



# WELCOME

## AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our Mission Goes Beyond Our Name

*Public Safety Commission*



The Austin Fire Department is committed to creating safer communities through:

- Prevention,
- Preparedness and
- Effective Emergency Response

# AFD Mission





## COA Service Area

- 273 square miles of City of Austin service area
- 853,020 Residents
- +160K Single family homes
- +10K Apartment/condos
- +12K Offices & commercial properties
- Airport / ABIA

## AFD Resources

- 1,147 Sworn positions
- 97 Civilian positions
- 44 Fire stations
- 1 Airport fire station
- 42 Fire engines
- 13 Fire aerials
- 3 Fire rescue units
- 12 Brush trucks
- 8 Boats



# FY 15 DEPARTMENT GOALS

## **Prevent fire deaths and property loss**

- Reduce fire deaths to zero.
- Clear by arrest at least 35% of arson cases.
- Increase the number of non-technical inspections performed by 5%.
- Install at least 6 smoke alarms per day – 2,190 annually.

## **Prepare for emergencies**

- More than 90% of sworn positions fully staffed.
- Provide more than 150 public safety education events.
- More than 90% of sworn personnel will achieve the department certification goals by rank.

## **Respond efficiently and effectively to emergencies**

- Response time from receipt of call to arrival is 8 minutes or less.
- At least 40% of cardiac arrest cases arrive at the hospital with a pulse.
- Confine 85% of structure fires to room of origin.
- More than 98% of all unit responses in the City of Austin will be handled by AFD units.



# Budget

- FY16 budget is \$175.2 million  
*Represents 19.5% of the general fund*
- Other sources of funding:
  - \$5.4 million from ABIA for fire protection
  - \$400K from ESDs for dispatch services
  - \$2.9M from Development inspections & special events
  - \$450K from City of Sunset Valley fire contract



## OPERATIONS

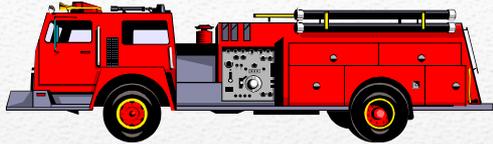
- Primary provider of fire protection for the citizens of Austin
- Largest section of the Fire Department
- Operations' firefighters are on duty at fire stations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year.
- Firefighters work at the fire stations 24 hours “on” & 48 hours “off”

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS

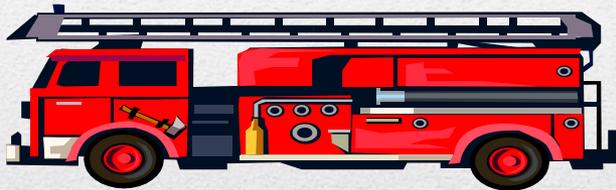
- **Fire Response:** Structure, high-rise, wildfire, vehicle, and aircraft
- **First Responders:** Medical
- **Rescues:** Vehicle, water, confined space, technical, building collapse, and wilderness
- **Hazardous Materials:** Transportation, industrial, environmental, and terrorism



# EMERGENCY UNITS



**ENGINE** aka “Pumper”



**AERIAL** aka “Ladder” or “Quint”



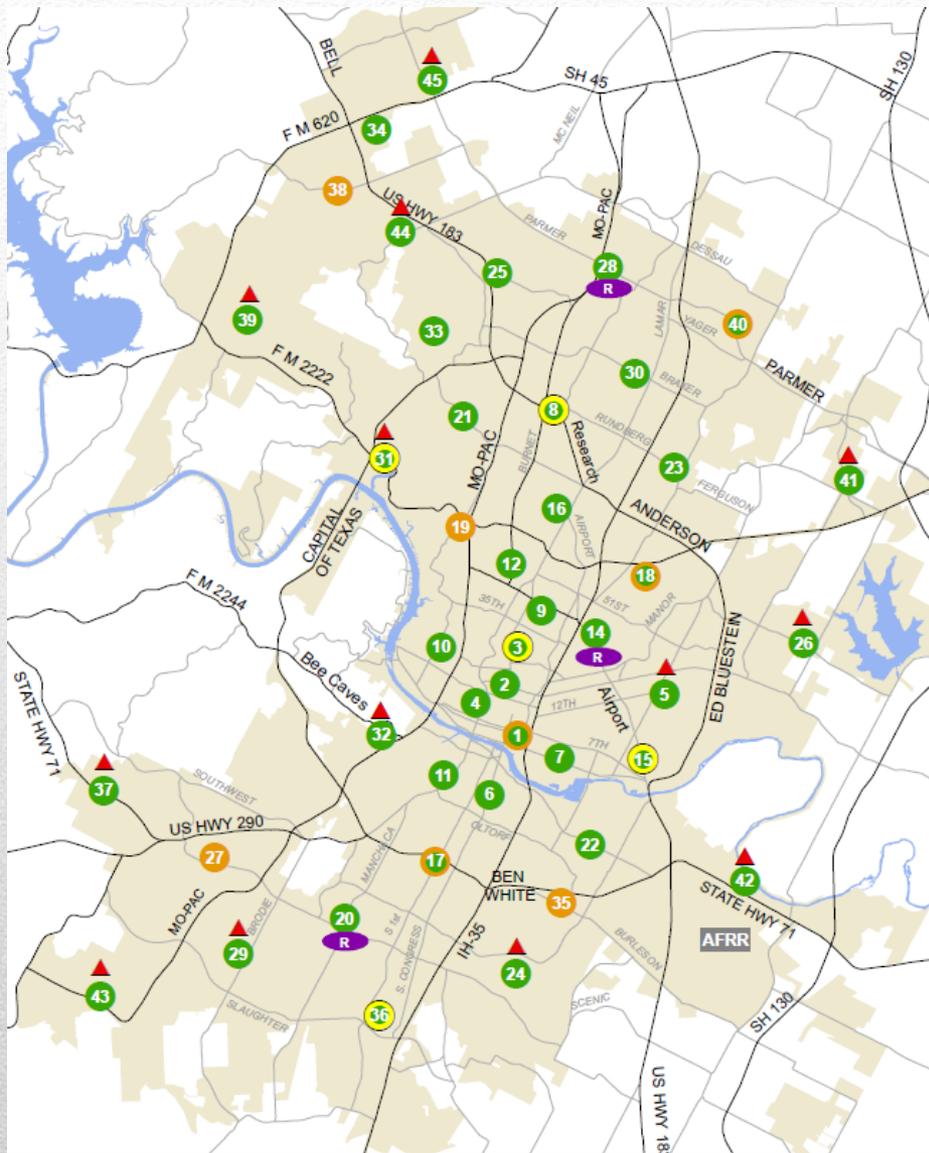
**RESCUE** aka “Special Operations”



**BATTALION CHIEF**  
aka “Incident Commander”



# City of Austin Fire Apparatus Locations



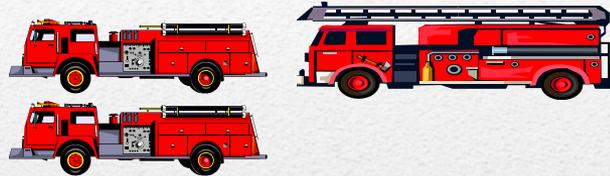
-  Engines
-  Ladders
-  Quints
-  Rescue
-  Brush Truck
-  City of Austin



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

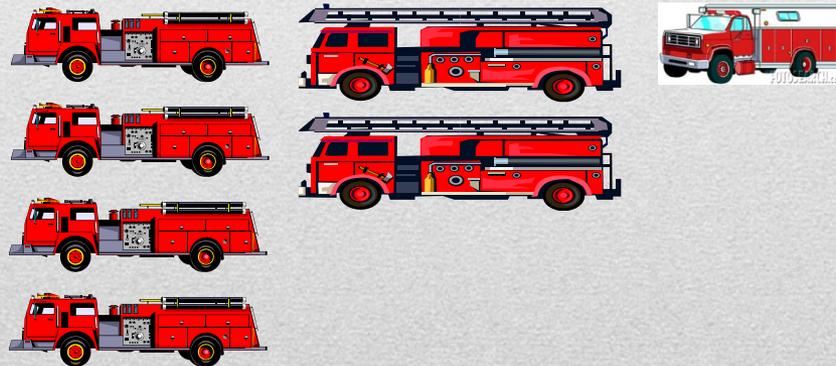
## Box Alarm Light

# of Units: 4  
# of FFs: 13



## Box Alarm

# of Units: 9  
# of FFs: 28



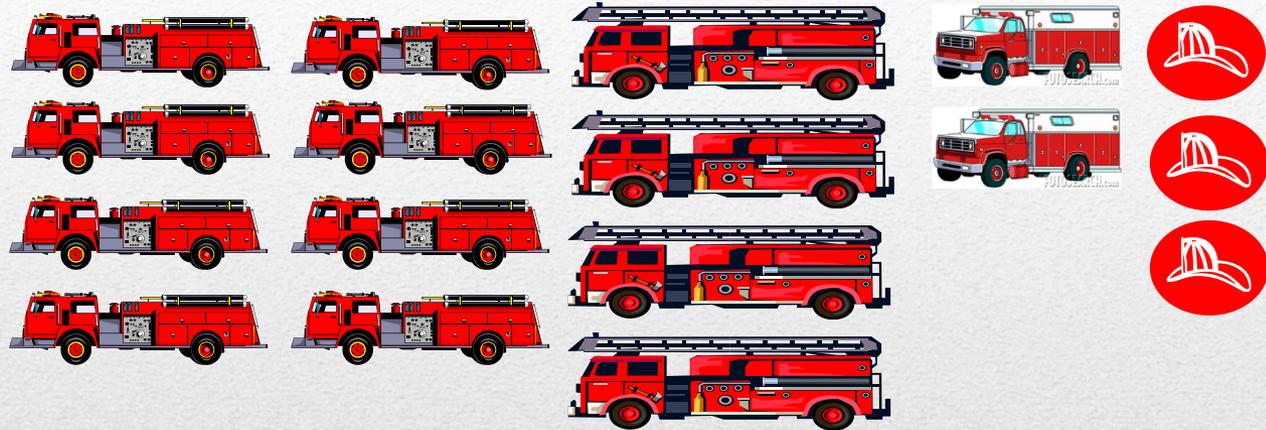


# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Box Alarm 2

# of Units: 17

# of FFs: 51



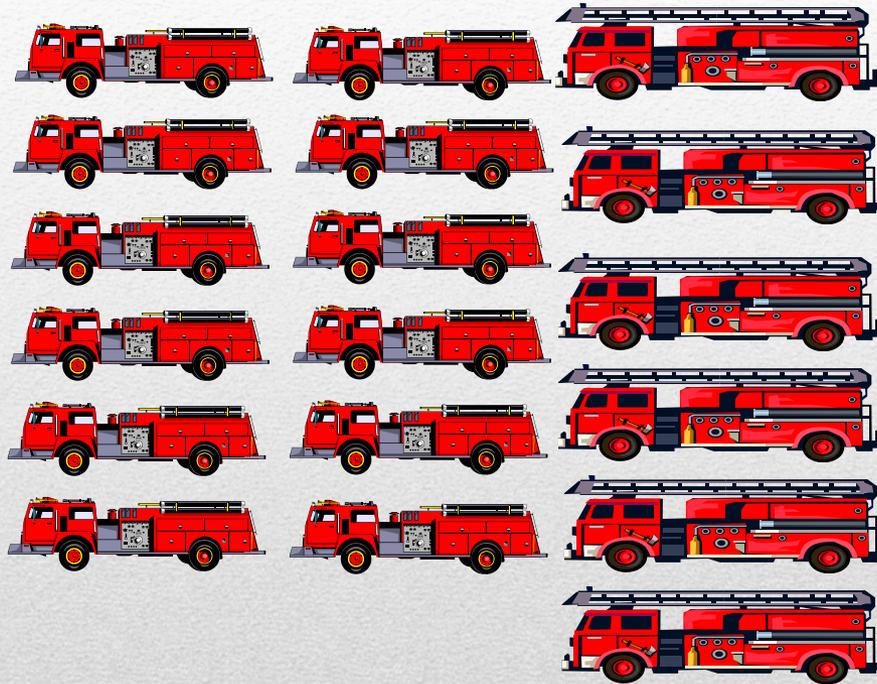


# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Box Alarm 3

# of Units: 21

# of FFs: 71





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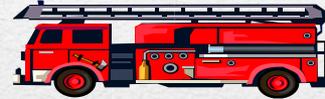
## Medical

# of Units: 1  
# of FFs: 4



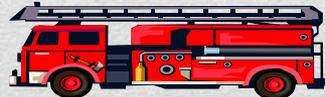
## Vehicle Rescue

# of Units: 4  
# of FFs: 11



## Wildfire (*Brush Alarm*)

# of Units: 6-8  
# of FFs: 21-28



Brush Truck

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## OPERATIONS – FACTS

- Responds to more than **89,000 incidents** per year. Of those, 70% are medical first response
- Keeps fire to the room of origin **83% of the time!**
- **Station 1**, located downtown, is the busiest station with over 9,300 runs per year
- **Engine 18**, located at Berkman Dr. & US 290 East, is the busiest unit with over 5,252 runs per year
- 100% of Operations' firefighters are wild land certified to the basic national standard level wild land.



# PREVENTION

## ENGINEERING

- **City-wide review of:**
  - *Building Plans*
  - *Alarm Systems*
  - *Fire Sprinklers*
  - *Fire Protection Systems*
  - *Land Use*
- **Fire/Building Code Development**
- **Technical Support for AFD**

## INSPECTIONS

- **Inspections of:**
  - *New construction*
  - *Hospitals*
  - *Nursing Homes*
  - *Day Cares*
  - *Commercial Facilities*
  - *State Licensed occupancies*
  - *Multi-family Housing*
- **Coordination of Hydrant Maintenance**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Inspections of:**
  - *Tents & Temp. Structures*
  - *Temp. Use Permits*
  - *Fireworks & Pyrotechnics*
  - *Public Assemblies*
  - *Fraternity/Sorority Events*
- **Public Assembly Code Enforcement (PACE)**
- **Mobile Vending**



## PREVENTION - FACTS

- Review of more than **45,000** pages of site plans, permits, and fire protection plans.
- Review of approximately **45 plans** for new high-rise buildings (*38 completed/near completion and 7 in preliminary discussions*)
- More than **30,000** Fire and Life Safety Inspections annually
- Generally, there are more than **300 days** of Special Events, consisting of the reviewing and inspection of more than **700 events**, attended by over **8 million** people from over 82 foreign countries.
- Oversight for the maintenance of more than **24,000** municipal fire hydrants



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

## Public Education

**Mission:** To engage our community in the pursuit of life safety and fire prevention.

**What we do:**

- Smoke Alarm Program (including extensive canvassing efforts)
- Fire & Evacuation Drills
- Fire Safety House – Home Safety Tips
- Fire Truck Appearances
- Safety Presentations
- School Safety Presentations

## Community Relations

**Mission:** To deliver innovative outreach efforts driven by evolving community needs.

**What we do:**

- Operation Blue Santa
- Conley-Guerrero Senior Holiday Luncheon
- MLK Parade
- Back to School
- Chuy's Children Giving Parade
- Austin Trail of Lights
- CERT Partnerships
- MDA
- National Night Out

## Recruitment

**Mission:** To identifying and mentor the most competitive and qualified diverse candidates for employment.

**What we do:**

- Community Recruiting
- Candidate Interest Cards
- Military Preference
- School Career Day Program
- Austin Fire Explorer Post 370
- Pass the Torch Academy
- Station Ride-out Program



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

**“Not every problem is solved with an 80,000 lb. truck and 4 firefighters.”**

*-Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr*

Community Risk Reduction can be defined as:

**Steps, programs, or actions to reduce fire and emergency risks in a community.**

Hoping to accomplish:

- Zero fire deaths
- Lower call volume
- Increase the number of homes with smoke alarms
- Increase the number of residents who are prepared



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH - FACTS

### Every year on average, Community Outreach organizes:

- **600** Fire truck appearances at schools and community events
- **12** smoke alarm canvassing initiatives benefitting **400** homes in need of a working smoke alarm or batteries for the existing smoke alarm
- **2,486** smoke alarm installations, including **260 Hearing Impaired** alarms, through our free smoke alarm program
- Fire safety messages conveyed to over **149,000** citizens of Austin.

Home Safety Tips  
educational  
demonstration





For more information visit:  
[www.AustinTexas.gov/Fire](http://www.AustinTexas.gov/Fire)

