

Neosho Fire Department 2023 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	2 Fire Fighters
1 Deputy Chief	3 Captains	
1 Administrative Assistant	12 Engineers	
	5 Fire Fighters	

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

**Fire Department Personnel Current Staff
Year 2023**

As of 12/31/2023

Administrative Staffing [40 hr]

Fire Chief Aaron Houk (2021)

Deputy Chief Derek Williams (2016)

Administrative Assistant Shelby Pringle (2016)

Shift Personnel – 24 on / 48 off schedule

A Shift	B Shift	C Shift
Bat. Chief Lance Parsons (2015)	Bat. Chief Kyle Rogers (2003)	Bat. Chief Beau Davis (2005)
Capt. Danny Naugle (2017)	Capt. Jacob Pim (2011)	Capt. Travis Bracht (2011)
Eng. Mark Solomon (2002)	Eng. Phillip Doke (2017)	Eng. Luke Powell (2011)
Eng. Fred Sanders (2022)	Eng. CJ Hutchens (2016)	Eng. Brandon Burns (2016)
Eng. Shawn Nance (2019)	Eng. Nate Sanders (2021)	Eng. Caleb Ridenour (2019)
Eng. Jason Cockrum (2023)	Eng. Zach Chapman (2019)	Eng. Laith Hayward (2022)
FF Taylor Kelly (2023)	FF Zach McKee (2022)	FF Tyler Hammonds (2023)
FF Lee Lake (2023)	FF Shawn Burlingame (2023)	

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 (2013, 1999, 2023)
 1 Aerial 111' (2019)
 1 Light rescue (2008)
 1 Command vehicle (Chief) (2016)
 3 Service units-pickup trucks, & Air Unit
 (2005, 2001, 2016, 2023)
 1 Radio/Rehab Vehicle (MDC-1992)
 (MDC Surplus Property)

District:

3 Engines (2017, 2009, 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)

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, etc).

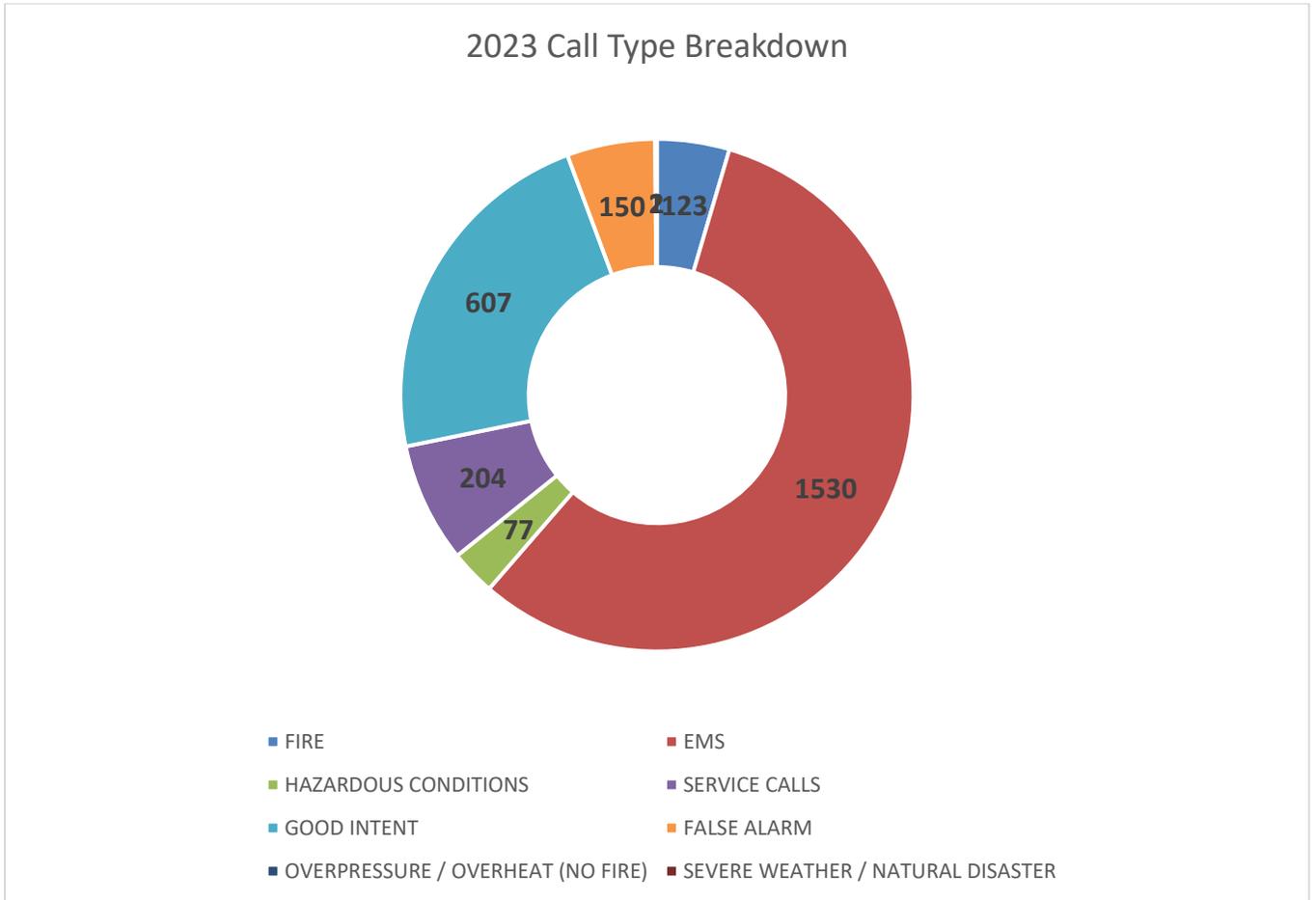
Neosho Police and Newton County Ambulance District also received specialized equipment through the program.

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

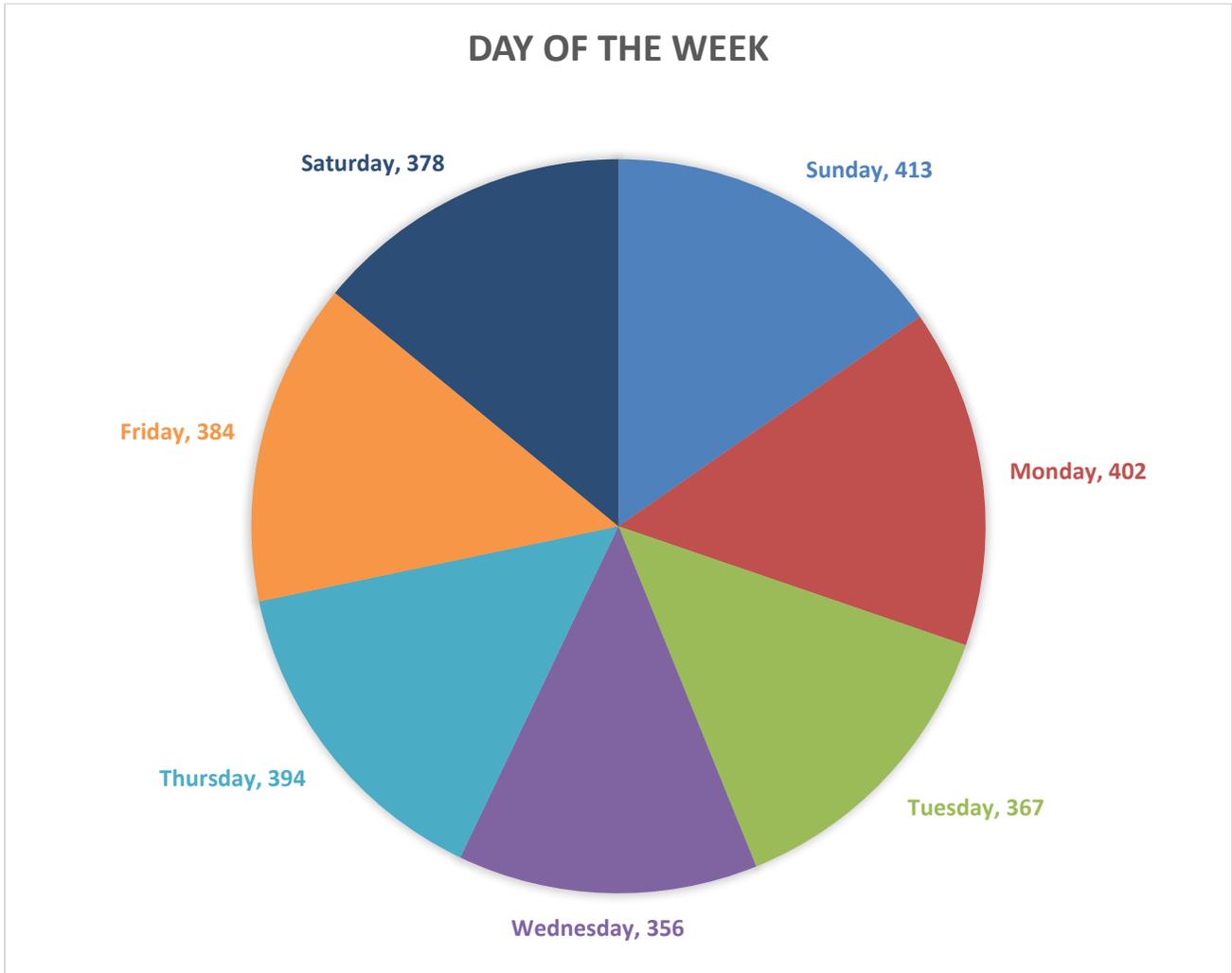
Fire Department Response Information

The Neosho Fire Department responded to **2697** calls for service in 2023.

Shown below is the total number of calls received and a breakdown of call types, between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.



Calls by Day of the Week



Inspections:

413 inspections were completed in 2023. 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 **8607.1** hours of in-house and outside department training.

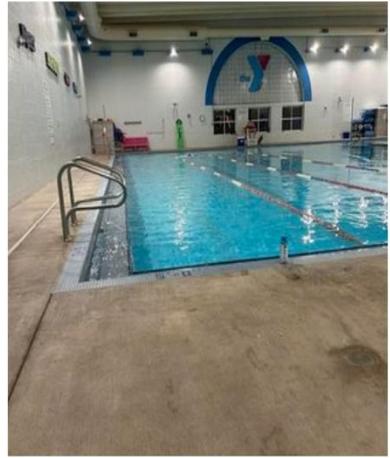
We continue to train all Firefighters to be Engineers so we have the flexibility to have enough operators of the apparatus to respond to structure fires. These changes will give us more flexibility in our operations and what we can offer. We continue to provide our firefighters with needed training,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



Training hours:
2021 = 5779.42
2022 = 8021
2023 = 8607.1









Community Training:

Some examples of Community Training 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.

Community Involvement:

We love it when we can get out and interact with our favorite people! Here are just a few pictures of some of the events we were invited to:

- Serving Lunch
- Fire Assemblies
- Spray the kids
- Guns & Hoses Basketball Game





Community

We are so thankful to the citizens, businesses, and community groups in and around the City of Neosho. You have shown your generosity over and over again!! Here are just a few pictures of the thoughtful gifts from our friends!



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, 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, Danny Murphy and Gary Denny. 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.



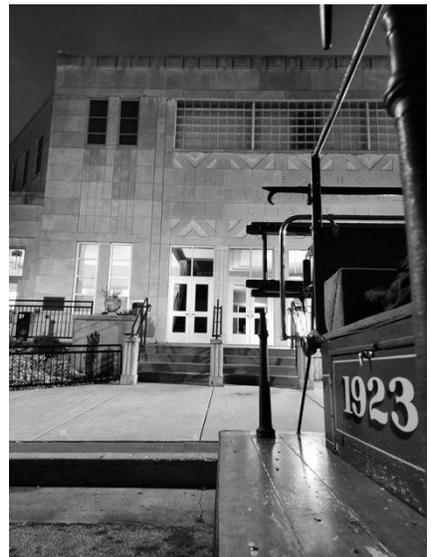


In February of 1924 the second motorized fire apparatus purchased by the City of Neosho, a 1923 Seagraves, known to the NFD as “The Deuce”, was delivered to the Neosho Fire Department. It was purchased by the City of Neosho for approximately \$13,000. It was sold to Stark City in the early 1960’s for \$1.00 with the agreement that when they no longer needed it, it would be sold back to the City of Neosho for the same price. It found its way back home to Neosho in 1972. From what I have been told, it ran for the last time at the Neosho Fire Departments 125th anniversary celebration in 2013. I was told that 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 (O’Reilly, Bumper to Bumper, TH Rogers, Booyer’s Welding) donating parts and equipment, and citizens purchasing shirts at recent fall festivals. Huge thank you to Guthry’s Machine Shop for all of their work on the water pump. They donated their time and materials, putting in over 30 hours of work into this project. There were even fire department retirees that came in to offer their knowledge of the truck. We are all very excited to have “The Deuce” up and running again!!







2023 in Review:

In 2023 the new District Engine, that was approved for purchase in 2021, was delivered and placed in service.

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In 2023 the Neosho Area Fire Protection District sold a reserve Engine (1996).

In 2023 the City of Neosho approved the purchase of a new rescue truck.

In 2023 our department continued to use the training software, Target Solutions, to provide relevant education and training, as well as to keep track of other trainings within the department.

In 2023 insulation and metal were installed in our south building at Station 2. This will help regulate the temperature in that building.

In 2023 three 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 2023 we put our second applicant through the Fire Fighter 1 & 2 program offered by Missouri Department of Public Safety.

In 2023 MagnaGrip Exhaust Removal Systems installed an exhaust systems at Station 1 and Station 2. This will help to eliminate exposure to diesel exhaust. Diesel exhaust has been linked to lung cancer and respiratory disease.

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 2023:



Derek Williams was promoted to Deputy Chief
Lance Parsons was promoted to Battalion Chief
Beau Davis was promoted to Battalion Chief
Jacob Pim was promoted to Captain
Travis Bracht was promoted to Captain
Danny Naugle was promoted to Captain
Fred Sanders was promoted to Engineer
Laith Hayward was promoted to Engineer
Shawn Nance was promoted to Engineer
Zach Chapman was promoted to Engineer
Jason Cockrum was promoted to Engineer

Current Neosho Fire Department Employees, as of 12/31/2023.

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
Travis Bracht



Engineer
Mark Solomon



Engineer
Luke Powell



Engineer
Phillip Doke



Engineer
CJ Hutchens



Engineer
Brandon Burns



Engineer
Caleb Ridenour



Engineer
Nate Sanders



Engineer
Fred Sanders



Engineer
Shawn Nance



Engineer
Zach Chapman



Engineer
Laith Hayward



Engineer
Jason Cockrum



Fire Fighter
Zach McKee



Fire Fighter
Tyler Hammonds



Fire Fighter
Taylor Kelly



Fire Fighter
Shawn Burlingame



Fire Fighter
Lee Lake

