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"We exist to positively impact those we serve through professional service."

COMMUNITY. INTEGRITY. COURAGE. PRIDE. COMPASSION.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Over the past few years, we have embraced hope, joy, pride, and success. The future is very bright, and we are working on building something together that will be infinite.

We are building a strong organization, better trained, and equipped to deliver emergency service to every home and business within our district when called upon. Our purpose remains to always be there to help our residents.

We are your community fire dept. We love your support and encouragement to do the best we can to serve you. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make a positive impact. We have a very special place here; the people of this community make this a great place to serve.

Thank you,

Byron Lawson



BRIGHT



MISSION, VISION & VALUES

OUR MISSION

We exist to positively impact those we serve through professional service.

OUR VISION

To be a visionary Fire Department where our people are valued, supported, and empowered to be servant leaders.

OUR VALUES

COMMUNITY

We value our relationship with our fire family and those we serve.

INTEGRITY

We value honesty and ethics in all we do.

COURAGE

We value facing challenges with strength, grace, and humility.

PRIDE

We value professional excellence.

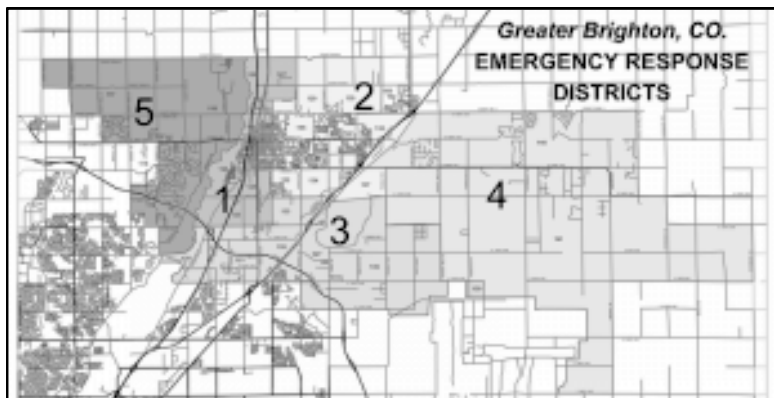
COMPASSION

We value kindness and understanding.



DISTRICT & FIRE STATIONS

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 5 fire stations.



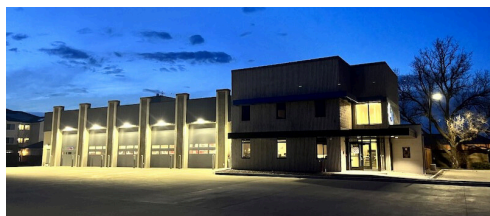
The new Training Center being constructed at 5 S. Firehouse Rd, Brighton, CO 80601 will include training classrooms, inside and outside training areas and a Museum to showcase the history of The Brighton Fire Rescue District from 1888 – Present.



In 2023, some of the 20+ year old stations have been renovated and others upgraded. We broke ground on property for a new training center and identified a location for a 6th fire station.



STATION 51



425 S. Main St.
Brighton, CO 80601



STATION 52



124 S. 40th Ave.
Brighton, CO 80601



STATION 53



16681 E. 120th Ave.
Brighton, CO 80601



STATION 54



15229 Great Rock Rd.
Brighton, CO 80603



STATION 55



15959 Havana St.
Brighton, CO 80602

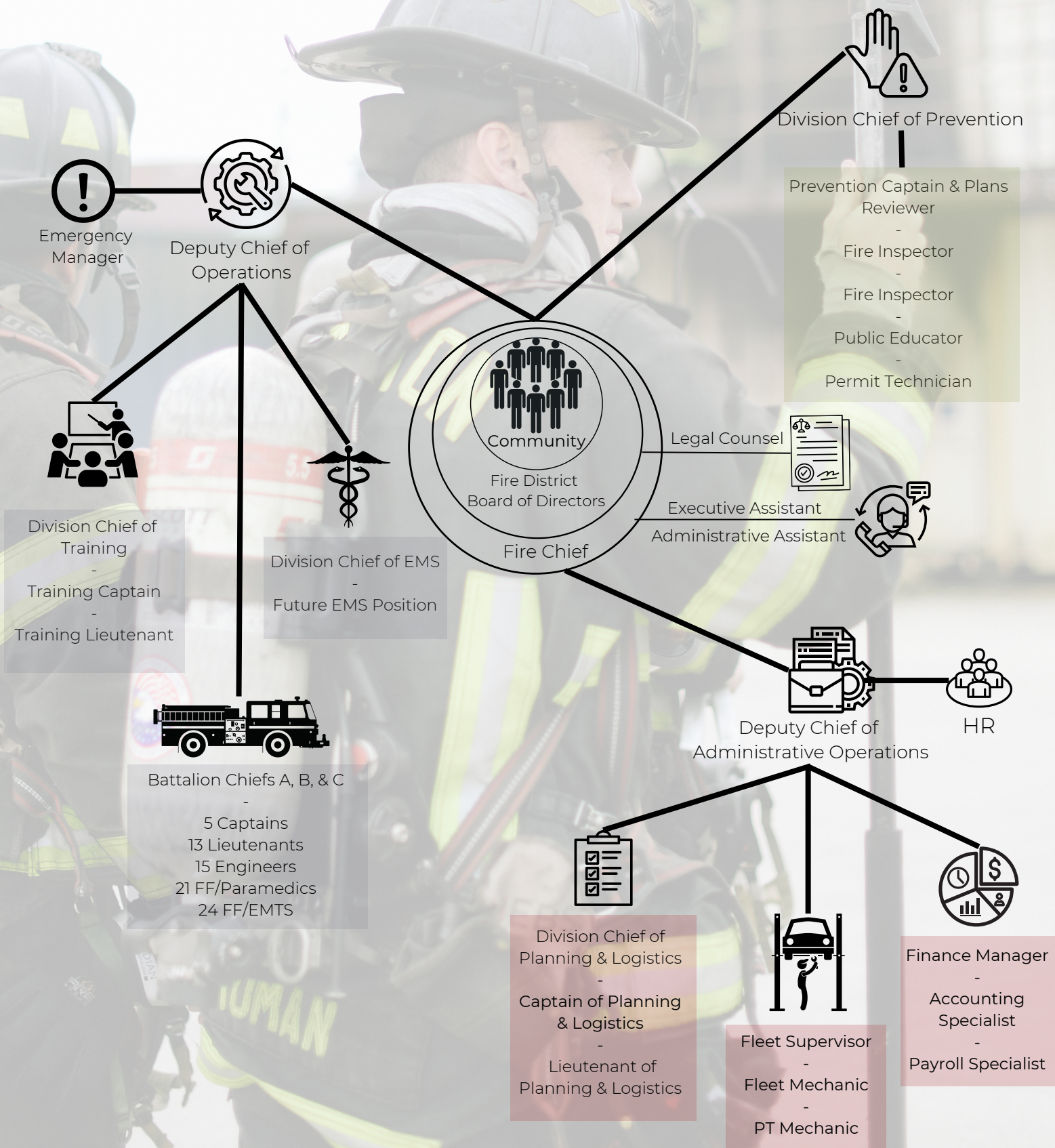
STATION 56



Buckley & 144th
Brighton, CO 80601



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





OPERATIONS

The districts response plans were updated and now includes CAD to CAD response capabilities (Computer Aided Dispatch). This now means that the closest unit will be dispatched based on location of the units and not the fire station.

5,719

Rescue & Emergency
Medical Service Incidents

787

Good Intent Calls

561

Service Calls

442

False Alarm &
False Calls

7,837

Total Calls in 2023

174

Hazardous Conditions

142

Fires

4

Severe Weather &
Natural Disaster

2

Overpressure
Ruptures/Explosions





Two members were accepted on the Colorado Task Force 1 USAR Team as Heavy Rigging Specialists.

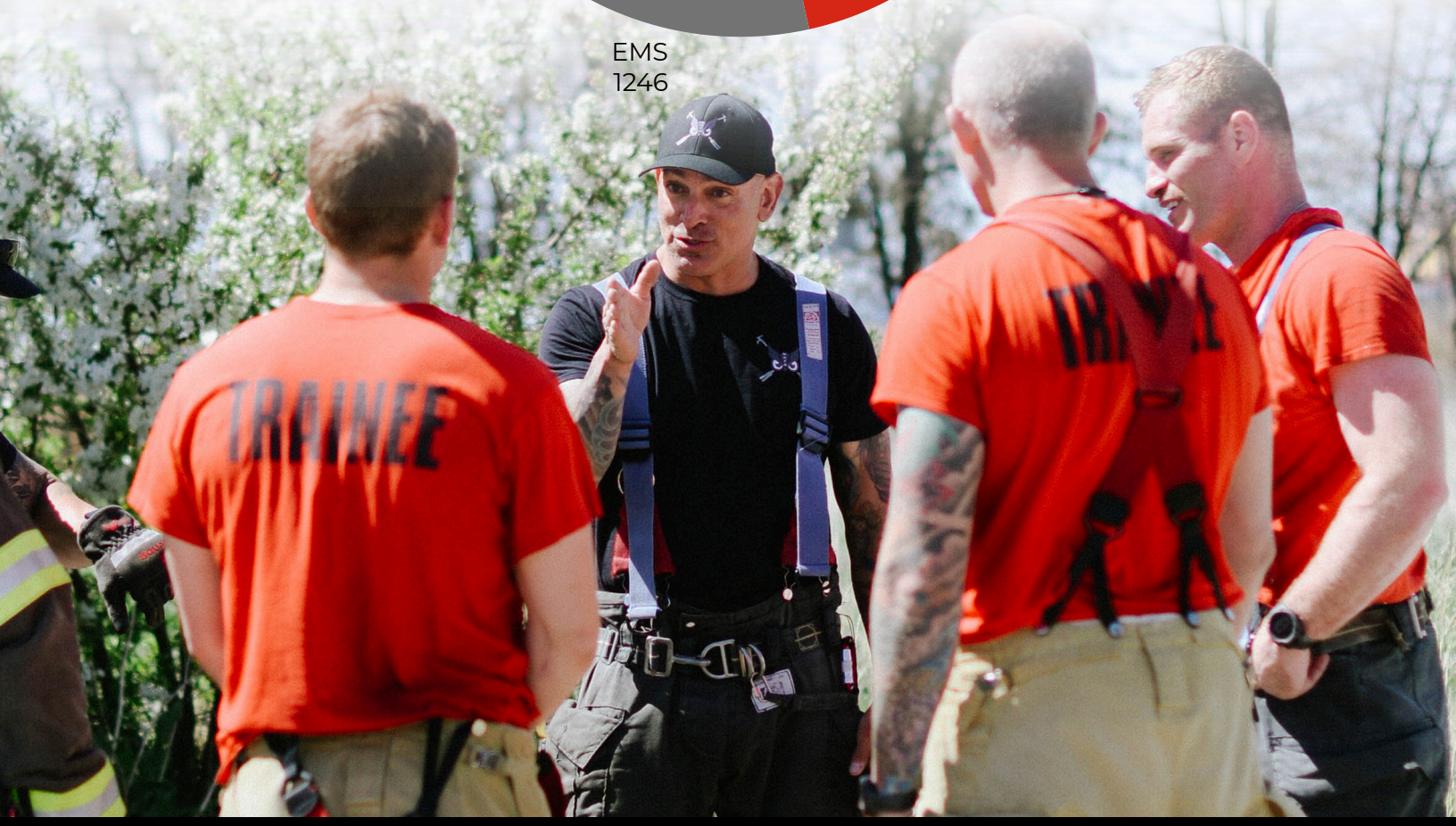
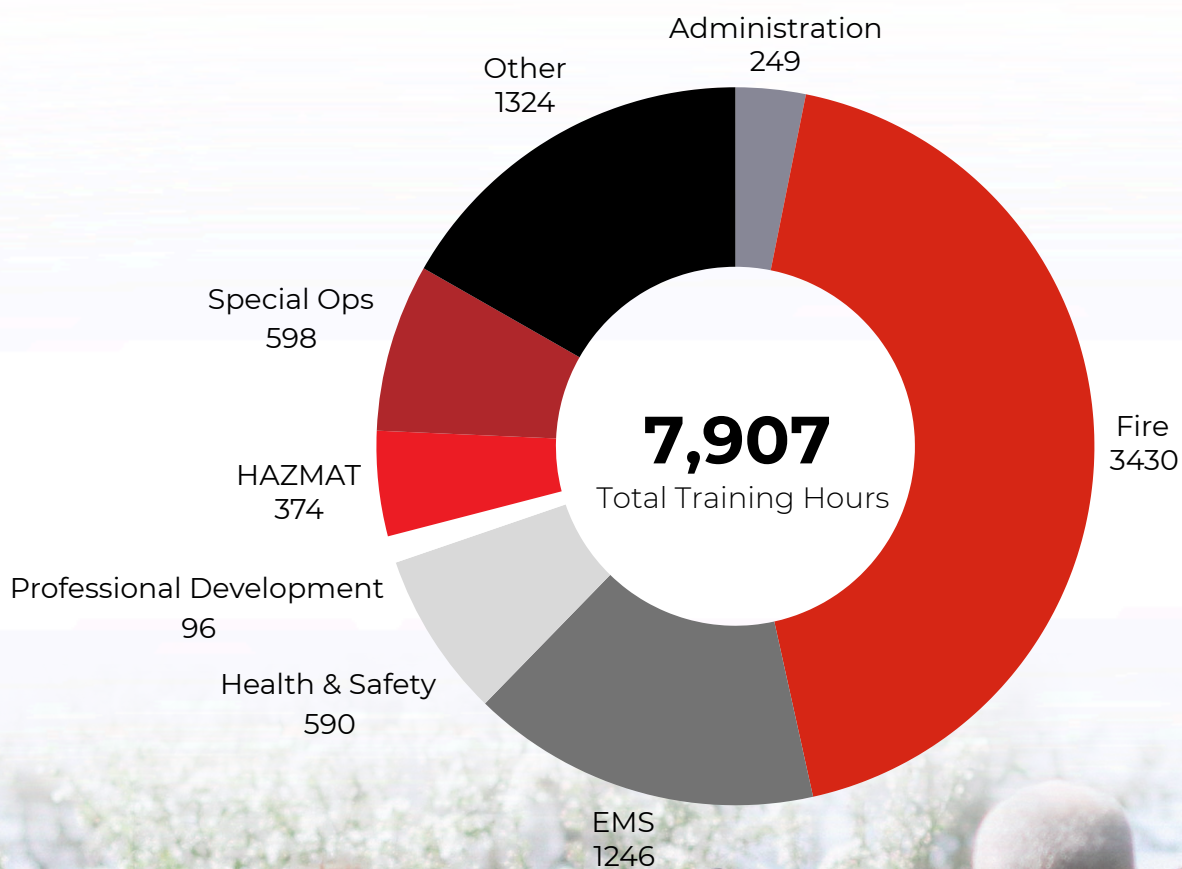
In 2023, the Wildland Team was officially signed off by the state to be a deployable agency. This means Brighton's ten members have the required certifications and equipment to assist when called with wildland fires nationwide.

The team was deployed twice in Colorado and once in Northern California.





TRAINING





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Brighton Fire Rescue was the lead agency for 2 North Area Fire Academies in 2023.
Of the academy graduates, 20 were Brighton hires.

Recruitment and hiring also began for the 2024 Fire Academies.





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The BFRD has an emerging EMS Division that only exists because of our compassionate and talented personnel. If you call 911, you will get a level of care that is remarkable. If your life is to be saved, our talented responders will save it.





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



UNITS IN SERVICE

Medic 52, Medic 51, SAM 51 in service
Medic 55 & 3 more ambulances ordered



TRAINING & EDUCATION

State of CO recognized EMS Education Group
State of CO BFRD credentialed instructors
I.V. Program developed
Lead instructor for NAFA 13 - EMS Week
North Area EMT School began development
National Registry, State of CO EMS Certifications,
ACLS, PALS, Hand-Tevy, & CPR, all done in house by
BFRD instructors, SAM Academy, FTO Academy



IMPROVEMENTS & AWARDS

Transport billing improved
Image Trend - switched to version 3.5 NEMSIS Compliant
3 State of CO EMS Grants awarded - \$315k



ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

- Implemented a new accounting software
- Tower 52 placed in service
- Purchased and placed in service 1 new Med unit.
- Major update of Station 55 with new concrete and water service
- Design and start building of the new Training Center
- Updated graphics on Tenders and Brush Trucks
- Placed new BC51 Tahoe in service
- Hired Exec Admin/Office manager
- Hired Admin Assistant
- Hired Permit Technician
- Hired a bunch of Firefighters





PLANNING & LOGISTICS

Due to exponential growth within our community, the need to create a new division for the fire district in 2022 was necessary. The Planning and Logistics Division was created to encompass several areas of the district. These areas include Station Maintenance & Projects, New Construction, IT, Radios & Communication, SCBAs, Grant Writing and Fundraising, Accreditation, Wildland, Hiring, and Annual Physicals.





PLANNING & LOGISTICS

Firefighter Health & Wellness

- Performed 120 annual physicals for personnel
 - Contributed to Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer & Behavioral Health Benefits Trust
- The trust supports Brighton Fire Rescue District in managing the human and financial burdens created by serious health issues by providing mandated cardiac and voluntary cancer benefits.

Accreditation

We looked towards achieving full accreditation through The Center for Public Safety Excellence, a 2-3 year process.

Grants & Fundraising

In 2023, we requested funding through 13 grants.
We received \$1,351,397.50 from 7 grants:

Local Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant

Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Grant

Colorado Resource for Emergency & Trauma Education Program Grant

Colorado Department of Local Affairs

PDC Energy Grant

FM Global Fire Prevention Grant

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant



FINANCE

2023 Net Income 11,106,895

Expenses:

Fire Protection Services	16,834,873
Capital Outlay	156,684
Debt Service	169,801
Depreciation	1,741,022

Total Expenses 18,902,380

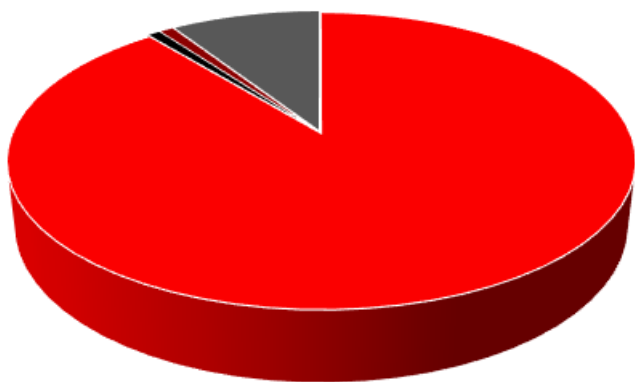
EXPENSES

Revenues:

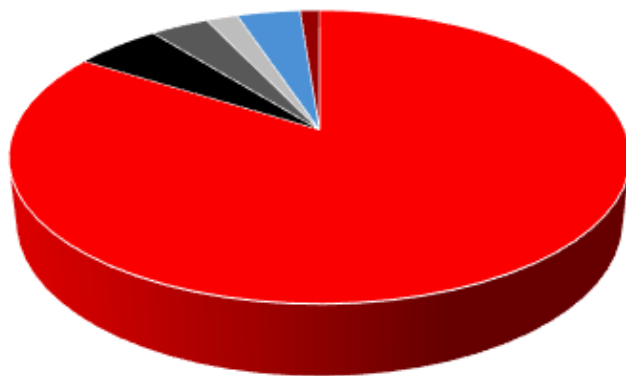
General Property Taxes	25,182,872
Specific Ownerhsip Taxes	1,605,117
Delinquent Interest & Taxes	3,454
Investment Earnings	1,084,532
Grant Revenue	591,529
Other Income	1,178,633
Charges for Services	363,138

Total Revenues 30,009,275

REVENUES



■ Fire Protection Services ■ Capital Outlay ■ Debt Service ■ Depreciation



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■ Delinquent Interest & Taxes ■ Investment Earnings
■ Grant Revenue ■ Other Income
■ Charges for Services



PREVENTION

In 2023, the Prevention Division added a plan reviewer and a permit technician. The plan review position has allowed us to bring all plan reviews back in-house instead of outsourcing.

1873

*Fire & Life Safety
Inspections*

609

Re-Inspections

60

*Fire Investigations
in Structures*

326

*Units that received
Smart Burners*

Brighton Fire received a FEMA grant for Smart Burners which was a collaboration with the Brighton Housing Authority to install Smart Burner units in all Brighton Housing Authority residential units in the city.



