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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Thank you for taking the time to review the Park City Fire Service District (PCFD) annual report. We have intended to provide a snapshot of the dedication and hard work the men and women of the fire district are doing to provide the best service possible to the community.

2024 was the first full year the two other fire agencies in Summit County began operating their own EMS system, each having their own license. The County's other two fire districts are now combination Fire/EMS departments. PCFD has worked with these smaller departments, providing support, equipment, and automatic mutual aid. This collaboration allows the two smaller rural fire districts to expand and better serve their communities as they experience growth now and into the future. The changes in EMS has brought financial and operational efficiencies to our community. Our goal remains to keep PCFD firefighters and EMTs trained at the highest standards, ensuring that our knowledge, skills, and abilities are sharp and crews ready to serve.

Additionally, in 2024 the Park City Fire District Training Division continued to focus on advancing firefighter and EMS education, with a key highlight being its robust Critical Care Program. This program ensures our personnel are equipped to provide the highest level of prehospital care in the state. The Training Division successfully completed another 13-week recruit camp, producing 10 highly trained recruits ready to serve the community. Through innovative training and a commitment to excellence, the division maintains its role as a leader in emergency services preparation.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have several exciting projects: the delivery of a new fire apparatus and new ambulances along with a refurbished ambulance, the acquisition of improved radio communication equipment and the integration of the statewide P-25 digital upgrades, and the continued development of the Critical Care Paramedic Program. Additionally, we plan to move forward with the relocation and construction of Station #35 on the Cline Dahle property.

This new location will expand our service to both residents and businesses, while also reducing response times. The new fire station will also better accommodate our firefighters and equipment needs. PCFD is always progressing and remains committed to meeting the increased service demands of our community.

In addition to responding to fire and medical emergencies, we prepare ourselves as an "All Hazard" response team. Our crews are ready to respond to a wide variety of emergencies, including trail rescue, trench rescue, heavy rescue, above-grade rescue, animal rescue, hazardous material incident mitigation, confined space rescue, earthquakes, collapses, and many other calls. We ensure our personnel are equipped with the most modern tools and apparatus available, enabling us to respond safely and efficiently to the thousands of emergency calls we receive each year.

Whether you are visiting or living in our community, you'll likely encounter our crews responding to emergencies, training, or perhaps enjoying a local coffee shop. Your feedback and support are invaluable to us, and we are committed to continuing to enhance the services we provide. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact us. Be safe while enjoying the many activities our community offers!

Please visit our website to learn more about PCFD: www.pcfcd.org.



Bob Zanetti
Fire Chief, Park City Fire District



“The mission of the Park City Fire Service District is to enhance the quality of life for those we serve, safeguard the environment and economic base of our communities, make a positive difference, and provide excellence in service.”



OPERATIONS DIVISION

This year, the PCFD Wildland Team deployed multiple times in response to wildfires across the western United States. Our wildland firefighters played a crucial role in fire suppression and structure protection efforts, assisting in large-scale incidents that threatened communities and natural resources. Their expertise and dedication continue to enhance the District's ability to manage wildland fire threats locally while also contributing to national firefighting efforts.

In addition to our wildland deployments, PCFD members of Utah Task Force 1 deployed to Tennessee in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene to assist in rescue and recovery operations. Our personnel worked alongside other specialized teams to provide life-saving search and rescue in severely impacted areas. PCFD's commitment to disaster response highlights the District's role in both regional and national emergency efforts.

PCFD remains dedicated to providing paramedic services to all of Summit County, including ongoing support to North Summit Fire District and South Summit Fire District. Our highly trained paramedics continue to deliver advanced pre-hospital care, ensuring that

all areas of the county receive the highest level of emergency medical response. This collaboration strengthens emergency medical services throughout the county, improving patient outcomes and public safety for the community.

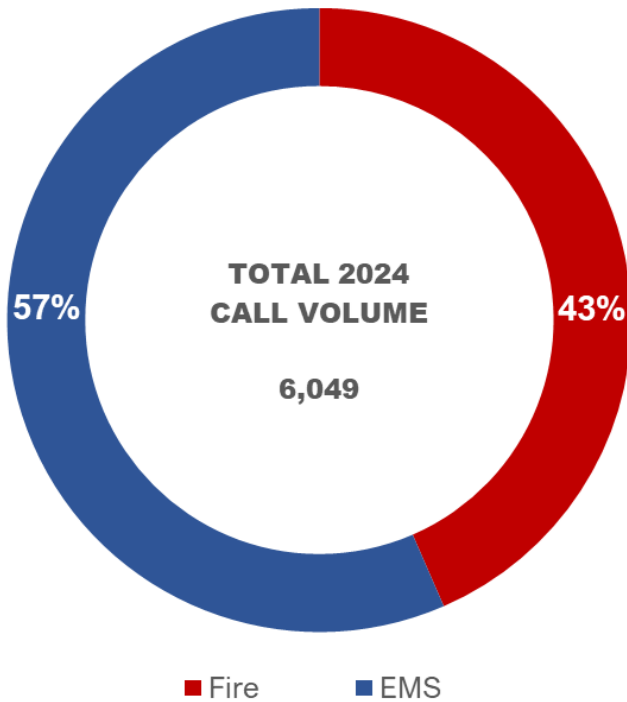
A major milestone this year was the completion and reopening of Station 34, which has now been fully renovated to better serve the community and our crews. The updated station provides improved living quarters, enhanced training spaces, and modernized apparatus bays to support efficient emergency response operations. Crews have successfully moved in and are operating from the facility, ensuring continued coverage of the surrounding area.

Additionally, PCFD expanded its wildland firefighting capabilities with the addition of a new Type 3 apparatus. This specialized engine is designed for off-road and remote-area firefighting, enhancing our ability to respond to wildland fires both locally and on deployments. The addition of this apparatus further strengthens our wildland response program and ensures we are equipped to meet the increasing demands of wildfire incidents.

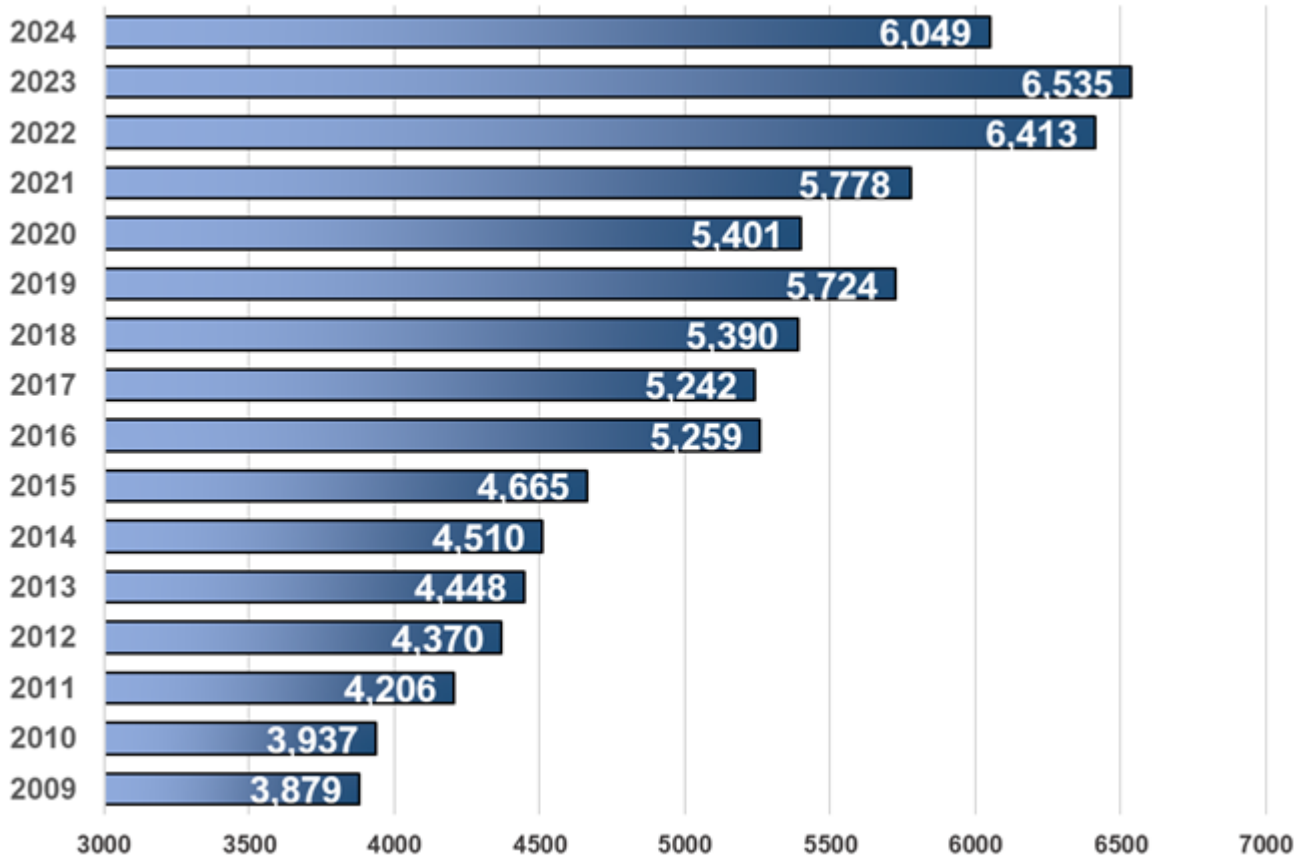


RESPONSE STATISTICS

CALL VOLUME



TOTAL CALLS BY YEAR



FINANCIALS & TRANSPARENCY

Park City Fire Service District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 14,579,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,579,256
Fee-in-lieu	230,668	-	-	230,668
Interest income	414,394	668,087	38,260	1,120,741
Other income	6,080,160	-	-	6,080,160
Grants and donations	72,739	-	-	72,739
Fees and permits	359,800	-	243,227	603,027
Miscellaneous revenue	<u>1,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,216</u>
Total revenues	<u>21,738,233</u>	<u>668,087</u>	<u>281,487</u>	<u>22,687,807</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Personnel:				
Salaries and wages	10,988,695	-	-	10,988,695
Fringe benefits	4,633,483	-	-	4,633,483
Operations	2,265,413	-	-	2,265,413
General and administrative	269,976	399,402	2,535	671,913
Capital outlay	946,443	2,714,470	-	3,660,913
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	867,475	867,475
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,587</u>	<u>22,587</u>
Total expenditures	<u>19,104,010</u>	<u>3,113,872</u>	<u>892,597</u>	<u>23,110,479</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>2,634,223</u>	<u>(2,445,785)</u>	<u>(611,110)</u>	<u>(422,672)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of assets	210,750	-	-	210,750
Operating transfers	<u>(2,000,645)</u>	<u>3,057,251</u>	<u>(1,056,606)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,789,895)</u>	<u>3,057,251</u>	<u>(1,056,606)</u>	<u>210,750</u>
Net change in fund balances	844,328	611,466	(1,667,716)	(211,922)
Fund balances – beginning of year	<u>13,223,293</u>	<u>12,783,566</u>	<u>2,277,153</u>	<u>28,284,012</u>
Fund balances – end of year	<u>\$ 14,067,621</u>	<u>\$ 13,395,032</u>	<u>\$ 609,437</u>	<u>\$ 28,072,090</u>

* This is the final 2023 audited financial statement. The 2024 audited statement will be available after June 2025.

The Park City Fire District is open and accountable to the community it serves. All aspects of the PCFD budget and financials are public record in the effort toward total transparency and accountability. PCFD's website provides a link to download our current budget, as well as a link to the Utah State Auditor's website where our audit reports and financial information can be reviewed. Our 2023 independent audit was a clean audit with no adjustments or findings.

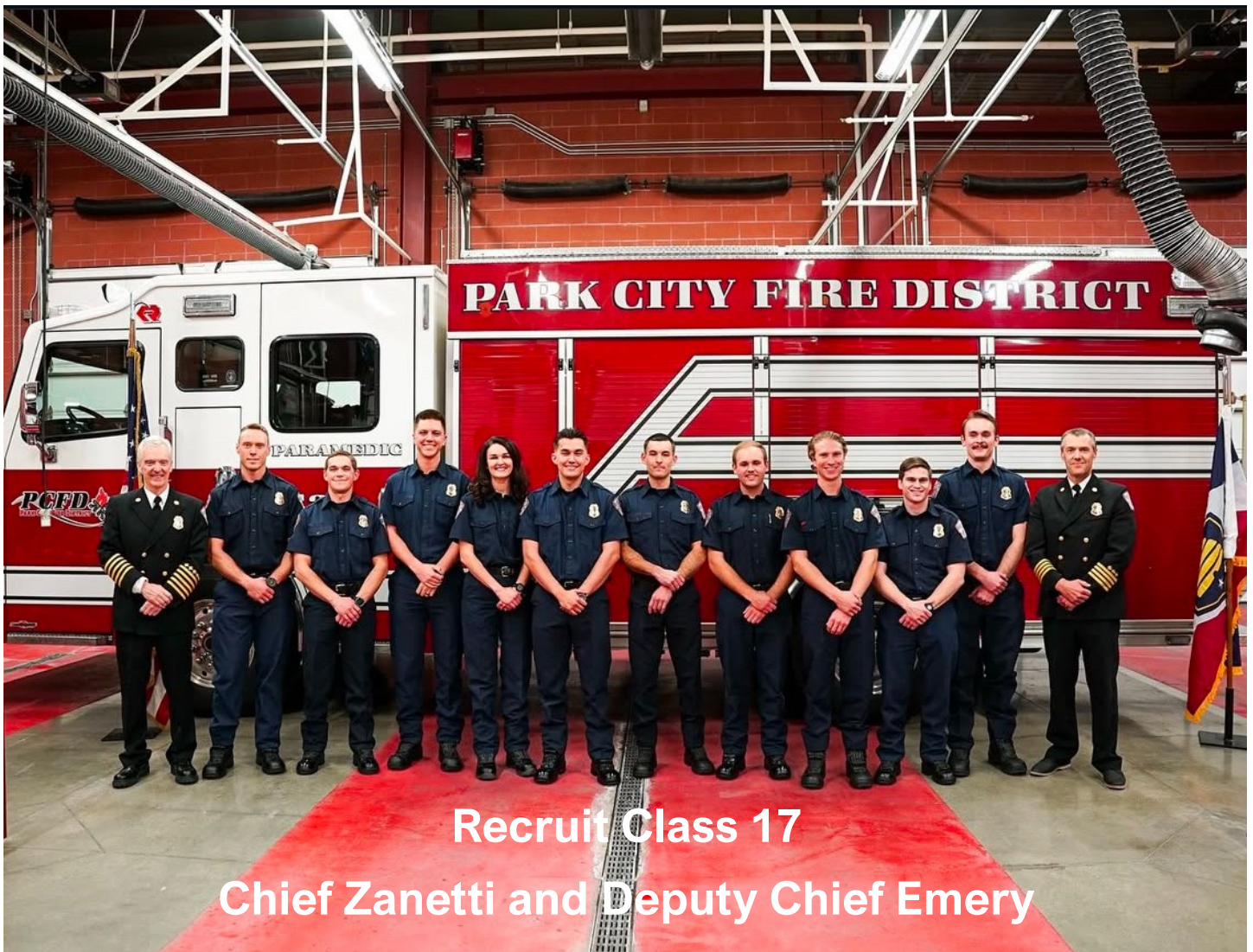
PCFD is a member of the Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD), which promotes the proper and efficient operation of all special service districts in the State of Utah. Every year PCFD administrative staff and members of the PCFD Administrative Control Board take open meetings training provided by the UASD which is certified by the State Auditor's Office.

RECRUITING

The Park City Fire District offers a challenging and rewarding career in emergency services which includes firefighter/EMT, firefighter/paramedic, and our newly added positions of non-fire EMT and non-fire paramedic. The job of a firefighter is physically demanding. Firefighters must be in good physical condition, both at the time of hire and throughout their career. Our personnel enjoy an excellent working environment, highly competitive wages and benefits, paid leave, and employer-paid Utah State Retirement. Park City and the surrounding areas are some of the most picturesque mountainous terrain in the world. Off shift, our personnel enjoy many outdoor activities including over 400 miles of single-track trails in our District.

Once hired as a Park City firefighter, EMT, or paramedic, many new opportunities to test for different positions and specialties will be available. You will have the opportunity to earn many certifications as well as opportunities to promote during your tenure. PCFD offers a career full of exciting challenges.

We invite you to join our family and become a Park City firefighter, EMT, or paramedic. You can find more information about PCFD firefighter testing on our website at www.pcfid.org. After learning about this exciting opportunity, please fill out a job interest card using the following link: [PCFD Job Interest Card](#).

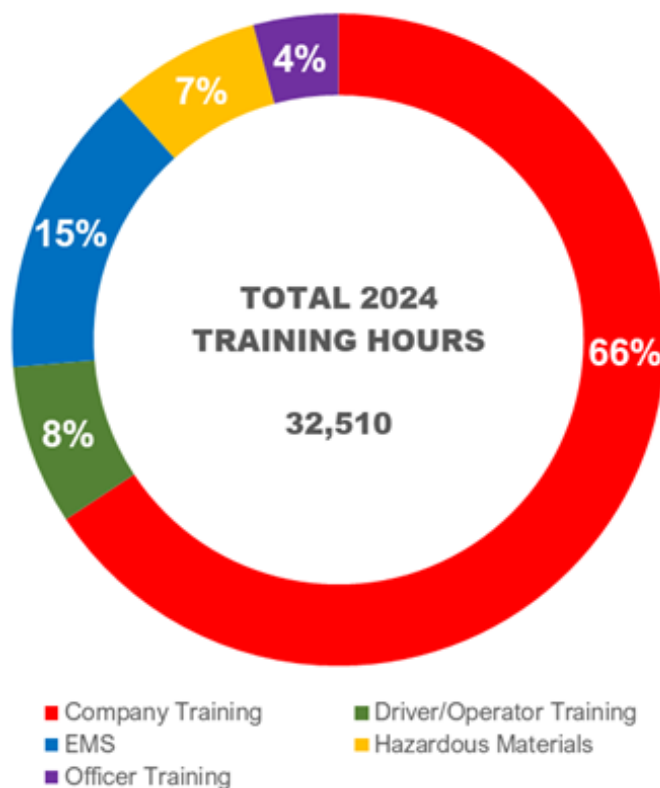


TRAINING DIVISION

Emergency Medical Services

PCFD utilizes the Medical Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (MKSA) program to deliver comprehensive EMS training. Developed in-house, the MKSA program meets the requirements of both the State of Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the National Emergency Medical Services standards. PCFD personnel complete a minimum of 60 hours of

medical training annually, exceeding the 30-hour requirement set by the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. The MKSA program integrates seamlessly with the Training Division's curriculum, which includes lectures, EMS labs, and spot evaluations to ensure proficiency and operational readiness.



Critical Care Team and Rapid Sequence Intubation

In 2024, PCFD fully integrated the Critical Care Program across the District, marking significant progress in our scope of practice. We successfully completed two Rapid Sequence Intubations (RSIs) and continued to enhance our Critical Care Paramedics (CCPMs) capabilities. These enhancements include

the acquisition of new equipment and the addition of four new medications: calcium gluconate, oxytocin, ipratropium bromide, and magnesium sulfate. Notably, two successful RSI procedures have been performed since the integration.

TRAINING DIVISION

Fire Training

In 2024, PCFD employees continue to utilize the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) program for comprehensive fire training. This program includes 19 sections covering essential fire service skills, from hydrant operations to incident command structure. Each month, specific KSA sections are assigned to all PCFD crews. Station captains have a month to review and sign off on their crew members' completion of the assigned KSAs. In the following month, the Training Officer conducts spot checks on selected KSAs from the prior month's assignments. These evaluations ensure consistent skill proficiency across the department and maintain operational readiness.



In December 2024, PCFD proudly graduated 10 new firefighters from Recruit Camp 17. This 13-week program provided recruits with rigorous training and certifications, including Utah State Firefighter I and II, Hazmat Awareness, Apparatus Driver Operator, Aerial Apparatus Operator, Hazmat Operations, and National Registry Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. This cohort exemplifies PCFD's commitment to excellence in training and service delivery.



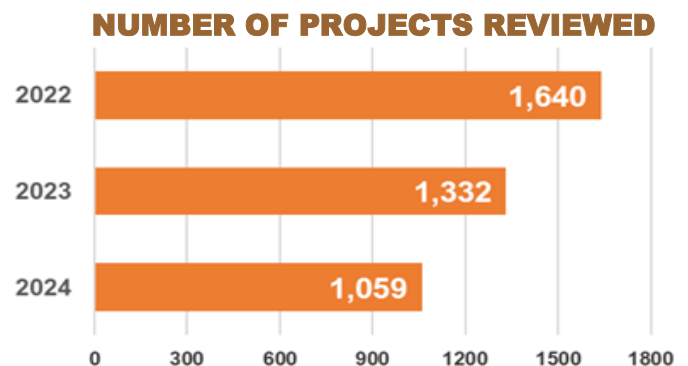
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Fire Prevention Bureau Responsibilities

- Plan review, permit issuance, inspecting and performing acceptance test of:
 - Fire sprinkler systems
 - Fire alarm systems
 - Specialized engineered fire protection and detection systems
 - Smoke control systems
- Detailed water supply analysis
- Interpretations of fire code questions for design professionals
- Plan review and issuance of project clearance for new construction
- Plan review and issuance of project clearance for photovoltaic (solar panels) installations
- Business license and nightly rental inspections for new businesses
- Inspections of new construction with fire and life safety systems
- Issuance of operational permits for activities regulated by the International Fire Code
- Investigation of fires to determine origin and cause
- Publication of operating policies and fire safety info bulletins

Fire and Life Safety Plan Review of New Construction and Tenant Improvements

The Fire Prevention Bureau reviews construction documents to determine compliance with the International Fire and Building Codes as well as all local codes, ordinances, standards, and regulations. This includes plan review of building sites for adequate fire department access, hydrant locations, adequate fire flow, egress and exiting analysis, and requirements for fire and life safety systems such as fire sprinkler and alarm systems.

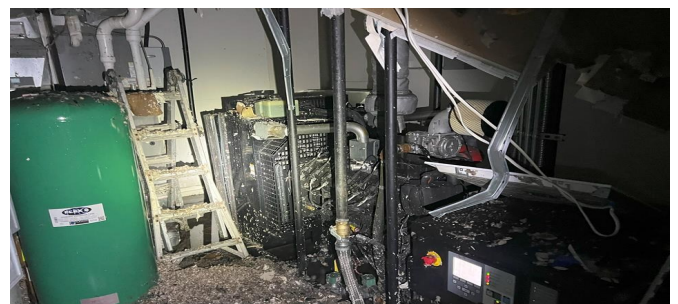


Fire Investigation Team

The Fire Investigation Team is under the direction of the Fire Prevention Bureau. All inspectors in the Fire Prevention Bureau have become certified fire investigators. Additionally, several on-duty firefighters are certified as fire investigators. This year, PCFD investigated 12 significant fires with a range of causes. The most common cause of accidental fire was BBQs and cooking, followed by construction. One minor civilian injury was reported, and no firefighter injuries were reported.

In 2024, PCFD successfully prevented an estimated \$68.2 million in property loss through effective fire-fighting and fire investigation efforts. This figure includes the value of structure fires where PCFD con-

ducted thorough fire investigations. Notably, two high risk target hazards were among the incidents, buildings whose loss would have had a substantial economic impact on the community and its residents. Total fire losses in the PCFD area for 2024 are estimated to be \$12.9 million. It should be noted that \$12.5 million of those losses was to one structure.

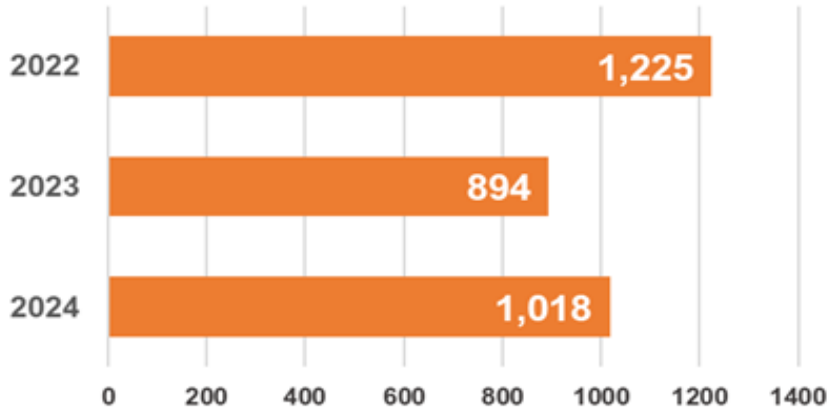


FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

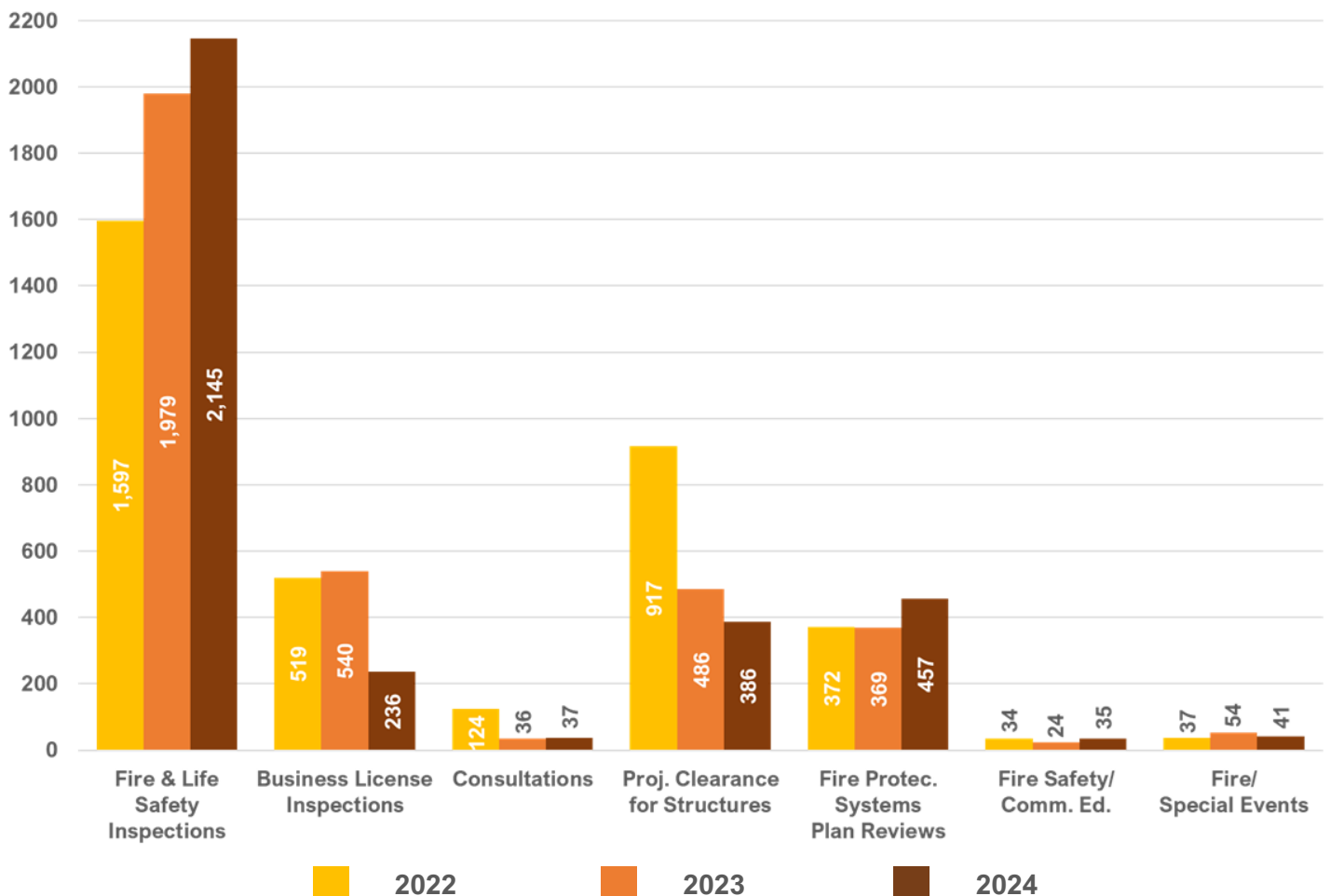
Public Education

This year, PCFD focused on evacuation plans in business and multi-family residences. Using National Fire Protection Association guidelines, we gave presentations to schools and interested community groups and businesses. We also met with HOAs to discuss wildfire fuel mitigation and home emergency preparedness.

REGISTERED PILES PROCESSED THROUGH CHIPPING PROGRAM



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ACTIVITIES



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

EMS

PCFD is committed to providing exemplary EMS services through continuous evaluation and innovation in life-saving practices and equipment. Each day, the district staffs 4 advanced EMT ambulances and 1 paramedic critical care ambulance across 110 square miles. These units respond to 911 calls, recreational areas, and medical facilities to assist and transport sick or injured patients. Paramedics are positioned throughout Park City to handle high-acuity emergencies requiring advanced care. EMS responses account for approximately 60% of PCFD’s annual call volume. In 2024, PCFD pursued

advancements in critical care response and prioritized collaboration with local hospitals and medical stakeholders to improve patient outcomes and care coordination.

2024 Grant Funding	
State of Utah Mental Health	\$ 2,332
State of Utah Rural EMS	\$ 18,050
BEMS Per Capita	\$ 28,951
Utah Homeland Security	\$ 45,000
<u>BEMS Competitive</u>	<u>\$ 175,406</u>
Total	\$ 269,739

Community Education

PCFD continues to provide American Heart Association (AHA) CPR, First Aid, and Emergency Cardiac Care courses to the community. These monthly classes teach participants how to assess and respond to

critical emergencies until EMS personnel arrive. The transition to an online learning platform has improved accessibility and efficiency, with skills taught in small, individualized groups.

Logistics

Maintenance of our facilities is imperative to maintaining operational readiness. Preventative maintenance of the seven staffed PCFD stations, logistics warehouse, and fleet services buildings is always an on-going process with the goal of creating an efficient and functional workplace for our staff that supports the culture of PCFD.

items are checked and maintained more than once a year, improving the longevity and functionality of equipment.

In 2024 personnel began using software to manage and track work order requests, as well as track the financial aspects of maintenance such as costs and proper funds allocation. It allows users to schedule recurring maintenance tasks, ensuring that critical

PCFD also uses software to track medical supplies and manage inventory for the District's medical needs. It enables supplies to be properly tracked, reducing waste and ensuring that necessary supplies are always available. This automation reduces errors and saves time in inventory management. It also helps monitor the cost of medical supplies, making it easier to manage budgets and reduce unnecessary expenditures.

Information Technology Progress

- **Cybersecurity:** Strengthened HIPAA compliance, added two-factor authentication for Microsoft 365, and improved asset tracking (inventory increased from 116 to 443).
- **Network Modernization:** Replaced 19 Wi-Fi access points and 9 ethernet switches, improving outdated infrastructure.
- **Radio Management:** Built a comprehensive inventory of 80 P25 radios, replaced 28 obsolete units, updated 52 radios, and conducted 223 reprogramming events and 84 firmware updates.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Promotions

Battalion Chief



Joe Sharrar

Captain



Shaun Brigdon



Jeff Pauline

Paramedic



Jack Anderson



Matt Bouffard

Engineer



Spencer King



Dan Nord



Patrick Wells

2024 Recruit Class — Graduation Date December 5, 2024



Courtney Bailey



Andrew Bradley



Sean Canterbury



Wes Hedgecock



Peter Miller



Noah Putt



Rob Sharrar



Cole Smyth



Brennan Tuttle



Gabriel Webb

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Retirements



Battalion Chief
Scott Greenwood



Captain
Isaac Morfin



Engineer
Tor Boschen

Awards

Outstanding Crew Station 31 B



Captain
Ryan Chadwick



Engineer
Derek Hoke



Engineer
Patrick Wells



Firefighter
Russell Buhecker



Firefighter
Dusty Kerns



Firefighter
Jonathan Price

Chief's Award



Fire Marshal
Mike Owens

Firefighter of the Year



Paramedic
Sam Robison

EMS Responder of the Year



Paramedic
Michael Dean

Incident of the Year



74-Year-Old Burn Victim — Successful RSI

Battalion Chief Darren Nelson; Captains Eric Hintze and Jonathan Jahp; Paramedics Steve Carroll, Adam Paulson, Logan Rodriguez, and Anna Coles; Engineers Tim Briley, Evan Esquivel, and Colin Higgins; and Firefighters Bryson Allison and TJ Egbert

Community Service



Firefighter
Russell Buhecker



Firefighter
Taylor Hart



Park City Fire Service District Administrative Control Board



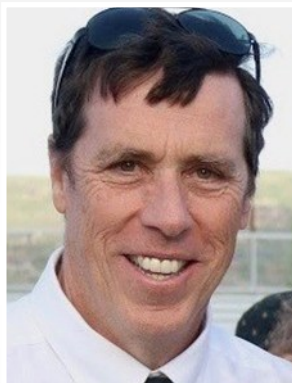
Chair
Jeremy Rubell



Vice Chair
Alex Butwinski



Treasurer
Christina Miller



Secretary
John Hanrahan



Member
Steve Briley

Park City Fire District is supported by a board of commissioners, four who are appointed by Summit County and one member from within the District who is appointed by Park City. This board is focused on ensuring PCFD not only meets but exceeds the needs of its communities and service areas, as well as supporting our operations to all areas served.



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