



Annual Report 2024



**CALEDONIA FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

CALEDONIA PUBLIC SAFETY





FIRE CHIEF

Jeffrey Henningfeld

I am pleased to present the 2024 Caledonia Fire Department Annual Report to the Caledonia, Wind Point, and North Bay Village Boards, and the stakeholders of our respective communities. As the Chief of this department, I am proud to lead a dedicated team of firefighters and support staff who are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities and who work tirelessly to protect the lives and property of our citizens.

Over the past year, our department has responded to over 3500 emergency calls and has provided essential services to those in need. We continued to invest in our personnel through ongoing training and education programs, enhancing our response capabilities and ensuring that our firefighters and paramedics have the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to emergencies. Our community outreach efforts have helped to raise awareness about fire safety and prevention. By empowering our community with knowledge, we aim to reduce the risk of emergencies and save lives. We were proud to participate in numerous events celebrating our community's resilience and spirit.

The success of our endeavors would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our local government officials, business leaders, and citizens. We express our sincere gratitude for their ongoing partnership and unwavering commitment to safeguarding our community. Their trust and confidence in our abilities are deeply appreciated.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Public Safety Building in September 2022 serves as a tangible manifestation of this partnership. It stands as a testament to the remarkable achievements that can be realized through the collective efforts, visionary leadership, and collaborative spirit of talented individuals.

We are delighted to announce that our first call-out from the newly constructed station occurred on April 17, 2024.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Caledonia Fire Department for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Together, we remain committed to providing our communities with the highest level of service.

This report elucidates the department's comprehensive response to emergencies, training and education programs, and ongoing community outreach initiatives. I strongly recommend that you review this report with meticulous attention, gaining a deeper understanding of the vital contributions that our department makes to the community on a daily basis.

Please enjoy this report.



Jeffrey A. Henningfeld



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*FF Conner Neustadt
Deployed 9/25/2024*



MISSION



Through service, education, and prevention, our mission is to protect life and property and provide a professional and compassionate response to the communities we serve.

VISION

The **Caledonia Fire Department** will continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community and those we serve by providing a modern and technologically advanced department that strives for excellence in all our endeavors. We will accomplish this by maintaining a readiness level second to none and focusing on the professional development, training, and community involvement of all personnel.

VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

*To provide leadership by example
To exhibit pride in service and the organization
To be well-trained and educated
To be committed and ready to serve*

INTEGRITY

*To be honest and trustworthy
To keep the promises we make
To show respect to each other and those we serve
To be accountable for our actions*

COURAGE

*To remain steadfast and determined in our mission
To protect those we are sworn to serve
To make difficult decisions in the face of adversity*

DEDICATION

*To be committed and motivated
To continuously pursue excellence
To be unwavering in our resolve
To always do the right thing
To be mentally and physically well-prepared*

COMPASSION

*To be kind and caring
To support each other and value those we serve*



The Village of Caledonia Fire Department has a long-standing tradition of excellent service to the community. We are not, however, content with the status quo. We promise to strive for continuous improvement by incorporating technology and industry best practices to deliver the finest in medical and fire protection to the citizens we serve.

Village President

Tom Weatherston

Trustee 1
Nancy Pierce

Trustee 4
Fran Martin

Trustee 2
Dale Stillman

Trustee 5
Holly McManus

Trustee 3
Michael Lambrecht

Trustee 6
Lee Wishau

Village Administrator

Kathy Kasper - Todd Willis

Human Resource Manager

Tyler Helsel

Village Clerk

Jennifer Bass

Police & Fire Commission

Mark Schulz

William White*

Janet Brown

John Becker

Mark Lendvay

Gary Solfest



CURRENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief

Jeffrey Henningfeld

Administrative Assistant

Carla Buratti

Battalion Chiefs

Jason Schuls · Timothy St. Amand* · Erich Roden · Walter Leiningner

Lieutenants

Jason Hempel* · Matthew Yanny · Matthew McGuire · David Green ·
Andrew Pritzl · Steven Ramlow · Rebecca Leiningner · Heriberto Rivera
· Peter Diehn ·

Firefighters

Scott Miller · Peter Feest Jr · Seth Felker · Anthony Aiello* · William
Krasovich · David Tondryk · James Brown · Stephen Checki · Jason
Pankoff · Alexander Hagen · Alexander Roy · Lucas Kotschi · Ricardo
Garcia · Jonah Stalker · Kevin Rogers · Zachary Faulkner · Reed
Johnson · Grant Presterl · Joshua Checkai · Matthew Wargolet ·
Randall Stanek · Jaclyn Hall · Matthew Weiher · Ryan Bissonnette ·
Tiffany Lepak · Alison Velcheck · Dan Di Maria* · Kiley Donovan* ·
Kristine Markunas* · Kyle Mitchell · Conner Neustadt · Jeremy Oman
Cody Reynolds · Salvatore Herbert · Hanna Carter

TRANSITIONS

Retirements

FF Anthony Aiello 5-13-2024

Battalion Chief Timothy St.Amand 7-9-2024

Lieutenant Jason Hempel 12-31-2024

New Hires

FF Kyle Mitchell 1-12-2024

FF Conner Neustadt 5-22-2024

FF Jeremy Oman 6-3-2024

FF Cody Reynolds 7-3-2024

FF Salvatore Herbert 10-18-2024

Battalion Chief Erich Roden 11-14-2024

FF Hanna Carter 12-10-2024

Resignations

FF Kristine Markunas 1-6-2024

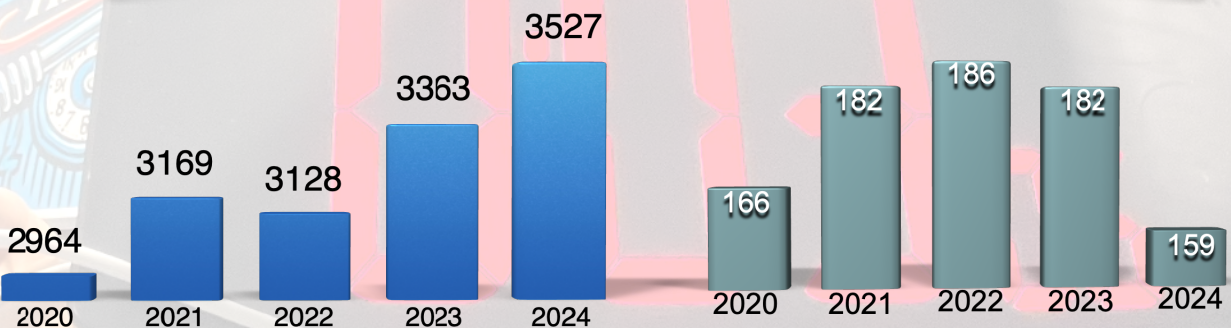
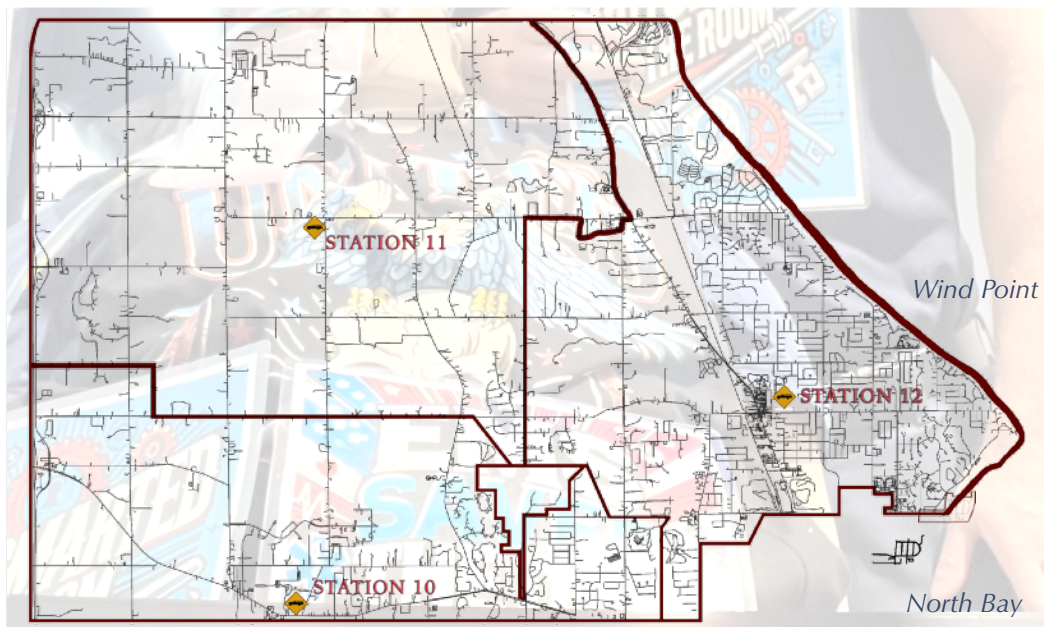
FF Dan Di Maria 4-30-2024

FF Kiley Donovan 8-14-2024



ABOUT Caledonia Fire Department

The **Caledonia Fire Department** is a career department that provides comprehensive emergency services to Caledonia, Wind Point, and North Bay. Currently, we are rated a 3/5 in the Public Protection Classification Program by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). In 2024, the fire department responded to 3,527 calls utilizing three fire stations, 30 sworn members, 9 lieutenants, 3 battalion chiefs, a fire chief, and an administrative assistant. Beyond its traditional “all-hazards” capabilities, the Caledonia Fire Department also offers Mobile Integrated Healthcare services to the residents of Caledonia, Wind Point, and North Bay at no cost.



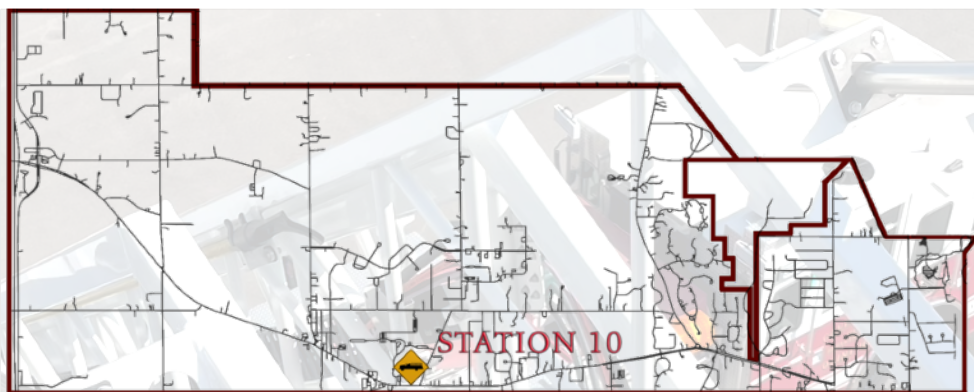
Total Calls

Mutual Aid Requests
(South Shore - City of Racine - etc.)



STATION 10

9433 NORTHWESTERN AVE



Station 10

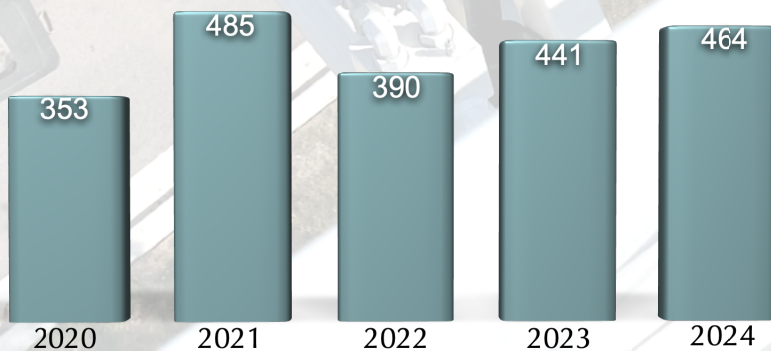
Opened in 1999 with the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department. One of the only joint fire stations in Wisconsin at the time.

Staffing consists of 3 Caledonia and 3 South Shore members. The station provides fire protection and Emergency Medical Services at the paramedic level.

Station 10 covers approximately 12.25 sq. mi. in Caledonia.

Caledonia Equipment:

MED-20	2018 Ford Ambulance
Quint-10	2007 Pierce 100ft Aerial Ladder Truck
MED-32	2009 Ford Reserve Ambulance



Calls in Station 10's District
(Excludes Station 10 going into Districts 11 & 12)



STATION 11

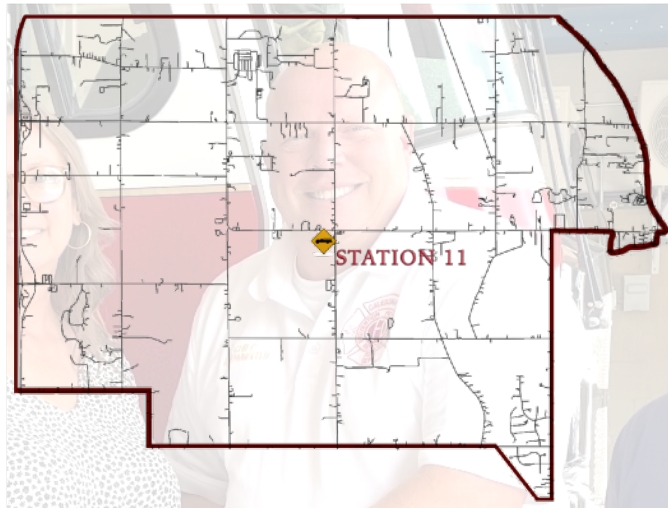
6900 NICHOLSON ROAD

Station 11

Opened in 1963 and serves as the headquarters for the Caledonia Fire Department. At the time of the opening there were 37 paid-on-call members.

The staffing at this location comprises the Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant, Battalion Chief, and three firefighters until March 2024. In March 2024, the administration relocated to the new PSB building situated at 5045 Chester Lane.

Currently, this station serves as the primary extrication company for vehicle accidents and ice/water rescues, and possesses specialized equipment for grass/brush fires, staffed by three firefighters.



Equipment:

Engine-11
2016 E-One Pumper
with extrication and
ice/water rescue

MED-11
2010 Ford Ambulance

Battalion-11
2019 Chevy Tahoe
Command
Vehicle**

Tender-11
1994 Water Tender
2000 Gallons

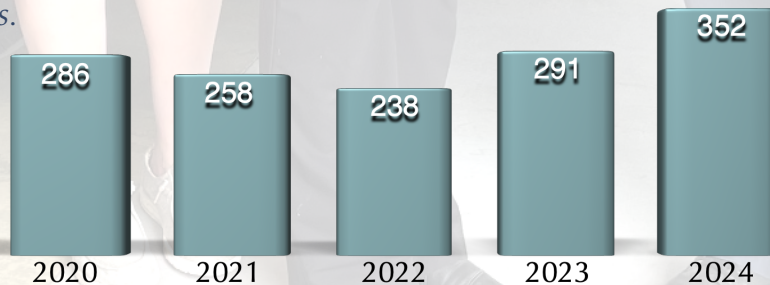
Brush Trk-11 1993 HumVee
250 Gallons*

New Brush Truck 2024 Ford
F350 - 200 Gallons

Utility-11 2005 Chevy 2500
Pickup

Car-11
2021 Ford Explorer
Chief's Buggy**

* Replaced 2024
** Moved to Station 12

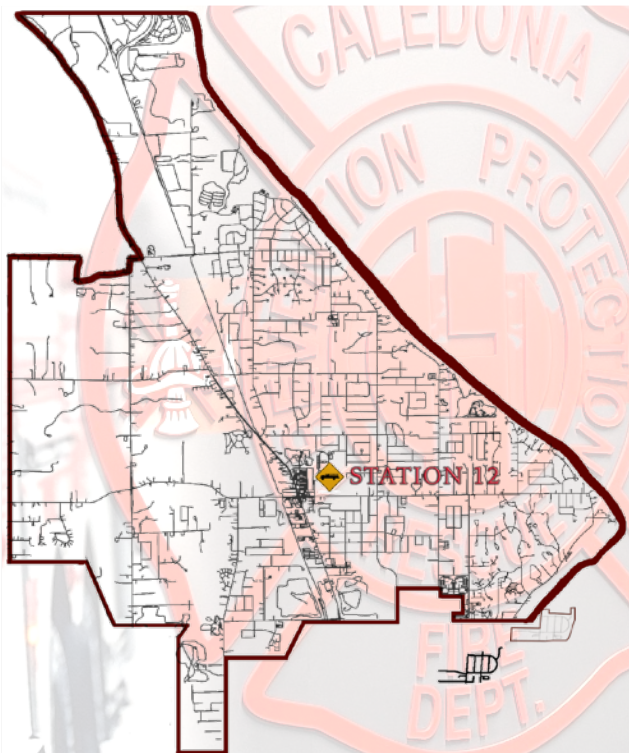


Calls in Station 11's District
(Excludes Station 11 going into Districts 10 & 12)



STATION 12

5045 CHESTER LANE



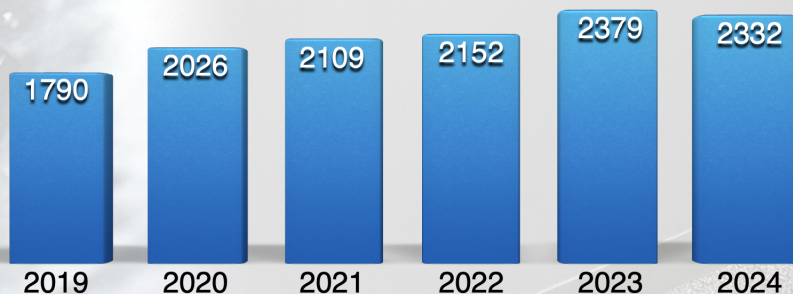
The original fire station was established in 1976. In 2024, the station underwent a closure and relocation to a new location adjacent to the Village Hall as part of the construction of the Public Safety Building.

Staffing levels at the station fluctuate between a minimum of three firefighters and paramedics and a maximum of nine personnel. Two fire companies are based at this station to meet the community's fire and emergency medical services needs. This firehouse is the sole facility that operates two-person ambulances, which are supported by an Engine from Station 11 when required.

Station 12 protects approximately 14 sq. mi. in Caledonia along with Wind Point and North Bay.

Equipment:

MED-12	2020 Ford Ambulance
MED-22	2015 Ford Ambulance
Engine-12	2002 E-One Pumper
Engine-32	2001 E-One Pumper Reserve
Tender-12	1994 Water Tender 2000 Gallons
Utility-11	2011 Ford Expedition
Battalion-12	2019 Chevy Tahoe
Car - 12	2021 Ford Explorer Chief's Buggy



Calls in Station 12's District
(Excludes WP & NB and going into Districts 10 & 11)



NEW STATION 12

5045 CHESTER LN



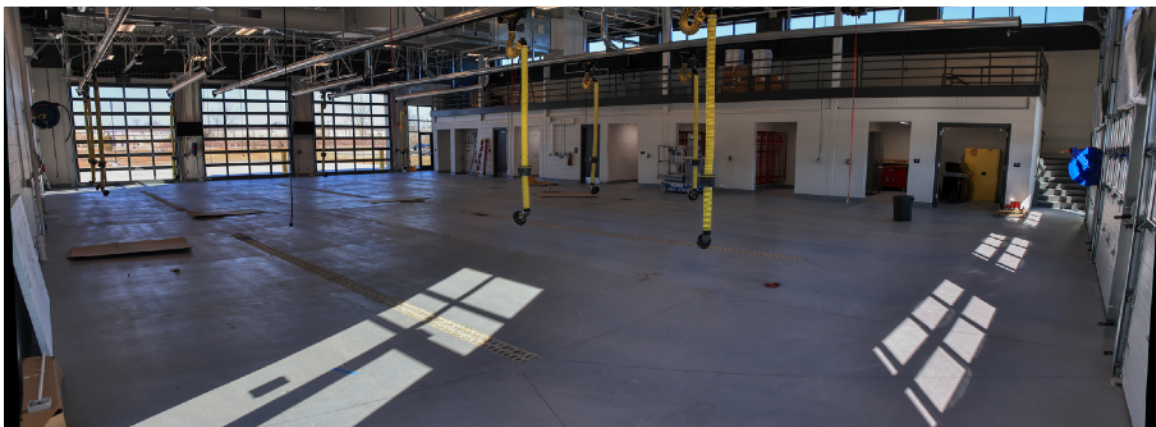
Today, 66% of 911 requests originate within the jurisdiction of this station, making it the primary operational hub of the Caledonia Fire Department (CFD). In response to the escalating call volume, a second company was established at the former station in 2020. The 6040 Douglas Ave station, initially designed for a 20-year lifespan with a single company, has since become inadequate to meet the evolving demands of the community and the fire department. Consequently, the 'fashionable East side' firehouse has been abandoned, and the Village of Caledonia officially opened this station in 2024 to address the public's needs.





STATION 12

5045 CHESTER LN





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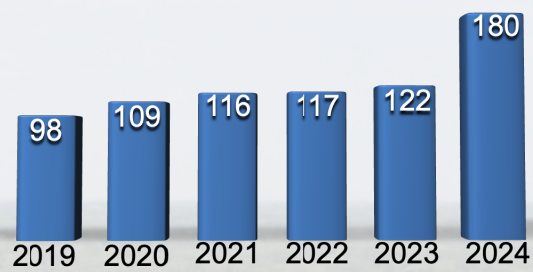
5045 CHESTER LN





WIND POINT

2024



Calls in Wind Point

Since 2016, the Caledonia Fire Department has been honored to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Village of Wind Point. In December 2021, the Village of Wind Point renewed its contract with the CFD, ensuring the continuation of these vital services until the end of 2026.

Wind Point Village Officials

President

Alison McCulloch

Administrator

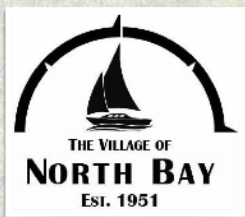
Travis Wells

Village Board

Carmen Gaspero, Herb Beighley, Linda Johnson

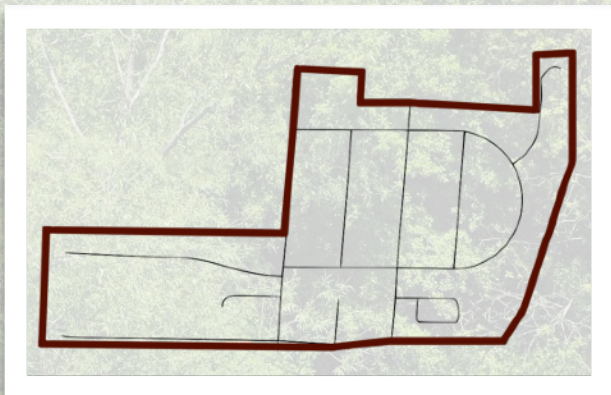
Robert Loppnow, Charlie Manning, Liz Waterfall

Brian Biernat John Polodna**



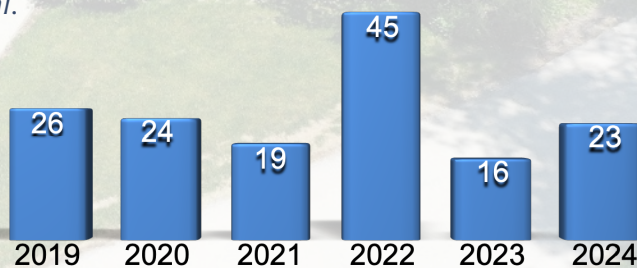
NORTH BAY

2024



Since 2016, the Caledonia Fire Department has been honored to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Village of North Bay. In December 2021, NorthBay renewed its contract with the CFD, ensuring the continuation of these vital services until the end of 2026.

North Bay is approximately 0.1 sq.mi.



Calls in North Bay

North Bay Village Board

President

Mark Schall

Paul Schroder • Rick Cermak • Kristin Wright

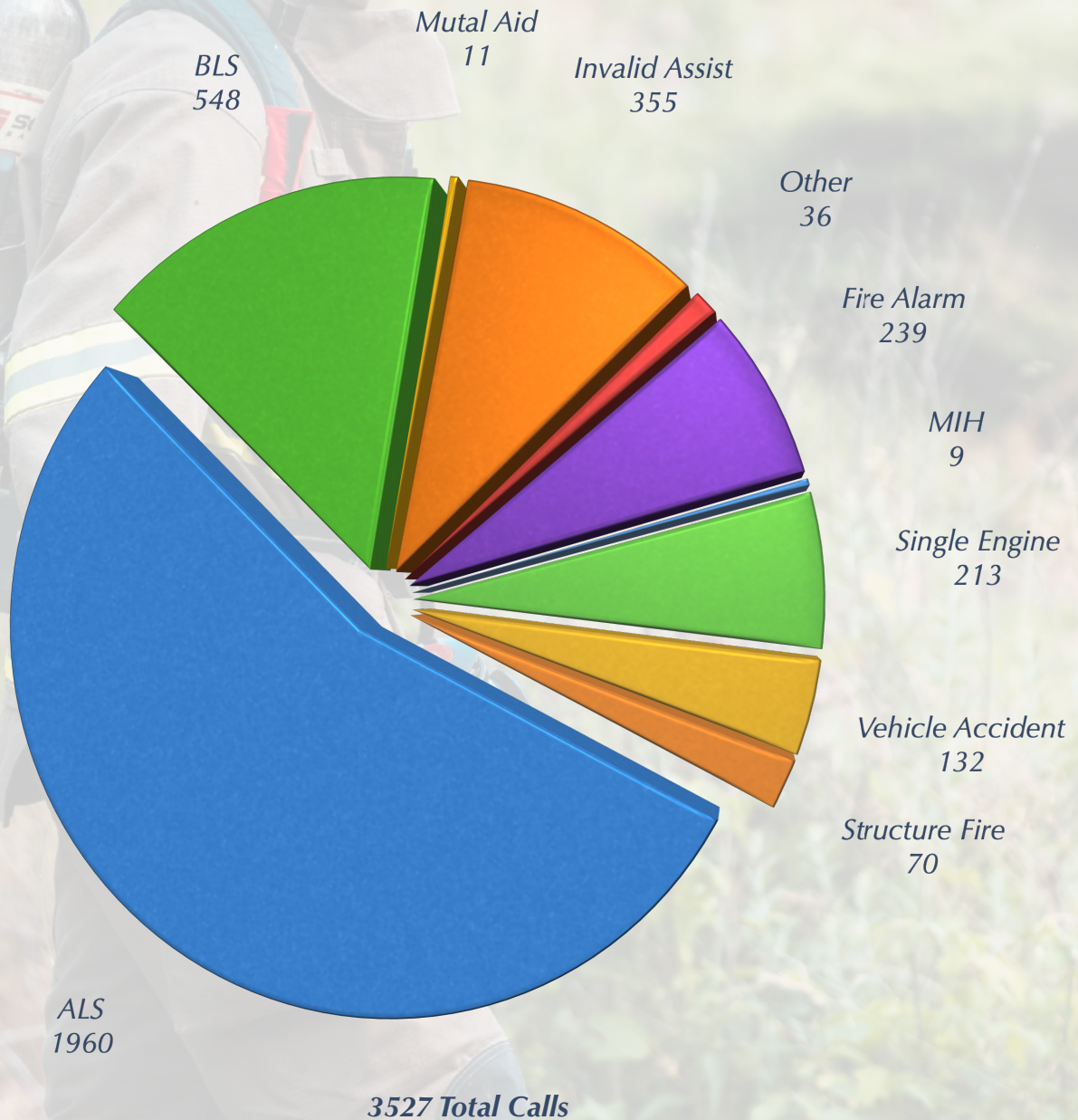


CALL TYPES

2024

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requests continue to be the most frequent type of call received by all municipalities. In Caledonia, the demand for EMS services accounts for approximately 86% of all calls.

Due to the high volume of EMS requests, Caledonia has implemented a cross-staffing approach. This approach involves training a single crew in multiple disciplines, enabling them to respond to various types of calls with the appropriate equipment.





MEDICAL SERVICES

JASON SCHULS

In 2024, the Caledonia Fire Department (CFD) responded to 3,051 medical calls, comprising 86% of all calls for service. This represents a consistent increase of nearly 19% since 2020. Of these medical calls, 65% necessitated Advanced Life Support (ALS) care.

Personnel updates:

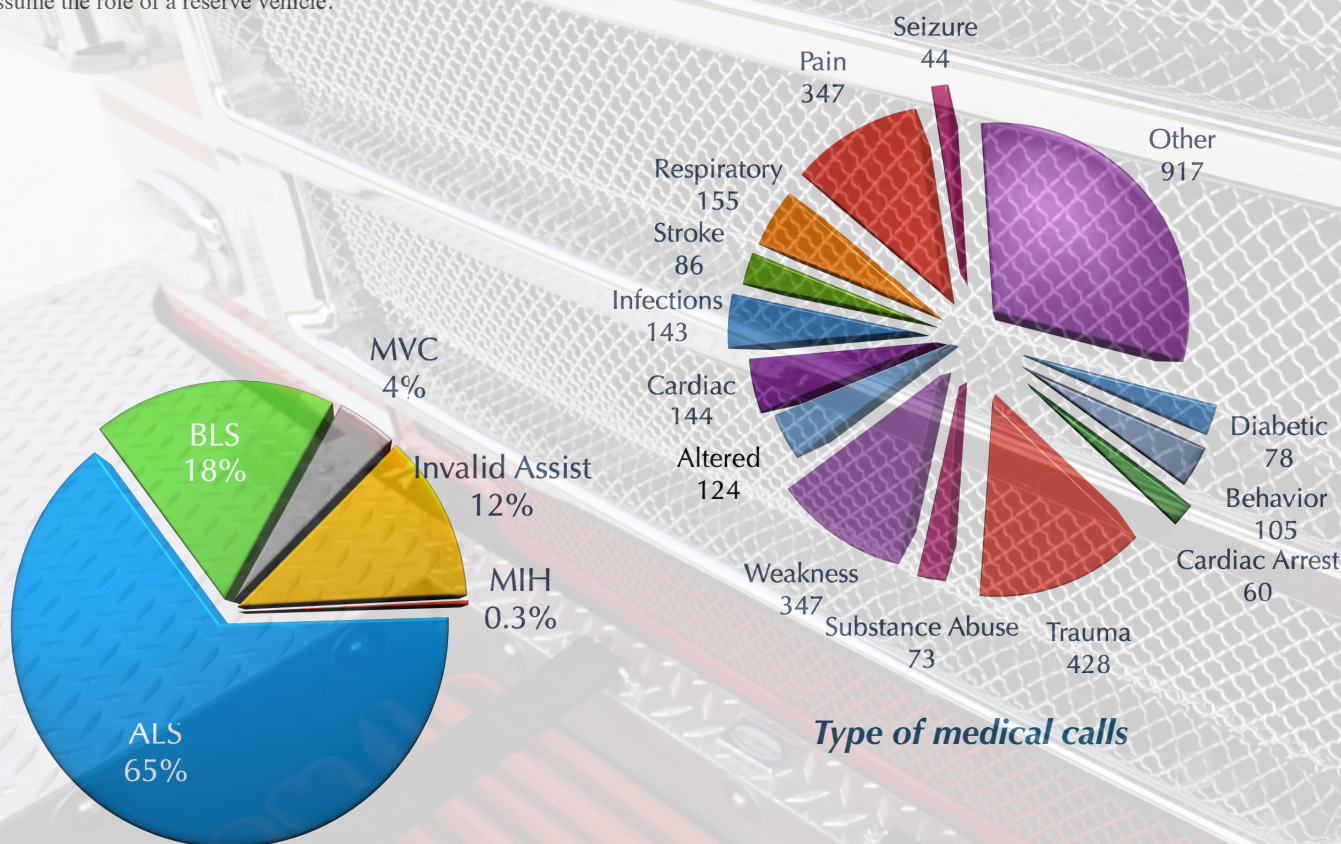
Of the line personnel, 85% hold their paramedic license. New hires are mandated to possess their paramedic license or be eligible to obtain it within their 18-month probationary period. The Caledonia Fire Department is actively exploring innovative recruitment strategies to address the growing challenge of recruiting qualified candidates. This issue is not unique to the Caledonia Fire Department, as it is a national problem.

New location of Station 12:

The relocation of our new station 12 has facilitated a closer proximity to more densely populated regions, thereby enhancing our response times. In response to this change, we have adjusted the boundaries of some districts between stations 11 and 12. The northwestern portion of the former district of station 12 has been redistributed to station 11's response area, optimizing response times within that region.

Equipment Upgrades:

The department received delivery of a new 2022 Lifeline Super-Liner Ambulance in November 2024. Unlike other fleet vehicles, this ambulance possesses 4x4 capabilities and will be stationed at station 10. It will augment our fleet of five ambulances, replacing a 2009 Lifeline Ambulance previously serving as a reserve vehicle. Consequently, a 2010 Lifeline Ambulance will assume the role of a reserve vehicle.



3051 Medical Related Calls



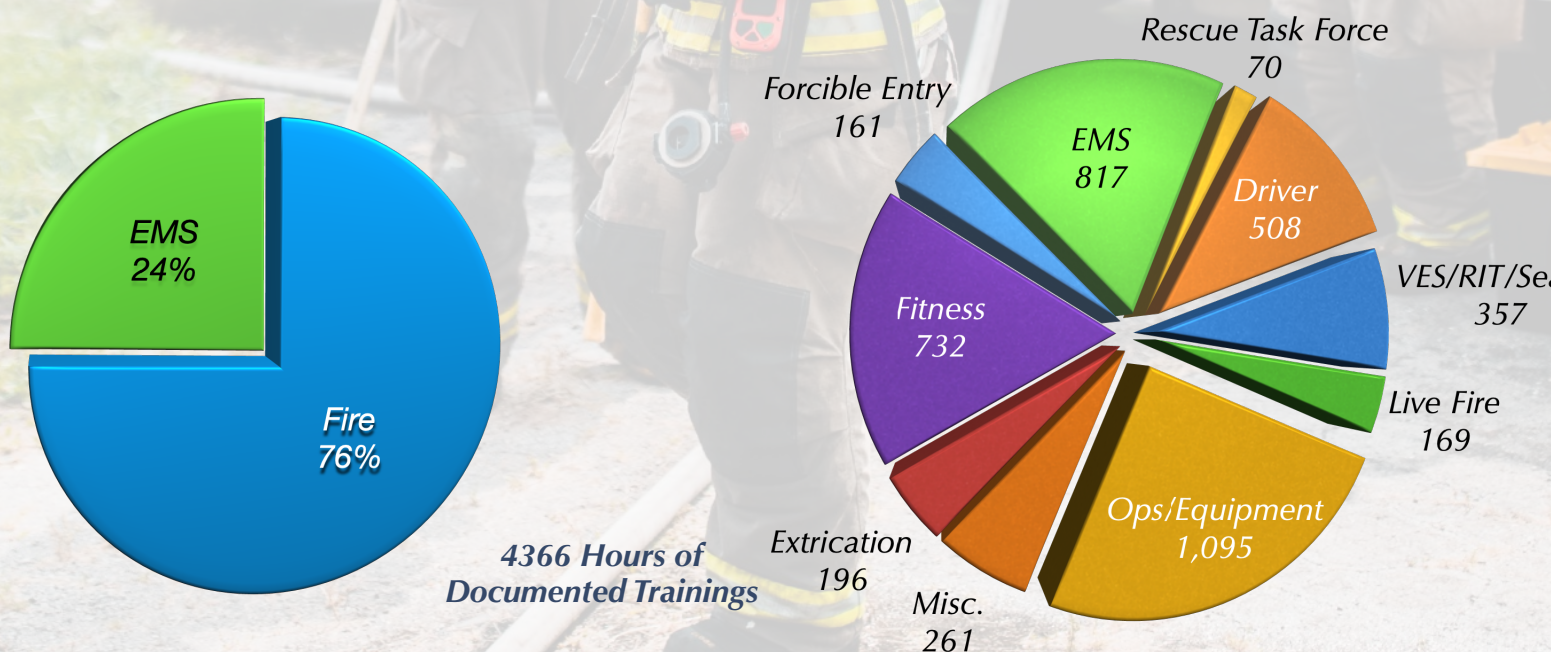
PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

TIM ST. AMAND & ERICH RODEN

We are committed to excellence in every call we answer and in every aspect of training to ensure the safety of all our members and the communities we serve. To achieve excellence and safety, we must prioritize conducting exercises on high-risk, low-frequency events over low-risk, high-frequency events. This approach ensures that our members are adequately prepared for real-world incident scenarios with high life-safety consequences. The training differences between Fire and EMS (as depicted **in the lower left**) are directly proportional to the frequency of the types of calls we respond to.

Following the retirement of BC Tim St. Amand and the appointment of BC Erich Roden, the organization adopted a new training strategy. Toward the end of 2024, the City of Racine, South Shore, and Caledonia Fire Departments forged a collaborative partnership to establish a joint training academy. The primary objective of this academy is to enhance the training and resource capabilities of all three departments over a four- to five-week program, thereby better equipping firefighters with the necessary skills and knowledge for their successful careers within their respective organizations.

Upon graduation from this class, candidates embark on an 18-month probationary period, during which they are obligated to complete a comprehensive task list maintained in a three-inch binder. The overall training process results in a dedicated, highly skilled, and competent firefighter who profoundly understands the organization's mission, vision, and values.



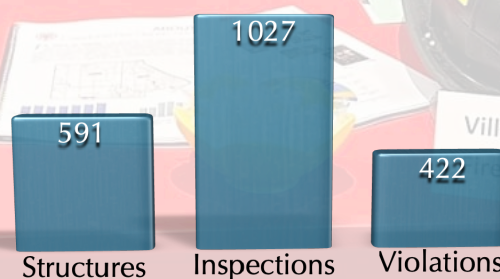


RISK REDUCTION

WALTER LEININGER

Community outreach and public education events are indispensable in fostering a strong relationship with the public. President Truman's Fire Prevention conference in May 1947 highlighted areas that required improvement to mitigate the persistent threat of fire. Among these areas, fire prevention was a key focus. President Truman emphasized that fire prevention efforts are futile unless all individuals are adequately informed about fire safety and are sufficiently interested to take action in fire-related matters. Regrettably, President Truman's words came too late for the victims of the Cocoanut Grove, Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, and the Winecoff Hotel fires, which resulted in the tragic loss of 779 lives and nearly 1000 injuries. These disasters share a common thread: they have the potential to replicate themselves in other cities. Consequently, the fire service has no choice but to intervene and provide education to the individuals it serves.

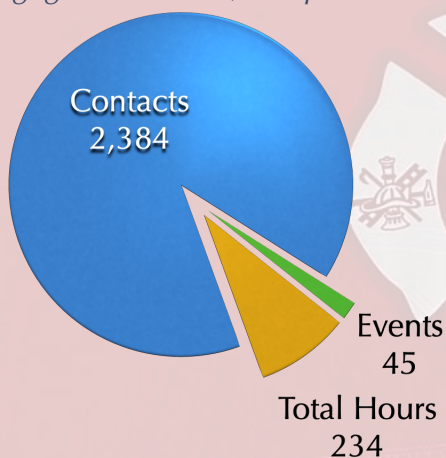
As professionals in the fire safety industry, we leverage our expertise to educate children and adults about fire safety within schools, workplaces, and other public spaces. Our mission is to raise awareness about potential hazards within these establishments, including identifying risks in schools, shopping centers, manufacturing facilities, and even in our own citizens' homes. Public education serves as a platform to educate the general public about common and concealed fire risks within their buildings and provide strategies for mitigating those risks.



■ Fire Inspection

In 2024, the Caledonia Fire Department

engaged in over 2,300 positive documented interactions across 45 events. These events encompassed various fire safety initiatives, such as school programs, open houses, CPR instruction, smoke detector installations, Mobile Integrated Healthcare, first aid classes, neighborhood parades, and lemonade stands.





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