

# St. Joseph Fire Department



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## Chief's Message



2017 was a busy and exciting year for the St Joseph Fire Department. Early in the year, we started the design process for two new fire stations. They will replace two of our 100 plus year old stations. While these stations have served us well, we anxiously look forward to one story living quarters and apparatus bays large enough to accommodate modern fire equipment. In addition to the new stations, the architectural firms also did some early design work for an addition to the Headquarters station and presented us with ideas for repurposing the two old stations.

Planning for the eclipse kept the emergency manager busy. She attended and arranged meetings with state, county and local officials as well as area businesses and local citizens. Her emergency action plan was adopted and used by several area cities and counties. Although the weather did not cooperate, it was a great learning experience and went off as planned.

A change in our pension plan spurred several retirements, including our Chief Training Officer, two Battalion Chiefs, several senior captains, as well as, a number of senior firefighters. In a matter of about 6 months, the department lost over 300 hundred years of experience. While these firefighters will be tough to replace, this is an opportunity for many of our younger members to get promoted and lead a new generation of firefighters.

For the first time, we were able to offer NFPA physicals to our firefighters. Physicals were done on site and included a visit with the doctor. We were also able to offer a chest x-ray and PSA test. We also had 12 firefighters meet the "Fit as a Rookie" requirements of at least 100 hours of physical fitness.

A request from State Emergency Management for a water rescue team to help with flooding in southern Missouri resulted in the department deploying a three man team. Deployed with a team from Bethany, Mo, this group participated in over 100 water rescues over a three day period.

Along with the start of construction on our new stations in July, we also completed the installation of a new roof at Station 8, replacement of sidewalk and improved drainage at the Headquarters station,

installed a new parking lot at Station 2, and purchased two new pumpers that will arrive about the time the two new stations open.

Fire Department paramedics assisted the Health Department with their annual flu clinic and we provided EMS coverage at two major softball tournaments hosted by the Parks Department. Along with PD, Health and Public Works, Fire hosted an explorer scout group of high school students.

I am proud of our dedicated firefighters and staff. We look forward to the coming year with the opening of our new fire stations and serving as host to the Fire Fighter Association of Missouri convention in May.

Finally I would like to thank Fire Inspector Mindy Andrsevits for her efforts in compiling the information and organizing the 2017 Annual Report.

*Mike Dalsing*

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Fire Chief







### **Fire Department Mission Statement**

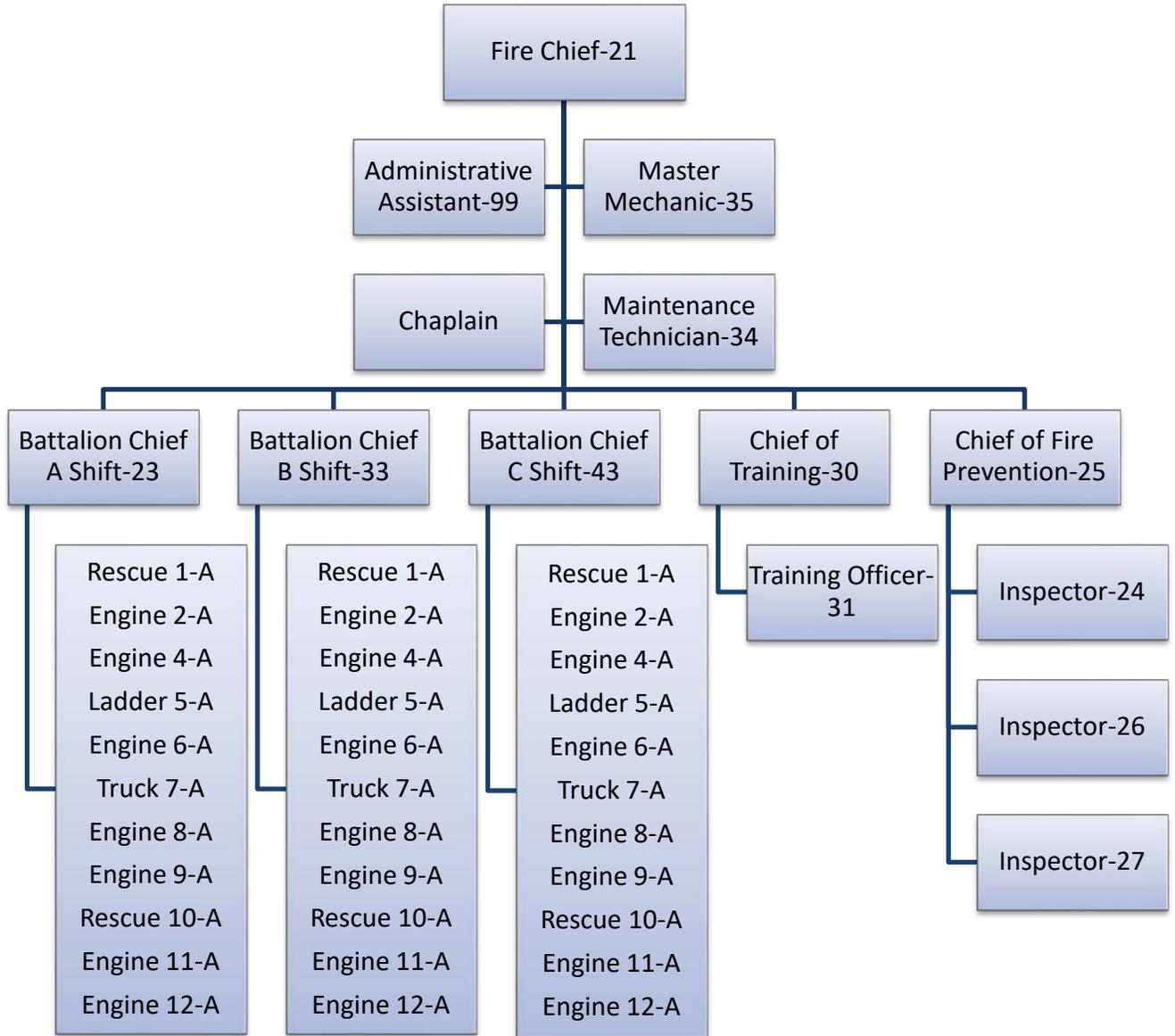
The members of the St. Joseph Fire Department are devoted to providing the highest level of protection of life, health, and property to the public and the organization.

### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is to be the creative, innovation leader in emergency and non-emergency services in the state of Missouri.

**“A Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”** We the men and women of the St. Joseph Fire Department value team work, honesty, dependability, persistence and hard work. We respect and take pride in ourselves, our department, and our city. We strive to be courteous and compassionate to each other and the citizens whom we serve. We support our community and continually seek ways to become involved in our community.

# Fire Department Organizational Chart



## 2018 Personnel



### Fire Chief

Mike Dalsing

### Chief of Prevention

Kenny Cordonnier

### Battalion Chief

Dave Richey

Steve Dalsing

Paris Jenkins

### Training Officer

Bill Lamar

### Fire Inspector

Steve Henrichson

Robert Blizzard

Mindy Andrasevits

### Administrative Assistant

Jayne Roberts

### Master Mechanic

Chris Reynolds

### Maintenance Technician

Dave Gillaspie

**Firefighters A Shift****Firefighters B Shift****Firefighters C Shift**

Shane Southard  
Skyler White  
Chad Kirkendoll  
Jim Haenni  
Ron Shryock  
Darrel Schildknecht  
Vince Lett  
Benjamin Holland  
Warren Hurley  
Eric Biller  
Craig Conard  
Rod Johnson  
Mark Haenni  
Jeff Bridgman  
Steve Dalsing  
Pat O'Connor  
Mike Doherty  
Kurt Fuehrer  
Dave Thomas  
Tommy Brummett  
Mike Wacker  
Chuck Beaty  
Nick Bestgen  
Casey Jackson  
Todd Cordonnier  
CJ Kirby  
Jay Greiner  
Billy Seibel  
Craig Hamm  
Matt Finney  
Joseph Schaal  
Bryan Williams  
Alex Quinn  
Jeff Hayes  
Cody Luke  
Alex Gonzalez  
Christopher Rhodes  
Kole Brooner  
Tim Woodruff

Jeff Willaims  
Bret Loving  
Floyd Ferguson  
Jeff Werner  
Tyler Howery  
John Phillips  
Justin Hollis  
Philip Henry  
Chad Reder  
DJ Gregory  
Tony Dillon  
Pat Bullimore  
Ron Greiner  
Troy Jordan  
Tim Foreman  
Eric Matchett  
Chad Leftin  
Loren Crum  
Mike May  
Daniel Harr  
Mike Bangerter  
Kelly Schmidt  
Andy Peterson  
Mark Stewart  
Steve Moore  
Jeff Stoll  
Dan Cordonnier  
Joel Hardee  
Mike Clay  
Jeramie Howery  
Kyle Heim  
Jeremy Turpin  
Jacob Lilly  
Max Stoll  
Sean McGhee  
Tristan Howery  
Brandon Yost

Larry Kosek  
Ivan Klippenstein  
Casey Garwood  
Cory Kite  
Casey Crocket  
Stephen Lee  
Pat McGuire  
Jamey McVicker  
Jim McMillian  
Bill Martinez  
Curtis Aldredge  
Robert Parrett  
Rick Haynes  
Rick Rainez  
Clint Nicholson  
Ryan Millush  
Sean Selecman  
Brian Zellmer  
Clement Okongwu  
Jeff Hardy  
TJ Bangerter  
Zack Bestgen  
Jimmy Williams  
Justin Roarty  
Tig Molloy  
Dennis Pasley  
Matt Hill  
Ernie Termorshuizen  
Craig Wilds  
Joshua Gregson  
Logan Shryock  
Stephen Shavnore  
Tim Gordon  
Brad Johnson  
Mark McCurley  
Stephen Wiese  
Donovan Nelson

# Personnel Changes

## Retired 2017

Bob Bangerter – 39 years  
John Underwood – 39 years  
Rick Caton – 39 years  
Mike Neylon – 37 years  
Ted Kowalewycz – 36 years  
Randy Wolfe – 36 years  
Joe Webster – 36 years  
Les Sticklely – 33 years  
Tim Puitt – 32 years  
Calvin Layden – 32 years  
Ron Boller – 28 years

## Retired 2018 (January)

Russell Moore – 43 years  
Dennis Sherlock – 42 years  
Clint Nicholson – 29 years  
Rick Rainez – 32 years



## Promoted 2017 – 2018 (January)



<u>Driver</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Battalion Chief</u>
Jeff Werner	Darrel Schildknecht	Dave Richey
Skyler White	Kurt Fuehrer	Steve Dalsing
Stephen Lee	Mike Bangerter	
Jim Haenni	Chad Kirkendoll	
Justin Hollis	Casey Crocket	
Mike May	Chad Reder	
Justin Roarty	Ivan Klippenstein	
Casey Garwood	Loren Crum	
Matthew Finney		
Cory Kite		
Ryan Millush		
Ron Shryock		
Daniel Harr		

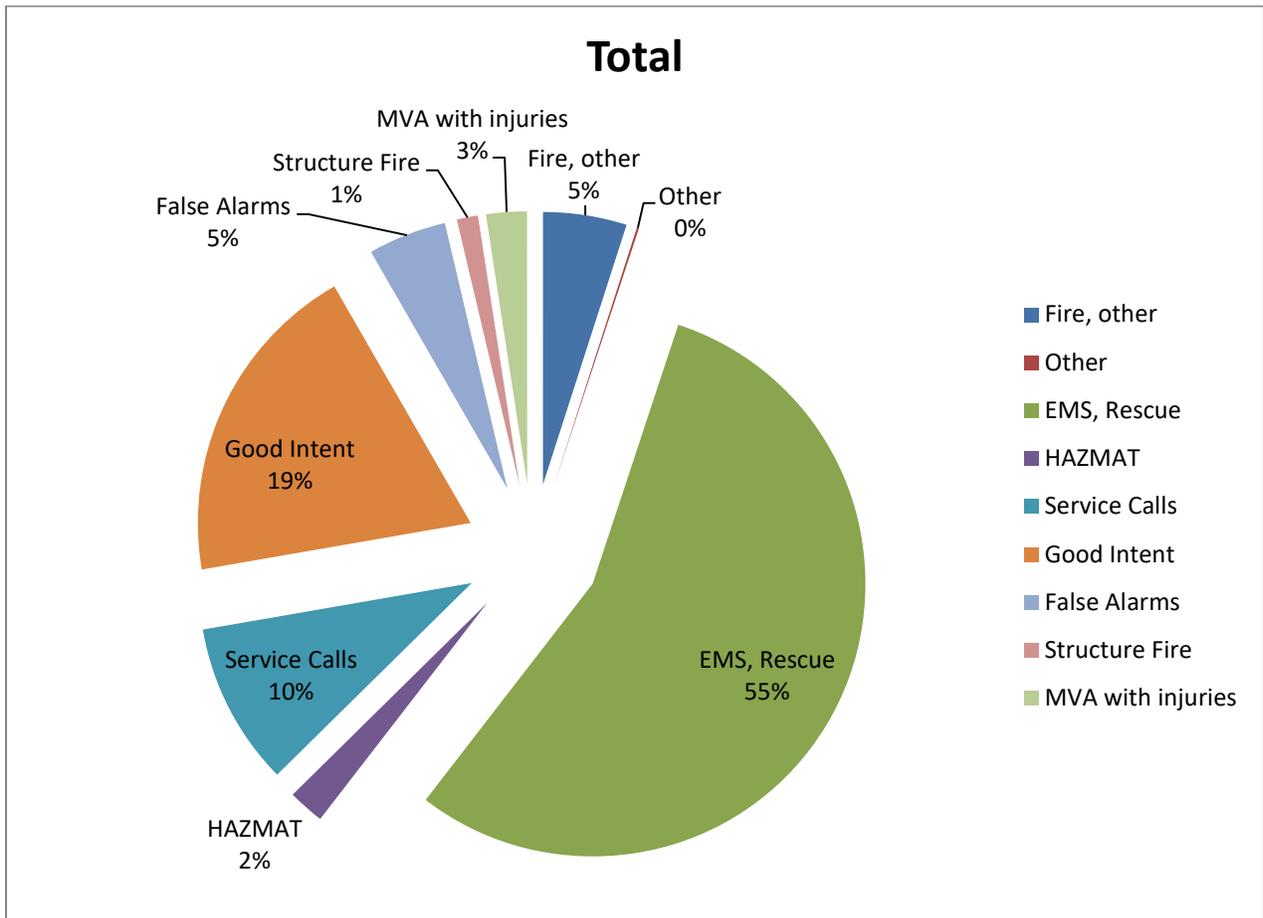
## New Employees 2017 – 2018 (January)

Mark McCurley	Jacob Lilly	Christopher Rhodes	Brandon Yost
Stephen Wiese	Max Stoll	Kole Brooner	Timothy Woodruff
Tyler Howery	Sean McGhee	Tristan Howery	Donovan Nelson
Cody Burns	Mindy Andrasevits		

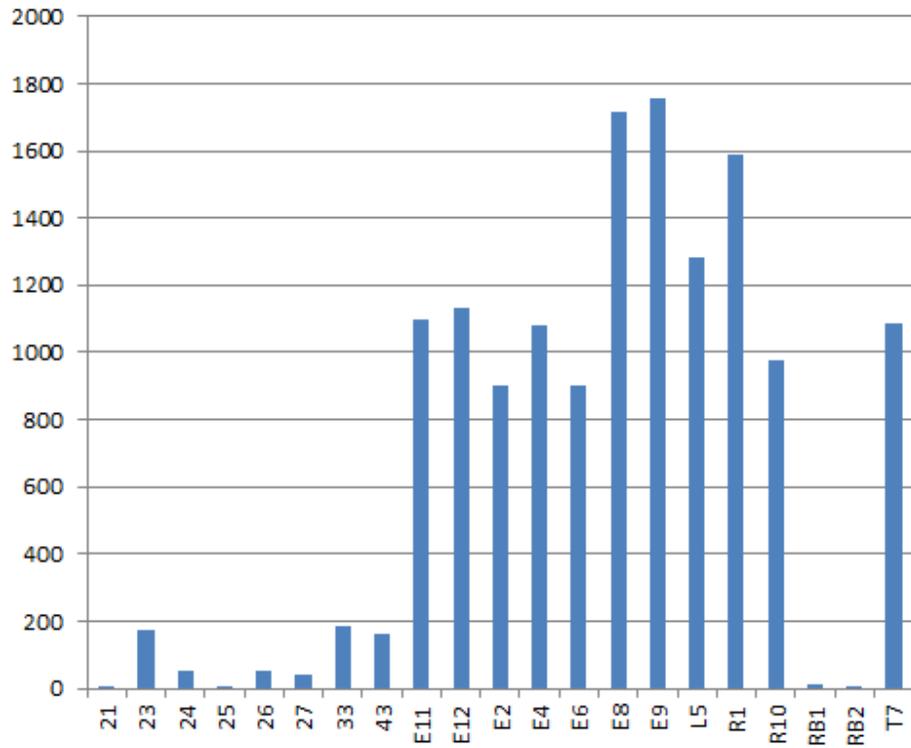
# Fire Department Calls Analysis

## 10,901 Totals Incidents

Fire, other	539
Other	14
EMS, Rescue	6038
HAZMAT	234
Service Calls	1054
Good Intent	2115
False Alarms	506
Structure Fire	137
MVA with injuries	264
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10901</b>



## 2017 Incidents Per Company



## Fire related Injuries and Fatalities

Firefighter fire scene injuries – 11

Civilian fire scene injuries – 6

Civilian fire fatalities – 2

**November 9, 2017** – Structure fire in a single family residence at 421 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street claimed the life of Robert F. Hogue Jr. Neighbors attempted to rescue the victim prior to fire department arrival, however, they were denied entry due to heavy smoke and fire. Firefighters located the victim inside the residence where he was removed from the structure and transported to the hospital. He died of his injuries. Fire investigation concluded his death was accidental due to smoking.

**December 19, 2017** – Structure fire in a single family residence at 709 E. Highland Ave. claimed the life of Barbara A. Walker. Firefighters arrived to smoke and flames showing and located the deceased just inside the residence near the front door. Fire investigation concluded her death was accidental due to smoking.



# Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Division manages five important functions which include: fire inspections, plans review, public and private education, legislation, and data collection and analysis. We have three full-time Inspector/Investigators, Chief of Prevention Kenny Cordonnier and supported by all shift personnel.

## Fire Inspections

The main objective of the Fire Prevention Division is to promote prevention and awareness through a proactive approach to fire and life-safety. One way we do this is through Fire Inspections in which we enforce fire, building, and life-safety codes and ordinances. Specific duties include:

- Conduct fire and life-safety inspections.
- Review plans for fire protection systems and life safety concerns.
- Witness the testing of fire protection and life safety equipment.
- Maintain public relations and respond to citizens' concerns regarding fire-safety.
- Provide public education and fire safety awareness programs.
- Evaluate and update codes to stay current with our city's needs.
- Review for compliance plans for fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, and hood and duct suppression systems

Our Fire Inspectors and Firefighters conducted more than **600 inspections** on business entities within city limits in 2017. These inspections included new business walk-thrus, inspections for code compliance, complaints, certificate for occupancy and company inspections for life safety.

# Public Education

The most effective method of fire prevention is public education. Our Fire Prevention team conducted over **285 hours** of public fire and safety education activities throughout the year, reaching over **7,000** children and adults. These events included various workplace fire extinguisher trainings and safety drills, health and safety fairs, public school fire safety presentations, station tours, and partnerships with:

**St. Joseph Youth Alliance**

**Tiny Tot Town**

**Vet To Vet**

**Safety Acres**

**Safety Council**

**Safety Town**

**Children's Fair**

**Kids Safe Day**



# Fire Department Training

The Training Division provides training in all aspects of emergency services including fire suppression and tactics, hazard material operations, confined space rescue, water/ice rescue, and emergency medical services education and credentialing. It is a constantly evolving entity that is charged with educating the members of the Fire Department on the dynamic methodology of the fire service.

## 2017 Accomplishments

**October Hose Testing** – All hose sections inspected for damage and tested at 250 psi for 5 minutes. Failed sections are marked and removed from service.

**Target Solutions** – Online Firefighter training and tracking program implemented with nearly 97% compliance by end of year.

**Nomex Hood Trade-Out** – Firefighter hoods were traded out for new ones as part of our cancer prevention program.

**Search & Rescue Training** – Training course attended by all on-duty personnel at Hillyard Chemical.

**Missouri American Water** – Granted funds in the amount of \$1200 for the purchase of additional hose for fire suppression.

**TransCanada Pipeline** – Funds donated in the amount of \$500.

