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Golden Gate Fire Protection District 2023 Annual Report

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MISSION

Provide exceptional fire, emergency medical, and all-hazards response as well as risk reduction and community education.

VISION

Care for the community, the environment, and each other by continually answering the call.

VALUES

We choose to serve our community with:

- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Dedication
- Compassion

2023 by the Numbers

Total Calls for Service:

109 Emergency calls

In District Staffing Hours:

1600 Shifted hours

Training Hours:

1667 Educational hours

Structures Lost:

0

A Message from the Fire Chief



The Golden Gate Fire Protection District is dedicated to protecting our community from all hazards with compassion, professionalism, dedication, and integrity. In 2023, GGFPD firefighters re-cast our Mission, Vision, and Values to establish the guiding principles that would bring the district in to the future. In doing so, the district, its leaders, its firefighters and its support staff re-affirmed our commitment to our charge as an all-hazards emergency response agency, and our intent to continue a community-centric approach as a wildland/urban interface fire agency facing the future. Together, we will lean into these virtues as we navigate the path forward for the fire district and stand with pride knowing that these words embody our dedication to the fire service and the people we collectively serve.

2023 was an active and accomplished year for the Golden Gate Fire Protection District. Among our many accomplishments, GGFPD established a completely new support services division with 4 new members, recruited 10 new firefighters, hosted, and participated in multiple fire academies, re-vamped our budgeting process, brought two new emergency vehicles online, revived our firefighter residency program and began the process of re-habilitating our three fire stations. In many ways we have begun to see a renewed spark within the fire district, and we are excited to continue to foster that light as we move into 2024.

The Golden Gate Fire Protection District continues to be focused on emergency response, safety, training, and community risk reduction. While the district often contends with limited resources, we are ultimately successful because of the efforts of our highly motivated, professional, and compassionate volunteer workforce. Without our volunteers, whether they be Firefighters, EMTs, or HR professionals, GGFPD would be unable to provide the services that our community relies on. I am continually in awe and eternally thankful for their dedication to this district and the people we serve.

2023 was an exciting and progressive time for GGFPD. As we begin 2024, I enthusiastically look forward toward what we can accomplish together. It is my incredible privilege to serve this community and I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report for the Golden Gate Fire Protection District.

In Your Service,

Kyle Kociemba-Benson – Fire Chief

2023 Staff by Rank

Fire Chief: **1**

Assistant Chief: **1**

Lieutenants: **3**

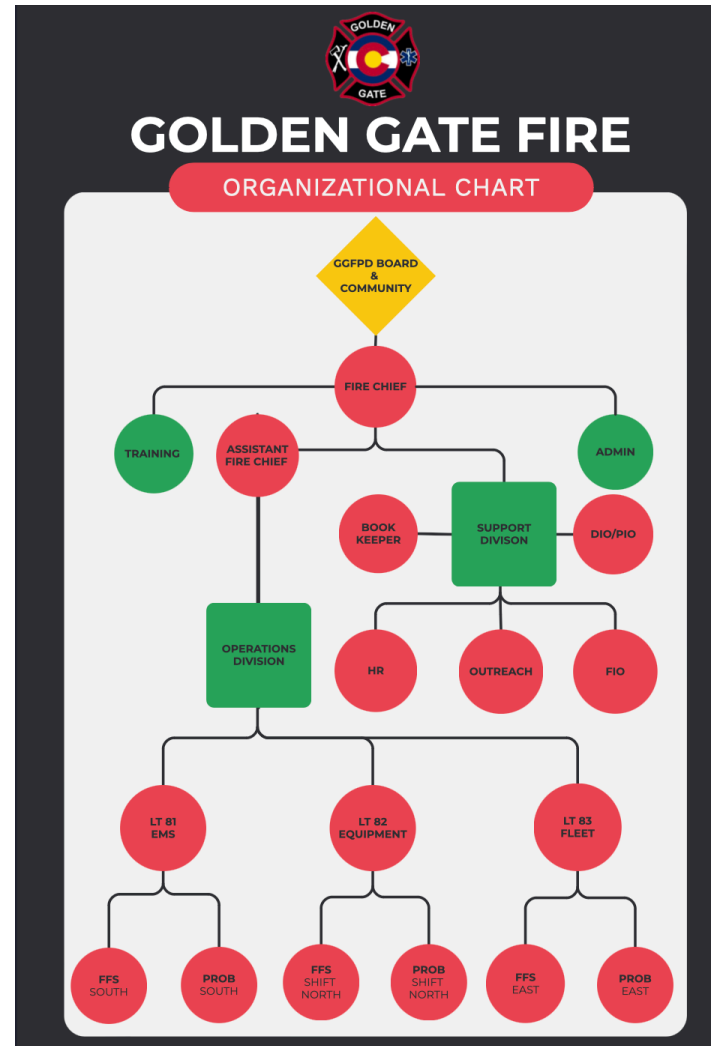
Firefighters: **17**

Support Staff: **4**

2023 Total GGFPD
Staff: **26**

* **New Hires in 2023:**
14

GGFPD Organizational Chart



Operations by Call Type

Fire- 8

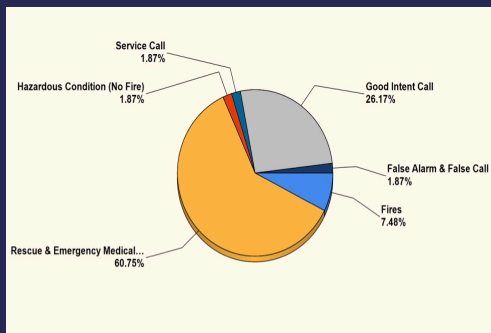
MVA- 18

Technical Rescue- 9

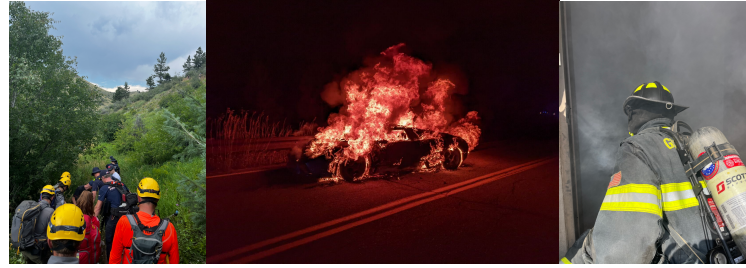
EMS- 37

Hazmat- 2

Minor Call Type- 32



Operations



In 2023, GGFPD emergency personnel responded to 107 calls for service. These included wildland, vehicle, and structure fires plus emergency medical and backcountry rescues. Several 2023 operational advancements improved our ability to respond to these diverse calls for service. These included two new response vehicles, consisting of a light rescue vehicle that is specially outfitted for backcountry rescue and EMS calls and a fast-response command vehicle that the fire chief uses to serve as an incident commander for larger events.

In mid-2023, we recruited a resident firefighter/EMT for Station 82. This action decreased our response times in the northern portions of our coverage area.

With the assistance of a grant from the State of Colorado, we began replacing GGFPD's aging protective bunker gear for structure fires.

Equipment and services donations from the Colorado State Patrol, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office radio shop, and Golden Police Department allowed GGFPD to replace our old, mismatched radios with forty uniform, Motorola APX6000 radios. GGFPD can now meet the critically important safety goal of distributing modern, reliable portable radios to all our responders and having a backup portable unit in each piece of apparatus.

We continue to foster positive relations with our partners in response, including many mutual-aid fire agencies, Stadium Medical, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and Jefferson County Open Space. Operationally, this will contribute to our continued success in 2024.

Certifications Maintained by GGFPD Firefighters:

**EMR
EMT- IV
AEMT
Paramedic
Firefighter I
Firefighter II
Fire Instructor I
Fire Proctor
Fire Officer I
Fire Officer II
Hazmat Awareness
Hazmat Operations
Hazmat Technician
FF type II
FF type I
Wildland Sawyer
ICT-5
Incident Safety Officer
Blue Card IC
Ice Rescue Tech
Driver Operator**

Training

In 2023, GGFPD firefighters and officers completed a total of 1667 hours of in-house training, plus additional training obtained outside the district that included EMT school. From the delivery of emergency medical services to the extinguishment of structure fires, the development training by our responders is improving the capabilities of GGFPD. Important training milestones that were met and exceeded in 2023 included hosting a regional Firefighter II academy and initiating our own Firefighter I training program. Training partnerships with neighboring departments strengthened our relationships and improved interoperability across district boundaries. GGFPD responders accomplished many new certifications in the last year, bringing newly certified firefighters, EMTs, and fire officers into our ranks and elevating the department to a level of collective certification that is distinctly uncommon in departments of our size. In many ways, 2023 was a year of building and progression for the district's training program, and we are excited for the foundation we have built as we look towards the future of serving our community.

Support Services

As a new division within the organizational structure of GGFPD, the implementation of support services has added significant depth to the district's ability to accomplish non-emergency tasks. Under the direction of the fire chief, support services has also created a place for those looking to serve as an official fire district volunteer, but desire to contribute in ways other than emergency response. Upon the initiation of the support services division, GGFD welcomed a bookkeeper, an HR specialist, a community outreach coordinator, and a family information officer. Additionally, GGFPD also welcomed our first official chaplain to our ranks, establishing a much-needed support system for our firefighters in their personal times of need. We are incredibly thankful to have welcomed these skilled volunteers to our fire department family and eagerly look forward to continuing the development of the support services division in the years to come.

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