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Golden Gate Fire Protection District

2024 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

2024 by the Numbers

Total Calls for Service:

110 Emergency calls

In District Staffing Hours:

3428 Shifted hours

Training Hours:

2162 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 2024, GGFPD firefighters continued to exemplify our Mission, Vision, and Values as they had been recreated in 2023. We have continued our commitment to our charge as an all-hazards emergency response agency and brought new vigor to our intent to continue a community-centric approach as a wildland/urban interface fire agency facing the future. Every day, emergency or not, our firefighters and staff have continued to stand with pride knowing that these words embody our dedication to the fire service and the people we collectively serve.

In many ways, 2024 was a landmark year for the Golden Gate Fire Protection District. Among our many accomplishments, GGFPD was successful in complete replacement of our aging structural personal protection equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus complement through the assistance of state grants. In training, GGFPD welcomed a new training chief, BC Lori Brill. The district hosted an internal Firefighter I and Hazmat Academy, graduating 6 fully certified firefighters. We additionally hosted a large inter-agency wildland fire training exercise as a capstone to wildland fire training and ensured that all GGFPD firefighters and recruits were certified as wildland firefighters. GGFPD also implemented the use of several new technologies this year. In a year long process, we migrated all our operational documentation to ESO which is far more comprehensive and user friendly than our previous solutions. We also began to implement Colorado's Team Awareness Kit into our operations and assisted the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the roll out of this free and revolutionary technology. Operationally, GGFPD experienced our largest wildland fire in over a decade with the Goltra Fire. This fire was incredibly complex, involving extreme terrain and unpredictable weather patterns. We benefited from the help of our many mutual aid partners from around the region, including resources from both the county and state. Our efforts were successful with the fire containment of just over 200 acres, no structures lost, and no firefighters or civilian injuries. We culminated the year with a successful recruitment for 2025s probationary class and are proud to welcome 7 new firefighters into our ranks, many of which come to us with previous certifications and training.

While the district continues to contend with limited resources, we are successful because of the efforts of our highly motivated, professional, and compassionate volunteer workforce. Without our volunteers, whether they are Firefighters, EMTs, or support staff, 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.

2024 was an exciting and progressive time for GGFPD. As we begin 2025, I enthusiastically look forward to what we can continue to accomplish together. It is my incredible privilege to serve this community, and I am pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report for the Golden Gate Fire Protection District.

In Your Service,

Kyle Kociemba-Benson – Fire Chief



2024 Staff by Rank

Fire Chief: 1

Assistant Chief: 1

Battalion Chief: 1

Lieutenants: 3

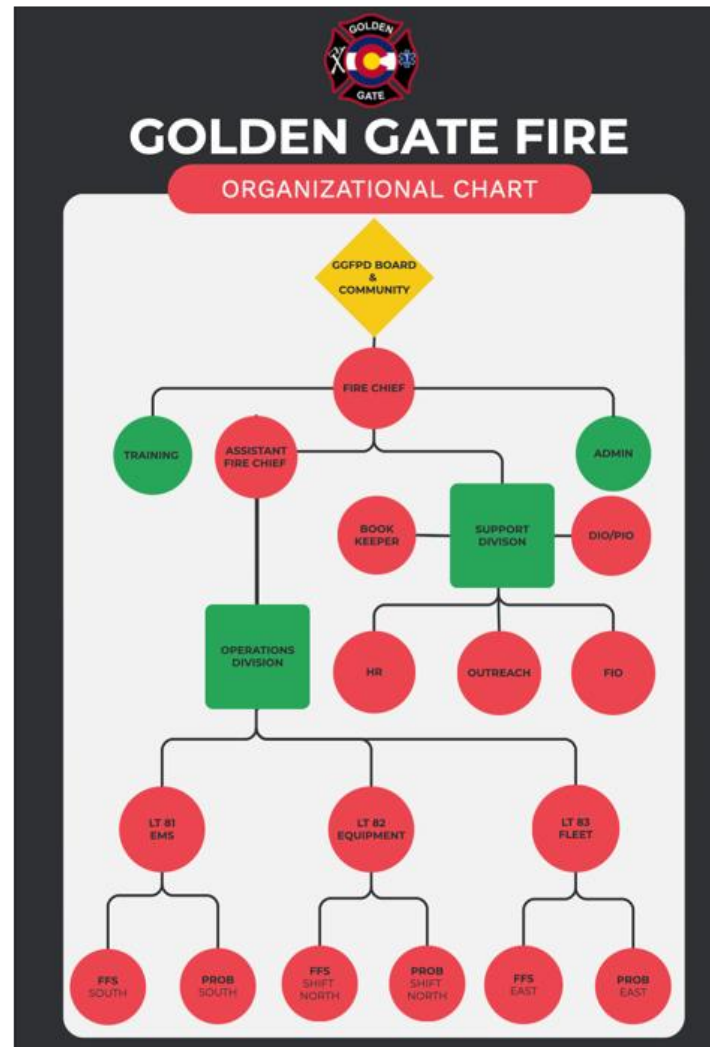
Firefighters: 16

Support Staff: 3

2024 Total GGFPD
Staff: 25

* New Hires in 2024:
8

GGFPD Organizational Chart



Operations by Call Type

Fire- 7

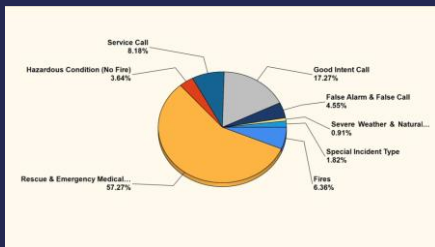
MVA- 29

Tech Rescue- 9

EMS- 29

Hazmat- 4

Minor Call Type- 32



Operations

In 2024, GGFPD emergency personnel responded to 110 calls for service. These included wildland, vehicle, and structure fires plus emergency medical and backcountry rescues. Several 2024 operational advancements improved our ability to respond to these diverse calls for service. These included the implementation of new Thermal Imaging Cameras to 6 of our apparatus, and a much-needed update to our aging fleet of SCBA's, air bottles, and facemasks.

With the assistance of the Golden Gate Auxiliary, the district was able to order 2 new UTV's to assist in backcountry rescue operations on both the north and the south side of the district. The UTV's will be placed into service in spring of 2025.

We continue to foster positive relations with our partners in response, including many mutual-aid fire agencies, Stadium Medical, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Communications, and Jefferson County Open Space. These relationships are directly responsible for many of our successes in 2024 and will continue to thrive into 2025.

Training

In 2024, GGFPD firefighters and officers completed a total of 2162 hours of in-house training, plus additional training obtained outside the district that included EMT schools and advanced certifications. From the delivery of emergency medical services to the extinguishment of structure fires, the developmental training obtained by our responders continues to improve the capabilities of GGFPD. Important training milestones that were met and exceeded in 2024 included hosting an in-house FFI academy and a regional wildland fire certification day. Our training partnerships with neighboring departments continue to strengthen our relationships and improve interoperability across district boundaries. GGFPD responders accomplished many new certifications in 2024, bringing newly certified structural and wildland firefighters, EMTs, and incident safety officers into our ranks and elevating the department to a level of collective certification that continues to be uncommon in departments of our size. 2024 proved to be a banner year for training in GGFPD and further strengthened our ability to protect the GGFPD community.

Certifications Maintained by GGFPD Firefighters:

EMR

EMT- IV

AEMT

Paramedic

Firefighter I

Firefighter II

Fire Instructor I

Fire Instructor II

Fire Proctor

Fire Officer I

Fire Officer II

Hazmat Awareness

Hazmat Operations

Hazmat Technician

FF type II

FF type I

ENG-B

Wildland Sawyer

ICT-5

Incident Safety Officer

Blue Card IC

Ice Rescue Tech

Driver Operator

Preparedness

In October of 2024, GGFPD began the yearlong process of updating our out-of-date Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan with the assistance of our non-profit partner The Ember Alliance. The CWPP process is an in-depth examination of the specific wildfire risks faced by our district, and its citizens, and helps the district develop a robust strategy to combat them. When completed in fall of 2025, the updated CWPP will help our community in its quest for grants, as well as inform priority of projects that will improve egress safety, fortify individual home hardening, and help us build a more resilient landscape for all that live in and love the Golden Gate Canyon area. In initiating this crucial project, the district has begun the process of taking preventative steps towards building a safer community and fulfilling our promise to reduce risk and enhance community education regarding wildfire awareness.

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