CITY OF ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT



2023 ANNUAL REPORT





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#TEAMRFD **ANNUAL REPORT**

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF







It is with great enthusiasm and honor that I introduce the Roswell Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report. Since our founding on February 20, 1937, we have been privileged to serve and grow alongside our community. Over the past 87 years, we have evolved from serving a small community of 1,600 to meeting the needs of nearly 100,000 residents today. This year, thanks to the support of our Mayor and Council, we have achieved another significant milestone in our journey towards excellence. We proudly welcomed our inaugural Division Chief of Emergency Management, four new Battalion Chiefs, our first Logistics Captain, our new Deputy Fire Marshal, three Fire Captains, nine Lieutenants, one Assistant Fire Marshal, and 12 new fulltime Firefighters. This expansion is a crucial component of our transition to a full-time staffing model, ensuring we are better equipped to serve our community.

These accomplishments are a testament to our amazing team and the legacy of those who preceded us. As we look to the future, we remain committed to honoring this legacy while striving for innovation and excellence. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from the Roswell community. This collaboration is essential as we work towards our vision of becoming an innovative world-class public safety organization.





YEAR IN REVIEW

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE

FALL &INJURY

2,290

ILLNESS

1,610

FIRE ALARM

1,078

SEIZURES

921

CALL PERCENTAGE

73.5% EMERGENCY MEDICAL

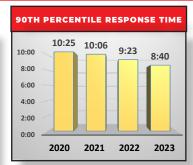
SERVICES

FIRE





CALL VOLUME 9,690 9,715 10,107 9,904 10,000 8,000 6,000 4,000 2,000 2020 2021 2022 2023



RESPONSE TIMES

2023 RESPONSE TIMES IMPROVED

SECONDS COMPARED TO 2022

BUSIEST STATION

CALLS FOR SERVICE

BUSIEST ENGINE

TRUCK 21

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE

RESCUE

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL VOLUME

2023 CALL VOLUME **DECREASED**

INCIDENTS COMPARED TO 2022 (DUE TO THE FREEZE ON

DECEMBER 24, 2022)

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ROSWELL CITY LEADERSHIP



KURT M. WILSON MAYOR



RANDY KNIGHTON CITY ADMINISTRATOR



SARAH BEESON POST 1 COUNCILMEMBER



MIKE PALERMO POST 2 COUNCILMEMBER



CHRISTINE HALL POST 3 COUNCILMEMBER



DAVID JOHNSON POST 4 COUNCILMEMBER



WILLIAM MORTHLAND POST 5 COUNCILMEMBER

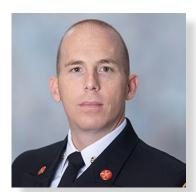


LEE HILLS POST 6 COUNCILMEMBER

ROSWELL FIRE **COMMAND STAFF**



PABEL TROCHE DEPUTY CHIEF **OPERATIONS**



JOE PENNINO FIRE CHIEF



BRIAN WOLFE DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION CHIEFS



LAUREN LINVILLE **DIVISION CHIEF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



ALEX ROBLES DIVISION CHIEF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



CHARLES VACCA **DIVISION CHIEF** FIRE MARSHAL

BATTALION CHIEFS



DANNY THOMPSON



CHRIS CAVENDER



KEN FISHER



DOOLEY



BUCK **ROGERS**



DANNY **DWYER**



PATTERSON



DEWAYNE CAMPBELL

A SHIFT

B SHIFT

C SHIFT

TRAINING

EMS



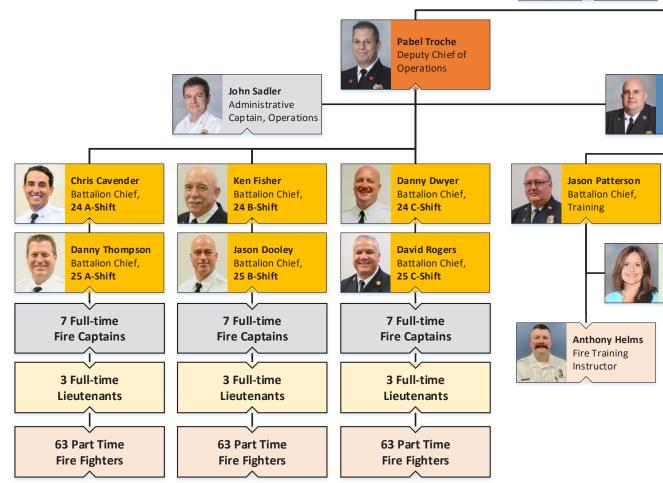


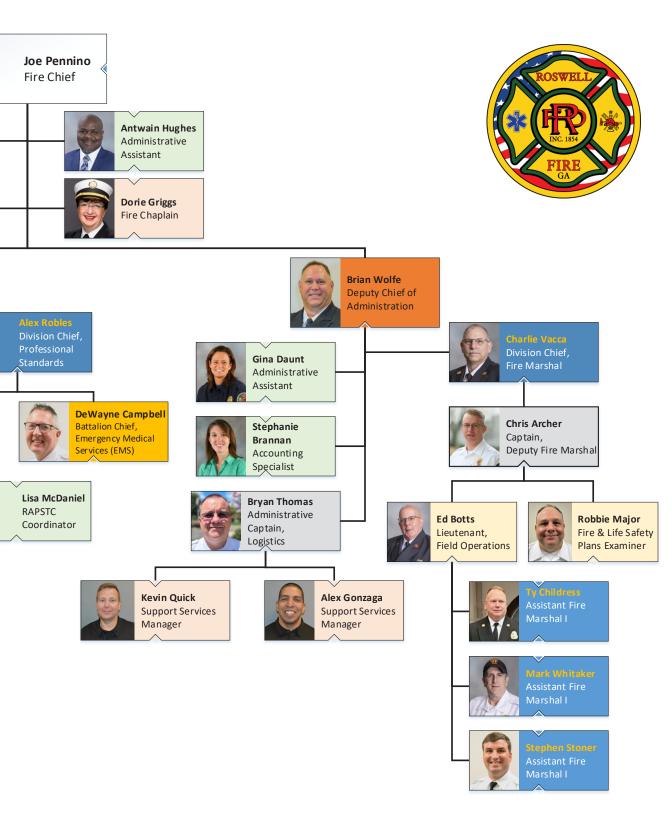


Chad Miller Fire & Life Safety Educator, PIO



Division Chief, Emergency Management







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To protect life, property, and enhance the quality of life by providing dynamic services, including emergency response and community risk reduction activities.



To be an innovative world-class public safety organization.

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- **SERVICE**: We serve others above ourselves.
- TEAMWORK: We are #OneTeam at Roswell Fire Department.
- ACCOUNTABILITY: We are accountable for our actions and those of our team.
- **INTEGRITY**: We earn trust through our actions.
- **RESPECT**: We embrace our differences and are considerate of others.



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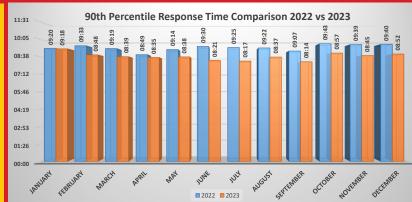
goth PERCENTILE **RESPONSE TIME**

Roswell Fire Department decreased its 90th percentile response times between 2022 and 2023.

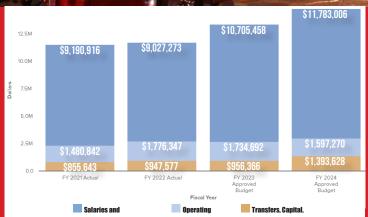
90th PERCENTILE **RESPONSE TIME**

RESPONSE TIMES IMPROVED

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ROSWELL FIRE BUDGET

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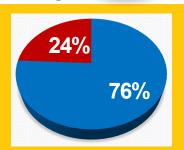


INCIDENT TYPES

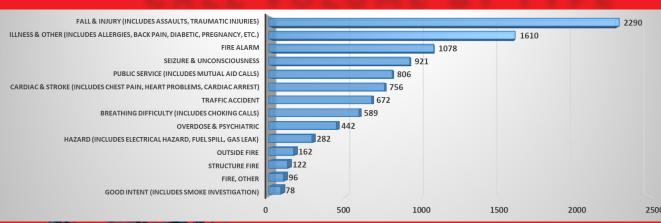
9,904
CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2023

76 % Emergency Medical Service Incidents

24% Fire Incidents



CALL VOLUME BY TYPE





ROSWELL FIRE ADMINISTRATION







NEW GEAR DRYER

Station 26 received a new cabinetstyle gear dryer to quickly dry protective equipment after it has been washed. This addition is part of the Department's Turnout Gear Program, an initiative to ensure our team's equipment stays clean.

SQUAD 24

Squad 24 was specially designed by #TeamRFD and Williams Fire Apparatus, INC to respond first to emergency medical service calls, ensuring our fire engines and ladder trucks are readily available

BATTALION 25 OFFICE

#TeamRFD is the first in North Fulton County to add a second Battalion Chief to improve safety and efficiency in the City. Battalion 25 is housed at Station 25.







WARD NO SMOKE

Ward No Smoke exhaust removal systems were installed on the fire apparatus to reduce personnel exposure to diesel exhaust fumes in the fire stations.

SWIFTWATER 21

The previous hydrant inspection vehicle is now the Swiftwater vehicle, which improves operational efficiency and allows additional space for water rescue equipment.

IamResponding

Displays were installed in all fire stations, allowing personnel to stay aware of all emergency incidents happening in the City of Roswell.

TRAINING DIVISION



47,570

TRAINING HOURS
LOGGED IN 2023
(2.3 TIMES MORE THAN 2022)

38 FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETED BLUE CARD TRAINING

The **Blue Card Incident Command System** is a standardized approach to incident management that facilitates the handling of emergencies by first responders through a comprehensive command and control process.



ROSWELL-ALPHARETTA PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

The Roswell Fire Department is home to the Roswell-Alpharetta Public Safety Training Center (RAPSTC), a regional training facility that serves as a hub for first responders. Here, instructors from across the nation offer classroom instruction, equipping our dedicated personnel with valuable skills and knowledge to excel in their roles.







COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



The Community Risk Reduction Division plays a pivotal role in evaluating fire plans for new construction and building renovations, overseeing compliance with fire codes throughout various construction stages, reviewing business license applications, conducting life safety inspections of occupancies, and granting certificates of occupancy.

Fire investigators collaborate closely with our firefighters to promptly respond to fire incidents, undertaking in-depth investigations into the causes and origins of fires.

What is Community Risk Reduction?

Community risk reduction (CRR) is a multistakeholder process used to identify risk factors unique to our community and mitigate them using a coordinated, strategic approach.

718 5,772 Inspections Fire Investigations Fire Plans Reviewed









106 **CAR SEATS** INSPECTED

84 **OUTREACH EVENTS**

200 **FIRE SAFETY EVENTS**

#TeamRFD visits schools and businesses to educate adults and children about the best fire safety and emergency preparedness practices.

Additionally, the department participates in many public events, providing valuable information on fire prevention, CPR training, and disaster readiness. This equips the Roswell community with the essential knowledge and skills to stay safe.



#TEAMRFD RAISES AWARENESS ON HEATSTROKE PREVENTION



The experiment's results were alarming, as the vehicle's internal temperature soared to 133 degrees F within the first 10 minutes, and to 158 degrees F after one hour, far exceeding the outside temperature of 93.4 degrees F.



HEALTH & WELLNESS



Commitment to Mental Health

The Roswell Fire Department recognizes the psychological toll on the brave men and women in the line of duty. The City of Roswell is dedicated to providing comprehensive mental health support to ensure our team's resilience and readiness.

OF FIREFIGHTERS
MEET CRITERIA FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF FIRE FIGHTERS (1AFF)



Roswell First Responders receive:

Around-the-Clock Support: A 24/7/365 hotline ensures immediate assistance.

Customized Programs: First Responders can access up to 8 counseling sessions with specialized clinicians after each incident

Variety of Services: Comprehensive care covering substance abuse, grief, family counseling, and more.

Uncompromised Care at Zero Cost

Through a continued partnership with OneSource Counseling, the City of Roswell ensures these vital services remain free for its personnel, solidifying the pledge to the health and wellness of first responders.



ROSWELL FIRE

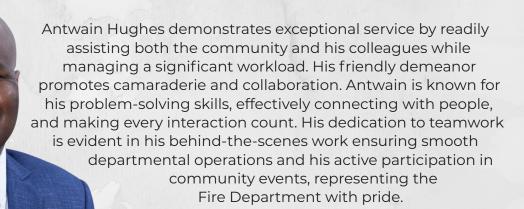


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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR LOUIS BRUNO

Firefighter Bruno has been with the Roswell Fire Department since 2019. Louis consistently goes above and beyond in his duties, regularly picking up additional shifts to maintain staffing levels and playing a crucial role in the technical rescue team. He actively leads training, assists in equipment procurement, and excels in promoting teamwork and unity within the Department. His dedication to service is evident, and he embodies the Roswell standard in every aspect of his work.

FIRE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR ANTWAIN HUGHES



2 2 3 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

FIRE CHIEF'S CHOICE AWARD DANIEL PINTOS & MAURICE GATES

Firefighter Pintos (left), has been with the Department since 2015, and Firefighter Gates (right), since 2017, have notably enhanced #TeamRFD's gear and uniform management. They've streamlined laundering, labeling, sizing, and organizing these assets. Gates has also stepped up in the absence of a Station Captain, handling Pre-Plans, Hydrant Maintenance, and training. Both exemplify our core values of Service, Teamwork, Accountability, Integrity, and Respect.

FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR CRAIG DELAY

Captain DeLay has been with the Roswell Fire Department since 2015 and has significantly contributed to the Department's efficiency by establishing and managing the fire hydrant maintenance program and enhancing the chainsaw maintenance and training program. His dedication to professional growth is evidenced by his completion of key certifications like the Acting Battalion Chief Certification and Fire Officer 1. Captain DeLay's effective management of the Hydrant Program and chainsaw servicing highlight his commitment to the Department's core values and mission.

HIRING AND PROMOTIONS





PLEASE HELP US WELCOME

THE CITY OF ROSWELL'S NEWEST

TEAM MEMBERS!!

GAPTAINS



Keith Schneider



Tony Witchousky



Gary Steck

LIEUTENANTS



Alex Davis



James DeRose



Tyler Fuller



Kevin Gettens



Chelsea MacDonald



Antonio Pardinas



Allen Pippin



Christopher Spruill



Jimmy Staples



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FIREFIGHTERS



Adam Alexander



Bradley Auttelet



Anthony Botts



Keith Dykes



Stephen Estes



Nicholas Impellizzeri



Garrett Maxedon



Tim Pastore



Nathan Ricketts



Emmanuel Rios



David "Max" Rogers



Christopher Smith

CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY





WEEKS OF IN-PERSON FIRE SERVICE TRAINING

12INAUGURAL

30

CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY HOURS OF INSTRUCTION
GRADUATES

This academy is a free, thirty-hour program that provides a more in-depth understanding of the fire service and the many functions it serves within the City of Roswell. February 7, 2023, began the inaugural 10-week journey for 12 Citizen's Fire Academy participants excited to learn more about the Roswell Fire Department.



BATTLE OF THE BADGES







BATTLE OF THE BADGES PUBLIC SAFETY KICKBALL GAME MAY 19, 2023

As part of the East Roswell Park bond projects, the Mayor and Council organized a Battle of the Badges Public Safety kickball game on the new turf multisport field. #TeamRFD, the Roswell Police Department, and Roswell's E911 Communications Officers all came together for friendly competition, cheered on by members of the community.



Roswell Rotary 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament #TeamRFD DEFEATS THE ROSWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Battalion Chief DeWayne Campbell, Captain Ryan Knechetel, Firefighter Andrew Riley, and Assistant Fire Mashal Stephen Stoner defeated the Roswell Police Department's foursome in Roswell Rotary's 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament.



2023 LIFE SAVING VALOR AWARD





Roswell Firefighters Receive 2023 Life Saving Valor Award After Saving Drowning Woman

Roswell, GA (October 16, 2023) - The City of Roswell Fire Department is proud to announce that Firefighters James Laudermilk and Andrew Riley have been selected as the recipients of the 2023 Life Saving Valor Award presented by the Georgia State Firefighters Association (GFSA).

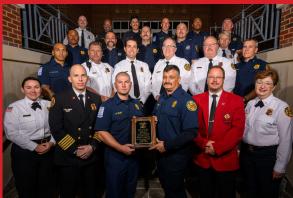
The commendation is in recognition of their heroic efforts on April 27, 2023, when both firefighters courageously jumped into the Chattahoochee River to rescue a drowning woman. This bravery exemplifies the dedication and commitment our firefighters consistently display in the line of duty.

"I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Firefighters Laudermilk and Riley for receiving this recognition," said Roswell Mayor Kurt Wilson. "Their bravery, dedication, and unyielding commitment to public safety in the Roswell community embody the essence of the Roswell Fire Department. We appreciate all the brave men and women that protect our community each day."

Firefighter James Laudermilk joined the Roswell Fire Department in 2013, and Firefighter Andrew Riley joined the department in 2015. Both serve at Fire Station 24 and continue to display dedication to the community and have made significant contributions to the department.

"We value the dedication of the brave men and women that serve on the Roswell Fire Department," said Roswell Fire Chief Joe Pennino. "Recognitions like the Life Saving Valor Award not only spotlight individual acts of heroism but also underscore our team's commitment to public safety. The continued support from our elected officials, City leadership, and the Roswell community empowers us each day."





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