## 2019 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### CONCERNED PROFESSIONALS PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

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### HOSE COMPANY 15

#### 952 South Grand

<u>In the Seat</u> John Kellams—Driver Walter Becker—Captain

<u>Standing</u> Joe Frick—next to wagon James Wilson

> On Rear of Wagon Al Brummer

> > Horses Billy—Bay Harry—White





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### OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the Evansville Fire Department, I am pleased to submit the 2019 Executive Summary. We are an organization that is dedicated to our community. Our Mission Statement includes the following, "Concerned professionals protecting the community we serve". We serve our citizens, neighbors, friends and visitors with passion and professionalism. The Evansville Fire Department is making great strides improving the resiliency of the firefighter to meet the ever increasing demands from the community. The most important component of our emergency response capability is a fit, trained and equipped response force.

- During 2019, the Evansville Fire Department took delivery of a new Pierce 75' Quint that was placed in service at Station #17 in July. We also took delivery of a Pierce Pumper that was put in service at Station #1 in December. Continuous renewal of firetrucks in the fleet provides a safe and reliable platform for our firefighters to work from when called to the emergency scene.
- 2019 was a busy year for community outreach. School Safety Education has blossomed and made the presence of the fire department in our schools more prevalent.
- Incumbent firefighter training increased this year to keep our firefighters abreast of the latest changes in risks to the community and how to safely respond to calls for service.

With a fit, trained and equipped response force we can achieve our mission's three primary objectives:

- 1) Life Safety
- 2) Incident Stabilization
- 3) Property Conservation

The members of our fire department and support staff are at your service. We provide the basic components of emergency response, but we also provide more. Within the pages of the 2019 Executive Summary, you will find professionals that are eager to serve.

It is my goal as Fire Chief to help make Evansville a safe place for families to live, work and play.

Let me know how I may be of service to you.

Thank you.

C. Michael Connelly Fire Chief



### EFD ADMINISTRATION

*Fire Chief* Charles M. Connelly

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Anslinger

#### **Division Chiefs**

Chief of Operations Ron Campbell Chief of Training Mike Ewald Chief of Health & Safety Ray Goff Chief of Administration Mike Larson Chief Fire Marshal Greg Main Chief of Special Operations & Planning Ken Zuber

> First Platoon Shift Operations West District Chief Amy Smith First Platoon Shift Operations East District Chief Shawn Willis Second Platoon Shift Operations West District Chief Mike Dickinson Second Platoon Shift Operations East District Chief Mark Mastison Third Platoon Shift Operations West District Chief Tim Krack Third Platoon Shift Operations East District Chief Mike Kane

#### **Investigators**

First Platoon Investigator Eric Eifert Second Platoon Investigator Kim Garrett Third Platoon Investigator Tim Strange

> *Chaplain* Chaplain Ray Brown

#### Instructors

Instructor Jennifer Hunt Instructor Steve Jordan Instructor Rick Whitehouse

#### **Inspectors**

Inspector David Brinkmeyer Inspector Michael Doran Inspector Chad Emsweller Inspector Rodney Frye Inspector Joe Mayer Inspector Randy Rankin Inspector Kevin Shelley Inspector Brian Singer

#### **Office** Administration

EMS Manager Keith Current Executive Secretary Cathleen Tamez Facilities Manager Kevin Wilke Fire Merit Liaison Chief Mike Larson IT/Communications Specialist Jeff Crawford Office Manager/Bookkeeper Kelly Frankenberger Receptionist Ruth Ann Adams

#### Fleet Maintenance Shop

Lead Mechanic Greg Lantaff Mechanic Chris Cox Mechanic Andrew Hoffman Mechanic James Nellis















### COMMISSION & BOARDS

## **Fire Merit Commission**

The Evansville Fire Merit Commission shall consist of five commissioners. Each commissioner must have been a legal resident of Vanderburgh County for three consecutive years immediately preceding his term and must be a person of good moral character. Each commissioner shall take an oath of office to conscientiously discharge his duties. The term of a commissioner is four years.

The commission shall have the authority to adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations concerning selection, appointment, promotion, and procedural matters relating to discipline of members of the Fire Department.

The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing the selection and appointment of persons to be employed as members of the department, subject to State pension requirements and this chapter.

President Ryan M. Schulz Vice president Talmage O. Vick Secretary Mike T. Gilkey James E Nunning, Commissioner Jesse O. Storey, Commissioner

### **Fire Pension Board**

The Evansville Fire Department's Pension Board is comprised of the Mayor and the Fire Chief who shall hold their positions as long as they are in office, one (1) retired member of the department, and four (4) active members of the department, of which one is elected Pension Secretary.

The Fire Pension Secretary is responsible for the 1937 fund members, the 1977 fund converted member's, and the widow's payroll and administration of the fund. The Board is responsible for all new candidate applications and medical acceptance into the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS).

The Pension Board is responsible for all disability claims submitted to INPRS. The EFD Fire Pension Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meetings are open to the public and are available on the City's meeting archives.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke Fire Chief Mike Connelly Pension Secretary Captain Anthony Knight Lieutenant Daniel Goodman Captain Chad Jordan Captain James Melloy Don Seibert (Retired)

### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF

As Assistant Chief, I am responsible for overseeing the Fleet Maintenance Division, Facilities Maintenance Division, Communications/IT Division and Quartermaster.

The Fleet Maintenance Division maintains and repairs all of the Department's fire apparatus, support vehicles, firefighting equipment, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), fire hoses, etc. There are over 35 firefighting apparatus and Special Operations apparatus and 43 Staff vehicles. Fleet Maintenance also repairs and maintains over 250 breathing air cylinders, 125 SCBA air packs and face pieces that each firefighter wears.

All apparatus have annual services and recertification of the pumps, aerial devices, fire hose and all ground ladders. In 2019, the Department put into service a new Pierce 75' Quint, Pierce Pumper, new inflatable rescue boat and a Mobile Breathing Air Cascade unit.

The Facilities Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining all Fire Department facilities, 14 Fire Stations, Training Center, Fleet Maintenance shop and the Administration building. This work is handle by the Facilities Manager and the City Maintenance personnel.



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The Communications/IT Division is responsible for all Fire Department station computers, mobile computer terminals in emergency vehicles, mobile and portable radios and communication equipment.

The Quartermaster supplies and outfits all Fire Suppression Personnel with the needed structural firefighter gear they will need to perform their duties as firefighters. All Suppression Personnel are issued a two sets of structural firefighting gear. This effort will help increase the service life of each set of gear and assure that each firefighter has the necessary equipment to perform their job safely. The Quartermaster is also responsible for scheduling annual inspections and for making repairs to the fire gear and replacing the gear when it is no longer serviceable.

The Evansville Fire Department has a large inventory of apparatus, vehicles and equipment that must constantly be maintained and/or replaced and all of this is accomplished by a group of hardworking, dedicated employees that work very hard keeping our firefighters and the public safe.

### Paul H. Anslinger Assistant Fire Chief



### BUDGET/EXPENDITURES

The Evansville Fire Department's total budget for 2019 was \$30,615,914.62. The following is a breakdown of our budget:

- Salaries \$18,172,662.64 or 59.36% of the total budget
- Health insurance \$5,919,430.28 or 19.33% off the total budget
- Social Security, Unemployment & Workman's Comp \$570,132.36 or 1.86% of the total budget
- PERF (Public Employees Retirement Fund) \$3,301,945.815 or 10.79% of the total budget
- General Expenditures \$990,594.14 or 3.24% of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/Riverboat Funds \$255,221.44 or .83% of the total budget
- Clothing Allowance \$290,953.04 or .95% of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/ Local Income Tax (LIT) \$0 or 0 % of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/Public Safety Funds \$1,766,183.69 or 5.77% if the total budget



- Local Income Tax
- Public Safety Funds

### OPERATIONS DIVISION



1400 North Main Street - October 30, 2019 2nd Platoon, Q8, E10, E1, R3, 1A23 and 1A62 Responding

The Suppression Division consists of 252 firefighters comprised of 1 Operations Chief, 6 District Chiefs, 51 Captains, 39 Lieutenants, 152 Privates, and 3 Fire Investigators. The Suppression Division is manned by firefighters who work on one of our three twenty-four hour rotating shifts. Each shift is comprised of 84 personnel operating from one of Evansville's 14 fire stations. In 2019, the Evansville Fire Department employed 5.642 firefighters per square mile which represents 2.36 firefighters per every 1000 persons. The Departments minimum staffing levels meet NFPA Standard 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.

The firefighting fleet of the Evansville Fire Department consists of 9 Engines 4 of which carry 1000 gallons on board water and are used primarily to pump water through hoses or from fire hydrants to a fire scene; 1 Aerial Ladder (110') used to provide large volumes of water and/or firefighter access to buildings in excess of three stories; 5 Quints, with one being 107' Aerial Platform Quint and one 107'aerial ladder Quint, all which can be used as an Engine or aerial ladder at fire scenes; 2 Rescue Squads that supply additional lighting, breathing air and specialty rescue equipment; 1 Hazardous Materials Response Vehicle, including a 30' trailer for equipment; and 4 Suppression Chief Vehicles. All emergency apparatus, with the exception of our Rescue Squads, respond to emergencies with a minimum of four firefighters. The Rescue Squads respond with a minimum of two firefighters. The Suppression Division also has 6 pieces of reserve apparatus consisting of 3 Engines (Type I), 1 Heavy Rescue, and 2 Quints (75').

### OPERATIONS DIVISION

### PRESENT FIRE STATION LOCATIONS & MINIMUM DEPLOYMENT CONFIGURATION

STATION	ADDRESS	APPARATUS	PERSONNEL
Station 1 HAZMAT TRT Rescue	750 S.E. Eighth St.	Engine 1 Ladder 1 Rescue 1 Investigation Unit Hazmat 1 & Trailer	4FF 4FF 2FF/EMT 1 Investigator Cross-staffed
Station 2	3601 Maxx Rd.	Engine 2 Engine 902	4FF
Station 3 Water Rescue Dive Rescue	310 N. Fourth Ave.	Engine 3 Rescue 3 Utility 3 Water 3/Zodiac 3 Dive Trailer	4FF 2FF/EMT Cross-staffed Cross-staffed Cross-staffed
Station 4	1200 Oakhill Rd.	Engine 4 Brush 4	4FF
Station 5	2413 W. Maryland St.	Quint 5 Quint 905	4FF
Station 6	6521 Washington Ave.	Engine 6	4FF
Station 7	1050 S. Barker Ave.	Engine 7 Engine 907	4FF
Station 8	2003 N. Kentucky Ave.	Quint 8	4FF
Station 9	2020 Keystone	Quint 9 Quint 909	4FF
Station 10 WEST CHIEF OFFICE	120 E. Columbia St.	Engine 10 West District Chief	4FF 1DC
Station 14	545 S. Willow Rd.	Engine 14	4FF
Station 15	1711 S. Weinbach Ave.	Engine 15	4FF
Station 16 EAST CHIEF	2801 Washington Ave.	Quint 16 Engine 901	4FF
OFFICE Station 17	425 W. Mill Rd.	East District Chief Quint 17	1DC 4FF

### OPERATIONS DIVISION



Top Three Pictures: Vehicle Extrication Diamond Ave & First Ave—April 4, 2019. Third Platoon E10, E3, R3, 1A33 Responding..

Bottom Left: 1400 Fountain Ave—August 13, 2019 . First Platoon Q5, Q8, E10, R1, 1A12 Responding. Bottom Right: 1400 North Main St.—October 30, 2019. Second Platoon Q8, E10, E3, E1, R3, 1A23, 1A62 Responding.





In 2019, the Evansville Fire Department responded to a total of 10,162 Fire and medical "Calls for Service." These "Citizens Calls for Service" generated 16,069 apparatus responses. The total number of "Committed hours by nature" resulted in 5183:38:38:13 hours and minutes of man hours.

The average time for the Evansville Fire Department to be dispatched and then arrive at the emergency was 4:18 minutes and seconds. The Departments response time is consistent with NFPA Standard 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.

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Top Left: House Fire 1021 Edgar Street—October 3, 2019. Second Platoon, E3, R3, Q5, Q8, E10 responding. Top Right: Captain Scheller exits the top floor window with the assistance of Private Wininger.

Bottom Left and Right: 2nd Platoon firefighters rest after putting out the fire at 1021 Edgar Street.

(Photos credit: John M Buckman III Photography)



### OPERATIONS DIVISION



### Runs for the Month of December 12/01/18 thru 12/31/18



### TOTAL RUNS FOR THE YEAR 2019

Day of Week	<u>Incidents</u>
Sunday	127
Monday	132
Tuesday	126
Wednesday	108
Thursday	123
Friday	130
Saturday	93
Total Incidents	839



### OPERATIONS DIVISION



#### EFD MEDICAL RESPONSE BY FIRE STATIONS

APPARATUS	EMS RUNS	
Station 1	798	
Station 2	71	
Station 3	433	
Station 4	265	
Station 5	310	
Station 6	485	
Station 7	171	
Station 8	274	
Station 9	400	
Station 10	532	
Station 14	214	
Station 15	423	
Station 16	497	
Station 17	373	



### QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

Since the implementation of the Evansville Fire Department Quartermaster Division in 2014, we have endeavored to continue upgrading and replacing the gear on which our firefighter's lives depend. The Quartermaster Division's function is to provide service to firefighters through proper evaluation, maintenance, and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Firefighter safety is the number one focus of the Quartermaster Division.

The goal is to maintain two sets of gear for each firefighter providing them a back-up set in the event their primary set is dirty or requires repairs, resulting in greater longevity of each set of gear and increased safety for the firefighter.

Evaluation of firefighter gear will be an ongoing process for the Quartermaster Division. Along with the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Safety Committee, the Quartermaster Division will continue to seek out PPE that best fit the Department's needs.





Maintenance of Evansville Firefighter gear consists of cleaning, inspection and repair. NFPA recommends that this is done at least once per year. The Quartermaster Division documents all of this through tracking software, with all cleaning and repairs entered in a PPE tracking software.

The Quartermaster Division does most of its repairs in-house, which includes patching, replacing Velcro, fixing suspenders and liner attachments, pocket replacements, pocket dividers and helmet liner replacements among others. It also performs occasional tests on the PPE including the water resistance ability of liners and boots.

Firefighter turnout gear is recycled in different ways when it comes to the end of its useful life. The Training Division will utilize some of the recycled gear for non-fire training scenarios to prevent unnecessary damage to expensive frontline gear. Any gear deemed no longer useful for training is stripped of all useful parts and used to repair other gear.

Proper care and maintenance of firefighter PPE will not only help to keep firefighters safe on the job; it will help to prevent future illness. Exposure to hazardous contamination left on the gear is one of the leading causes of death in retired firefighters. Firefighters help to protect our city; the Quartermaster Division in turn helps to protect them.





Pictured: Captain Steven Bogard, Station #5, in Basic Turn Out Gear

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### QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

"Personal Protection Equipment" (PPE), more commonly known as Turnout Gear, is the response uniform worn by firefighters when answering an emergency call for service. The tools needed for a particular emergency determines the weight of the turnout gear the firefighter wears in response. Below, Captain Steven Bogard of station #5 demonstrates the difference in uniforms and the weight of gear a firefighter carries in response to emergency calls.



Station Wear 212 lbs.

Basic Turn Out Gear 281 lbs.

"Armed for Battle" 305 lbs.







### TRAINING DIVISION



Above: EFD Quint 9 performing Ladder Company training at the EFD Training Facility.

The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) Training Division oversees Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training for the department's 273 members. Recruit Class #59-19 added four new firefighters and Recruit Class #60-19 added eight new firefighters to fill vacancies in 2019.

Upgrades to the EFD/Indiana Firefighter Training System District 10 Training Facility were made consisting of the purchase of a dedicated shipping container for equipment and material storage, two shipping containers to be used in building a live-fire training prop and miscellaneous equipment and consumables used in fire training.

#### **TRAINING DIVISION PERSONNEL**

- 1A40 Mike Ewald, Chief of Instruction
- 1A41 Rick Whitehouse, Instructor
- 1A42 Steve Jordan, Instructor
- 1A43 Jennifer Hunt, Instructor
- 1A45 R. Keith Current, EMS Manager

### TRAINING DIVISION

#### TRAINING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The EFD Administration Building houses the offices of the Chief of Instruction, Instructors and the EMS Manager, as well as storage of supplies and reference materials. The warehouse portion of the facility houses a small scale "House/Apartment" prop which is used for various firefighter training evolutions.

Additional amenities at the Administration Building which are used frequently by the Training Division include the Fitness Gym/Locker Room, the Administration Building Classroom, two Conference Rooms and the Quartermaster Area for cleaning and maintaining personal protective equipment.

#### **Evansville Fire Department Training Facility**

2301 Buchanan Road, Evansville, IN 47720

The EFD Training Site is a 1.5 acre site used for various training evolutions. The paved site contains a 5-Story concrete Training Tower, a 1,200 SF Classroom Building, a Fire Behavior Burn Chamber, a multi-use Roof Ventilation Prop Building, a propane-fueled Car Fire prop and a Forcible Entry door system prop. The site has electric power and two municipal fire hydrants. 2018 mobile training props included a METS Bus, two decommissioned School Buses and several passenger vehicles for use in training evolutions.

The EFD Training Site serves as the Primary Training Site for the 12 counties comprising District 10 of the Indiana Firefighter Training System. In doing so, the facility is available for use by departments served by District 10. The former Roberts Stadium north parking lot, the expansive paved area is used by various City agencies including EFD for emergency vehicle Driver-Operator training.

#### Mobile Cascade Unit MCU-1

The Evansville Fire Department took delivery of a new Mobile Cascade Unit built by Breathing Air Systems.

The unit will allow for re-filling self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders at the EFD Training Facility as well as other training locations or incident scenes. The Training Division will use the unit extensively during recruit fire training classes and incumbent firefighter facility use training at the EFD Training Facility site on Buchanan Road. Below: Mobile Air Cascade Unit (MCU-1) upon delivery



#### FIRE TRAINING

The Training Division participated in the following activities related to Professional Development, Fire Department Public Relations, New Recruit Firefighter Training, Probationary Firefighter Training, Incumbent Firefighter Training, Training Facility Improvements and Equipment Testing in 2019:

#### **Professional Development**

Instructor Jordan attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, IN, participating in Hands-On Training, Conference Workshops and Classroom Sessions. District Chief Ewald served on the Indiana Firefighter Training System District 10 Training Council, serving as the Evansville (career) Fire Department representative.

### TRAINING DIVISION

#### **Fire Department Public Relations**

The Training Division played a key role in assisting the Administration and Evansville Professional Firefighters Union Local 357 in presenting their "Fire Ops 101" class in 2019. The Fire Ops 101 class allows politicians, business leaders and media a chance to participate in hands-on firefighting evolutions such as: Medical Response; Aerial Climb; Car Fire; Vehicle Extrication; Forcible Entry; and Live Fire Training. The event is held at the EFD Training Facility. The Training Division also assisted with media coverage of Firefighter Recruit Classes.



Above: Fire Ops 101 group photo September 14, 2019.

#### **Incumbent Firefighter Training**

The Evansville Fire Department Training Division strives to provide meaningful training to its 240-plus Suppression Personnel in an effort to expand on their basic knowledge and skills. In doing so, the Training Division works to comply with the requirements of the Indiana Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Insurance Services Office (ISO) with regard to training.

> Left: EFD Firefighter performing ventilation training on an acquired structure.



### TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division was responsible for providing some 6,150 hours of OSHA-Required / ISO Recommended Facility Use Training by 245 Suppression personnel in 2019, as follows:

Annual Training

OSHA Work Performance (Firefighting Skills) Evaluation OSHA Required Training

Quarterly Training for interior structural firefighters

- Q1: Pump/Aerial Operations
- Q2: Rescue/Conf. Space/Rope
- Q3: Spill Control
- Q4: SCBA/PPE



Additional Facility Use Training Sessions included: Apparatus, Forcible Entry, Hose and Fire Streams, Ground Ladders, Salvage and Overhaul, Fire Attack.

The Training Division supports Company Officers in scheduling, planning and providing daily Company Level Training. Company Level Training provides refresher training on basic skills and maintains competency. EFD Suppression personnel completed some 74,000 hours of daily Company Level Training in 2019. Company Level Training topics include, but are not limited to: Driver/Operator; Pre-Plans; Rope; Hose, Ladders; Communications; Pump / Aerial / Rescue Operations; Ventilation; Fire Behavior. The Training Division supports Company Officers in completing Existing Company Officer Training. Existing Company Officer Training provides training based on Incident Command, Incident Critique and Leadership topics. EFD Company Officers (Captains and Lieutenants) completed 1,324 hours of training in 2019, as follows:

> Daily (Leadership) Duties, i.e. Roll Call, Reports, etc. Muncie LODD Report Project MAYDAY Close Calls Sofa Super Store LODD Report Firefighter CPR in PPE

EFD's 14 Chief Officers (Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Division Chiefs and District Chiefs) completed over 348 hours of Officer Development Training in 2019, consisting of:

Division Chief Weekly Meetings Administrative Staff Monthly Meetings Fire Ops 101 Program Fire Chief 101 Seminar hosted by the Indiana Association of Fire Chief's ISO Training Seminar NFIRS Fire Report Training Seminar Special Events Planning and Coordination: President Trump visit; West Side Nut Club Fall Festival; Shrinerfest Air Show; etc.



### TRAINING DIVISION

#### **Probationary Firefighter Training**

The Training Division coordinated the completion of Probationary Firefighter Training and Driver Certification for 11 Probationary Firefighters during 2019. Following graduation from Recruit Academy, the now Probationary Firefighters are required to continue training in addition to their regular duties in the fire station. Probationary Firefighters are required to demonstrate the completion of specific skills training each month until the one-year anniversary of their employment. Additionally, Probationary Firefighters must pass the EFD Driver Certification program that tests their ability to safely and effectively drive and operate fire department apparatus. Driver Certification includes: Roadway driving and IN Emergency Vehicle Operation; Maneuvering Course; Pump Operations; Aerial Operations; Static Water Source Supply (Drafting); Safety Considerations

#### **Recruit Firefighter Training**

The Training Division provides cognitive and psychomotor training for new Recruit Firefighters during the first 16-17 weeks of their employment with the City of Evansville. Upon graduation from a recruit class, the requirements for new Career Firefighters set forth by the Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education are met and/or exceeded.

EFD Recruits receive Indiana Firefighter I/II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Technical Rescue Awareness and National Registry (Indiana) Emergency Medical Technician (NR-EMT) certifications following the completion of 480 hours of fire training and 240 hours of EMT training. In 2019, Recruit Classes #59-19 and #60-19 produced twelve Probationary Firefighters.



Above Right: *EFD* Recruit Class #60-19 graduation with Instructor Jennifer Hunt (front row left), Instructor Steve Jordan (back row left), Instructor Rick Whitehouse (back row right) and EMS Manager R. Keith Current (front row right)

### TRAINING DIVISION



*EFD Instructor Steve Jordan (center) receiving the award for Indiana Fire Instructor of the Year from State Fire Marshal Greeson (right). (Photo credit: Indiana Association of Fire Chiefs)* 

#### **Equipment Testing and Evaluation**

The Training Division performed annual ground Ladder Testing in accordance with NFPA 1932 for all department apparatus and performed annual SCBA and APR respirator fit testing in accordance with NFPA 1500 and NFPA 1404 for all new and Incumbent suppression personnel.

The Training Division facilitated hands-on evaluation testing of self-contained breathing apparatus, Scott-Sight SCBA thermal imaging masks, Task Force Tips flow meter and Lion Digital Fire Training Systems in 2019.



Lion Digital Fire Training Systems demonstration hosted at EFD Training Facility

### EMS DIVISION

2019 EMS R	UNS
Abdominal Pain	55
Allergic Reactions	30
Animal Bites	3
Assaults/Rapes	25
Back Pain	17
Difficulty Breathing	1300
Burns	3
CO/Hazmat	6
Cardiac/Resp. Arrest	164
Chest Pains	656
Choking	43
Seizures	530
Diabetic	136
Drowning	2
Electrocution	0
Eye Injury	0
Falls	299
Headache	4
Cardiac Emergency	100
Heat/Cold Emergency	12
Hemorrhage	105
Industrial Accident	0
Overdose/Poisoning	172
Overdose/Narcan Used	133
Pregnancy	56
Psychiatric Emergency	68
Sick Person	53
Shooting/Stabbing	66
Stroke	51
Motor Vehicle Crash	895
Traumatic Injury	18
Unconscious Person	584
Dead At Scene	119
Unknown	0
Manpower	3
Lift Assist	45
Forcible Entry	35
TOTAL	5,791

The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) responds to all Delta response calls with American Medical Response (AMR), and when requested by the Evansville Police Department and other agencies. According to information obtained by searching our Firehouse EMS reporting system, the EFD responded to 10,682 overall calls in 2019, with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division responding to 5,791 of those calls for assistance. That shows that EMS runs accounted for 54% of the overall run volume of the Evansville Fire Department for the year 2019. The most drastic increases in responses from 2018 to 2019 was an 80% rise in unconscious/dead at scene runs, a 46% increase in hemorrhage runs and a 27% increase in cardiac Emergency runs.

#### **Programs/Events**

- Worked with the Southern Indiana Technical School in certifying 16 of their students as EMRs.
- Worked with Chief Zuber and provided crews for the first aid stations at Shriner Fest and at the Fall Festival.
- Worked with Chief Goff with scheduling, compliance, preparedness and supplies for the WPE.
- Worked with AMR to certify all EFD Academy Class candidates in CPR and AED Training.

#### **Medication Administration**

The Evansville Fire Department EMTs are certified to either administer or assist in, administering oxygen, aspirin, glucose, nitroglycerin, Narcan, and Epi-Pens. We are also allowed to use glucometers to check patient's blood sugar, but we do not carry those units on the apparatus. We average nearly 99% compliance in oxygen administration, and nearly 98% compliance in administering aspirin for chest pain patients per our protocols. The Narcan that we use is supplied through a grant from the Indiana State Board of Health, and is distributed to us locally by the Vanderburgh County Health Department.

New Indiana EMS regulations, now allow EMTs to perform pulse oximetry, and glucometer use. In 2016, the Deaconess Hospital Foundation, purchased 35 pulse-ox units that were placed on all Evansville Fire Department apparatus as another essential tool for checking oxygenation of our patients, in the field, and has dropped our oxygen usage considerably. All EFD apparatus are supplied with Pulse-Ox units.

### EMS DIVISION

The Evansville Fire Department conducted 7938 man-hours of EMS Training in 2019 and continue to send train and keep records for Evansville Police Department officers and other agency personnel who are certified at the EMT level. We completed Blood borne and Airborne Pathogen training in January, which is an annual OSHA requirement. With the opium and opioid epidemic, all EFD employees train in the administering of Narcan, which we now carry on all EFD apparatus. Narcan is supplied through a grant from the Indiana State Board of Health, and is distributed to us locally by the Vanderburgh County Health Department. We also trained all personnel on the State Mandated Suicide Prevention training.

The Evansville Fire Department recruit academy completed two EMT classes of 242 hours, each, in 2019 with a 100% pass rate, certifying 12 new EFD firefighters as EMTs. The State of Indiana mandates the completion of the National Registry exam to become National Registered EMTs. The Evansville Fire Department recertified 3 Paramedics, 128 EMTs, and 30 EMRs in 2019. Currently, the EFD has 80% of its members certified as EMTs or Paramedics, with all personnel at certified at the minimum level of Emergency Medical Responder.

Currently the Evansville Fire Department audits a minimum of 80% of its EMS calls, including 100% of cardiac arrest runs and runs where medication is administered.



Above: EMS Manager R. Keith Current (holding award) accepting the award for EFD as the Non-Transport Basic Life Support Provider of the Year flanked by EFD Chief Mike Connelly (left) and State Fire Marshal Greeson (right). (Photo credit: Indiana Association of Fire Chiefs)

In 2019, the Evansville Fire Department was recognized by the Indiana Fire Chief's Association at the Indiana Emergency Response Conference in Indianapolis, as the Indiana EMS Fire-Based Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider of the Year for outstanding care with our EMS patients, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Evansville Fire Department Instructor, Steve Jordan, was also recognized as Fire Instructor of the Year at the conference.



#### Supplies/Equipment

We continue to purchase our medical supplies from the local ambulance provider, who has a largely discounted rate for their supplies, due to the volume that they purchase. There are some items that are purchased at a lower rate from a couple of other suppliers.

In 2019, The Deaconess Hospital Foundation, purchased new defibrillator software that will help us download and store our runs, where we used our defibrillator to shock our cardiac arrest patients. This is an important recordkeeping tool to keep track of our cardiac arrest runs.

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS & PLANNING

Special Operations coordinate the activities of the Evansville Fire Department (EFD) Hazardous Materials, Dive, Rope, and Confined Space Teams. The Planning Section assist the Chief to develop or manage significant planning efforts as directed or required. EFD participates with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), West Side Fall Festival Safety & Security planning, Shriner Fest Safety & Security planning, and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) District 10 for Emergency Services.

#### Planning Section & Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch Liaison

In 2019, EFD & Evansville Police Department (EPD) cooperatively developed an Incident Action Plan for the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival that was utilized by EFD, EPD, American Medical Response (AMR), Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 53<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team, Central Dispatch, and Fall Festival Executive Staff. Again in 2019, we utilized Vanderburgh County EMA's Mobile Emergency Operation Center to establish a unified command presence with EFD & EPD at the ready for immediate public protection actions for an event that draws over 400,000 people to the west side of Evansville. Additionally in 2019, The EFD Planning Section assisted in the development of incident & operational action plans for:

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- 2019 Shriner Fest Airshow
- 2019 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks

The Evansville Fire Department supported these special events with dedicated incident management, fire, hazmat, water rescue, and/or EMS service valued at \$49,662.

The Planning Section assists with Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment reports. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment is a specific study for the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance or petroleum product releases into the soil and/or groundwater, as well as, into structures, which can migrate through the floor to the subsurface. EFD maintains archived records of such hazmat events/spills to research potential hazmat contamination per the address of concern. In 2019, EFD completed, and researched 42 Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment requests for over 200 properties.

In 2019, The Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch dispatched 16,069 apparatus to 10,198 emergencies. This represents a 1.25% increase in apparatus activity, and 3.2% increase in emergency dispatches from 2017.

#### 2019 SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING SUMMARY

<u>Hours</u>	<u>Discipline</u>
2,130 945 711	Hazardous Materials Dive Rope/Confined Space
194	Special Operations - Incident Command

#### SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING HOURS

2016 – 2,964 hours 2017 – 3,143 hours 2018 – 3,201 hours 2019—3,980 hours

#### 2019 SPECIAL OPERATIONS INCIDENTS

High-angle rescue /Confined Space

Rescue-2

Water rescue related events – 18

Technical Rescue events - 87

Natural gas/LPG leak – 144

Chemical hazard, spill, or leak – 48

Carbon monoxide incident - 79

### HAZMAT TEAM







Flammable Liquids Flaring Operations

Applying a Chlorine "B" Kit in Level A

The team consists of 53 firefighters who are trained as hazardous materials technicians stationed at Stations 1 & 10. They utilize our well-equipped Ferrara Hazmat Truck and 35' Hazmat trailer with Command Space. Should mass decontamination be required, firefighters will deploy our TVI decon tent capable of decontaminating both ambulatory & non-ambulatory patients, allowing EFD to modestly and efficiently decontaminate patients involved in a chemical spill. Our hazardous materials team represents Southwest Indiana as the IDHS District 10 Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) asset, as a WMD is a hazmat incident with "an attitude".

Firefighters must undergo rigorous training to remain proficient and competent as hazardous materials technicians, training to identify unknown substances with a cadre of instruments on our hazmat trailer, or donning a "Level A" suit to stop a Chlorine leak. In 2019, hazmat team leaders Captains Shadrick, Kuhnel, and Bacon led numerous training evolutions including: leak control operations in Level A suits, hazmat chemistry, natural gas emergencies, Ludwig Benner's hazmat behavior model, incident command, and radiological isotope identification.

The objective of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) is to: allow state and local planning for chemical emergencies, provide for notification of emergency releases of chemicals, and address the community's right-to-know about toxic and hazardous chemicals. As a representative of the Vanderburgh County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), EFD received and recorded Tier II facility reports containing chemicals of reportable quantities within those facilities. The EFD Hazmat team utilizes Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) software to utilize these Tier II reports to manage hazmat incidents and develop incident action plans. District Chief Zuber is EFD's LEPC representative & Vanderburgh County LEPC Chairman. EFD facilitated a LEPC workshop to review the 2018 LEPC plan, and develop a plan for a complete revision in 2020.

EFD spent \$9,997 for hazmat detection equipment maintenance in 2019.



### ROPE/CONFINED/TECHNICAL RESCUE



26 firefighters represent EFD as Rope Rescue Technicians, and all equipment is housed on Rescue 1 and Ladder 1. Captains Bryan Will, Rick Scheller, & Tony Knight serve as team leaders and instruct their respective shift in the effective and safe use of raising and lowering systems, and other technical evolutions. The team utilizes a full inventory of ropes, harnesses, carabiners, pulleys, intrinsically safe communications, surface supplied SCBA air system, and Skyhook systems tripod. The team utilizes our four-story training tower, local grain bins, water treatment plant, and the Ford Center for their high rise & confined space rescue evolutions. The team trained with corporate partners including Red Spot Paint & Purina Animal Nutrition.

EFD Capital purchases for the rope/confined space team in 2019 totaled \$3,906. Equipment included: Rescue harnesses, 400' of rescue rope, confined space ventilation system, and rope hardware.

#### **Technical Rescue Team**

EFD is the host of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) District 10 Technical Rescue trailer. The Technical Rescue Team Leaders are Captains Ed Parker & Chad Jordan, and Lieutenant Lester Seib. The Technical Rescue trailer provides the ability to respond to building & trench collapse incidents, thus providing specialized equipment that requires specialized training. The District 10 team has 35 members; 27 of which are from the EFD.





### DIVE TEAM

The team consists of 25 firefighters who are trained as Public Safety and Dive Rescue Specialist divers. The divers respond from fire stations within Evansville, but the inventory of equipment is located at Station #3, therefore all firefighters from Station #3 support the team as dive tenders, boat operators, or with equipment maintenance. The dive team utilizes Intespiro Divator & OTS Stealth full face dive mask with underwater communications, and DUI dry suits that enable divers to enter contaminated or cold waters. DUI TLS350 Public Safety dry suits have been added to the PPE inventory to diversify our dry suit capability and utilize flexibility with their Zip Seal technology to better fit more divers around their necks & wrists. Should water rescue operations require the need of a boat, EFD is fortunate to have two capable boats, of which one was newly purchased in 2018.

Our primary boat is a 22' Scorpion aluminum hull, V8 jet-drive boat that is also capable of providing 2,500 gallons of water per minute for firefighting operations, and a Humminbird side scan sonar allowing us to scan the bottom of the Ohio River for submerged objects. The new Rescue One boat is 16.5' powered by a 60HP Mercury outboard motor with driver's console, emergency & scene lighting, and a Helix Side/Down Scanner. EFD's new boat will be our primary boat for Pigeon Creek or similar waters, and assist our 22' Scorpion on the Ohio River. In 2019, we replaced our Zodiac inflatable with a Zodiac ERB 380 inflatable with a 20 HP Mercury outboard motor. The Zodiac will be utilized for lake responses, and to support our two Ohio River boats.

Captain Jon Grubb serves the dive team as its Instructor, and Captains Brandon Barnard, Keith Bowden, and Dan Brown serve as team leaders to coordinate the required training to maintain dive rescue competence and proficiency. Capt. Grubb, with the assistance of the team leaders, certified six new Public Safety/Dive Rescue Specialist for our team:

> Lieutenant Joe Hall Firefighter Matthew Mastison Firefighter Dominic Turi Firefighter Alex Nally Firefighter Broc Gunn Firefighter Josh Utley



#### 2019 DIVE TEAM CAPTIAL PURCHASE

Diver Equipment; miscellaneous \$2,707 Dive Equipment Service Agreement \$1,289 DUI Public Safety Dry Suits \$5,787 Zodiac ERB380 2 20HP Mercury \$23,178



New Rescue One Boat—1J3



New Boat Dedication with EFD & Benefactors

### PEER SUPPORT TEAM

In November of 2016, The Evansville Fire Department experienced a critical incident when a firefighter became unresponsive during a training exercise. Thankfully, his crew members and trainers on scene were able to resuscitate him. But this left a deep mark on those involved. This incident became the catalyst to develop a Peer Support Team.

The 10 member team spent almost a full year preparing to roll-out to the entire department. This included several training sessions with local Peer Support teams and Behavioral Health Care Professionals. Once the program was developed and presentation complete, each EFD member was given an opportunity to attend the presentation in order to understand the need for such a team along with where we may be seen, what to expect from the team, and how to contact us.

Since the inception of the Peer Support Team we have responded to several critical incidents where the firefighters involved may have been adversely affected. We continue to give a presentation during new recruit training so the oncoming personnel are informed of our presence, how they can contact us, and why the team was formed before they complete the training process.

Our team goal is to provide positive peer-to-peer support and also resiliency training to our brothers and sisters in fire in order to be prepared when encountering a crisis or responding to critical incidents. We plan to achieve this goal by visiting each fire station regularly with various resources available, handouts for reference and also information on how to be resilient in times of a stressor, as well as continuing to respond to and meet with firefighters that have encountered a critical incident.

With the unfortunate loss of two active duty firefighters in 2019 and one in late 2018, the past year brought about several team interactions with firefighters. The Peer Support Team responded to several fire stations to meet with our brothers and sister after each incident. Although these losses were extremely heartbreaking on our department, the availability and quick response of team members in a time of need such as these warranted the existence and worth of the Peer Support Team.



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are dedicated professional firefighters volunteering to serve our peers during a time of crisis.

We will accomplish our mission by: Listening with compassion and confidentiality, providing positive support along with referral to resources that offer proper and consistent care when needed, while also providing resiliency training to aid in recovering from crises.



### PEER SUPPORT TEAM



#### EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT PEER SUPPORT TEAM

Back Row L to R: Pvt. Shane Gray, Lt. Darryl Adler, Pvt. Tony Kirsch, Lt. Michael Steiner, Pvt. Sean Farmer

Front Row L to R: Pvt. Rob Smith, Capt. Jim Pfender, Capt. Chris Wagener, Inv. Kim Garrett



"A friend who understands your tears is much more valuable than a lot of friends who only know your smile"

### FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION

The Evansville Fire Department's Fire Safety Education Officer completed a Youth Fire Setter Interventionist program at the National Fire Academy, obtained Fire and Life Safety Educator I & II Certifications at the Alabama Fire College and is now a certified Fire and Life Safety Educator in the State of Indiana. An important part of the job of being the Fire Safety Education Officer is educating the public about the prevention of fire and life safety issues with an accurate, effective, and consistent fire and life safety message to the citizens of the City of Evansville.



The Fire and Life Safety Education program has grown exponentially since

2018, when we reached 1,947 youth with a Fire prevention message. In 2019 we more than doubled that number in the City of Evansville, with a total of 4,594 youth having been reached with a Fire Safety Message. We have presented a Fire Safety Message 28 times in Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (EVSC) schools, 5 Parochial schools, 4 Private schools, and 12 child care facilities. The Fire Safety Education Program also reached 485 Daycare children, 2,964 Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 952 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 146 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 47 High school students, along with 356 teachers.

The Department is currently working with several teachers and principals to develop Fire and Life Safety Programs that will meet Indiana and EVSC education standards. Classroom time is valuable and this effort will assist in the use of Fire and Life Safety Education as part of the school curriculum, meeting one or more of the educational standards of the EVSC.

#### Youth with Fire Intervention Program

The Youth with Fire Intervention Program is being designed to reach youth from the ages of 3 thru 17 years of age who may have been involved in fire curiosity, fire play, or fire setting. Once a youth has been identified, the Fire Safety Education Officer conducts an interview with the youth and the parent or guardian to determine the level of intervention needed. The youth and his or her family will be required to attend a Youth Fire Intervention Program, be referred to a mental health organization or be referred to juvenile justice.

The Youth Fire Intervention Program is designed to be an age appropriate intervention and prevention program, which includes three one hour modules, 1.) The Nature and Behavior of Fire; 2.) The consequences of Fire Curiosity, Fire Play or Fire Setting; and 3.) Fire Prevention in the home and our community. The final task is to have the youth write a letter to Fire Chief Connelly acknowledging his or her fire activity, the consequences or potential consequences of the fire behavior and what was learned in the class. The Youth Fire Intervention Program also counsels youth who have pulled a fire alarm or exhibited other behaviors that could lead to fire or life safety hazards.



In 2019, the Department presented the Youth Fire Intervention program to 2 youths and their parents and counseled 2 youth involved in pulling fire alarms at schools located within the city. As the Fire Safety Education and Youth Fire Intervention Program develops and continues to grow, the Department is looking to other avenues to reach the public with an effective and consistent message.

### FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION



Top left: Private Blake Fulton of Q17, eating lunch with kindergarten students of Stringtown Elementary School. Top Right: Captain Chad Buttry and Private John Ramsey of E10, answer questions from students of Evansville Lutheran school.



Bottom Left: E1, Second Platoon, pose for pictures with students from Lincoln Elementary school. Bottom Right: Private Curtis Brown of Q16 helps students from Assembly of Faith Preschool spray water from the hose.





FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION



Top Left: Private George Madison of E14, Third Platoon, explains driver compartments to Redeemer Lutheran Preschool student.

Bottom Left: E7, Third Platoon, assist students of Westminster Daycare spray water from the hose.



Top Right: Lieutenant Jason Spindler, E14, First Platoon, assists a student at Redeemer Lutheran Preschool spray water from the hose.

Bottomr Right: Private Daniel Orange joins the kindergarten students of Stringtown Elementary school for lunch.







### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# 911 GIVES HOPE



### **EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

911 Gives Hope is an Evansville non-profit founded by local Police and Fire who receive no compensation, with the hope of enriching the lives of local special needs children and their families. They present "Guns and Hoses" athletic events, a toy drive for children in local hospitals, and numerous other local fundraising efforts. In twelve years we have raised over one million dollars for local children.

2019 GUNS & HOSES 8,300 FANS AND \$140,000 RAISED





#### **Toy Drive**

Firefighters participate in 911 Gives Hope for the Holidays. A 53 foot trailer is parked in the East Side Walmart where a local radio station announces that the firefighters are collecting toys for children in the local hospitals. Every year, the citizens of Evansville answer the call and completely fill the 53 foot trailer. The firefighters Distributed the toys to both Deaconess and St. Vincent Hospitals in Evansville, as well as Ronald McDonald House, the Children's psychiatric Center, Deaconess Cross Point, Henderson Methodist Hospital and Jasper Memorial Hospital.
### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## EVANSVILLE, INDIANA GUNS & HOSES TEAMS



The Evansville Firefighters and the Evansville Police Officers come together for Guns & Hoses, an annual boxing match for charity. 2019 was the Twelfth year for Guns and Hoses boxing event. Hoses won this year making Guns and Hoses Tied at 6-6.

Top Left: Undefeated Hoses boxer Eric Baumberger vs Guns boxer James Trapp. Baumberger remains undefeated.

Bottom Left: Hoses Mike Doran enters the arena.

Bottom right: The large crowd of over 8,300 gathers at the Ford Center for the 12th Annual Guns and Hoses boxing event.





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### COMMUNITY OUTREACH







Top Left: The Evansville Fire Department stages at the 12th Annual Guns & Hoses Event

Top Right: Founding Members of 911 Gives Hope Mike Doran of the Evansville Fire Department and Pat Phernetton of the Evansville Police Department.

Middle Left; Mike Doran vs Jared Simmons. Hoses Firefighter Doran wins Fight.

Bottom Left: Undefeated Evansville firefighter Eric Baumberger trains with Joe Kratochvil.

Bottom Right: Indiana Golden Gloves Champion Daniel Orange training for Guns & Hoses. Daniel is an Evansville Fire Department Firefighter.





### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Above Left: Kaden Brown and Mike Doran attend the Night of Stars & Style show to benefit *SMILE on Down Syndrome*. Above Right: Mike Doran attends the 2019 Job Spark at North Junior High school with his son, Reese Doran.

Below Left: 2019 Evansville Fire Department Ragnar Kentuckiana Race Team. Below Right: Inspector Mike Doran and Jaylen Brendel attend the 911 Gives Hope Giveaway.





### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Above: Ride For 911 Gives Hope raised \$3,700 for local charities.

Top Right: The 911 Gives Hope Toy Drive was a success, filling a 53 foot trailer with over 220 "Keep America Beautiful" Boxes full of toys. The toys were then delivered to children in over 116 locations around the area, including local hospitals.

Right: Elf on a Shelf poses with the many boxes of toys going to local charities.

Below: In 2019,911 Gives Hope sponsored a guest room at the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured L-R Capt. Gary Green, Ronald McDonald, Dep. Daren Harmon, Chief Billy Bolen.





### A DAY IN THE LIFE

On the Evansville Fire Department firefighters are on duty 24-hours a day, 7-days per week, 365-days per year. There are three different duty platoons. As a firefighter you are assigned to one of the three duty platoons. A day in the life of a firefighter on the Evansville Fire Department starts early in the morning. The tour of duty starts at 7:00 am. But in order to be ready to respond to an emergency at 7:00 am you must arrive a few minutes early. Usually around 6:45 am or earlier. Each tour of duty is 24 hours. Each work period (work week) is three non-consecutive workdays followed by 4 days off. That time off allows you to recover from the demands of the world's most satisfying and trusted profession. At any time during the 24 hour tour

of duty (shift) you may me called to an emergency, so you must be ready to drop everything at a moment's notice and respond to an



emergency call! There are 4 firefighters assigned to each truck. You are a firefighter and report for duty to the Company Officer. He or she is in charge of the fire apparatus that day.

6:45 am. Daily Checks. You start the day by readying your personal protective equipment, (turnout gear) to be ready for a call that could occur at any moment. Next you will check the fire apparatus (truck) for all equipment in place and ready for action. That includes fire suppression hose, nozzles, forcible entry tools, and medical response equipment. Batteries need to be fully charged, tools must be clean and in good repair and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (air packs) must be fully pressurized and operate properly.

7:00 am. Administration. The Company Officer who is in charge of the fire apparatus will log the inventory and note any special maintenance requests of equipment concerns.

7:30 am. Breakfast time. After breakfast it is time to clean up after yourself. Your Mom doesn't work here! If you want to eat you need to either bring food in or be ready to chip in on the cost of a meal as a group.

9:00 am - 11:00 am. Exercise/Training. Firefighting is one of the world's most physically demanding professions. In order to do the job well each firefighter must maintain a state of physical fitness. At some point throughout the day time will be made to exercise both for strength and endurance. Updates on the latest medical treatment protocol, testing out a new style of fire attack nozzle or learning how to use new technology may be the focus for this particular tour of duty. Learning street locations, operating fire apparatus, and studying building construction. There is no limit to the number of subjects that we may study. Firefighting is more than just "putting the wet stuff on the red stuff!"

12:00 pm. Lunch. Firefighters are known to have good meals and share them together. At some point during each tour of duty there is time to take a break. Usually during afternoon hours it is a prime time to nap. Most fire calls come during overnight hours. Sleep deprivation is a huge factor in quality of life for the firefighter (you). To be sure you are able to think clearly and perform effectively you need to be sure and rest if you need it when you can.

5:00 pm. Supper. The firefighting family that eats together grows closer together. This bond is unlike any other work environment with the exception of the military.

7:00 pm. Down Time. Typically this time of day is down time. Most firefighters spend time watching television, playing cards, reading books, etc. Overnight you may be called to respond to emergency runs, but you are trained, healthy and equipped to perform to your best ability!



### HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION

The Health and Safety Division is task with managing the overall health and safety of the men and women of the Evansville Fire Department. EFD uses a multi-faceted approach to ensure the fitness of our members. We begin by providing annual physicals that comply with NFPA 1582 Standard on Fire Department Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments. In addition to the physicals, the EFD has partnered with Deaconess Health Care System to provide all members a comprehensive health screening programs (including cancer, cardiac, respiratory, etc.).

The implementation of the Work Performance Evaluation (WPE) program has assisted our members to be able to work in a safer manner while operating at incident scenes. Our program is design to assist members by reducing the risk of injuries/illnesses and returning them to duty in a timely manner. Our Department implemented the IAFF/IAFC Wellness/Fitness Initiative and currently maintains 12 certified Peer Fitness Trainers (PFTs). This group provides intergraded instruction, evaluation, and design ensuring a robust physical fitness program for our members.

Our Department provides a behavioral health program for our members and families to ensure quality mental health care. Our Peer Support Team assist our members during times of crisis, whether professionally or personally. To ensure our program remains on the cutting edge of available service we have

partner with local and national authorities to ensure we remain current on the latest programs available for our members.

EFD continues to be a leader in the prevention of occupational injuries and illness. EFD implemented a cancer preventative program requiring all firefighting clothing to be clean after each fire. Implementation of post fire decontamination program in 2019 will help reduce up to 90% of contaminates at the fire scene. We continue to explore new methods to reduce carcinogenic exposure. The men and women of the Evansville Fire Department deserve the very best protection when it comes to occupational illness and disease.





Pictured: Lt. Adam Brock, Station 3, 1E3. Lt. Brock keeps fit for duty by following a daily fitness routine. He also participates in the Firefighter Combat Challenge.

### INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

The Evansville Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office consists of 2 divisions: Inspection and Investigations. The Inspections Division consists of 8 Deputy Fire Marshals. The Fire Investigation Division consists of 3 investigators. Both of these divisions are under the leadership of the City of Evansville Chief Fire Marshal.

The mission of the Fire Marshal's Office is to serve others through Fire Prevention and Investigation services. This is accomplished through the 3 E's of Fire Prevention; Education, Enforcement, and Engineering.

#### Education

The Fire Prevention Division of the Fire Marshal's Office has the privilege of conducting fire safety, community risk reduction, and fire extinguisher classes to the citizens of the community. This is a great opportunity to spread the mission of the division by educating the public on the proactive measures that they can take to prevent the loss of life and property loss from the devastation of fire.

The public can make a request for fire safety classes by going to the department's website located at <u>www.evansvillegov.org</u>. In 2019 the Division conducted over 100 classes with over 4,594 adults and children attending.

#### Enforcement

The Evansville Fire Department is responsible for protecting, and inspecting commercial (Class 1) properties with an assessed value of over \$ 2,198,324,800.00.in the city limits.

The Inspection Division conducted over 1,565 commercial inspections of properties within the City of Evansville. These inspections identified 2,297 fire code violations which required 462\_Fire inspection follow ups within the 2019 fiscal year. Other enforcement activities this office conducted are as follows: 102-Fire Pre-Plans inspections, 325-interagency inspections with the Evansville/ Vanderburgh County Building Commission & Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, 37-Knox Key Box checks, 37-Company Tours, and 119-Fire Alarm/Sprinkler Checks.

The Fire Marshal's Office received a total of 28 citizen's complaints in reference to fire hazards in places of occupancies, most common complaint is in places of assembly and was blocked exits.

In an effort to better serve you and help to prevent fire hazards in commercial occupancies, the Fire Marshal's Office has provided a list of the 10 Most Common International Fire Code (IFC 2012) Violations. This can assist you in eliminating potential fire hazards in your business and staying in compliance with the fire code.

#### Engineering

The engineering arena of fire prevention refers to the engineered solutions that can prevent incidents from occurring or mitigating the damage once they do occur. Fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, fire alarm systems and technologies to prevent the spread of fires are all examples of engineering solutions.

With this in context the Fire Marshal's Office has 2 fire inspectors assigned as plans review officers. A plans review officer is responsible for seeing that construction plans submitted by the design professional meet the requirements of the Fire Code for the type of occupancy that is being constructed.

In 2019 the Division reviewed over 268 plans for new construction and structures undergoing renovation. Some of the most notable projects that are occurring in the downtown area comprised of a new hotel and Multi use apartment and retail space.

### INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

This division also conducts follow-ups on fire protection system activations such as: automatic sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, and smoke and heat detection systems. The purpose of fire protection system follow-up inspections is to determine if the designed system responded appropriately to the situation causing the activation. The Fire Marshal's Office conducted over 73 follow-ups on alarms and systems in 2019. Out of all of these system activations only 7 responded to an actual fire event with the alerting, detection, extinguishment and confinement of fire



### INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

#### FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Fire Marshal's Office Investigation Division conducted 244 fire investigations in 2019. Looking at causes of fire within the City, allows the department to conduct a risk assessment as to where fires are occurring and the leading causes of fire. In 2018 the Fire Marshal's Office Investigation Division established an Arson Tip Line. In 2019 this has continued to be a very beneficial tool in the fight against arson crime in the City of Evansville.

The mission of the Fire Investigation Division of the Fire Marshal's Office is to find the cause and origin of fires so that it benefits all, with the development of fire codes, educational programs and engineering solutions to prevent the future loss of life and property from fires.

Some of the most common fire causes in 2019 are as follows:

Candle Use Accidental/Other Undetermined /Other Fireworks Use Electrical Incendiary/ Open flam Cigarette/Smoking material Stove top/ Cooking

2019 FIRE, FATALITY, INJURY AND PROPERTY LOSS										
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL FIRES	# FIRES	DEATHS	INJURIES	PROPERTY LOSS	PROPERTY SAVED	INSPECTIONS				
		DEATHS								
PRIVATE DWELLINGS	100		6	6,358,450.00	7,535,240.00	N/A				
APARTMENTS	69	1	9	2,479,843.00	37,407,800.00	79				
HOTELS	1	0	0	2,000.00	0.00	21				
ALL OTHERS	2	0	0	0.00	0.00	0				
TOTAL	172	1	15	8,840,293.00	44,943,040.00	79				
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY	7	0	0	742,000.00	10,482,500.00	235				
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	2	0	0	55,000.00	0.00	90				
HEALTH CARE	1	0	0	250.00	0.00	14				
STORES AND OFFICES	12	0	0	2,645,000.00	6,287,000.00	963				
INDUSTRY	0	0	0	109,000.00	3,000,000.00	56				
STORAGE	19	1	1	825,000.00	144,000.00	54				
OTHER STRUCTURES	7	0	0	99,200.00	5,464,250.00	53				
TOTAL	48	1	1	4,475,450.00	25,377,750.00	1,565				
FIRE IN HIGHWAY VEHICLES	86	0	1	1,310,501.00	131,500.00	N/A				
FIRES IN OTHER VEHICLES	0	0	0	0.00	9,250.00	N/A				
NON- STRUCTURE/NON- VEHICLE	18	0	0	53,000.00	0.00	N/A				
FIRES IN BRUSH, GRASS, WILDLAND	73	0	0	0.00	0.00	N/A				
ALL OTHER FIRES	203	0	0	0.00	0.00	N/A				
TOTAL FOR FIRES	380	2	17	1,363,501.00	140,750.00	N/A				
STRUCTURES FIRE INTENTIONALLY SET	11	0	0	0.00	10,994,250.00	N/A				
VEHICLES FIRES INTENTIONALLY SET	5	0	0	764,540.00	0.00	N/A				
TOTAL INTENTIONALLY SET FIRES	16	0	17	764,540.00	10,994,250.00	N/A				
TOTAL FOR ALL FIRES	600	2	17	14,679,244.00	70,461,540.00	N/A				

# INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION



1155 Putnam Street



304 Cross Street

	RESPONDING TO OR RETURNING FROM INCIDENTS	AT THE FIRE GROUND	AT NON FIRE EMERGENCIES	TRAINING	OTHER ON DUTY
BURNS	0	0	0	0	0
SMOKE OR GAS INHALATION	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER RESPIRATORY DISTRESS	0	0	0	0	0
BURNS AN DSMOKE INHALATION	0	0	0	0	0
WOUND, CUT, BLEEDING, BRUISE	0		0	0	0
DISLOCATION, FRACTURE	0	0	0	0	0
HEART ATTACK OR STROKE	0	0	0	0	0
STRAIN, SPRAIN, MUSCULAR PAIN	0	0	0	0	0
THERMAL STRESS	0	1	0	0	0
OTHER	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	2	0	0	0

In 2019 a structure fire occurred within the City of Evansville every 1.6 days for a total of 220 occurrences for the entire year. These fires displaced a total of 88 citizens. Every 4 days someone was displaced by fire in 2019. The City sadly experienced 2 fatalities and a total of 17 civilian injuries from fire in 2019. Residential fires accounted for the most injuries with a total of 15 in 2019.

A significant performance measurement of fire loss can be found in the total value of property saved. In 2019 the Evansville Fire Department saved a total \$ 70,461,540.00 property value from fire. The total fire loss for the City of Evansville for both Residential and Commercial properties was a total of \$ 14,672,244.00 in property value.

The challenge is to reduce the risk of fire to the community through the "3 E's" of fire prevention: education, enforcement and engineering.

### INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

#### The 10 most common fire code violations

- Obstructions in front of electrical panels. (Violation of IFC 315.3.3 Equipment rooms. Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms or electrical equipment rooms.)
- Use by occupant of extension cords/multi-plug adaptors. (Violation of **IFC 605.5 Extension cords/multi plug adaptors.** Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.)
- Exit signs /emergency exit Lighting. (Violation of IFC **1011.1 Where required.** Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. The path of egress travel to exits and within exits shall be marked by readily visible exit signs to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel in cases where the exit or the path of egress travel is not immediately visible to the occupants. Exit sign placement shall be such that no point in a corridor is more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) or the listed viewing distance for the sign, whichever is less, from the nearest visible exit sign. Violation of IFC **1011.3 Illumination.** Exit signs shall be internally or externally illuminated.)
- Open electrical junction boxes. (Violation of **IFC 605.6 Unapproved conditions.** Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. *Approved* covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.)
- Address premise information. (Violation of EMC 96.55 & IFC 505.1 Address Identification. New and existing building shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible from the street or road fronting the property. Violation of City of Evansville Ordinance 96.55 Numbers Required. All persons owning, occupying or serving as agents for any owner or shall have the street address numbers place on the building so public safety officials can see address number from the roadway.)
- Combustibles in mechanical rooms. (Violation of **315.3.3 Equipment rooms.** Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms or electrical equipment rooms.)
- Open knockouts found in electrical panel circuit breaker boxes. (Violation of IFC 605.6 Unapproved conditions. Open junction boxes and open wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.).
- Obstructions found in front of exits. (Violation of **315.3.2 Means of egress.** Combustible materials shall not be stored in exits or exit enclosures for stairways and ramps.)
- Obstructions in front of standpipe and sprinkler risers. (Violation of IFC **509.2 Equipment access**. *Approved* access shall be provided and maintained for all fire protection equipment to permit immediate safe operation and maintenance of such equipment. Storage, trash and other materials or objects shall not be placed or kept in such a manner that would prevent such equipment from being readily accessible.)
- No supporting on site documentation of inspection records on site. (Violation of IFC 901.6.2 Onsite Records documentation of all system inspections, test and maintenance required by fire code.)











#### **Photos**

**Top Left: D-Patrick Collision Center 123 N. Congress** Fire on June 1, 2019.

Top Right: D-Patrick Collision Center 123 N. Congress

Left: D-Patrick Collision Center 123 N. Congress.

Bottom Left: 1206 N. Third Ave, Fire on November 1, 2019.

Bottom Right: 1400 Fountain Ave, Fire on August 13, 2019.





### FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION



APPARATUS PLACED IN SERVICE IN 2019 Above: Q17- 2019 Peirce Enforcer Quint Below: E1- 2019 Pierce Enforcer Engine



Lead Mechanic Greg Lantaff

Mechanics

Chris Cox David Hulgus Jamie Nellis



During 2019

**Completed** 

(753) Truck Maintenance Request
(95) Car Maintenance Request
(229) Small Equipment Request
(24) Truck Service's
(18) Truck Pump Test
(7) Aerial Inspection cleaned & lubed
(7) 5-year 3<sup>rd</sup> party aerial testing
(18) Hose Test

#### **Fire Hose sections replaced**

15 5" X 100' hose

- 5" X 50' hose
- 5" X 25' hose
- 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> "hose 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> "hose

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Maintenance requests are a large part of the Communication Divisions day-to-day operations. In the year 2019, there were a total of 652 completed maintenance requests.



### **2019 PROJECTS AND PROGRESS**

The department replaced our outdated computer platform in 2018, which resulted in a significant change in the number of Mobile Computer Terminal issues in 2019. We recorded 232 maintenance requests for "MCT" in 2018. That number was reduced to 76 in 2019.

These computers are used when dispatched on 911 calls to gather important information before arriving at the emergency destination. Because of the harsh environment that the computers are exposed to we require a rugged computer

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

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The Evansville Fire Department relies on local vendors for maintenance repair service, parts, and supplies. The Department remains committed to the use of WMBE and other local vendors.

The Facilities Management Division, with the assistance of City Maintenance and local vendors, works to maintain our seventeen building locations and training facility. Throughout 2019 the department provided routine maintenance to suppression stations, the administration building, training facility and their respective equipment inventories. Suppression personnel are entrusted with general daily cleanings of their station and are tasked twice annually with a more comprehensive fall and spring cleaning. Further, they are accountable for routine grounds maintenance, including; mowing, weeding, and leaf/debris removal. The Facilities Maintenance Division assures that the administration building is properly landscaped and maintained in order to present a professional building facade.

The Evansville Fire Department does not employ its own maintenance personnel, relying instead upon the City Maintenance Department for routine maintenance. City maintenance assists with monthly air filter replacements, HVAC repairs and maintenance, lighting and fixtures, electrical and appliance repairs, plumbing and other general maintenance. In 2019 423 requests for maintenance were submitted, with 349 of these requests completed. When considering whether to repair or replace a compromised piece of equipment, we consider its age and its utility to those submitting the request. Among the priorities for 2019, the Facilities Maintenance Division oversaw the installation of a video security system for the administrative building, a new floor for its breakroom, 2 new HVAC units, 2 furnaces for the warehouse, a new refrigerator for Station 4 and a new water heater for Station 3. Looking to 2020, projects such as these will continue to require our attention.

The Facilities Management Division maintains all fitness equipment and the fitness area. The Facilities Maintenance Division maintains all fire extinguishers located at the stations and the Admin Bldg. This is accomplished thru contracts with outside vendors. The suppliers are responsible for checking these pieces of equipment and ensuring that they are in proper working condition. The Department also business relationships with local businesses Pro-Tex-All, Kleen-Rite-Supply Inc., American Sanitary Supply Inc., Conner Commercial Lock-Safe, Tri State Fire Protection Inc., Lensing Building Specialties, Gilles Home Sales-Service, Springfield Electric Supply Co., Hastings Air Energy Control Inc., JE Shekell Heating-Air Conditioning, EL Walters Air Conditioning-Heating, Schmitt Refrigeration Inc., and Graybar Electric Supply.

The Facilities Maintenance Division looks forward to supplying the service and repair needs necessary for the safe, effective and efficient performance of the Evansville Fire Department.

MAINTENAN



### EFD PIPE & DRUM

### EVANSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS PIPE & DRUM

<u>Pipers</u> Greg Lehman, Evansville Fire Chad Buttry, Evansville Fire Adam Bigge, Evansville Fire Ryan Wininger, Evansville Fire John Pace, Henderson Fire Billy Schwartz, Henderson Fire Keith Jeffers, Instructor

Drummers Jim Morrow, Evansville Fire Kenny Woolsey, Evansville Fire Zerrick Wells, Scott Township Fire



The Evansville Firefighter's Pipe and Drum Corps was founded in 2006 as a way to honor our fallen firefighters.

We are a self-funded 501-C3 organization. We raise money through donations and fundraisers. The money we receive goes towards equipment, instruments and education.

In addition to our support of the fire, police, and veteran community, we also support other causes. We have played funerals for civilians and many other events for the general public. We have given many presentations at schools, clubs and organizations. We have raised money for other worthwhile causes as well.

Our goal this year is to get some of our new members trained. We plan to send them to Grandfather Mountain, a weeklong piping and drumming school in North Carolina.

The Pipe & Drum Corp Mission Statement We will honor the Original American Firefighter, those who have gone before us and those who have paid the ultimate price. We will instill in current and future ranks a new sense of pride and tradition. We will do

this by playing at the funerals and events of active and retired firefighters, police officers and veterans. Above L to R: Keith Jeffers, Kenney Woolsey, Adam Bigge, Billy Schwartz, Ryan Wininger, Greg Lehman, Chad Buttry and Jim Morrow.

Below: Adam Bigge plays the pipes at a funeral.



### EFD HONOR GUARD



August 1995, marked the launch of The Evansville Firefighters Professional Union Local 357 Honor Guard. After expressing the necessity of support to the families of deceased firefighters, Battalion Chief Larry Chapman, Captain Tom Shadrick and Firefighter Mark Dietsch, took it upon themselves to attend as many firefighter's funerals as time would permit. Soon, as word spread, several firefighters throughout the department joined, which became Honor Guards inaugural start up. Since the Honor Guard inception, they have volunteered for every firefighter's funeral, active or retired. In 1999 the guard was the first and only Honor Guard to be presented a Meritorious Award from State of Indiana.

The Honor Guard, to date has participated in more than 230 details. We also send members to Emmitsburg, MD for the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service and place names of our fallen line of duty deaths on the Memorial, along with participating in the Indiana State Firefighter Memorial at the Capital Building. The Honor Guard is solely comprised of volunteers of the Professional Firefighters Union Local 357 and funded by donations and local fundraising. Monies collected are used to purchase grave markers, which are inscribed with "Time Served Is Not In Vain" and presented to the family in representation of the firefighter's service to the community.

### HONOR GUARD

### **2019 Honor Guard**

Commander Ben Ward Vice Commander Dan Grimm Secretary Scott Weber Guide Chris McCutchan Services Coordinator Tony Hertweck

Members

Mike Bacon Chad Buttry Randy Damm Sean Farmer Kim Garrett Shane Gray Mark Goebel Nick Hughes Joey Jones Kirk Kuhnel Jamie Phillips Lester Seib Lucas Macke Mick Maddox Joe Schenk Tom Shadrick Adam Smith Amy Smith Roger Smith Syl Stofleth Jerry Steckler Jesse Storey **Emmett Tramill** Chris Wagener Darryl Adler



Our profession is full of those who dedicate their lives to helping others sometimes at the high price. The Honor Guard is not in existence for public performance. Our only purpose is to show respect and honor to the families who paid a high price through the years for their loved one to be a part of this profession. We hope in some small way, the family of our deceased brothers and sisters will take comfort in knowing we do our best to take care of our own



### ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

#### **Chief Administration Officer**

Civilians account for their work hours to the Chief Administration Officer. Calendar scheduling of events falls under this job description due to the fact that it is an administrative position and is integrally involved in many aspects of department operation. Some duties are delegated directly from the Fire Chief.

The Chief Administrative Officer coordinates Fire Merit (promotional testing /discipline), Civilian staff and Public Information. The Division encompasses various aspects of the Evansville Fire Department. The Chief Administrative Officer coordinates all of the disciplines to work harmoniously together in order to enable positive outcomes.

Part of the Administrative Officer's responsibility is to be the intermediary between the Fire Merit Commission and the Evansville Fire Department. The Fire Merit Commission has five members who oversee Promotional Testing, Disciplinary Issues, and Applicant Testing for the Evansville Fire Department. There are scheduled Merit Commission Meetings each month, and several Special Meetings throughout the year. The Department logs many hours of Applicant Testing, including written, oral interviews, and physical ability tests, to complete the Applicant Process.

#### **Public Information Officer**

All scheduling of events falls under the Public Information Officer (PIO) job description because it is an administrative position and is integrally involved in many aspects of department operations. Some of these areas include scheduling fire station tours, truck request and safety education. The Chief Administrative Officer coordinates media updates at large fires or other incidents where EFD responds.

Additional duties include seasonal safety messages and reminders regarding fire safety during extreme weather conditions. Finally the PIO showcases the department and the asset it is to the community at events like "National Night Out".

#### **Fire Station Tours:**

Many Community groups request tours of the Fire Stations throughout the year. This ranges from 35-45 groups a year coming through individual fire stations. Fire crews provide insight into their daily workplace, safety insights, and how equipment is utilized in an emergency situation.

#### **Truck Requests:**

The Evansville Fire Department participates in Community events, parades, safety demos, and charitable events each year. You may see us in your next parade, or safety event. This last year we participated in approximately 60 events throughout the City of Evansville.

#### **Safety Education:**

Schools, daycares, and neighborhood associations are always interested in educating their members. Our dedicated professionals provide safety insights specific to the facility and age group, and are happy to be involved in the greater community. We average from 40-70 educational events each year.

### AWARDS/PROMOTIONS

# 2018

# GREEN RIVER KIWANIS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



2018 FFOY Winner Captain Anthony Knight

The Green River Kiwanis selects a "Firefighter of the Year" based on peer nominations at the end of the year. Nominees for the 2018 FFOY were Captain Mike Bacon, Captain Dan Brown, Captain Chad Buttry, Captain Anthony Knight, Captain Jim Pauli, Private Rodney Frye, Private Clint Hoskins, and Private Patrick Moore.

Captain Anthony Knight was selected the 2018 Firefighter of the Year. Captain Knight is a 16year veteran of the Evansville Fire Department and Captain on Engine 1. A billboard with his picture proclaiming his accomplishment was erected in his honor. Congratulations Captain Anthony Knight.



#### **PROMOTIONS**

Adam Brock promoted to Captain Scott Olsen promoted to Captain Christopher Wagener promoted to Captain Chad Beckham promoted to Lieutenant Joe Hall promoted to Lieutenant Blake Hochstetler promoted to Lieutenant Jennifer Hunt promoted to Instructor Collin Jackson promoted to Lieutenant Richard Ottway promoted to Lieutenant Marc Schiele promoted to Lieutenant Michael Steiner promoted to Lieutenant Chad Emsweller promoted to Inspector Rodney Frye promoted to Inspector

### SERVICE AWARDS

#### **CELEBRATING 1 YEAR**

Pvt. Jesse Marx Pvt. Ryan Lux Pvt. Cameron Harris Pvt. Roy Wright Pvt Michael Wilson Pvt. Daniel Orange Pvt. Alex Nally Pvt. William Hoskins Pvt Broc Gunn Pvt Austin Feller Pvt Benjamin Davis

#### **CELEBRATING 5 YEARS**

EMS Manager Keith Current EFD Mechanic Christopher Cox

Lt. Nicholas Bratcher Pvt. Brad Roberts Pvt. Patrick Moore Pvt. Dennis Martin Pvt. Jonathan Wright Pvt. Matthew Witherspoon Pvt. Gatlin Nofsinger

### **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

Cpt. Eric Gentry Pvt. Daniel Boardman Pvt. Ryan Leibring





#### **CELEBRATING 15 YEARS**

Cpt. Keith Bowden Cpt. David Weis Lt. Christopher Reiter Pvt. George Madison Pvt. Adam Stocker

#### **CELEBRATING 20 YEARS**

Receptionist Ruth Ann Adams District Chief Shawn Willis Investigator Timothy Strange Inspector Michael Doran Lt. James Lis Lt. Eric Word Lt. Christopher Spindler Pvt. John Cline Pvt. John Cline Pvt. John Ulrich Pvt. Caleb Wathen Pvt. Matthew Watson Pvt John Goulet

#### **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**

Cpt. Bryan Will Pvt. Mark Dietsch Pvt. Kevin Wilke

### 2019 NEW RECRUITS



Sam Abell



Matthew Agan



Andrew Bowen



Shawn Crouch



Taylor Dennis



Darrell Dodson



Zachary Hermann



Chad Merkley



Jonathan Kuester



Joshua Long



David Watkins



Frederick Pipes

### **RETIREES / RESIGNATIONS / DEATHS**



Battalion Chief Charles Hertzberger 30.25 Years of Service

### **INSPECTOR**

Inspector William Jackson 38.5 Years of Service

### **INVESTIGATOR**

Investigator Richard Howard 27 Years of Service

### CAPTAIN

Captain James Mastison 35 Years of Service





PRIVATE

Private Larry Meriweather 30.5 Years of Service

Private James Morrow 30.5 Years of Service

Private Vernon Prather 30.5 years of Service

Private Thad Robinson 28.75 Years of Service

Private Donald Waelde 25 Years of Service

### **RESIGNATION**

Private Erik Scheub Private Kurt Behme



Captain James Pauli

Private Robert Doerr Mechanic David Hulgus

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### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How do I get a fire report?

You may request a fire report in person at the Fire Department Administration Building located at 550 SE Eighth Street in Evansville, Indiana or contact the EFD Administration Building at (812) 435-6235. There is a nominal fee for a Fire report.

#### How do I report a fire code violation?

You may report a fire code violation by contacting the Chief Fire Marshal at EFD Administration building by calling (812) 435-6235 or on the City's website under Citizens complaint Fire Hazards/Fire Code violations.

#### How do I schedule a Fire Station tour?

You may submit a request for a tour by completing the request on the Evansville Fire Department's webpage located on the City's website at <u>www.evansvillegov.org</u>.

#### How do I request a Fire Safety Class?

You may request a Fire Safety Class by completing the request form located on the Evansville Fire Department's webpage located on the City's website at <u>www.evansvillegov.org</u>.

#### Why are there names on the fire trucks?

All new apparatus are dedicated in honor of a fallen firefighter.

#### How do I register my daycare with the Fire Department.?

To register your daycare, please call the EFD Receptionist at (812) 435-6235.

#### Do you have to have a permit to have a recreational fire?

You must have approval from the City of Evansville Fire Department (EFD). If the fire department responds to a reported fire and you do not have the proper permit on file, you may be fined. You may apply for a fire permit by completing a Fire Permit Application at the Evansville Fire Department, 550 SE Eighth Street, Evansville, IN or by calling the Evansville Fire Department Administration at (812) 435-6235, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

#### What should I do if my Carbon Monoxide detector activates?

If your alarm goes off, it is recommended that you exit the home and call 911. Carbon Monoxide is a color less and odorless gas created by incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels. This is commonly called the silent killer because it is not noticeable by smell or sight. A Dangerous gas that connects to blood cells at a rate of 200 times faster than oxygen. It is recommended that all homes have a working carbon monoxide detector.

#### Are you on Facebook or can you be followed on Twitter?

Yes, you may find us on Facebook/Evansville Fire Department and Twitter @EvansvilleFD



#### **BE SURE TO CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR!**





### EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are dedicated to preserving life, property, and the environment, utilizing effective principles and practices of modern fire science technology, technical rescue, emergency medical service and preventing fires through fire safety education, code enforcement, preplanning and fire investigation.



Cathleen Tamez, Editor/Publisher

**2019 EXECUTIVE** 

**SUMMARY** 



When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert, and hear the weakest shout, quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling, to give the best in me, to guard my friend and neighbor, and protect his property.

And if according to Your will I must answer death's call, bless with your protecting hand, my family one and all.