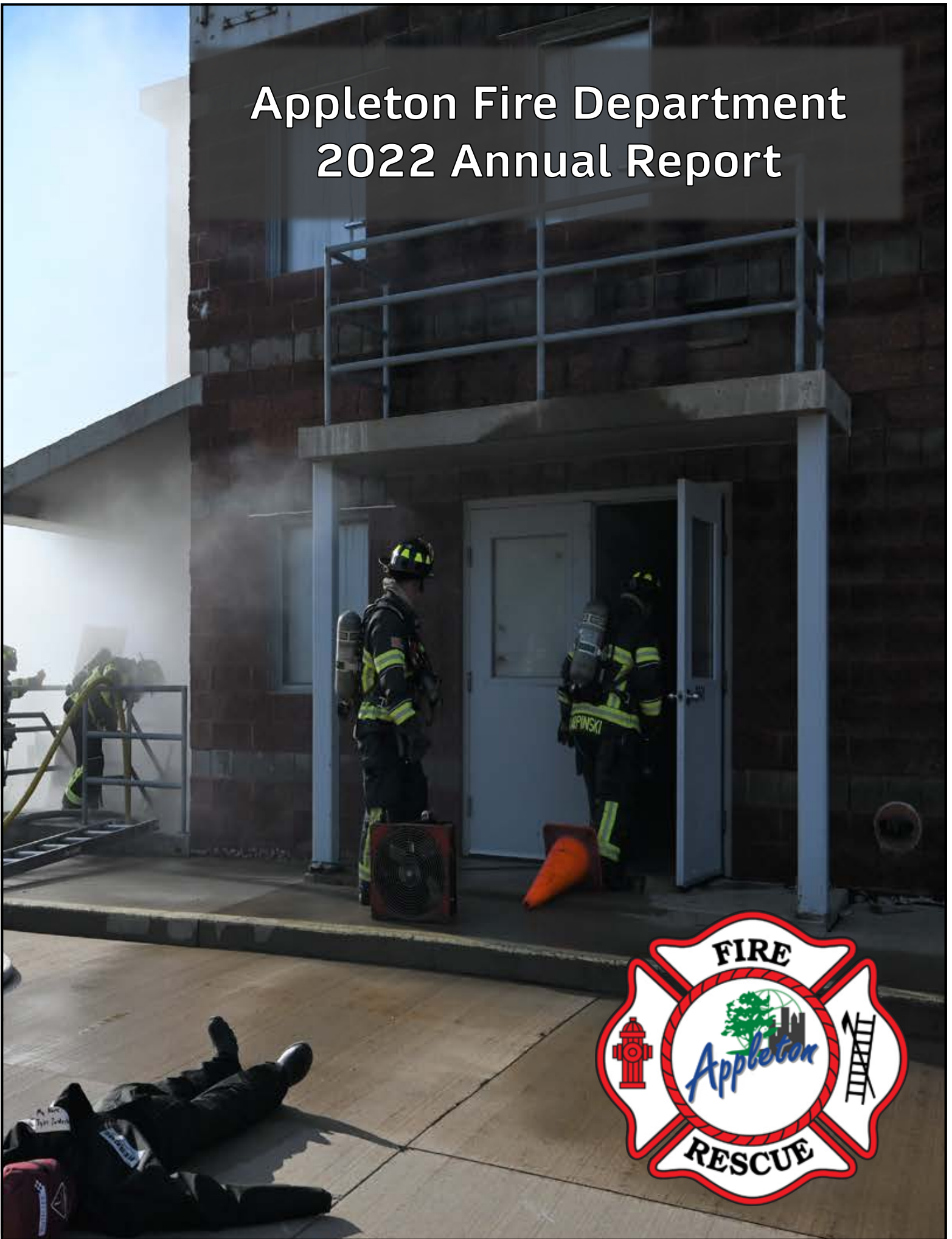


Appleton Fire Department 2022 Annual Report



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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

Message From Fire Chief Hansen

It is my pleasure to present the Appleton Fire Department's 2022 Annual Report. This report provides the 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, and we are 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 Fire Department responded to 7,185 calls for service. In 2022, a total of 5,167 were for medical emergencies. Emergency medical services response accounts for 72% of the fire department's calls for service. Between 2018 and 2022, there was a 31% increase in total call volume, which includes a 35% increase in medical emergencies. 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, and improve to effectively meet the challenges found within our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hansen', written over a faint background image of a firefighter in gear.

Jeremy J. Hansen
Fire Chief



Mission

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

Vision

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

Core Values

Partnership

Respect

Integrity

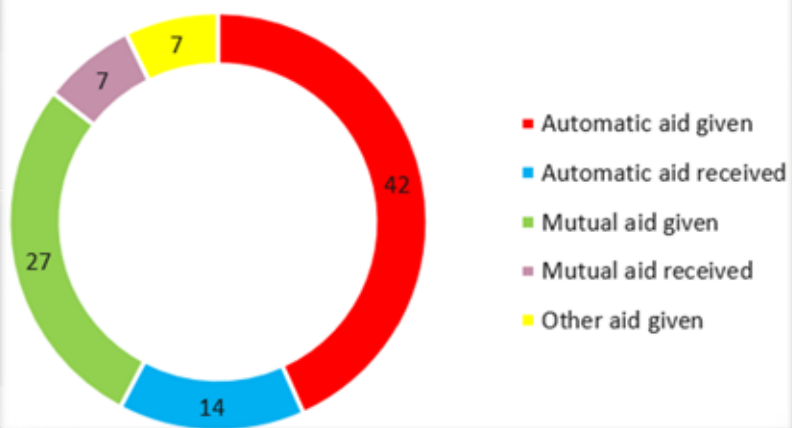
Diversity

Excellence



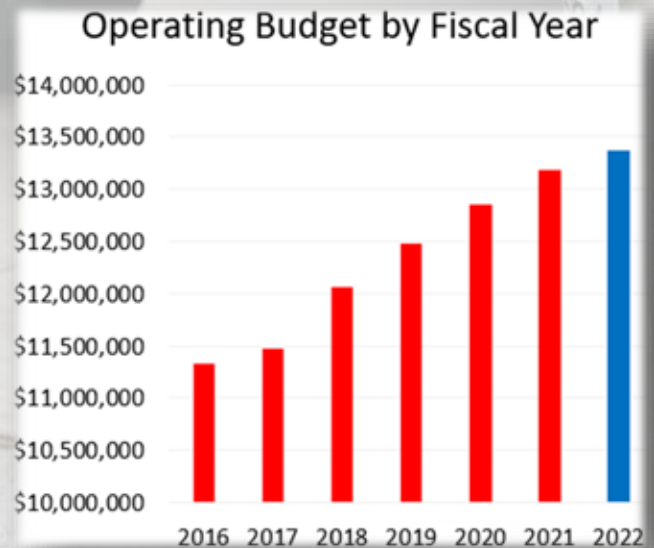


Mutual & Auto-Aid



Fire Department Information

Total Calls	7,185	Total False Alarms	625
Total Fires	98	Malicious False Alarms	26
Structure Fires	61	System Malfunctions	169
Vehicle Fires	16	Unintentional False Alarms	372
Brush/Grass Fires	2	Other False Alarms	58
Other Fires	19	Total Severe Weather/ Natural Disaster	1
Overpressure/Overheat	43	Total Special Incident Type	8
Total EMS and Rescue Calls	5,386		
EMS Calls	5,167		
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	144		
Other Medical Incidents	75		
Total Hazardous Conditions	333		
Total Service Calls	370		
Total Good Intent Calls	321		



Program Area	Cost (\$)	% of Budget
Fire Suppression	\$9,926,758	74.23%
Fire Prevention	\$1,247,001	9.32%
Emergency Medical Services	\$740,417	5.54%
Administration	\$585,881	4.38%
Technical Services	\$433,122	3.24%
Resource Development	\$259,057	1.94%
Special Operations	\$181,255	1.36%
Total	\$13,373,491	100%

Significant Events

2331 East Lourdes Drive (August)

Estimated \$2,500,000 loss.

Assembly structure fire, no injuries, extensive damage to building and contents.

1622 East Capitol Drive (January)

Considered total loss, \$300,000.

Residential structure fire, no injuries, one pet fatality, extensive damage to building and contents.

1008 East Florida Avenue (April)

Estimated \$246,800 loss.

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

1635 West Spencer Street (December)

Estimated \$200,000 machinery loss.

Industrial structure fire, machine fire, one patient evaluated on scene for minor smoke inhalation.

2606 South Kernan Avenue (March)

Estimated \$150,000 loss.

Residential structure fire, no injuries, one pet rescued, extensive damage to building and contents.

208 East Wentworth Lane (October)

Estimated \$150,000 loss.

Residential structure fire, no injuries, extensive damage to building.

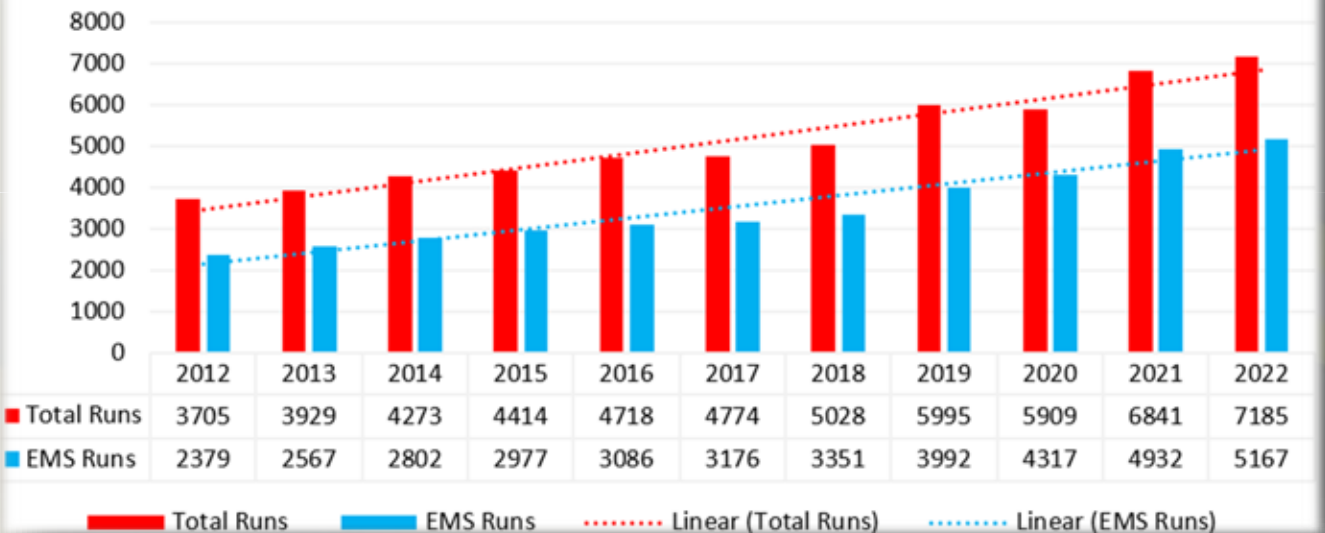
Fire Suppression Division



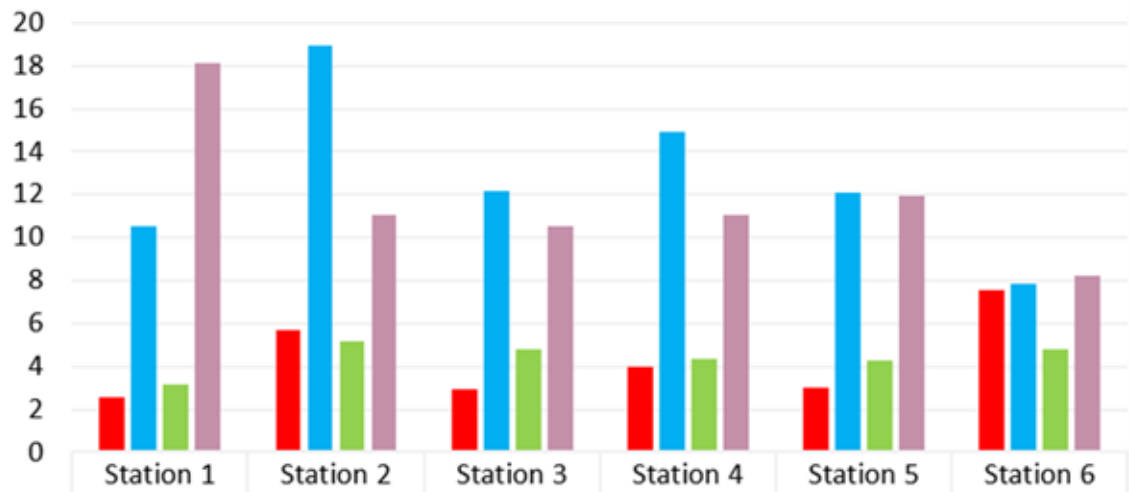
Ryan Weyers
Deputy Chief

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 Fire Department and Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue 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.

10 Year Call Volume



Fire District Information



	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6
Area (sq. miles)	2.54	5.71	2.93	3.94	3.02	7.58
Population (x1000)	10.566	18.915	12.19	14.912	12.085	7.876
90% Travel Time (m.s)	3.13	5.20	4.78	4.37	4.30	4.82
Responses (x100)	18.1	11.04	10.54	11.06	11.92	8.23

The Fire Suppression Division placed orders for four new support vehicles that will be utilized for command staff, maintenance, and water rescue response. The new vehicles will be located at Station 1 and Station 6. These vehicles will help provide much needed support response throughout the community. The Fire Department responded to 7,185 calls in 2022, which was an increase from 2021.

The Appleton Fire Department utilizes Outagamie County Sheriff's Department for dispatching of all calls. Appleton Fire Department along with 18 other fire departments in Outagamie County applied for the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant to fund new portable radio equipment. The grant was awarded to the Appleton Fire Department for allocation in the sum of \$1,984,000 to cover the cost of 248 new portable radios. All the new portable radios will be interoperable amongst all the agencies in the county in conjunction with the Outagamie County Dispatch Center's communications.

Special Operations

Battalion Chief Doug Vrechek oversees the Special Operations, Emergency Medical Services, and the Training and Resource Development divisions. This year saw the standing up of the State of Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue Team that was idle for almost three years due to state budget constraints. The Appleton Fire Department has 12 members on this team. They respond to major disasters across the state and have even deployed to hurricanes. The experience that they receive all comes back to the Appleton Fire Department. Our Hazardous Materials Team grew this year, adding several members. Some of our members were able to attend schools throughout the country on various hazardous materials topics and brought that knowledge back to the team. We added a vehicle and improved our ability to transport and deploy floating booms for spills on open water. We were also able to train with our regional partners, Green Bay and Oshkosh Fire Departments on several hazardous material topics. Finally, we were able to outfit all swift water rescue technicians with their own personal protective gear. This has been a goal for several years as fitted gear is crucial to safety in fast moving water.



Doug Vrechek
Battalion Chief

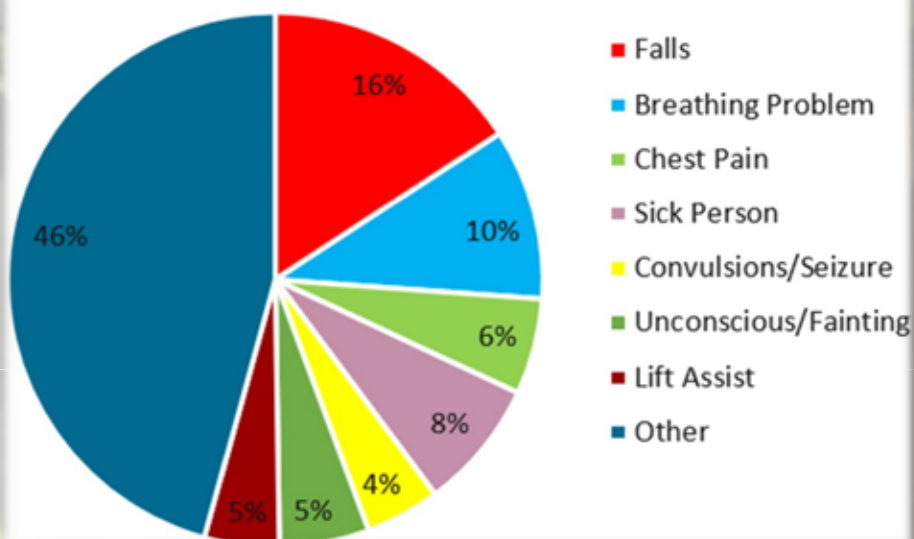


Emergency Medical Services

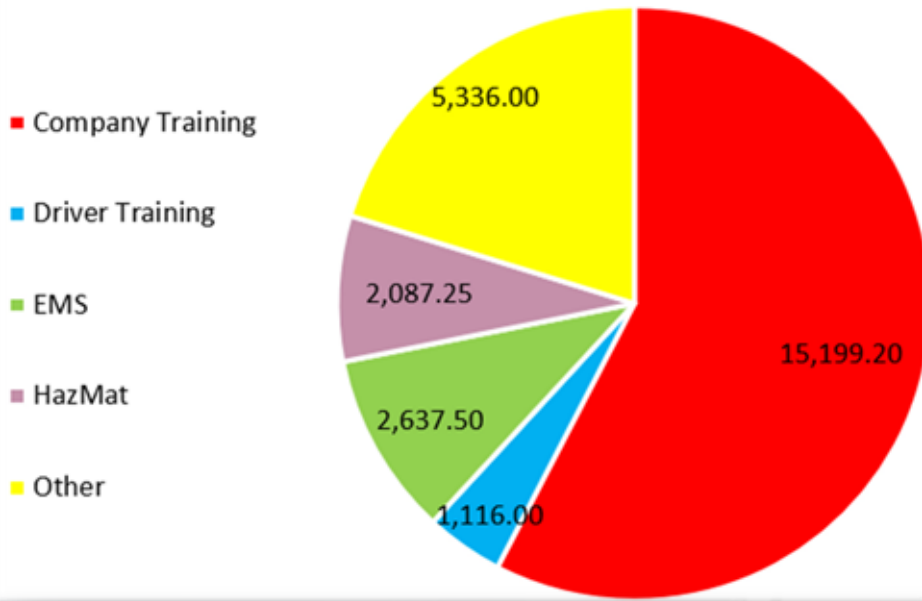
Every year our calls for service continue to rise and the demand for this service continues to increase. We added several new protocols to our service, giving us more treatment options in the field. We continue to work towards building our Emergency Medical Service to a higher level of care and are actively planning for providing paramedic-level service to our community in the future.

We secured a significant grant from the Department of Health Services in 2022, which provided our department with thousands of dollars' worth of medical supplies and much needed equipment. This included a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) for patient transport in difficult to access areas. The UTV will also provide Emergency Medical Service support to events like Oktoberfest, where our normal vehicles cannot maneuver easily.

Emergency Medical Dispatch Reasons



Training Hours by Category



Resource Development

In 2022, the Appleton Fire Department acquired multiple structures within the city limits for training; including one large school and several homes that were scheduled to be demolished. These opportunities are invaluable for our crews and provide realistic training in unfamiliar buildings. Improvements to our fixed facility training tower at Fire Station 6 were made giving us new venues to train on.

We hired and graduated two new recruit firefighters from our six-week Recruit Academy in the Spring. Those two new firefighters are now on the fire trucks with their respective crews and doing a great job.

Finally, several of our firefighters were sent to great educational opportunities throughout the state even as the country continued to recover from COVID-19.





Prevention & Public Education



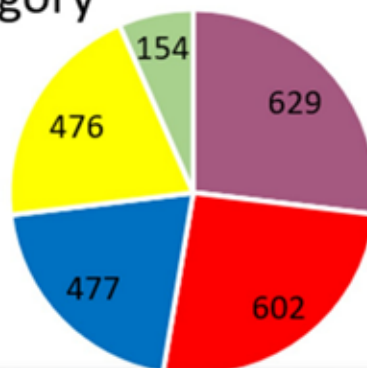
Derek Henson
Battalion Chief

The Fire Prevention Division had an excellent year in 2022. Public education events returned to pre-COVID levels, which allowed Appleton Fire Department to better interface with the community. Inspections were again a huge success with 2,338 violations found and 75% corrected within 30 days. Prevention staff was again 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 several trainings in 2022. This provided great opportunities to network with staff from different jurisdictions and to sharpen their investigation and inspection skills. Shift inspectors investigated 35 fires in 2022.



Violations by Category

- Fire Protection Systems
- Exits and Egress/Lighting
- Other
- Fire Extinguishers
- Electrical



Awards & Recognition

Distinguished Service Award

Adam Hansen
Riley Kubisiak
Eric Winger



EMS Lifesaving Award

Jeremy Hotynski
Troy Kinley
Bryce Sternhagen
Ty Davis (Intern)



Recognition Award

Matt Dercks

2022 Interns

Ty Davis
Griffin Kintopf
Doug Jacobs
Alex Zabel
Taite Baier
Benjamin Springob





New Hires

Lucas VandenHeuvel
Jason Karpinski

Promotions

Driver/Engineer Chad Johnson
Driver/Engineer Troy Kinley
Lieutenant Michael Hietpas
Lieutenant Matthew Gerrits
Captain Jeffrey Nelessen
Captain Jacob Kirchner



Retirements

Captain Michael Woodzicka
Captain Michael Mueller
Fire Protection Engineer Steven Patterson
Clerical Assistant Sally Dickinson



In Memoriam

Firefighter Leroy Behm
Driver/Engineer Stanley Holtger
Assistant Chief Robert Otis
Assistant Chief Mark Recker

Fire Department Staff

Fire Chief:

Deputy Chief:

Assistant to the Fire Chief:

Support Staff:

Training & Resource Development Specialist

Fire Inspector

Public Education Specialist & Fire Inspector

Administrative Assistant

Clerical Assistant

Central Equipment Agency Mechanic

Jeremy Hansen

Ryan Weyers

Sharon Brochtrup

Ed King

Jose Saldivar

Alex Quintana

Nancy Wilcox

Natasha Eversen

Jeremy Rycerz

Battalion Chiefs:

Shannon Young

Ethan Kroll

Jeff Felauer

Doug Vrechek

Derek Henson

Captains:

Joe Scott

Rick James

Jason Lee

Scott Pelkin

Jeff Nelessen

Jake Kirchner

Lieutenants:

Chad Rucynski

Jeremy Hotynski

Michelle Bialas

Bill Calaway

Todd Bean

Greg Cullen

Jerry Borski

Corby Henkel

Tim Meyer

Steve Unruh

Michael Becker

Adam Galica

Justin Brown

Matt Gerrits

Michael Hietpas

Driver Engineers:

Darrin Butry

Bryan Knauer

Brian Cook

Scott Karpinski

Michelle Neeck-Lappen

Kraig Kasten

Gary Awe

Ben Lee

Dave Reigles

Andy Patz

Mark Deslauriers

Brad Brautigam

Adam Hansen

Ryan Lee

Tyler Zunker

Kelly Lynch

Andrew Dobbe

Andrew Lane

Andrew Webb

Chad Johnson

Troy Kinley

Firefighter/Inspectors:

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

Firefighters:

Tim Lutz
Todd Hendricks
Mike Wiese
Matt Dercks
Adam Paiser
Joe Kozikowski

Chris Britzke
Casey Kostechka
Michael Wirtz
Tyler Mickelson
Riley Kubisiak
Steve Jahr
Jordan Ross
David Hammer
Chad Donnay
Travis Nate
Matt Gloudemans
Cody Welsh
Bryce Sternhagen
Kyle Zuleger
Cody Peabody

Alex Smith
Tim Verstegen
Tyler Linehan
Cole Nelson
Tyler Rusch
Lukas Syrjamaki
Jake Laack
Ryan Monaghan
Sam Felauer
Cory Asimus
Jordan Augsburger
Troy Carpenter
Devin Halbach
Lucas Vanden Heuvel
Jason Karpinski

2022 Staffing Levels

