



# 2019 Annual Report

“Desire to serve, courage to act, and the ability to perform since 1888”



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# Message from the Fire Chief

Dear Resident,

I am honored to present the Brighton Fire Rescue District 2019 Annual Report. In 2019 we faced several milestones and changes throughout the year.

In mid-August Fire Chief Mark Bodane advised the Board of Directors that he would be retiring after 12 years of dedicated service to Brighton Fire and our communities. Chief Bodane had an amazing fire service career that spanned 44 years, 28 of those years as a fire chief. Both are amazing accomplishments. On November 14, 2019, Chief Bodane took his final walk at Station 52 in front of firefighters, board members present and past, community members and family. At the same walk off, I received the transfer of command from Chief Bodane and now serve as the fire chief for Brighton Fire Rescue District. I am honored and grateful to be appointed by the Board of Directors as fire chief. We will work hard as a team to provide the high quality of service to all residents of the fire district.



The fire chief position is a humbling position, and while gratifying it can be challenging in the same breath. I could not be more proud to serve the communities and residents of the fire district, and to lead this amazing team of dedicated men and women that work as firefighters, administrative staff, fleet and facilities staff, and executive staff to make up what we know as Brighton Fire Rescue District today. As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2019, we remain focused on the future and what is yet to come for BFRD. On the following pages you will find organizational information including statistics from 2019, workforce demographics, accomplishments and more. I hope you find the information in this report interesting and useful.

From the 79 men and women of Brighton Fire Rescue District thank you for your continued support and encouragement of BFRD.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Schuppe".

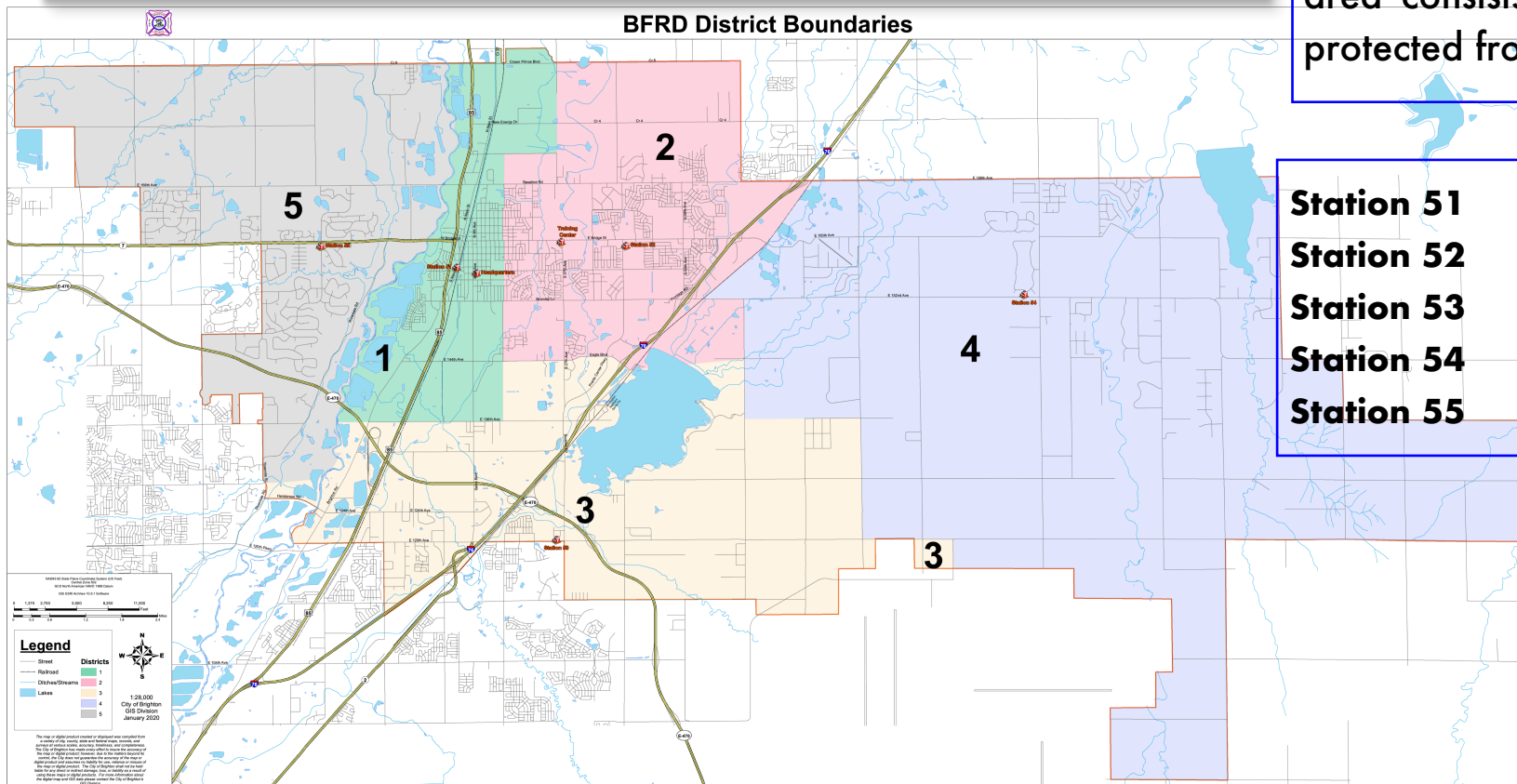
Fire Chief Mike Schuppe

# The District

## Board of Directors



The fire district protects the City of Brighton, Town of Wattenberg, part of the City of Commerce City, and parts of the Towns of Henderson and Lochbuie. In addition, our area includes large unincorporated areas of Adams and Weld Counties. Our service area consists of 150 square miles protected from five fire stations.



**Station 51**

425 S. Main St.

**Station 52**

124 S. 40th Ave.

**Station 53**

16681 E. 120th Ave.

**Station 54**

15229 Great Rock Rd.

**Station 55**

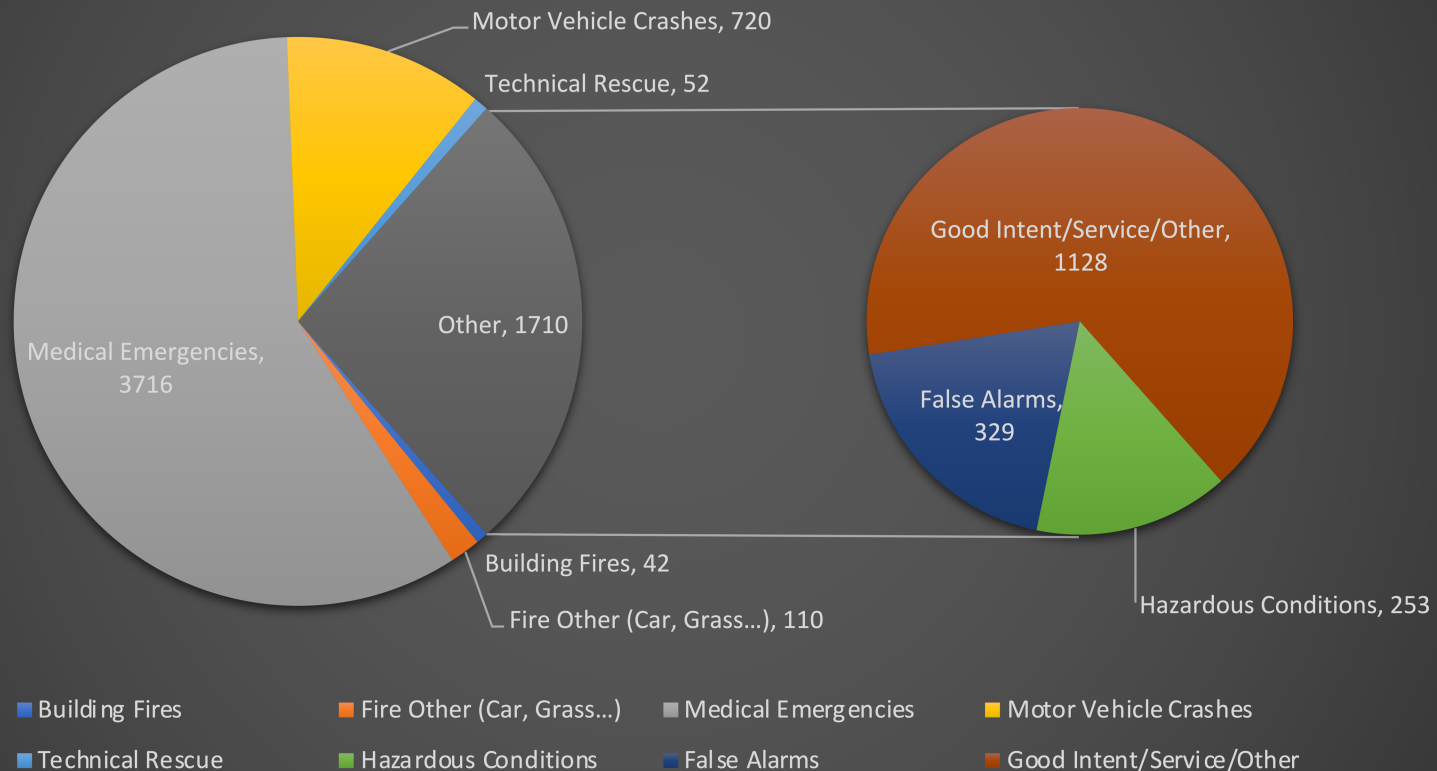
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# Emergency Incidents

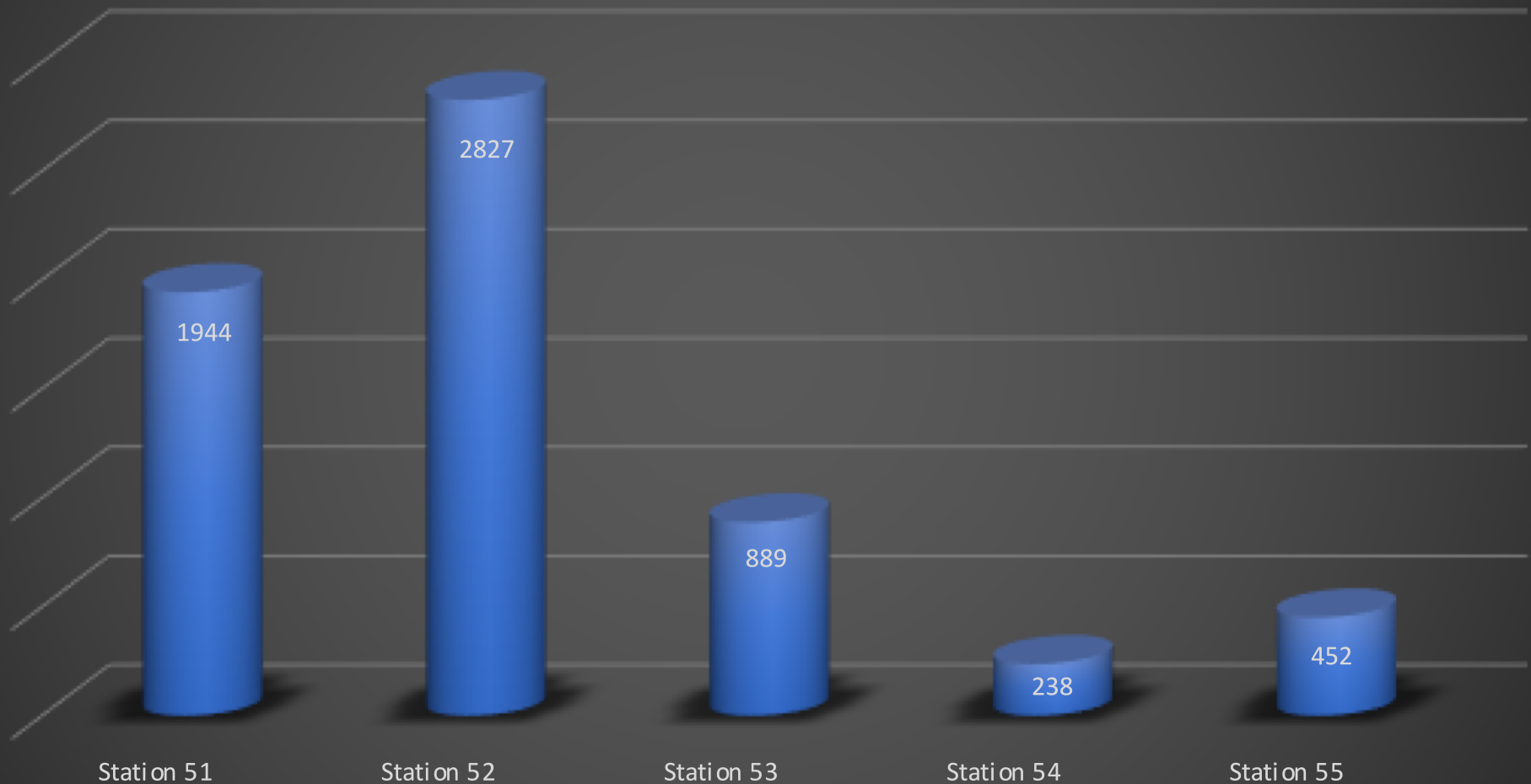
## 2019 Call Summary



2019 brought forth another busy year for the Brighton Fire Rescue District. Call volume totaled 6,350 incidents, a slight decrease from 2018. EMS/Rescue incidents continue to represent the majority of our calls with 3,719 incidents, a 1% decrease from 2018. Motor vehicle crashes (not represented in the EMS/Rescue call type) increased 1% from 667 in 2018 to 720 in 2019. Our wildfire season continues to be present a year-round challenge, but overall our total fire incidents decreased slightly with 152 fire incidents in 2019 compared to 166 in 2018.

# Emergency Incidents

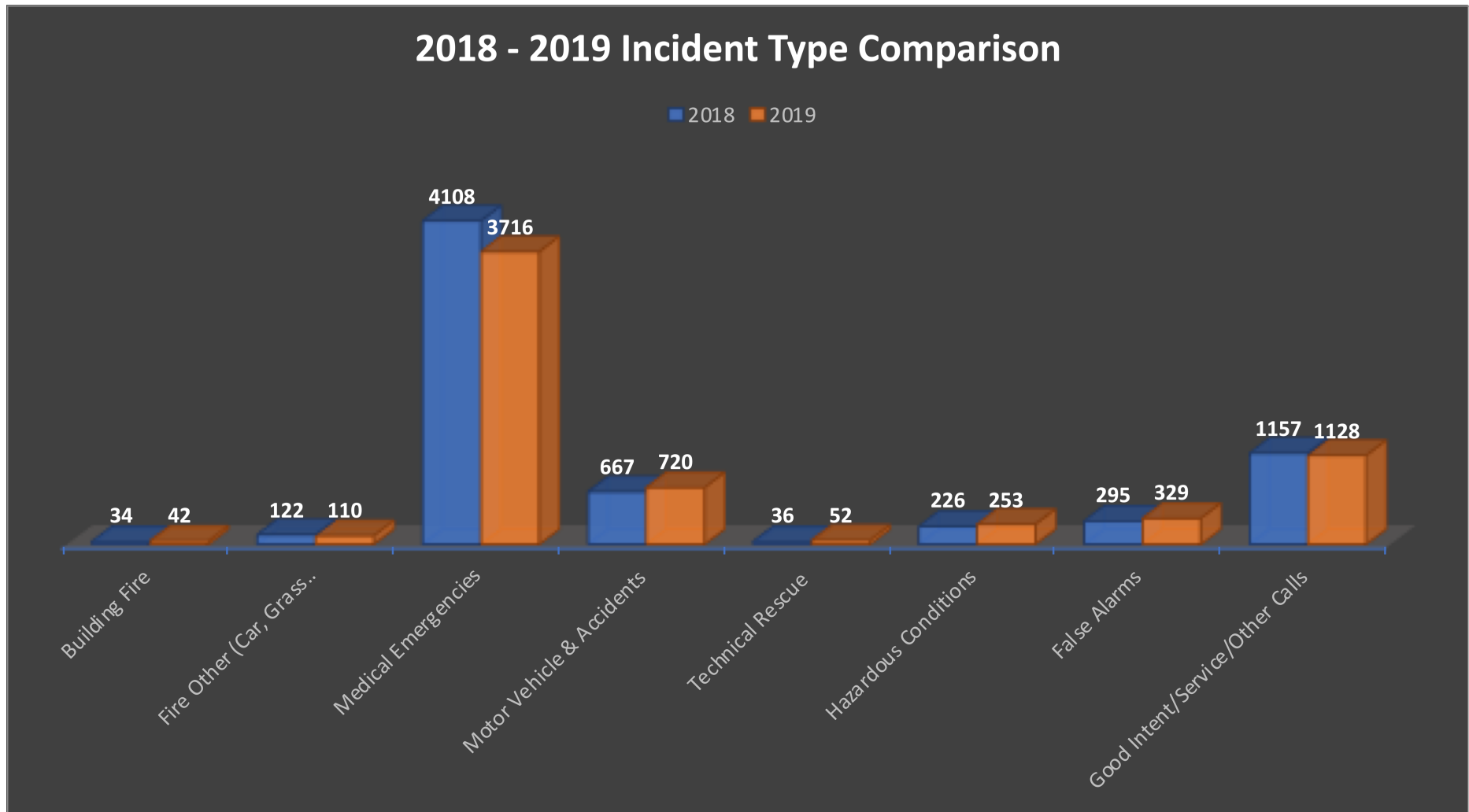
## Incident by Response District



With the continued increase in EMS/Rescue related calls, BFRD is constantly identifying value-added service delivery enhancements. In 2019, three firefighters graduated from Denver Health Paramedic School. BFRD responds to all EMS/Rescue incidents with a fire engine or ladder truck in addition to the services provided by our ambulance partner Platte Valley Ambulance Service through a contract with Platte Valley Medical Center.



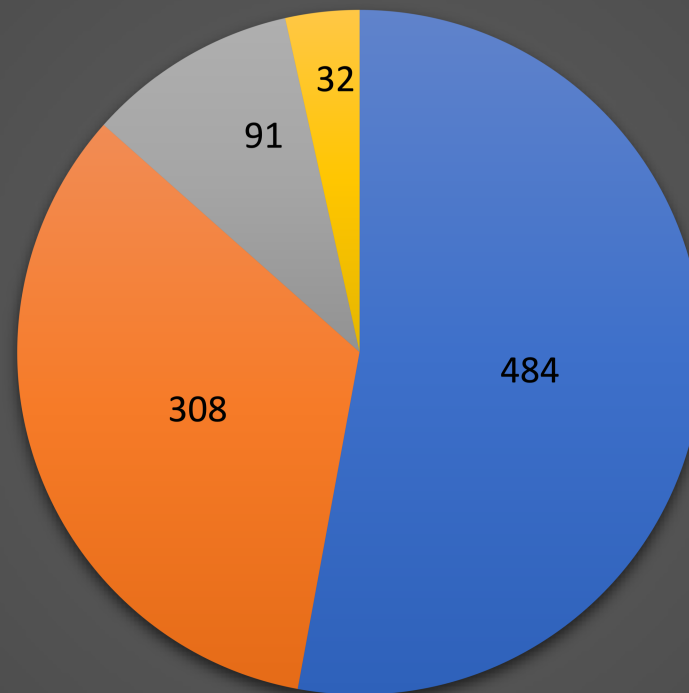
# Emergency Incidents



BFRD continues to utilize closest unit dispatching in coordination with our dispatch center, Adams County Communication Center (ADCOM), through a Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. CAD allows the dispatchers to send the closest fire apparatus and ambulance to calls for service through Global Positioning System (GPS) and Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL). By utilizing AVL and GPS, residents get the closest fire apparatus and ambulance every time.

# Emergency Incidents

## Aid Given and Received 2019



■ Automatic Aid Given

■ Automatic Aid Received

■ Mutual Aid Given

■ Mutual Aid Received



# Emergency Incidents

**In 2019 the District's response time in the entire district was 9 minutes or less 87% of the time**

Here's how that breaks down by each station's coverage area:

*Station 51: 8 minutes or less 88% of the time*

*Station 52: 8 minutes or less 84% of the time*

*Station 53: 11 minutes or less 92% of the time*

*Station 54: 12 minutes or less 85% of the time*

*Station 55: 12 minutes or less 91% of the time*

Fire District Response Time includes the time from when the unit is dispatched to the time when the unit arrives on scene. Fire stations in rural areas cover larger, less populated areas and have longer travel times.

# Training & Special Operations

The Training and Special Operations Division had another successful year in 2019. Brighton Fire Rescue District (BFRD) once again participated in the regional North Area Firefighter Academy with Adams County Fire, North Metro Fire, South Adams County Fire, Thornton Fire, and Westminster Fire. BFRD's Lieutenant Jesse Eversman served as our cadre instructor. We had all five of our new hires not only graduate but exceeded expectations.



BFRD remained committed to the North Area Fire Academy by providing equipment and adjunct instructors as needed. This regional approach to recruit firefighter training is in its eighth year and has proven to be a successful collaboration of organizations and resources. In 2019, BFRD is proud to have added our first three lateral hires which has proven to be a success.



# Training & Special Operations

In 2019, we completed the promotional process for the rank of Engineer. FF/Paramedic Logan Alberti, FF Brian Lopez and FF Leon Miller were all promoted to Engineer. Engineer Chris Elliott was promoted to Lieutenant while Lieutenant Kevin Carson was promoted to Training Captain. We had also hired Chief Kovacs as the new Battalion Chief of Training, Safety, and Special Operations who has since become our Deputy Chief.



Training of shift personnel continues to be an important component of firefighter readiness and competency. A number of training opportunities were provided such as active shooter/active threat with the North Area Fire Departments and Thornton PD. This opportunity included ten full days at Riverdale Ridge HS with student and staff role players. Another large, multi-day training was held at the old Great Indoors building. Crews performed multiple evolutions simulating a structure fire at a large commercial structure. Other training topics throughout the year included: apparatus operations, company officer development, and wildland firefighting. In 2019, Brighton Fire personnel completed a total of 12,929 hours of hands-on and classroom training.

# Training & Special Operations

Special Operations which includes Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials Response, Water & Ice Rescue, and Wildland Firefighting continues to be a focus of BFRD. We continue to participate in the North Area Technical Rescue Team and the Adams Jefferson County Hazardous Materials Authority as part of regional response teams. We also coordinate training activities with our partners in southern Weld County as part of their hazardous materials response team. Special Operations team members are cross trained to handle their general firefighting/EMS duties along with their specific special operations requirements. As the District continues to grow our capabilities have also grown and we continue to evaluate our needs at a local and regional response level.





# Training & Special Operations



Ending 2019, BRFD placed an emphasis on firefighter wellness and career longevity of our members. We implemented fire ground gross decontamination to help with cancer prevention as well as firefighter rehab to ensure safety and best practices for our Firefighters. All three shifts received multi-company training covering both topics. We also filmed a training video on fire ground gross decontamination with the help of PIO Natalie Ridderbos, Captain John Blunt and FF Kenny Rosales. View the training video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZR4pAwHvy5w>



# Membership Roster

## **Board of Directors**

President – Dean Morris  
Vice President – Scott Gerhardt  
Treasurer – Frank Serafini  
Secretary – Arlin Riggi  
Asst. Secretary – Don Rowe

## **Chief Staff**

Michael Schuppe - Fire Chief  
Andy Kovacs - Deputy Chief

## **Administrative Staff**

Sue Cahlander - Finance Specialist  
Emily Haskin - Administrative Assistant  
Andria Koenig - Administrative Manager  
Natalie Ridderbos – Public Information Officer  
Rita Saunders – Finance Manager  
Julie Sovizdraniouk - Admin Assistant

## **Fire Prevention**

Greg Davis - Fire Marshal  
Dawn Blunt - Public Safety Educator  
Carla Gutierrez - Fire Inspector  
Matt Wood - Fire Inspector

## **Fleet/Facilities Services**

Doug Tweedy - Manager  
Scott Anderson – Mechanic

## **Battalion Chief**

Phil Beehler - C-Shift  
Gerard Lutz - A-Shift  
Rand Sheldon - B-Shift

## **Captain**

John Blunt - B-Shift  
Colin Brunt – A-Shift  
Chris Forbes – C-Shift  
Kevin Carson - Training  
Austin Coleman - EMS

## **Lieutenant**

Brad Cogburn  
Gary Dawson  
Chris Elliot  
Jesse Eversman  
Daniel Grein  
Scott Griffith  
Brian Guyer  
Sean McCulloch  
Brian Nekvasil  
William Porterfield  
Tony Spresser

## **Engineer**

Logan Alberti, Paramedic  
Bill Bennett, Paramedic  
Frank DiLorenzo  
Dave DiLorenzo  
Todd Godek  
Scott Kinne  
Justin Lauridson  
Brian Lopez  
Samuel (Leon) Miller  
Mario Molinaro  
Mike Nekvasil  
Jeremy Osgood  
John Stevens  
Ryan Tate  
Jeff Wright

## **Firefighter/EMT or Paramedic**

Josh Ballard  
Ron Chavez  
James Doran  
Ethan Gilbert, Paramedic  
Travis Hahl  
Aaron Heiser, Paramedic  
Sean Houlihan  
Tom Howard, Paramedic  
John Johnson, Paramedic  
Matthew Joslin, Paramedic  
Clint Mader  
Owen Mckeough, Paramedic  
Devin Mellars  
Blake Mertz  
Cole Miller, Paramedic  
Mike Murphy  
Richard O'Rourke  
Erik Ottosen, Paramedic  
Brent Palizzi, Paramedic  
Neicoli Palizzi  
Herbert Roberts, Paramedic  
Kenny Rosales  
Janelle Schmunk  
Andrew Stone  
Taylor Sykes  
Richard Towndrow  
Byron Vall  
Theron Virtue, Paramedic

## **Chaplain**

Barry Hughes

## **Emergency Manager**

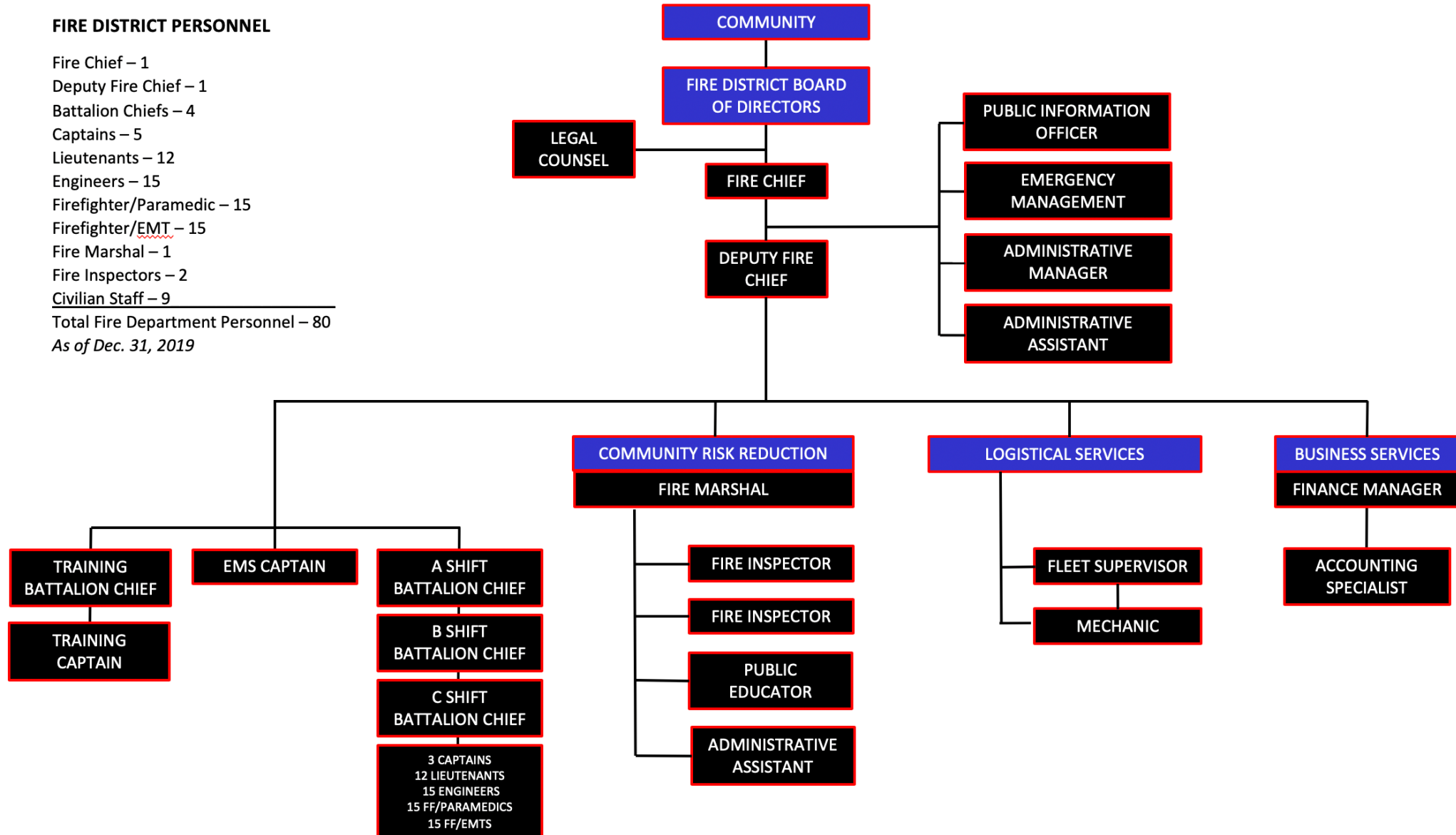
Stephanie Hackett



# Organizational Chart

## FIRE DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief – 1  
Deputy Fire Chief – 1  
Battalion Chiefs – 4  
Captains – 5  
Lieutenants – 12  
Engineers – 15  
Firefighter/Paramedic – 15  
Firefighter/EMT – 15  
Fire Marshal – 1  
Fire Inspectors – 2  
Civilian Staff – 9  
Total Fire Department Personnel – 80  
As of Dec. 31, 2019



# 2019 Awards

Congratulations to all members who earned awards in 2018. We look forward to your leadership and continued commitment to the Organization.

## **Career Firefighter of the Year**

Engineer Godek

## **Distinguished Service**

Engineer Kinne

Fire Inspector Gutierrez

Lieutenant Eversman

## **Recognition Certificates**

### **Bomb Cyclone:**

Captain Blunt

Captain Brunt

Firefighter/Paramedic Alberti

Engineer DiLorenzo

Engineer Tate

Fire Chief Bodane

Firefighter/Paramedic Heiser

Firefighter Mader

Firefighter Mellars

Firefighter/Paramedic Ottosen

Firefighter/Paramedic Virtue

Lieutenant Eversman

Lieutenant Porterfield

### **CPR Calls:**

Captain Blunt

Captain Coleman

Lieutenant Eversman x 2

Firefighter L. Miller x 3

Engineer Lauridson

Firefighter Mader x 3

Battalion Chief Sheldon

### **Fire Prevention Skits:**

Captain Brunt

Engineer Stevens

Firefighter Mertz

Firefighter Rosales

Firefighter Towndrow

### **Fire Safety Expo:**

Battalion Chief Sheldon

Captain Blunt

Captain Carson

Deputy Chief Kovacs

Fleet Manager Tweedy

Engineer/Paramedic Bennett

Engineer M. Nekvasil

Firefighter Ballard

Firefighter Hahl

Firefighter Houlihan

Firefighter/Paramedic Howard

Firefighter Mader

Firefighter Mertz

Firefighter Murphy

Firefighter N. Palizzi

Firefighter Rosales

Firefighter Schmunk

Firefighter Stone

Firefighter Sykes

Firefighter Vall

Firefighter Guyer

Lieutenant Spresser

Public Information Officer Ridderbos

Maintenance Mechanic Anderson



# Vehicle & Facility Maintenance

The Brighton Fire Rescue District Fleet and Facilities division maintains a modern, efficient, and reliable fleet of emergency vehicles, facilities, and equipment. Staff hold multiple Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) and Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications, which allow them to perform multiple functions of a full-service maintenance facility. This division is responsible for all vehicles, trailers, equipment on vehicles and all five fire stations, training center, and the fleet/maintenance building. They perform a wide range of comprehensive maintenance, troubleshooting, and other related services on all vehicles and facilities.

## Headquarters

CH 51 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 CH 52 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 OPS 51 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 RED 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 SAM 51 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 TR 52 2018 Chevrolet 1500  
 PIO 2010 Subaru Forester  
 FM 2016 Chevrolet Colorado  
 INSP 2019 Chevrolet Equinox  
 INSP 2017 Chevrolet Equinox  
 PUB ED 2016 Chevrolet Colorado

## Station 51

E 51 2019 Pierce Pumper  
 TWR 51 2011 Pierce Platform  
 RESERVE 2006 Spartan/Smeal Pumper  
 B 51 2000 Ford F550 Brush

## Station 52

E52 2013 Spartan/BME Pumper  
 TRK 52 2004 Spartan/Smeal Ladder  
 T 52 2010 Kenworth T800 Tanker  
 B 52 2000 Ford F550 Brush  
 BAT 51 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 AIR/LT 2010 Scott Air/Light Trailer

MASSCSTY 2006 Haulmark Mass Casualty  
 RESCUE 52 1990 GMC Kodiak Rescue

## Station 53

E 53 2008 Spartan/Smeal Pumper  
 T 53 2009 Kenworth T800 Tanker  
 B 53 2010 Ford F350 Brush  
 BOAT 53 2008 Zodiac/25 HP Mercury  
 BOAT TRLR 2010 Trailer Source

## Station 54

E 54 2010 Spartan/Smeal Pumper  
 T 54 2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker  
 B 54 2017 Ram 5500 Brush  
 HZMT 1982 Chevrolet Utilimaster

## Station 55

E 55 2006 Spartan/Smeal Pumper  
 T 55 2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker  
 B 55 2017 Ram 5500 Brush  
 RAFT 55 Black Raft  
 ZOD TRLR 2008 Zodiac Small Boat Trlr

## Maintenance

MAIN TRK 2019 Chevy 2500  
 MAIN ASST 2019 Chevy Colorado  
 STN MAIN 2011 F350

## Trailers

Raft 2020 Sport trail/Raft trl.  
 GLF TRLR 2018 Mission Utility GC Trlr  
 CARTRLR 2014 Load Trail Car Hauler  
 PUB E TRLR 2017 Haulmark Pub Ed Trlr  
 SMKE TRLR 1997 SCO Safety Trlr  
 TRNG TRLR 2006 Haulmark Training Trlr  
 MAZETRLR 1990 Kentucky Maze Trlr  
 TechResTRL 2001 Haulmark

## Antiques/Golf Carts

1927 1927 American Lefrance Pump  
 1915 1915 Republic  
 PUPPYCRT 2012 Yamaha Gas Golf Cart  
 FRTK CRT 2010 EZ-GO Electronic GLF C

## OOS District Vehicles

B 54 1993 Navistar/KME Brush

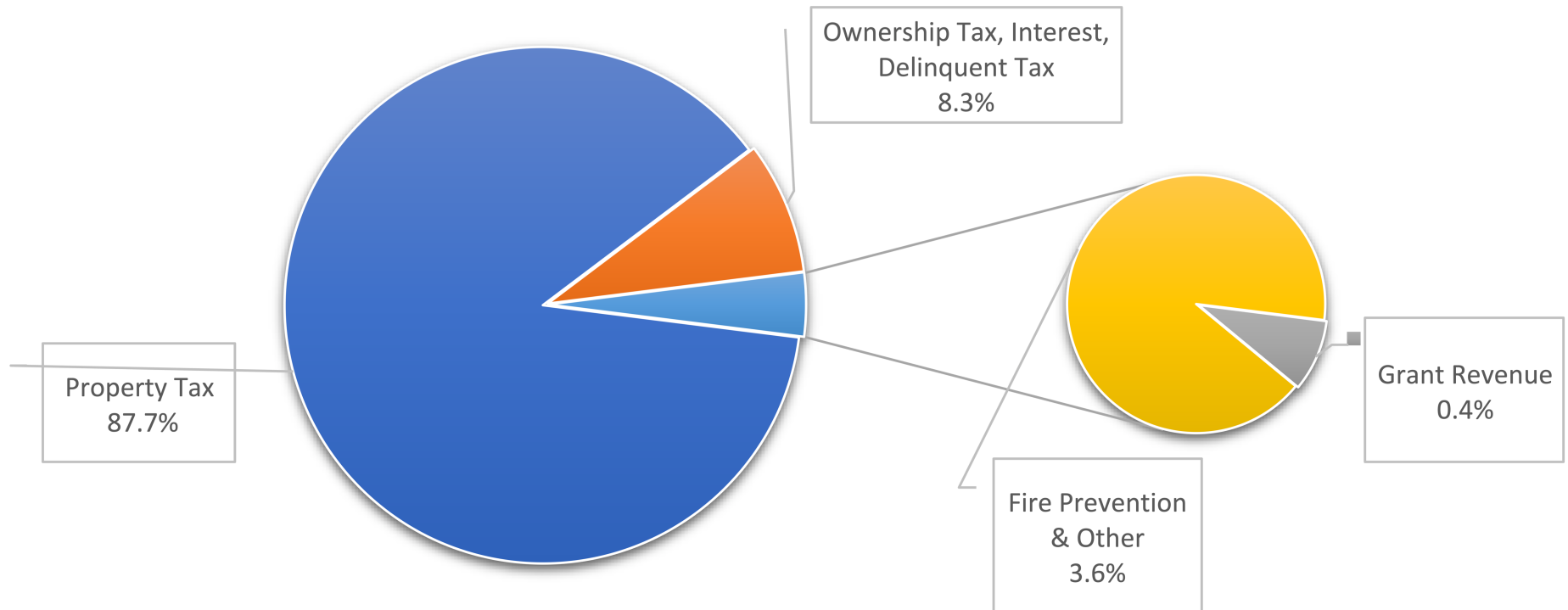


# Finance

## **General Fund**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$3,645,226  |
| Revenue                | \$14,837,148 |
| Expenditures           | \$14,836,309 |
| Ending Fund Balance    | \$3,603,390  |

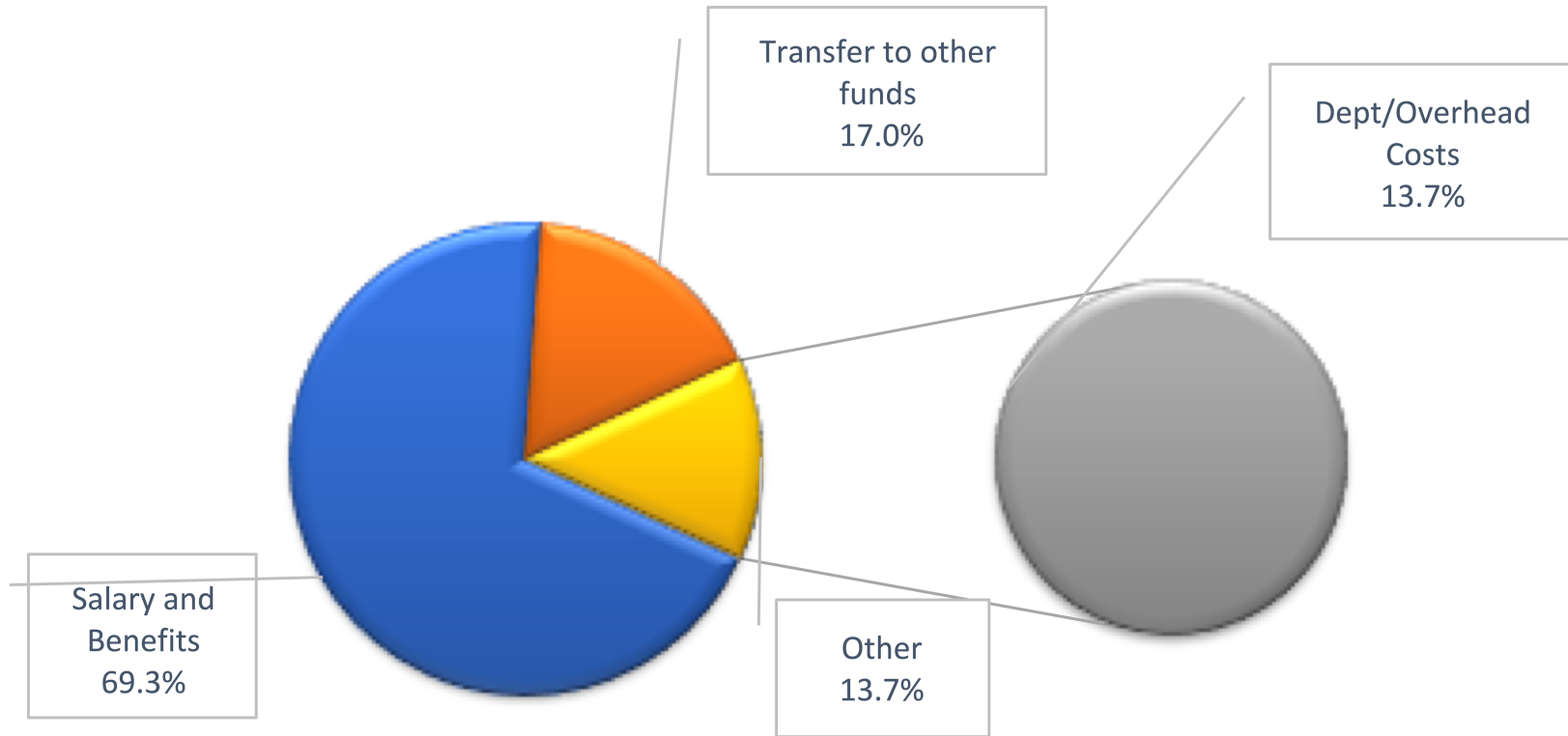
## 2019 General Fund Revenues





# Finance

## 2019 General Fund Expenditures



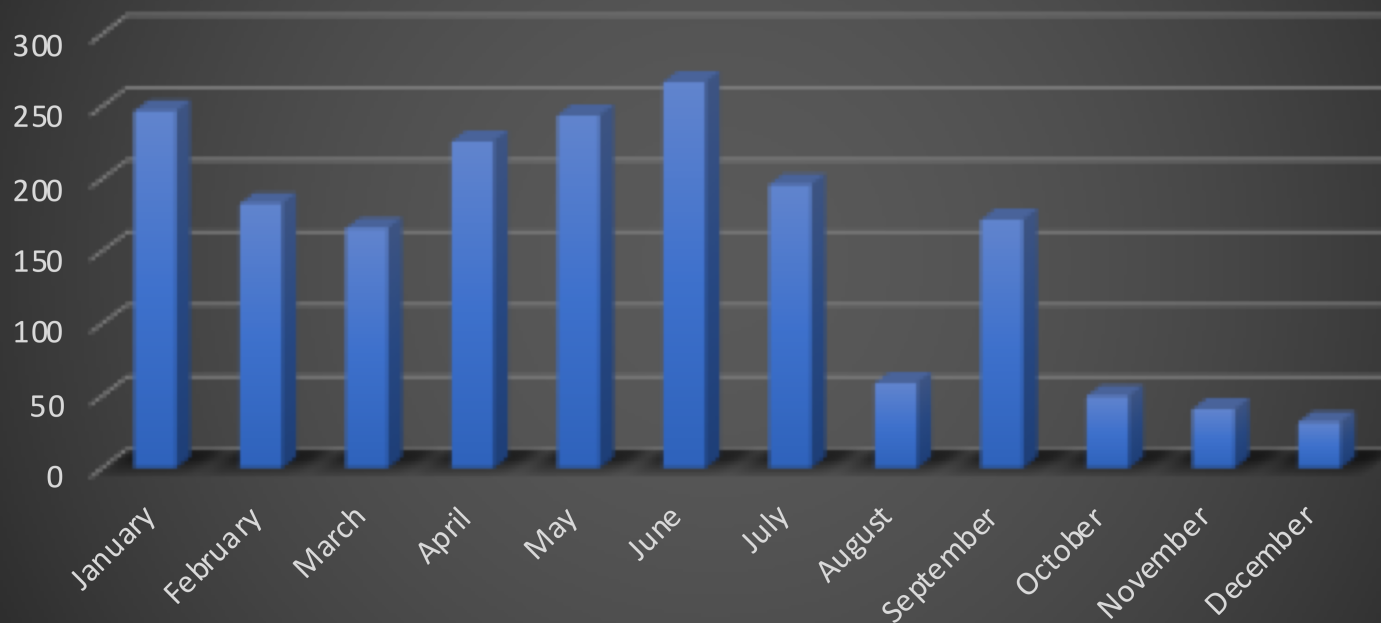
### **Capital Development Fund**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$2,573,305 |
| Revenue                | \$3,292,770 |
| Expenditures           | \$4,845,541 |
| Ending Fund Balance    | \$1,020,534 |

# Fire Prevention

In 2019, a total of 1,883 inspections were completed by fire prevention staff. Every year our fire inspectors visit each commercial property in our jurisdiction to complete a fire and life safety inspection. Also, all new businesses and construction projects are reviewed and inspected for code compliance as well. Reviews and inspections are important to ensure the safety of our firefighters and community.

## 2019 Fire Inspections Completed by Month



### 2019 Completed Inspections

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| January   | 247 |
| February  | 183 |
| March     | 166 |
| April     | 226 |
| May       | 244 |
| June      | 267 |
| July      | 196 |
| August    | 59  |
| September | 172 |
| October   | 50  |
| November  | 41  |
| December  | 32  |

# Fire Prevention

Another huge part of our fire prevention efforts are accomplished through public education and interactions. Our public educator and line personnel work hard throughout the year to reach the members of our community. In July we offered two kids academies. In October we offered school presentations that focused on important safety messages. We also provided the following programs and events in 2019: Safety Expo, child safety seat installations, school presentations and fire drills, smoke and carbon monoxide detector installs, juvenile firesetter interventions, story times, station tours, truck displays, blood pressure checks and fire extinguisher trainings.



## **Public Interactions by Type**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Fire Drills              | 15         |
| Public Education         | 57         |
| Public Appearance Events | 65         |
| Car Seat Checks          | 63         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>200</b> |

## **Audience**

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Adults   | 2,882 |
| Children | 4,575 |





# Public Information & Events

In 2019 Brighton Fire hosted public events including the Safety Expo, Truck-or-Treat and 9/11 Ceremony.



In 2019 we increased social media following on Twitter by 26%, ending the year with 3,939 followers.



In 2019 we increased social media following on Facebook by 33%, ending the year with 9,581 followers.



The District participated in several community events in 2019 including the Egg Dash, Help for Homes, Summerfest, Concerts in the Park, City Bike Rides, 3rd and 4th of July Fireworks, City Ward BBQ, Children's Hospital Mobile Blood Drives, Adams County Fair, Thanksgiving meal deliveries, Festival of Lights & a Christmas family sponsorship.