



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

LAKE WORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT
PRIDE HONOR INTEGRITY



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Lake Worth Fire Department was created in 1948 and became funded by the City of Lake Worth in 1972. In October of 1998, the department hired its first full-time staff. Today the department consists of 24 career firefighters. The fire department operates with 20 firefighters assigned to shift, supported by an administrative staff of the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief of Operations, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector, and Emergency Management Coordinator.

The department serves a permanent population of 5,000 and an estimated daytime population over 15,000. The response district, including contracted areas, is approximately 35 square miles.

The Lake Worth Fire Department is a suburban all-hazard fire department that provides professional firefighting services, emergency medical services, fire prevention and annual fire safety inspections for all businesses, plan reviews, and public education.

Last year, the Lake Worth Fire Department responded to 3004 calls for service. The fire department collaborates with the Northwest Emergency Response Organization (NERO) and the City of Fort Worth. Resources from NERO and the Fort Worth Fire Department complement our existing emergency response capabilities. These include hazardous materials response, high/low angle rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse response, swift water rescue, and mass casualty Incident response support. In return, the Lake Worth Fire Department provides automatic aid assistance to both organizations.





FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

The Lake Worth Fire Department is proud to present our 2023 Annual Report. We wish to ensure proactive engagement with our community and customers. This annual report provides a detailed review of the department's activities from the previous year while casting light on areas of significant accomplishment. It is our tremendous honor to serve the citizens of Lake Worth, Lakeside, Tarrant County, and our surrounding communities. We look forward to the future while embracing and learning from the past.



FIRE ADMINISTRATION

"Our administrative staff works to support all aspects of incident response, training, education, public outreach, community support, emergency preparedness and fire prevention. In addition, fire administration collaborates with all city departments to ensure a safe and vibrant community. This includes adhering to the annually adopted budget, incident analysis and data collection, reporting to city administration and our elected officials, and accountability through effective and efficient fire prevention, education, and emergency preparedness."



Ryan Arthur, Fire Chief



John Sanders
Assistant Fire Chief
Fire Marshal



Jeremy Blackwell
Assistant Fire Chief
Operations



Jennifer Neider
Emergency Management
Coordinator



OUR MISSION

"The mission of the Lake Worth Fire Department is to serve our community with pride, honor, and integrity while providing exceptional customer service. We remain focused on the preservation of life and property through effective emergency response, fire prevention, and public education."

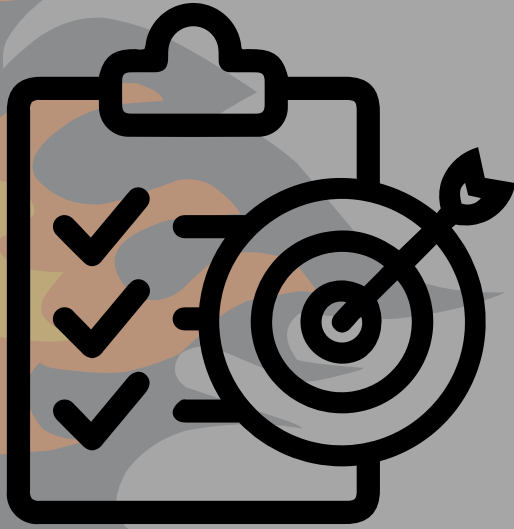
OUR VISION

"The Lake Worth Fire Department is committed to providing trained and knowledgeable personnel prepared to respond to our growing community's needs. We strive to continually improve our organization through the use of innovation, allowing us to provide the highest level of service possible to those in need."

OUR MOTTO

"The Perfect 10's"





YEAR AT A GLANCE

Target Initiatives for 2023

- Celebrating 75 years of service to the community!
- Replacement Fire Station Development
- Community Engagement
 - Kids Camp 2023
 - Citizens Fire Academy
 - Santa Cruisin'
- Staffing Evaluation
 - Double Company
 - Fire Prevention Division
- Fire Prevention
 - Fire Inspector Position
 - Inspections/Prevention
 - Public Education
- Emergency Preparedness
 - CERT
 - Preparedness Events
- IT & Data Reporting
 - Software Enhancements



FIRE STATION 10

A New Home for the LWFD!

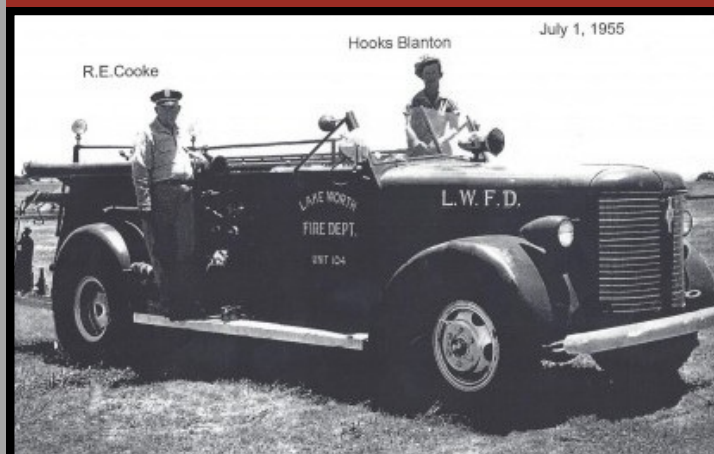
In 2021, the fire department and city staff began working towards a replacement fire station for this great city! In coordination with EIKON Consulting, we've developed an excellent facility that will serve the citizens of Lake Worth for many decades to come. Groundbreaking is anticipated to occur in early 2024 with anticipated completion in 2026! Our original fire station was built in 1947 and was first used as a community gathering spot. Eventually, the Lake Worth Volunteer Fire Department was established and began operating in 1948.





75TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2023, the Lake Worth Fire Department celebrated 75 years of service to the community. Since 1948, the LWFD has proudly served the community of Lake Worth along with many other local municipalities. Since the early volunteer days, the LWFD has grown to a full-time, career emergency response organization that provides all aspects of both emergent and non-emergent response service. For the past 75 years, our top priority has always been to provide the highest level of service to our customers and community. The LWFD will forever be grateful for those who laid the groundwork for where we are today.



DOUBLE COMPANY

Increased customer service through enhanced response capabilities!

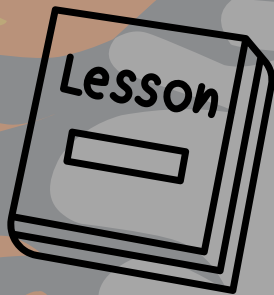
Effective April 24th, 2023, the Lake Worth Fire Department began providing an enhanced level of service by operating both Engine 10 & Truck 10 on a full-time basis. The overall staffing model was evaluated over a two year time period to ensure compliance with national standards for fire and emergency medical services response.





26

Campers



12 Lesson
Topics

KIDS FIRE CAMP

The department hosted its second annual Kids Fire Camp in June of 2023. Just over 25 kids, ranging in age from 7 to 15, from Lake Worth and Lakeside participated. Throughout the day, our campers had a chance to learn more about the fire department, fire safety, and had a chance to do some very cool hands-on activities, including rappelling from the top of the ladder truck! The department looks forward to offering this event every year with the next event scheduled for June 2024!

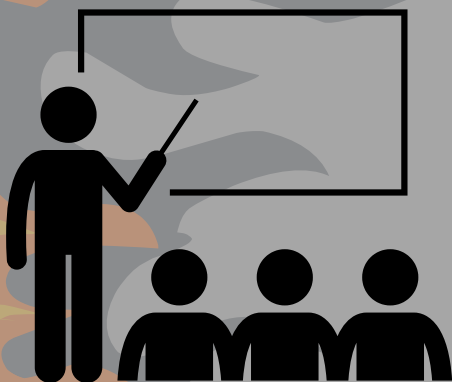




6 Enrolled



6 Graduated



CITIZENS ACADEMY

April 2023 was a busy month for the LWFD, not only responding to calls for service but also preparing for our spring, summer, and fall public education initiatives! To get things started, the department hosted its second annual Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) in April of 2023. The CFA is an opportunity for the community to engage with firefighters and learn the many disciplines supported by the Lake Worth Fire Department. Classes were conducted on two Thursday evenings with one full day of hands-on demonstrations completed on a Saturday. Topics include learning about emergency medicine and our partnership with MedStar Mobile Healthcare, stages of fire development and the skills needed to contain fire spread, search and rescue, hazardous materials, vehicle extrication, and much more.





SANTA CRUISIN'

During the month of December, the department hosts its annual Santa Cruisin' event for the City of Lake Worth! It's a great tradition and one our citizens love and anticipate every year! Firefighters give Santa a tour of the city while giving him an opportunity to greet those patiently waiting for his arrival! This event is such a huge success, we look forward to hosting this for many years to come! See you in 2024!



*Santa
Cruisin'
2023*

December 21st
6:00pm-9:00pm





FIRE PREVENTION

In 2023, the department added a fire inspector position to enhance fire prevention and safety throughout the community. Over the past several years, fire prevention efforts have increased significantly making this position even more vital for the department and the city. The Fire Prevention Division works to ensure compliance with the fire & life safety code while also educating business owners and residents to ensure they understand their significant role in fire prevention.

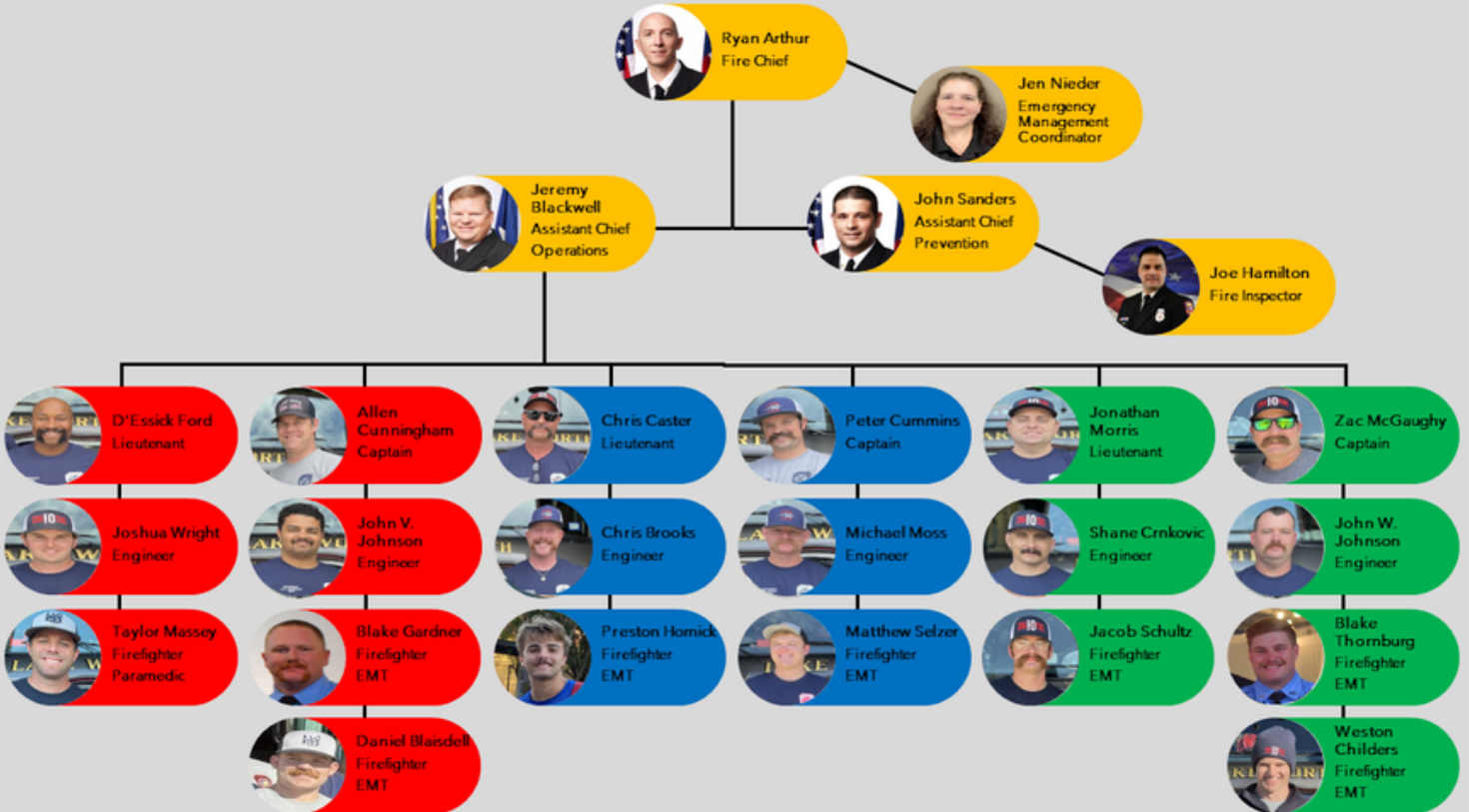
Major Projects in 2023 for the Fire Marshal's Office:

- Neuhaus Apartments
- Age Restricted Living Complex
- Walmart Remodel
- Target Remodel
- Big Lots Addition





STAFF & PERSONNEL



The department anticipates acquiring one additional firefighter position during the FY24 budget cycle. This would allow for each operational shift to have 7 personnel assigned.

APPARATUS



- Engine 10
- 1704 incidents



- Truck 10
- 884 incidents



- Attack 10
- 236 incidents



- Tanker 10
- 228 incidents

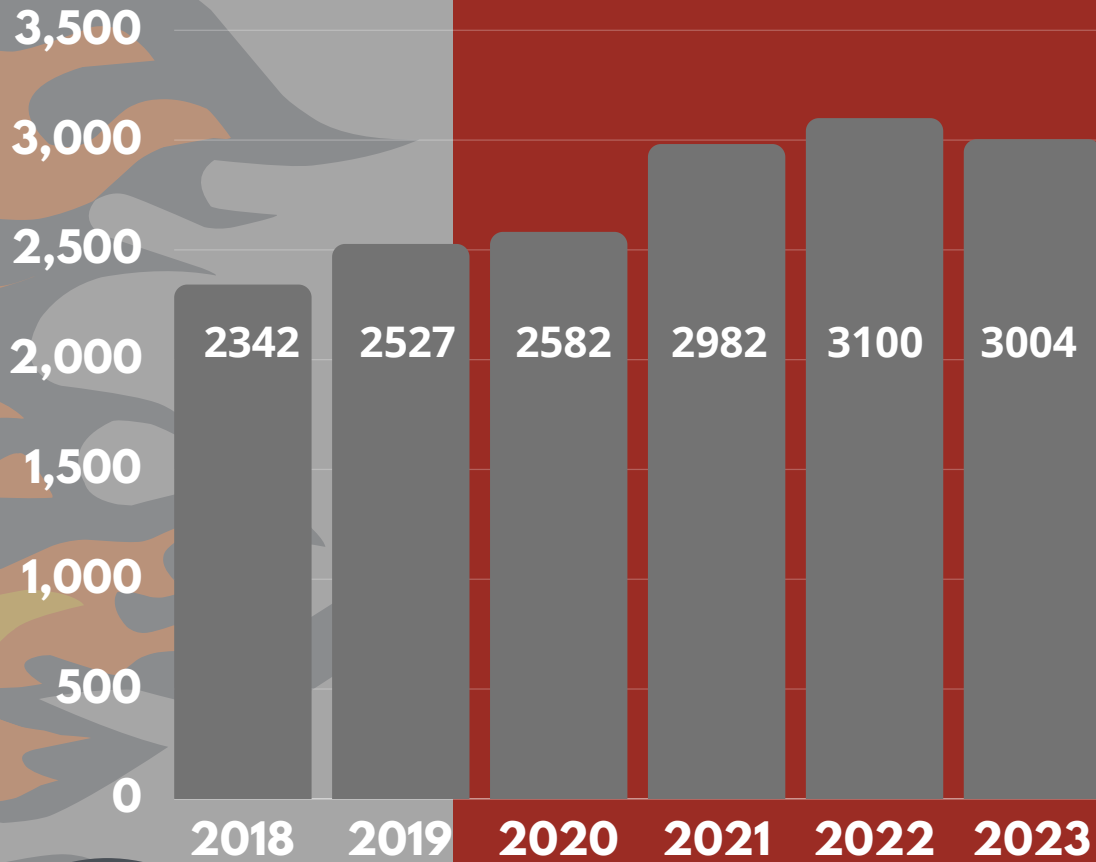


- Brush 10
- 72 incidents





CALLS FOR SERVICE



**28% increase in
call volume
since 2018!**





60 Structure Fires



42 Wildland Fires



388 Vehicle Accidents



1565 Medical Calls

INCIDENT TYPES



12 Rescue/Extrication



665 Public Service



138 Alarms



189 Hazardous Condition

EMS
52.1%



1565


1439

FIRE
47.9%

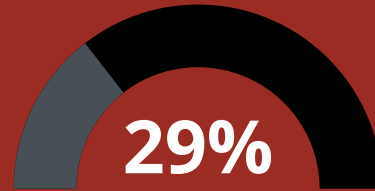
509
Aid Given

132
Aid Received

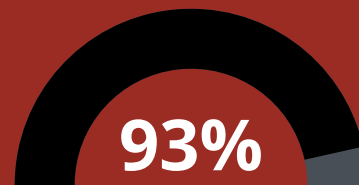
565
Dual Company
Response
Engine & Truck

198
Dispatched &
Cancelled
Enroute

INCIDENT STATISTICS



29%
Overlapping Calls



93%
NFPA 1710
Compliance



4:04
Response Time
Emergent



5:38
Response Time
Non-Emergent



:28
Turnout Time



4:19
First Unit Arrival

301

**Inspections
Completed**

54

**Certificate of
Occupancy**

105

Plan Reviews

36

Investigations

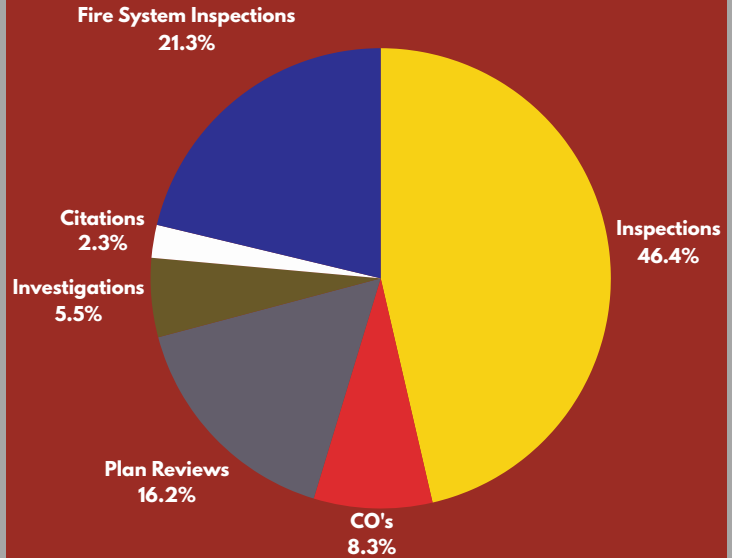
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Citations

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**Fire Protection
System
Inspections**

FIRE PREVENTION



600 = **100%**
Violations = Compliance

95+ = **100%**
Complaints Received = Compliance



65:15

**Average Inspection
Time**



7117
Attendees

38
Fire Safety Events

103
Hours Dedicated
to Special Events



PUBLIC EDUCATION

50
Public Education
Events



2304

**Training Hours
Completed**

38

Scenario Based

900+

**EMS Training
Hours**



TRAINING & EDUCATION



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Anniversaries

Zach McGaughy: 15 Years

Allen Cunningham: 15 Years

Michael Moss: 5 Years

John W. Johnson: 5 Years

Joshua Wright: 5 Years

Blake Thornburg: 1 Year

Chris Brooks: 1 Year

Preston Hornick: 1 Year

Blake Gardner: 1 Year

Awards

- Firefighter/EMS Provider of the Year
 - Blake Thornburg
- Mark Cone Service Award
 - Shane Crnkovic
- Top Frog
 - Chris Brooks
- CERT Member of the Year
 - Jessica "Laura" Alvarado





TEXAS BEST PRACTICES

The department was recognized as a “Best Practices” Fire Department by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association on July 14, 2021. The department became the 25th organization to receive this designation. The TFCA developed this Best Practices program as encouragement for fire departments throughout Texas to seek continual improvement in their services to the local community. The department will seek reaccreditation in 2024.

In 2022, the department submitted its annual report for Best Practices. Similar to the 2023 annual report, data collected based upon this years performance can be showcased as accomplishments for the department. Data also indicates our continued efforts in maintaining compliance with local, state, and federal regulatory agencies. This includes the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP).



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Annual Preparedness Fair

CERT Program

Community Outreach

CPR/First Aid Training

Child Safety Seat Program

CodeREDTM
Emergency Notification System
REGISTER NOW

SCAN ME

CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service that allows local emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by phone call, text, email, social media, and the CodeRED mobile alert app of emergencies and time-sensitive news.

To register, scan the QR code,
text LAKEWORTHAWARE (all caps) to 99411,
or visit the city of Lake Worth's webpage.

Available on the App Store
Available on Google Play



PARTNERSHIPS

MedStar

Partner emergency medical services provider for the cities of Lake Worth and Lakeside.

Fort Worth Fire Department

Partner with the City of Fort Worth on providing automatic aid and dispatching services for the fire department.

City of Saginaw

Partner with the City of Saginaw for Emergency Management Services through a shared EMC position.

Town of Lakeside

The department provided fire and emergency medical services to the Town of Lakeside.



PARTNERSHIPS

Northwest Emergency Response Organization (NERO)

Combined training with local fire departments throughout Tarrant County.

Emergency Services District #1

LWFD provides both emergency and non-emergency response to areas throughout unincorporated Tarrant County.

Northwest Tarrant CERT

Northwest Tarrant CERT incorporates the communities of Lake Worth and Saginaw.

