

Neosho Fire Department 2021 Annual Report



It is the design of the department to serve the public to the best of our ability.

The mission of the department is to assist people through Prevention, Planning, Education, and Action.

We pursue this mission with determination and resolve with emphasis on

Dedication, Compassion, and Constant Improvement.

Introduction

We would like to say “Thank You” to the citizens that have continued to support the fire department. We strive to maintain the high standard that you have come to expect. To the members of the fire department, their families, fellow City employees, first responders from around the area, a big thank you for your time helping to make Neosho a safer place. In times of need, this community comes together making Neosho a better place to live, work, and visit.

Departmental Facts

Fire Station 1
 125 N. College St.
 Neosho, Missouri 64850
 Phone: 417-451-8021
 Fax: 417-451-8027

Fire Station 2
 501 Industrial Drive
 Neosho Missouri 64850
 Phone: 417-451-8030
 Fax: 417-451-8047

District Fire Station (3)
 13002 Ireland Lane
 Neosho MO 64850
 (Unmanned District built station)

Staffing – 40 Hour Employees	Staffing – 24 Hour Employees	Staffing – Paid Per Call
1 Fire Chief	3 Battalion Chiefs	1 Fire Fighter
1 Interim Fire Chief	3 Captains	
1 Administrative Assistant	12 Engineers	
1 Fire Marshal	6 Fire Fighters	

City ISO rating is: 4/4X
District ISO rating is: 5/10

**Fire Department Personnel Current staff
 Year 2021**

Administrative Staffing [40 hr]
 Fire Chief Jim Ledford (1997)
 Interim Fire Chief Aaron Houk (2021)
 Administrative Assistant Shelby Pringle (2017)
 Fire Marshal Scott Maness (2011)

Shift Personnel – 24 on /48 off schedule

A Shift	B Shift	C Shift
Bat. Chief Roy Haskett (2002)	Bat. Chief Adrian Hitchcock (2002)	Bat. Chief Derek Williams (2016)
Capt. Kyle Rogers (2003)	Capt. Beau Davis (2005)	Capt. Tim Duncan (2002)
Eng. Mark Solomon (2002)	Eng. Lance Parsons (2015)	Eng. Luke Powell (2011)
Eng. Jacob Pim (2011)	Eng. Steven Hendrix (2017)	Eng. Travis Bracht (2011)
Eng. Danny Naugle (2017)	Eng. CJ Hutchens (2016)	Eng. Heath Crowder (2017)
Eng. Dustin Wright (2018)	Eng. Brandon Burns (2016)	Eng. Phillip Doke (2017)
FF Shawn Nance (2019)	FF Caleb Ridenour (2019)	FF Colton Tuten (2018)
FF Nathan Sanders (2021)	FF Tyler Castaneda (2021)	FF Zachary Chapman (2019)

Paid-per-Call

Fire Fighter Steffen Wiest (2011)

() = Hire Date

Neosho Area Fire Protection District Board of Directors

President Terry Cook

Vice President Greg Hickman

Secretary Treasurer Beverly Walters



Response area of the department is approximately 93 square miles, which includes:

City of Neosho (15.75 Sq. Miles)

District A-Inside City limit, north of South Street

District B-Inside City limit, south of South Street

Neosho Area Fire Protection District

District C-Area outside City of Neosho (77.25 Sq. Miles)

Limits: Iris Road on the north, Goldfinch on the west, AA Highway on the south, Panda Road on the east. District lines follow section lines where no roads are located.



Mutual Aid (M/A)

Assistance requested from and provided to all local fire or other agencies that request personnel, equipment, or special assistance from the fire department. Our department also participates in the Statewide Mutual Aid Assistance Program when requested if resources and personnel are available.

Equipment Operated by the Fire Department: (year of vehicle)

City:

2 Engines (2013 & 1999)
1 Aerial 111' (2019)
1 Light rescue (2008)
1 Command vehicle 2016
3 Service units-pickup trucks, & Air Unit
(2005, 2005, 2016)
1 Fire Marshal Vehicle (2006)
1 Educational trailer (CARE)
1 Radio/Rehab vehicle (MDC-1992)
(MDC surplus property)

District:

2 Engines (2017, 2009)
1 Reserve engine (1996)
2 Tankers (2016, 2021)
1 Reserve tanker (2000)
3 Brush trucks (2001, 2017, 2020)
1 Light rescue (2009)
1 Command vehicle (Chief) (2019)
1 Flatbed trailer
Station 3 (13002 Ireland Lane)
(District owned)
1 Kawasaki Mule UTV (2007)
(MDC Surplus Property)

Homeland Security Equipment operated by fire department- In September 2008, the City of Neosho opted out of this program due to funding available to support the program. In January 2010, we closed out funding from Missouri's Homeland Security Regional Response System (HSRRS) program funds. Teams retained all equipment received through the program. Unencumbered funds were reallocated to the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee.

The team was comprised of members of the Neosho Police (Law Enforcement), Neosho Fire (Haz-mat), and Newton County Ambulance District (Medical). Equipment has been used to support local and mutual aid operations when requested or Regional or State Responses when called for. Primary mission of the Neosho Haz-Mat Team was to support other Regional and State teams during times of emergency.

Equipment listed consists of Hazardous materials and Decontamination Equipment used by the Neosho Fire Department HSRRS.

3-Prime equipment Movers (F250, F-550, and Bobcat loader)

1-28 foot Cargo Trailer-Hazardous Materials Equipment

1-20 foot Cargo Trailer-Equipment Mover

1-16 foot Flatbed Trailer-Equipment Mover

4-ATV's with Trailers and Carts-Equipment Movers

Assorted logistical support equipment (Sheltering tents, generators, heating system, etc).

Neosho Police and Newton County Ambulance District also received specialized equipment through the program.

Equipment issued to and purchased for the team through the Homeland Security Program was in excess of \$410,000.

Vehicle Maintenance and Service

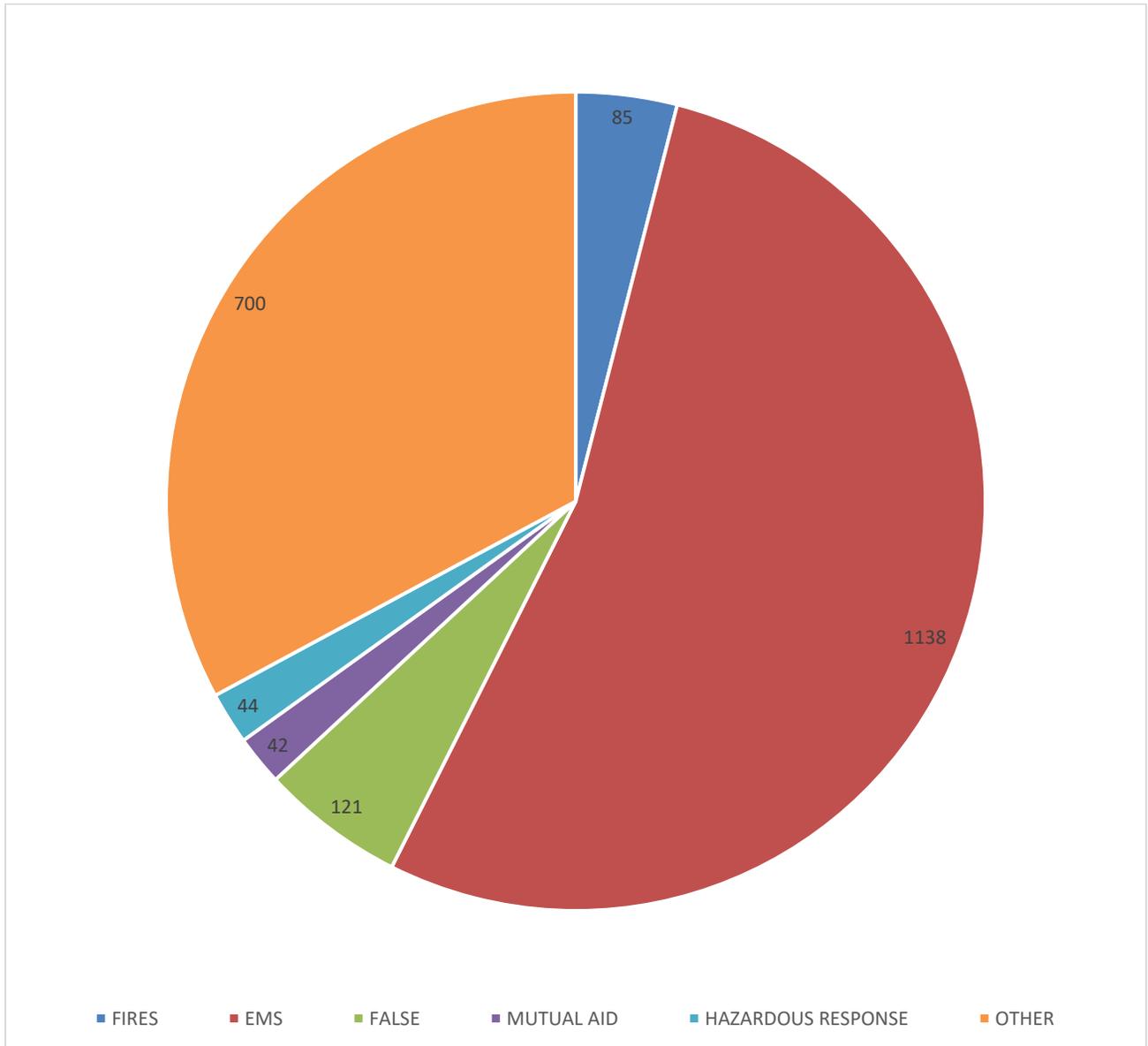
The task of proper operation and maintenance of all equipment is of the utmost importance. The maintenance program for the department consists of daily, weekly, monthly, six-month and annual services. Records are maintained on all apparatus and motorized equipment. Minor service and repairs, such as, adjustments to vehicles, and equipment are performed by duty personnel. Individuals within the department that have been factory trained in maintenance procedures on specific equipment. Those repairs would include, Apparatus pumps, Building Maintenance, Air Sampling and Service of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and their Air Cylinders. Our annual ISO testing of pumpers, SCBA's, aerial, and ground ladders are performed by an outside vendor since the department does not have proper equipment for these types of tests. NFPA recommends an outside testing source as well. We do attempt to schedule and offer these testing requirements to other departments within our area to help reduce the cost to all departments for these services.

We also rely heavily on City of Neosho public works mechanics, Mike Watts and Chris Parnell. They have performed many hours of maintenance on our apparatus as well as providing support in areas where assistance was needed with repairs to our apparatus.



Fire Department Response Information

Shown below is the total number of calls received by district and a breakdown of calls received, between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.



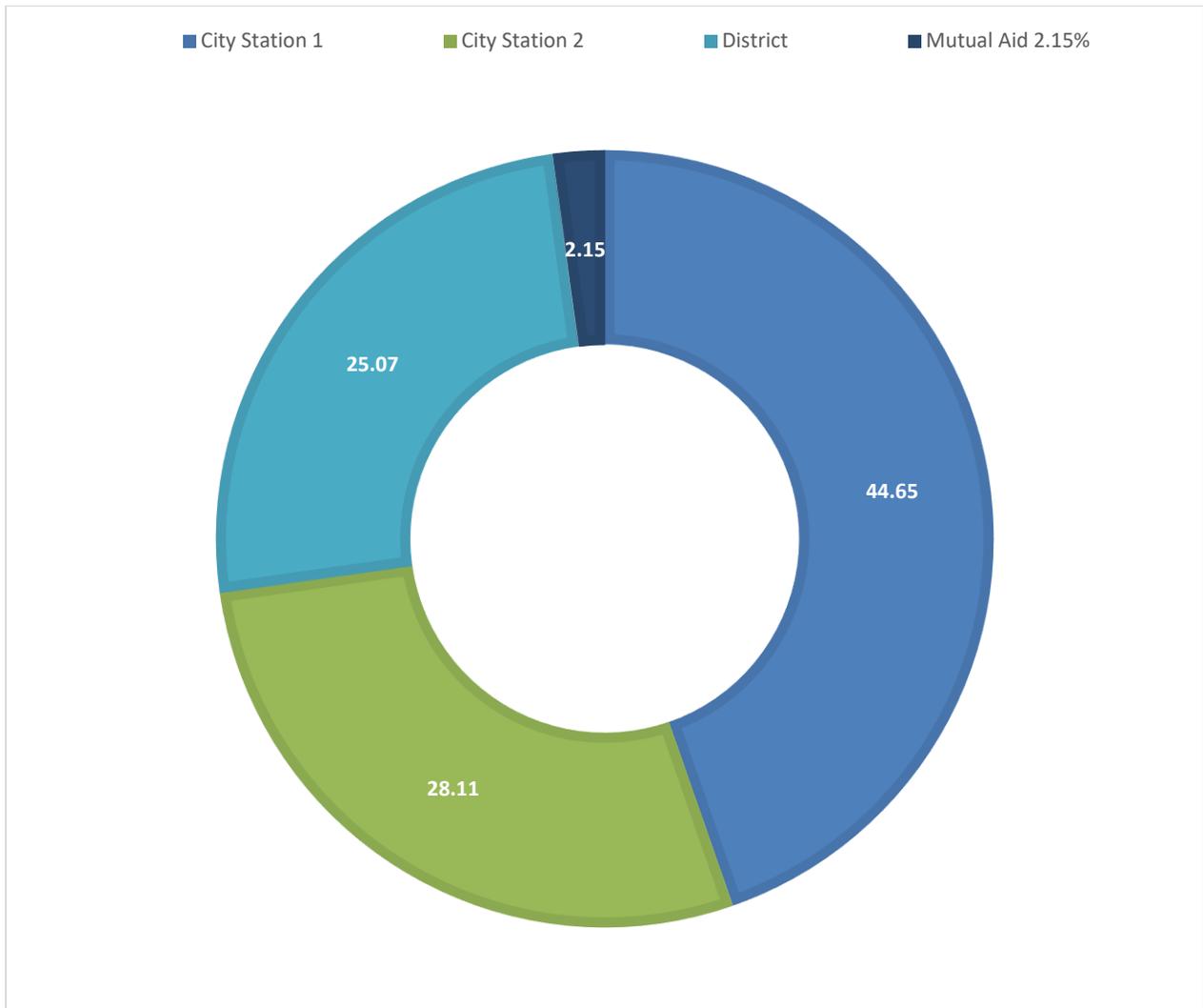
2021 Calls by District
Calls by District between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

The break down on responses from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 is as follows:

City calls for service: **1553**

District Calls for service: **535**

Mutual Aid calls for service: **46**



2021 Major structure incidents, with over \$5,000-dollar, fire department estimated loss:

January	710 Sherman Property: \$20,000 Contents: \$5,000
February	13483 Hereford Rd Property: \$90,000 Contents: \$30,000 410 N. College Property: \$20,000 Contents: \$500 515 Lafayette Property: \$30,000 Contents: \$25,000 14904 Kodiak Property: \$5000 14454 Kodiak Property: \$10,000 Contents: \$5000
March	11697 Ibex Property: \$7500 18863 Noland Lane Property: \$25,000 Contents: \$2,000
August	412 Maple Property: \$80,000 Contents: \$20,000 414 Maple Property: \$40,000 Contents: \$5,000 18462 Redbud Rd Property: \$20,000 Contents: \$3,000
September	611 Delaware St Property: \$27,500 Contents: \$5,000 611 Delaware Property: \$5,000
October	818 Jefferson Ave Property: \$80,000 Contents: \$30,000 317 ½ Brook St Property: \$40,000 Contents: \$5,000 1916 Sherry Lea Dr Property: \$30,000 Contents: \$2,500
November	400 Delaware St Property: \$20,000 Contents: \$2,000 216 W. South St Property: \$10,000 Contents: \$500 19810 Kodiak Rd. Lot 16 Property: \$98,500 Contents: \$49,000
December	432 W. McCord St Property: \$20,000 Contents: \$5,000 432 W. McCord St Property: \$5,000 Contents: \$1,000

The Neosho Fire Department / Neosho Area Fire Protection District responded to a total of 37 structure fires.

Total Estimated Value of all structure fires:	\$14,830,700.00
Total Estimated Loss:	\$1,112,400.00
Total Estimated Saved:	\$13,718,300.00
Total Estimated Percent Lost:	7.50%
Total Estimated Percent Saved:	92.50%

(Estimates for dollar loss are just an estimate from fire personnel on scene and do not reflect the actual dollar loss by the Insurance Company or Homeowner)

Fire related injuries or deaths (Civilian or Fire Personnel)

- 0**-Civilian deaths in the City or District
- 0**-Civilian injury in the City or District
- 0**-Fire personnel deaths in the City or District
- 0**-Fire personnel injury in the City or District

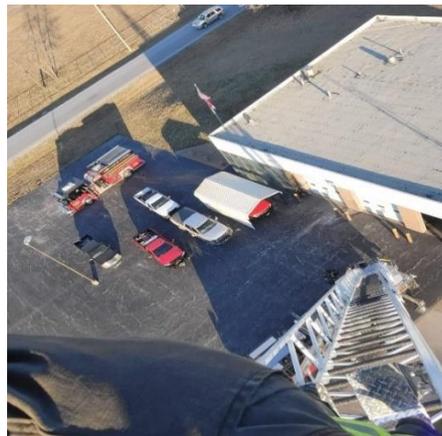
Firefighter Training:

Personnel participated in **5779.42** hours of in-house and outside department training.

We continue to train all Firefighters to be Engineers so we have the flexibility to have enough operators of the apparatus to respond to structure fires. These changes will give us more flexibility in our operations and what we can offer. We continue to provide our firefighters with the needed training, and work to bring in as much outside training as possible.

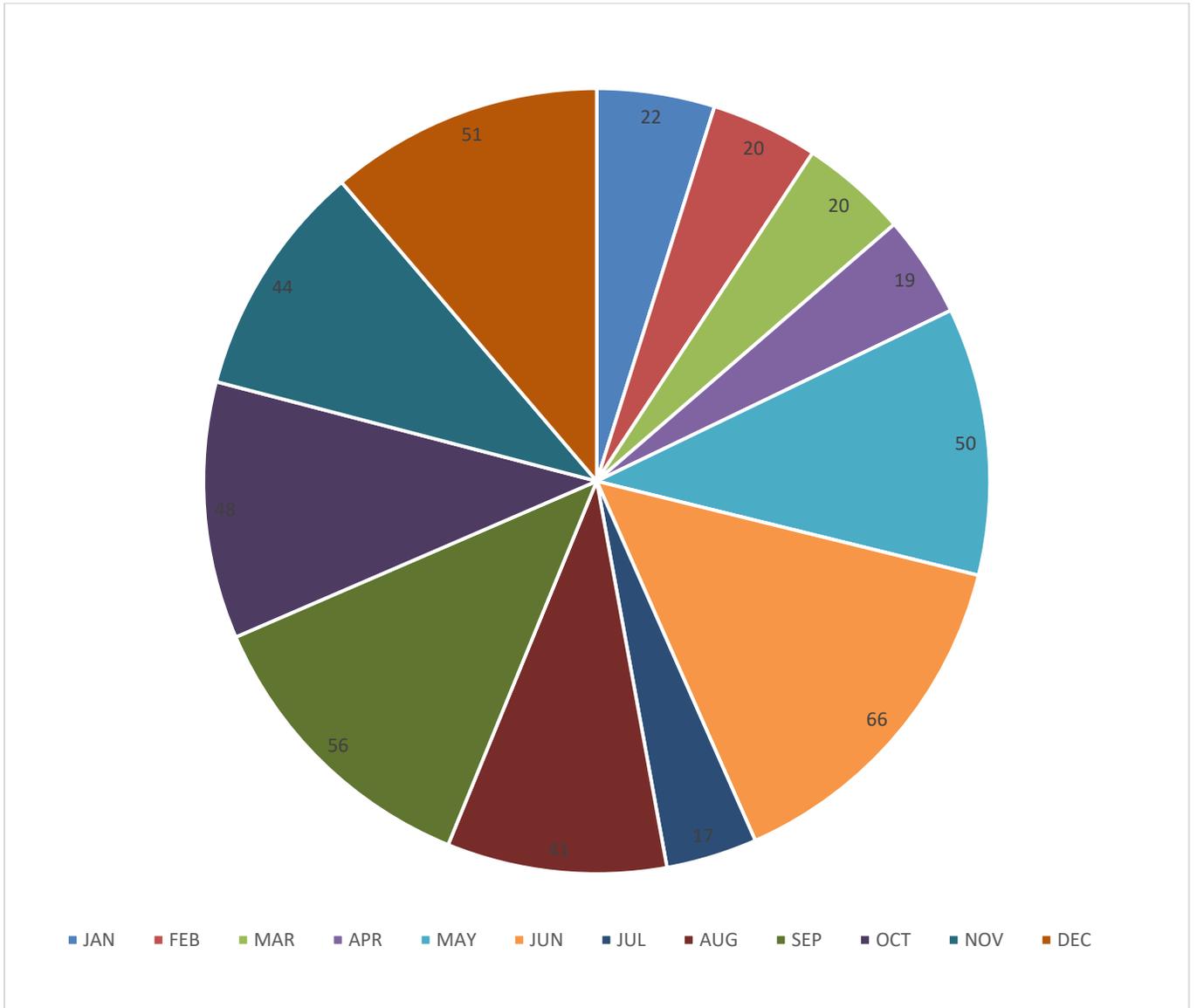
Community Training:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all fire safety talks were cancelled.



Inspections:

454 total inspections completed including reinspection's Pre-Plans, Business, Company, Industry, new construction, consultations, remodels, tent, fireworks, and burn permits.



2021 in Review:

In 2021 we continued to navigate the ever changing COVID-19 pandemic. This created several new challenges not only for the Fire Department, but for our entire city, county and state. The COVID-19 pandemic presented new challenges almost daily as we worked to protect our citizens and employees.

At the end of 2021 our Fire Chief, Jim Ledford, announced his retirement. Although we are sad to see Chief Ledford leave, we wish him the best in his new journey. We would like to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Neosho as well as the team that he led at the Neosho Fire Department. Aaron Houk joined the department as our new Fire Chief to fill the position left by Chief Ledford in December of 2021. We are very excited to welcome Fire Chief Aaron Houk to the Neosho Fire Department!

In February of 2021 we completed in service training on our SCBA's that were purchased with funds from an AFG grant. After training was completed the new equipment was placed into service.

In September of 2020 we applied for, and were awarded, a Missouri Department of Conservation grant for the Neosho Area Fire Protection District. The grant funded the purchase of a new brush skid unit. In 2021 the new unit was delivered and placed into service.

The Neosho Area Fire Protection District replace a model year 2000 tanker with a new tanker in 2021.

In 2021 the Neosho Area Fire Protection District also approved to purchase a new Engine.

In 2021 the City of Neosho approved the purchase of a new City Engine.

The Neosho Area Fire Protection District, in 2021, approved the purchase of new bunker gear for fire department personnel. This decision was made in 2021 with delivery of gear in 2022 to avoid extreme price increases.

Our department began using new training software, Target Solutions, to provide relevant education and training as well as to keep track of other trainings within the department.

We are extremely grateful to the citizens of Neosho who voted to pass a Public Safety tax. As a result we were able to purchase water rescue boats, trailers, and equipment to aid us in providing a much needed service to the citizens of Neosho and the surrounding areas. At this time, we are waiting on delivery of this equipment.

In 2021 four fire department personnel attended a basic boat operator course provided by the Missouri Highway Patrol. More personnel will be attending this training as it becomes available.

Annual Pump Testing:

Annual testing of all apparatus pumps. All city apparatus passed the annual pump testing.

Annual Ladder Testing:

Annual testing of all ladders. All ground ladders passed the inspection testing.

Community Events:

Personnel assisted with several organizations for fund raising and community assistance programs. Neosho Christmas Parade, Homecoming parade, Fourth of July activities, Boot Block for Children's Miracle Network.

Current Neosho Fire Department Employees, as of 02/16/2022.

**Administrative Assistant
Shelby Pringle**



**Fire Chief
Aaron Houk**



**Fire Marshal
Scott Maness**



**Battalion Chief
Roy Haskett**



**Battalion Chief
Kyle Rogers**



**Battalion Chief
Derek Williams**



**Captain
Lance Parsons**



**Captain
Beau Davis**



**Captain
Tim Duncan**



**Engineer
Mark Solomon**



**Engineer
Jacob Pim**



**Engineer
Travis Bracht**



**Engineer
Danny Naugle**



**Engineer
Steven Hendrix**



**Engineer
CJ Hutchens**



**Engineer
Brandon Burns**



**Engineer
Colton Tuten**



**Engineer
Luke Powell**



**Engineer
Heath Crowder**



**Engineer
Phillip Duke**



**Fire Fighter
Shawn Nance**



**Fire Fighter
Caleb Ridenour**



**Fire Fighter
Nathan Sanders**



**Fire Fighter
Zach Chapman**



**Fire Fighter
PJ Johnston**



