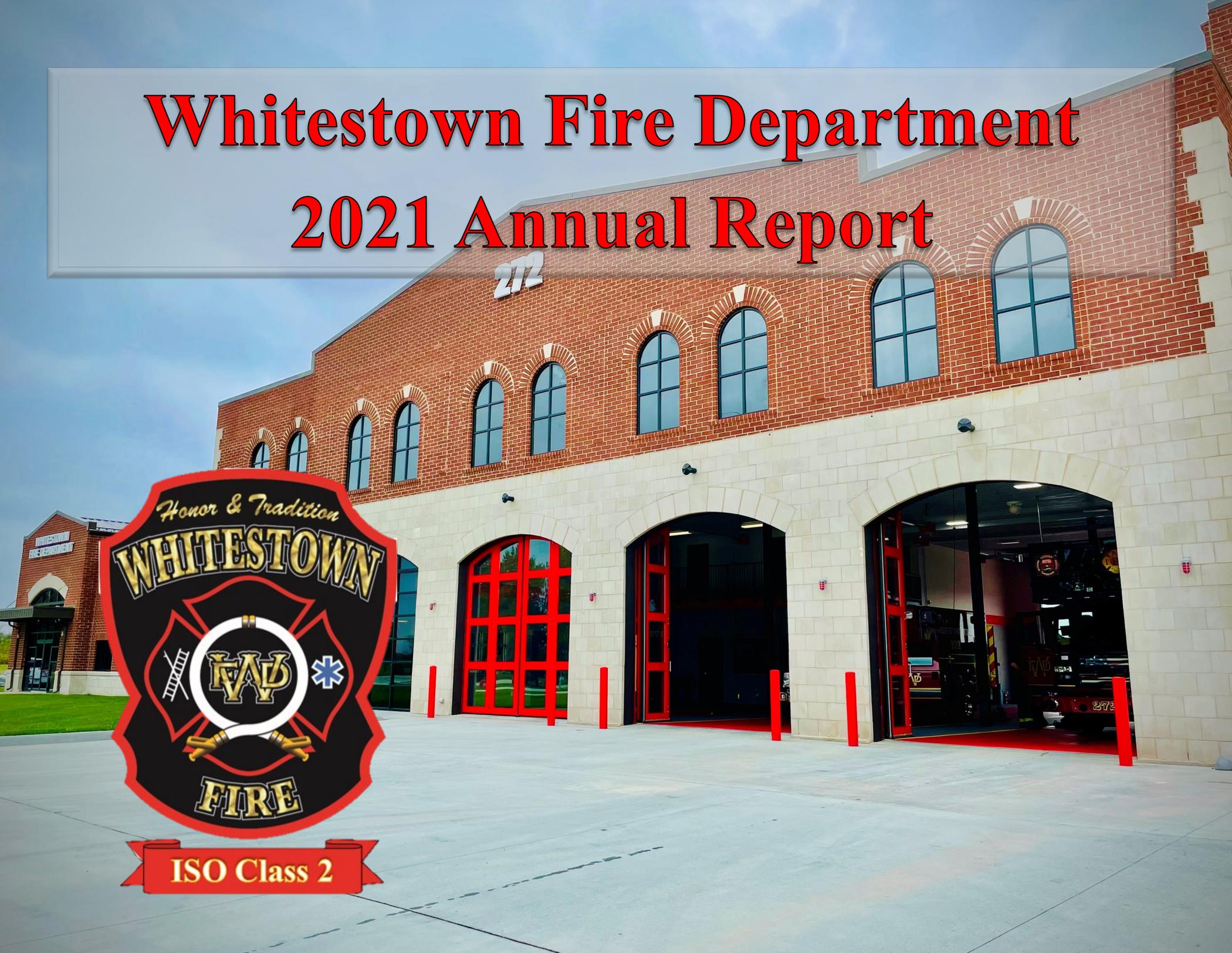


Whitestown Fire Department 2021 Annual Report





Joshua Westrich
Chief of the Department

On behalf of the Whitestown Fire Department, I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report. The WFD has officially completed its 92nd year of service to the Town of Whitestown and Worth Township.

I could not be prouder of the work that has been done to continue to increase the level of service that the Whitestown Fire Department provides to the community. As we grow, we strive for a positive impact with each step we take to ensure an exemplary level of professionalism providing Fire, Rescue, Prevention, Public Education, and Emergency Medical Services to our service area and beyond.

In 2021, the department was able to expand our administration with the hiring of a Division Chief of EMS and an Executive Assistant, a new ambulance spec was created to expand our EMS transport services next year, and our new state-of-the-art Station 272 and Headquarters that incorporates cancer prevention, sleep deprivation and physical fitness wellness, dedicated training features, and emergency operations center capability was completed and placed into service.

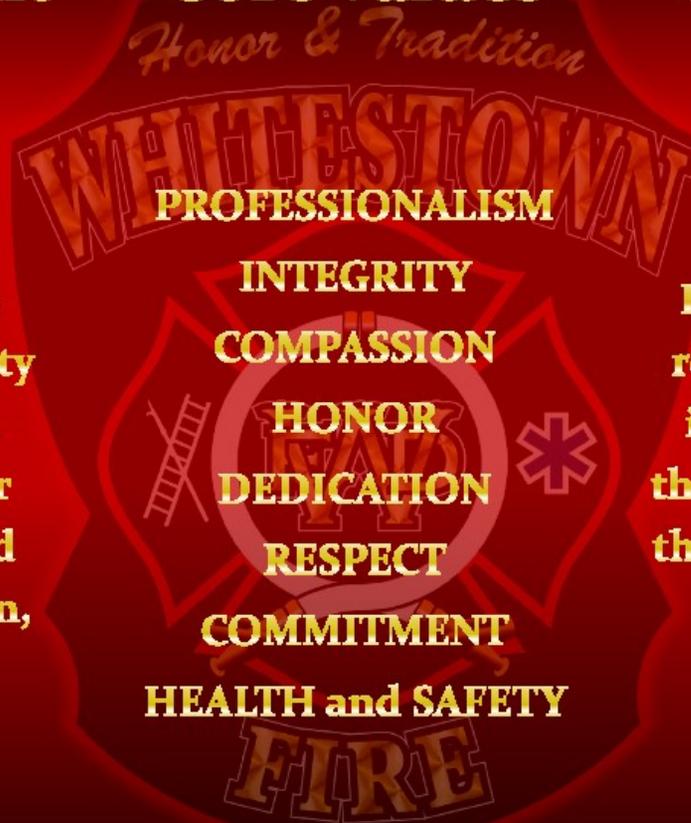
As you continue to read through our 2021 Annual Report, please take the time to read the details of our statistics and accomplishments from all our divisions and services. None of this would be possible without the support of our community, town staff, stakeholders, employees, and political representation. For that, we are truly grateful, and will continue to provide exemplary performance with every afforded opportunity.

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Mission Statement

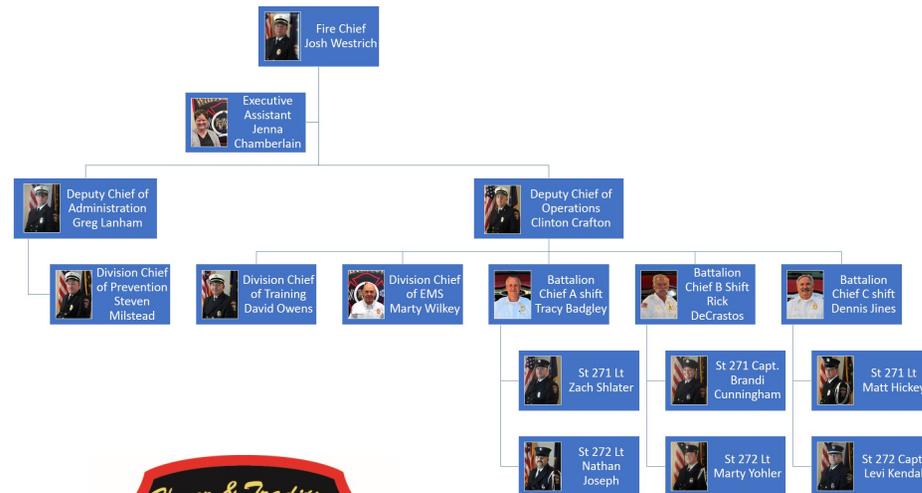
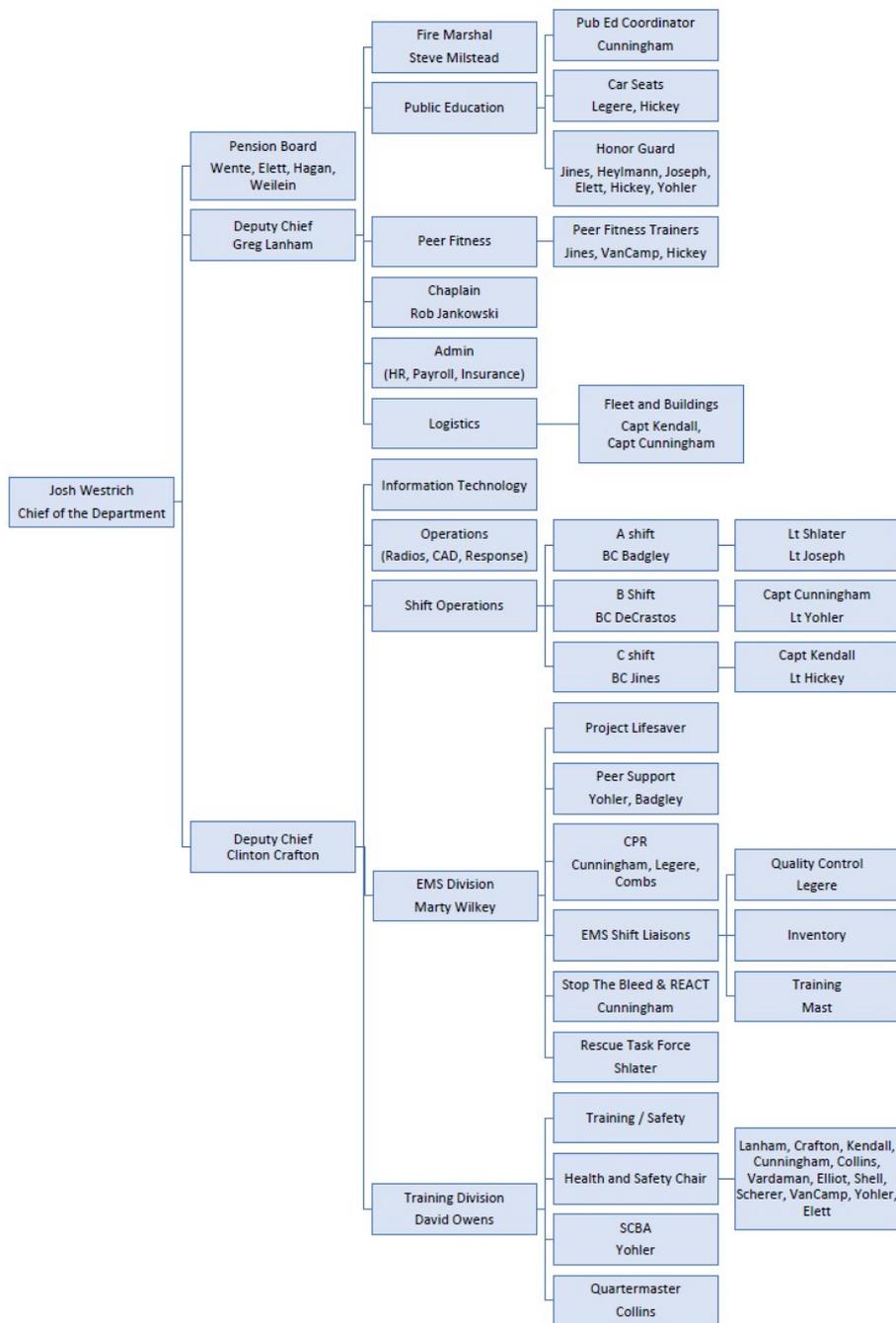
The Whitestown Fire Department is devoted to protecting lives and property by providing professional emergency services for our community, its visitors and neighbors, with compassion, courtesy and integrity.

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



2021 WFD Organizational Chart

Administration



Dep Chief Greg Lanham

We are still learning to work within the confines of a global pandemic. We started the year off with interviewing candidates for the Division Chief of EMS and Executive Assistant hiring both positions in the spring. WFD welcomed Marty Wilkey as Division Chief of EMS and Jenna Chamberlain as Executive Assistant.

Due to COVID, the annual awards banquet was altered. Chief Westrich and I brought in dinner for each station/shift and gave out awards in small groups. Even though change seemed to be the theme of the year for everything from a revamping the engineer's process with Chief Owens to new administration vehicles that were ordered in spring but were not delivered until August we did not slow down.

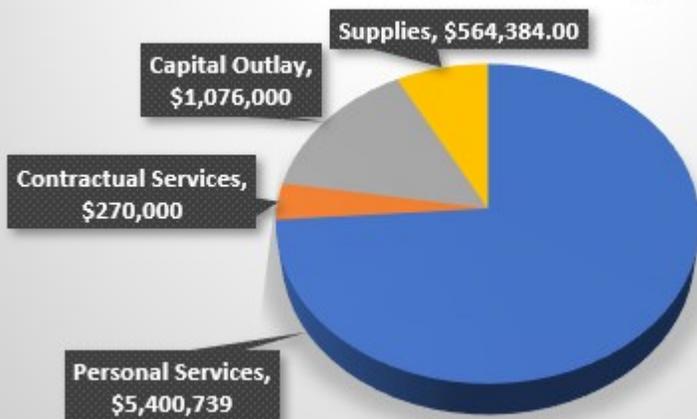
We continued with multiple meetings with the builders and the town for the new Station 272 and headquarters build, the administration moved into the building in August and the crews followed in September.

Unfortunately, 2021 saw three of our employees move on from Whitestown Fire Department. We went through two different hiring processes in an effort to replace them, hiring one civilian paramedic and two firefighter paramedics. We also promoted a new captain and a new lieutenant and started a new officer's process. As the town grows, so does the need for personnel. We ran two different processes to build a talent pool, a lateral hiring process and a medic hiring process, that we will hopefully be able to hire from in 2022.

To make sure WFD is always ready for any emergency, we started the Work Performance Evaluations revalidation process. Also, we changed the way we track data by putting all-department class records, timecards, pay and deductions in to new payroll processing software.

All of this was completed not on my own, but with the help and guidance of the rest of the administration. I am truly blessed.

2021 Budget - \$7,311, 123



Operations

As we exit 2021, we head into our third year of dealing with the COVID pandemic. We are again fortunate this year in that the overall impact of this has been relatively mild for the WFD. While we have certainly seen a great many COVID patients, our service delivery was not reduced in any appreciable way over the last year by this increase in call volume. As for the impact within our fire department family, again, it has been noticeable but not to the point where we've had any reduction in service to the community. From an operations perspective, I could not be prouder of the dedication and commitment shown by our members as they navigate these troubled and often confusing waters of dealing with a global health crisis.

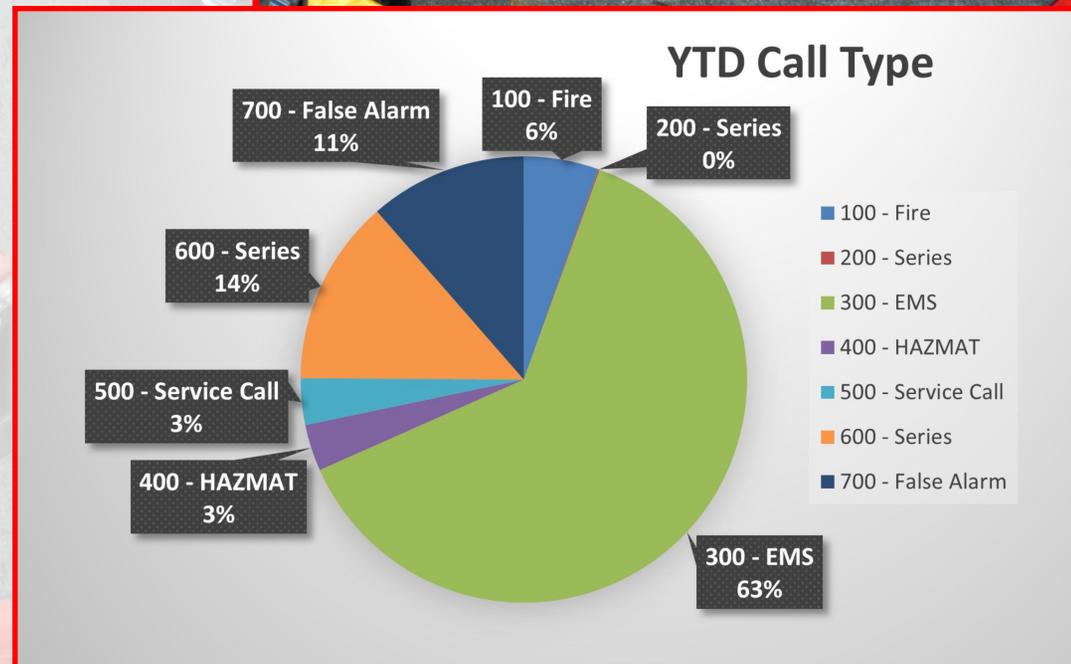
Beyond the obvious impact that we are all dealing with, 2021 was a landmark year for the WFD. The opening of Station 272 marked the first new construction project within the WFD since Station 271 was built in 2001. In those 20 years, more than a few things have changed which require a little more space. When you consider that the town's population increased by a factor of **twenty-two** in that 20 years (from 471 people to nearly 11,000), this construction project was greatly needed and anticipated by everyone. In the end, we have a state-of-the-art facility in every sense. We could not be more pleased with the finished project, and we are very thankful to all of the key policymakers that made this possible.

Among the many great features of our new home is the advantage this facility provides from an operational readiness perspective. A few of the highlights include the facilities to operate a local emergency operations center, a training room capable of hosting a large attendance class or seminar, a training tower and training mezzanine for fireground, EMS, and rope rescue refreshers and updates, and a host of technological advancements to make all of these things possible.

As we look forward, we know that construction continues on many large projects around the district, including another big surge in residential construction. As seen by our continued, and consistent, run load increase, we can anticipate more expansion needs for the WFD in the coming years. This includes construction, apparatus, and personnel gaps that we will continue to fill to the best of our abilities. In the meantime, you can count on your firefighters and paramedics to respond without hesitation, perform with excellence, and treat with compassion.



Dep Chief Clinton Crafton



Emergency Medical Services

2021 was an exciting time for EMS at Whitestown Fire Department. We welcomed Martin Wilkey as the newly appointed Division Chief of EMS in April.

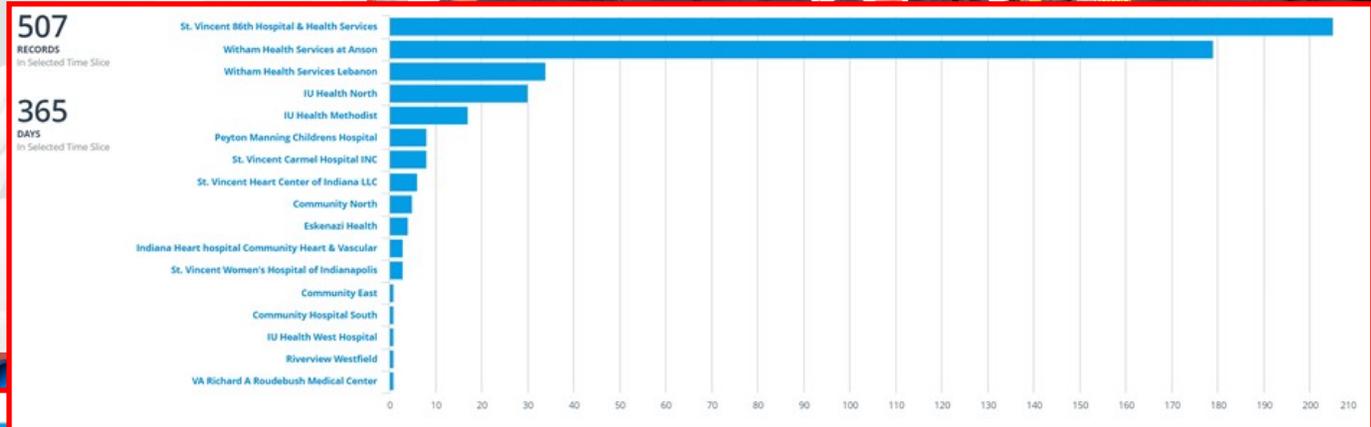
Three paramedic candidates successfully completed their A & P pre-requisite and have been accepted into the IEMS 2022 paramedic class. One FF-EMT successfully completed Ascension St. Vincent's paramedic school. All personnel that were required to recertify in ALS and/or BLS in 2021 did so. I was able to successfully lobby the State EMS commission and complete the process to move all department EMS certifications to a common date. The EMS committee reviewed equipment needs and developed consensus recommendations with regards to: ALS monitor selection, automated CPR device, and new transporting ambulance. The narcotic management and transport guideline SOG was developed and implemented.

Compliance audits were conducted, along with the verification of requirements with IDHS EMS section including OIG compliance verification of personnel. The MedBill contract was renewed with a new ambulance fee analysis and recommendations. Initial preparations were made for mandated CMS audit and reporting to begin in 2022. 100% of all EMS runs were audited in 2021 as part of QI / QA process.

WFD firefighters and paramedics participated in monthly EMS in-services, as well as expanded educational opportunities, such as 12 lead interpretation certification, trauma symposium attendance, cadaver lab experience, and pediatric trauma scenario training at St. Vincent Ascension.



Division Chief Marty Wilkey



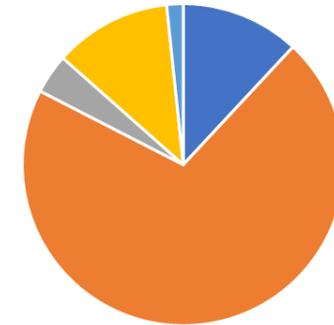
Training Division

The mission of the Whitestown Fire Department's Training Division is to provide ongoing training, education, and certification to fire and emergency medical service personnel who are necessary to ensure a competent, efficient, and effective emergency response organization. The Training Division strives to provide the necessary evaluations and recommendations for new guidelines and procedures necessary to maintain the safest work environment possible for our responders as well as protection for the residents and visitors within the Town of Whitestown. The Training Division strives to be nationally recognized as an all-hazards, all-risk public safety provider by developing and maintaining strategic community partnership and training exceptional people.

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, firefighter safety & survival, hazardous materials, rope rescue, ice rescue, driver operator, company officer development, vehicle & machinery extrication & emergency medicine.

As a department we accomplished 5,298.5 hours of fire training.

2021 Fire Training Hours 5298.5



■ T1 Facilities 632 ■ T2 Company Level 3742.5 ■ T3 Officer Development 211
■ T5 Driver Ops 625 ■ T6 Hazmat 88



Division Chief Dave Owens

5298.5
Total Training Hours

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention:

The Fire Marshal's Office has the responsibility to conduct site inspections of new construction and existing facilities to make sure they are following the Indiana and ICC codes.

The inspection of these facilities includes viewing the sprinkler system, alarm system, fire, and life safety equipment to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, and the inspection of kitchen hood systems when installed.

This function helps prevent fires, enhance public safety in all buildings and improve fire crew's ability to manage an incident. This helps to reduce the risk of fire and other hazards. It also helps ensure residents and visitors have safe places to live, work, and play.

The Fire Marshal's Office will attend pre-development meeting and look at all new plans by developers, to identify items needing attention, and meet with contractors on site to answer any questions.

Fire Investigation:

The Fire Marshal's Office will also collect evidence for the purpose of determining the origin and cause of fire-related incidents. This is done by examining burn patterns and materials, to determine the fire path. We will use photos and witness statements to help complete an official fire investigation report.

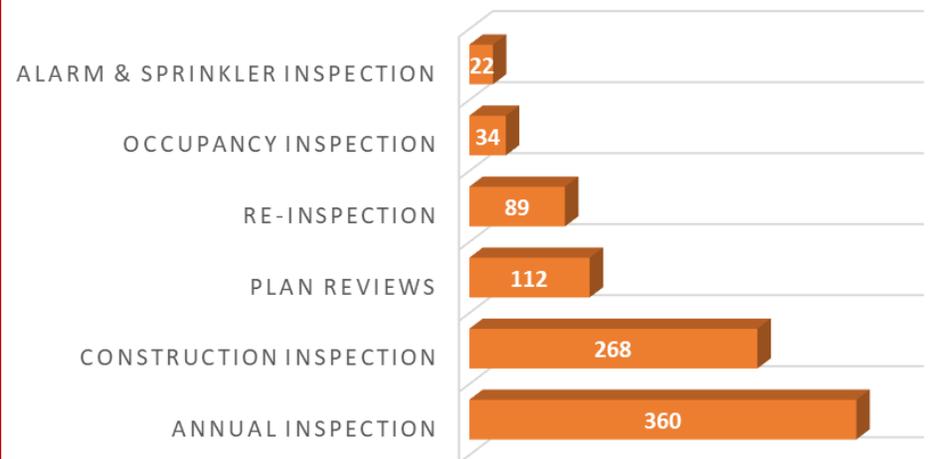
If the fire is determined to be intentional, the investigator will work with local law enforcement and the County Prosecutor's Office to identify any suspects and pursue criminal charges.

In 2021 Whitestown Fire Department investigated two residential fires, one RV fire, and one commercial fire.

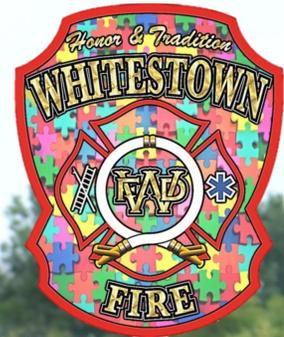


Fire Marshal Div. Chief Milstead

2021 INSPECTION



Public Education



Public Educator
Cpt Cunningham

Our public education was still not back to full swing in 2021. COVID-19 still limited the contact we had with the public and did reduce the number of in person visits we had.

We did not make it out to the neighborhoods for our summertime Whitestown Firefighter Experience visits. We still visited several schools during fire prevention month in October, but many of the visits happened outdoors. This kept both the firefighters and children socially distanced. The crews were still to engage with the public at the Farmers Market, Movie Night, Field Day at Traders Point School, through Station Tours, and visiting several schools and daycares throughout the year.

We continued to distribute Stop the Bleed kits our in the community and several residents were able to participate in the Stop the Bleed Course. In 2022, we are looking forward to utilizing the new Training Room at Station 272 to continue to educate the public on CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Fire Prevention topics.

Completion of Station 272

Following several years of planning, property acquisition, design, and construction, the WFD was excited and proud to open our new fire station and headquarters facility. Station 272 was officially dedicated on November 6th, 2021.

This station replaces the temporary facility that had housed Ladder 272 since 2015, located just north of the new site. Our new station now houses not only Ladder 272, but Medic 272 and Battalion 207 as well.

The state-of-the-art facility is built to be the home for up to 12 firefighters and the department's administrative offices. During the design phase, emphasis was placed on health and functionality, including firefighter cancer prevention, sleep deprivation wellness, physical fitness, and integrated training aspects. The station also was designed with the ability to serve as an Emergency Operations Center in case of any disaster.



Thank You!

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

