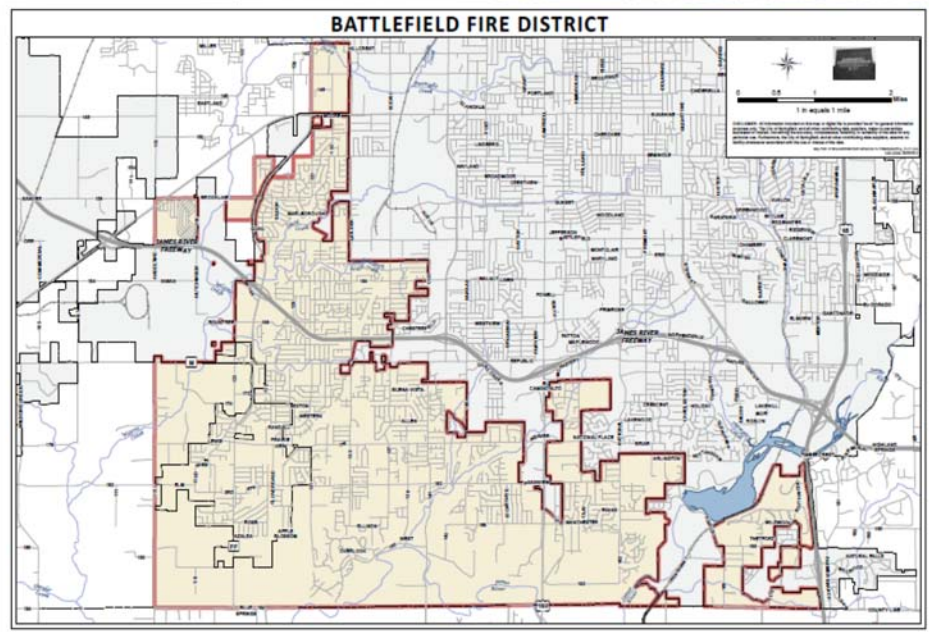




# Battlefield Fire Protection District



2016 Annual Report  
Battlefield Fire Protection District





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*Battlefield Fire Department 2015*



## YOUR FIRE CHIEF

As your Fire Chief, it is my pleasure to present you the 2016 Battlefield Fire Protection District Annual Report. We often challenge ourselves to be the best and constantly meet our mission, "We Serve". Battlefield Fire serves roughly 85,000 residents. In 2016, several milestones were reached. We value our role in the community by providing superior services to our community with the focus of fire prevention. For the first time in our organization's history we exceeded the 3,000 calls for service mark. The community and area are continuing to rapidly grow and so are the demand for services. Every day I am forced to consider our changing environment and the necessary evolution of our service which enables us to effectively meet our community's needs. As our District continues to rapidly grow, our responsibility to provide the highest level of care and service remains constant. As our environment continues to change, our District and our service will continue to adapt to effectively meet the challenges and demands.



Being prepared to respond to and successfully manage both man-made and natural disasters continues to be a top priority. Our teams are prepared, and have acquired the latest technologies to protect our citizens from the unthinkable occurrences that our community could potentially endure. Providing a membership that is healthy, physically fit, and emotionally prepared to perform in a dangerous stressful environment is paramount. We have also added additional resources to our wellness program to enhance the overall performance, effectiveness, and longevity of our most valuable resource; our members.

Finally, and most importantly, to all the citizens of the community, you are the ones "We Serve" and the reason we are here. Our goal has been and will continue to be, to perform at the highest level, do everything possible to provide you with the best emergency response, training, disaster preparedness, fire and life safety service available and give you a fire department you are proud of. It is a privilege to lead Battlefield Fire and I couldn't be prouder to serve alongside such a dedicated and professional group of men and women. It's an honor to serve this community as Fire Chief. If you have any questions regarding your fire department, please contact me at (417) 881-9018 or via e-mail at [bnewberry@battlefieldfire.com](mailto:bnewberry@battlefieldfire.com).

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Newberry".

Fire Chief







**Administration Building**

Est. 1998



**Station 1: Est. 2003**

4110 W Second Street

1 Front Line Engine	1 Reserve Engine
1 Rescue	1 Command
2 Staff Vehicle	



**Station 2: Est. 1986**

2251 E Evans Rd (Farm Rd 188)

1 Front Line Engine	1 Reserve Engine
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**Station 3: Est. 2015**

3490 W Beechwood

1 Front Line Engine	1 Brush Truck
1 Water Tender	



**Station 4: Est. 2001**

1268 W Plainview Rd (Farm Rd 182)

1 Front Line Engine	1 Brush Truck
1 Water Tender	



## TRAINING & PREVENTION BUREAUS

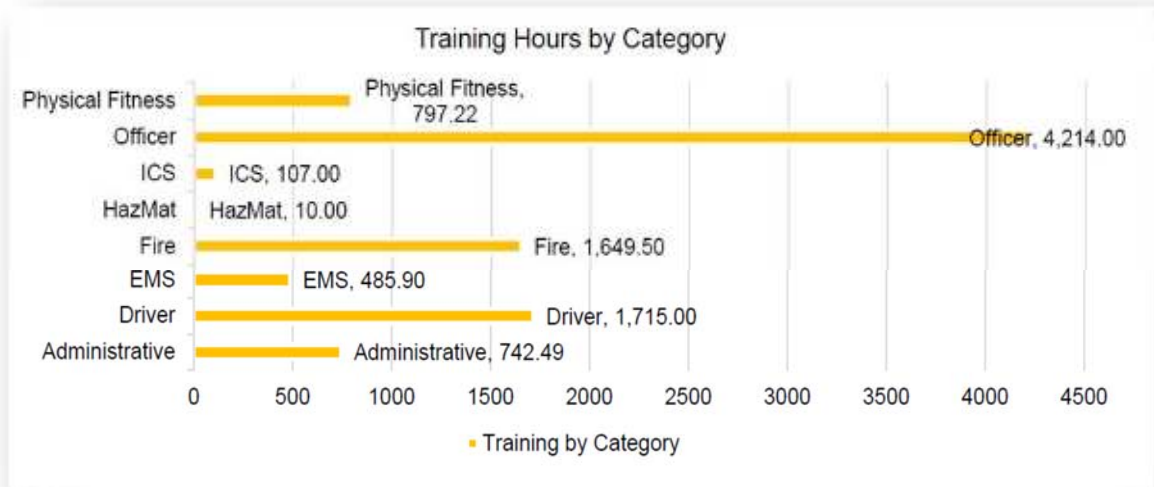
Deputy Chief Dennis Reynolds

I oversee the District's Training and Prevention Bureaus. These bureaus are structured to maintain and strengthen our mission to our community. The Training Bureau is focused on building upon current knowledge and applying new techniques and strategies based upon the needs of our growing community. The Fire Prevention Bureau is primarily tasked with Public Education, Fire Investigation and Community Outreach. These programs are used to provide a means of communication to our citizens, which helps us to address and identify needs within our community.



### Training:

Our staff receives training from many organizations including the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, the Missouri University Fire Rescue Training Institute and the National Fire Academy. Our firefighters also provide training to our staff and firefighters from around the country. For 2016, our staff attended, hosted, or participated in 9,922 training activities totaling over 21,049 hours of training. Of those hours, 768.43 hours were attended in 123 classes outside of the region. For ease of tracking, I break down all training into 7 main categories, each of them focusing on one particular area.



Our firefighters are required by local, state, and federal standards to complete company training in specific categories. Training can be part of one or several categories depending on type, timing, and make-up. Those 10 categories are:

Auto-Aid Training – training which occurs with departments we automatically aid in responses

Company Training – training which involves the entire make-up of one company, functioning independently or together

Driver Training – training for current drivers

HazMat Training – training on Hazardous Materials, recognition, mitigation and detection

Multi-Company Training – training which involves more than 1 engine/truck Company

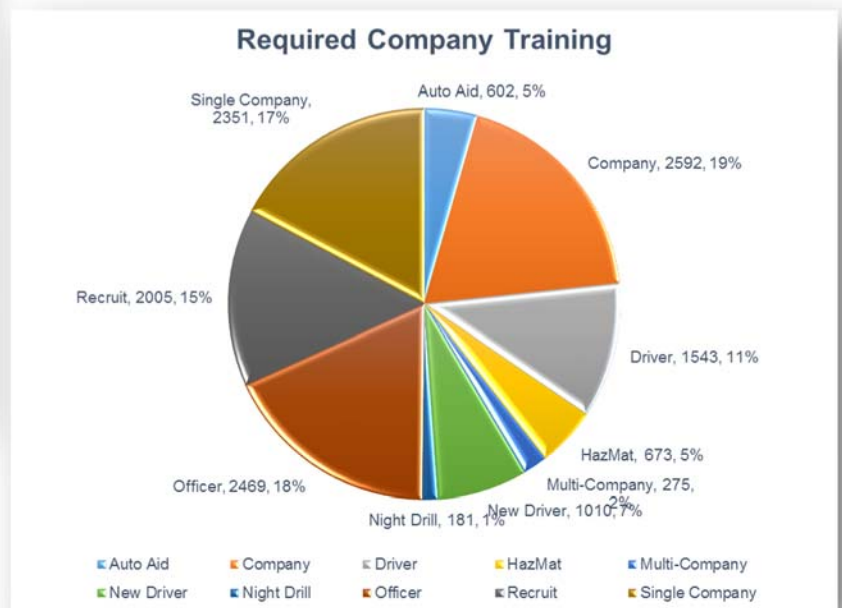
New Driver Training – training for new drivers

Night Drills – training which occurs in the evening hours

Officer Training – training for the development and advancement of our officers, to include preparation for promotions

Recruit Training – training for our new employees

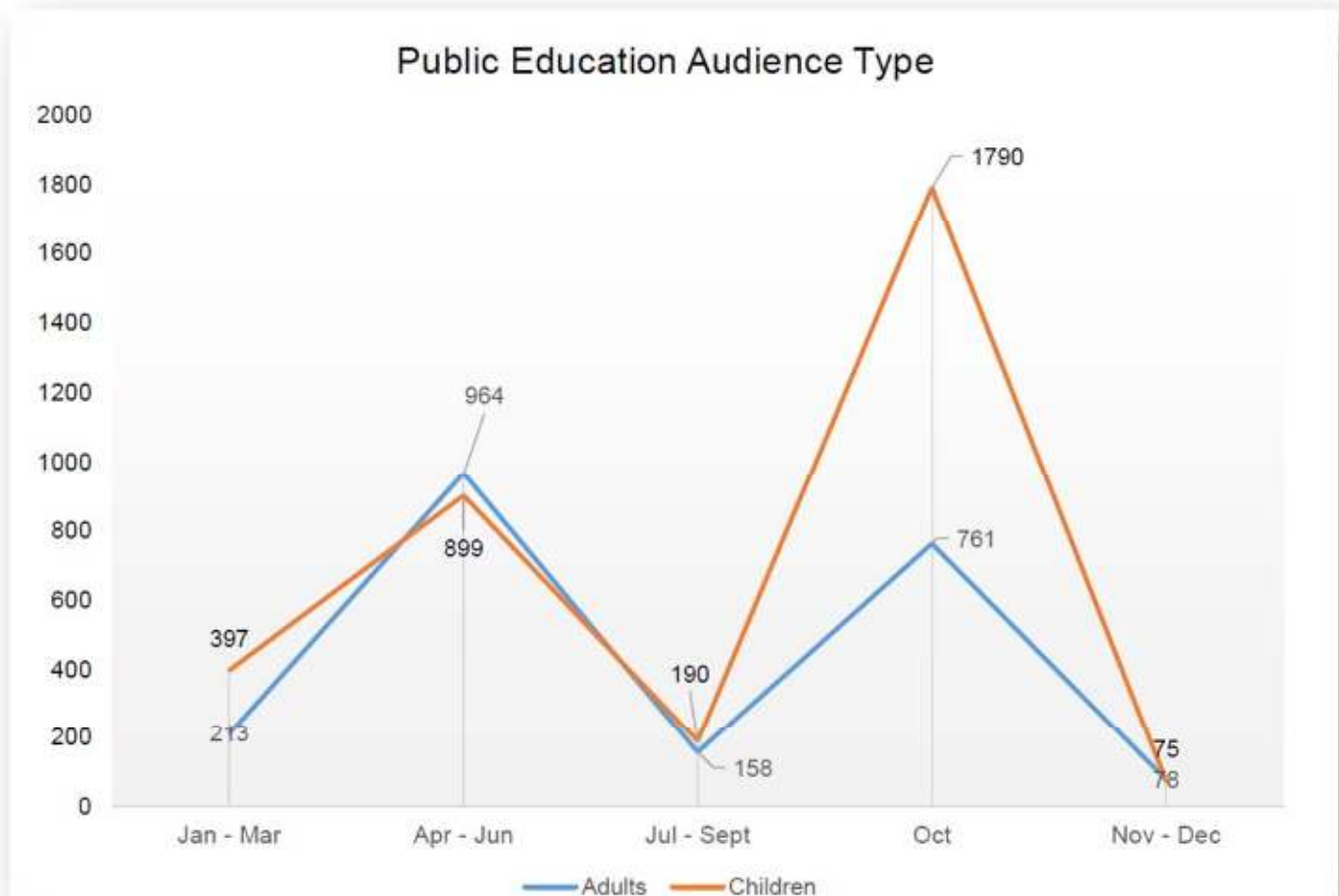
Single Company – training which requires the entire company to function as a unit



## Fire Prevention

### Public Education:

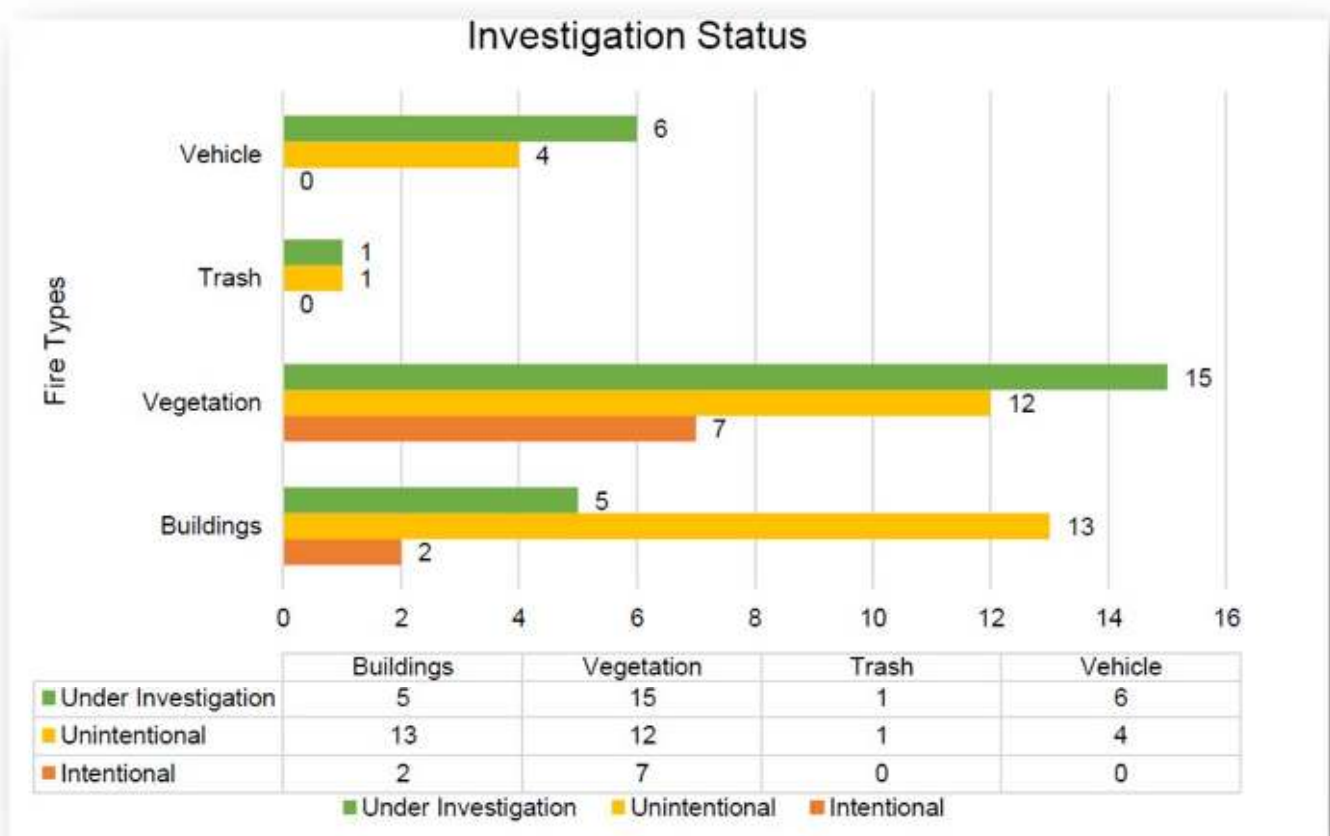
This past year was also a busy year for prevention and public education activities. Our personnel participated in 94 Public Education & Public Relation Events. These events resulted in providing fire and life safety information to over 5,500 people in 2016. While the first full week in October is usually regarded as “Fire Safety Week”, we treat October as Fire Safety Month. Having this mindset allowed us to spread fire and life safety information to over 2,500 people during October alone.



### Fire Investigation:

In order for us to understand why fires occur, it is imperative we determine how they start. This improves our opportunity to prevent fires before they can occur, saving thousands of dollars in loss, and more importantly, saving lives. The District makes a commitment to ensure every building fire that occurs within our jurisdiction is investigated to determine origin and cause. All of our personnel are trained in evidence protection procedures and many have basic fire investigation training. These personnel help to preserve scenes for our 9 certified Fire and Explosive Investigators to determine fire cause and origin. Our investigators are also often called into other jurisdictions to aid other organizations in these types of investigations.

In 2016, our investigators conducted 68 fire and explosive investigations. Below is a breakdown on the status and causes of those investigations.





## Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program

Our District continues to host the area's most successful and affordable EMT Programs. Our program's objective is to provide knowledgeable, compassionate, and skilled individuals to address our communities' needs with the highest degree of care available. These classes are held at our District's Training and Administration building. Students receive lecture from industry experts, previous program graduates, and EMS mentors from around the area. Students also participate in several hours of practical hands-on training and complete shadowing opportunities with our local EMS partners. Led and managed by our very own Captain Roy Kirby, we continue to reach our maximum attendance.

Though only offered twice a year (January thru May & July thru November), we have been pleased to usher more than 40 students into our classroom in pursuit of their certification and licensure. At the time of this publication, more than half of our 2016 graduates have successfully completed the State of Missouri Practical skills testing requirements, while our other graduates are still waiting the opportunity to test.



**EMT-B Class**  
**Graduated May 28, 2016**

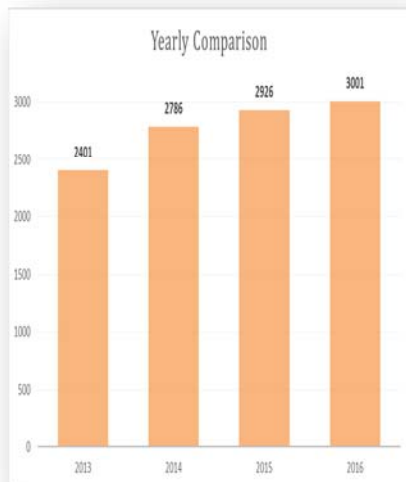


## Operations

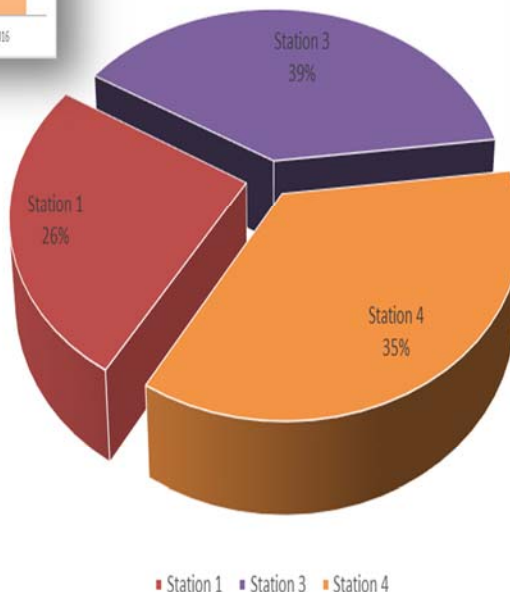
Deputy Chief Scott Moore

The Operations Division is the largest and most visible portion of the District. Operating three shifts out of three, twenty-four hour coverage stations and one reserve station, District personnel remain at the ready to serve our community at a moment's notice. On duty strength has grown with the community. 2016 brought the addition of second 4-person staffed station at Station 3. This was partly possible with the rebuilding of Station 3 located at 3490 W Beechwood which was built in 2015.

In addition to hiring new staffing, a replacement plan for the District apparatus was put in to place in 2014 allowing for the budgeting and replacement of outdated apparatus. We replaced two 20+ year old apparatus with state of the art pumpers. All of the upgrades to the fleet, buildings, and personnel provide the support necessary to take on the challenges of a growing call volume. 2016 brought a nearly 10% increase in calls for service. For the first time in the history of the District we exceeded 3,000 calls for service in a year. This brings the average to nearly 9 calls for service per day.



Responses by Station 2016



Within the Operations Division are three Battalion Chiefs. Each Battalion has additional responsibilities outside of emergency response



The **A-Shift Battalion Chief** is **Robert Crawford**. Chief Crawford brings many years of experience in building construction on top of his more than 20 years of public service. Chief Crawford's building experience allows him to adequately manage large building projects for the District, which included rebuilding Station 3 and the remodeling of Station 2 on Farm Road 188. Chief Crawford also helps to administrate the Reserve and Resident Firefighter Program with Deputy Chief Reynolds.

The **B-Shift Battalion Chief** is **Anthony Monnig**. Chief Monnig has held every rank of the fire service. From firefighter to Fire Chief (in a nearby volunteer organization), Chief Monnig has additional responsibilities to public education, fire prevention, and a regional swift water rescue team. Chief Monnig is one of two swift water technician instructors in the District's and teaches many surrounding jurisdictions how to safely operate during swift water operations.

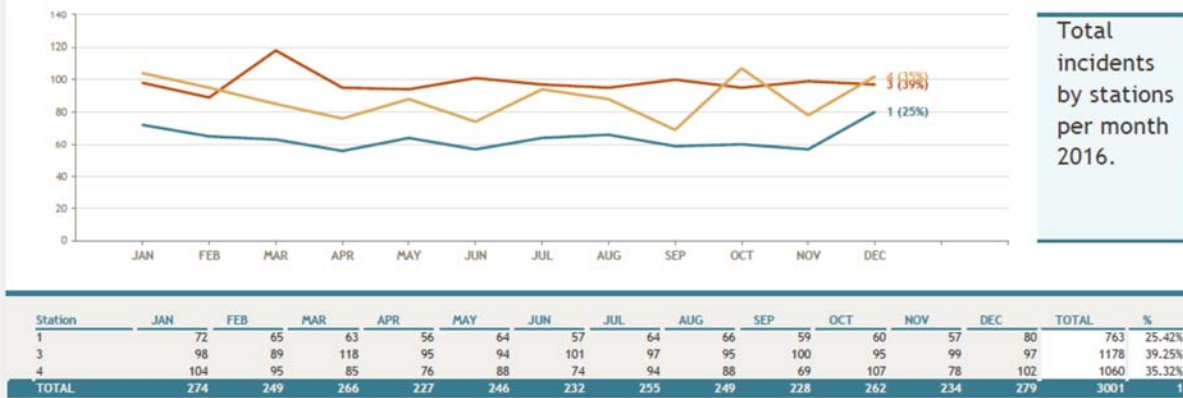


The **C-Shift Battalion Chief** is **Shawn Crump**. Chief Crump also brings over 20 years of service to the District as well as the experience of being a Fire Chief of a volunteer organization. Chief Crump has the additional responsibilities to manage the fleet and equipment of the District. From fire hoses to fire trucks, each piece of equipment has a purpose and must be tracked to ensure it is ready to respond. Chief Crump works hand in hand with the District maintenance staff to ensure crews are prepared to respond with the right tools to complete the task.





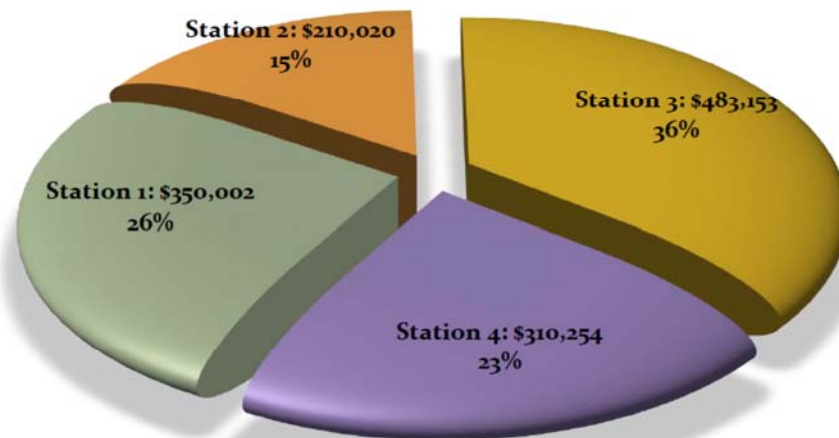
### Incident Counts by Station



Also managed from the Operations Division is our District coordination with the Springfield/Greene County Office of Emergency Management and the Springfield/Greene County 911 Emergency Communications Center. In the event of natural or man-made disasters effecting the region, Battlefield Fire staff represents the rural fire agencies in the Emergency Operations Center and through the Mutual Aid Coordination Center. These are vital functions to ensure the responders receive the resources needed during a crisis. The District is well represented with many additional coalitions and committees from Regional Homeland Security and the Missouri Emergency Response Commission. Lastly, the District responds and trains with the State of Missouri recognized Type III Incident Management Team.

As the Operations Division increases in size and call volume, the need for strategic planning and preparation have become vital. Each aspect of the Operations Division is evaluated annually to tie in to the 5 year strategic plan. The District continues to find and apply for grant opportunities and coordinated purchases with local organizations. The goal of the Division is to provide the highest level of service to the community in the safest and most fiscally responsible manner.

### Losses By Station



## International Association of Fire Chief's Missouri Valley Division Conference Synopsis 2016

In July of 2016, Springfield, Missouri was the host of the annual conference of the Missouri Valley Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. This annual conference brings in fire officers from across the country for a two day conference which includes: memorial service for fallen members and retirees from the previous year, industry leading presentations, vendor exposition, business meeting for the Missouri Valley Division and family outings. States represented at this year's event include:

Missouri  
Kansas  
Nebraska  
Iowa  
North Dakota  
Montana  
Wyoming  
Colorado



Working with the Springfield Fire Department, Deputy Chief Moore coordinated the memorial service, vendor exposition and registration, meals, attendee registration, attendee outings and ceremonial matters. The process of coordinating this event spanned over nearly 8 months and involved many members of the area fire chief's associations.

During the conference, the Missouri Valley Division recognized Chief Newberry, Deputy Chief Moore, and the Battlefield Fire District with a resolution of appreciation for their efforts in making this year's conference a success.



## **2016 Awards Banquet**

Every year we host an award and appreciation banquet for our staff. Due to the sacrifices made by our staff's families in support of our mission, family members are encouraged to attend so they can witness their loved ones be recognized for their accomplishments. Attendees enjoy a slide show of the year's events and hear about the state of the District; all while enjoying family, fellowship and fun. The District would like to extend a special thanks to the Nixa and Willard Fire Protection Districts who had the personnel in our stations ready to respond to calls so that our personnel could be with their families.

Here is a list of some of our personnel recognized for accomplishments and milestones in 2016:



Daniel Burns

Daniel Burns has been awarded the Meritorious Award for continually contributing to the progress of the district.



Ethan Essner

Fire Fighter Ethan Essner has been awarded a Unit Award for a Life Save on July 16, 2016. Service award for 5 years of service.



RD Chorce

Fire Fighter R.D. Chorce has been awarded a Unit Award for a Life Save on July 16, 2016. Service award for 10 years of service.



Kaylee Cobb

Fire Fighter Kaylee Cobb has been awarded a Unit Award for her Life Save on October 17, 2016.



Kevin Newton

Fire Fighter Kevin Newton has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on January 30, 2016.



Gene Wright

Fire Fighter Gene Wright has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on January 30, 2016.







Ryan Quick

Fire Fighter Ryan Quick has been awarded a Service Award for his 10 years of service.



Kasey Strong

Fire Fighter Kasey Strong has been awarded a Service Award for his 10 years of service.



James Altic

Fire Fighter James Altic has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on July 30, 2016.



Samuel Blandford

Fire Fighter Samuel Blandford has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on July 30, 2016.



Jake Gullett

Fire Fighter Jake Gullett has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on November 28, 2016.



Josh Dukewits

Fire Fighter Josh Dukewits has been awarded the Meritorious Award for 3 swift water rescues that took place on December 26, 2015.



Chase Smith

Fire Fighter Chase Smith has been awarded the Fire Fighter of the Year for his exceptional attitude, Work ethic, and continual effort and commitment to the wellbeing of the personnel in the district. Unit Award for his Life Save on October 17, 2016



Roy Kirby

Captain Roy Kirby has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on October 17, 2016.



John Kendall

Captain John Kendall has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on July 16, 2016.



Chris Ellis

Captain Chris Ellis has been awarded two (2) Unit Awards for his Life Saves on July 30, 2016, and November 28, 2016.



Dustin McHaffie

Captain Dustin McHaffie has been awarded a Unit Award for his Life Save on November 28, 2016.



Chris Zoeller

Captain Chris Zoeller has been awarded a Unit Awards for his Life Save on July 16, 2016.





Jacob Schlueter

Captain Jacob Schlueter has been awarded the Meritorious Award for 3 swift water rescues that took place on December 26, 2015.

Captain Ed Kaiser has been awarded a Service Award for his 15 years of service.



Ed Kaiser



Rob Crawford

Battalion Chief Robert Crawford has been awarded a Service Award for his 20 years of service.

Battalion Chief Anthony Monnig has been awarded the Meritorious Award for 3 swift water rescues that took place on December 26, 2015.



Anthony Monnig



Bryan Newberry

Fire Chief Bryan Newberry has been awarded a Service Award for his 25 years of service.

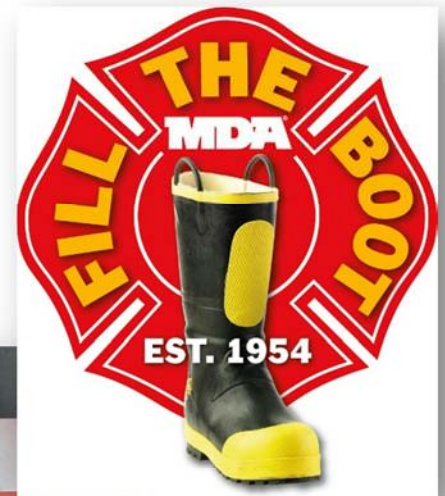




As an organization, we actively seek opportunities to serve our constituents and be involved in our community. We are active members in the SAFE Kids Coalition, we perform Car Seat installations and inspections. We also have a Free Smoke Alarm Program, host birthday parties and we are active in our local schools and home owners' association events. As a token of our continued support for our community, in 2016 we raised \$4,761 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association through their "Fill the Boot" campaign.

2016 was also the first year we had personnel compete in the "Scott Safety Firefighter Combat Challenge". The challenge consists of several physically demanding stations and obstacles in which personnel have to overcome in a timed race against other teams. Our team (pictured below with the flag) qualified for the World Championship on their very first attempt.

If you have an event you would like for us to attend, or if you would like to schedule a tour or use the community room, feel free to contact us at (417) 881- 9018. We always look forward to finding ways to serve our community. When you see us out and about, give us a wave!





## What to Expect Next

With 2017 well on its way, here are a few things you should expect. The District is looking to purchase our very first ladder truck. With larger structures being built, the need for an aerial apparatus has become necessary to avoid impacting insurance rates and service capabilities to our constituents. With our community's growth, our Station 4 on Plainview Road is going to be remodeled to better accommodate our present and future needs. In 2017, our educational focus will continue to bring out the best in our staff and community. We will be continuing to schedule EMT classes along with refresher courses for continuing education. We will take part in many community events, including Fire Prevention Week which will take place October 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>. We would invite you to keep track of us by checking us out on our website [www.battlefieldfire.com](http://www.battlefieldfire.com) or follow us on our Facebook & Twitter pages. Have a great 2017!

