

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:

On behalf of the 295 professional men and women that serve you every day, it is my pleasure to present to you the Boise Fire Department 2022 annual community report. In order to meet the demands of a growing community, in 2022 we developed a 10-year master growth plan to ensure service levels across our City are maintained. This includes adding services in current and future under-served areas that will meet the promise of a City for Everyone. The past 12 months also included several high-profile responses in which our firefighters performed admirably. These included the Idaho Youth Ranch warehouse fire, the Boise Town Square Mall active shooter incident, Idaho Wildfire deployments to Cascade and Salmon-Challis, as well as several house fires under challenging conditions. In 2022 we launched a podcast, BFD MissionStrong, in an effort to communicate our history and inform our community about the services we provide. As we move into 2023 we look forward to continuing our mission of service.

Stay safe and Be Well.

–Chief Niemeyer



NEW IN 2022:

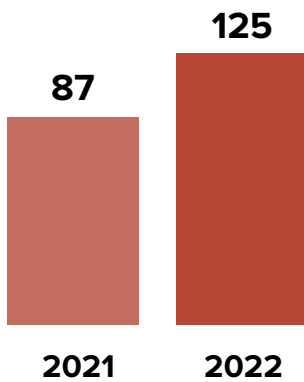
- Remodeled Station 6
- Deployed a new brush truck
- Launched the Boise Fire Podcast

COMING IN 2023:

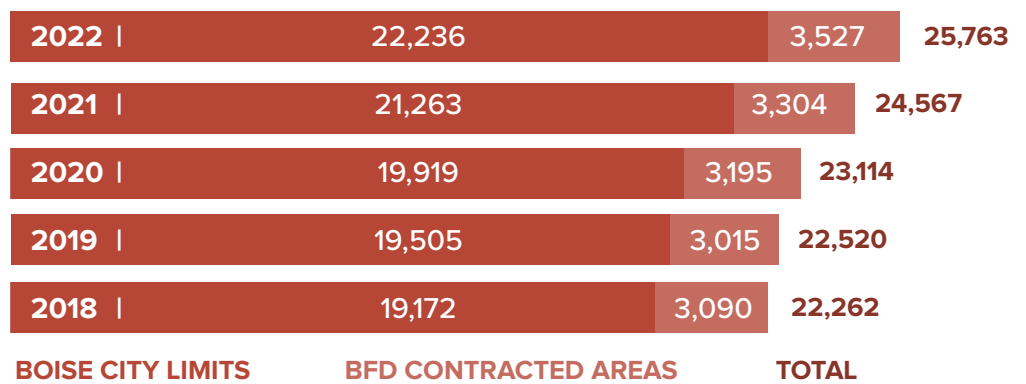
- Rebuild the Downtown Fire Station
- Welcome 21 new firefighters
- Break ground on a new fire station in Northwest Boise

BY THE NUMBERS

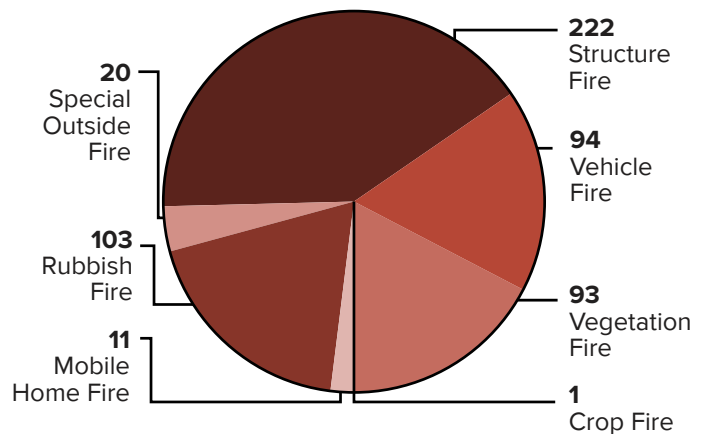
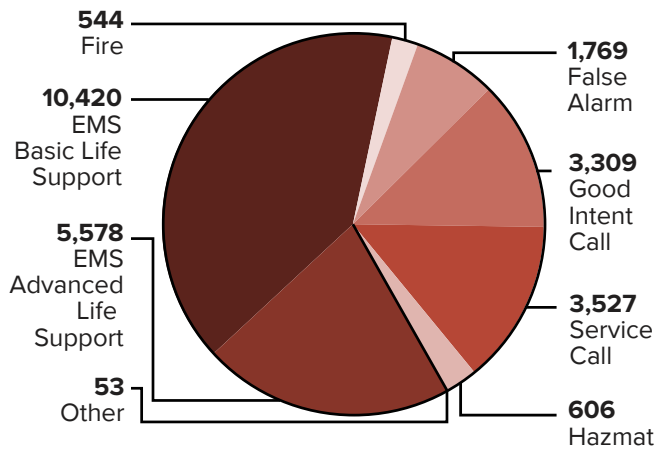
Total Investigations



Incidents in Boise Fire's Response Area



Total Boise Fire Department Responses



In total, Boise Fire Department responded to 25,806 incidents in 2022. This is a 16% increase in the last 5 years.

Boise Fire Department Response Time





THE LOCAL 149/COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND

Boise Firefighters raise thousands of dollars each year to put back into the community through donations of food, coats, toys, and other items for families in need.

The Boise Firefighters Local 149 Community Assistance Fund is funded entirely through generous donations from Boise community members and businesses. None of the money used to fulfill our mission comes from tax dollars or the city budget, and firefighters volunteer their time.

In 2022, the Local 149 Community Assistance Fund:

- Donated almost \$23,000 to those in need as part of their Random Acts of Kindness programs.
- Donated over 200 brand new coats to students and families in the Boise School District through Operation Warm.
- Partnered with Boise School District social workers to help more than 110 local students with back-to-school supplies.
- Helped over 17 families with short term shelter, clothing, food, and furniture after they were displaced by a large apartment fire.
- Provided over 180 children with brand new toys for the holidays at the Toy Brigade.

In 2022, the Local 149 Burnout Fund:

- Donated \$20,100 to families affected by fires from 28 different incidents.
- Boise Firefighters Stairclimb Team ranked 3rd overall, raising \$16,582 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Firefighter Rich Brown was the 2nd highest ranked individual, raising \$9,167.

To donate, or learn more, visit boisefirefighters.org



COMMUNITY

Engaging with the community is an integral part of the Boise Fire Department. Boise firefighters attend several events city-wide each year, including National Night Out, the Boise Veteran's Day Parade, Fire Safe House, Shine a Light at St. Luke's Children's Hospital, and numerous school and event visits. Boise Fire also partners with the West Ada School District to provide fire prevention education. Each October, firefighters visit around 60 schools, meet over 10,000 elementary students, and provide information on the importance of smoke alarms and having a fire escape plan.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK



The Boise Fire Department takes great pride in serving the people of Boise and we are always looking for ways to improve our service to the community. We launched a new ongoing community survey to gather feedback on our service after an incident. Whether we responded to a call at your house, your neighborhood, or we provided an inspection or other public service, we want to hear from you. Scan the QR code to take our survey.



WILDFIRE DIVISION

Over the course of the 2022 wildfire season, we sent 37 personnel across 5 states; Montana, Arizona, California, Utah and Idaho. Our members contributed over 6,000 hours of work to fight wildfires across the West. The revenue generated from these deployments funds our education and training program, local fire mitigation projects, wildfire preparedness and public awareness programs. This year, funds generated will also be used for the purchase of a new Type 5/6 Brush Truck.

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI)

Southwest Idaho is one of the most fire-prone areas in the western United States. Despite that, homes are built where undeveloped wildlands meet the built environment, at the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). Much has been done to combat wildfire risk in the WUI and efforts continue city-wide and with our partners, including the Bureau of Land Management. When it comes to prevention and education, we have accomplished a lot in the past ten years.

Slope Mowing: City of Boise Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with Boise Fire Wildfire Division, annually mow fuel-breaks directly behind homes in Chief Eagle Eye, Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve, and along roadways and trails. In 2022, approximately 65 acres were mowed multiple times throughout the year, with several hundred homes better protected from the threat of wildfire.

Neighborhood Chipping: City of Boise Parks and Recreation and Boise Fire conducted free neighborhood chipping on 24 dates in 2022, chipping and removing approximately 78 cubic yards of hazardous woody biomass. We had approximately 133 homes that participated in chipping. We also held two (2) chipper trainings and currently have seven (7) fire department personnel trained on the chipper. Sign up for our free neighborhood chipping program here: adafireadapted.org/homeowner/neighborhood-chipping-program/.

Wildfire Home Safety Evaluations: We have completed approximately 433 Wildfire Home Safety Evaluations to date, with 59 of those completed in 2022. Sign up for a free home wildfire evaluation here, adafireadapted.org/homeowner/wildfire-home-safety-evaluation.

BOISE FIRE HISTORY

Boise Fire Department was created in 1876 as a volunteer Fire Department, officially organized with 28 men. As the population of Boise grew, the department grew along with it to meet the community's needs. The Boise Fire Department now has nearly 300 full-time employees, 17 fire stations, a Fire Training Center, a Hazardous Materials Team, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Team, Dive Team, and a Technical Rescue Team. The department serves a population of 237,000 residents in 130+ square miles.





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