

Fort Thomas Fire Department



2023 Annual Report

It is with great pride and honor that I submit this Annual Report on behalf of all members of the Fort Thomas Fire Department. As the Fire Chief, I am privileged to lead a fire and emergency medical service organization comprised of a committed staff whose goal is to provide the highest level of service available. This report contains the statistical data related to fire and EMS incidents, training, public education, and other services and activities provided by our staff for the calendar year 2023, and serves as a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our staff.

The core mission of the Fort Thomas Fire Department remains to be responding to emergencies. Our value to the community is measured directly by the services we provide. In 2023, the department responded to just under 2,000 incidents for the year. Many of our standard practices, both operationally and administratively, continue to be adjusted to meet the needs of keeping our members and community safe. Our success remains a result of the dedication of all of our members and the support of our wonderful community.

We were once again very active in training our members in the various disciplines for the incidents we responded to. We continuously provide the very best public education to our communities, and our shift personnel remains very diligent in completing life safety inspections on our businesses.

I would also like to acknowledge and offer my thanks for the support we receive from Mayor Eric Hass, the entire City Council, our City Administrative Officer Matthew Kremer, the city administration staff, and the other departments within the city that we have worked alongside during this period of time.

As Chief, I am incredibly proud of the work the Fort Thomas Fire Department members did this past year. We promise to always strive to do our best and to never stop trying to achieve excellence.

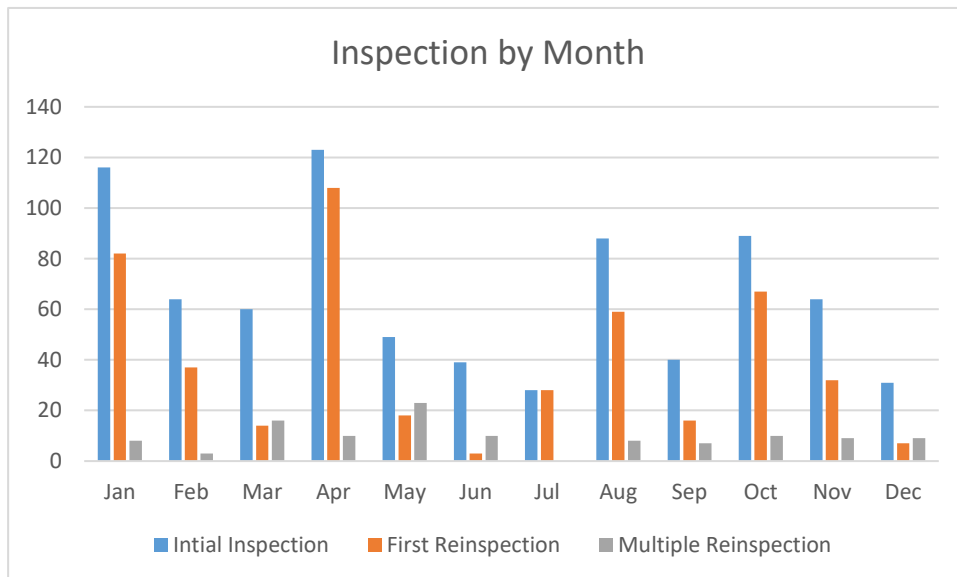
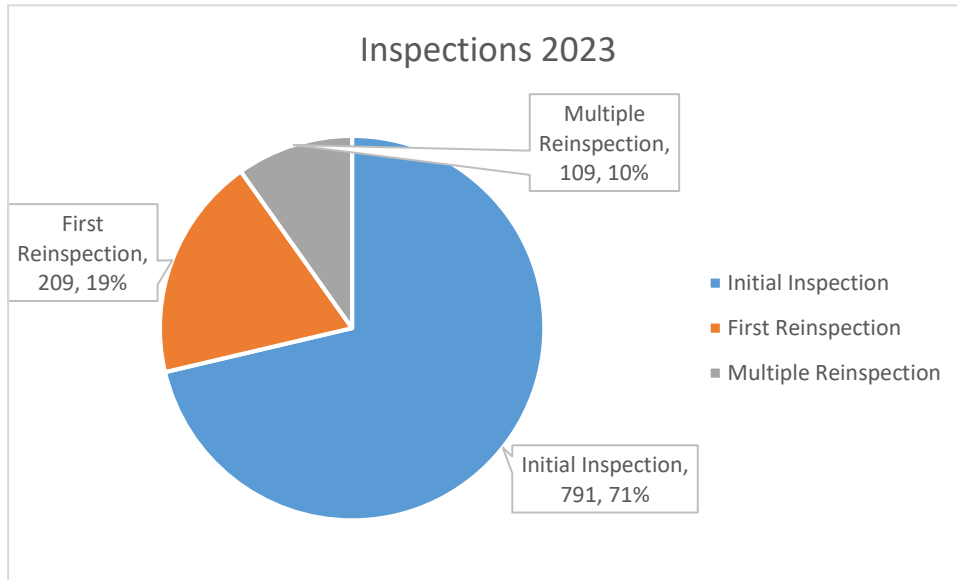
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Chris R Amon

Fire Chief

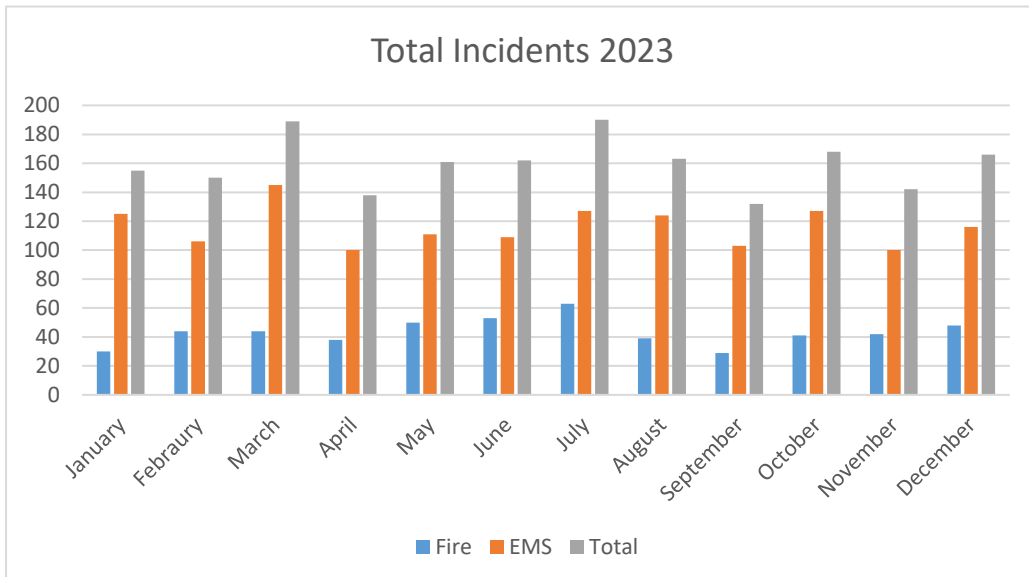
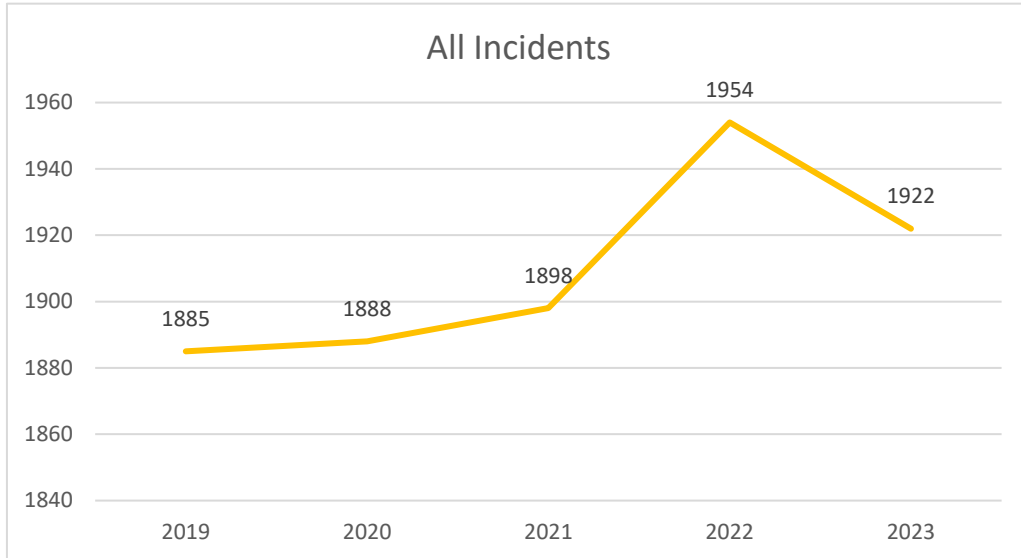
Fire Prevention

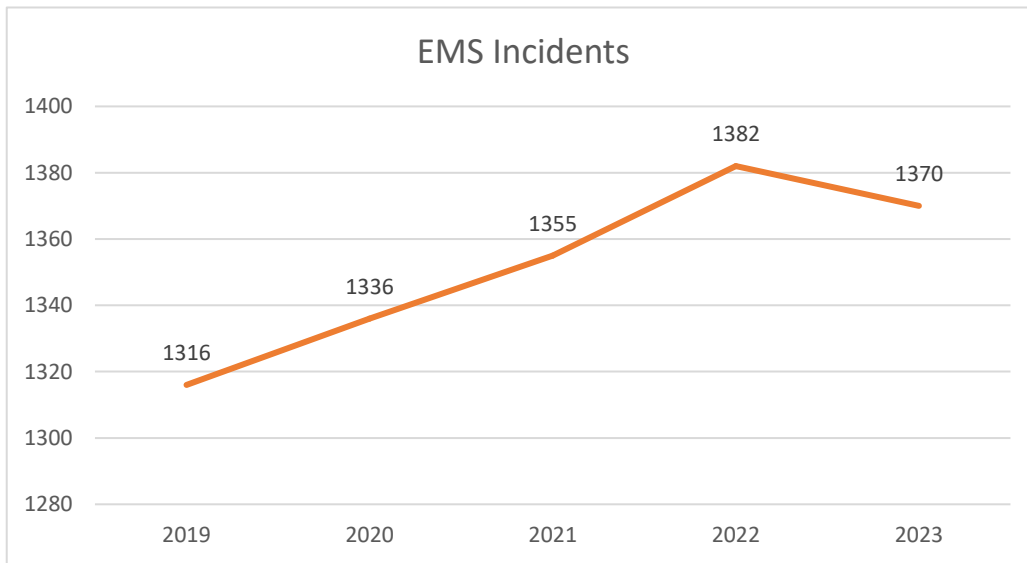
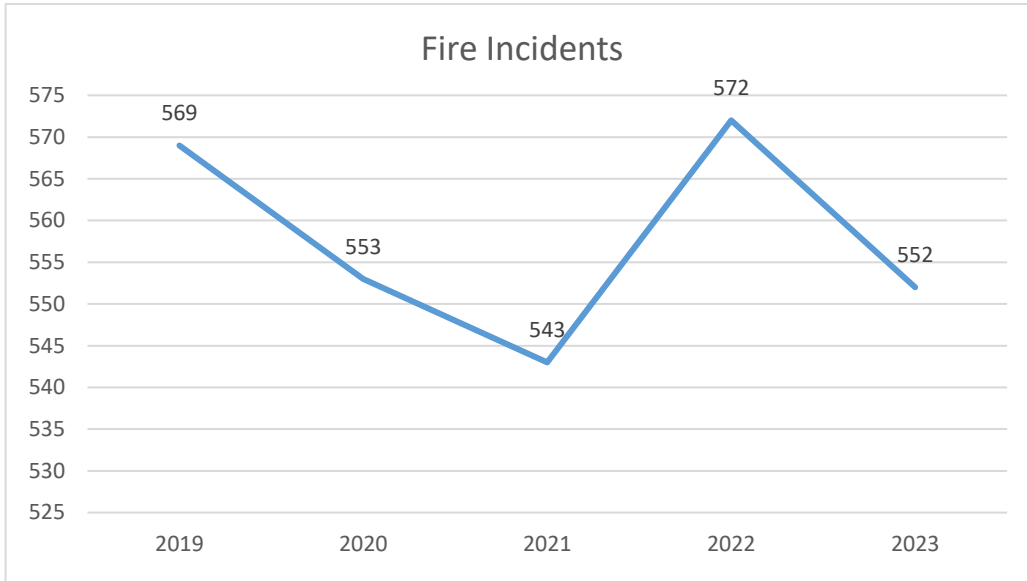
Led by Captain Steve Lumpp, our Fire Prevention Bureau reached every business in the City for a Life Safety Inspection. Our Lieutenants, Lt. Scherpenberg, Lt. Kaufman, and Lt. Behrle completed 459 inspections. This is the first line of defense to preventing a tragedy from occurring.

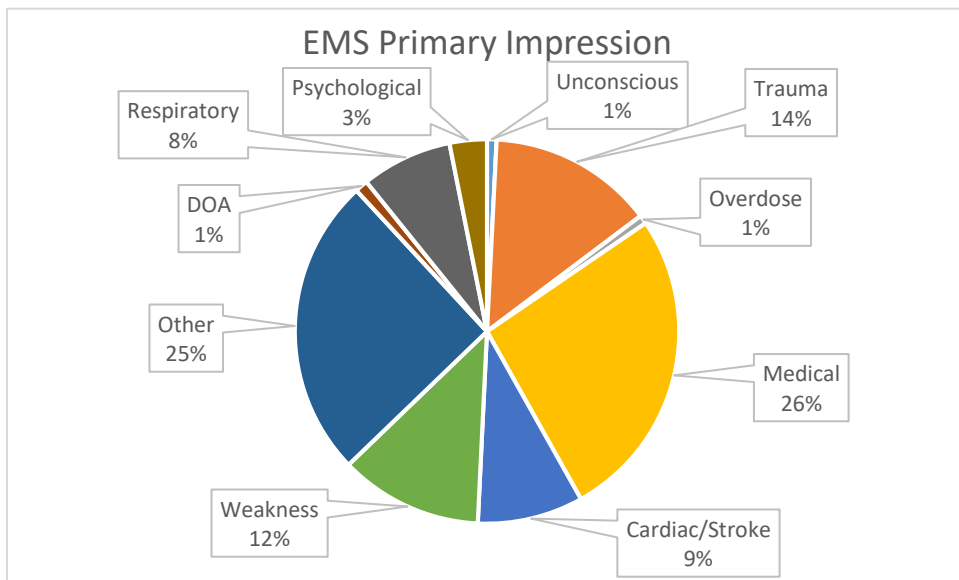
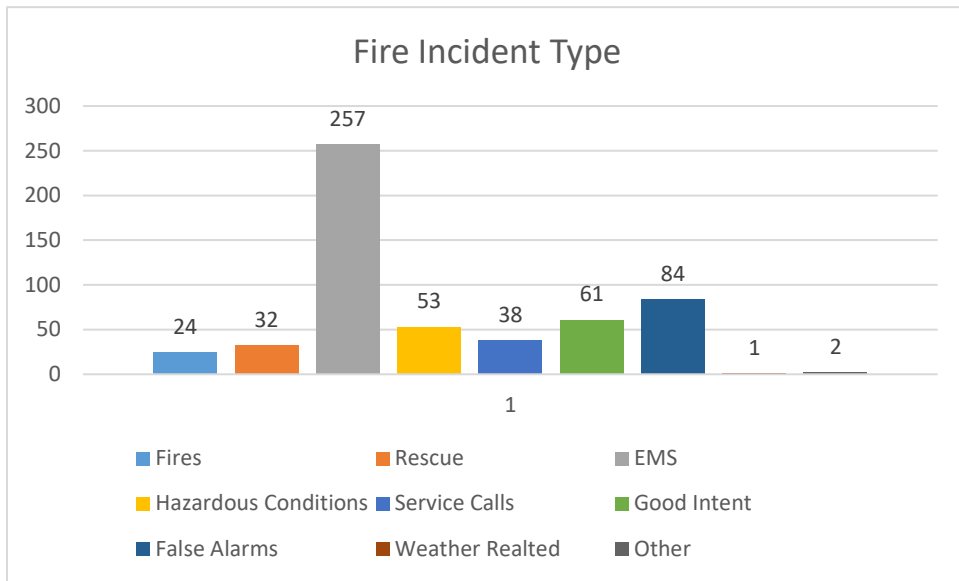


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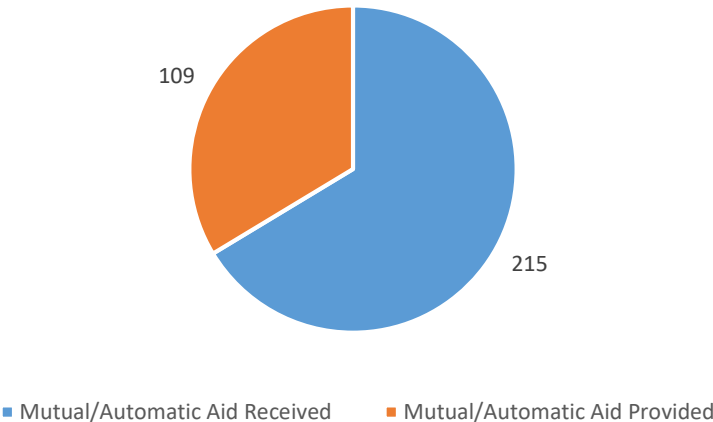
In 2023, the Fire Department responded to 1922 incidents, which was a slight decrease from the previous year. Of the responses, 552 were fire, and 1370 were E.M.S. Below are charts that illustrate our incident data and comparison from previous years.



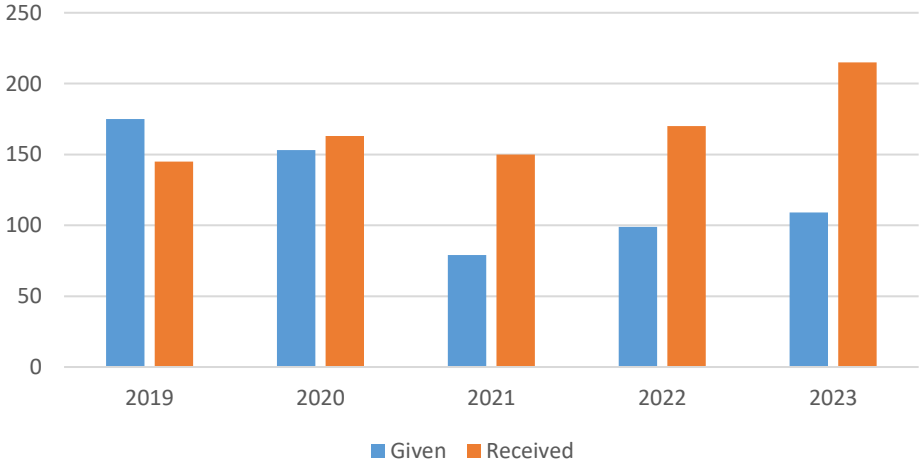


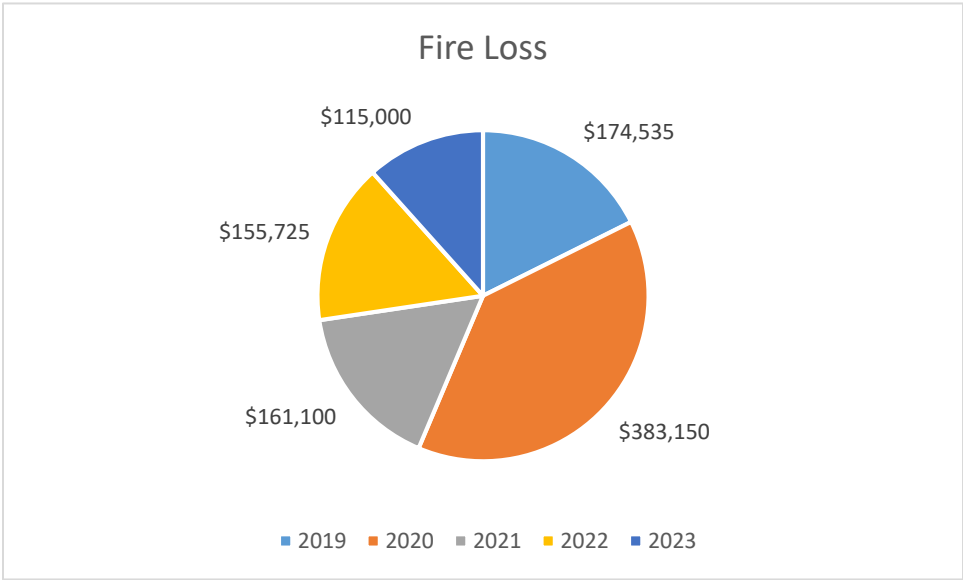


Aid Detail



Aid Given/Received





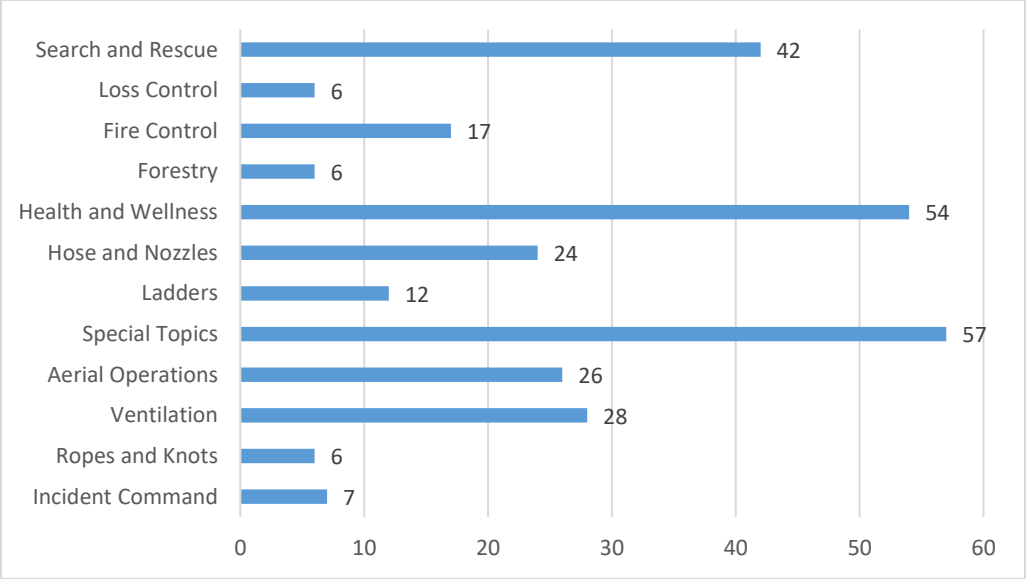
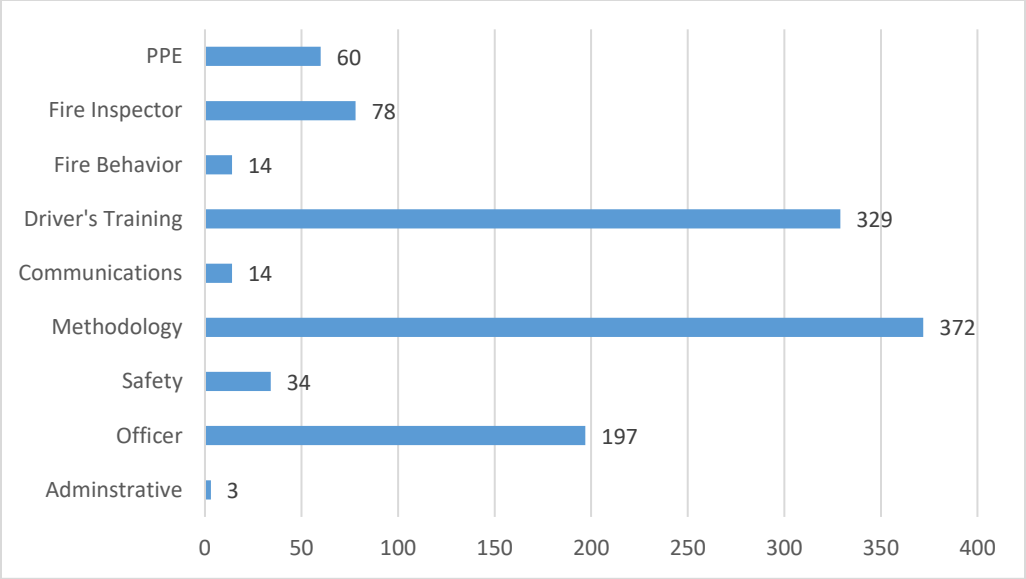
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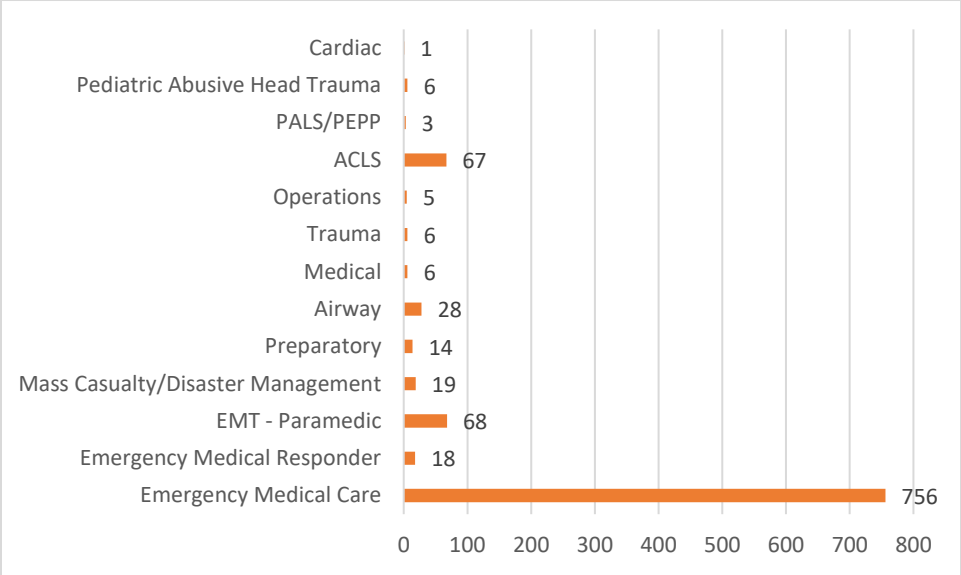
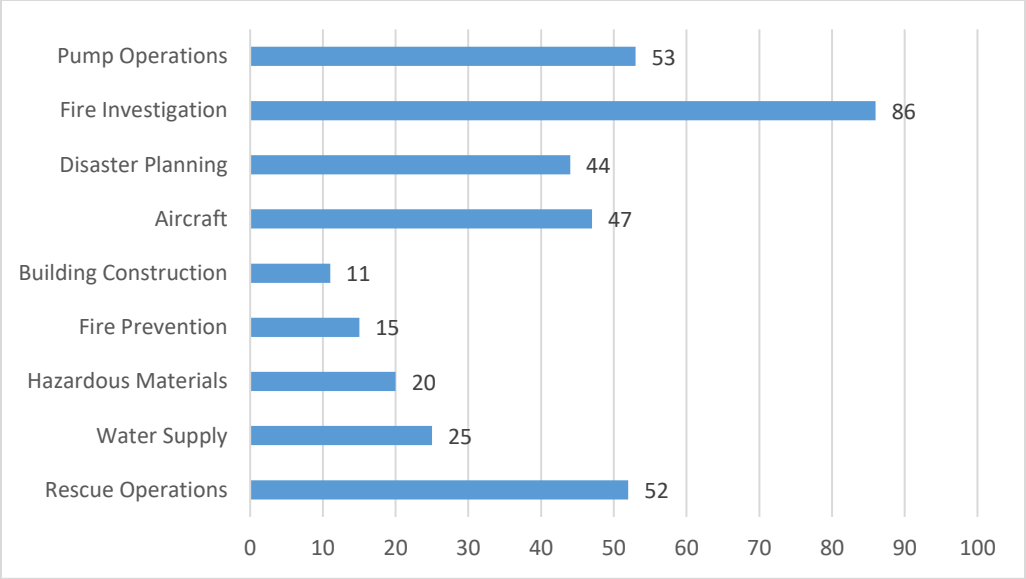
The Department is continually training. Whether preparing for different parts of the job or training on new equipment, crews spend a good part of their day training when not on calls. The Training Division heads up all the training in the Department, whether E.M.S., Fire, Vehicle or Technical Rescue or HazMat. The Training Division also oversees continuing education. All training is verified through the Kentucky Fire Commission and Kentucky Board of E.M.S.

The cumulative goal of our training plan and its associated efforts is to provide personnel with the best possible preparatory knowledge, skills, and abilities while subsequently establishing the Fort Thomas Fire Department as a recognized authority on the safe, efficient, and effective delivery of all-hazards emergency response training. Doing so will ensure the fulfillment of our organizational mission as we strive to ensure the citizens and visitors of Fort Thomas *Experience a better* quality of life through excellent risk-reduction and response services. Furthermore, the safety and effectiveness of our personnel and emergency scene operations will be enhanced by providing these diverse training opportunities developed following established federal, state, and local requirements and the *ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule*.

The training plan has been designed to meet the time and topic refresher requirements for bi-annual re-licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic in the State of Kentucky and National Registry Re-certification. The distribution of continuing E.M.S. education over the two-year license cycle as opposed to “traditional refreshers” lends itself to increased levels of skill maintenance/proficiency and knowledge retention. E.M.S. continuing education will be delivered on shift the first, second, and third Wednesday each month from 09:00 to 11:30. This training will be delivered by PASS with P.A.S.S. Like fire training, Bi-monthly department drills will be provided for subsequent delivery at the department level by respective instructors. The content of these drills will address E.M.S. disciplines to meet the organization’s emergency response readiness requirements.

The results of the new training program produced 2745 hours of training delivered to our members. This averages to approximately 145 hours per person. Below are the topic hours we completed:





Community Involvement

Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Fromeyer serves as the Department's Car Seat Safety Officer. FF/P Fromeyer helps teach people how to properly install and maintain their children's car seats on specially scheduled days by appointment. This year he installed 19 car seats and trained parents, grandparents, and caretakers in how to properly install the car seats themselves.

The Fire Department continues to deliver and provide community C.P.R. programs. Our program experienced a surge in C.P.R. class requests and our staff delivered. Lieutenant Eric Scherpenberg and FF/P Brandon Fromeyer deliver most of our C.P.R. programs. For 2023, they delivered thirty-eight classes reaching 246 students.

The Fire Department continues to be very active in partnering with the Schools to provide direction for schools' safety programs and evacuation procedures. In conjunction with our Police Department, we met prior to the school year to review each school's plan, provide input, and then an on-site observation of their procedures. Furthermore, we have become very active with Highlands High School staff and counselors to provide information to their students wanting to pursue firefighter/E.M.S. careers.

Our members remain very active with the City functions. Participation in the Summer Recreation Program, 4th of July Events, Touch-A-Truck, Pumpkin Walk, and Holiday Walk highlight the events we are proud to be part of.



Public Education

The Fort Thomas Fire Department members are committed to keeping our community safe from the perils of fire and other life-threatening emergencies. This commitment begins with prevention by educating the public on the dangers of fire and life safety interventions such as C.P.R. As always, our commitment to safety starts with educating our youth in a close partnership with our local schools. Lt. Scherpenberg once again organized our public education effort. This year's fire safety message was; Prevent Kitchen Fires.

In 2023 the Ft. Thomas Fire Department continues to deliver public education to the schools. We achieved this by partnering more closely with the Ft. Thomas Independent School System, who generously assisted in spreading the 2023 N.F.P.A.'s Fire Prevention Week message through social media. We also focused heavily on our annual N.K.F.A. Junior Fire Marshall Poster Contest. The Fort Thomas Fire Department once again led the way in public education, not only in Campbell County but also in the entire three-county N.K.Y. region as a whole. Lt. Scherpenberg chairs the Campbell County Fire Protection Association's public education committee and coordinates the Northern Kentucky Junior Fire Marshall Poster Contest for the 8th year in a row.



The men and women of the Fort Thomas Fire Department take great pride in serving the City. Each member is committed to training, life safety prevention, and community involvement. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the Fire Chief and lead such a dedicated group every day.

