

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2012

Clif Richardson, Board of Directors Chairman  
Central Fire Protection District #4  
11646 Sullivan Road  
Baton Rouge, La. 70818

Dear Mr. Richardson,

With this document, I submit to you, and the Board of Directors, the activities of the Central Fire Protection District #4 for the year 2011.

The Central Fire District was awarded grants in 2011 that total more than 128,000 dollars. We have continued to be very aggressive in pursuing grant dollars and the Central community is reaping the benefits.

Through continuous training, planning, public education, and by the use of the latest methods of rescue, first aid, and fire fighting, the Central Fire Department will continue to provide services to the citizens of the Central Community in the protection of life and property from fire, and other emergencies.

Sincerely,

Bill Porche, Fire Chief

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Central Fire Protection District #4 has the responsibility of providing services to the citizens of the Central Community in the protection of life and property from the perils of fire and other emergencies, through the execution of the latest methods of rescue, first aid, and firefighting.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 is a combination volunteer/paid fire service organization maintaining five stations, an administration, and a training facility.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 is dedicated to the preservation of life and property in the community and to continuously improve the capability and delivery of our public service.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 will manage its fire service task with the highest regard for humanity, safety, property preservation, the environment, cost, and community well being.

## HISTORY

### FIRE CHIEFS, PAST AND PRESENT:

L. J. Robinson	1972-1973
Jesse Callendar	1973-1974
Huey Kinchen	1974-1976
Grover Stephens	1976-1982
Huey Kinchen	1982-1985
Bill Colley	1985-1987
Carroll Campbell	1988-1995
Bill Porche	1996-Present

The Central Volunteer Fire Department was created in 1972, with an old donated truck, which was housed in the back yards of dedicated volunteers. Since that time, it has grown to one of the largest and best fire departments in the Parish.

When the Central Volunteer Fire Department went into active duty on February 10, 1972, there were 150 volunteers under the direction of Fire Chief L. J. Robinson, who served until resigning in August of 1973.

Jesse Callendar served as Fire Chief from August 1973 until January 1974. Huey Kinchen served as Chief from February 1974 until December 1976. It was during this time the City Council officially created the Central Fire Protection District #4 of East Baton Rouge Parish, although it is still known to this day as the Central Volunteer Fire Department.

Grover Stephens became Fire Chief in 1976 and is credited with housing the first Central fire truck at his residence on Lovett Road, and having the Insurance Class rating lowered from a Class 10 to a Class 7. In 1983, under the direction of Fire Chief Kinchen, the insurance rating was lowered from a Class 7 to a Class 5.

In 1985, under the direction of Fire Chief Bill Colley, a tax millage was passed allowing the Central Fire District to hire a paid Fire Chief and three paid firefighter/operators, one per shift to man Station 31, which is located at 11646 Sullivan Road, just north of Hooper Road. Chief Colley also oversaw the construction of Station 33, located at 7019 Donnybrook (corner of Donnybrook and Greenwell Springs Road), and Station 34, located at 15341 East Beaver (corner of East Beaver and Denham Road).

In March of 1988, Carroll M. Campbell was appointed Fire Chief. During this time, he supervised the completion of Station 33 and Station 34. In 1989 Chief Carroll M. Campbell created an Assistant Fire Chief position held by Bill Porche, which lowered the Insurance rating again from a Class 5 to a Class 4.

In January 1996, Bill Porche became Fire Chief of the Central Fire District, a position he continues to hold at the present time. Under the direction and supervision of Chief Bill Porche, the Insurance rating was lowered from a Class 4 to a Class 3, and the new Station 31 was built (located on Sullivan and Hooper).

In November of 2002, a 5 mil tax was passed by the Central Community to bring up the employee salaries to the Parish average beginning in January of 2003.

At the end of 2004, land was purchased and design work began for the building of two new Central Fire stations. These stations will be located on Monticello Boulevard (Station 32), and Lovett Road (Station 35).

In 2005, the Central Fire Protection District #4 began construction of the two new fire stations. The new Station 32 opened December 13, 2005, and Station 35 was opened in September of 2006.

In 2007, Central was awarded a SAFER grant from FEMA to hire six new firefighters. Concrete was poured on the grassy area on the north side of the building of Station 31, and a new 150 kilowatt natural gas powered emergency generator with an automatic switch was installed. Also, in 2007, Station 34 was remodeled.

Nine firefighters were hired in 2008 six funded by the SAFER grant, this allowed us to promote nine captains and double the manning at three of our five stations.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 maintains 5 stations, and all 5 of these stations are manned 24 hours a day. Central Fire Protection District #4 covers over 67 square miles, and has 26 career employees, 11 contract employees, 3 volunteer firefighters, and responds to over 2,000 emergencies a year. The Central Fire District includes approximately 35,000 residents, 10,000 homes, over 500 businesses, and over one billion dollars worth of property.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Central Fire Protection District #4 is governed by a five-member board of commissioners. The Fire Chief reports directly to and makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners serve without compensation. They meet monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of each month, at the Department's Administrative Office at 11646 Sullivan Rd.

The 2011 Central Fire Protection District #4 Board of Commissioners:

Board Chairman – Clif Richardson

Board Secretary – Chuck Langlois

Commissioner -Van Guarino

Commissioner – Dr. Scott Browning,

Commissioner – Kenneth Montgomery Sr.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Central Fire Protection District #4 (Central Fire Department) has maintained an ISO Class three (3) rating by meeting all the requirements, assuring the citizens in the Central Community the best possible fire protection, and very low fire insurance rates.
- Purchased 15 sets of firefighting gear with funds acquired by the State.
- Replaced all hand line nozzles with high flow low pressure nozzles. These nozzles were purchased with fund from state LaGap grant.
- Initiated Parish wide rapid intervention crews (RIC) to provide rescue capabilities for firefighters in hazardous situations.
- Upgrade and enhance fire department website to provide our citizens with more up to date and timely information.
- Assistant Chief Eller and Captain Glover became Certified Child Passenger Seat Technicians. 14 seats were corrected in 2011





## ADMINISTRATION

Under the direction of the Fire Chief and with the assistance of the Assistant Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, and Training Officers, our administrative offices work closely together in seeing that the administrative duties are handled efficiently. The Central Fire Department proudly does its job in providing professional services to the citizens of the Central Community in the protection of life and property from the perils of fire, and other emergencies. With the support and help of the Secretary to the Fire Chief and other paid personnel, the Fire Chief and his administrative staff's duties are made easier and are carried out in a well-organized manner. This results in the smooth and efficient operations of the Central Fire Department.

This division maintains records of all personnel, training, maintenance of vehicles and facilities, budgets and financial data which it organizes, analyzes, and prioritizes in order that recommendations may be directed to the Fire Chief for his use in running the day-to-day operations of the department.

### The Central Fire Department Personnel in 2011:

#### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>
Porche, Bill	Fire Chief	03/01/86
Mondrick, Charles	Deputy Fire Chief	03/01/91
Eller, Bobby	Assistant Fire Chief	02/01/88
McCutcheon, Bert	District Fire Chief	02/01/00
Knippers, Marcy	Secretary to Fire Chief	01/01/06
Clark, Emily	Clerical	07/01/08

#### OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>
Branscum, Stephen	Captain/Training Officer	01/01/99
Craven, Bobby	Captain	05/31/98
Craven, Chad	Captain/Safety Officer	07/01/01
Dix, Robin	Captain	03/01/01
Dunham, Kenneth	Captain	02/01/06
Glover, Derek	Captain/Fire Prevention	03/15/98
Haynes, Samuel	Captain	06/01/05
Starns, Brad	Captain	03/15/00
Withers, Chris	Captain	05/01/99

## ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

### CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>
Alexander, Ryan	Firefighter/Operator	09/01/08
Clark, Brian	Firefighter/Operator	06/01/07
Clark, Michael	Firefighter/Operator	02/01/06
Cullen, Brandon	Firefighter/Operator	04/01/08
Impson, Jason	Firefighter/Operator	05/01/11
Johnson, Steven	Firefighter/Operator	09/01/08
Jordan, Preston	Firefighter/Operator	04/01/08
Kelly, Michael	Firefighter/Operator	09/01/08
Krumholt, Brian	Firefighter/Operator	09/01/08
Martin, Blake	Firefighter/Operator	04/01/08
Martin, Justin Corey	Firefighter/Operator	05/01/07
McCutcheon, Bert Jr.	Firefighter/Operator	11/01/11
Roberts, Jimmy	Firefighter/Operator	08/01/05
Ross, Ronald	Firefighter/Operator	09/01/08
Verbois, Nathan	Firefighter/Operator	01/01/07

### CONTRACT FIREFIGHTERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>
Chandler, Jody	Firefighter/Operator	03/18/99
Denicola, Guy III	Firefighter/Operator	11/30/00
Dixon, Caleb	Firefighter/Operator	12/15/11
Henson, Dustin	Firefighter/Operator	12/01/07
Hines, Britton	Firefighter/Operator	04/15/06
Knippers, Kevin	Firefighter/Operator	01/27/04
Mondrick, Wes	Firefighter/Operator	09/01/00
Stockstill, Paul, Jr.	Firefighter/Operator	01/04/00
Thibodeaux, Trent	Firefighter/Operator	11/15/10
Wascom, Woody	Firefighter/Operator	11/23/11
Witt, Ben	Firefighter/Operator	03/01/03

### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>JOIN DATE</u>
Barnett, Jim	Volunteer Medic	05/01/09
Dupuy, Shane	Volunteer Firefighter	05/01/09
Richards, Mike	Volunteer Firefighter	07/25/07

**PERSONNEL CHANGES IN 2011**

**CAREER HIRE**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Impson, Jason	Firefighter/Operator	05/01/11
McCutcheon, Bert Jr.	Firefighter/Operator	11/01/11

**CONTRACT HIRE**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Dixon, Caleb	Firefighter/Operator	12/15/11
Wascom, Woody	Firefighter/ Operator	11/23/11

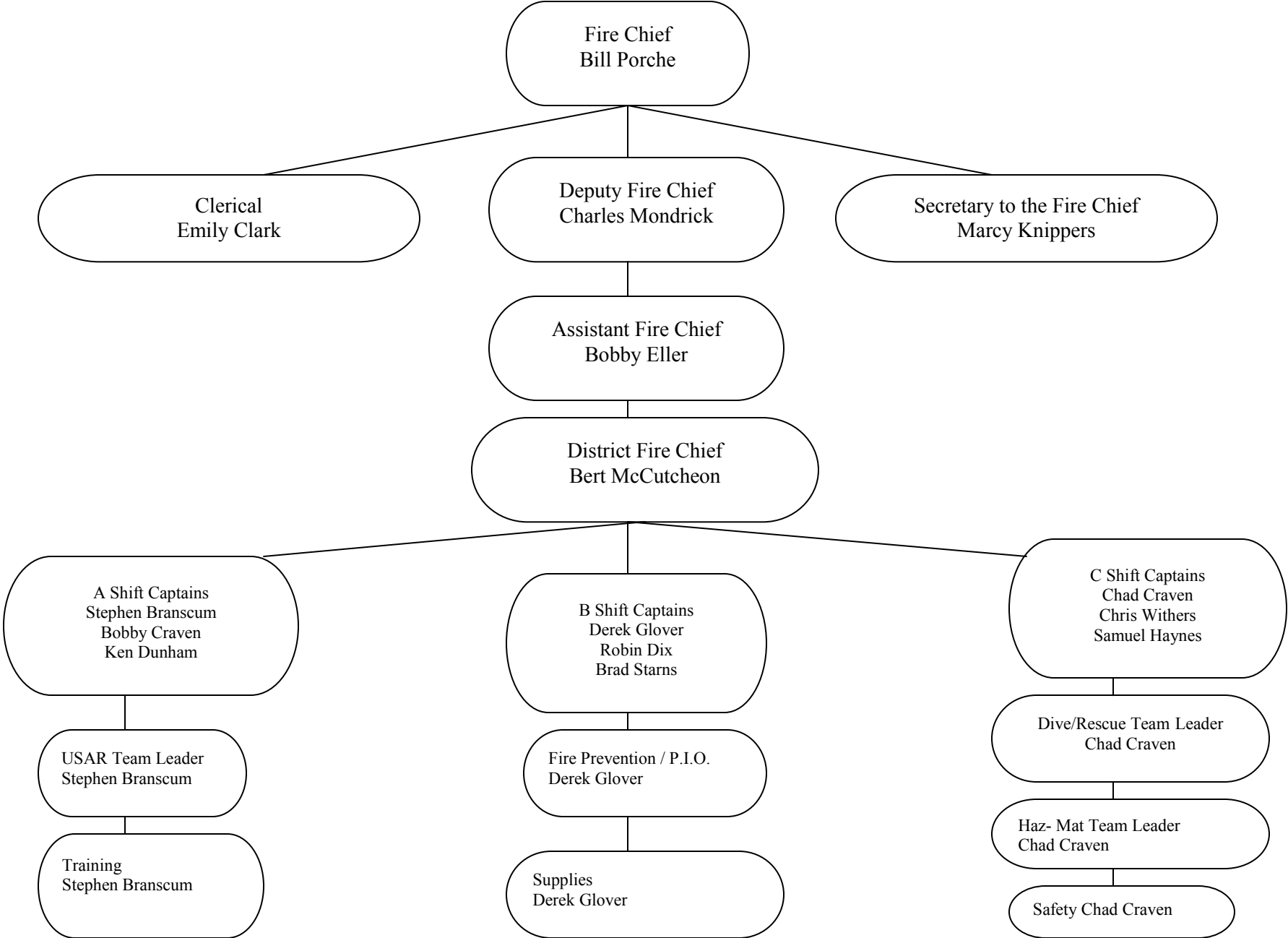
**RESIGNATION**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
Felps, Chris	Firefighter/Operator
Curtis, Robert	Firefighter/Operator
Lawson, Brian	Firefighter/Operator

## PERSONNEL STATISTICS

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>NO.</b>
Fire Chief	1
Deputy Fire Chief	1
Assistant Fire Chief	1
Secretary to the Fire Chief	1
Clerical	1
<b>TRAINING</b>	
Training Officer	1
<b>FIRE SUPPRESSION</b>	
Deputy Fire Chief	1
Assistant Fire Chief	1
District Fire Chief	1
Fire Captains	9
Full-Time Firefighter/Operator	15
Contract Firefighter/Operator	11
Volunteer Firefighter	3
<b>FIRE PREVENTION</b>	
Fire Prevention Captain	1
<b>SAFETY OFFICER</b>	
Safety Officer	1
<b>SPECIAL DIVISIONS</b>	
Supply Officer	1
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b>	
Hazardous Materials Team Leader	1
<b>DIVE/RESCUE</b>	
Technical Dive/Rescue Team Leader	1
<b>URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE</b>	
USAR Team Members	4

Central Fire Protection District #4  
Organizational Chart



## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

The Administrative Offices of the Central Fire Department were constructed in the year of 1996, and are located at 11646 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge Louisiana 70818. These offices include: Offices for the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, Secretary to the Fire Chief, Training & Safety Division, Fire Prevention, and Supply Division.

The Administrative Office Building also includes a Conference Room used by the Board of Commissioners for meetings, and a training room which is used for firefighter training. The training room is made available to the people living in the Central Community and surrounding areas to be used by civic associations, scout troops, and other organizations for their meetings. The training room is also used as an emergency operations center during times of severe inclement weather situations such as tropical storms and hurricanes.



## STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS

### CENTRAL FIRE STATIONS

#### STATION 31

11646 Sullivan Road Baton Rouge, La. 70818-2941

Original building was constructed in the year 1972. Reconstruction was done and new additions to the original building were made in 1996.

A 150 kilowatt natural gas powered emergency generator with automatic switch, and 2 two-position fill stations and 1 mobile fill panel were added in 2007.

Engine 313	2000	HME Pumper	1250 GPM - 1000 Gallon Capacity
Tanker 316	1994	International Tanker	1000 GPM - 1500 Gallon Capacity
Rescue 318	1993	International Truck	Heavy Rescue / Service Truck
Unit 317	2002	Ford 4WD Truck	70 GPM-150 Gallon Capacity/ Grass/Brush
Unit 312	2000	Ford Van	Service Unit
Rescue 319	2008	Ford F-350	Rescue Unit/Service Unit
All Utility Vehicle	2005	John Deere Gator	All terrain Rescue Unit
All Utility Vehicle	2005	Polaris Ranger 6X6	60 GPM – 70 Gallon Capacity
Service Unit		Haz-Mat Trailer	Hazardous Materials Service Unit



**Station 31**



**Engine 313**



**Rescue 318**



**Tanker 316**



**Rescue 319**



**Unit 312**



**Polaris Ranger 6X6**



**Unit 317 – Grass/Brush**



**John Deere Gator**

**STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**STATION 32**

4864 Monticello Blvd. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814-6341  
Constructed in the year 2005.

Engine 323	2000	HME Pumper	1250 GPM – 1000 Gallon Capacity
Rescue 328	1997	Ford Truck	Service Truck/Technical Rescue



**Station 32**



**Engine 323**



**Zodiac Rescue Boat**



**Rescue Boat**



**Rescue 328 Service Truck/Technical Rescue**



## STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS (CONTINUED)

### STATION 33

7019 Donnybrook Avenue Greenwell Springs, Louisiana 70739-4252

This building was constructed in the year 1985.

Engine 333	2005	Intruder 2 Pumper	1250 GPM – 1000 Gallon Capacity
Rescue 338	1997	Ford Truck	Rescue Truck
Officer's Unit 303	2009	Chevy Tahoe	District Fire Chief Bert McCutcheon
Rescue Boat	1993	Boat & trailer	Water Rescue & Recovery
Rescue Boat	1995	Zodiac Boat & Trailer	Water Rescue & Recovery



**Station 33**



**Engine 333**



**Rescue 338**



**Tanker 346 serving as Reserve Engine**



**Officer Unit 303**

## STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS (CONTINUED)

### STATION 34

15341 East Beaver Drive Pride, Louisiana 70770-9626

Constructed in the year 1985, and remodeled in 2007.

Engine 343	1997	Freightliner Pumper	1500 GPM – 1000 Gallon Capacity
Tanker 346	1994	Reserve Eng. /Tanker	1000 GPM – 1500 Gallon Capacity
Safety House	1999	Fire Safety House & Trailer	Fire Prevention & Safety Demonstrations



**Station 34**



**Engine 343**



**Safety House**



**Hazardous Materials Unit**

## STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS (CONTINUED)

### STATION 35

10626 Lovett Road Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70818-4813

Constructed in the year 2005.

Engine 353	2005	Intruder 2 Pumper	1250 GPM – 1000 Gallon Capacity
Tanker 356	1994	International Tanker	1000 GPM – 1500 Gallon Capacity
Officer's Unit 301	2006	Ford Crown Victoria	Deputy Fire Chief Charles Mondrick



**Station 35**



**Engine 353**



**Tanker 356**



**Officer's Unit 301**

## TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division is under the direction of Captain Stephen Branscum who manages the many tasks of recording training statistics, and organization of training meetings for the fire department.

The Central Fire Department has an extensive training program for its full-time, contract, and volunteer firefighters. The paid firefighters must attend a 4 hour mandatory training session each month. They are also required to complete 3 hours of individual in-service training per shift. Volunteer Firefighters are required to obtain 22 hours of training quarterly. Each quarter, 12 of the 22 hours of required training, must come from the Central Fire Department training meetings. Any other training beyond these 12 hours may come from lesson plans, videos, and individual training. The following are training hours accrued by this department. They are:

Officers:	2967
Career:	5170
Contract:	403
Volunteer:	22

Total number of training hours for 2011: 8,562 Hours

## TRAINING EVENTS 2011

### March

Captain Branscum attended a 24 hour Wide Area Search class for USAR operations. This class provides a basis for search strategies in the aftermath of large scale disasters such as tornados or hurricanes.

### May

Assistant Chief Eller and Captain Glover attended A Child Passenger Safety Training Program. This 30 our class covers proper installation and inspections of child safety seats.

### August

CFD Instructors completed teaching Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) classes, as well as RIC Command classes throughout CFD and the outlying parish departments. At the conclusion of the training, the East Baton Rouge Parish Fire Chief's Association gave their approval and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations went into effect.

### September

Captain Haynes attended a 24 hour Wide Area Search class for USAR operations. This class provides a basis for search strategies in the aftermath of large scale disasters such as tornados or hurricanes.

### October

CFD personnel had to attend training to learn operational characteristics of the new nozzles for initial attack lines on the 5 engines. This training also allowed CFD to reconfigure the hose loads on these engines to facilitate easier deployment.

## CERTIFICATIONS

As of December 31, 2011, many of our employees and volunteers received training hours and certifications in the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE &amp; CERTIFICATIONS</u>
Eller, Bobby	Child Passenger Safety Technician
Glover, Derek	Child Passenger Safety Technician
Krumholt, Brian	Officer I
McCutcheon, Bert Jr.	EMT- Basic
Thibodeaux, Trent	Firefighter II
Witt, Ben	EMT- Basic

## TYPES OF TRAINING

Automatic External Defibrillator  
Apparatus Check Procedures  
Arson- Methods & Motives  
Building Construction  
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation  
Communications Equipment  
Confined Space Rescue  
Critical Incident Stress  
Disaster Preparedness  
District Familiarization  
Dive Training  
Driver/Operator Handbook  
Driver Training (Classroom)  
Driver Training Practical  
Electrical Safety  
Emergency Drive Time  
Emergency Medical Services  
Emergency Medical Technician  
Equipment Review  
Fire Alarms  
Fire Attack  
Fire Behavior  
Fire Department Organization  
Fire Extinguishers  
Fire Hose  
Firefighter I Skills  
Firefighter Safety  
Fire Inspections  
First Responder  
Foam  
Forcible Entry  
Fundamentals of Fire Suppression  
General Building Construction  
General Driver Training  
General Fire Control  
General Fire Prevention  
Grass Fires

Hazardous Materials Awareness  
Hazardous Materials Operations  
Hazardous Materials Overview  
Hose Handling  
Hose Lays  
Hydrant Operations  
Hydraulics  
Incident Command System  
Industrial Firefighting  
Ladders  
Large Diameter Hose  
Liquid Propane Gas Fires  
MayDay Procedures  
Officer Training  
Performance Standards  
Personal Protective Equipment  
Portable Equipment  
Pump Operations  
Rehab  
Report Writing  
Ropes & Knots  
Rope Rescue  
Salvage & Overhaul  
SCBA Orientation  
SCBA Testing & Filing  
Search & Rescue  
Sprinkler Systems  
Standard Operational Procedures  
Strategic & Tactical Operations  
Tanker Shuttle  
Target Hazard Analysis  
Team Building  
Technical Rescue Equipment  
Thermal Imaging Camera  
Vehicle Extrication  
Vehicle Fires  
Ventilation

## TRAINING HOURS RECEIVED

### ADMINISTRATION

Porche, Bill	8
Mondrick, Charles	32
Eller, Bobby	59
McCutcheon, Bert	5
Total Hours: 104	

### OFFICERS

Branscum, Stephen	329
Craven, Bobby	348
Craven, Chad	317
Dix, Robin	342
Dunham, Ken	334
Glover, Derek	307
Haynes, Samuel	290
Starns, Brad	306
Withers, Chris	290
Total Hours: 2,863	

### FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

Alexander Ryan	381
Clark Brian	346
Clark Michael	386
Cullen Brandon	264
Curtis Robert	232
Felps, Christopher	52
Impson, Jason	273
Johnson, Steven	318
Jordan, Preston	339
Kelly, Michael	195
Krumholt, Brian	322
Lawson, Brian	263
Martin, Blake	338
Martin, Corey	324
McCutcheon, Bert Jr.	112
Roberts, Jimmy	346
Ross, Ronald	337
Verbois, Nathan	342
Total Hours: 5,170	

**TRAINING HOURS RECEIVED (CONTINUED)**

CONTRACT FIREFIGHTERS

Chandler, Jody	3
Denicola, Guy	25
Henson, Dustin	107
Hines, Britton	122
Knippers, Kevin	33
Thibodeaux, Trent	42
Wascom, Woody	14
Witt, Ben	57
Total Hours:	403

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Branscum, James	3
Barnett, Jim	11
Dupuy, Shane	8
Total Hours:	22

Total number of training hours for 2011: 8,562



Entry Training in house donated



Trucks in position



Racking Hose



Practicing Ventilation



## **DIVE/RESCUE TEAM**

The Central Fire Department has a dive/rescue team led by Captain Chad Craven, who organizes and sets up training, practical exercises, and evaluations. This team consists of fire department personnel who have spent many hours obtaining the most up-to-date training in different types of dive/rescue and recovery.

The Central Fire Department Dive/Rescue Team members meet every month for an eight hour day of extensive training on swift water, dive/rescue, and recovery techniques. All members are required to attend a minimum of 3 training dives annually. The Central Fire Department Dive/Rescue Team training consists of open water dive, and search & recovery.

All five of our divers successfully passed the NAUI Advanced Open water class and checkout dives. This certification brings those divers up to the NFPA 1670 standard which sets the minimum qualifications for a dive rescue operation.

The Dive Team was able to purchase 2 sets of emergency air sources that operate with our SCUBA or Surface Supplied Breathing Apparatus. These allow the divers to stay in place underwater while help comes to assist us in an emergency. This new air source also will enable the diver to bail out of our current breathing system and come to the surface if any problems arise.

The Dive Team also made overhauls to the underwater communications helmets to improve reliability and function.

Training received by the Central Fire Department Dive/Rescue Team in 2011:

- Every member completed an “Individual Performance Evaluation” that included: Treading water (survival swim) for ten minutes, swim twenty-five yards underwater in one breath, swim 220 yards non-stop, any stroke, in 8 minutes or less, and recover a 10 lb. object from 8-10 feet of water. Each member also completed evaluation exercises in their wet suits and diving gear.
- The Louisiana State Police dive pool, which is 18 feet deep, was used for dive training sessions.
- The Central Fire Department Dive/Rescue Team trained in the use of a GPS (Global Positioning System) to map points on the Amite River South of the Magnolia Bridge road where access could be made to bring patients out from the river area, or bring needed equipment into the river area.
- Emergency procedures involving a “diver-in-distress.”
- Reactions to current water conditions, time-of-day, required type of response, and resources required to mitigate the incident.
- Debriefing of other agencies and members of the dive/rescue team.
- Maintained rescue vehicles including the dive/rescue response truck, aluminum boat, rubber zodiac boat, and dive/rescue equipment.
- Back-mounted and surface supplied air source including wired communications.
- Set-up incidents involving gathering information of last point seen, and activities when last seen.
- Practiced the use and importance of dive signals to each diver.
- Refreshed on map usage and search patterns to be incorporated during an underwater search.

## **DIVE/RESCUE TEAM (CONTINUED)**



**Central Dive Team in action**

The following is a list of the Central Fire Department Dive/Rescue Team members, the hours of their individual training for 2011, and their certifications:

<b>Divers</b>	<b>Training Hours</b>	<b>Certifications</b>
Branscum, Capt. Stephen	4	Search, Rescue, Recovery/ Open water SCUBA Diver
Craven, Capt Chad	47	Search, Rescue, Recovery/ Open water SCUBA Diver/ Advanced Open Water
Craven, Capt Bobby	36	Search, Rescue, Recovery/ Open water SCUBA Diver/ Advanced Open Water
Starns, Capt Brad	36	Search, Rescue, Recovery/ Open water SCUBA Diver/ Advanced Open Water
Clark, Michael	37	Open Water Diver/ Advanced Open water diver
Verbois, Nathan	49	Open Water Diver/ Advanced Open water diver
Total	209	

Total time spent training on dive/rescue by Team personnel for 2011: 209 Hours

The Dive team had two responses for water rescue/body recovery for the 2011 year.

- 08/10/11 Citizen was injured while tubing in the Amite River. CFD personnel searched for victim with Gator and Rescue boat. EBRSO, EBREMS and City Police Helicopter Unit helped located victim. He was air lifted from river by City Police and dropped off at a field corner of Hooper and Greenwell Springs, where CFD assisted EMS with pt transfer from helo to stretcher.
- 12/28/11 CFD assisted Chaneyville VFD in locating and removing pt from Comite River. Found male patient uninjured sitting on sunken ATV in middle of river. Pt was thrown life jacket and pulled to shore, then turned over to EMS for treatment.

## USAR TEAM

In 2009, the State of Louisiana reorganized their USAR efforts. In doing so, three task forces were formed. La Task Force 1 (New Orleans), La Task Force 2 (Baton Rouge) and La Task Force 3 (Shreveport), were formed. The core group that was EBR-USAR was absorbed into La Task Force 2. Captain Stephen Branscum, Captain Samuel Haynes, Captain Chad Craven and Firefighter Michael Clark are members of the Louisiana Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 2 (LaTF-2).

The regional concept begun by the State of Louisiana provides for a faster approach to local incidents in the state, with the ability to combine teams in response to large-scale disasters. Each member has received extensive training in structural collapse, heavy rescue, heavy lifting/rigging, water rescue/boat operations, trench rescue, high angle and confined space rescue, as well as many other training topics.

LaTF-2 is a 110 person task force, consisting of a 3 platoon system. Each platoon consists of 33 members plus command staff. At all times, there is one platoon deployable, one platoon on stand-by and one platoon in training. This rotates on a monthly basis and this model is the same for all 3 task forces.

The roles of CFD personnel on Louisiana Task Force 2 are:

Captain Stephen Branscum- Rescue Manager  
Captain Trip Haynes- Logistics Officer  
Captain Chad Craven- Rescue Specialist  
Firefighter Michael Clark- Rescue Specialist

On May1, 2011, Louisiana Task Force groups 1, 2 and 3 were activated to respond to Tuscaloosa, Al. This response was to assist in rescue and recovery efforts as a result of the EF4 tornado that struck the town in late April. Captains Branscum and Haynes were deployed with LaTF2. Captain Haynes was placed in charge of all logistical needs for the duration of the deployment. This task entailed tracking all equipment issued to personnel, ordering and securing all necessary supplies. Captain Branscum was placed in charge of a Rescue Squad. This squad used k-9 teams and personnel to assist in searching areas hit within the city limits of Tuscaloosa, Al. This search area was  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile wide and 6 miles long. Together with Louisiana Task Force 1 (New Orleans) and Louisiana Task Force 3 (Shreveport) this area was searched in 5 days. This allowed for the city to begin debris removal without fear of hurting survivors or harming any deceased.



**Loading Gear to head for Tuscaloosa, AL**

## **RAPID INTERVENTION CREW (RIC)**

Rapid Intervention Crew better know as RIC, is a special response team that is called to action when there is a situation of a firefighter needing assistance. These crews are trained to assist/ save any firefighter that might have been injured while fighting a fire. The RIC crews are all trained to be prepared for any situation to rescue a downed firefighter.

In August 2011 CFD and surrounding areas completed Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) training and the East Baton Rouge Parish Fire Chief's Association gave their approval for the RIC operations to start. From 8/15/11 until 12/31/11 CFD responded to and assisted Brownsfield FD as RIC on 5 occasions and to District 6 Fire Department on 3 occasions. CFD has received RIC assistance on 3 occasions from Baton Rouge FD and on 2 occasions from Zachary FD.



**RIC Tools**



## PUBLIC EDUCATION

Fire prevention is one of the most important functions of the Central Fire Department. Through effective fire prevention activities such as public education, public relations, fire code enforcement / inspections, and pre-fire planning, many costly and life threatening fires and injuries can be prevented or minimized to assure safety to the residents and business community of Central.

Our Fire Prevention and Public Education program is headed by Captain Derek Glover. Captain Glover, with the help of several of our firefighters, conducts different types of public education and Fire Prevention and Safety education. In most Fire Prevention demonstrations, “Sparky the Fire Dog” Robot is used to assist in the training and education of children in schools and childcare centers in the Central Community, and surrounding communities. Fire Prevention and Fire Safety presentations and demonstrations are usually conducted with the Safety “Smoke House,” which has proved to be a valuable fire safety educational tool for children and adults. Fire Extinguisher demonstrations are also conducted in our Fire District.

The Central Fire Department continues to present a “Smoke Detector Campaign”, whereas smoke detectors are installed in the homes of the elderly and less fortunate. Installing a smoke alarm, carbon monoxide detector, and battery check in the Central Fire District, continues to be a free service provided by our Fire Prevention/Fire Safety Division. We installed 40 new smoke alarms and replaced 5 batteries in our community for 2011.

The Central Fire Department provides the latest updated educational information and training classes in Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). In 2011, Certified CPR Instructors Chad Craven, Derek Glover and Samuel Haynes taught 10 CPR classes to 74 persons.

The Central Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Division will continue to provide public education programs that give everyone in our community the opportunity to participate in, and attend various demonstrations and educational classes (e.g., CPR, first aid). These programs promote fire prevention and fire safety in the homes, schools, childcare centers, or places of business in the Central Community and surrounding areas.

Fire Prevention and Public Education Activities for 2011 total 36 events reaching out to over 4200 individuals.



**Bullex**  
**Fire**  
**Extinguisher**  
**Training**

## PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS

Fire Station Tours 6  
School Demos 8  
Daycare Center Demos 6  
Fire Extinguisher Classes 4  
Churches 6  
Festivals 3  
St. Jude Dream Day (Smokehouse) 1  
Birthday Parties 2

Over 4,200 Individuals reached by our  
Fire Prevention programs.



**Demo at St. Alphonsus School with Safety House**



**Going  
through  
Safety  
House**

Total number of persons in the Central community, EBR Parish and surrounding areas attending a Central Fire Department Fire Prevention and Public Education class or activity in 2011 was 4209.

## CHILD SAFETY SEAT

Many children are not properly restrained, by either being in an incorrect seat or that child safety seat being incorrectly installed in the vehicle. Assistant Chief Bobby Eller and Captain Derek Glover completed a week long class to learn the proper techniques on installing child restraints in vehicles. This class had four days of book and classroom work and a day of hands on practice.

Having Assistant Chief Eller, and Captain Glover as certificated child seat inspectors allows the Central Fire Department to become a fitting station for the state. We are able to check child seats for our citizens, at no cost to the caregiver.

14 children are now properly restrained in their vehicles thanks to the work Assistant Chief Eller and Captain Glover did in 2011.



Height Chart



Captain Glover installing seat



Unusable child safety seats

**BLUE MASS  
SPECIAL EVENT**

Sunday, September 11, 2011 St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church presented a special mass in honor of all public safety officers, and emergency services and remembering the ones that lost their lives on 9-11-2001. Central Fire Department, East Baton Rouge City Police, East Baton Rouge Sheriff Department, East Baton Rouge Emergency Medical Services, and Louisiana State Troopers attended and had presentation of hats for each department. Guest Speaker was Chief Pat Englade Retied BRPD and Fr. Mike Moroney held a blessing for all 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Ferrara Fire Apparatus had two ladder trucks from New York Fire Department for the outside flag display.



New York Fire Department ladder trucks display flag in honor of fallen heroes of 9-11-2001

Few of Central's Chiefs, Captains and firefighters at the service



Presentation of Hats



## **EXPLORER POST 300**

The Central Fire Protection District #4 (Central Fire District) Explorer Post 300 is a program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America for youth in the Central Community that have an interest in the fire service. This program is designed to educate those young adults, age 14-18 who are in high school, about various opportunities, responsibilities, and objectives of the Central Fire District, and the Fire Service in general.

An advisory committee led by the Post Advisor and Fire Chief approves all members and adult leaders. The Central Fire District's Explorers receive training and instruction from Explorer Post Advisor on the various skills required within the fire service such as CPR; First Responder; and Fire Rookie School. All Central Fire District Explorers are given the opportunity and are encouraged to pursue a college education and career within the fire service.

After completing the necessary training, Explorers will have the opportunity to respond to emergency calls on various department apparatus while under the supervision of qualified department personnel. Explorers will also be able to take part in parades, assist in fire prevention education within the community.

The Explorers were able to participate in local Central Events such as: Cooking in Central in April, Festival of Two Rivers in May, Central High School Football Game and also Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Hunters Education Day in September.

The Explorers also had chances to have a Lock in at Station 31, a trip to Ferrara Fire Apparatus, a fun day at Station 35.

### **2011 Roster**

#### EXPLORERS

Kanen Blackwell

Cade Campbell

Zachary Causey

Darian Madere

Matthew McConnell

Brandon McCutcheon

Austin Porche

Jacob Shreve

Forrest Smith

Landon Sutton

Dustin Waxley

Nick Waxley

#### ADVISORS

Chief Bill Porche (Executive Officer)

Capt. Ken Dunham (Lead Advisor)

Nathan Verbois (Lead Advisor)

Brian Clark (Associate Advisor)

Capt. Derek Glover (Associate Advisor)

Brian Krumholt (Associate Advisor)

Capt. Stephen Branscum (Committee Member)

Capt. Chad Craven (Committee Member)

Dist. Chief Bert McCutcheon (Committee Member)

**Explore Post 2011 Training hours and highlights:**

	Training Hours	Calls Responded on
Kanen Blackwell	2	1
Cade Campbell	24	0
Zachary Causey	71	31
Darian Madere	15	0
Matthew McConnell	18	6
Brandon McCutcheon	10	0
Austin Porche	94	46
Jacob Shreve	12	0
Forrest Smith	12	0
Landon Sutton	88	36
Dustin Waxley	15	0
Nick Waxley	20	0
Totals	381	120

July Explorers enjoyed a lock in at Station 31

September Explorers participated in La Wildlife and Fisheries Hunters Education Day at Waddill Outdoor Education Center.



**Ladder Training**



**Safety House Demo.**



**Accountability**

## **INSPECTIONS / CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Assistant Fire Chief Bobby Eller, a Fire Inspector certified by the Louisiana State Fire Marshall's Office, conducted fire inspections and enforcement in the Central Community.

In the year, 2011 there were 47 inspections conducted. Of these 47 inspections, 70 violations were found. They were:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Violations</u>
Exit	13
Exit signs	7
Emergency lighting violations	7
Fire Alarm violations	5
Fire Extinguisher violations	18
Housekeeping violations	3
Unsafe electrical violations	14
Cooking Hood Violations	3

Total Violations: 70

## **FIRE INVESTIGATIONS**

Fire investigations are currently being done through a cooperative effort between the Central Fire Department and the Baton Rouge Fire Department Arson Team. The origin and cause are done by the Central Fire Department personnel, and in the event a fire cause is determined to be suspicious or the Central Fire Department personnel are unable to determine a cause of the fire, the BRFD Arson Team is called in to assist and head up any investigation that may be needed to help determine the cause and outcome of suspicious fire incidents.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION

The Hazardous Materials Division is responsible for coordinating the response capabilities of the Central Fire Department and working with other responding agencies from East Baton Rouge Parish in the event of an incident involving hazardous materials.

A hazardous material is any substance in a quantity or form which may be harmful or injurious to humans, domestic animals, wildlife, economic crops, or property when released into the environment. Many hazardous material substances are manufactured or transported within the Central Fire District on a daily basis. Thus, the importance of maintaining a well equipped, professional, hazardous materials team for the Central Fire Department is recognized.

The Central Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) consists of 13 firefighters who are certified in Hazardous Materials Operations, and/or certified as Hazardous Materials Technicians. The Central Fire Department HMRT responds to numerous hazardous materials incidents. For unusually large hazardous materials incidents, our HMRT will assist the Baton Rouge Fire Department Haz-Mat Unit.

The Central Fire Department HMRT has equipped their Unit 312, so that it can be used to respond to certain bio-terrorism calls. The Baton Rouge Fire Department Haz-Mat Unit will routinely respond to all these type calls in East Baton Rouge Parish, but due to the number of calls the Baton Rouge Haz-Mat Unit can handle, our HMRT has agreed to handle the overflow calls that Baton Rouge Haz-Mat cannot handle, especially in the Central Fire Department's District.

In 2011, the Central Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division responded to the following:

<u>INCIDENT TYPE</u>	<u>NO. OF RESPONSES</u>
Gasoline Spills/Leaks	4
Natural Gas Leaks	24

Total Hazardous Materials Responses in 2011: 28



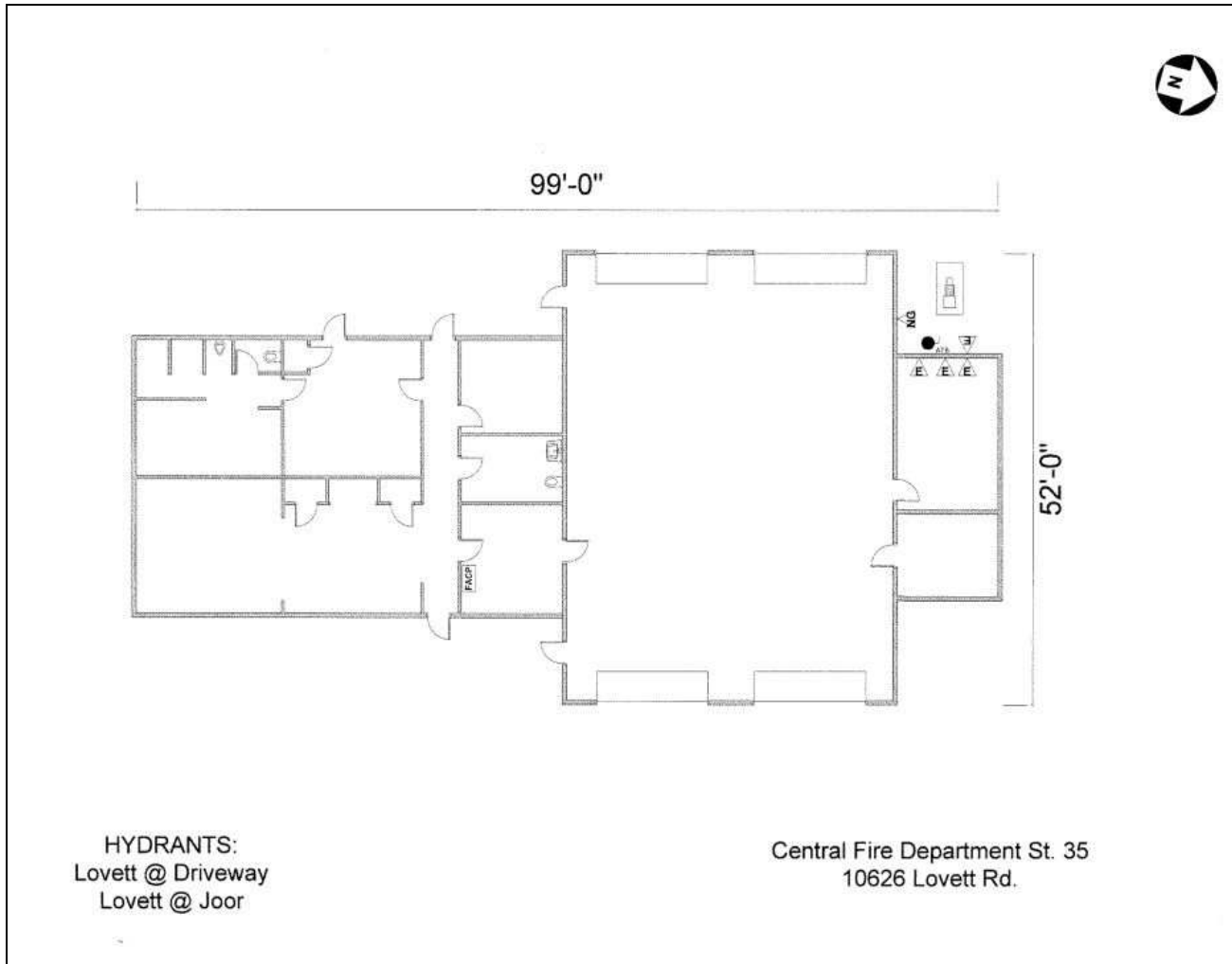
## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION (CONT CONTINUED)

The following is a list of the members of the Central Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team and their certifications:

NAME	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CERTIFICATIONS
Branscum, Capt. Stephen	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, & Technician Level
Clark, Brian	Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
Clark, Michael	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Craven, Capt. Bobby	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Craven, Capt. Chad	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Dix, Capt. Robin	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Dunham, Capt. Ken	Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
Eller, Asst Fire Chief Bobby	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Glover, Capt. Derek	Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
Martin, Justin Corey	Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
Porche, Fire Chief Bill	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Starns, Capt. Brad	Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Technician Level
Stockstill, Paul	Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations

## PRE-FIRE PLANS

Pre- Fire Plans are the layout and critical information of businesses in our area. These documents contain important structural information, phone numbers, contacts and hazards of each business. This information is carried on each fire engine and updated yearly. In the year 2011, the Central Fire Department pre-fire planned 683 businesses.



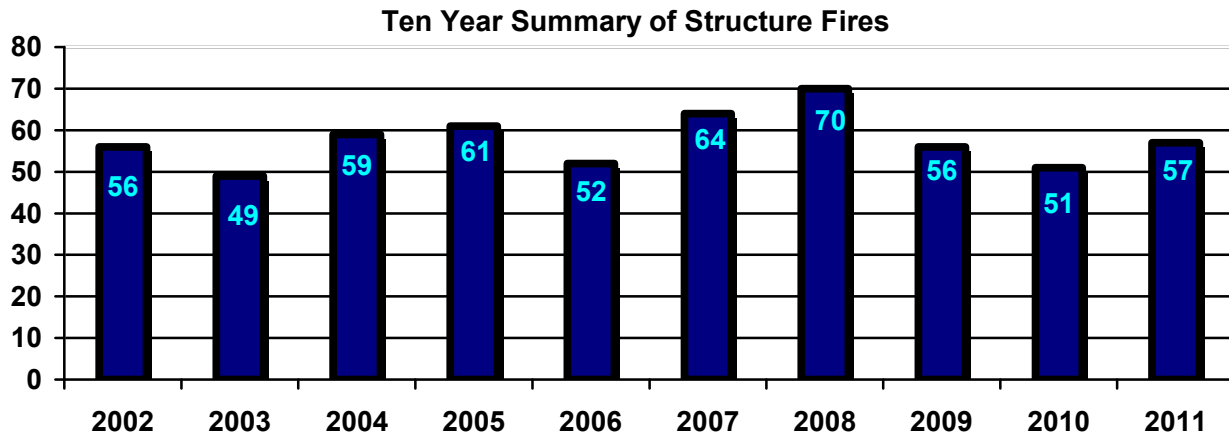
**This is the preplan of Station 35**

## SUPPRESSION

In 2011, the Central Fire Department responded to 2580 emergency calls that include 229 fire calls, 172 motor vehicle accidents, 102 hazardous conditions, 1591 medical emergencies, 67 false calls, 399 good intent/service call and 20 other situations. The Central Fire Department estimates the total fire loss in the year 2011 to be at \$2,224,050.

### STRUCTURE FIRES

<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
56	49	59	61	52	64	70	56	51	57



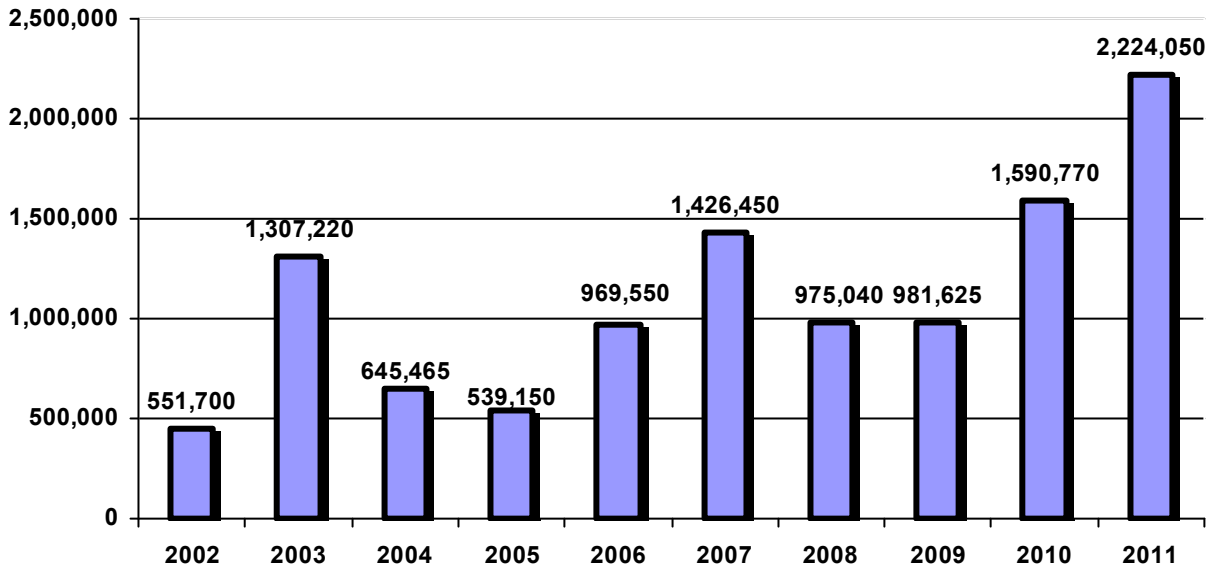
### MAJOR STRUCTURE FIRES

<u>Type of Fire</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Restaurant	14455 GRSRD	Oak Point Shopping Center	\$800,000
House	11551 Flamingo	Sarasota	\$250,000
House	3527 Ocala	Park Forest East	\$200,000
House	5203 Wicklow	Shamrock Gardens	\$180,000
House	15722 Four Oaks	Four Oaks	\$130,000

### FIRE LOSS

<b>2002</b> \$451,000	<b>2003</b> \$1,307,220	<b>2004</b> \$645,465	<b>2005</b> \$539,150	<b>2006</b> \$969,550
<b>2007</b> \$1,426,450	<b>2008</b> \$978,040	<b>2009</b> \$981,625	<b>2010</b> \$1,590,770	<b>2011</b> \$2,224,050

### Ten Year Fire Loss Summary





## CASUALTIES

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Firefighter Injuries</b>	2	0	0	6	4	3	1	1	3	1
<b>Firefighter Fatalities</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Civilian Injuries</b>	1	4	2	2	1	4	4	5	4	3
<b>Civilian Fatalities</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

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There were three reported civilian injuries in 2011:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Fire</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Age/Gender</u>	<u>Injury Type</u>
•04-30-11	Trash Fire	13767 Joor Rd	44/M	Burns
Pt. arrived at Station 31 with minor burns to head and left side of body. Flash burns from gasoline used to ignite trash fire.				
•07-30-11	Commercial Building	10200 E. Brookside	30/M	Burns
Pt. using chemicals in locker room to strip off flooring; the buffer machine sparked and ignited chemicals in room. Pt. received burns to body.				
•11-30-11	Residential Structure	5609 Landmor Dr	24/F	Burns
Pt minor burn to left index finger from small cooking fire in kitchen.				

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There was one civilian fatality at the scene of a fire in 2011

•3-15-11	Residential Structure	3527 Ocala Ave	61/M	Fatality
Pt was overcome with smoke inhalation due to house fire, was located in living room close to front door.				

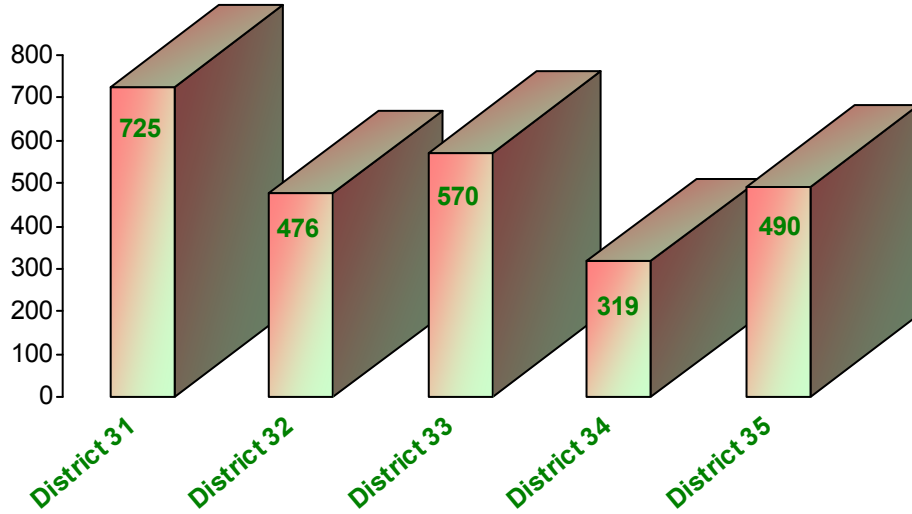
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There was one reported firefighter injury in 2011

•2-17-11	Grass Fire	23115 Hughes Rd, Zachary	26/M	Strain / Sprain
Firefighter maneuvering through woods at working woodland fire, tree limb kicked back into Polaris Ranger and twisted firefighters foot.				

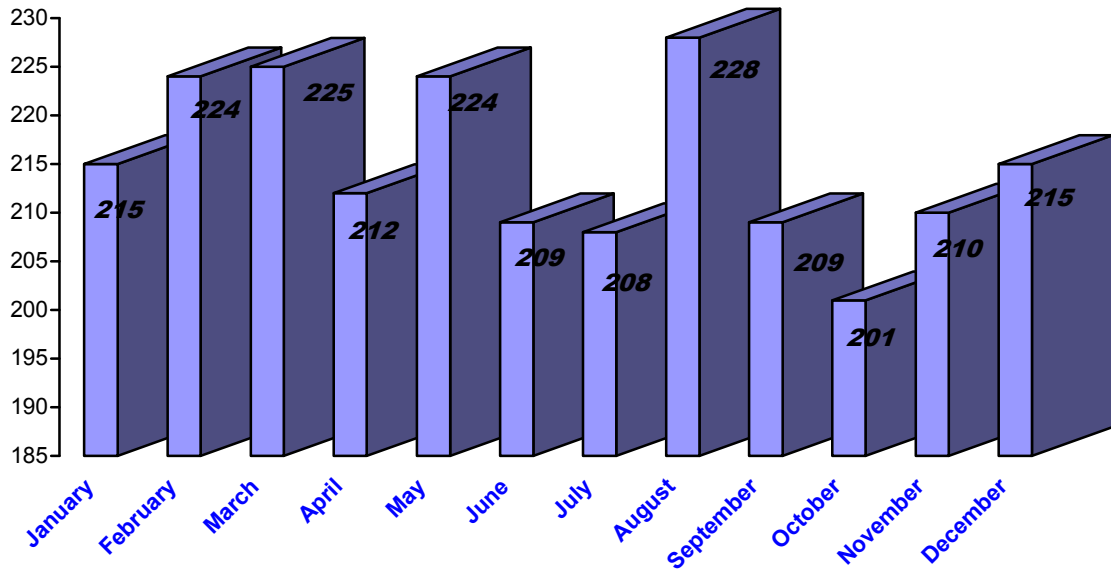
### CALLS BY DISTRICT

<u>District 31</u>	<u>District 32</u>	<u>District 33</u>	<u>District 34</u>	<u>District 35</u>
725	476	570	319	490



### CALLS BY THE MONTH

<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
215	224	225	212	224	209	208	228	209	201	210	215



## EMERGENCY CALLS BY SITUATION

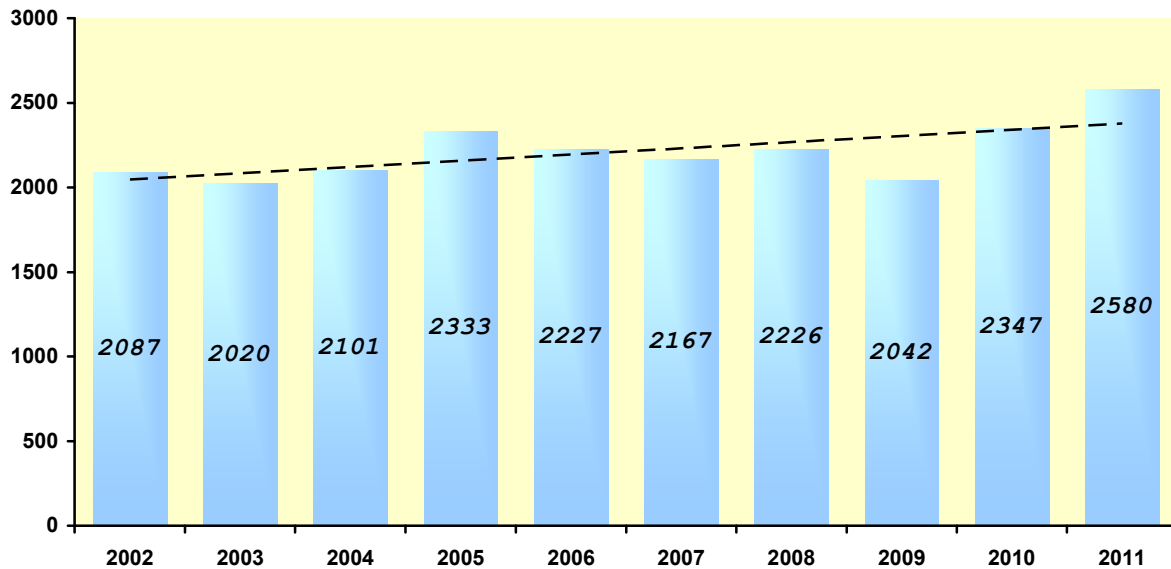
<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>NO. OF RESPONSES</u>
Emergency medical	1591
Structure fires	57
Vehicle fires	10
Trees, brush, or grass fires	41
Trash fires	121
Motor Vehicle Accidents	172
Extrication	7
Service call	166
Good intent call	233
False call	67
Severe Weather	8
Hazardous Conditions	102
Rescue Call	3
	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,580</b>

Good Intent calls consist of calls in reference to: odor of smoke, steam or fog investigation dispatched to calls and cancelled en route. No incidents found on arrival at dispatch are also in this category.

Service calls reference calls as in: smoke or odor removal, animal rescue, assist invalids, lock-outs, public service and police matter.

### TOTAL RESPONSES

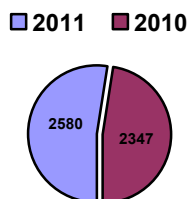
<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
2,087	2,020	2,101	2,333	2,227	2,167	2,226	2,042	2,347	2,580



## CONCLUSION

The Central Fire Protection District #4 has the responsibility of providing services to the citizens of the Central Community in the protection of life and property from the perils of fire and other emergencies, through the execution of the latest methods of rescue, first aid, and firefighting.

The Central Fire Department continues to provide professional fire service to the Central community. The year 2011 turned out to have the highest number of calls received and highest dollar loss in history of our fire department. Comparing incident totals for year 2010 and year 2011 is a 10% increase in calls.



We continue providing CPR classes, child safety seat inspections, and fire prevention to our citizens. A huge priority for our department is to teach and inform our community about life saving issues. We strive to reach out to as many schools, business and families as possible to reinforce a safe community.

Our firefighters continue to train and prepare for responses to any possible situation that may arise in our community. This year training hours totaled 8,562 for the department. These hours were acquired by individual training and company training.

Central Fire Department will continue to expand and grow to keep up with the growth in our community.