



2024

EMERADO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

ANNUAL REPORT

"Proudly Serving Since 1972"



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



On behalf of the amazing staff at the Emerado Volunteer Fire Department, I am pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. This past year was a challenging year to say the least, as we navigated uncharted waters, moving forward with our mission. With the loss of our beloved Chief Nesdahl, many of us took on new roles and learned new tasks as time went on. I could not be prouder of the men and women that make up this department for their hard work, dedication to the community and for their unwavering resilience through tough times.

Each and every year, we reflect on our past as a way to learn and look into the future on how we can better serve our community. We continue to review, refine, and refocus our operations. We are committed to maintaining a high standard of service through training to make sure we are prepared for anything, and to ensure our equipment is ready to go at a moments notice!

2024 was another busy year for your volunteers. While not a record year, it did provide some significant calls for service, including several motor vehicle accidents that weighed heavy on the hearts. Your volunteers rose to the occasion time and time again, putting aside anything they may have been doing so they may lend their hands of aid to those in need.

We were very excited at the beginning of this past year to learn that we had been awarded 2 significant grants towards the purchase of new equipment to better serve. The Emerado Volunteer Fire Department received grant funding to purchase a brand new 2024 Polaris Ranger, and upfit it for wildland fire and rescue response! Along with the Ranger, EVFD was awarded funding to upgrade our wildland fire backpack sprayers!

As we move into 2025, we remain dedicated to ensuring we provide the best service possible, should the need ever arise. We always hope that our services will not be needed, but are always prepared, just in case you do. Thank you to all for your continued support!

Jake Lanes
Fire Chief



ABOUT THE EMERADO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Emerado Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1972 and is located within the city of Emerado, a small town of approximately 450 people, right in the heart of Grand Forks County, North Dakota. The Department was founded in 1972, and became an all-volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, responding to all types of calls for service.

The all-volunteer department of 25 active members is located several miles away from any other fire department and operates within 112 square miles of rural and urban countryside. The primary response area is divided into 3 major Townships, Oakville, Chester and Blooming, equaling a total populace of over 1000. The department faces many rescue challenges within its response area, including many miles of US Highway 2, a major highway that sees thousands of vehicles a day.

Along with US Highway 2, the Department responds to rescue operations along many more miles of rural roadways within its 112 square mile area. Within the response area, firefighters have to potential to perform operations at two fuel stations, a school, over 100 manufactured and mobile homes, a large manufacturing facility, a major distributor of fireworks, along with several hundred rural residences and federally protected wild-land and private croplands. All mutual aid fire departments are 15 to 30 minutes away.

In addition to the Departments own response area, the department provides mutual aid to surrounding fire departments several times a year with both manpower and equipment for rescue operations, as well as fires. These mutual aid agreements include the Grand Forks Air Force Base, which is a city within itself of over 2000 people. Providing mutual aid to other departments increases the response area to cover an additional 1308 square miles. All equipment, when practical, is available to the mutual aid departments by request.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT



It is the mission of the Emerado Volunteer Fire Department to preserve life and property, promote public safety and foster economic growth through leadership, management and actions, as an all risk life safety response provider.

OUR VISION STATEMENT



The Emerado Volunteer Fire Department is dedicated to be the finest community focused fire and rescue department that meets the ever changing needs of our community while ensuring a safe and secure environment for all through professional development, unity and teamwork.

OUR CORE VALUES



We, the members of the Emerado Volunteer Fire Department are committed to the following values in our interactions with coworkers and customers:

- **Professionalism**– In application, appearance, attitude and standards
- **Integrity**– Demonstrate honesty and fairness
- **Compassion**– Demonstrate kindness and empathy
- **Responsibility and Accountability**– Professionally, personally and fiscally responsible for our actions
- **Respect**– For each other, our Department and our customers, the citizens and visitors of Emerado.
- **Diversity**– Be open minded and responsive to the uniqueness of our community without regard to age, gender, religion or ethnic origin
- **Commitment**– In all department endeavors
- **Teamwork**– Encourage unity and a cooperative attitude
- **Health and Safety** – Personal and professional health and safety is paramount in fulfilling the mission of the Emerado Volunteer Fire Department.

DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS



23 FIREFIGHTERS
4 WOMEN & 19 MEN



1 FIRE STATION



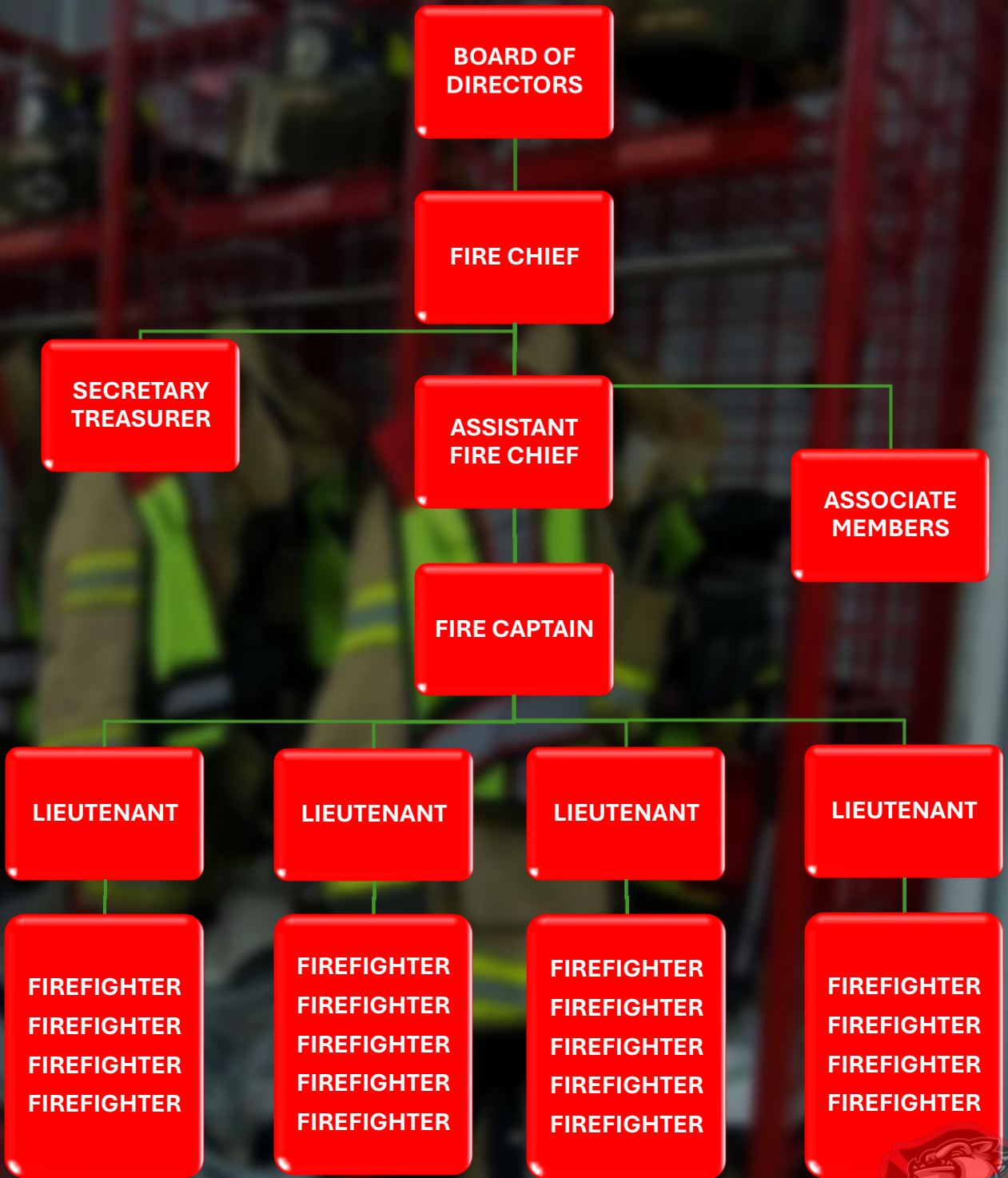
2 FIRE ENGINES
2 WATER TENDERS
2 GRASS TRUCKS & ATVS



1 MEDICAL UNIT
4 EMTs / 23 1ST AID/CPR



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





ROSTER



Board of Directors

Gerry Roach – Chairman

Jake Lanes – President

Cordilayne Meyer – Vice President

VACANT – Secretary / Treasurer

Jim JP Johnson – Board Member

Gary Berger – Board Member

Tony Hanson – Board Member

Wade Stadstad – Board Member

James Weber – Board Member

Fire Chief Jake Lanes

Asst. Chief Cordilayne Meyer

Captain Scott Schmitt

Lieutenant Chris Thielke

Lieutenant Jeff Schafer

Lieutenant Lee Smith

Senior Firefighter Dave Cook

Senior Firefighter Tyler Linneman

Firefighter Marcus McPhillips

Firefighter Pheonix Tofte

Firefighter Kyle Lawler

Firefighter Shay Landvik

Firefighter Stacey Powell

Firefighter Jacob Levee

Firefighter Matt Fish

Firefighter Zack Powell

Firefighter Matthew Gurule

Firefighter Matthew Pierce

Firefighter Andre Solares

Reserve Firefighter Shelby Rady

Reserve Firefighter Jeff Holmgren

Reserve Firefighter Will Swearson

Reserve Firefighter Jackie Nesdahl

Reserve/Retired Chief Mike Jensen

Reserve/Retired Captain Tony Hanson

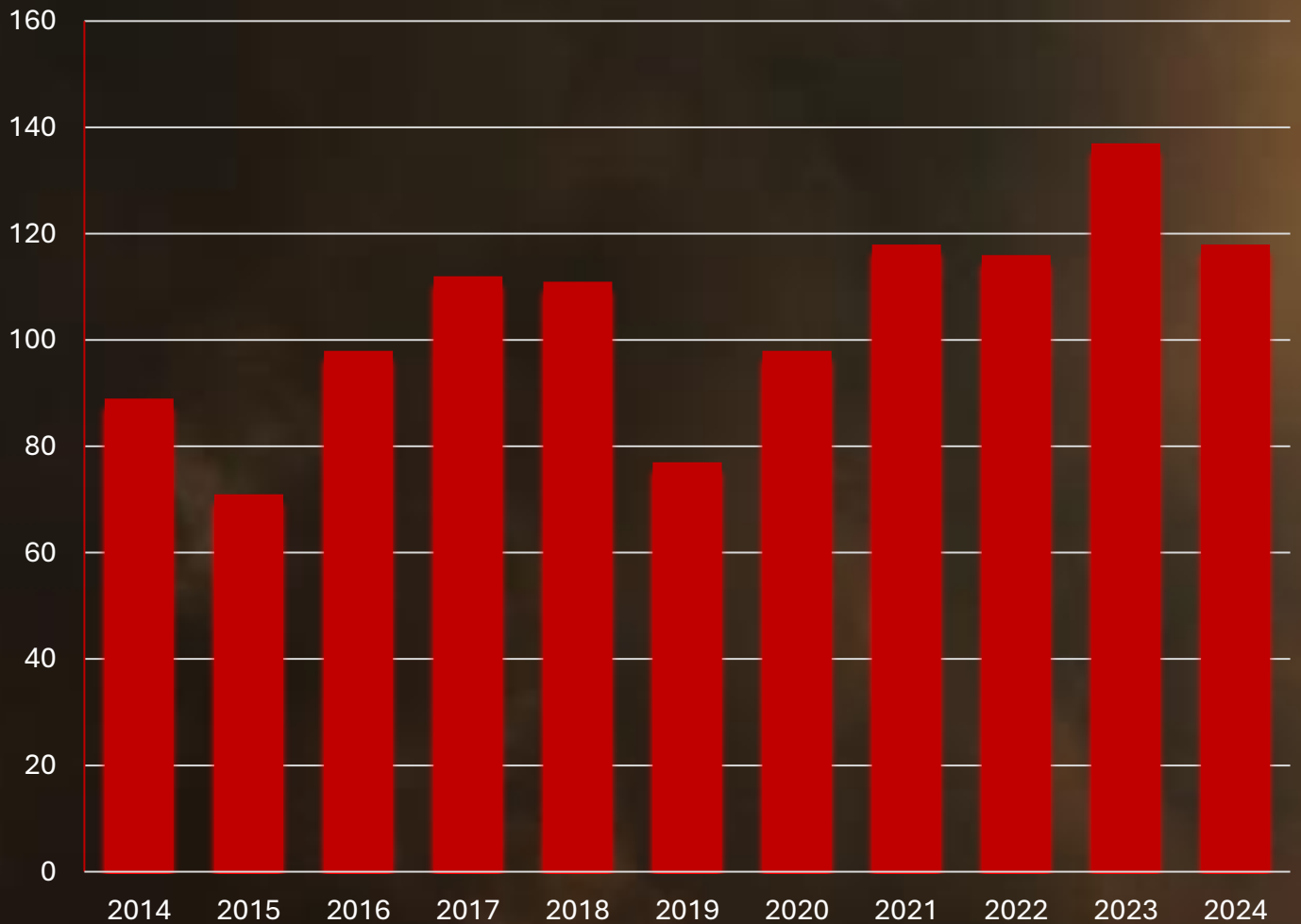
2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Leadership Transition
- Facility Dedication in Chief Nesdahl's Honor
- Wildfire Equipment Purchase Grant Earned
- 2024 Polaris Ranger Built & Put Into Service
- 1 New Certified EMT
- 1 New Training Officer Appointed
- 3 New Firefighters Hired
- Sold Surplus Equipment
- Received Donation of SCBA's, Tanks & Masks
- 10th Annual Corn Feed
- 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
- 4th Annual Tree Lighting
- 4th Annual EVFD Toy Drive
- 5TH Annual 'Rado Run



A DECADE OF SERVICE

2014 - 2024



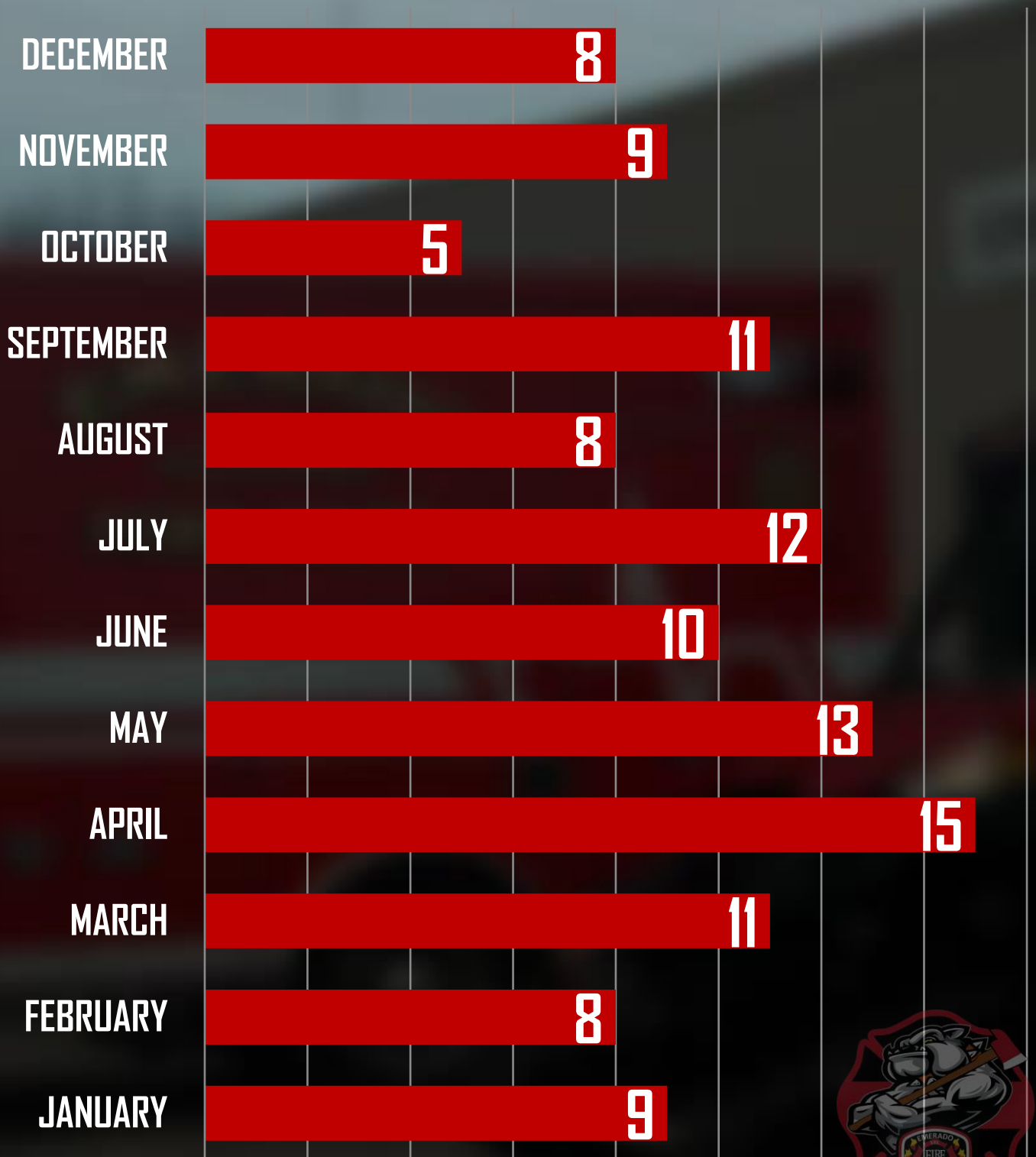
- **2014:** 89 Emergencies
- **2015:** 71 Emergencies
- **2016:** 98 Emergencies
- **2017:** 112 Emergencies
- **2018:** 111 Emergencies
- **2019:** 77 Emergencies

- **2020:** 98 Emergencies
- **2021:** 118 Emergencies
- **2022:** 116 Emergencies
- **2023:** 137 Emergencies
- **2024:** 119 Emergencies



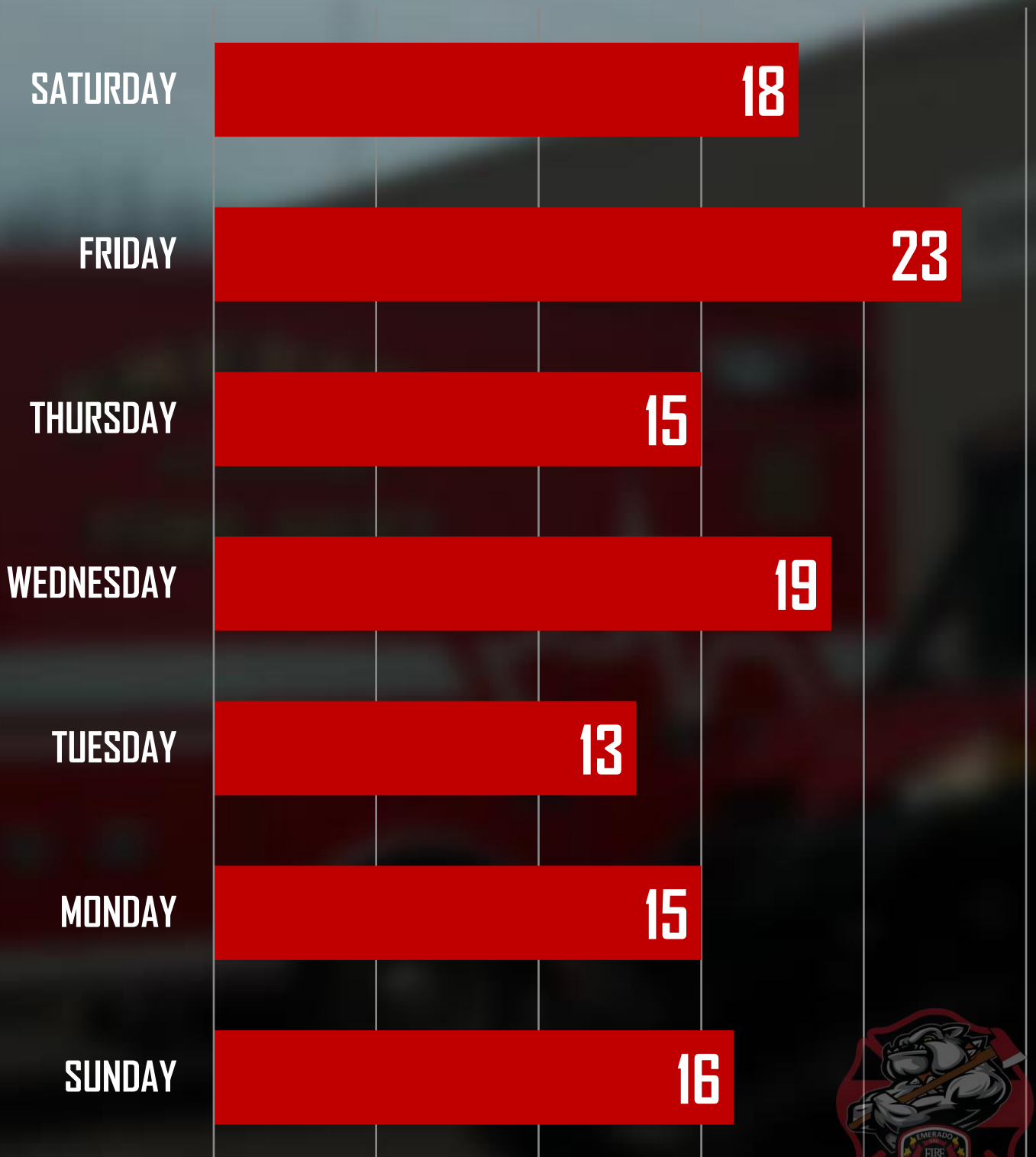
CALL VOLUME BY MONTH

2024

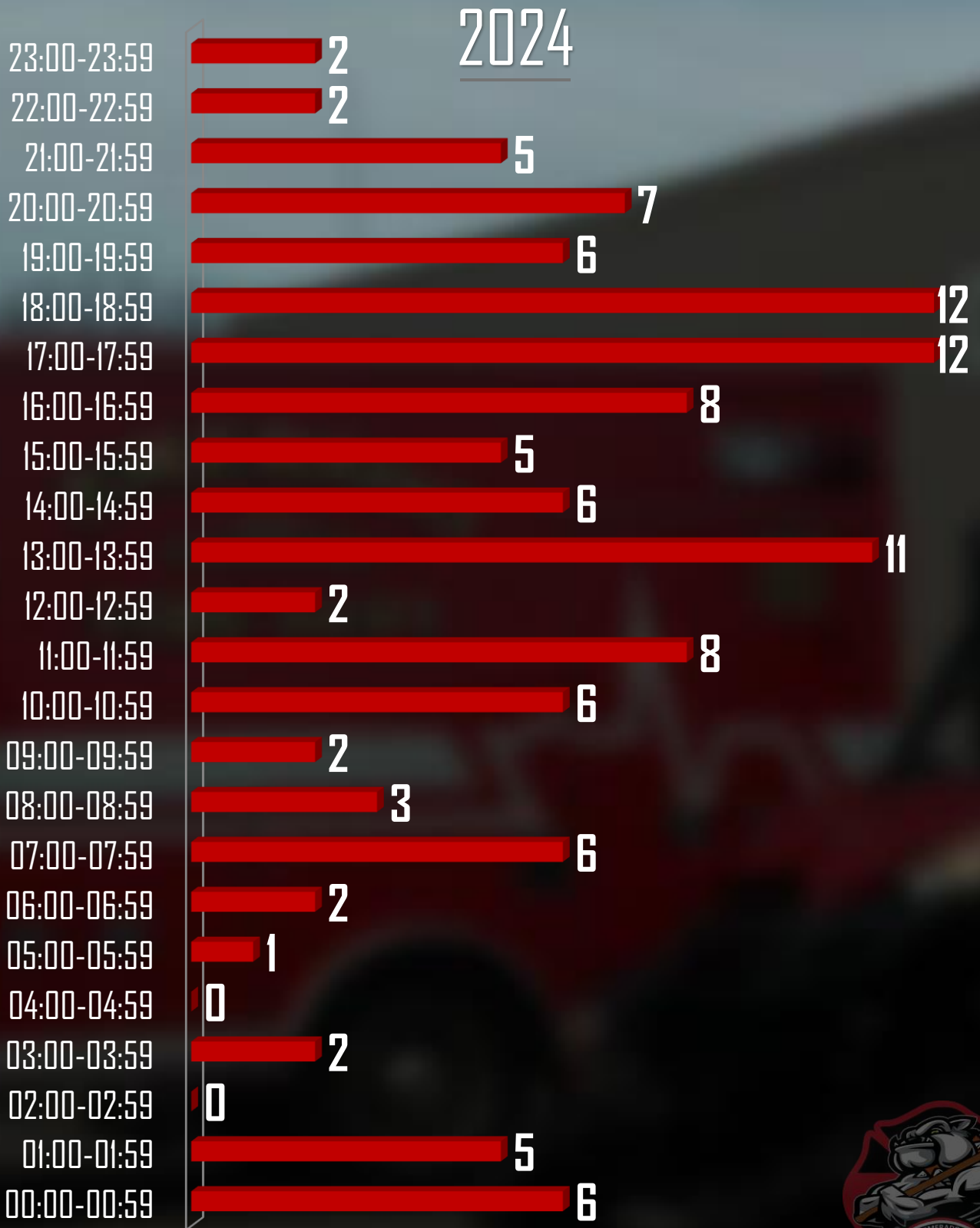


CALL VOLUME BY DAY of the WEEK

2024

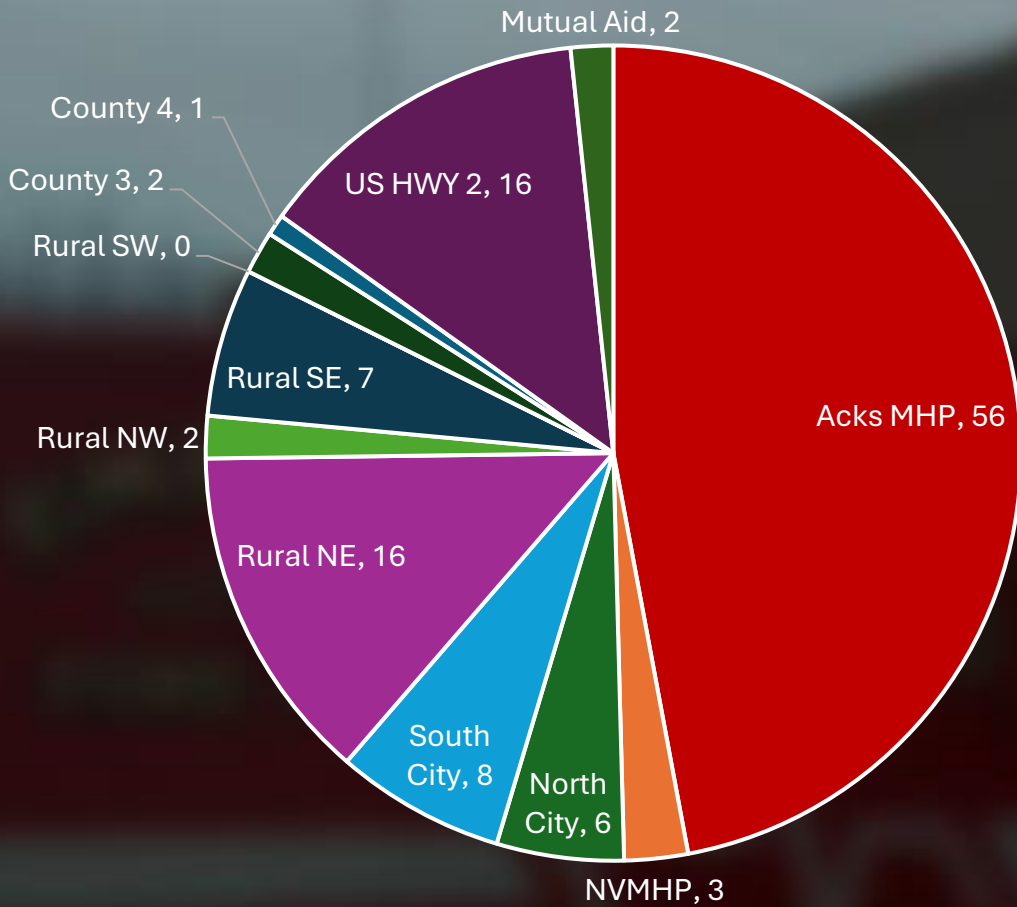


CALL VOLUME BY TIME OF DAY



CALL VOLUME BY ZONE

2024



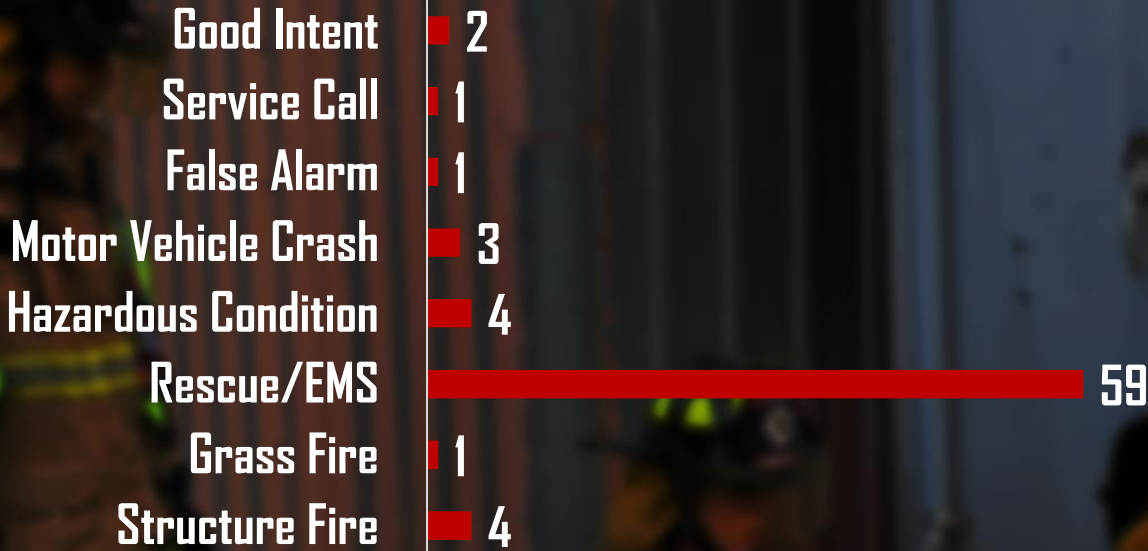
Acks MHP	56	Rural SE	7
NVMHP	3	Rural SW	0
North City	6	County 3	2
South City	8	County 4	1
Rural NE	16	US HWY 2	16
Rural NW	2	Mutual Aid Given	2



INCIDENT TYPE-CITY vs RURAL

2024

CITY



RURAL



INCIDENT TYPE TOTALS

2024

TOTALS



119

TOTAL CALLS
IN 2024

68%

RESCUE &
EMS

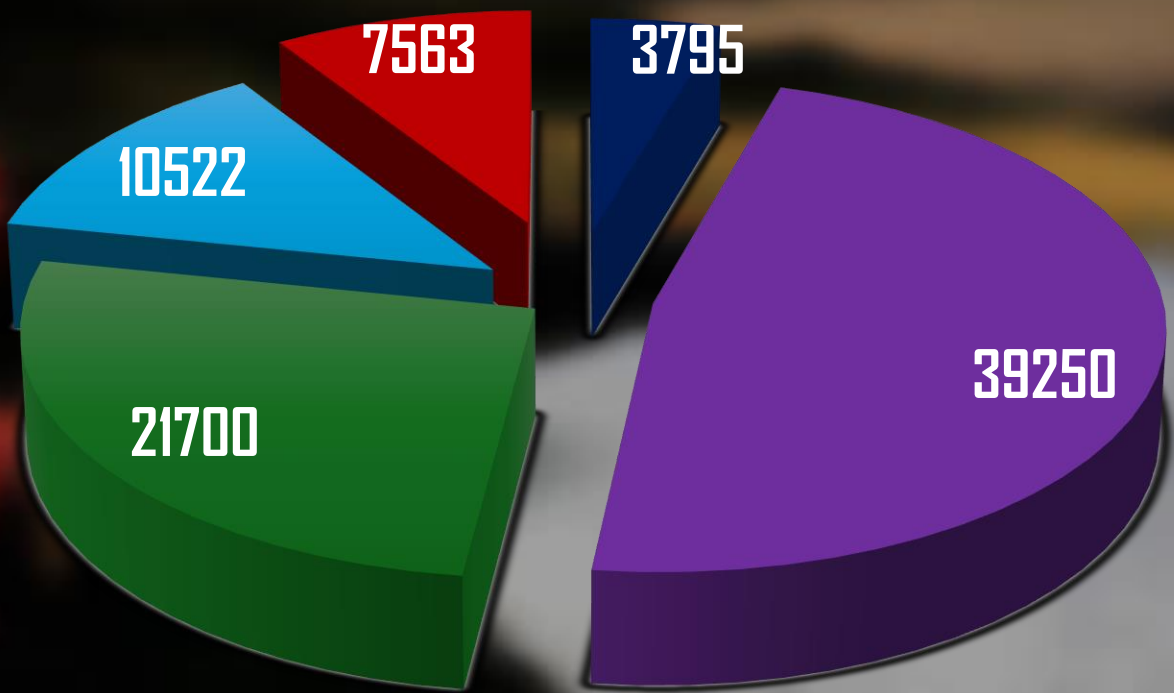
11%

FIRES &
ALARMS



WATER USAGE BY GALLON

2020 - 2024



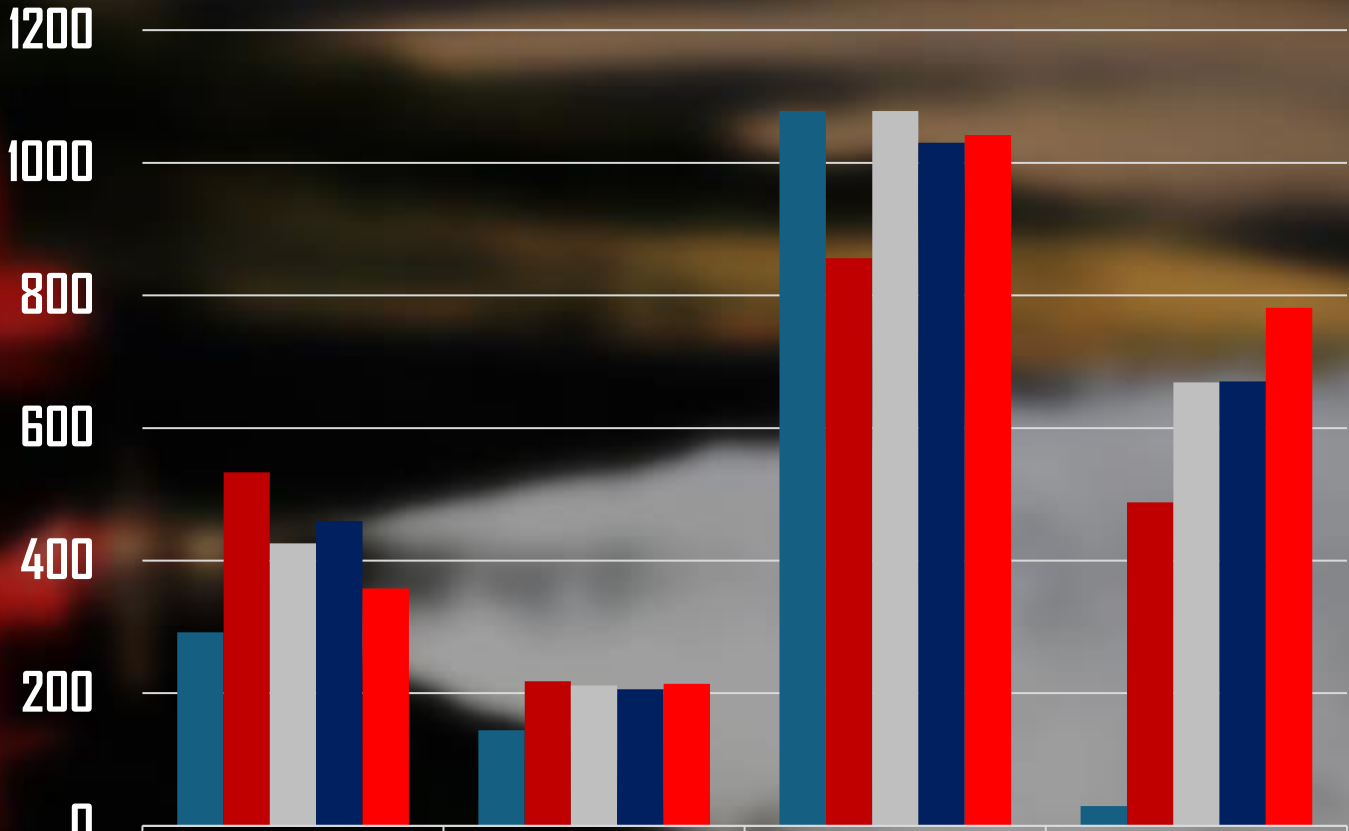
■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024



HOURS VOLUNTEERED

2020 - 2024

Total Hours



	Alarm Response	Dept. Meetings	Training	Community Events
2020	292	144	1078	30
2021	533	218	856	488
2022	426	212	1078	669
2023	460	206	1030	670
2024	358	214	1042	781





In Memory of
CHIEF BRENT NESDAHL
 Dec. 13, 1976 - Nov. 18, 2023



In Loving Memory
 Chief Brent Nesdahl
 Dec. 13, 1976 - Nov. 18, 2023



National
 Medal of
 Honor

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 Dec. 13, 1976 ~ Nov. 18, 2023

The Emerado Volunteer Fire Department, its Board of Directors, family and friends do hereby dedicate this facility addition to, and in honor of Chief Nesdahl for his dedicated years of selfless service to the community and to the department.

"Fireman never die. They just burn in the hearts of those whos lives they saved."



DID YOU KNOW?

- EVFD is made of trained men and women just like you
- EVFD responds to over 100 fire & medical calls per year
- EVFD covers 112 square miles in GF County
- EVFD is 100% volunteer, and FF's ARE NOT PAID
- EVFD does not receive ANY funding from taxes
- It costs several thousand dollars to outfit just ONE firefighter
- All funding for EVFD is via contracts and donations
- You could be billed by EVFD for any services without a contract



Visit Our Website to learn more, to donate, pay your contract, or volunteer:
<https://cityofemerado.com/fire-department-1>



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