

# Neosho Fire Department 2024 Annual Report



## Neosho Fire Department

*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 efforts to make Neosho a safer place. In times of need, this community comes together making Neosho a better place to live, work, and visit.

## Department Facts

Fire Station 1  
125 N. College Street  
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)

<b>Staffing – 40 Hour Employees</b>	<b>Staffing – 24 Hour Employees</b>	<b>Staffing – Paid Per Call</b>
1 Fire Chief	3 Battalion Chiefs	2 Fire Fighters
1 Deputy Chief	3 Captains	
1 Administrative Assistant	12 Engineers	
	3 Fire Fighters	

**City ISO rating: 4/4X**  
**District ISO rating: 6/10**

**Fire Department Personnel Current Staff  
Year 2024**

**Administrative Staff [40 hr]**

**Fire Chief:** Aaron Houk (2021)

**Deputy Chief:** Derek Williams (2016)

**Administrative Assistant:** Shelby Pringle (2016)

**Shift Personnel – 24 on / 48 off schedule**

<b>A Shift</b>	<b>B Shift</b>	<b>C Shift</b>
Bat. Chief Lance Parsons (2015)	Bat. Chief Kyle Rogers (2003)	Bat. Chief Beau Davis (2005)
Capt. Danny Naugle (2017)	Capt. Jacob Pim (2011)	Capt. CJ Hutchens (2016)
Eng. Mark Solomon (2002)	Eng. Phillip Doke (2017)	Eng. Brandon Burns (2016)
Eng. Fred Sanders (2022)	Eng. Nate Sanders (2021)	Eng. Caleb Ridenour (2019)
Eng. Shawn Nance (2019)	Eng. Taylor Kelly (2023)	Eng. Spencer Dobbs (2024)
Eng. Jason Cockrum (2023)	Eng. Laith Hayward (2022)	Eng. Tyler Hammonds (2023)
FF Trent Vaughn (2024)	FF Zach McKee (2022)	FF Daniel Christensen (2024)

**Paid-per-Call**

Fire Fighter Steffen Wiest (2011)

Fire Fighter Eric Norris (2023)

( ) = Hire Date

# Neosho Area Fire Protection District Board of Directors

President Terry Cook  
Secretary Treasurer Greg Hickman  
Board Member Ronnie Jones





**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:**

3 Engines (2000, 2013, 2023)  
 1 Aerial 111' (2019)  
 1 Light rescue (2008)  
 1 Command vehicle (Chief) (2016)  
 4 Service unit-pickup trucks,  
 (2000, 2005, 2016, 2023)  
 1 Radio/Rehab Vehicle (MDC-1992)  
 (MDC Surplus Property)

**District:**

3 Engines (2009, 2017, 2023)  
 2 Tankers (2016, 2021)  
 1 Reserve tanker (2000)  
 3 Brush trucks (2001, 2017, 2020)  
 1 Light rescue (2009)  
 1 Command vehicle (Deputy Chief) (2022)  
 1 Flatbed trailer  
 Station 3 (13002 Ireland Lane)

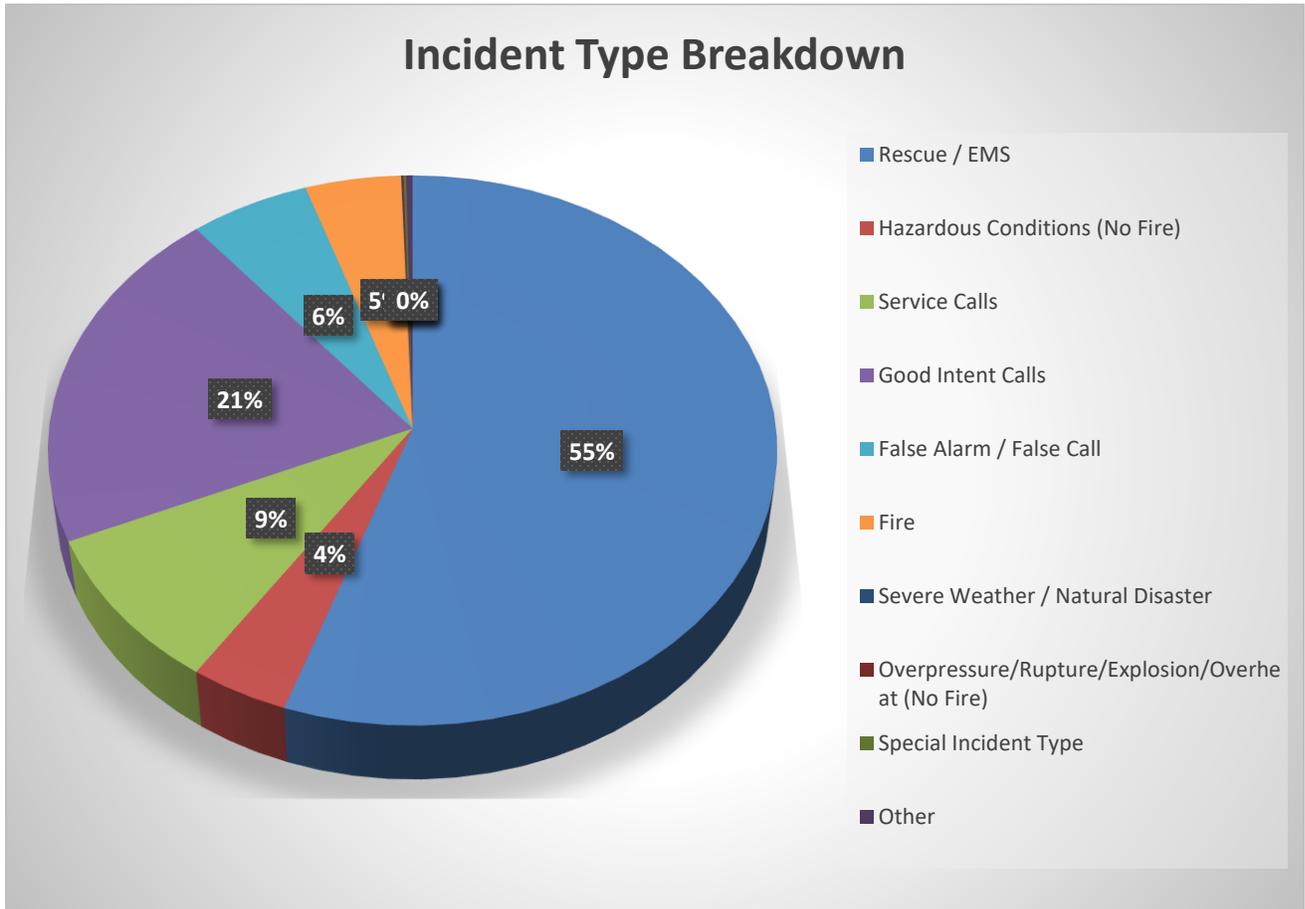
(District owned)

1 Kawasaki Mule UTV (2007)  
 (MDC Surplus Property)

## Fire Department Response Information

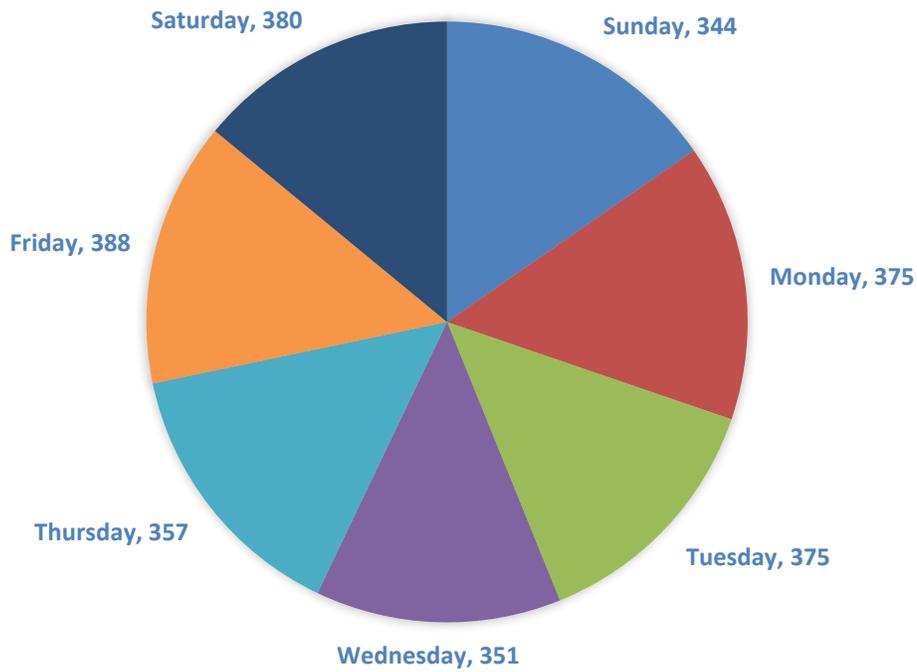
The Neosho Fire Department responded to **2570** calls for service in 2024.

Below is the total number of calls received, and a breakdown of call types, between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

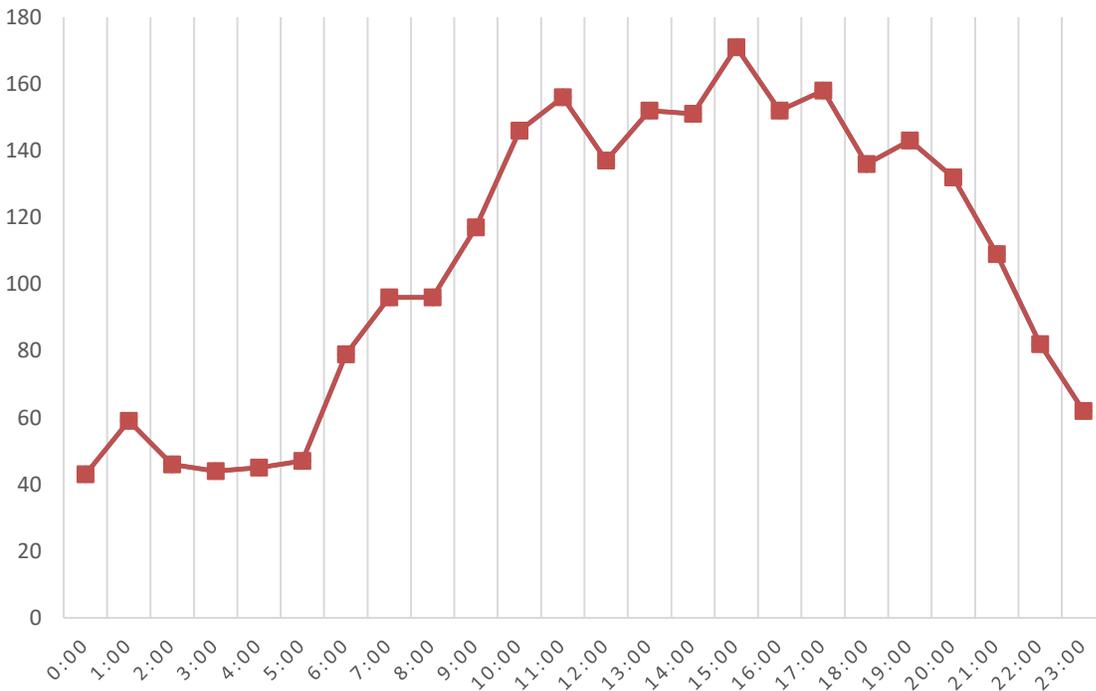


<b>1421</b>	<b>Rescue / EMS</b>
<b>105</b>	<b>Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)</b>
<b>233</b>	<b>Service Calls</b>
<b>531</b>	<b>Good Intent Calls</b>
<b>148</b>	<b>False Alarm / False Call</b>
<b>118</b>	<b>Fire</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Severe Weather / Natural Disaster</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Overpressure / Rupture / Explosion / Overheat (No Fire)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Special Incident</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Other</b>

## INCIDENT COUNT BY DAY OF WEEK



## INCIDENT COUNT BY TIME OF DAY



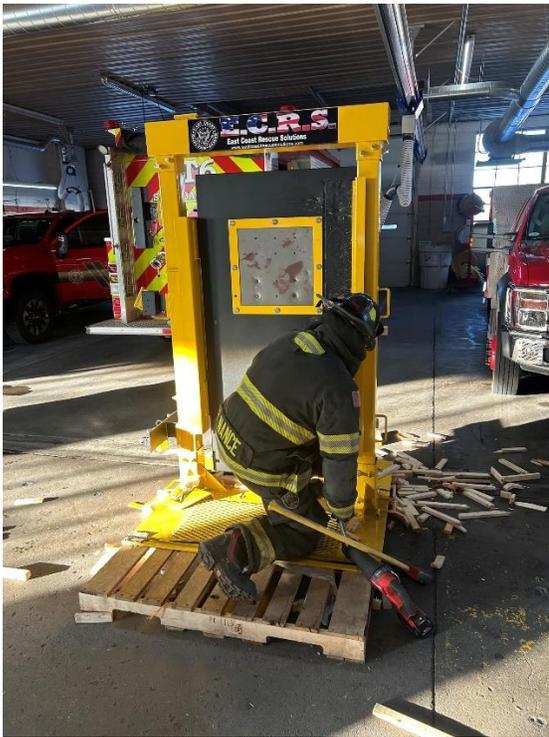
## **Inspections:**

308 inspections were completed in 2024. This total includes reinspection's pre-plans, business, company, industry, new construction, consultations, remodels, tent, fireworks, and burn permits.

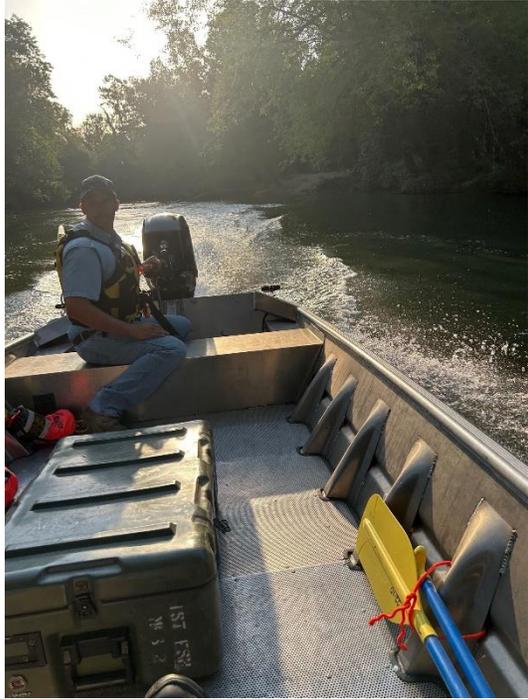
## **Firefighter Training:**

Personnel participated in approximately **225** hours of in-house and outside department training per employee.

We continue to provide our firefighters, engineers, and officers with needed training, and work to bring in as much outside training as possible.







## Community Training and Involvement:

Some examples of Community Training and Involvement that our department assisted in are extinguisher training, school fire prevention programs, informative tours of the station, fire safety talks for businesses, industry and the public, helping with fishing derbies, serving lunch at schools, etc.



## 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 have been factory trained in maintenance procedures on specific equipment, those repairs include 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 as recommended by NFPA.



## “THE DEUCE”



In February of 1924 the second motorized fire apparatus purchased by the City of Neosho, a 1923 Seagraves, known to the NFD as “The Deuce”, was delivered to the Neosho Fire Department. It was purchased by the City of Neosho for approximately \$13,000. It was sold to Stark City in the early 1960’s for \$1.00 with the agreement that when they no longer needed it, it would be sold back to the Neosho Firefighters Association, a group consisting of current and former Neosho firefighters, for the same price. It found its way back home to Neosho in 1972. Prior to 2023, it ran for the last time at the Neosho Fire Departments 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2013. In 2013, it drove onto the parking lot but had to be pushed back into the bay. That’s where it sat until 2023.

Over the years, Association members would work on it, but it wasn’t until December of 2023 that it was able to leave the station under its own power. That is all thanks to association members donating their time and money, local businesses donating parts and equipment, and citizens purchasing shirts at recent fall festivals. There were even fire department retirees that came in to offer their knowledge of the truck.

In 2024, at just over 100 years old, The Deuce finally made it to the Christmas parade!



Photo courtesy of the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce



Photo courtesy of Ryan Bogle

## Firepup

Over the past year, our community raised approximately \$4,000 through the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., with generous contributions from local businesses, individuals, and organizations. These funds were instrumental in purchasing a \$3,500 Fire Pup costume, a key asset in our fire safety education program.

Fire Pup is a friendly, approachable character designed to bring fire safety lessons to life. He actively participates in school visits, public safety events, and community outreach programs, engaging children with interactive presentations that teach them how to recognize fire hazards, respond in emergencies, and understand the importance of fire prevention. His presence not only makes learning fun but also helps instill crucial safety practices that will benefit our community for years to come.



## **2024 in Review:**

In 2024 a new District Tanker was approved for purchase.

In 2024 a tank and pump for Brush 2 was purchased thanks to a grant from Missouri Department of Conservation.

In 2024 our department continued to use the training software, Target Solutions, to provide relevant education and training, as well as to keep track of other training within the department.

In 2024 the installation of insulation and metal was completed in our south building at Station 2. This will help regulate the temperature in that building.

In 2024 two more 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.

In 2024 we put our third and fourth applicants through the Fire Fighter 1 & 2 program.

In 2024 we continue to make the health of our employees a top priority. The MagnaGrip Exhaust Removal Systems that was installed in 2023 continues to minimize exposure to diesel exhaust. Diesel exhaust has been linked to lung cancer and respiratory disease.

In 2024 our department ordered a new set of battery-operated extrication equipment. This equipment was delivered in early 2025.

In 2024 a forceable entry door prop was purchased. This training tool allows our department to simulate multiple scenarios for forcing a door, as well as pulling/cutting hinges, forcing/cutting locks, and gaining access to commercial style doors. This kind of tool allows us to have hands on training, as well as trying new methods to gain entry more effectively.

In 2024 the City made burn permits available to citizens online. It is no longer necessary to come to the fire station to obtain a burn permit.

### **Annual Pump Testing:**

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

### **Annual Ladder Testing:**

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

***We are extremely grateful to the citizens of Neosho who voted to pass a Public Safety tax. Without your support it would be much more difficult to provide the best service to the citizens of Neosho and the surrounding areas. Thank you from all of us at the Neosho Fire Department / Neosho Area Fire Protection District.***

There were several promotions within the Neosho Fire Department in 2024:

# Congratulations

**CJ Hutchens** was promoted to Captain  
**Laith Hayward** was promoted to Engineer  
**Tyler Hammonds** was promoted to Engineer  
**Spencer Dobbs** was promoted to Engineer  
**Taylor Kelly** was promoted to Engineer

## Current Neosho Fire Department Employees

Administrative Assistant  
Shelby Pringle



Fire Chief  
Aaron Houk



Deputy Chief  
Derek Williams



Battalion Chief  
Lance Parsons



Battalion Chief  
Kyle Rogers



Battalion Chief  
Beau Davis



Captain  
Danny Naugle



Captain  
Jacob Pim



Captain  
CJ Hutchens



Engineer  
Mark Solomon



Engineer  
Phillip Doke



Engineer  
Brandon Burns



Engineer  
Caleb Ridenour



Engineer  
Fred Sanders



Engineer  
Jason Cockrum



Engineer  
Nate Sanders



Engineer  
Shawn Nance



Engineer  
Laith Hayward



Engineer  
Tyler Hammonds



Engineer  
Spencer Dobbs



Engineer  
Taylor Kelly



Fire Fighter  
Zach McKee



Fire Fighter  
Trent Vaughn



Fire Fighter  
Daniel Christensen

