



# Whitestown Fire Department 2018 Annual Report



**Joshua Westrich**  
**Chief of the Department**

On behalf of the Whitestown Fire Department, I would like to thank the citizens, elected officials, town management, and the stakeholders of this community for your support of our department. Without your continued support, we would not have the necessary resources for the services we provide.

As our 2018 annual report highlights, we do much more than respond to fires. The WFD is equipped to mitigate various hazardous incidents and technical rescue operations, such as vehicle and machinery extrication, low angle rope rescue, and ice rescue. We also provide emergency medical services, which includes a transporting ambulance service with advanced life support capabilities. We back all of our incident mitigation with a heavy emphasis on training, prevention, and perhaps most importantly, public education and outreach.

Providing these services to our community is our passion, but it does not come without challenges. Our biggest challenge we face is keeping up with our community's explosive growth, which has been the fastest in the state for the last seven years. As we prepare our next strategic plan in 2019, we will continue to focus on staffing, station locations and additions, and expanding our ambulance service, all in an effort to provide the best services possible to maintain a safe place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2018 annual report and share in our sense of pride and accomplishment the past year. If you would like more information on this report, or just have an interest in following our fire department's endeavors, please visit our website, [wfdfire.org](http://wfdfire.org), or follow us on FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Regards,

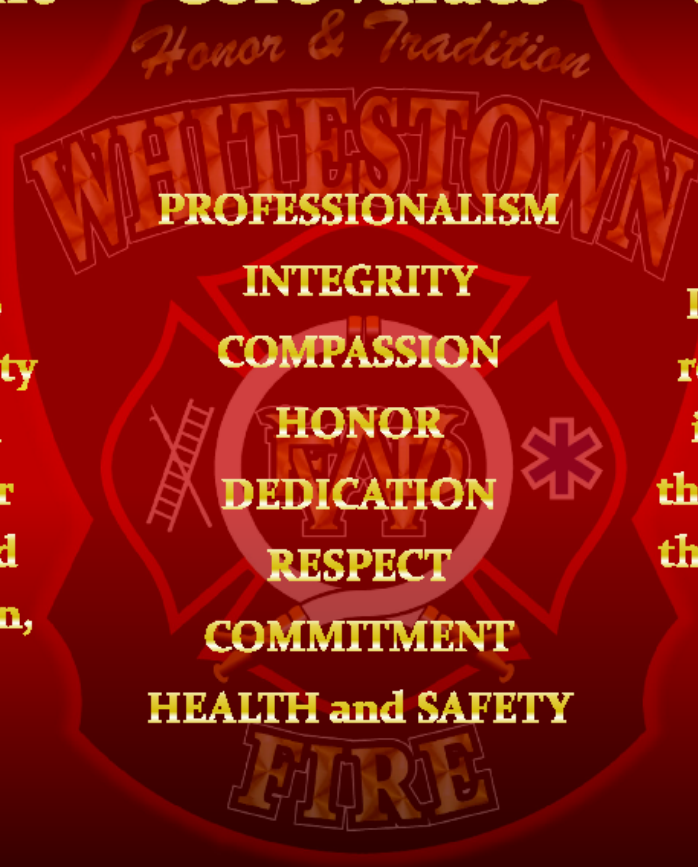
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## Mission Statement

The Whitestown Fire Department is devoted to protecting lives and property by providing professional emergency services for our community, its visitors and neighbors, with compassion, courtesy and integrity.

## Core Values

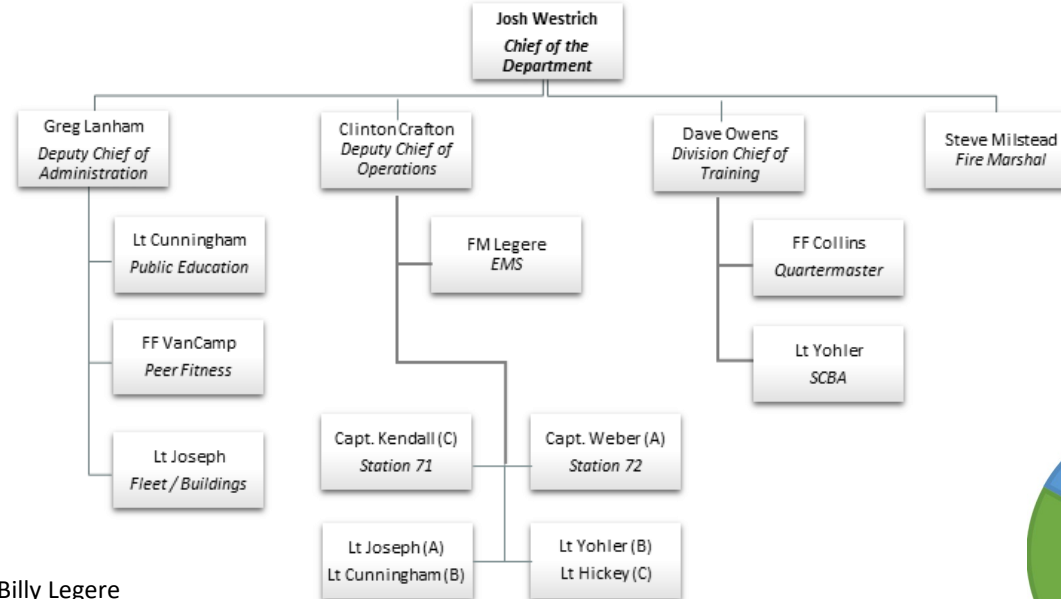


## Vision Statement

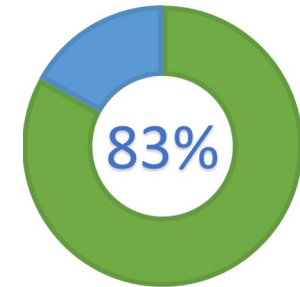
The Whitestown Fire Department is dedicated to remaining a progressive and innovative fire department that ensures a safe community through public education, fire prevention, training, and service



# Whitestown Fire Department Organizational Chart



<b>EMS Coordinator</b>	Billy Legere
<b>Quartermaster</b>	Chris Collins
<b>EMS Instructor</b>	Heather Santos
<b>PLS Coordinator</b>	Capt. DeWayne Weber
<b>SCBA Program Manager</b>	Lt. Marty Yohler
<b>Banquet Committee</b>	Brittany Heylmann, Marty Yohler, Drew Jines, Andy Henthorn, Brett Scherer
<b>CPR Instructors</b>	Lt. Brandi Cunningham, Heather Santos, Billy Legere
<b>Car Seat Technicians</b>	Lt Matt Hickey, Billy Legere, Stephen Ross
<b>Paramedic Graduates</b>	Jack Saunders, Zach Shlater
<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>	Lt. Nathan Joseph, Mike Wente
<b>Public Education</b>	Lt. Brandi Cunningham
<b>Health and Safety</b>	Capt. DeWayne Weber, Capt. Levi Kendall, Lt. Nathan Joseph, Greg Hedge, Billy Legere, Chris Collins
<b>Pension Board</b>	Capt. Levi Kendall, Mike Wente, Chris Elett, Billy Legere
<b>Lateral Interview Boards</b>	Lt. Nathan Joseph, Drew Jines, Collin Elliott, Capt. DeWayne Weber, Chris Elett, Andy Henthorn, Mike Wente, Brett Scherer
<b>Salary and Benefits</b>	Capt. DeWayne Weber, Lt. Brandi Cunningham, Lt. Marty Yohler, Ethan Lawrence
<b>Peer Fitness Trainers</b>	Kenny VanCamp, Drew Jines, Lt. Matt Hickey
<b>Shift Training Officers</b>	Chris Elett, Billy Legere, Riley Pallikan
<b>Honor Guard</b>	Andy Henthorn, Drew Jines, Brittany Heylmann, Lt. Nathan Joseph, Chris Elett, Lt. Matt Hickey, Lt. Marty Yohler
<b>Apparatus Spec Committee</b>	Capt. Levi Kendall, Lt. Nathan Joseph, Chris Elett
<b>Station Build Committee</b>	Lt. Nathan Joseph, Brett Scherer, Kenny VanCamp, Lt. Marty Yohler, Capt. Levi Kendall, Chris Collins



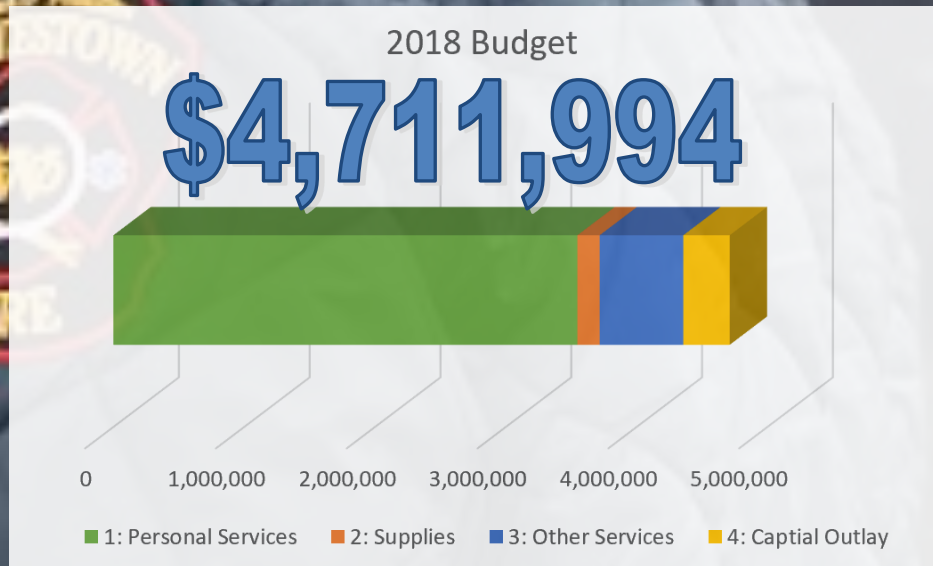
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WFD  
members  
volunteer in  
some function  
beyond their  
scope of  
responsibility.*



# Administration



Dep Chief Greg Lanham



In 2018 the department made several advancements in apparatus, personnel and programs. For the first time, the department opened a lateral transfer process, advertising for personnel already working for another career department. In exchange for offering someone salary and benefits commiserate with their time on the job, we acquire an experienced career firefighter. That saves us time and money on training and offers many of the advantages of a seasoned firefighter. We hired FF Jared Shaughnessy to replace a firefighter that exited in 2017. The process was successful, so we repeated a second lateral process to create a list for 2019-2020. Along with that, we began working on hiring processes for entry-level firefighters and three Battalion Chiefs for 2019.

Several apparatus changes were also made, we sold our Reserve Engine 71 to Brindelee Mountain, sold our Ladder 71 to Carmel Fire, and moved Engine 71 to a reserve/training engine. As a result of these transactions, we then purchased new Ladder 71, a 2008 Pierce Velocity quint with a 105' aerial and a 1500 gpm pump. Additionally, our apparatus spec committee finalized plans for a new Ladder 72. It will be a tower ladder quint from Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus.

As for stations, property was secured for new Station 72 and administrative headquarters near the location of the future home of the Little League Regional Headquarters on Indianapolis Rd.

Changes will continue to move fast in 2019 with the new ladder and station construction. Personnel changes will include hiring 6 firefighters and 3 Battalion Chiefs. As the Town continues to grow, the department will do what is needed to keep pace.



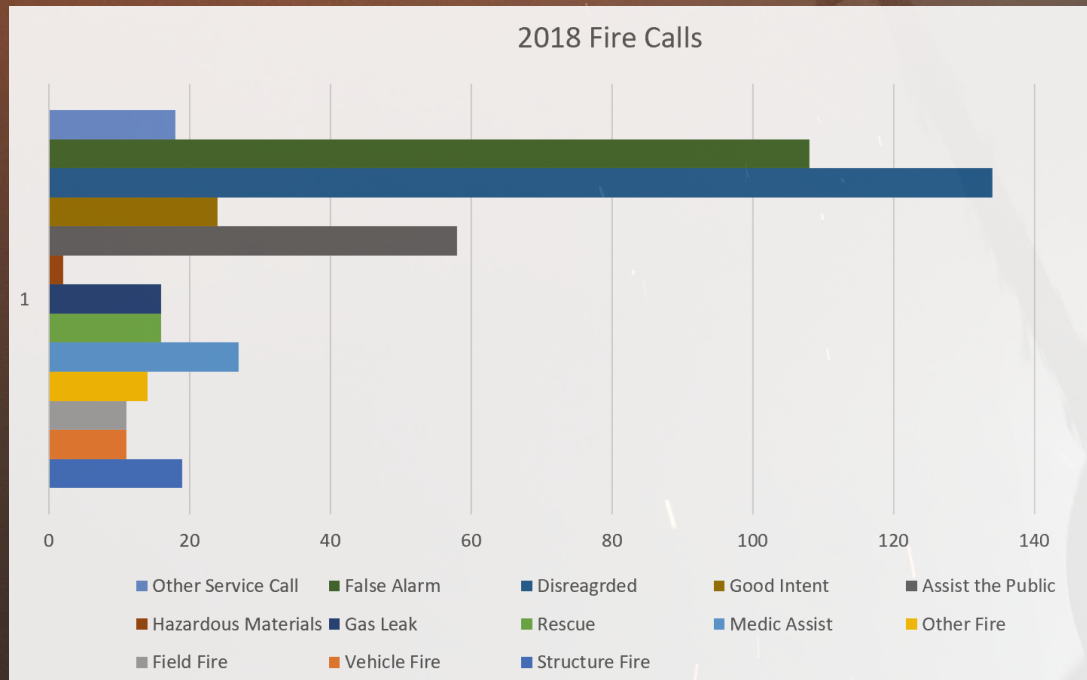
# Operations

In 2018 the WFD saw a consistent increase in calls for service, including multiple working fires and entrapment accidents. Major steps were taken to keep our department's communications current with the replacement of all obsolete radios. Implementation also began on a multi-year, multi-agency project to bring Locution computer dispatching systems to the county communications center, which will reduce dispatch times and enhance operations at the dispatch center. WFD has championed this project from the beginning and we are very pleased to see it come to fruition.

The department also undertook a paradigm shift by applying a Total Quint Concept approach. By combining engine and ladder functions into one single apparatus, we will be able to increase staffing to meet NFPA 1710 minimums while continuing to grow and expand. Eventually, the department will be able to return to traditional engine and ladder companies as the rapid growth slows. This approach will allow us to continue to follow the safe practices of NFPA 1710 well into the future.

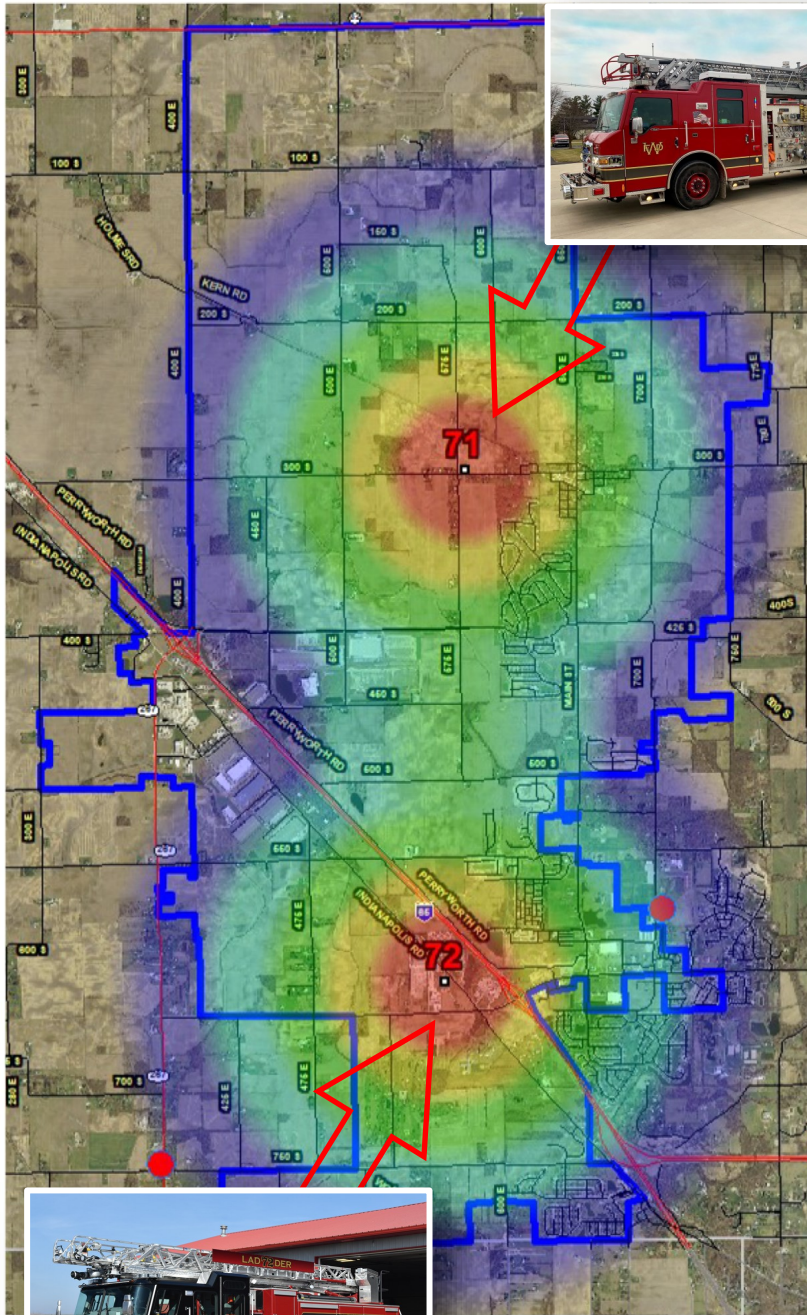


Dep Chief Clinton Crafton

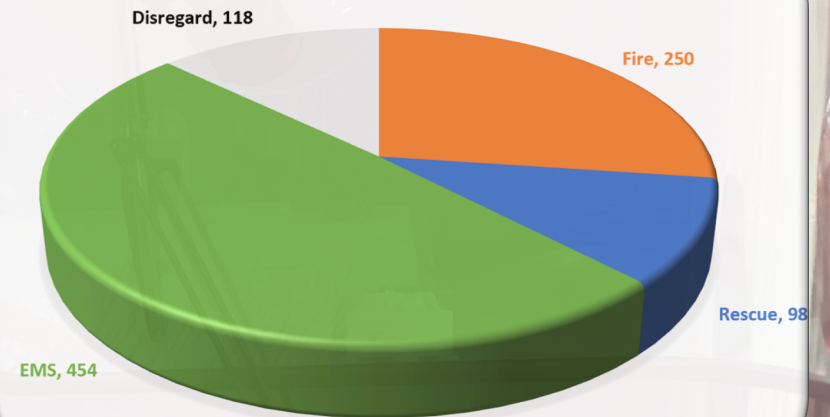




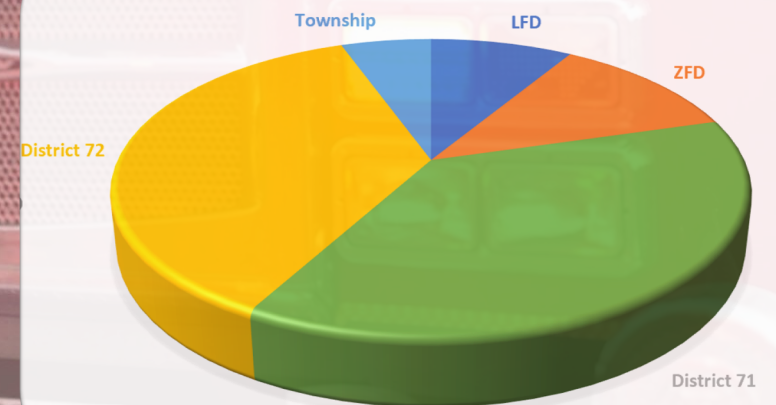
# Station Locations



## 2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE



## 2018 DISTRICT RESPONSES



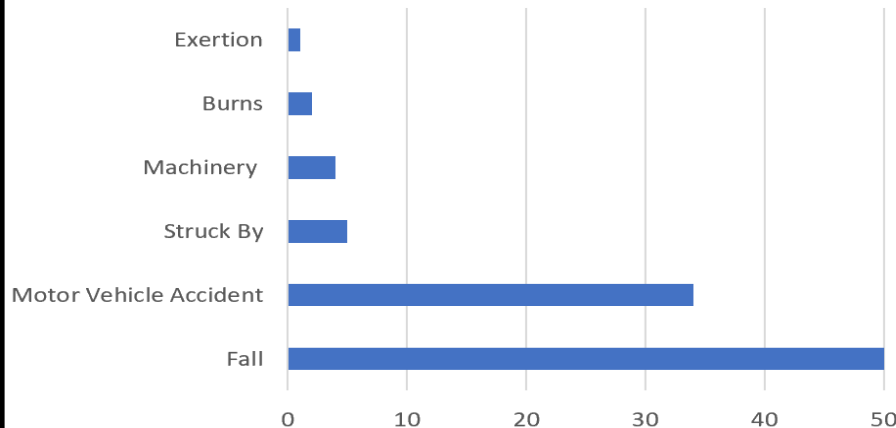


# Emergency Medical Services

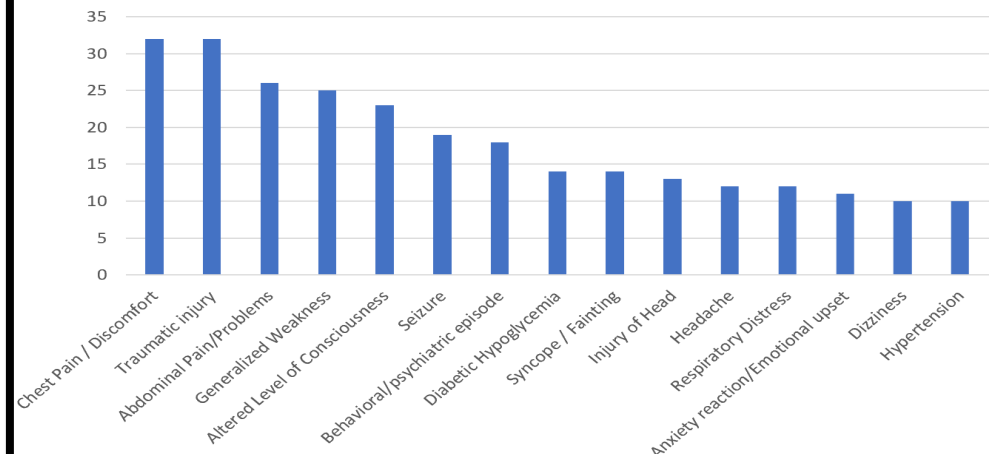


While EMS calls for service continued to increase as expected in 2018, we anticipate a 200% growth in 2019 and even more increases to follow in the next few years. With multiple complexes targeting 55 and older residents, the completion of the Anson extended care facility, construction beginning on another retirement community, and the transition of the baby-boomer generation into the elderly care system, Emergency Medical Services are set to explode with growth. In 2018 the department sponsored two members who graduated from Paramedic class and a third that started school and will complete in 2019. CPR classes were offered to the community quarterly and, in cooperation with St Vincent Hospital and Boone County Communications, we will see the launch of Pulsepoint, a CPR notification app, in early 2019. Finally, the communications center launched an enhanced call taking triage program that will improve EMS call processing in both speed and accuracy. We will continue expanding our EMS delivery with training and technology as we brace for the coming wave of medical call increases.

Primary Trauma



Primary Medical Issue



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# Training Division

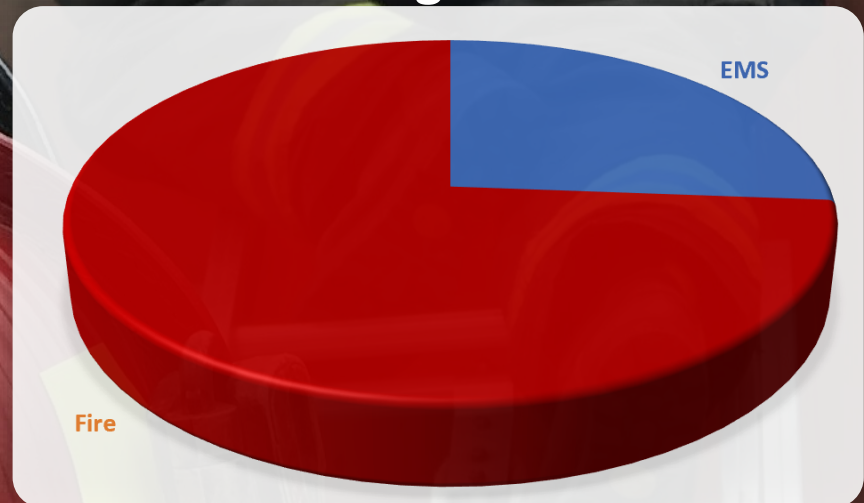


Division Chief of Training,  
David Owens, was hired  
full-time in 2018

The Training Division provides the latest cutting-edge training, education and certification for new officers, current line officers, firefighters, recruit firefighters and civilian medical personnel on the Whitestown Fire Department. The goal of the division is to ensure all members of the department are competent, efficient and effective during every emergency response. The fire training division provides and coordinates training in the areas of fire attack, smoke reading, fire dynamics, fire ground tactical decision making, search & rescue, ventilation, salvage & overhaul, fire-fighter safety & survival, hazardous materials, rope rescue, ice rescue, driver operator, company officer development, vehicle & machinery extrication & emergency medicine. This training is provided through the Training Chief, shift training officers & company officers. The division also uses many external resources to provide this training.

**4,838** Training Hours  
**1,268** EMS Training  
**3,570** Fire Training

## Training Hours





# Fire Prevention

**235**

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

**315**

NEW CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

**87**

PLAN REVIEWS

**35**

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS

**4**

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS (1 FATALITY)

**51**

RE-INSPECTIONS



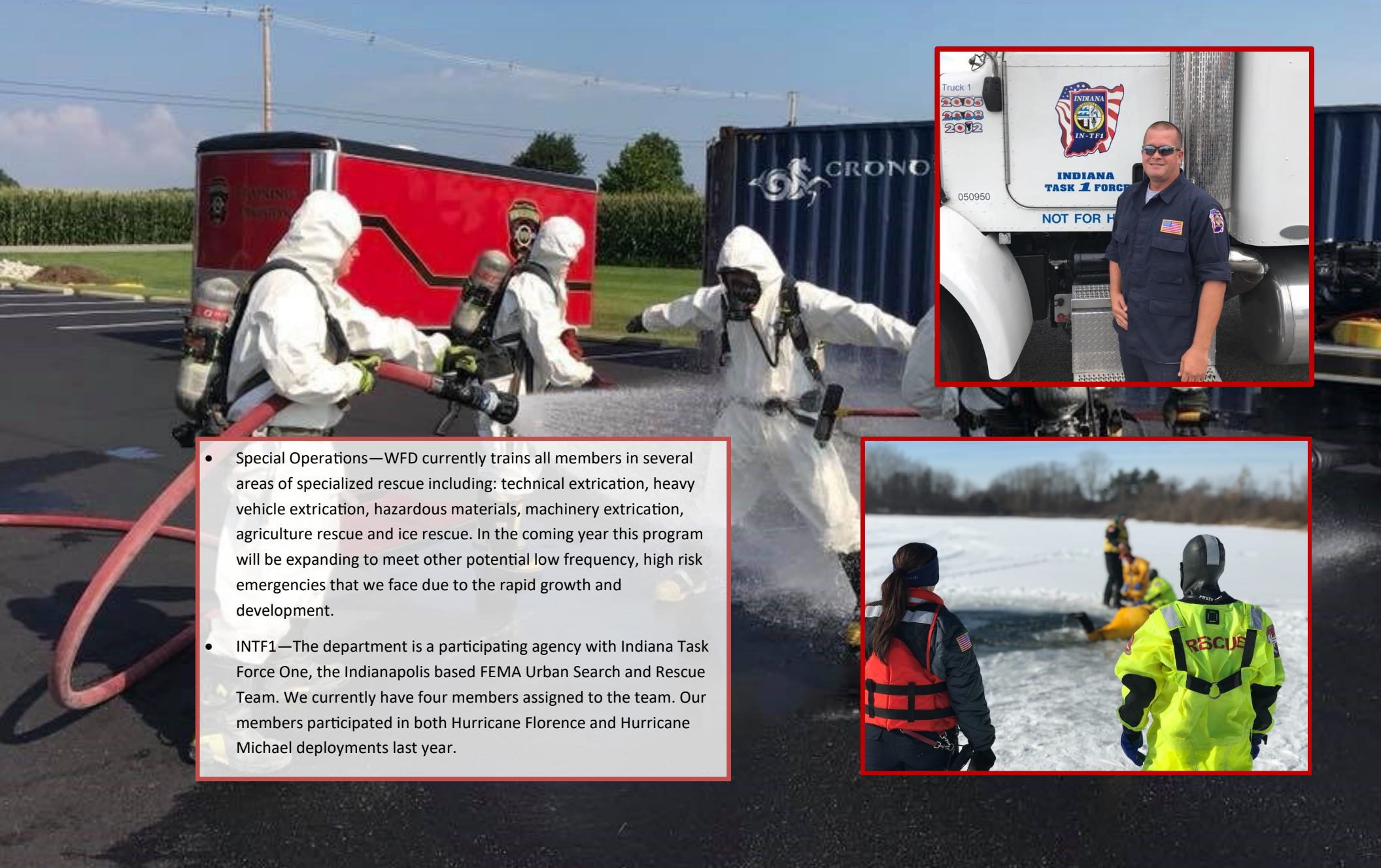
Fire Marshal Div Chief Milstead

The Fire Marshal's office works closely with the town building department to ensure that all buildings meet the requirements of the fire and building codes and town ordinances. This includes:

- Review of plans for new construction and alterations/remodeling
- Inspections of all new buildings
- Annual inspections of existing Class I buildings
- Plans review and inspections of fire protection systems



# Special Operations



- Special Operations—WFD currently trains all members in several areas of specialized rescue including: technical extrication, heavy vehicle extrication, hazardous materials, machinery extrication, agriculture rescue and ice rescue. In the coming year this program will be expanding to meet other potential low frequency, high risk emergencies that we face due to the rapid growth and development.
- INTF1—The department is a participating agency with Indiana Task Force One, the Indianapolis based FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team. We currently have four members assigned to the team. Our members participated in both Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael deployments last year.





# Public Education

## 2018 Statistics

3996 - Total Public Event Contacts

- 4 Neighborhood WFD Firefighter Experience Events
- 7 "In-Quarters with the WFD" videos
- 8 Community CPR Trainings
- 7 School Visits
- 2 Wide-coverage news events
- 1 Narcan Administration PSA



Public Educator Lt Cunningham





# Special Programs

While every fire department provides the base service of fighting fire, and many also provide emergency medical services, some go beyond the basics to provide extra levels of service for the community they serve. The Whitestown Fire Department provides several additional services to better protect our community. Below is a list of a few of the services we provide in addition to basic fire and EMS.

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV Program) - Our UAV71 drone is piloted by Dep Chief Lanham. The drone can be used to provide great situational awareness for the incident commander at any scene, assist Law Enforcement with searches, Search for missing persons, and many other functions.
- Project Lifesaver—Equipped with special tracking equipment, the PLS program allows our rescuers, working with families of special needs persons in the program, to triangulate and locate missing individuals in minutes, rather than hours.
- Car seat installations—Our department offers complementary car seat installations and checks. We performed three car seat clinics at public events and had multiple inspections by appointment at the station.
- Peer Fitness Trainers—As firefighters are industrial athletes, we must always maintain a state of physical readiness for whatever comes our way. The WFD has a specially trained peer fitness trainer on each shift to help our members with their fitness and general health throughout the year.





# Honor Guard

2018 was a very busy year for the WFD Honor Guard. In all, the team deployed 9 times throughout the year. To begin with a somber tone, the Honor Guard attended the funeral for Boone Co. Deputy Jacob Pickett and stood in recognition of him during his procession through multiple jurisdictions of central Indiana.

Additionally, the Honor Guard was formally requested to assist for the services of The City of Lawrence Firefighter Larry Holt. During the services of Firefighter Holt, the team assisted with Silent Guard Duty during his public viewing, staying beside him overnight and escorting him as the Color Bearers during his procession.

Also via invitation, the Honor Guard Presented Colors during the Miracle Ride for Riley Children's Hospital opening ceremonies. In keeping with building new traditions within our community, the Honor Guard has the privilege of presenting the Colors at 6 Traders Point Football games.

The Honor Guard follows and upholds the Core Values of the Whitestown Fire Department with its 6 current active members.

Be it a somber moment such as memorials and/or funerals, festive occasions like our Annual Banquet or football games, or large events like the annual Miracle Ride for Riley Children's Hospital, the Whitestown Fire Department Honor Guard stands ready to serve the needs of our community and answer the call of others.

Submitted by FF Drew Jines, Honor Guard







# Thank You!

Without your continued support, we would be unable to provide this exceptional level of service to the community.

