



# Red Bank Fire Department Annual Report 2022





## Message from the Chief

As our department continues an upward trend in 2022, with more and more calls for service coming in every year, our personnel have continued to provide exemplary service to the citizens and visitors of Red Bank. This year, our personnel answered 1,022 calls from service, an increase of approximately 12% from 2021 and a 32% increase from 2020. Our personnel continue to respond to all hazards and provide the expertise and compassionate care that the public expects when they dial 911.

This year showed marked improvement in other areas as well as our call volume. With the new budget, we were able to promote a Fire Training Instructor to head our Training Division to ensure that our personnel maintain levels of proficiency to best serve our community and provide them with the emergency response that they deserve.

As we close out 2022, we are eager to see what the future has in store for Red Bank and how we can continue to serve our community through the Red Bank Way!

Brent Sylar  
Fire Chief

## Our Mission

The mission of the Red Bank Fire Department is to protect lives, property, and the environment by providing a high-quality of service that is prompt, skillful, caring, resourceful, and cost-effective.

## Fire Department Staff



Fire Chief  
Brent Sylar



Deputy Chief  
Eddie Iles



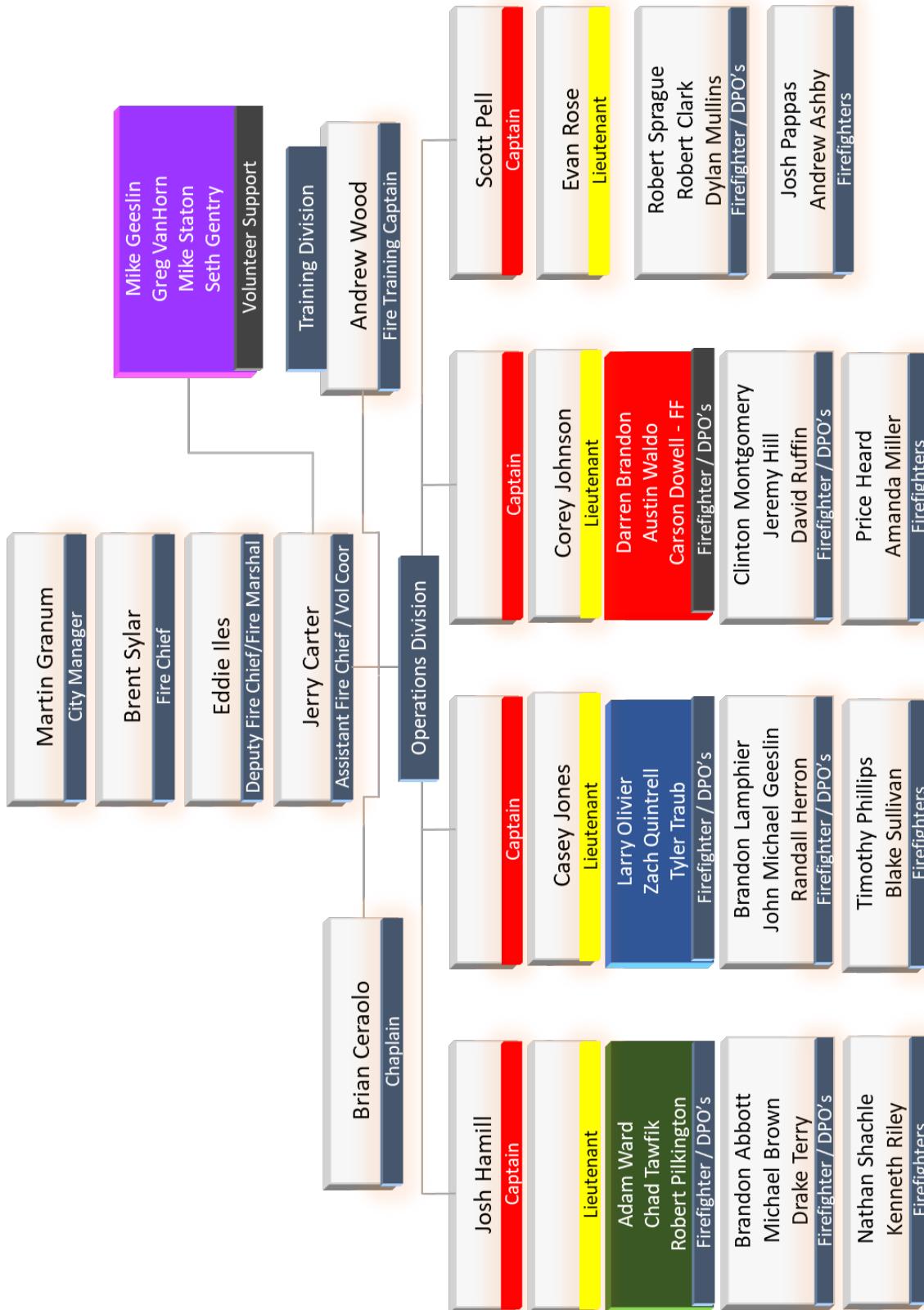
Assistant Chief  
Jerry Carter



Training Captain  
Andrew Wood



## Organizational Structure





## Incident Statistics

### Breakdown by Major Incident Types

Fires: 43

Overpressure Ruptures, Explosions, Overheating: 1

Rescue and Emergency Medical Services: 442

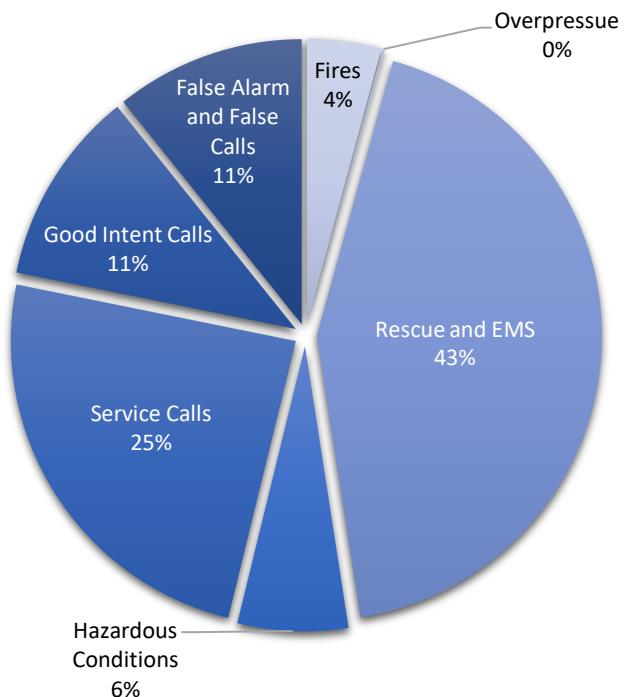
Hazardous Conditions: 64

Service Calls: 249

Good Intent Calls: 113

False Alarm and False Calls: 110

Total Call Volume for 2022: 1,022



### Fires

Building Fires: 21

- Private Dwellings: 12

- Apartments: 6

RV/Motor Home Fire: 1

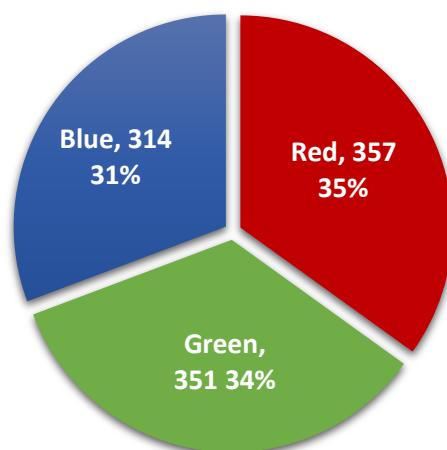
Passenger Vehicle Fire: 2

Brush, Grass, and Outside Fires: 18

Dumpster Fire: 1

Total Fires: 43

### Incidents by Shift



### Rescue and Emergency Services

Emergency Medical Calls: 301

Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries: 57

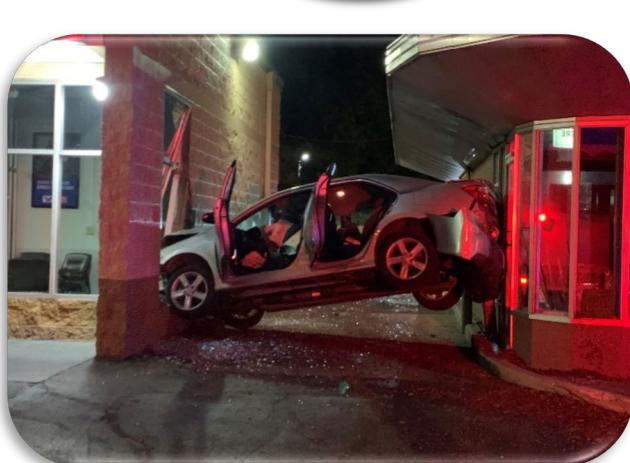
Motor Vehicle Accidents without Injuries: 13

Motor Vehicle Accidents with Entrapment: 7

Extrication of Victim from a Structure (Collapse): 3

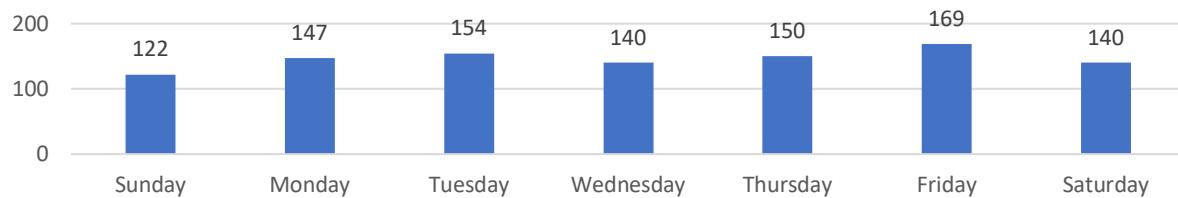
Medical Assist (Assist EMS): 61

Total Rescue and EMS Calls: 442

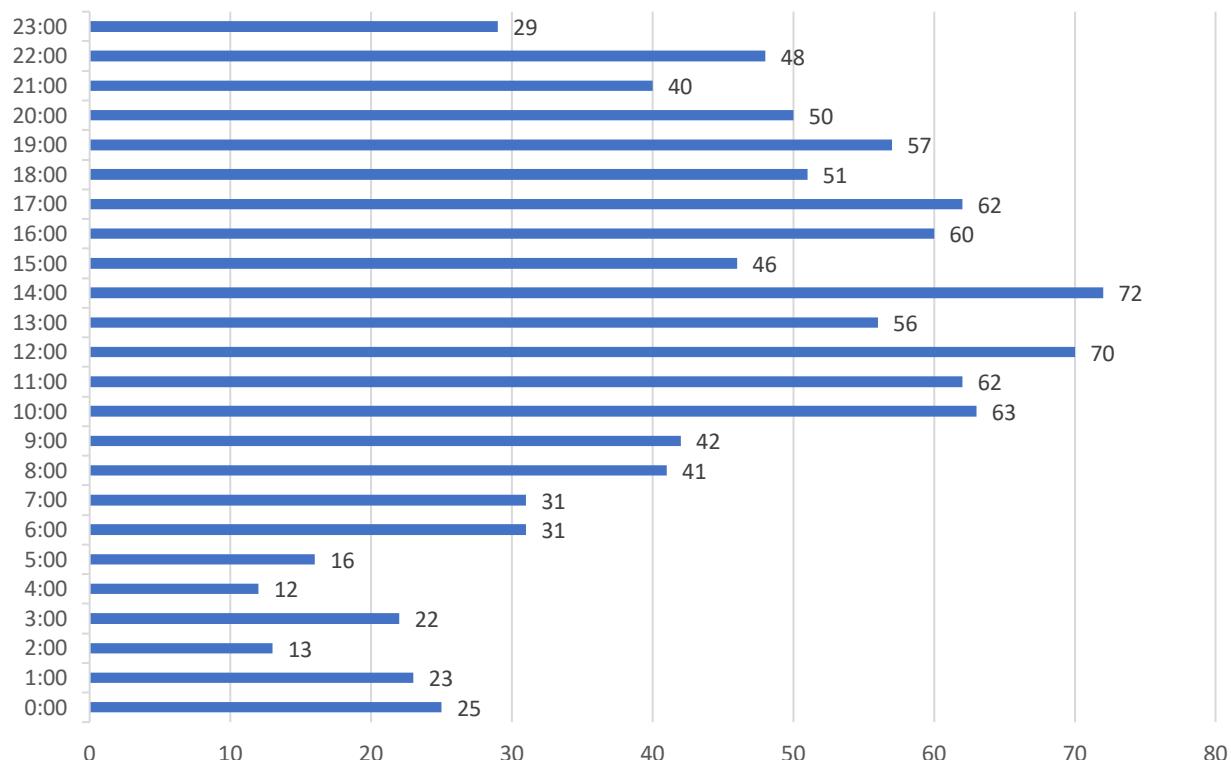




### Incidents by Day of the Week



### Incidents by Time of Day



## Fire Prevention

An essential service of the fire department is the prevention of fires before they occur and educating the public on what to do in case of these emergencies.

### Fire Inspections

Total Fire Inspections for 2022: 129

### Fire Investigations

Total Fire Investigations for 2022: 9

### Public Education

Total Public Education contacts: approximately 900



## Fire Training

### Fire Training Instructor

In the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, the City Commission approved a new Fire Training Instructor position to oversee and facilitate training. Firefighter/DPO Andrew Wood was promoted to this position on August 8<sup>th</sup> and started working to ensure our personnel are best prepared to serve our community when called.

### Physical Agility Testing

This year, a Physical Agility Test was developed to determine new applicants' fitness for duty and to assess all personnel annually to ensure that they remain physically fit for duty. In September, the new Physical Agility Test was implemented across the department.



### Training Props and Equipment

To ensure that our personnel have all the tools necessary to remain proficient in their essential skills to perform fire suppression and rescues, we began to build a new training area and props for training. This year, we added a ventilation prop, attic simulator, forcible entry door, Keiser sled, and a forcible entry wall breach prop.





## Promotions and New Additions

### Promotions

Andrew Wood, Firefighter/DPO to Fire Training Instructor

### New Personnel

Michael Brown, Firefighter/DPO (Full-time)  
Kenneth Riley, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Nathan Schachle, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Tyler Traub, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Timothy Phillips, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Amanda Miller, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Andrew Sullivan, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Josh Pappas, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Dylan Mullins, Firefighter/DPO (Part-time)  
Carson Dowell, Firefighter (Part-time)  
Robert Clark, Firefighter/DPO (Part-time)



## In Memoriam

Captain Ellen Geeslin, volunteer Captain of Emergency Medical Services, passed away on February 16, 2022. Ellen worked as an RN at the Erlanger Baroness Hospital Emergency Department, at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee as a Nurse Consultant, and for the Hamilton County Department of Education as a school nurse for Bess T. Shepherd Elementary School. She dedicated 44 years to serving the community with the Red Bank Fire Department where she was the Captain of the Emergency Medical Services division. She also dedicated over 40 years to instructing and guiding the next generation of Emergency Medical Technicians at Chattanooga State. Her legacy lives on through the legion of students she mentored throughout the years.





## 2022 Photo Review



