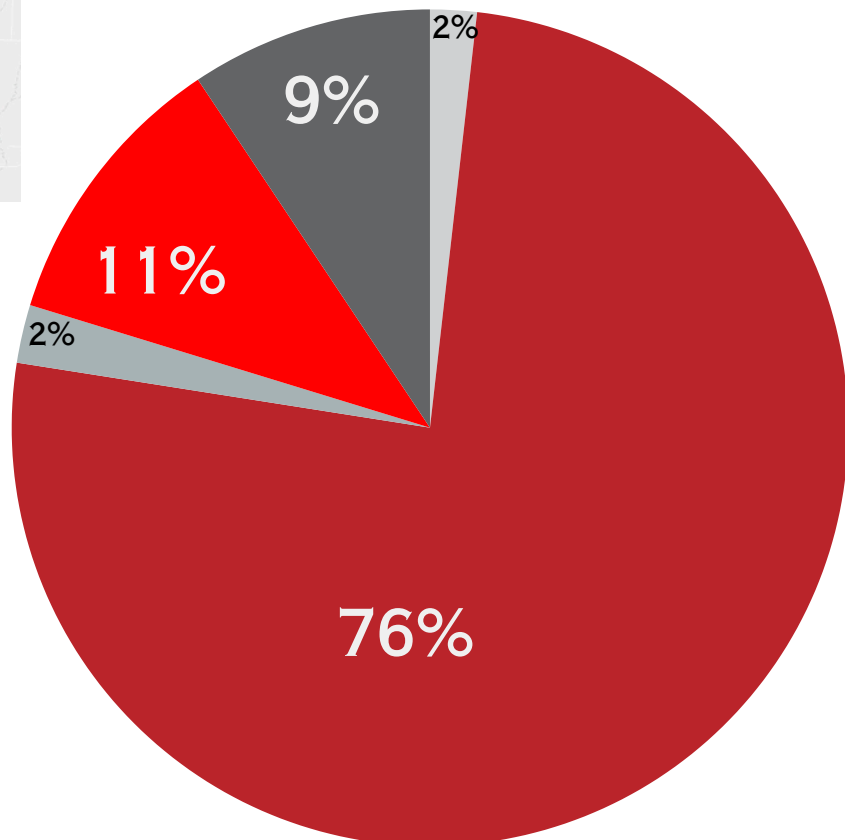
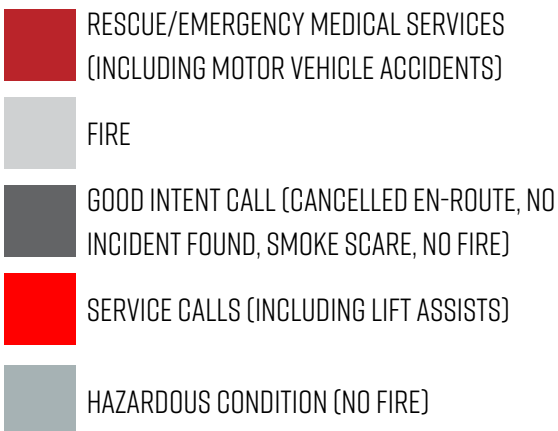
The City of Belton- 14.5 sq miles

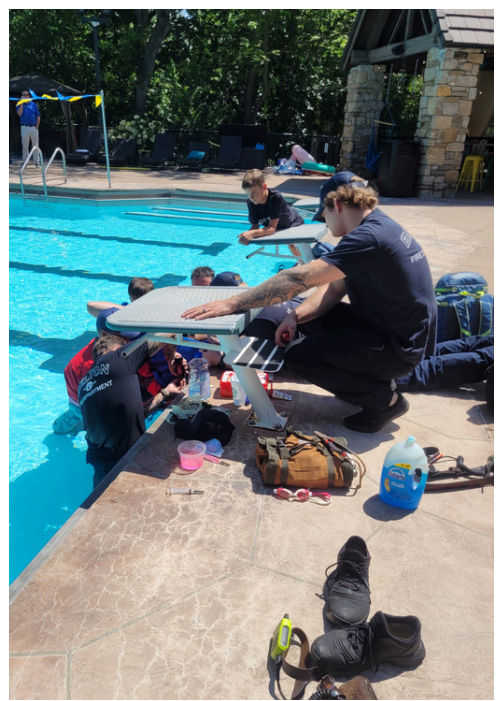
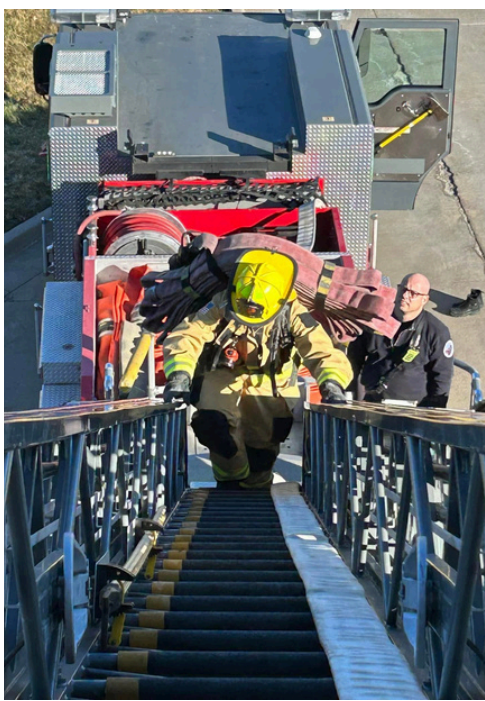
Mount Pleasant Fire District (Including Loch Lloyd)- 19 sq miles

AREA THAT RECEIVES AMBULANCE SERVICES

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

TYPES OF CALLS





NEW EQUIPMENT



NEW EQUIPMENT

Four Additional Air Packs

Upgraded all air packs to meet 2018 standards for emergency connections

Added 15 new radios to complete the radio upgrade

Completed and implemented the CAD upgrade

Implementing the first MDT units

NEW APPARATUS

Fifth ambulance was purchased in January.

New tanker was purchased in March.

The Fire Chief's truck was replaced in September.

The Training Chief's truck was replaced in December.

An ambulance remount was purchased in December.



NEW EQUIPMENT



AIR PACKS AND UPGRADES

Air packs are used by firefighters to protect them when operating in fires or hazardous situations that might have super-heated, Oxygen-deficient, or toxic conditions. The additional four packs will ensure that each vehicle has the needed air packs without moving them between trucks and provide a couple of extra for use when other air packs are being repaired or used for training. The upgrades were to bring the existing and new packs into NFPA compliance and provide a universal connection to be used during an emergency so that our air packs can be linked together within the department as well as any other air pack used by our mutual aid partners.

RADIOS

The added radios will be placed into trucks that did not have radios and provide matching radios in all of our apparatus that are specially designed to be more durable and have enhancements for emergency services conditions.

CAD SYSTEM

CAD stands for computer-aided dispatch. The new system provides for much-improved communication between the fire department and dispatch through MDTs (mobile data terminals) in our apparatus. It also gives crews the ability to communicate through the MDT by using buttons which reduces some workload on dispatchers allowing them to concentrate on incoming 911 calls and other crews. Another benefit of the MDT units is information entered into the system by dispatchers is updated in real time so that crews are able to see the information without dispatchers having to call and report over the radio.

NEW VEHICLES

AMBULANCES

Why do we need five ambulances? Now that we are dedicated to running three ambulances all of the time and the fourth when staffing allows, we need to have the fifth to serve as a backup. It is common that we would have one ambulance out for preventative maintenance or repairs.

Unfortunately, there are times when two may be out at the same time. Having five helps ensure we can provide the citizens with adequate uninterrupted service. Additionally, the spare ambulances can be placed in service if there was a large-scale incident requiring extra ambulances. The ambulance remount was done as part of our vehicle

replacement plan. With five ambulances we would remount each unit every five years. On average, after five years an ambulance will have between 150,000 to 200,000 miles. During this time the warranty has long expired, and the cost of repairs has begun to increase. More importantly, reliability becomes the most concerning issue. A remount means we send the current ambulance back to the factory. They remove the ambulance box, inspect and repair any issues with it, and then set the box back onto a brand-new chassis.



TANKER

The Belton Fire Department purchased a new tanker vehicle in March of 2024. Tanker trucks help the department transport water to areas that do not have a reliable water source. This truck carries 3,000 gallons of water and is expected to be in service for 15-20 years.

CHIEF VEHICLES

The Fire Chief's vehicle was an additional vehicle to the fleet. Replacing this vehicle allowed us to pass the current vehicle on to the new support services chief.

The Training Chief's vehicle was replaced to add another vehicle to be used as a support vehicle for use by firefighters to travel to training.

5,103.5

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.

DRIVER OPERATOR ACADEMY

Belton Fire Department completed our first driver operator academy with seven members participating. This training allows our firefighters to transition from driving ambulances to being able to drive our ladder trucks, tankers, and pumpers.



NEW TRAINING EQUIPMENT

- Forcible Entry Door Prop (STA82)
- Rescue Manakin
- RQI Megacode Simulation Manakin
- iPads (2) for Training Division

PROMOTIONAL TESTING

- Captain's Assessment Center

OUTSIDE TRAINING

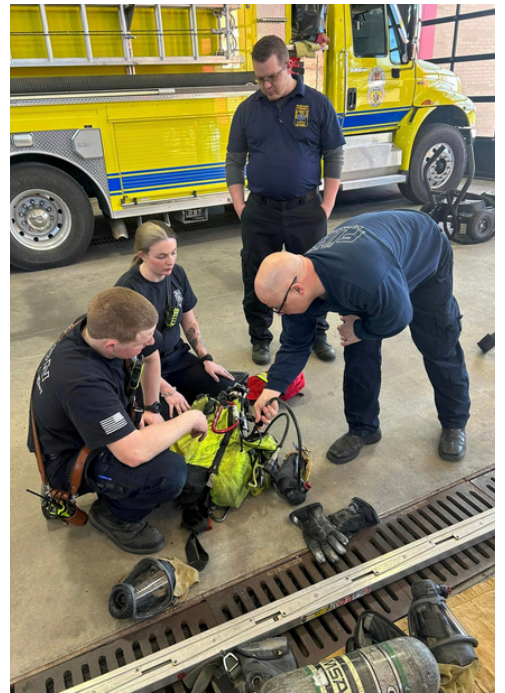
- EMS World Expo
- Firemanship Conference
- Swift Water Rescue Technician Training (5 members)
- Fire Marshal's Assoc. of MO
- Leadership Under Fire Courses
- Wichita H.O.T (Hands On Training)
- ISC300
- ISC400
- MUFRTI Instructors Conference

TRAINING BREAKDOWN

Company Training	1180 Hours
Officer Training	1610 Hours
Driver/Operator	775 Hours
EMS Training	746 Hours

PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION- 1200 HRS

New Paramedics	7
(Currently Attending Training)	9





RECOGNITIONS



FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CAPTAIN
JORDAN GODDARD



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

FIREFIGHTER/EMT
JUSTIN FALLS



INDIVIDUAL COMMENDATION

FF/EMT JUSTIN FALLS

FF/PM REBECCA COUSSEMENT

This award was given to Rebecca Coussement and Justin Falls for being one of the first ambulances on the scene at the Super Bowl Parade shooting.

RECOGNITIONS

COMPANY COMMENDATION

A SHIFT, BC82, E8I, M8I

This award was given to members of A shift who helped free a child who had gotten their finger stuck in a pool jet at the Lock Lloyd pool. With their quick and innovative thinking, the crew was able to free the child with minor injuries.



2024 PROMOTIONS

NAME	OLD ROLE	NEW ROLE
Chad Wright	Captain	Assistant Chief of Support Services
Mark Graves	FAO	Captain
Jason Dennis	FF/MEDIC	FAO
Chris Abney	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Austin Anderson	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Parker Graves	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Adam Green	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Alex Guzman	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Ayden Sheets	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Rece Teale	FF/EMT	FF/MEDIC
Madeline Blankenship	Probationary FF	FF/MEDIC
Anna Kneuvean	Probationary FF	FF/EMT
Michael Martin	Probationary FF	FF/EMT
Jeremy Rozokat	Probationary FF	FF/EMT
Joseph Willy	Probationary FF	FF/EMT

YEARS OF SERVICE

Diana Conner	35 Years
Travis Appleberry	30 Years
David Michael	25 Years
Mark Graves	25 Years
Jordan Goddard	20 Years
Jason Dennis	20 Years
Nicole Bartz	5 Years
Liberty Worcester	5 Years
Kolton Roschevitz	5 Years



RETIREMENT- DIANA CONNER

This year Ms. Diane Conner, our beloved administrative assistant, retired after thirty-five years of service to the fire department. Diane was a selfless servant who became the first full-time secretary/administrative assistant. She was the hub of information for the entire department. Nothing that happened did so without Diane making it happen or telling someone how to do it. We are grateful for her time here and will always hold her as a part of our fire department family.

H. K. DENLKER LEGACY AWARD

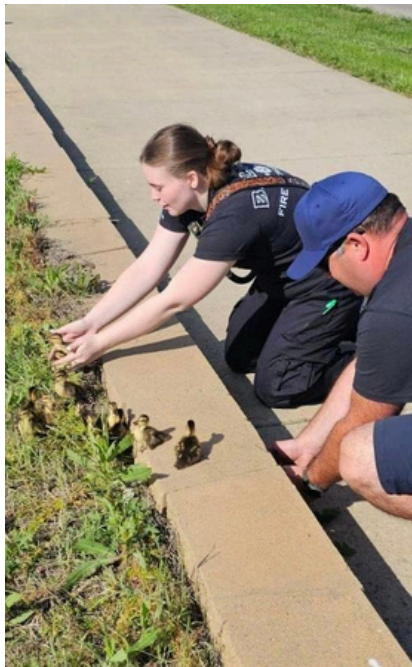
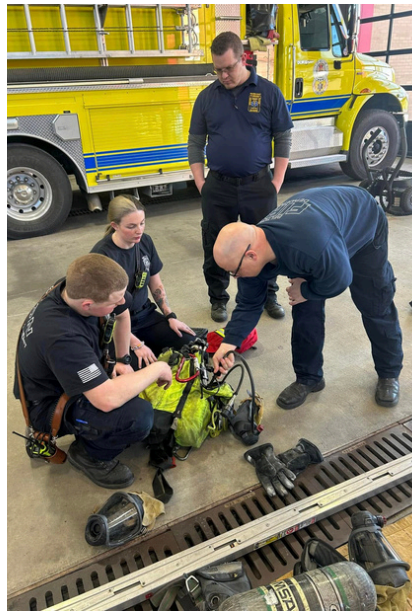


This is a new award that has been recently added by the Fire Department. H.K. Denkler was a longtime resident and member of the fire department who served for many years as a volunteer firefighter then chief and became the first full-time paid fire chief for the City of Belton. Chief Denkler was known for his hard work and innovative style. His dedication to community was demonstrated in things like rallying people to volunteer to install fire hydrants and help clean out storm drains around the city. His innovative skills were demonstrated by the technical work the fire department did in building and or repairing trucks to include multiple magazine stories highlighting trucks either built or designed by Chief Denkler. Due to those accomplishments, we

presented him with the first-time legacy award and dedicated the award in his name to be given to others who would demonstrate the same spirit of service and accomplishment that leaves an undeniable impact on the fire department and citizens.

Martha is the second recipient of the H.K. Denkler Award. Martha has now been serving with the Fire Department in one way or another for 48 years. She started as a volunteer firefighter in February of 1977 and finished her firefighter certification in July of 1978. In November of 1979, she was promoted to captain and remained active as a volunteer captain until February of 2008. Getting Martha to give up on us isn't that easy. Since 2008, Martha has served as a part-time secretary and also serves as the Department Historian. Martha has always carried a deep love for this community and serves in many ways. Currently, she is still active on the Public Safety Sales Tax Committee, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Belton Tree Board, Belton Urban Forestry Council, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The newest Fire Department activity Martha has spearheaded is organizing former Fire Department members who have worked or volunteered in the past to get together every other month to have coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to keep the Fire Department family culture alive and help link the past with new members. I can't think of anyone more deserving than Martha for this award and was so pleased to present her with it.





FIRE PREVENTION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

STUDENTS REACHED- 1200

In 2025 the Belton Fire Prevention Division will be moving to a Community Risk Reduction Division that oversees plan reviews, inspections and enforcement, investigations, and community education. The intent of the change is 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".



FIRE PREVENTION

TYPE	TOTAL
Inspections (Includes Vacant Surveys, Business License, Construction Inspections, Post Incident Inspections)	542
Public Relations Events (Station Tours, Touch-a-Truck, Nat. Night Out, etc)	57
Plan Reviews	39
Investigations	17
Public Safety Training Classes	6
Smoke Detector Installs	28
Battery Changes	12
CO Detector Installs	2
Fire Prevention Week Presentations	7

