
The 2013 Annual Report

of the City of Columbus – Fire Department

City of Columbus





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This Annual Report is prepared for the citizens of the City of Columbus and the following 2012 public officials:

Columbus Mayor:
The Honorable Kristen Brown

Columbus City Council:
*Dascal Bunch
Ryan Brand
Frank Jerome
Frank Miller
Tim Shuffett
Kenny Whipker
Jim Lienhoop*

Board of Public Works and Safety:
*Kristen Brown
Susan Fye
Jayne Farber
Bob Sullivan
Bob Crider*

2013 Overview from Fire Chief L. David Allmon

2013 started off with a bang when CRH moved EMS 1 into Station 1 and EMS 4 into Station 5. In January we held an open house at Station 5 for the citizens of Columbus to celebrate the 1st ambulance to be housed in a CFD firehouse since 2005.

Changes to the staff were made, including Capt. Eric Darlage as Training Officer and Deputy Chief Dan Bates. During 2013, CFD had the privilege to use the expertise of CPD's Lt. Matt Myers as our Public Information Officer.

In September, CFD implemented new handheld radios, Motorola Apex 6000s, to finally bring our communication into the 21st Century. These new radios have many great attributes but the highlight is voice announcement of the radio channels.

We progressed by the hiring of 3 new firefighters mid-year, Rookies Jarrod Mullis, Ben Spencer and Jason Allen.

Something new to CFD was the adoption of firefighter job description. With the job description, we were able to get firefighters back to work sooner, either by utilizing our light duty policy or through quicker but efficient rehab.

2013 saw the implementation of the Flood Response & Evacuation Plan (FREP) that was prepared by Christopher Burke and Associates. The FREP allows for emergency personnel to prepare for an upcoming flood by giving leaders real time statistics to permit evacuation to predetermined shelters. Accommodations were even made for our furry friends through the help of Columbus Animal Care Services. The FREP was practiced on 3 occasions in 2013 to be sure we had it right and to keep our skills honed.

Pumper and quint specifications were drawn up by the Apparatus committee during 2013 which were advertised for bids late in the year. Unfortunately, the end of 2013 caught up with the process and the \$1,250,000.00 appropriated for their purchase had to be returned to the general fund and the procedure was started again for the purchases to be completed in early 2014.

Another committee of firefighters helped with establishing new uniforms which were adopted by the Board of Works. Added to our station wear were shorts and a new style and color (navy) of standard uniform shirt.

Initiative was taken by Capt. Mike Sieverding to train over 37 rope rescue technicians during the summer months of 2013. Thanks to Mike for taking the lead on this project. With rope rescue under our belt and with the help of the community and local business, CFD looks forward to progressing on to other rescue regimens.

In closing, 2013 proved to be a good year for CFD and Columbus. We are constantly striving to be the best Fire Department in the state of Indiana first and then the best in the Nation. My thanks go out to all CFD employees. I look forward to even greater accomplishments in 2014.

Chief David Allmon



Administration

The Columbus Fire Department Administrative Office is located in the headquarter station at 1101 Jackson Street. The Columbus Fire Department is comprised of six fire stations strategically located in the City of Columbus to offer the best response time to all areas as possible. These facilities are manned 24 hours a day, rotating over three shifts. There are currently 93 uniformed firefighters and four civilian employees in the Department.

The administrative staff located at headquarters includes:

- Fire Chief David Allmon
- Deputy Chief of Operations Dan Bates
- Deputy Chief of EMS Mike Kutsko
- Fire Inspector Matt Noblitt
- Fire Inspector Keith Owen
- Public Information Officer Mike Wilson(new in 2014)
- Chief Administrative Assistant Julie Dayton
- Administrative Assistant Robin McCue

Maintenance Division

Our Maintenance Facility is located at 2770 Verhulst Drive. There you will find Master Mechanic Mark Williams taking care of all equipment repairs and routine maintenance on 31 vehicles belonging to the Columbus Fire Department. In addition, Mark keeps our lawnmowers, snow blowers, PPV fans and all other needed firefighting equipment in good working order.

Training Division

Our Training Officer, Eric Darlage conducts his classes and department training at the training facility located at 2670 Verhulst. In addition to hands-on-training, he also schedules training for all stations and maintains all training records for all employees.

Executive Summary

Mission

To protect lives and save property

Value Statements

The Columbus Fire Department is professional in all of its actions.

- Appearance
- Respectful attitude
- Caring and compassion for people
- Training, preparedness, and readiness
- High quality service

The Columbus Fire Department recognizes that every employee is a valued member of the Columbus Fire Department Family.

- Team oriented
- Input is valued
- Compassion toward one-another
- Respect for one-another
- Communicate openly at all levels
- Feel secure

2013 Incident Statistics with Prior Year Comparison

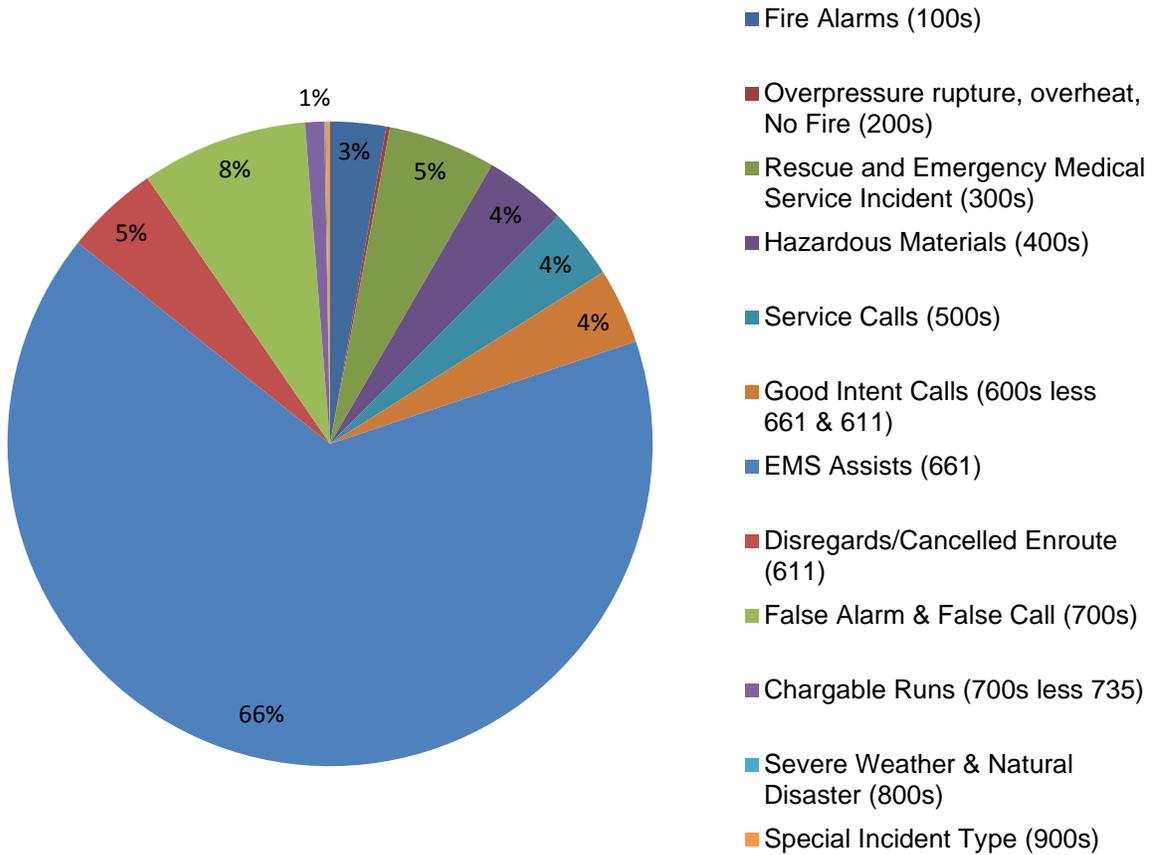
Fire & Emergency Responses for 2013

	2013	2012
Fire Alarms (100s)	117	145
Overpressure rupture, overheat, No Fire (200s)	8	7
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident (300s)	226	401
Hazardous Materials (400s)	174	182
Service Calls (500s)	149	121
Good Intent Calls (600s less 661 & 611)	159	136
EMS Assists (661)	2,764	2,502
Disregards/Cancelled Enroute (611)	197	133
False Alarm & False Call (700s)	350	340
Chargable Runs (700s less 735)	40	45
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster (800s)	3	0
Special Incident Type (900s)	9	11
	4,196	4,023

Building, Contents, and Vehicle Dollar Loss

Building Loss	\$1,018,250	\$508,500
Contents Loss	\$538,550	\$235,200
Vehicle Loss	\$30,600	\$47,600
	Total Loss	\$1,587,400
		\$791,300

Columbus Fire Department Run Breakdown - 2013



2013 Accomplishments

Operations

During 2013, the following accomplishments were noted by the Operations Division:

- Implementation of Guardian Tracking
- Implementation of new FDO's
- Developed a new number & tracking system for hose testing
- Created committees to assist with selection of apparatus, FDO's & Tilly scheduling
- Provided medical assistance for various civic functions including: the Q-mix Fire works, the Columbus Area Arts Council Downtown Block Party and Rock the Park and the Ethnic Expo
- Assisted with organizing, providing and directing pre-hospital non-transport medical coverage for the Cummins Mill Race Marathon
- Many chief officers participated in Police Executive Leadership Academy as well as Situational Awareness Classes with Rich Gassaway
- Welcomed 3 new firefighters

Training

The accomplishments of the Training Division are as follows for 2013:

- Orientation on training officers position
- Sent four fire fighters to South Bend for swift water rescue, 4% of CFD are technicians
- Live burns in our training tower
- ARFF annual burn at Grissom AFB
- Trained three new hires
- Rope rescue technician class for all 3 shifts, 29 firefighters were trained in house as rope rescue technicians, giving CFD a total of 37 or 40%
- Fire/extrication training
- Covered fire/EMS in weekly trainings
- Computer entry training
- Swift water rescue awareness, 75 firefighters or 80%
- Disaster relief training at Muscatatuck
- Implement and trained on new radios

- Preparedness training for Millrace Marathon
- Participate in Adult Education Academy
- Bus extrication training, 72 firefighters participated or 77% of Department
- Haz-Mat refresher course, 84 firefighters participated, 90% of CFD
- Ice water rescue training with the RDC (rapid deployment craft), 85 firefighters trained or 90%
- Inventoried all available hose and performed annual hose testing
- Recertified paramedic/basic EMT's, 36 of 72 EMT's or 50%, 7 of 22 Paramedics or 33%
- Trained on cold weather emergencies

Fire Prevention Bureau

The 2013 fire prevention, inspection, and investigation divisions' accomplishments included:

- Assisted Homeland Fire Inspector with all the Columbus Public Schools, Private and/or Academy Schools, and Preschool inspections
- Attended training classes/seminars on fire/building code subjects. Used on-line courses at Homeland Security, National Fire Academy, and other web sites for educational purposes
- Participated in the pre-planning stages of all new construction and existing buildings within the City
- Performed inspections on 752 businesses and apartment buildings in 2013, up from 444 in 2012, a 70% increase over 2012
- Gave fire extinguisher training and fire prevention classes to businesses in addition to making contact with and giving out fire prevention information, pamphlets, and coloring books to approximately 1,270 people in Bartholomew County, up from 1022 in 2012, a 24% increase over 2012
- Participated in a county arson investigation team 5 times in the past year, consisting of two Columbus Police Department investigators, a County Investigator, and both CFD Fire Inspectors
- Attended the Arson Investigator Conference
- Investigated 8 possible arson fires within the City and County equal to 2012

Mechanical

The Mechanical Division in 2013 accomplished the following:

- Performed annual pump test on all fire apparatus
- Performed inspection and service on all Hurst equipment and Power units
- Performed numerous repairs to fire apparatus
- All SCBAs tested and repaired
- Installed new engine in Tilly
- Updated mini-medic
- Worked on building bid specs for new engines
- Took Tilly and the Fire Safety Trailer to 40+ events and schools
- ASE EVT re-certification

A.R.F.F.

The Columbus Fire Department A.R.F.F. Division 2013 accomplishments included:

- Successfully passed FAA inspection.
- Implementation/Dedication of DC -3 Aircraft Training aid on West Apron for live fire training.
- Piercing training prop on West apron for High Reach Extendable Turret Training.
- Area Movement Training Course on Airport Property
- Networking with Indianapolis Airport Fire Department.
- On-line Digacast training subscription for maintaining FAA compliance.
- Third Party Validation Testing with Koorsen Fire Service for Purple K and Foam.
- A-14 cylinders hydro tested with Koorsen Fire Service.
- Routinely Compliant with monthly Reaction Response Drills.
- Up to Date on A.R.F.F Recurrent Monthly Training.
- Live Burn at Grissom Air Force Base May 16th and May 20th **
- A-14 responded to Three Alert III responses.
- A-14 responded to One Alert 1- response plane into house.
- Purchased current edition I.F.S.T.A Training Book, Work Book, and CD.

**See attached report #1

2014 Goals

Operations/EMS

For 2014, the Operations/EMS Divisions have set forth the following goals:

- Certify and deploy 12 Fighters in Paramedic skills, an increase of online paramedics from 18% in 2013 vs 31% in 2014
- Increase certified (AHA) American Heart Association CPR Instructors for CFD by 6%
- Establish a SWAT Paramedic Team to interact with CPD
- Coordinate with Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH) to update Defibrillators
- EMS Bike course and equipment for Bike patrol
- Install OSSI software in all equipment and train
- Complete Digital Radio installation and programming
- Oversee backup Generators Installation at Stations 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Implement Tornado Plan
- Schedule written and Physical agility test for applicants
- Peer Fitness program
- Implement Guardian Tracking use and Employee evaluations

Public Information

For 2014, the Public Information Division has set forth the following goals:

- Community days at Fire Stations
- Smoke Alarm education

Training

For 2014, the Training Division has set forth the following goals:

- Paramedic Refresher for Paramedics
- Train 4 new Firefighters for line Duty
- EMT Refresher for all EMTs
- Fire Officer I & II class
- Firefighter Rescue and Survival class
- Driver/Operator Pumper class all shifts
- Officer Development Training "Pride in Membership"

- CPR Instructor Class
- Haz-Mat Technician class
- Vehicle/Machinery Extrication Class 10/12 Firefighter/Officers, 15% will be certified to train remainder in house to a total of 85%
- Driver/Operator Aerial class
- Fire Officer Safety Class
- Hazmat Team- 33 firemen trained

ARRF REPORT

Chief Allmon,

On March 20, 2012 FAA Airport Certification Inspector Deb Bartell Identified a Reaction Response failure of compliance. The FAA mandates per 139.319 (h) (2) (i) required 3min. response time to center of Alpha Bravo Intersection. Columbus Fire Department failed Twice. The first response resulted in 6 min. 20sec. failure greater than 3min. The second attempt resulted in failure 4 min. 33 sec. greater than 3 min. Since Lt. Andy Lay took control of the ARFF Division the Columbus Fire Dept. and CMA have passed all mandatory FAA inspections. The latest reaction and Response Drill conducted on Feb. 22, 2014 drastically improved with a time of 2 min. 13 sec. response time. The Reaction and Response improved by 4 min. 7 seconds. This improvement has resulted with the implementation of the Klaxon Bell, communications procedures, consistent continuity, and constant drilling.

In May of 2014 The number of ARFF compliant Firefighters, sent for live fire training at Grissom Air force Base was 17. The preferred compliment is a total of 18 ARFF compliant Firefighter housed at Fire Station # 2 on the CMA Airport property. The three Battalion Chiefs plus the Training Officer would make a grand total of 22 ARFF current Firefighters. The current number of ARFF Firefighters Certified is 46 members which is 47 % of the City of Columbus Fire Department currently certified.

Since the inception of the ARFF Division the City of Columbus Fire Department Instructors have certified a total of 46 members or 47 % of the Columbus Fire Department in Aircraft Rescue Firefighting. Based on a \$ 800.00 tuition from Blue Grass Regional Airport in Lexington Kentucky the City of Columbus Fire Department has saved \$ 36,800.00. Due to the ability to train the ARFF Firefighters while on duty resulted in an estimated savings of \$ 33,120.00 had this training had to be incurred off duty. The overall investment into these Firefighters has an estimated value of \$ 69,920.00.

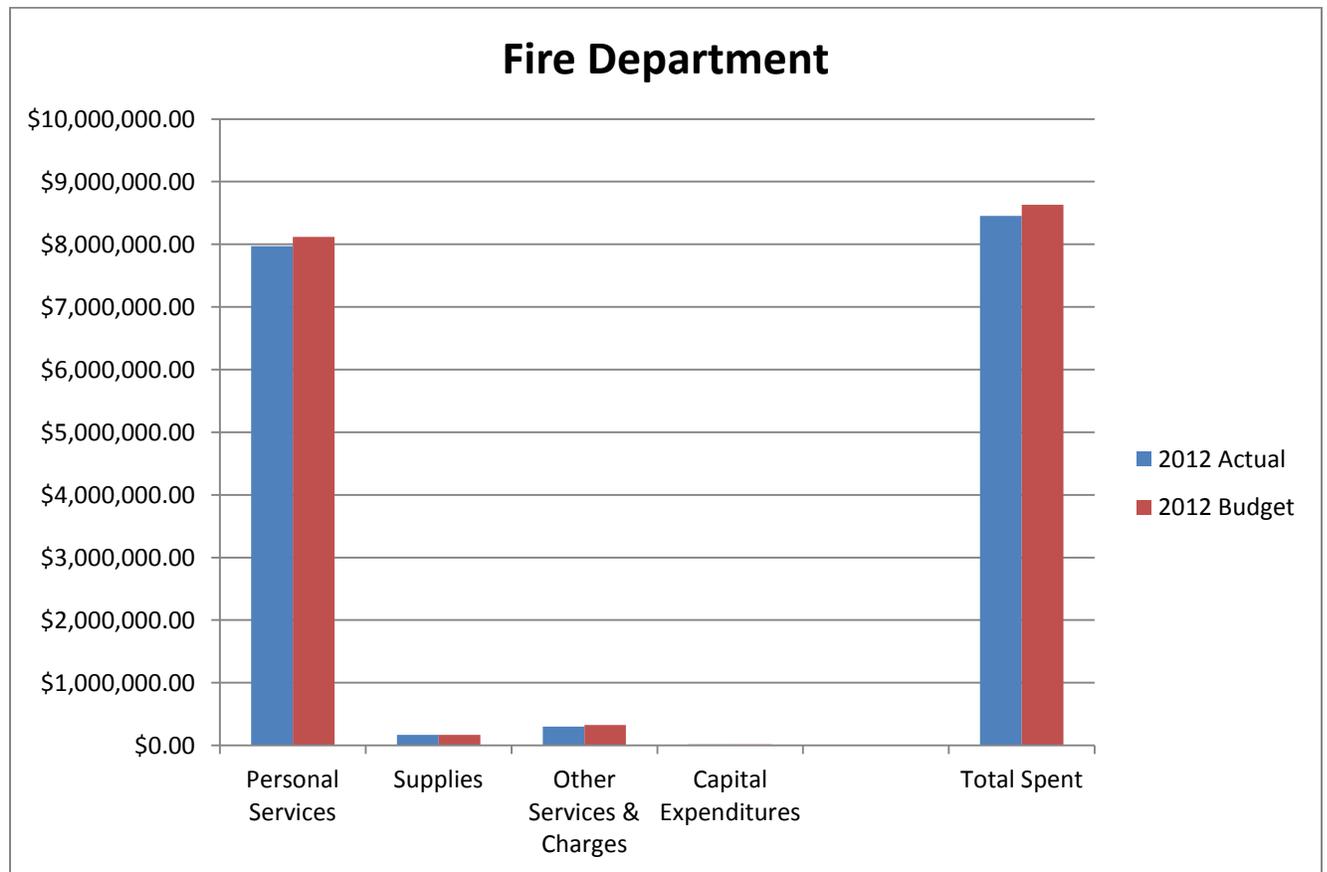
The ARFF Division is constantly striving to improve upon what Chief Kevin Elmore of Indianapolis Airport Fire Department quoted "Columbus has a model program to be proud of " and we are.

Lt. Andy Lay

City of Columbus Fire Department

Financials

Fire Department	2012 Actual	2012 Budget	%
Personal Services	\$7,970,103.60	\$8,118,792.58	98%
Supplies	\$165,668.15	\$170,500.00	97%
Other Services & Charges	\$300,991.16	\$324,314.43	93%
Capital Expenditures	\$15,380.44	\$15,500.00	99%
Total Spent	\$8,452,143.35	\$8,629,107.01	98%



Fire Department	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	%
Personal Services	\$7,976,229.52	\$7,978,221.00	100%
Supplies	\$138,084.21	\$138,200.00	100%
Other Services & Charges	\$327,096.51	\$327,099.00	100%
Capital Expenditures	\$380,896.00	\$440,000.00	87%
Total Spent	\$8,822,306.24	\$8,883,520.00	99%
Year Over Year- 2012/2013	\$370,162.89	\$254,412.99	
Year Over Year- 2012/2013	4%	3%	

