



Appleton Fire Department

2021 Annual Report

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Message from Fire Chief Hansen



It is my pleasure to present the 2021 Appleton Fire Department Annual Report. This report provides history, activities, and the resulting statistical data for the year. This data is continuously examined throughout the year and is utilized to enhance our service delivery to the community. We are privileged to serve each citizen and visitor in our community. We are also exceptionally proud to provide the highest level of fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials, water rescue, and technical rescue emergency response. In conjunction with our fire inspection, prevention, and public education programming, we strive each day to meet our mission of protecting the community with exceptional service.

The men and women of the Department responded to a historical high of 6,841 incidents during 2021. This represents an increase of 15.7% from last year. As our community continues to grow and our environment changes, our responsibility to provide the highest level of service is unyielding. The Appleton Fire Department, and the services we provide, will continue to adapt to effectively meet the challenges found within our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hansen'.

Jeremy J. Hansen, M.S., EFO, NRP
Fire Chief

Our Partners

A special 'thank you' goes out to our community partners:
Outagamie County Community Emergency Response Team
Outagamie County Communications Center
Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue
Grand Chute Fire Department
Gold Cross Ambulance
American Red Cross



Mission

With our partners, the Appleton Fire Department protects the community with exceptional service.

Vision

Pursuing excellence and enhancing the quality of life in Appleton and our regional community.

Core Values

Partnership
Respect
Integrity
Diversity
Excellence

9324's Crew

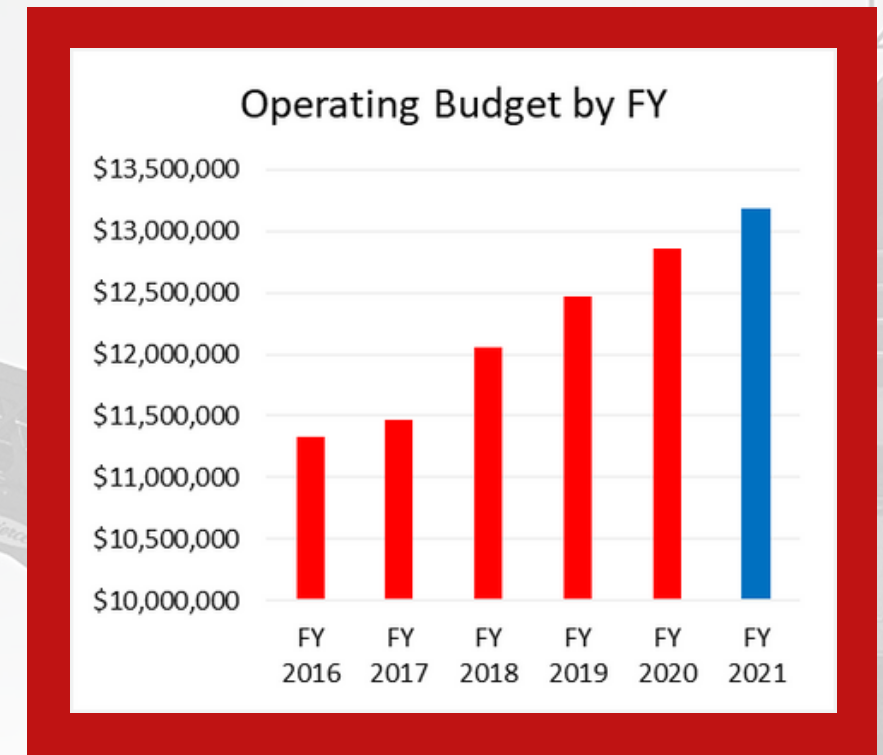
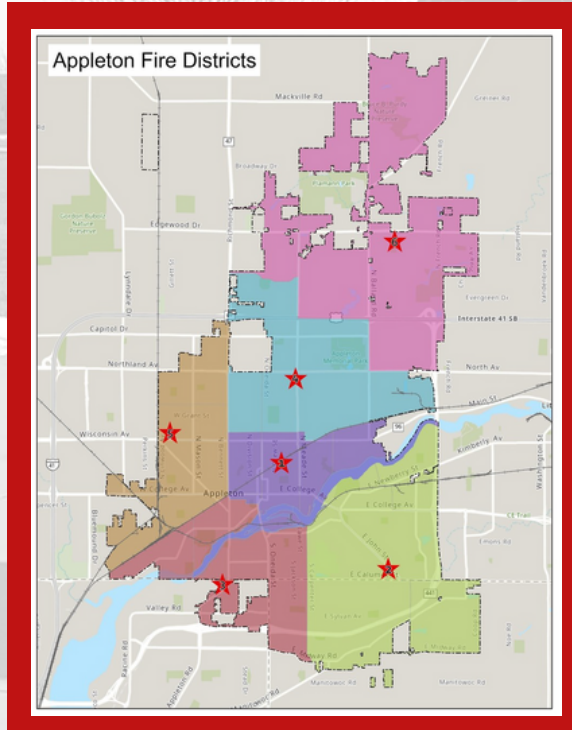


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Fire Department Information

Total Calls	6,841	Total False Alarms	540
		Malicious False Alarms	12
		System Malfunction	166
Total Fires	106	Unintentional False Alarms	296
Structure Fires	59	Other False Alarms	66
Vehicle Fires	21		
Brush/Grass Fires	8	Total Severe Weather/ Natural Disaster	4
Other Fires	18		
Overpressure/ Overheat	53	Total Special Incident Type	1

Total EMS and Rescue Calls	5,180
EMS Calls	4,932
Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	112
Other Medical Incidents	136
Total Hazardous Conditions	317
Total Service Calls	319
Total Good Intent Calls	321



Operating Budget FY 2021		
Program Area	Cost (\$)	% of Budget
Fire Suppression	\$9,776,162	74.12%
Fire Prevention	\$1,297,018	9.83%
Emergency Medical Services	\$707,085	5.36%
Administration	\$571,993	4.34%
Technical Services	\$421,970	3.20%
Resource Development	\$246,202	1.87%
Special Operations	\$168,735	1.28%
Total	\$13,189,165	100%

COVID-19

COVID-19 continued to bring challenges for AFD. After having their recruit graduation cancelled due to COVID-19, the new hires from 2020 were able to have a graduation at the end of their probationary period.

Public education engagement has still been reduced due to a number of cancelled events or ones with limited attendance. The department has had to seek out new ways to engage the public.

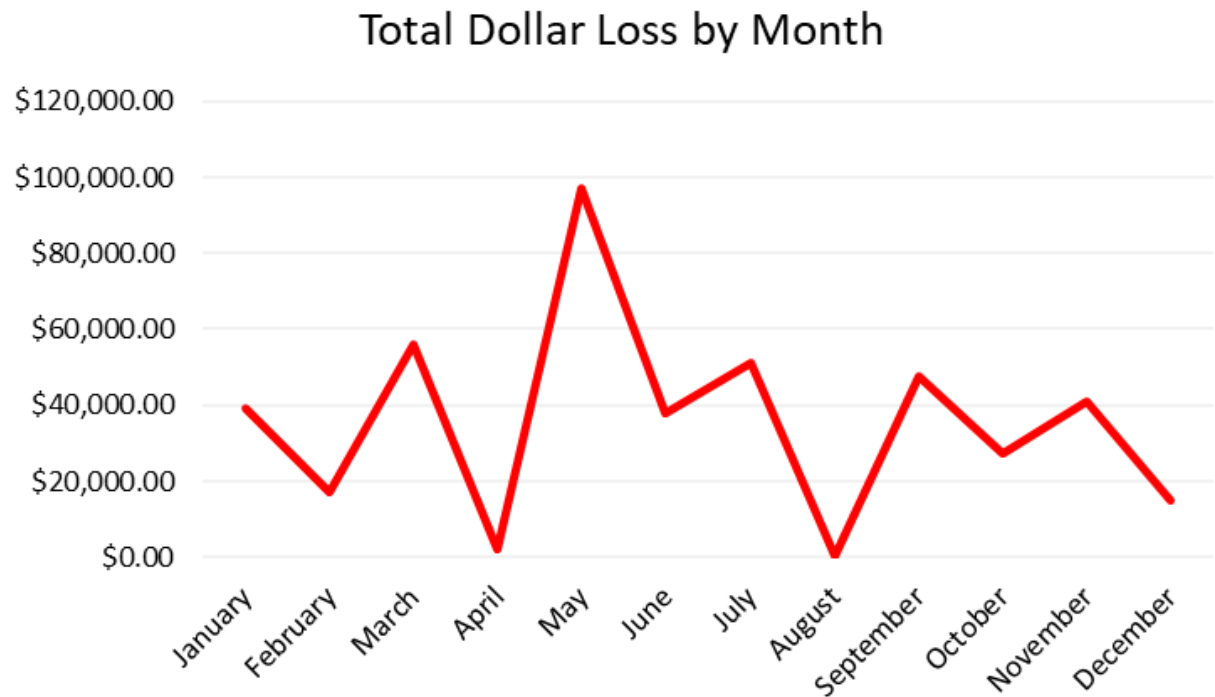
AFD continued to perform standby operations at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic. These personnel are available to provide immediate emergency medical service in the event a person requires it.

Of the 4,932 EMS calls the department responded to, 285, or 5.7%, were suspected or confirmed to have been COVID related.



2020 Recruit Probation Graduation

Significant Events



1/11 W. Summer St.

Residential structure fire, no injuries, extensive damage to building and contents

3/22 N. Woodridge Dr. Fire

Residential structure fire originating in the garage, no injuries, estimated \$200,000 loss

5/4 S. Mayfair St. Fatal Fire

Residential structure fire, lone occupant perished in the fire, extensive damage to building and contents

6/28 S. Eric Dr. Fire

Residential structure fire, no injuries, extensive damage to building and contents, estimated \$100,000 loss

9/2 E. Fremont St. Hazmat

Hazardous materials situation at St. Elizabeth hospital

11/7 S. Weimar St Fire

Residential structure fire, no injuries, estimated \$60,000 in damage

11/23 N. Division St. Fire

Residential structure fire, no injuries, estimated \$60,000 in damage



Fire Suppression Division



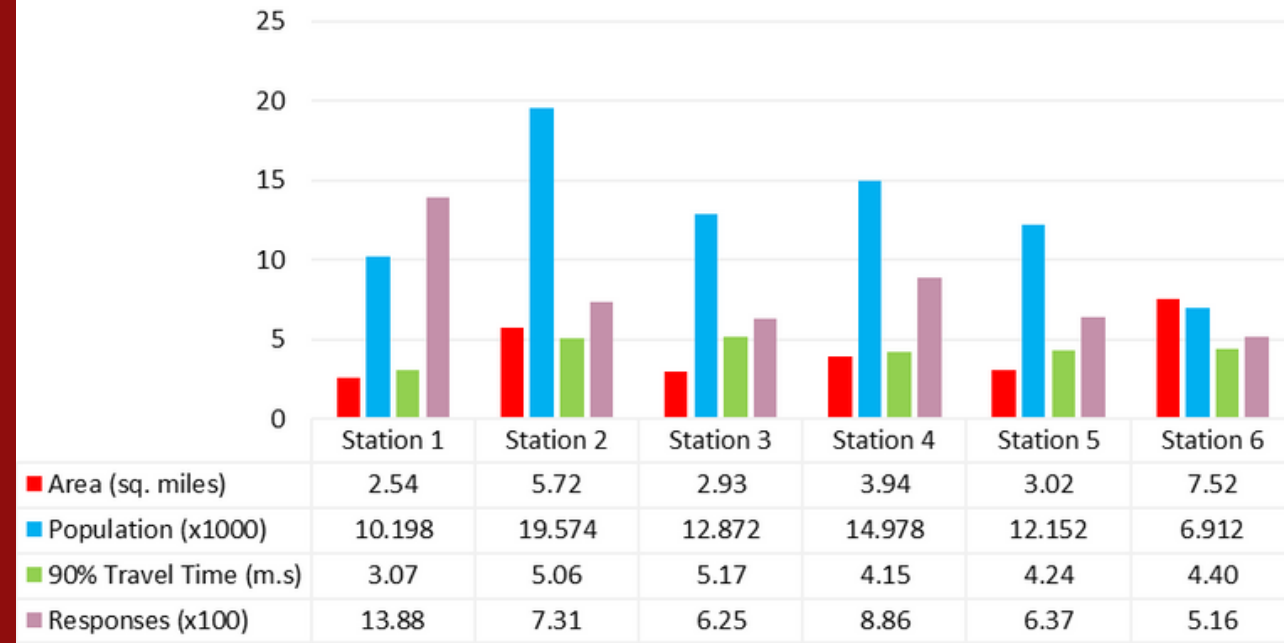
Ryan Weyers
Deputy Chief

The Appleton Fire Department Suppression Division provides 24/7/365 emergency service to the City of Appleton residents along with regional partnerships for automatic aid for fire response with Grand Chute and mutual aid with agencies in Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet Counties. The Fire Suppression Division of the Appleton Fire Department is the largest division of the department and is under the direct supervision of Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Weyers. This division is charged with enhancing the quality of life to our community by providing a safe and healthy environment through our response. The Appleton Fire Department operates out of six strategically located fire stations throughout the city. Each of these stations has a designated fire district.

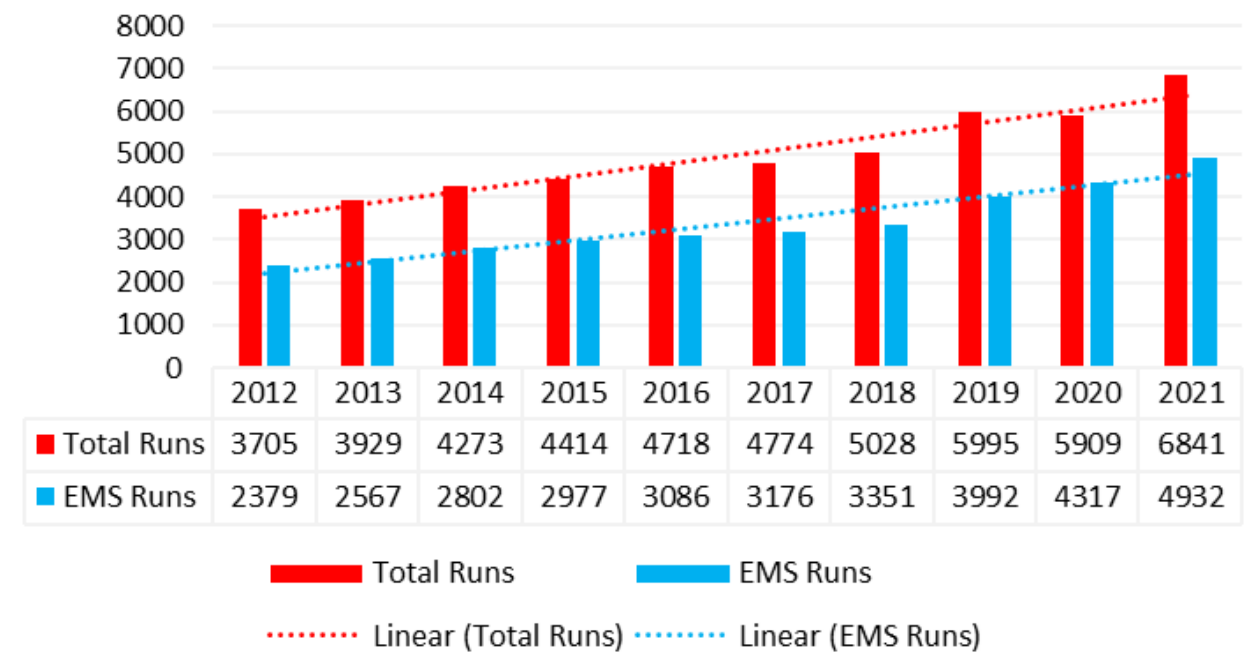
The department is organized into five Engine companies, one Ladder company, one Quint company, and one Command vehicle. Trained personnel also cross-staff a technical rescue unit, two water rescue boats, a rapid response light rescue unit, and a regional hazardous materials unit. The Appleton Fire Department also utilizes management staff to serve additional command roles during emergency incidents.



Fire District Information



10 Year Call Volume



Special Operations



Doug Vrechek
Battalion Chief

Legislation for the State of Wisconsin's Urban Search and Rescue Team has passed with plans in progress to rebuild that program. The department was very active on this team previously. Partnerships on the hazardous materials team with Oshkosh and Green Bay are growing and shared resources are beneficial for everyone.



Resource Development

In 2021, four recruit firefighters graduated from a six-week recruit school and are assigned to response vehicles performing at high levels. The fire department implemented a new tracking platform for data collection of all training. This allows us to manage our time and identify any shortfalls in our training program. A new training cooperative with training officers from other area fire departments has allowed us to schedule joint training sessions and bring in speakers and presentations that the AFD would not be able to do on our own, including a leadership presentation from author, Mike Abrashoff. In 2021, all attack fire hose was brought up to NFPA national standards. This upgrade ensures confidence that our fire hose is dependable when fire crews are inside a burning building.

- Total Training Hours: 26,861.55
- Average Hours per Person: 298.46
- Total Categories: 135
- Total Training Entries: 16,923
- Average Time per Training: 1hr 35min



Rescue Taskforce
Training



Relief Driver
Graduation

Emergency Medical Service

This year, the department selected a new medical director. Dr. Nels Rose, of the Aurora Advocate system, has been visible in many training sessions and has an active role in the continued advancement of EMS at the department. Our Tactical EMS SWAT medics added another paramedic to the team to help with the significant increase in calls for this service. That partnership with Appleton Police Department continues to flourish.



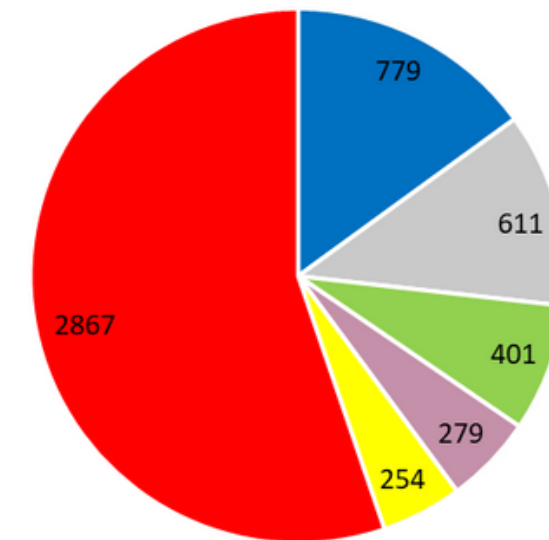
Recruit Water Rescue Training



Technical Rescue Training

Emergency Medical Dispatch Reasons

- Falls
- Breathing Problem
- Sick Person
- Convulsions/Seizure
- Unconscious/Near Fainting
- Other



Prevention & Public Education

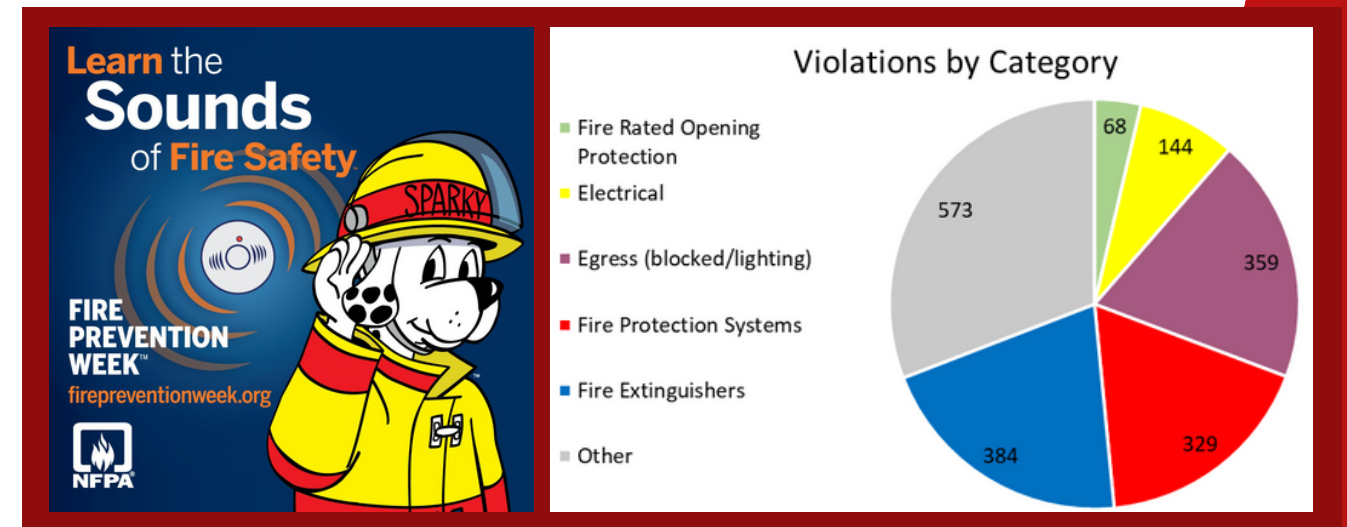


Derek Henson
Battalion Chief

The Fire Prevention Division had an improved year in 2021. Due to COVID-19, public education events were mostly cancelled again; however, inspections resumed as mostly normal. Violations increased sharply this year as businesses worked to recover from their own COVID-19 shutdowns. Prevention staff was tasked with being generous with time to correct violations without allowing unsafe conditions to continue unabated. Work continued on a community risk assessment. As training opportunities arose throughout the state, Prevention staff were able to attend more training in 2021. This provided great opportunities to network with staff from different jurisdictions and to sharpen their investigation and inspection skills. Shift inspectors investigated 30 fires in 2021.



Fire Prevention staff attended the 2021 WSFIA Conference



Awards & Personnel Updates

Ben Lee



2021 Employee of the Year

Kelly Wheeler



Citizen Award of Merit



2021 Recruit Graduation

New Hires

Firefighter Cory Asimus
 Firefighter Jordan Augsburger
 Firefighter Troy Carpenter
 Firefighter Devin Halbach

Retirements

Driver/Engineer Jay Kjorlien
 Driver/Engineer Steve Kulas
 Driver/Engineer Tim Blob

In Memoriam

James Coonan
 Lawrence Reinke
 Robert W. Fischer, Jr.

Robert Tuchscherer
 Louis Gerarden
 Charles Knuppel

Recognition Award
 Matt Gludemans
 Jeremiah Detert
 Cody Peabody

Promotions

Driver/Engineer Andrew Dobbe
 Driver/Engineer Andrew Lane
 Driver/Engineer Andrew Webb

Fire Department Staff

Fire Chief:

Jeremy Hansen

Deputy Chief:

Ryan Weyers

Assistant to the Fire Chief:

Sharon Bochtrup

Support Staff:

Training & Resource Development Specialist
 Fire Protection Engineer
 Fire Inspector
 Administrative Assistant
 Clerical Assistant
 Central Equipment Agency Mechanic

Ed King
 Steve Patterson
 Jose Saldivar
 Nancy Wilcox
 Sally Dickinson
 Paul Rynish

Battalion Chiefs:

Shannon Young
 Ethan Kroll
 Jeff Felauer
 Doug Vrechek
 Derek Henson

Jeremy Hotynski
 Michelle Bialas
 Bill Calaway
 Todd Bean
 Greg Cullen
 Jerry Borski

Scott Karpinski
 Michelle Neeck-Lappen
 Kraig Kasten
 Gary Awe
 Ben Lee
 Dave Reigles

Captains:

Mike Woodzicka
 Mike Mueller
 Joe Scott
 Rick James
 Jason Lee
 Scott Pelkin

Tim Meyer
 Jake Kirchner
 Steve Unruh
 Michael Becker
 Adam Galica
 Justin Brown

Matt Gerrits
 Mike Hietpas
 Mark Deslauriers
 Brad Brautigam
 Adam Hansen
 Ryan Lee

Lieutenants:

Chad Rucynski
 Jeff Nelessen

Driver Engineers:

Darrin Butry
 Bryan Knauer
 Brian Cook

Tyler Zunker
 Kelly Lynch
 Andrew Dobbe
 Andrew Lane
 Andrew Webb

Firefighter/Inspectors:

Jeremiah Detert
 Nate Milhans
 Tim Damrow
 Keegan Murphy
 Bart Rakun
 Eric Winger

Casey Kostechka
 Michael Wirtz
 Tyler Mickelson
 Riley Kubisiak
 Steve Jahr
 Jordan Ross

Tyler Rusch
 Lukas Syrjamaki
 Jake Laack
 Ryan Monaghan
 Sam Felauer
 Cory Asimus

Firefighters:

Tim Lutz
 Chad Johnson
 Todd Hendricks
 Mike Wiese
 Troy Kinley
 Matt Dercks
 Adam Paiser
 Joe Kozikowski
 Chris Britzke

David Hammer
 Chad Donnay
 Travis Nate
 Matt Gloudemans
 Cody Walesh
 Bryce Sternhagen
 Kyle Zuleger
 Cody Peabody
 Ilex Smith
 Tim Verstegen
 Tyler Linehan
 Cole Nelson

