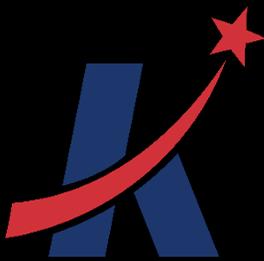




# Killeen Fire Department 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# CITY OF KILLEEN

## CITY POPULATION

(2021 ESTIMATE)

# 156,261

- 19<sup>TH</sup> Largest City in Texas
- 172<sup>nd</sup> Largest City in the US
- Neighbor to Fort Hood – largest military installation in the USA

***Dedicated Service – Every  
Day, for Everyone***





# Annual Report 2022

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# Message from the Fire Chief

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR KILLEEN FIRE CHIEF

Welcome to the new and improved Killeen Fire Department Annual Report! This report will serve as a resource that can be shared and referenced to find all the great accomplishments our department has made throughout the year in one location. Our group of over 245 sworn and civilian personnel work their hardest each and every day to ensure that the very best emergency response and service is provided to those that call upon them, no matter what the reason. I am proud of everything this team has been able to accomplish throughout the year. February 1, 2022, marked the start of my second year maintaining the honor and privilege to serve as your Fire Chief, and it was a busy year to say the least! To start, I would like to thank each and every member of the Killeen Fire Department for their willingness to help this department grow and change for the better throughout the year. As we head into 2023, I will continue to focus on improving the health, safety, and welfare of our most important resource; the men and women of the Killeen Fire Department.

We exited the COVID-19 Pandemic at the start of the 2022 and the department had to adjust to the “new normal” of post-pandemic fire and emergency medical service response. The start of 2022 saw an immediate, and significant, change in the Operations Division as we added nine new personnel and placed our ninth ALS ambulance in service to meet the call demand being experienced and ensure the citizens of Killeen had a much higher likelihood to have an ambulance from their own city respond to an emergency if needed. In 2021, a Killeen Fire Department ambulance was not available more than 120 times. That number decreased to 51 times in 2022 after the addition of the city’s ninth ambulance. That is a 57% reduction in the amount of time an ambulance was not available within the city limits! The Administration Division also saw growth as Keith Foxx was promoted to the newly created Assistant Chief of Administration position which allowed for an experienced member to oversee many important, new projects for the department to include the delivery of 5 new firetrucks and 3 new ambulances. These new, state-of-the-art, fire apparatus were delivered in May of 2022 with the help of the U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry horse detachment leading the delivery and push-in ceremony for the 5 new fire trucks. Additionally, the E.M.S. Division implemented a new Advanced Cardiac Resuscitation protocol that changes the way we provide treatment to patients suffering from sudden cardiac arrest and will improve the chance for those people to be discharged from the hospital with intact brain function.

Shortly after the new vehicles were placed into service, the Insurance Services Organization (I.S.O.) performed a site visit and began the process of re-evaluating our current I.S.O. – Class 1 ranking which is expected to be released in late 2023. A plan was submitted and accepted by the evaluation team that will allow the Killeen Fire Department to maintain the current Class 1 ranking! The summer and fall brought some hot and dry weather that resulted in the Wildland Team, led by Battalion Chief Cory Davis, to respond to a record number of wildland fire incidents throughout the state. The team responded to 14 Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) deployments. However, the incident that needed our help

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR KILLEEN FIRE CHIEF

the most was right in our back yard as multiple team members and units assisted Fort Hood with the 33,000 acre "Crittenberg Complex" fire that lasted nearly three weeks. The largest wildland fire in Fort Hood history that resulted in no residential or business structures being damaged. This invaluable partnership between the Killeen Fire Department and Fort Hood Fire Department is being recognized by the Pentagon through their Army Community Partnership Awards later this year.

Lastly, the department received numerous grants that will help us to provide even better service in the future. Three grants, totaling just over \$1,000,000, were received to purchase new cardiac monitors, hire new emergency management personnel, and place a new fire engine in the city's newest fire station (expected to open in the middle of 2024). The new Fire Station and Emergency Operations Complex received funding of \$17,600,000 through ARPA and city fund balance that will allow for a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center, Fire Training Tower, and Fire Station to be built over the next two years and serve the city for the next fifty or more years. Land was identified in an ideal location on Trimmier Road in the city's south-central area and was made possible through an excellent partnership with the Killeen Independent School District who agreed to sell surplus property to the city which was in a location identified in the fire department master plan as a high priority for the city's ninth fire station.

As I conclude, we ended the year with more than 29,000 incident responses which is a testament to the men and women of this department and their desire to work hard every day and provide the best service possible to this great community. I look forward to the continued growth and progress being experienced by the Killeen Fire Department and am anxious to share with you all the great accomplishments we achieve in 2023 on the next annual report!

Take Care and Be Safe,



Chief James C. Kubinski



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# Command Staff



Fire Chief  
James Kubinski



Assistant Chief of Operations  
James Chism



Assistant Chief of Administration  
Keith Foxx



Deputy Chief of Operations/EMS  
James Chambers



Deputy Chief of Operations/Fire  
Joel Secrist



Deputy Chief of Training  
Douglas Foster



Director of Homeland Security and Emer. Mgmt.  
Peter Perez

# STATION, MAP, AND APPARATUS PROFILE



**8** Fire Stations

**2** Ladder Trucks

**6** Engines

**9** Ambulances

**2** Heavy Rescue

**6** Brush Trucks

**2** Shift Commanders

**13** Reserve Vehicles

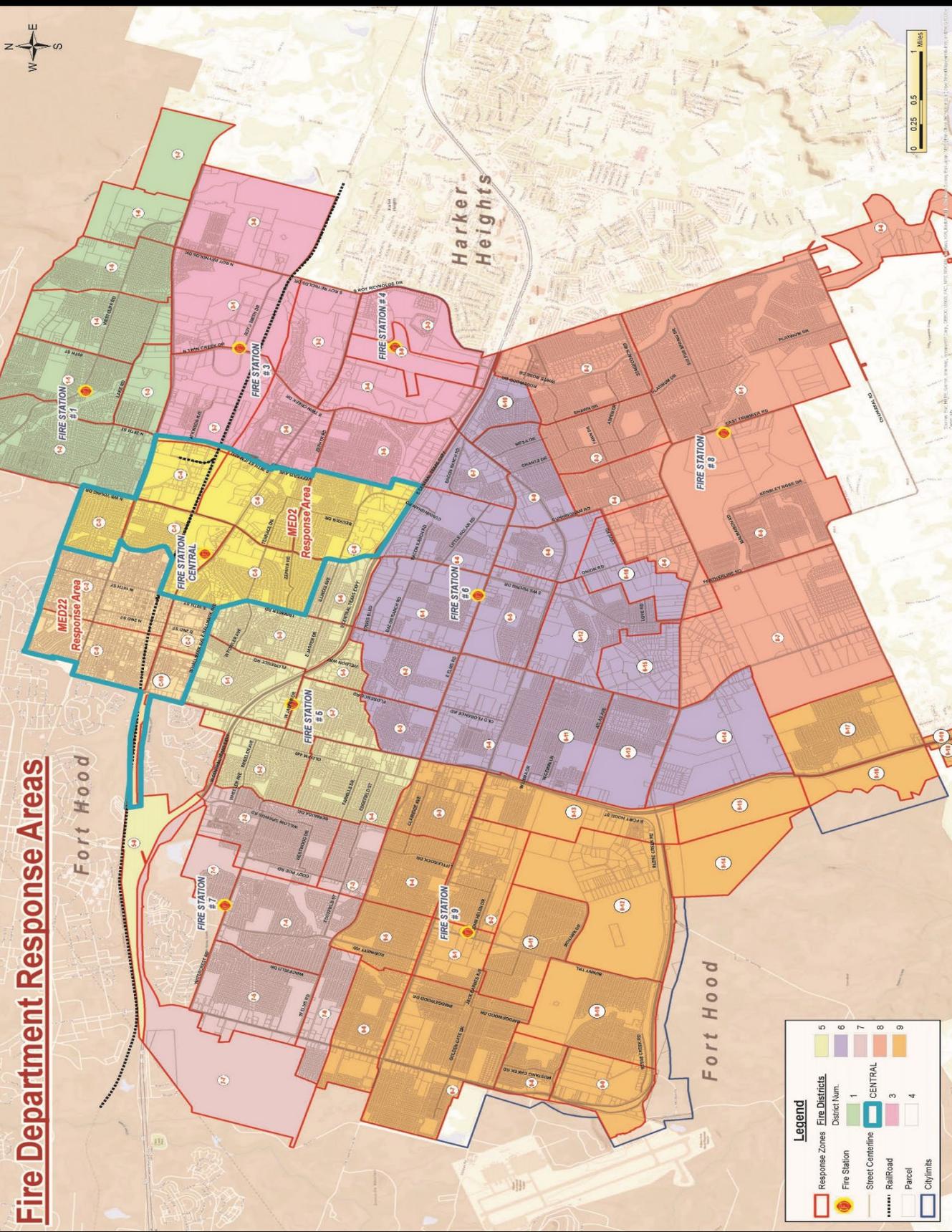
**2** Water Rescue Vehicles

**1** HazMat Unit

**1** CERT Trailer

**1** Training Trailer





# Fire Department Response Areas

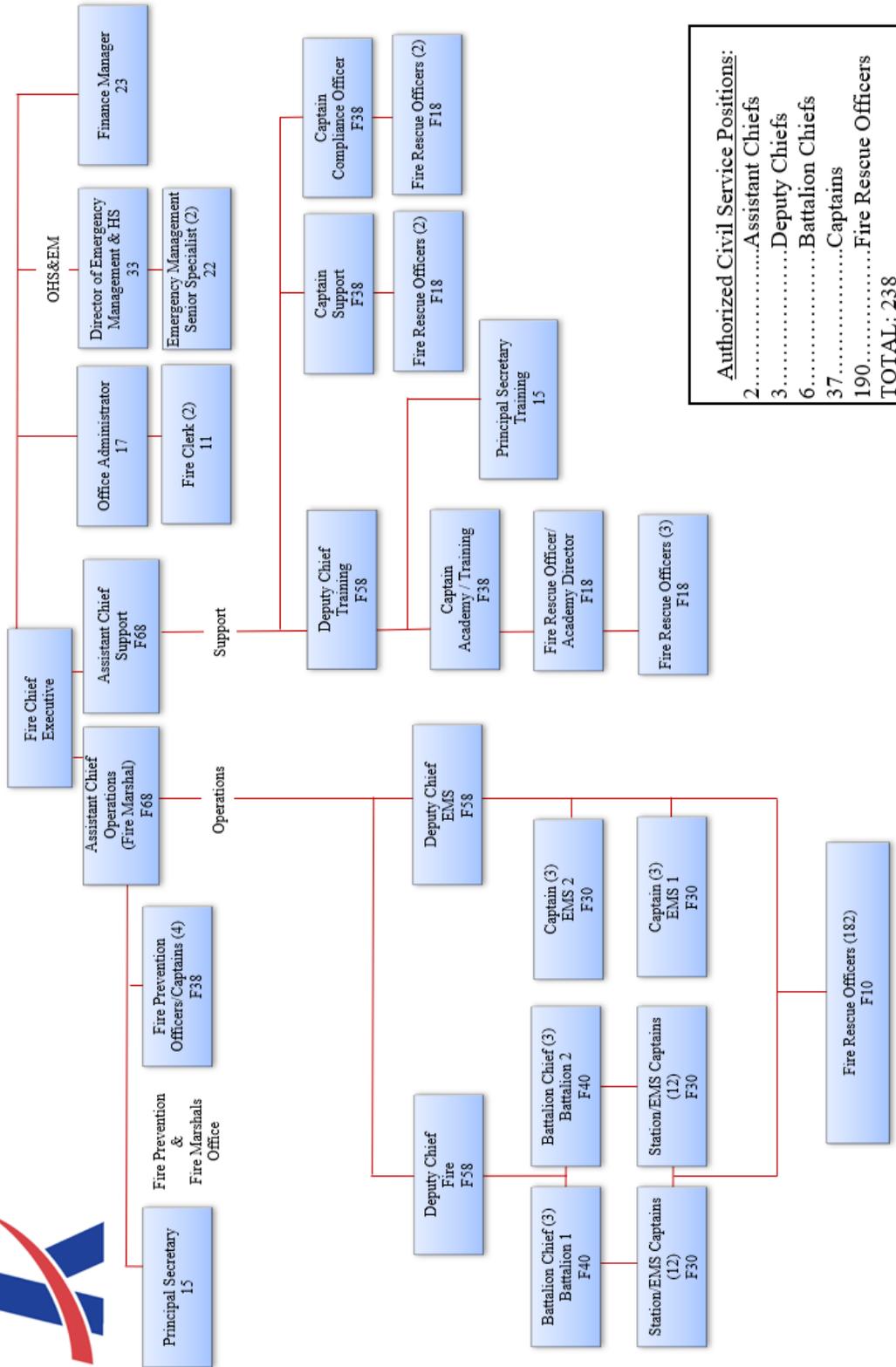


**Legend**

- Response Zones: MED22, MED2, CENTRAL
- Fire Districts: District Num. 1-9
- Fire Station: Yellow circle with number
- Street Centerline: Solid line
- Railroad: Dashed line
- Parcel: Thin grey outline
- Citylimits: Thick blue outline

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## Fire Department



Authorized Civil Service Positions:	
2	Assistant Chiefs
3	Deputy Chiefs
6	Battalion Chiefs
37	Captains
190	Fire Rescue Officers
<b>TOTAL: 238</b>	



# Personnel

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# OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Battalion Chiefs	6
Captains	30
Fire Rescue Officers	182
<b><i>TOTAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL</i></b>	<b>218</b>

# ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Fire Chief	1
Assistant Chiefs	2
Deputy Chiefs	3
Training Captain	1
Support Captains	2
Fire Investigator/Captains	4
Support Fire Rescue Officers	4
Director of Homeland Security & Emer. Mgt.	1
Emergency Management Senior Specialist	2
Finance Manager	1
Office Administrator	1
Principal Secretaries	4
Academy Director	1
Academy Instructors	3
<b><i>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL</i></b>	<b>30</b>

<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL</b>	<b>248</b>
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# Promotions Retirements

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# PROMOTIONS

## PROMOTED TO RANK OF CAPTAIN

Captain Christopher Poston

Captain Timothy McGurk



## RETIREMENTS

FRO Cynthia Kothman-Holman

Captain Scotty Jones

Captain Richard Lary

FRO Christopher Walker





# Operations

# INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Killeen Fire Department is an all-hazard agency which means our personnel are trained to tackle any situation – big or small. We pride ourselves on being compassionate and customer-service oriented.



**22,910**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS**



**6,897**

**FIRE INCIDENTS**



**458**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS**



**124**

**MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS**



**2,000+**

**TRAINING HOURS**

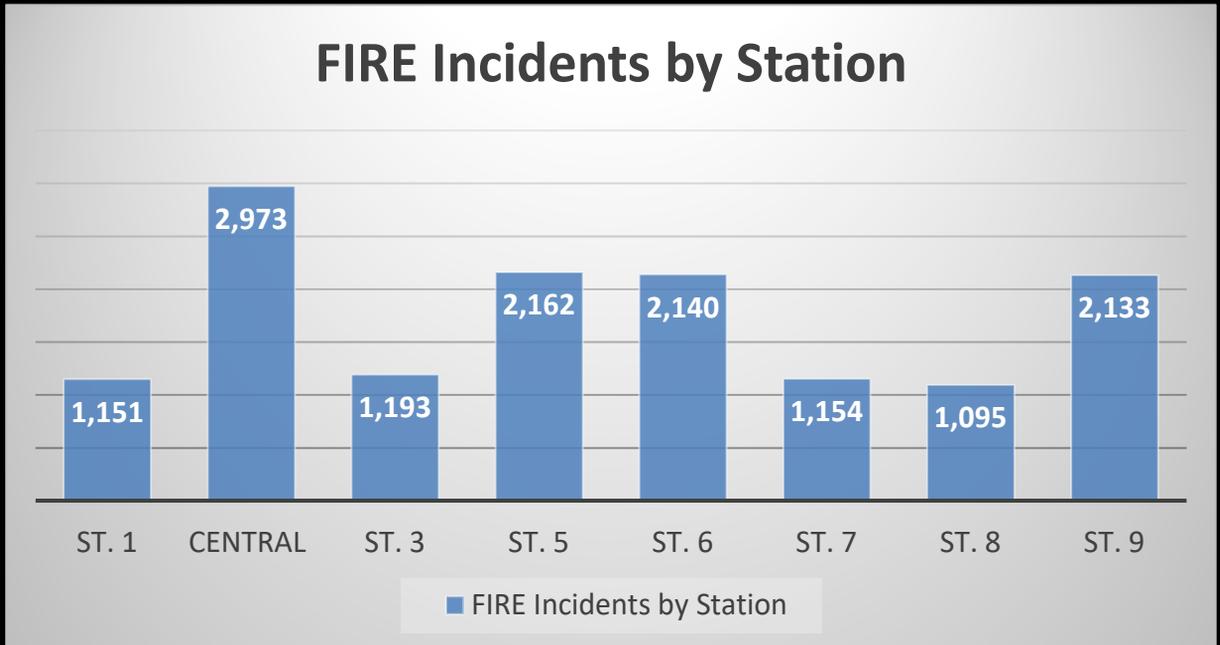
**29,807**

**TOTAL INCIDENTS\***

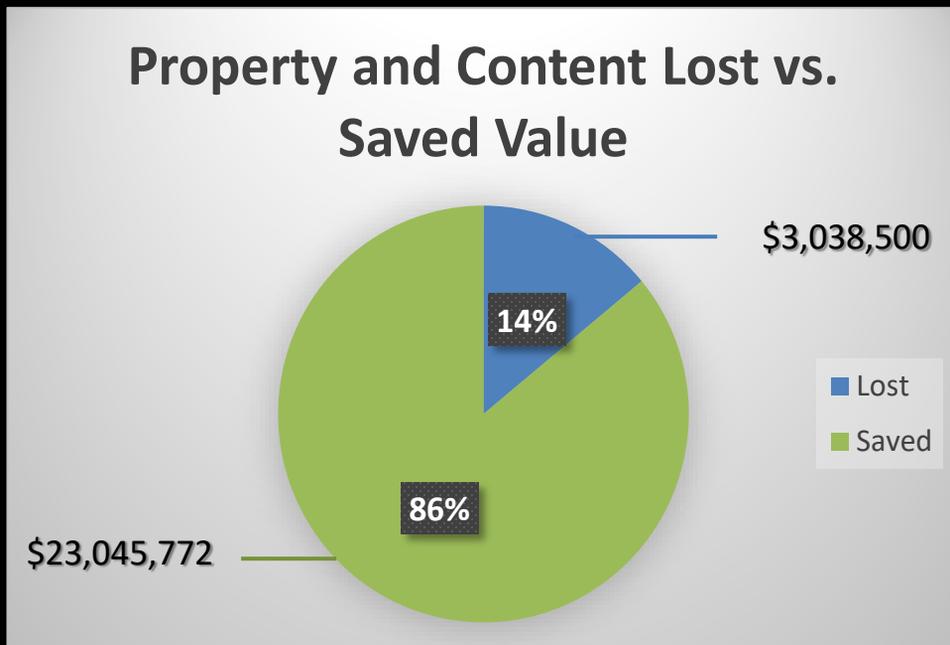
\*An incident is any 911 call that generates a response from the Fire Department.

# OPERATIONS

The graph below shows the total amount of fire calls received per station.

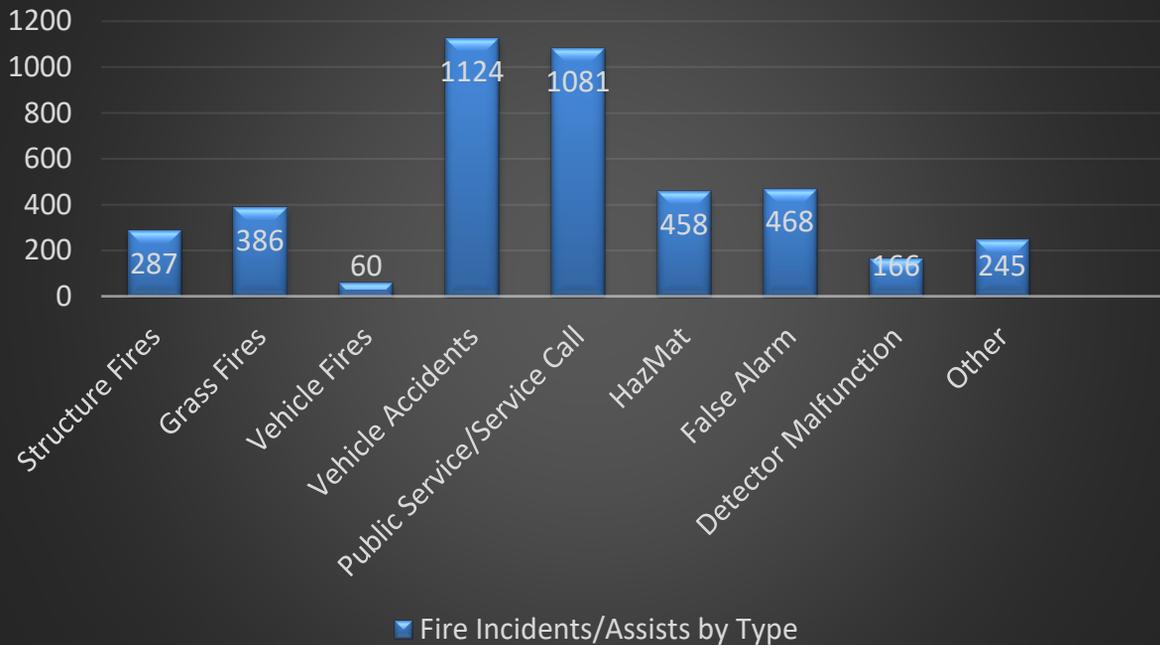


The Killeen Fire Department responded to one hundred and fifty-nine (159) structure fires in 2022. These fires caused an estimated dollar loss of \$3,038,500.00 to the physical structure and its contents. When compared to the overall value of property involved, the fire department's actions saved \$23,045,772.00 in structures and contents. This resulted in an overall save percentage of 86% for property and contents.



# OPERATIONS

## Fire Incidents/Assists by Type



This year, the Killeen Fire Department has accomplished and/or arranged multiple apparatus, plans, and grants in order to assist our operations division with our ever-growing call-volume and population. Along with the reintroduction of Medic 22, we received three (3) replacement ambulances, three (3) engines, one (1) rescue, and one (1) aerial. With these apparatus we have also received council-approved funding in order to build a new Emergency Operations Center, Training Academy, and an additional station!

All of these additions and our dedication to providing top-rated service to the citizens of Killeen has made us capable of earning (and maintaining) an ISO 1 rating. ISO is a score provided by fire departments and insurance companies to reflect how prepared a community and area is for fires there is a scale of 1 to 10 – 1 being the best!



# OPERATIONS

Reintroduction of Medic 22:



New Apparatus:



# Significant Events

## Crittenberg Complex Fire – March 2022

- 33,000+ acres burned (mutual aid with Fort Hood fire and multiple other agencies)



## Tanker Spill - March 2022

- Vehicle rollover resulting in HazMat incident and gas leaking.



## Salado Tornado – April 2022

- EF3 Tornado that damaged or destroyed 76 buildings. Killeen assisted with agencies from across the county and state.



## Texas A&M University CT Fire – July 2022

- Caused by tree mulch being blown into heavy brush, burned approx. 30 acres.



## WS Young/Riley Fire – July 2022

- Caused by an arcing transformer, burned approx. 30 acres.



# Specialty Teams

14 - TIFMAS Deployments : 1 - Texas Taskforce 1 deployments

## Wildland

## Technical Rescue/Swift Water





# Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



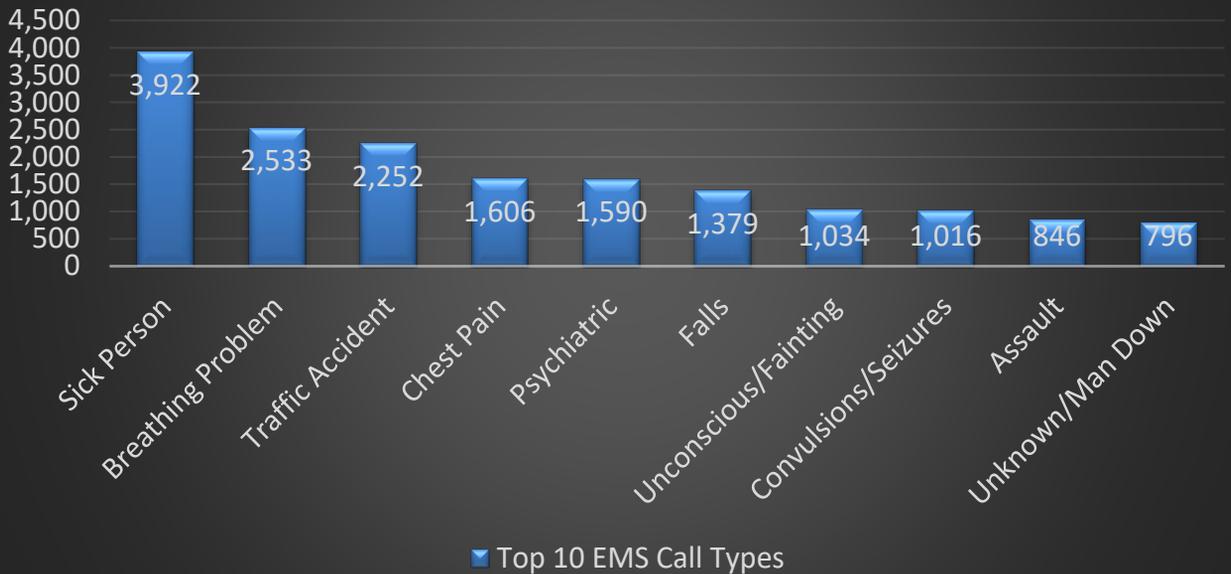
# 22,910

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS

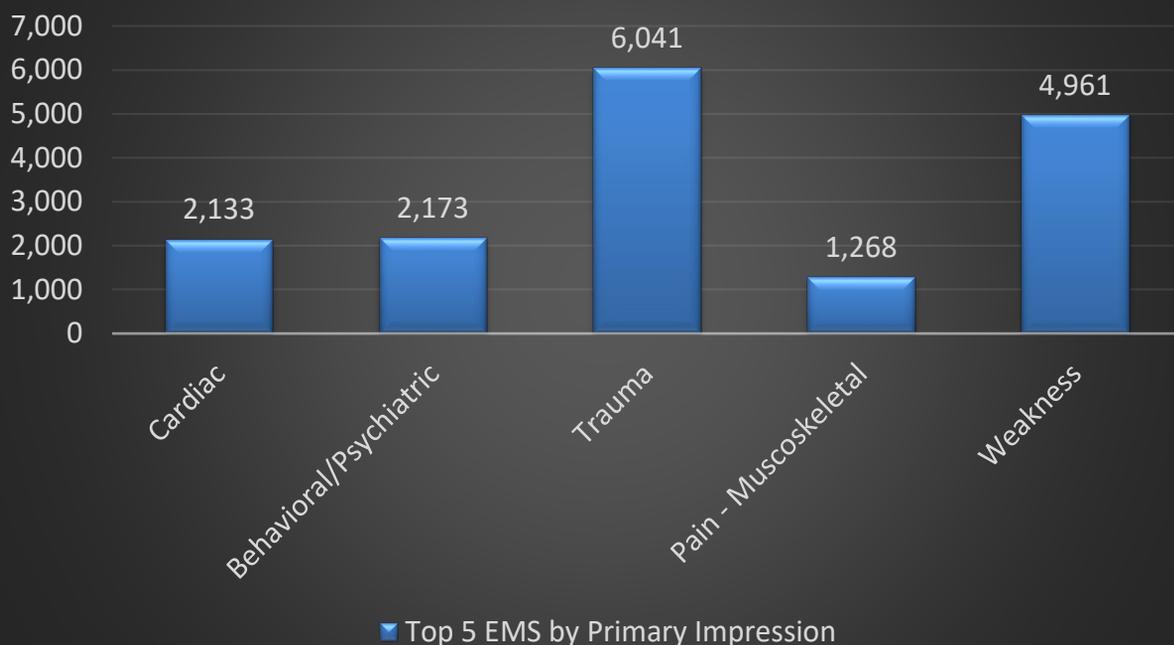
Killeen’s EMS Division is responsible for a large number of ambulances, paramedic equipped fire engines, rescues, and ladder trucks. Also, relationships with our mutual departments, Bell County Communications, and Medical Director, Dr. Colvin, and correspondence with Texas Department of State Health Services are managed by our EMS Division. The city’s demand for 911 Emergency Medical Services surged to 22,910 calls for service in 2022.

In 2022, we reintroduced Medic 22 into rotation in order to better serve our community and the increasing need for Emergency Medical Services. This unit assisted with more than 3,000 incidents and will continue to benefit our community as we – the department – and our citizens grow. Along with Medic 22, we received three (3) replacement ambulances this year!

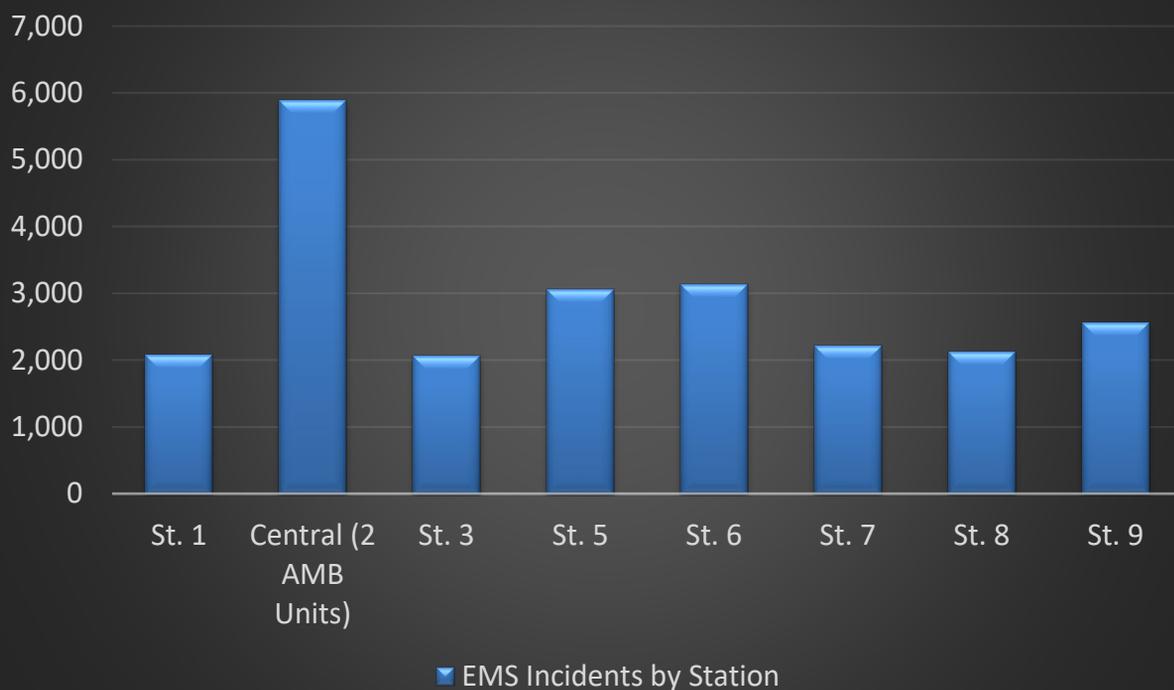
### Top 10 EMS Call Types



## Top 5 EMS by Primary Impression



## EMS Incidents by Station



# TOTAL RESPONSES BY UNIT



Unit	Call Volume	Unit	Call Volume
Engine 1	1,043	Engine 6	2,140
Booster 1	78	Medic 6	3,135
Medic 1	2,075	Engine 7	1,062
Tower 2	1,079	Booster 7	92
Rescue 2	1,894	Medic 7	2,213
Medic 2	2,876	Engine 8	976
Medic 22	3,010	Booster 8	119
Engine 3	1,080	Medic 8	2,129
Booster 3	113	Tower 9	584
Medic 3	2,067	Rescue 9	1,462
Engine 5	2,052	Booster 9	87
Booster 5	110	Medic 9	2,557
Medic 5	3,058		



# Training

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# KILLEEN FIRE ACADEMY



The curriculum for the fire academy is the approved Texas Commission on Fire Protection Basic Firefighter Course. Successful completion will enable an individual to take the Texas Commission on Fire Protection certification exam, as well as, meet or exceed the necessary qualifications of employment with many fire departments. The fire academy will operate 2 classes per year. The classes have a maximum of 30 students per class and are filling up quickly. To find out more information or to get put on the mailing list for the fire academy please [email Fire Academy Coordinator Jared Koppes](#) in the Fire Training Division or call 254-501-7884.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

[Applications \(PDF\)](#) are available at the [Academy](#) from 0800 to 1600 hours. A physical with 5 panel drug screen is required along with a driver's history from the state that your driver's license is with. A background check will be required to be done by IdentiGo. Upon completion of this process, a \$400 deposit will be needed to reserve a seat in the class.

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# Grants

As a department, we at Killeen Fire and at the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are not too prideful to ask for help. This year we have applied to multiple grants and have been awarded the following:

- FEMA AFG Grant - \$650,000 for a new engine
- CDBG – 3 Cardiac monitors for suppression units \$160,108
- One-Star Foundation - \$73,500

The following grants were applied for, but not awarded:

- TRANSCAER HazMat Team Response - \$2,500
- Hazard Mitigation for EOC Generator - \$410,506.11
- Hazard Mitigation for Station 4 Generator - \$299,242.76
- Hazard Mitigation for Hazard Mitigation Action Plan update - \$98,550.32
- State Homeland Security for a drone - \$183,455
- SAFER Grant - \$5.5 million (Additional personnel for new fire station)

# PUBLIC EDUCATION/EVENTS

Fire and life safety education is an essential component of the Killeen Fire Department's mission to promote safe practices through ongoing quality fire prevention and public education programs. Our strategy to reduce fire deaths and injuries is to focus on prevention by identifying and changing unsafe behaviors. The Killeen Fire Department recognizes the most important defense against fire is awareness through education.



## Programs offered:

- Station Tours
- Block Parties
- Fire Drills
- Annual Open House
- Jr. Fire Academy
- School/ Daycare Visits



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House

For the second year, Killeen Fire Department, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as well as some dedicated personnel hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual open house in October of 2022.

This open house is a way for our department to show our thanks for the continued support we receive from our citizens while showing our community safety procedures such as practicing escape routes, preventative measures that can save a home (or a life), and so much more! The kiddos also get a chance to see our friends in the sky and tour helicopters that serve as transportation for our more critical patients. We also host an obstacle course where the big finale is dunking a firefighter! We love being able to help, educate, and enjoy having our community all together.



# Junior Fire Academy

This year, a few of our personnel wanted to extend our training to those of a younger age in a way that would show them what the job truly entails. This Jr. Fire Academy allowed for children to work with multiple Fire Rescue Officers and Fire Captains while gaining knowledge regarding lifesaving equipment, apparatus, SCBA, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). They also got to have a little fun with water polo and an obstacle course!





# City of Killeen Fire Marshal's Office

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# FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



The Office of the Killeen Fire Marshal consists of the Fire Marshal, four (4) fire investigators, and one administrative staff.

In an attempt to provide a safe environment for our residents and business community, the Fire Marshal's office strives to prevent injury and loss of life through a variety of activities including new construction and fire protection system plan review, on-site fire protection system testing and approval, code interpretation and compliance, and annual fire safety inspections in existing buildings.

The Office of the Killeen Fire Marshal adopts and enforces codes and ordinances relative to fire and life safety issues; reviews plans and conducts inspections of construction projects and coordinates annual life safety inspections of all existing commercial occupancies.



**83**

**FIRES INVESTIGATED**



**204**

**FIRE PLANS REVIEWED**



**1,003**

**ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS**



# Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



The City of Killeen Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (OHSEM) plans, coordinates and supports a wide-range of activities that help prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, large-scale events, and large-scale emergencies, while also reducing vulnerabilities to hazards.

The City of Killeen OHSEM works with every City department to prepare for disasters before they strike. We also coordinate with county, state, and national governments to ensure that there is a coordinated network of preparation. Advanced preparation helps improve our city's resiliency and to save lives, property, time, money and resources.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Response/Activations

- COVID Testing & Vaccinations – January and February
- Warming Centers – 30 openings
- Boil Water Notice – May
- Winter Storm - February
- Salado Tornado - April
- Fort Hood Crittenberg Wildfire – May
- Extreme Heat/Multiple Wildfires – June

### Recovery

- Winter Storm Uri: finalized the FEMA Public Assistance and expect to receive an estimate of \$322,592
- COVID: submitted initial FEMA Public Assistance for \$679,211.77

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Planning

- Emergency Operations Plan Update
- Started a Public Safety Training & Exercise Workgroup
- Special event Action Plan & Coordination:
  - Celebrate Killeen Festival
  - Rodeo Killeen
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Holiday Under the Stars



## Preparedness

- Public Events:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Department Open House
  - Boots vs Badges Blood Drive
  - Emergency Operations Plan Public Workshop
- Trainings:
  - ICS 300 – 3 classes
  - ICS 400 – 3 classes
  - Active Shooter Advanced Incident Management
  - Active Attack Integrated Response
  - G200 – Texas Public Officials Training
- Exercises:
  - Aviation Functional Exercise
  - Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop



## Mitigation

- Outdoor Warning Siren maintenance and testing

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



# HONOR GUARD

The Killeen Fire Department Honor Guard proudly continues the tradition of representing the men and women of the Killeen Fire Department. The Honor Guard responds to funerals of current and former members of the Killeen Fire Department, as well as surrounding departments. In addition to funeral duties, the team is responsible for presenting and maintaining the colors for celebrations, memorials, and promotional and badge pinning ceremonies.

We look forward to 2023, continuing as representatives of the Killeen Fire Department.





**Killeen Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 2505, born from the desire of our brothers and sisters who strive to do something more for the community they serve.**

## **2022 SUMMARY**

Every year, our local 2505 Killeen Professional Fire Fighters Association participates in a campaign – Fill the Boot. For three days there are personnel at multiple intersections of the city collecting donations for MDA – the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Of course, we added a little friendly competition between shifts to see who could raise the most money. The results are as follows:

A-shift: \$31,543.29

B-shift: \$20,822.04

C-shift: \$23,497.24

For a grand total of - \$75,862.57!

**MDA<sup>®</sup>**  
**Fighting Muscle Disease**

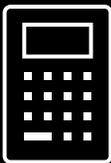


# 2022 Fire Department Budget

Overall Budget: \$ 27,182,977

## Breakdown

Personnel Services	\$24,801,716
Supplies	\$1,132,893
Repairs & Maintenance	\$334,670
Support Services	\$337,533
Minor Capital	\$60,619
Professional Services	\$145,045
Designated Expenses	\$2,659
Capital Outlay	\$367,842



Recovery and EMS Revenue: \$ 3,850,501

A large, arched stone sign with the text "Welcome To Killeen". The word "Killeen" is in a large, stylized font with a red star and a red swoosh above the letter 'i'. The sign is set against a blue sky and is flanked by two circular emblems containing a star.

Welcome To  
**Killeen**

Proudly serving the community  
since 1920

