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# PALMER FIRE & RESCUE

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

EXCELLENCE,  
PROFESSIONALISM,  
INTEGRITY,  
COMMUNITY, AND  
SERVICE,

ARE PALMER FIRE & RESCUE'S IDENTIFIED CORE VALUES. THESE VALUES HAVE DEFINED THE DEPARTMENT SINCE FATHER MERRILL SALZMAN ORGANIZED THE FIRST FIRE RESPONSE FOR PALMER. THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THESE VALUES HAVE BEEN THE CORNERSTONE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS MEMBERS SINCE ITS FOUNDING.

OVER THE YEARS, OUR CITIZENS AND LEADERS HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT OUR DEPARTMENT BY MAKING INVESTMENTS IN PALMER FIRE & RESCUE TO ENSURE OUR ABILITY TO SERVE. THREE CAREER AND APPROXIMATELY 50 PAID ON-CALL AND VOLUNTEER MEMBERS WEAR A PATCH THAT REMINDS THEM OF THE FAITH AND TRUST THAT HAS



BEEN BESTOWED UPON EACH ONE OF US. IT'S A SYMBOL TO OUR COMMUNITY OF OUR COMMITMENT THAT WE TAKE SERIOUSLY.

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE INTO 2022 WITH THE PLANNED REPLACEMENT OF A FIRE TENDER THROUGH THE GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA, TRAINING, REFRESHING OUR FIRE STATIONS, AND A CONTINUED FOCUS ON PRIDE IN OUR SERVICE.

THE DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS OF PALMER FIRE & RESCUE ARE DEVOTED TO YOUR SAFETY AND WELFARE. WHETHER WORKING AT ADMINISTRATION, RESCUE OPERATIONS, FIRE SUPPRESSION, OR FIRE PREVENTION; THE MEMBERS OF PALMER FIRE & RESCUE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO SERVE YOU.

- **CHAD CAMERON, FIRE CHIEF,**  
PALMER FIRE & RESCUE





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## Mission

*WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF PALMER FIRE & RESCUE DEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH PRESERVATION OF LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.*

THE MISSION OF PALMER FIRE & RESCUE IS WHY OUR DEPARTMENT EXISTS. ALL OUR ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS SUPPORT THIS MISSION.

## VISION

*TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM POSSIBLE.*

*PROUD OF OUR PAST AND EMBRACING OUR FUTURE, THE MEMBERS OF PALMER FIRE & RESCUE WILL WORK AS AN EFFECTIVE AND INTEGRATED TEAM, DEDICATED TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.*

*THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE A MODEL TO OTHERS AND THE PRIDE OF THE COMMUNITY.*

THE VISION STATEMENT IS THE OVERARCHING PICTURE OF WHERE WE WANT TO BE AN AS ORGANIZATION. THIS VISION IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT. WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ALL THAT WE DO AND CONTINUALLY ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE NOT ONLY OPERATIONALLY BUT ALSO AS AN ORGANIZATION.

AS A DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE PRIDE IN OUR PAST, AS THE MEMBERS THAT CAME BEFORE US BUILT THE REPUTATION WE ENJOY TODAY. WE ALSO EMBRACE OUR FUTURE AS IT IS FULL OF CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

## CORE VALUES

*EXCELLENCE    PROFESSIONALISM    INTEGRITY    COMMUNITY    SERVICE*

OUR CORE VALUES ARE NOT JUST SOME NICE WORDS THAT LOOK GOOD IN REPORTS. THIS IS THE BASIS OF HOW WE LIVE AND OPERATE. FOR US TO HAVE ANY MEASURE OF SUCCESS, ALL MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF RANK, MUST LIVE UP TO THE CORE VALUES OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE LOSS OF ANY ONE OF THESE VALUES WOULD BE DESTROY OUR ABILITY TO OPERATE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

TRUST IS EASILY BROKEN AND TAKES A LIFETIME TO BUILD. THE PEOPLE WE SERVE MUST KNOW WE ARE THERE TO SERVE THEM AND MAKE THINGS BETTER WITH NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES OR INTENTIONS.



# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## OVERVIEW OF FUNCTION:

PALMER FIRE & RESCUE IS A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PALMER. THROUGH A LONG-STANDING CONTRACT, PALMER FIRE & RESCUE PROVIDES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES TO THE GREATER PALMER CONSOLIDATED FIRE SERVICE AREA.

## HISTORY:

THE EARLIEST RECORD FOUND DESCRIBING FIRE PROTECTION IN THE PALMER AREA IS A FIRE NOTICE ISSUED BY FIRE WARDEN FATHER MERRILL SALZMAN ON OCTOBER 3, 1935.

OCTOBER 17, 1935, A FIRE CALL RANG OUT ACROSS THE COLONIST'S TENT CAMP AT ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. THE FIRE STARTED AROUND THE STOVE PIPE AND WAS EATING AWAY AT ONE END OF THE TENT OF THE RED CROSS NURSE, MADELEINE DE FORAS. CREWS RESPONDED WITH BACKPACK PUMPS TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE.

OVER THE YEARS FIREFIGHTING HAS ADVANCED; HOWEVER, THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY HAS REMAINED FOREVER STRONG IN OUR MEMBERS. THE WAY WE ALERT OUR STAFF HAS CHANGED, FROM A SIREN TO PAGER AND SMARTPHONES; HOWEVER, OUR PERSONNEL STILL ANSWER THE CALL WHENEVER REQUESTED TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY.

## SERVICES PROVIDED:

THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY BY PALMER FIRE & RESCUE INCLUDE:

- \* FIRE RESPONSE
- \* RESCUE OPERATIONS INCLUDING VEHICLE EXTRICATION UP TO APPROXIMATELY MILE POST 129 OF THE GLENN HIGHWAY AND ASSOCIATED BACKCOUNTRY
- \* EMS ASSISTANCE
- \* FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION
- \* RESPONDS TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES FOR ASSISTANCE
- \* FIRE PREVENTION AND BURN PERMITS
- \* FIRE INVESTIGATION



American-LaFrance Fire Truck-Palmer Fire Department-Palmer, Alaska  
Palmer Museum of History & Art-Turney Collection



# STAFFING PROFILE

## WORK SCHEDULE

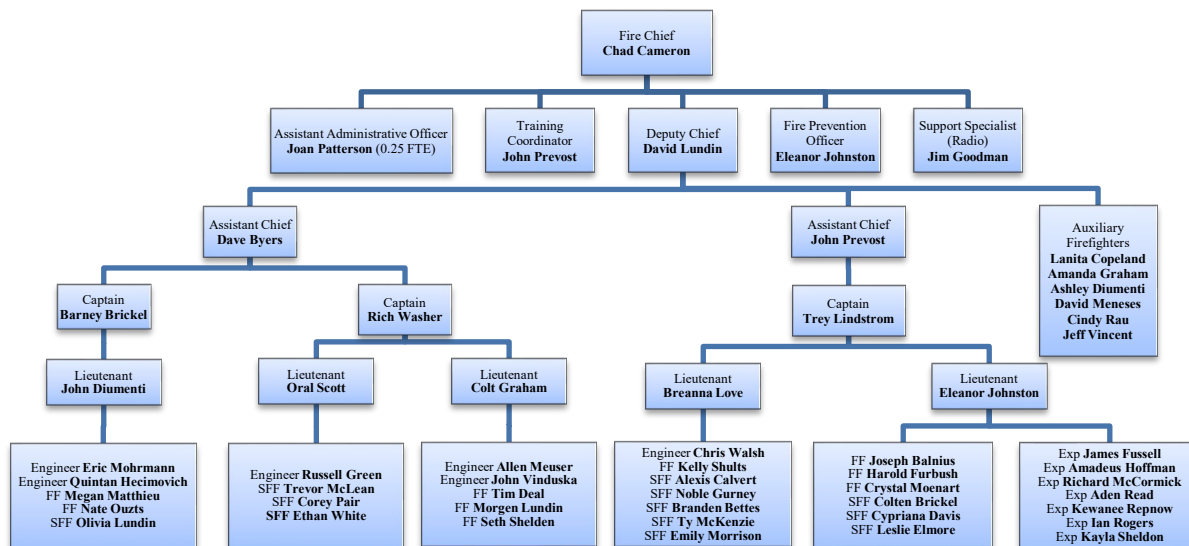
THERE ARE THREE, FULL-TIME PERSONNEL (FIRE CHIEF, TRAINING COORDINATOR AND FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER) WHO ARE SCHEDULED FIVE, EIGHT-HOUR WORKDAYS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. ALL OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL ARE PAID ON-CALL AND RESPOND FROM EITHER THEIR PLACE OF WORK OR THEIR HOME.

## PERSONNEL

- EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL – 1 FIRE CHIEF, 1 TRAINING COORDINATOR, AND 1 FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER, AND APPROXIMATELY 52 PAID ON-CALL PERSONNEL
- STATION 3-1 IS STAFFED WITH A FOUR-PERSON CREW FROM 1:00 PM TO 9:00 PM AS PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE
- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – 25% FTE (SHARED EMPLOYEE WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
- SUPPORT SPECIALIST (RADIO) – PART-TIME EMPLOYEE SHARED WITH PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT



# PALMER FIRE & RESCUE'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# STATION INFORMATION

**STATION 3-6 · FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING (CITY OWNED)  
 645 E. COPE INDUSTRIAL WAY · PALMER, AK 99645  
 (907) 745-3709 · [HTTPS://WWW.PALMERAK.ORG/FIRE-RESCUE](https://www.palmerak.org/fire-rescue)

- **TENDER 3-1** – 2015 PIERCE INTERNATIONAL
- **BRUSH 3-1** – 2016 FORD F550
- **AIR TRAILER** – AIR COMPRESSOR WITH A GENERATOR AND CASCADE SYSTEM
- INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRAINING FACILITY

**STATION 3-1 – DOWNTOWN – 717 S. COBB STREET**  
 DATE BUILT: 1978; 0.22 ACRES (MSB OWNED)

- **ENGINE 3-1** – 2007 PIERCE CONTENDER
- **ENGINE 3-6** – 2001 PIERCE CONTENDER
- **TRUCK 3-1** – 2015 ROSENBAUER 101' PLATFORM COBRA
- **RESCUE 3-1** – 1994 HACKNEY FREIGHTLINER
- **SUPPORT 3-1** – 2011 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500HD
- **BRUSH 3-2** – 2012 FORD F550

**STATION 3-2 – FARM LOOP – 5955 N. GLENN HWY**  
 DATE BUILT: 1985; 1.1 ACRES (MSB OWNED)

- **ENGINE 3-2** – 2016 ROSENBAUER 7400 INTERNATIONAL
- **TENDER 3-2** – 2019 ROSENBAUER INTERNATIONAL
- **TENDER 3-4** – 1990 PETERBILT BOARDMAN
- **ATV TRAILER**
  - Two, 2008 YAMAHA BIG BEAR 400
  - 1996 SUZUKI QUAD RUNNER
  - PATIENT TRAILER



**STATION 3-3 – LAZY MOUNTAIN – 15855 E. CLARK RD**  
 DATE BUILT: 1984; 5.0 ACRES (MSB OWNED)

- **ENGINE 3-3** – 1994 PIERCE SABER
- **TENDER 3-3** – 2000 PIERCE INTERNATIONAL
- **BRUSH 3-3 / QUICK ATTACK** – 2006 FORD F350

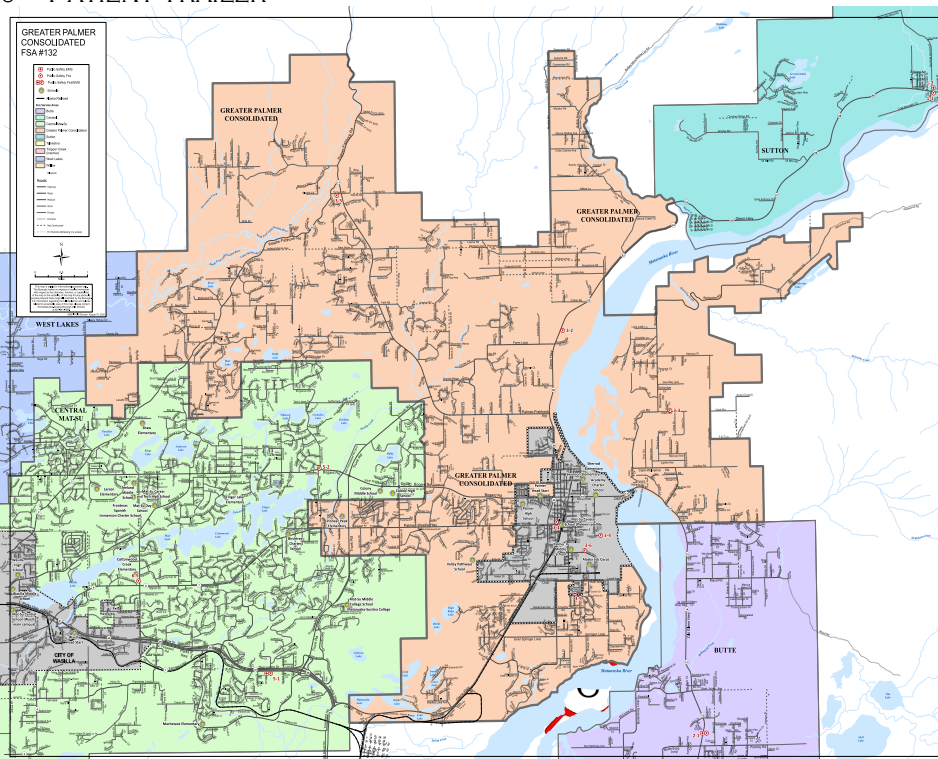
**STATION 3-4 – PALMER AIRPORT – 901 S. AIRPORT ROAD (CITY OWNED)**

- **ENGINE 3-4** – 1987 GRUMMAN SPARTAN
- **BRUSH 3-6** – 1989 FORD F350

**STATION 3-5 – FISHHOOK – 8200 E. TURNER ROAD**  
 DATE BUILT: 1982; 0.99 ACRES (MSB OWNED)

- **ENGINE 3-5** – 2012 PIERCE RESPONDER 4X4
- **TENDER 3-5** – 2009 PIERCE INTERNATIONAL
- **RESCUE 3-5** – 2005 FORD F550
- **BRUSH 3-5** – 1984 INTERNATIONAL 4X4
- **SRU 3-5/SNOW MACHINE TRAILER**
  - Two, 2009 SKIDOO FT9D SKANDIC
  - 2018 SKIDOO SUMMIT 850

## PALMER FIRE & RESCUE RESPONSE AREA



- CITY OF PALMER
- GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA
- CENTRAL MAT-SU FIRE SERVICE AREA
- BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA
- SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA
- WEST LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA

# FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

## Budget Allocation:

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Approved	2022 Approved
City of Palmer Contribution	\$435,251	\$481,169	\$501,680	\$603,006
MSB – Greater Palmer Fire Contract *	\$401,111	\$444,102	\$460,480	\$555,906
MSB – Rescue Service Contract	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$886,362</b>	<b>\$975,271</b>	<b>\$1,012,160</b>	<b>\$1,208,912</b>

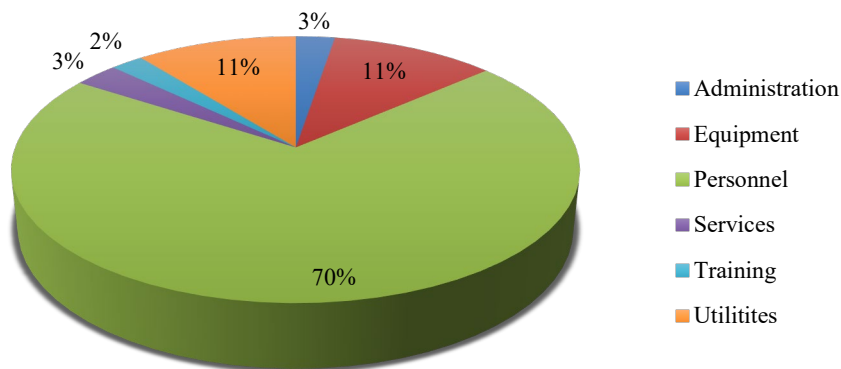
- \* These funds do not include the contribution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for rent, insurance, and vehicle insurance.
- \* Capital improvement projects for either the Matanuska-Susitna Borough or the City of Palmer are not considered in the budget allocation listed.

## Expenditures:

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Projected Actual	2022 Proposed
Administration	\$27,283	\$25,530	\$42,058	\$31,500
Equipment	\$104,074	\$122,342	\$71,619	\$132,875
Personnel	\$611,366	\$325,253 †	\$538,603	\$852,737 §
Services	\$20,935	\$29,487	\$22,232	\$35,500
Training	\$25,586	\$8,461 ‡	\$23,704	\$26,500
Utilities	\$97,118	\$100,560	\$119,006	\$129,800
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$886,362</b>	<b>\$611,633 *†‡</b>	<b>\$817,222</b>	<b>\$1,208,912</b>

- \* COVID funding was used to purchase much of the necessary equipment therefore funds were not taken from the City of Palmer budget.
- † Palmer Fire & Rescue operated with the Fire Chief position vacated for most of 2020. This vacancy created the decrease in funds utilized by the Department as shown in the 2020 Projected Actual budget.
- ‡ Due to COVID restrictions, training opportunities were decreased.
- § Added Fire Prevention Officer position for public education, maintenance, and required equipment testing as well as a rate increase for paid on-call firefighters and anticipated additional paid on-call staffing.

## Proposed 2022 Budget Allocation





# EMERGENCY RESPONSE



## OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

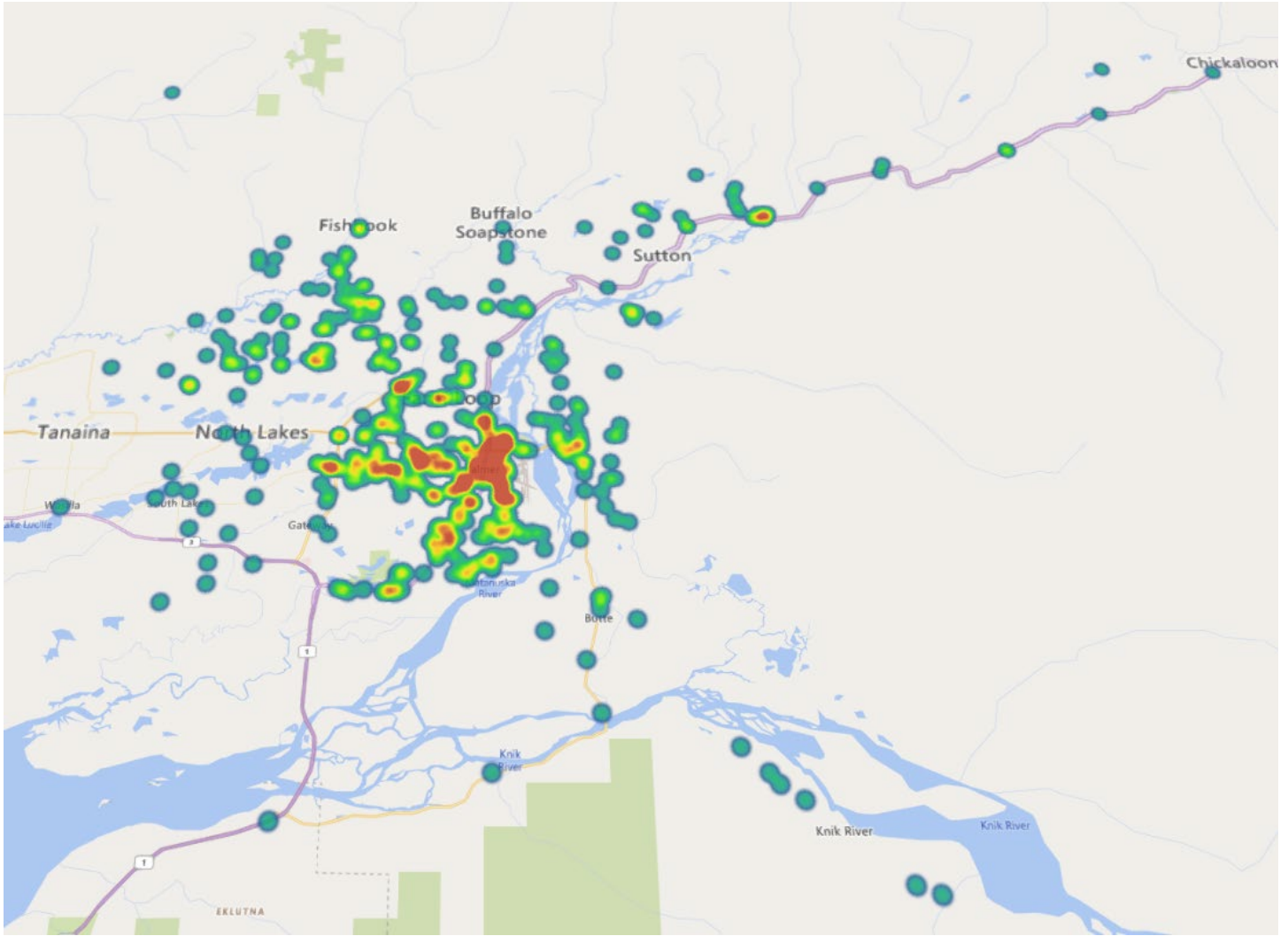
PALMER FIRE & RESCUE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT OUR PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT ARE READY TO SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO 911 CALLS. THIS RESPONSE CAPABILITY IS MAINTAINED PRIMARILY BY OUR PAID ON-CALL STAFF. THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS VOLUNTARILY STAFF EVERY EVENING FROM 6:00 PM TO 6:00 AM. ALL MEMBERS HELP STAFF THE STATIONS FROM 1:00 PM TO 9:00 PM.

PALMER FIRE & RESCUE (PFR) RESPONDS TO ALL FIRE AND RESCUE EMERGENCIES IN THE CITY OF PALMER AND THE GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA. PFR'S RESCUE RESPONSE AREA INCLUDES HATCHER PASS AND THE ROAD SYSTEM FROM GLENN AND PARKS HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE SOUTH OF PALMER TO APPROXIMATELY MILE 129 ON THE GLENN HIGHWAY AND LAKE LOUISE. AGREEMENTS ARE IN PLACE TO WORK WITH THE OTHER MATANUSKA-SUSITNA FIRE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THE ALASKA STATE TROOPERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

PALMER FIRE & RESCUE MAINTAINS RESPONSE CAPABILITIES TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR UNIQUE COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO FIRE SUPPRESSION AND RESCUE RESPONSE, THESE CAPABILITIES INCLUDE TECHNICAL RESCUE DISCIPLINES.



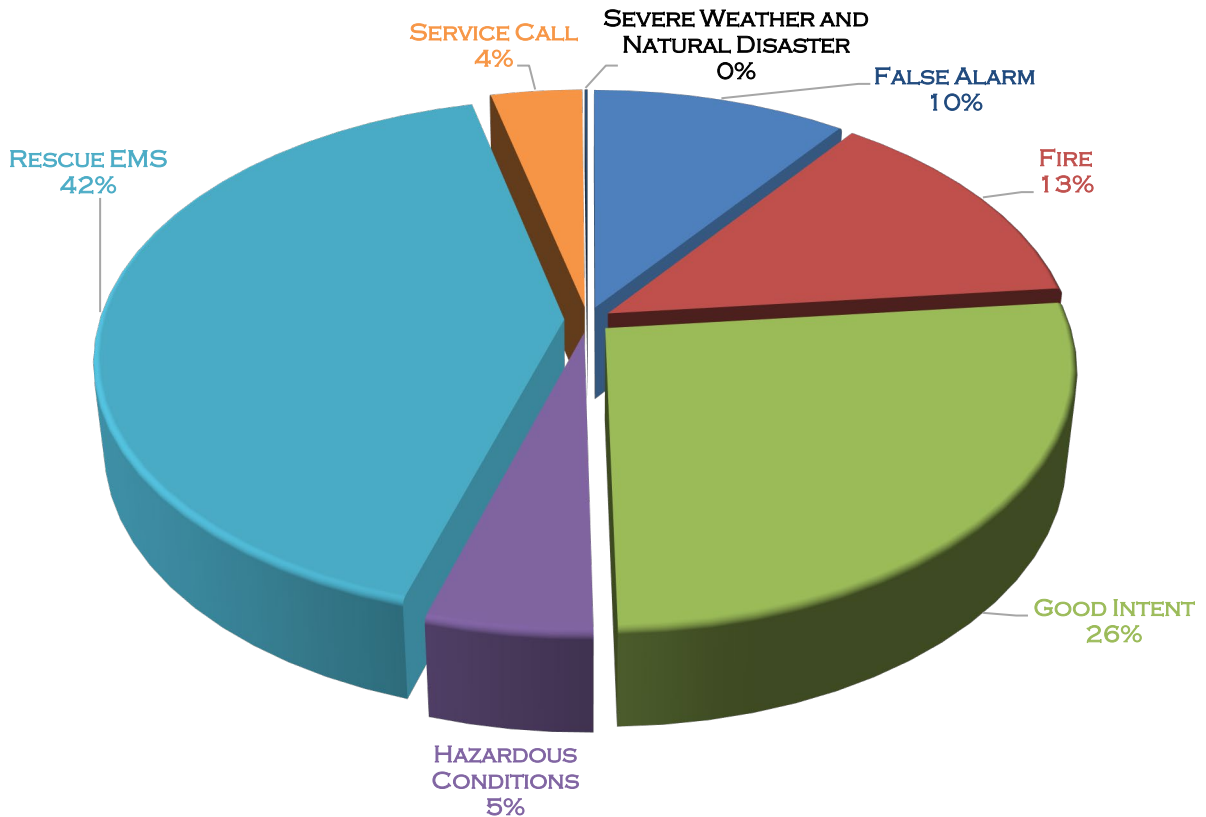
# EMERGENCY INCIDENTS



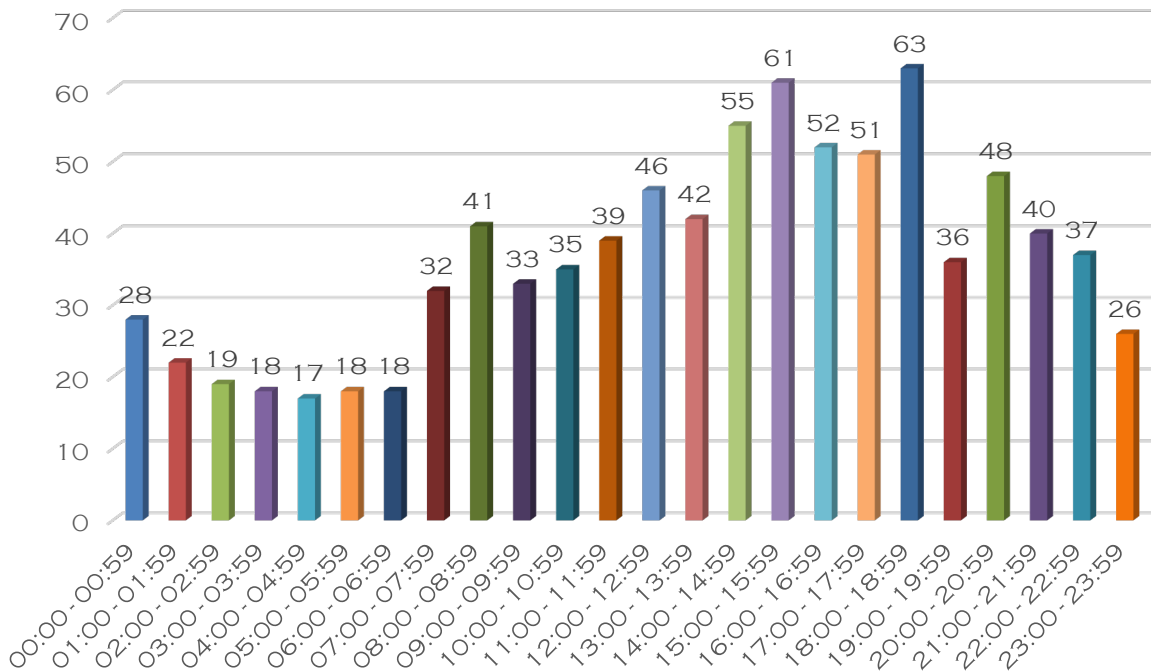
## 2021 CALL TYPES PER AREA

CALL TYPE	CITY	GPFSA				MUTUAL AID GIVEN	TOTAL
		3-1	3-2	3-3	3-5		
FIRE	31	17	6	8	25	29	116
RESCUE & EMS	119	116	26	17	30	56	364
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	7	11	6	4	15	1	44
SERVICE CALL	13	5	2	0	5	7	32
GOOD INTENT CALL	65	61	13	8	28	56	231
FALSE ALARM & FALSE CALL	41	30	1	1	14	2	89
SPECIAL WEATHER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>877</b>

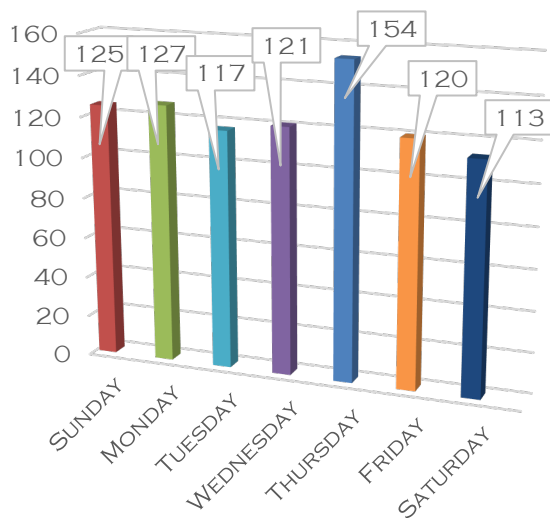
## 2021 RESPONSE TO CALL TYPES



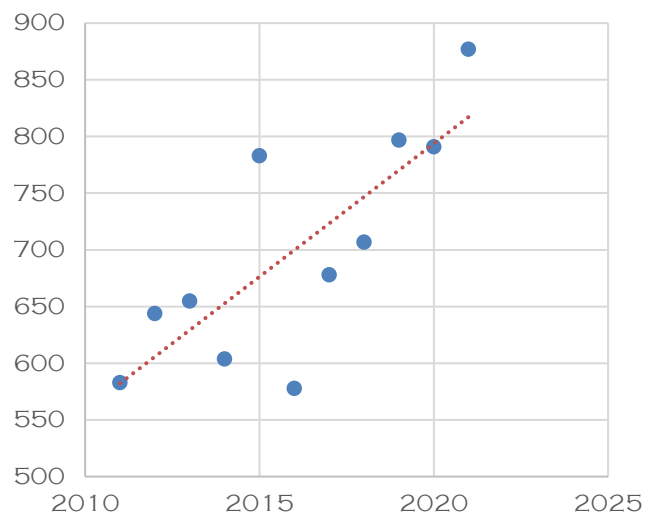
## 2021 INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY



## 2021 INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



## INCIDENT CALL VOLUME BY YEAR



**5.1% Annual Increase**  
Averaged over a 10-year period

## INCIDENT COUNT BY YEAR

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
GREATER PALMER FSA	209	271	248	244	290	252	198	188	241	208	601*
CITY OF PALMER	374	373	407	360	493	326	480	519	556	583	276*
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>877</b>

\* PRIOR TO 2021, ALL RESCUE AND EMS CALLS WERE COUNTED AS CITY OF PALMER INCIDENTS REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL LOCATION



## 2021 UNIT RESPONSE TOTALS

STATION	UNIT	FIRES	RESCUE / EMS	FALSE ALARMS	OTHER	TOTAL
STATION 3-1 (PALMER)	ENGINE 3-1	33	7	34	49	123
	ENGINE 3-6	45	6	20	70	141
	RESCUE 3-1	2	54	0	15	71
	SUPPORT 3-1	20	208	3	44	275
	TRUCK 3-1	4	0	1	2	7
STATION 3-2 (FARMLoop)	BRUSH 3-2	1	10	0	2	13
	ENGINE 3-2	9	2	3	7	21
	TENDER 3-2	18	0	1	3	22
	TENDER 3-4	2	0	0	0	2
STATION 3-3 (LAZY MTN.)	ENGINE 3-3	5	0	1	4	10
	TENDER 3-3	16	0	0	6	22
STATION 3-5 (FISHHOOK)	BRUSH 3-5	2	1	0	1	4
	ENGINE 3-5	21	1	7	17	46
	RESCUE 3-5	1	41	0	7	49
	TENDER 3-5	23	0	2	9	34
STATION 3-6 (TRAINING)	BRUSH 3-1	23	7	0	15	45
	SUPPORT 3-4	3	32	1	8	44
	TENDER 3-1	23	1	1	14	39
ADMIN & OFFICERS	CV 31	72	112	30	89	303
	CV 32	40	60	16	58	174
	CV 33	42	164	33	95	334
	CV 35	24	62	8	41	135
	CV 36	5	45	7	24	81
	SUPPORT 3-3	11	37	2	14	64



# FIRE INFORMATION

# 95.6%

SINCE 2010, PALMER FIRE & RESCUE SAVED 95.6% OF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND CONTENTS AT EMERGENCIES RESPONDED TO!

## FIRE LOSS INFORMATION

	PRE-INCIDENT VALUE	LOSS VALUE	VALUE SAVED
2021	\$3,890,780	\$1,134,750	\$2,756,030
2020	\$11,533,150	\$957,225	\$10,575,925
2019	\$5,618,600	\$1,396,155	\$4,222,445
2018	\$19,501,155	\$537,050	\$18,964,105
2017	\$4,866,843	\$1,450,245	\$3,416,598
2016	\$7,325,000	\$640,050	\$6,684,950
2015	\$10,883,055	\$1,760,700	\$9,122,355
2014	\$61,179,350	\$2,311,990	\$58,867,360
2013	\$48,027,131	\$999,150	\$47,027,981
2012	\$9,259,157	\$1,886,800	\$7,372,357
2011	\$5,612,750	\$853,200	\$4,759,550
2010	\$151,277,995	\$746,755	\$150,531,240
TOTAL	\$338,974,966	\$14,675,070	\$324,300,896

## BREAKDOWN OF 2021 FIRE LOSS

INCIDENT TYPE	SUM OF TOTAL LOSS
BUILDING FIRES	\$1,020,100
CHIMNEY OR FLUE FIRE, CONFINED TO CHIMNEY OR FLUE	\$500
FIRE IN MOTOR HOME, CAMPER, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE	\$20,000
PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE	\$93,500
OUTSIDE RUBBISH, TRASH OR WASTE FIRE	\$500
OVERHEATED MOTOR	\$150



# TRAINING OVERVIEW

## TRAINING

PALMER FIRE & RESCUE WELCOMED A NEW TRAINING COORDINATOR IN 2021. THE TRAINING DIVISION IS NOW LED BY FIRE TRAINING COORDINATOR JOHN PREVOST AND TRAINING IS CARRIED OUT BY A CADRE OF INSTRUCTORS FROM BOTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM SURROUNDING AND OUTSIDE AREAS. THE TRAINING DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THAT PALMER FIRE & RESCUE REMAINS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TRAINING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS.

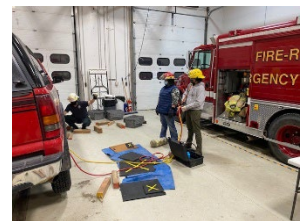
PALMER FIRE & RESCUE HAVE PERSONNEL THAT ARE TRAINED IN FIRE SUPPRESSION, FIRE INVESTIGATION, RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. ALL OF OUR CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION. NOTHING IN EMERGENCY SERVICES IS A "ONE AND DONE" TYPE OF TRAINING. STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING, THERE IS NEW EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE, AND STUDIES THAT CHANGE THE BEST PRACTICES. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRAINING DIVISION TO DELIVER UP-TO-DATE TRAINING AND KEEP OUR PERSONNEL AS EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE.



ENG. ERIC MOHRMANN MOVING EGGS WITH THE "JAWS OF LIFE"

UNFORTUNATELY, COVID HAS NOT LET UP, AND 2021 WAS FULL OF RESTRICTIONS. WE CONTINUED TO DELIVER TRAINING THROUGH VIRTUAL PLATFORMS, SMALL GROUP TRAININGS, AND USING LARGE APPARATUS BAYS AS CLASSROOMS TO ALLOW FOR PERSONNEL TO SPREAD OUT. THESE ADDITIONAL BURDENS PUT ON OUR TRAINING STAFF HAVE NOT MADE THINGS EASY, BUT THEY HAVE PERSEVERED AND CONTINUED TO DELIVER TOP NOTCH TRAINING TO OUR PEOPLE. COVID SHUTDOWNS CONTINUED TO NOT PROVIDE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN TRAININGS FOR PALMER FIRE & RESCUE PERSONNEL, HOWEVER, APPLICATION PERIODS STARTED TO OPEN UP IN THE LATER MONTHS FOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022.

LOOKING FORWARD, PALMER FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING DIVISION IS WORKING ON COMPLETING THE 2022 TRAINING CALENDAR, FORMALIZING OUR DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM, INSTITUTING A FORMAL NEW RECRUIT TRAINING PROGRAM AND CONDUCTING MORE LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR OUR OFFICERS AND POTENTIAL FUTURE OFFICERS. WE ARE ALSO ADDING ADDITIONAL MONTHLY TRAINING NIGHTS FOCUSED ON DRIVER/OPERATORS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL EDUCATION, AND NON-ENTRY QUALIFIED FIREFIGHTERS. AS MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN UP OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT, WE WILL BE SENDING PEOPLE OUT TO TRAININGS TO THEN BRING THAT TRAINING BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT AND PASS IT ON TO THE REST OF THE RESPONDERS.



ASST CHIEF (RET.) TODD RUSSELL GIVES COMMANDS TO FIREFIGHTER MO LUNDIN UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF LT ELEANOR JOHNSTON.

**IN 2021, WE HAD A TOTAL OF 5275.25 HOURS OF TRAINING LOGGED.**

THIS INCLUDES OUR REGULAR MONDAY NIGHT FIRE TRAININGS, OUR MONTHLY RESCUE TRAININGS, TRAINING WHILE ON DUTY CREW, AND CLASSES OUR PERSONNEL ATTENDED.

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR PERSONNEL:




5,275.25 HOURS








# PERSONNEL RELATED NEWS

## PROMOTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS




### FIREFIGHTER I

-  MO LUNDIN; MAY 14, 2021
-  CRYSTAL MOENAERT; FEBRUARY 19, 2021
-  NATHANIEL OUZTS; APRIL 3, 2021




### FIREFIGHTER II

-  JOSEPH BALNIUS; JANUARY 30, 2021
-  COLT GRAHAM; JANUARY 30, 2021
-  MEGAN MATTHIEU; JANUARY 30, 2021
-  SETH SHELDEN; JANUARY 30, 2021
-  JASON STONE; JULY 16, 2021



### FIRE APPARATUS DRIVER OPERATOR - PUMPER

-  COLT GRAHAM; JULY 20, 2021
-  QUINTAN HECIMOVICH; JULY 16, 2021
-  RICHARD WASHER; JUNE 25, 2021

### FIRE APPARATUS DRIVER OPERATOR – MOBILE WATER

-  COLT GRAHAM; JULY 20, 2021
-  QUINTAN HECIMOVICH; JULY 16, 2021
-  RICHARD WASHER; JUNE 25, 2021

### ENGINEER

-  CHRIS WALSH; FEBRUARY 22, 2021
-  QUINTAN HECIMOVICH; FEBRUARY 22, 2021

### LIEUTENANT

-  COLT GRAHAM; MAY 7, 2021
-  BREANNA LOVE; MAY 7, 2021

### CAPTAIN

-  BARNEY BRICKEL; APRIL 30, 2021

### ASSISTANT CHIEF

-  JOHN PREVOST; APRIL 9, 2021

### DEPUTY CHIEF













-  DAVID LUNDIN; FEBRUARY 22, 2021

















## 2021 AWARDS

### TOP RESPONDERS (CALL VOLUME)

-  FIREFIGHTER JOSEPH BALNIUS – 311 CALLS
-  LIEUTENANT ELEANOR JOHNSTON – 277 CALLS
-  LIEUTENANT COLT GRAHAM – 214 CALLS
-  DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID LUNDIN – 171 CALLS
-  CAPTAIN RICHARD WASHER – 158 CALLS
-  FIREFIGHTER MO LUNDIN – 143 CALLS
-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER TY MCKENZIE – 141 CALLS
-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER ALEXIS CALVERT – 134 CALLS
-  ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID BYERS – 128 CALLS
-  ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN PREVOST – 119 CALLS
-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER OLIVIA LUNDIN – 112 CALLS
-  CAPTAIN BARNEY BRICKEL – 103 CALLS



### TOP PARTICIPATION (TIME)

-  LIEUTENANT COLT GRAHAM – 1,186.7 HOURS
-  LIEUTENANT ELEANOR JOHNSTON – 1,158.3 HOURS
-  DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID LUNDIN – 1,010 HOURS
-  FIREFIGHTER JOSEPH BALNIUS – 848.4 HOURS
-  FIREFIGHTER MO LUNDIN – 814.7 HOURS
-  ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN PREVOST – 741.3 HOURS
-  CAPTAIN BARNEY BRICKEL – 719.8 HOURS
-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER TY MCKENZIE – 705.5 HOURS
-  CAPTAIN RICHARD WASHER – 678 HOURS
-  LIEUTENANT BREANNA LOVE – 619 HOURS
-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER ALEXIS CALVERT – 617.5 HOURS
-  CAPTAIN TREY LINDSTROM – 577.5 HOURS



### EXPLORER OF THE YEAR

-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER  
COLTEN BRICKEL

### SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

-  SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER  
OLIVIA LUNDIN

### RESCUE TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

-  FIREFIGHTER JOSEPH BALNIUS

### FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

-  FIREFIGHTER MO LUNDIN

### OFFICER OF THE YEAR

-  LIEUTENANT COLT GRAHAM

### CHIEF'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

-  CAPTAIN TREY LINDSTROM

## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

### TEN YEARS

-  LIEUTENANT JOHN DIUMENTI
-  LIEUTENANT ELEANOR  
JOHNSTON

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

-  ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID BYERS
-  ENGINEER JOHN VINDUSKA

### FIFTEEN YEARS

-  ENGINEER ALLEN MEUSER



# ONGOING INITIATIVES

- CREATE A 3 TO 10 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PALMER FIRE & RESCUE
- IMPROVE COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF PALMER, GREATER PALMER, THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, AND THE PERSONNEL OF PALMER FIRE & RESCUE
- IMPLEMENT A NEW RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROGRAM TO IMPROVE DATA ENTRY AND REPORTING
- IMPROVE THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF
- ORDER TWO NEW APPARATUS FOR GREATER PALMER
- CREATE AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTING PLAN TO IMPROVE STATIONS
- IMPROVE PALMER FIRE & RESCUE'S FIRE PREVENTION OUTREACH

