

Vision Statement-Recognize and meet the needs of our community and set a high standard of excellence in emergency services and customer service..

# Farmington Fire Department Annual Report 2021

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I have had many conversations with Fire Chiefs, from various cities, over the last year. During these conversations, I hear the struggles and challenges that different departments face. During these conversations, I end up thinking to myself: "Man, my job is easy". I know that may sound odd for a Fire Chief to admit out loud, but it is true. My job is made easier by the wonderfully dedicated group of firefighters that make up our department. Their constant push to better themselves and the department makes my job easier. I know when that fire truck roles out the door, the citizens will receive exceptional customer service. That makes my job easier. Our Department receives tremendous support from the Mayor, City Council, City Staff, and the other City Departments. The City understands the importance of the services we provide. They understand and support our vision for the future of the Department. This support makes my job easier. The Community of Farmington always shows its support for the Fire Department and our vision of safety. Every day, people from the community thank us for the job we do. The support of the Community makes my job easier. While no one would say 2021 was an easy year, everyone involved made it a successful year for our department.

Farmington is a truly special community. Thank you to everyone who made 2021 a successful year. We look forward to serving the Citizens of Farmington in 2022.

William Hellard

Fire Chief

Farmington Fire Department



### **PROGRESS**

2021 was a great year for the Farmington Fire Department. Through the efforts of the Mayor, City Council, City Staff, and the Washington County Quorum Court, we have been able to improve equipment and staffing to better serve the City of Farmington.

- Three new firefighters were hired. This allows the Department to be staffed with three firefighters 24 hours a day.
- The City Council approved the purchase of a new Pierce fire engine. This engine is currently in the design stage and is scheduled for delivery in the fall of 2022.
- The City Council approved the purchase of a new command vehicle. This vehicle will greatly enhance day to day operational abilities of the department.
- The Washington County Quorum Court approved funding for the replacement of all the SCBA air packs in the county. This 5.5 million dollar project will bring all of our air packs into NFPA compliance.
- A diesel exhaust system is currently being installed in Station 1. This allows for the removal of carcinogenic exhaust fumes from the station. This was accomplished through a grant awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
- The Arkansas Forestry awarded the Department a grant that provided new equipment for fighting brush fires.
- New training props were built. This allows for increased training opportunities.
- Through a donation from Riggins Construction, the Department purchased protective gear that provides increased safety to responders during an active shooter event.





### FIRE PREVENTION





It is the Department's goal to save lives and property through prevention. This is accomplished by teaching the public how to prevent emergencies, how to respond to emergencies prior to our arrival, and through an annual business fire safety inspection program.

- During October, 400 students received fire safety lessons for Fire Safety Week.
- Our annual Halloween event had over 600 people participate. During the event, kids were taught several fire safety messages in a fun and "spooky manner".
- All business occupancies in the City were inspected for safety issues. Those
  occupancies were re-inspected to ensure violations had been corrected.
- CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Fire Extinguisher training was provided to the schools, farmers market, and other organizations.
- Fire safety social media posts were viewed over 15,000 times.
- Fire safety messages were broadcast during Farmington High School football games.
- Two vaccine clinics were held at the Fire Department.

# **TRAINING**

- Crews have completed a total of 6,217 hours of training.
- Full time members completed the 40 hour Instructor 1 course.
- Dillon Jones passed his NREMT course and exam.
- Farmington Fire Department conducted two regional training exercises.
  - An active shooter response drill was conducted at Farmington High School with participants from agencies throughout Northwest Arkansas.
  - A regional mobile hospital deployment exercise was hosted at the department and had participants from Northwest Arkansas hospitals and emergency management agencies.







# **INCIDENT SUMMARY**

### **Farmington Fire Department**

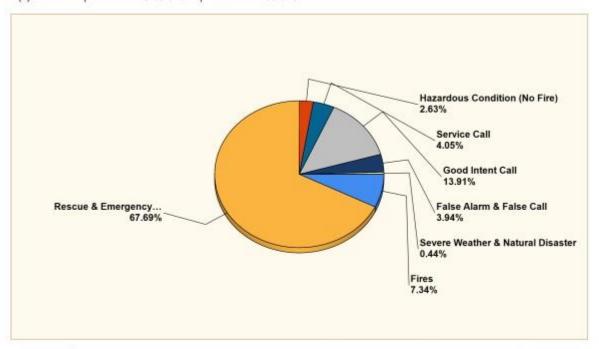
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#### Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021





MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	67	7.34%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	618	67.69%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	24	2.63%
Service Call	37	4.05%
Good Intent Call	127	13.91%
False Alarm & False Call	36	3.94%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	4	0.44%
TOTAL	913	100%







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