

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## HOT NEWS

**"Seat Belts Save Lives!"** We all know this and very few of us will get into a vehicle and not put on a seat belt. We even wear our seat belts without question while responding to a fire and donning an SCBA. This great safety philosophy seems to disappear when we get in the back of the medic unit for some reason. WE are not the only ones, its a profession wide issue. As an organization, we are going to make the transition to wearing our seat belts in the back of the ambulance as if our lives depend on it. Because they do! It will take all of us to help each other out with this transition to a safer environment in the back of the ambulance.

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodMorningAmerica/videos/new-seat-belts-to-keep-first-responders-and-patients-safe/2163791693900859/>



## WELCOME CHIEF LEWIS

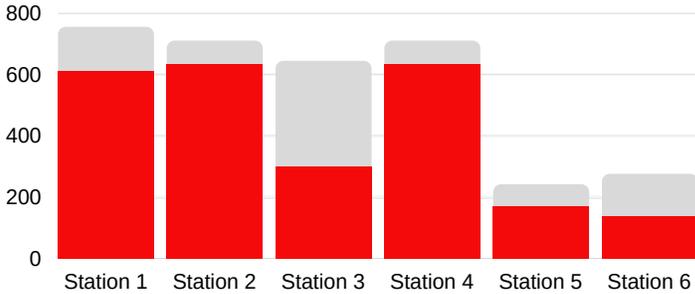
The VFD is excited to have Chief Daron Lewis as our newest Fire Marshal. Chief Lewis comes to us from Lake Jackson, Texas where he was the Assistant Fire Marshal. Chief Lewis is bringing a great energy to the FMO and we look forward to his career at the VFD.



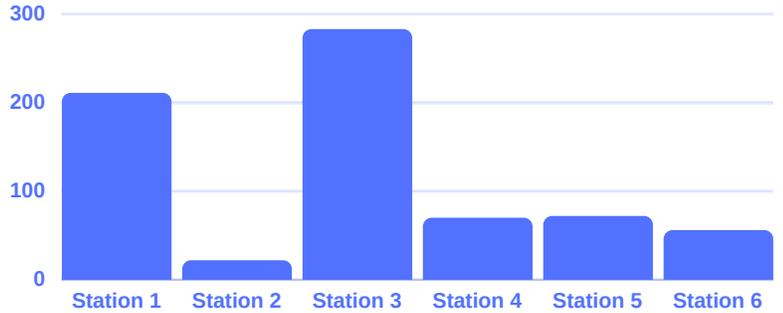
# Victoria Fire Department

## QUARTERLY REPORT - 2022 / Q3

### RESPONSE VOLUME

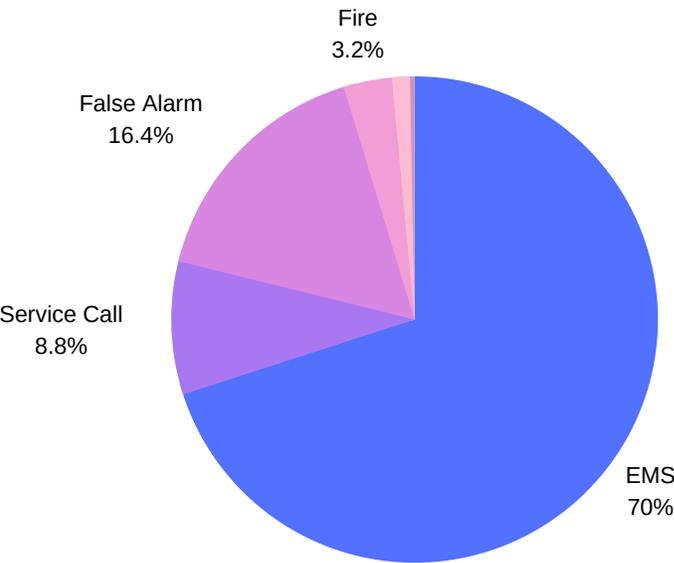


### COUNTY RESPONSE VOLUME

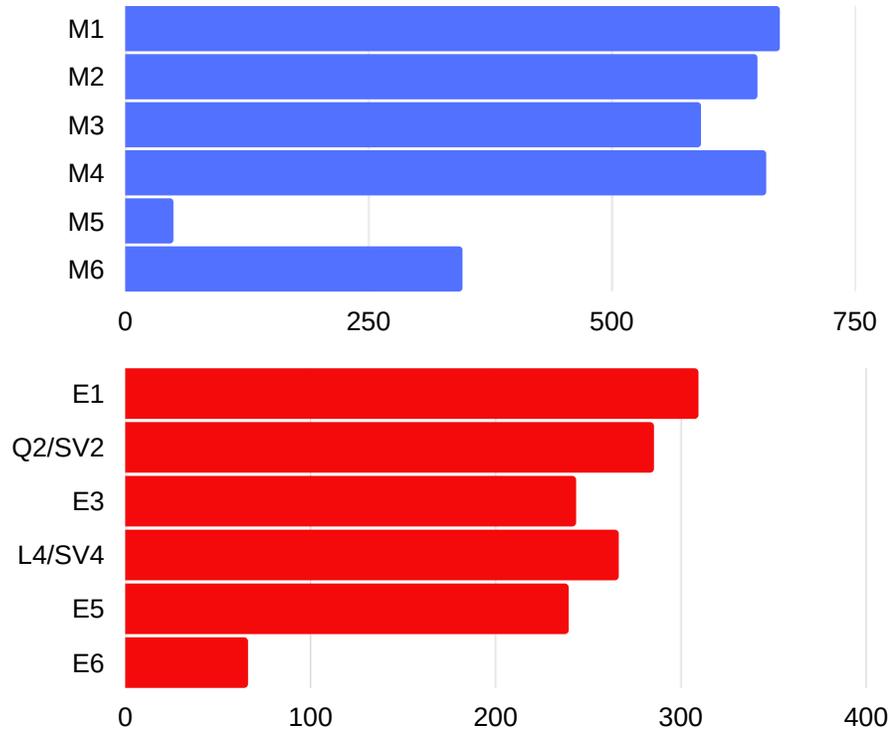


The VFD responded to 3,269 calls for service in the 3rd quarter of 2022. The (red) bar indicates calls responded within the respective district and the (grey) bar indicates calls responded to outside of the district. The VFD responded to 211 calls for service in the County.

### RESPONSE TYPE



### UNIT RESPONSES



### Real Property Saved From Fire Damage

Value: \$3,082,690    Loss: \$522,465    Saved: \$2,560,225

Overall (14)  
83%

County (6)  
82%

City (8)  
83%



# **QUARTERLY REPORT OPERATIONS**

During the last quarter adjustments were made to the structure fire response plan in order to ensure adequate firefighting units are on scene of any working structure fire within the city or county. Utilizing Rescue 4 allows additional firefighting personnel to arrive on scene much earlier in the incident along with the necessary equipment utilized throughout the incident. Ladder 4's crew will be responsible for deploying Rescue 4 as noted:

Example 1:

Initial Alarm: Battalion 1, E1, E3, Medic 3

Balance: Ops 1, L4, E5, R4 (L4 would only respond in R4)

Example 2:

Initial Alarm: Bat 1, L4, E5, Medic 6 (L4 respond with R4)

Balance: Ops 1, Q2, E1, R4

If the incident is in the county, L4 crew will respond in R4



**DANGER**

# CARBON MONOXIDE

## SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



**Fatigue**



**Dizziness**



**Tightness  
in Chest**



**Headache**



**Nausea**

**What to do if these symptoms are felt?**

- Open windows and doors
- Turn off fuel-burning appliances
- Leave the building
- Seek medical attention

**What if someone else is a victim?**

- Quickly move victim into fresh air
- Call 911 or emergency assistance
- Administer oxygen
- Start CPR

# EMS DIVISION Q3 NEWSLETTER

The third quarter has been a very busy time for the EMS Division. On the admin side, numerous projects have been completed in addition to normal day to day operations. The operational side is no slouch either. 2,211 EHRs were created in Q3, and 1,850 of those were transports

We have also faced continuous hardships due to supply chain issues, equipment difficulties, and apparatus repairs. Despite this, we continue to provide the best service that we are capable of.



Thanks to COVID restrictions finally slowing down, VFD was able to begin Quarterly Call Reviews with our local hospitals!

Congratulations to Carl Caughey for being selected the Medic of the Quarter for Q3 2022!

11 YEARS OF SERVICE

## NOTABLE EVENTS:

- Taught Stop the Bleed and CPR at the Fire and Ice Event



- Department Annual Physicals were finally completed.

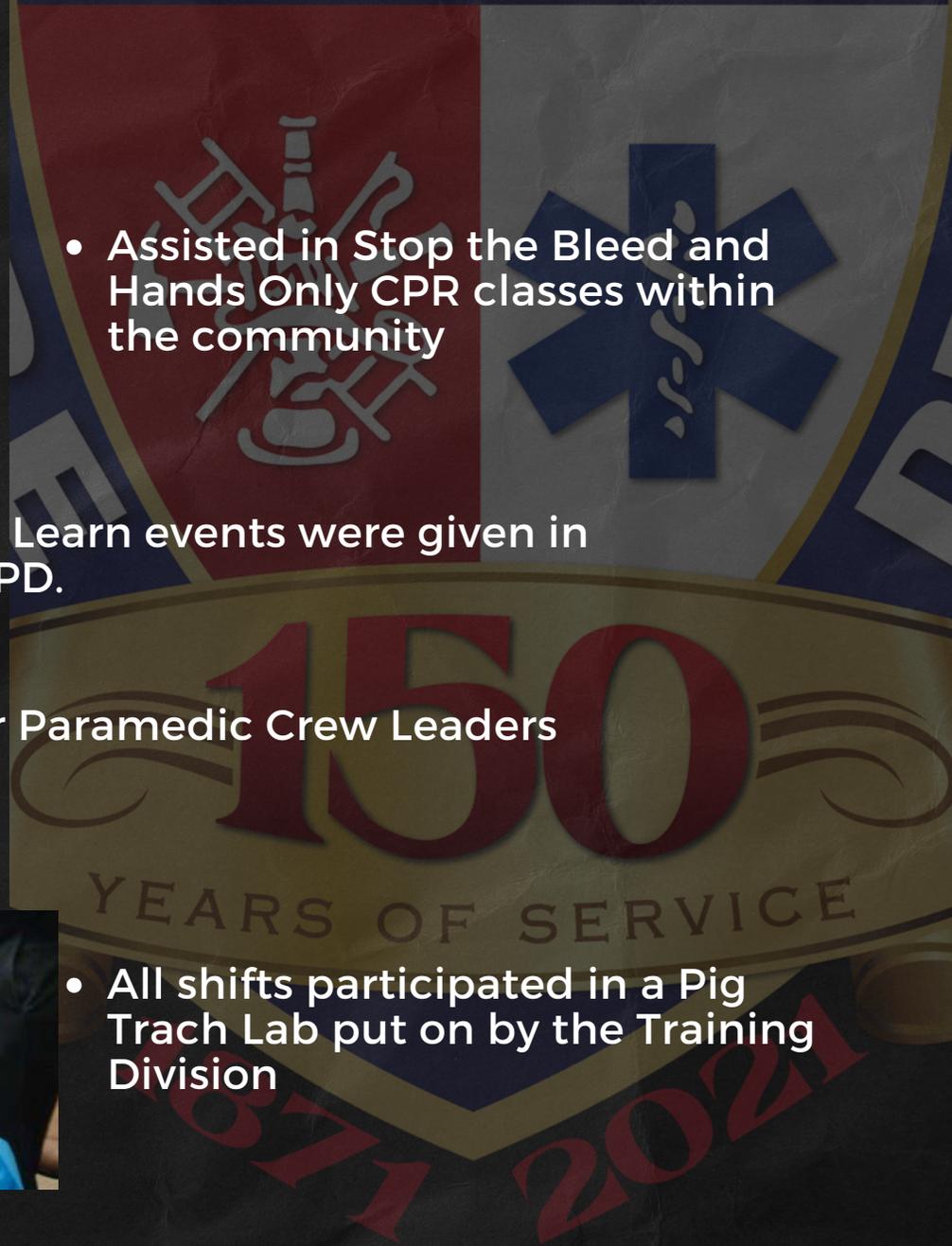


- Assisted in Stop the Bleed and Hands Only CPR classes within the community

- Multiple Lunch and Learn events were given in conjunction with VPD.
- Swearing in for four Paramedic Crew Leaders



- All shifts participated in a Pig Trach Lab put on by the Training Division



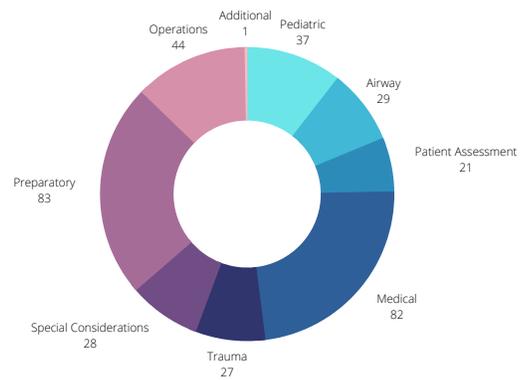
# THIRD QUARTER TRAINING/LOGISTICS REPORT 2022



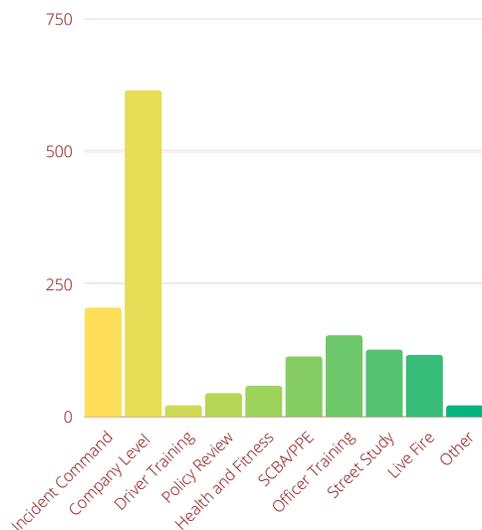
The third quarter of 2022, the training office was busy with a wide range of projects of programs.

## Certification Advancements

- Raymond Mitchell - Instructor II, Office II & ISO
- William Stolle - Intermediate Firefighter
- Kyle Pantel - Master Firefighter
- Weston Martin - Advanced Firefighter
- Andrew Sherman - Incident Safety Officer
- Robert Bayer - Hazmat Tech, F.O. II & Advanced FF
- Eddie Benoit - EMS Instructor
- Tyler Laqua - EMT Paramedic
- Carl Caughey - EMT Paramedic
- Madelyn Bishop - EMT Paramedic
- Caleb Lemke - EMT Paramedic
- Zachary Negron - Licensed Paramedic
- Andrew Moon - Licensed Paramedic

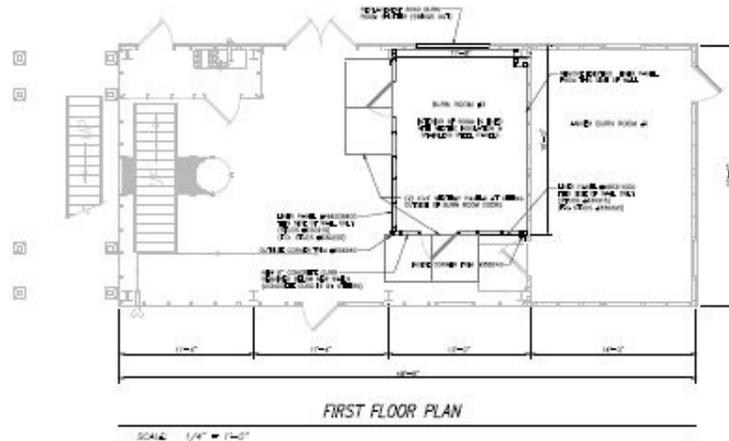


EMS Training



Fire Training

# M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson FOUNDATION



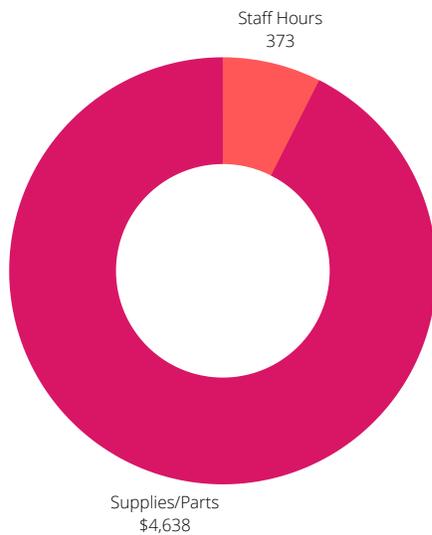
In the third quarter, training received some exciting news. The M.G. & Lillie A Johns Foundations awarded the department **\$150,000** for improvements at the fire training facility and the purchase of SCBA for fire facility use. These improvements include upgrading the temperature monitoring system and adding a second live fire burn room on the first floor. This addition will create more real-world live fire evolutions allowing students to progress from room to room while performing fire attack and search. The burn room and temperature monitoring systems were purchased from Fire Facilities Inc., the original manufacturer of the current building and tower. J. Reed Constructors Inc. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, will install the upgrades. The work will begin in late January 2023.



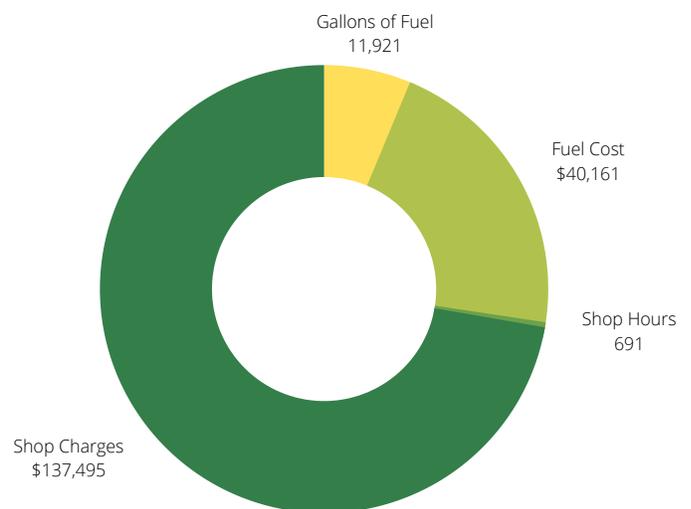
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The third quarter is always a busy time for logistics with the fiscal year ending and preparation for the new year in full swing.



**Building Services**



**Fleet**

## 2022 Victoria Fire Marshal Office Quarterly (JULY-SEPT) Report

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### What's happening...

On August 29th, the new Fire Marshal, Daron Lewis, commenced his first day on the job and was sworn in on September 16th. Daron came from the city of Lake Jackson, where he spent time on patrol before becoming a Detective. It was during his time that Daron received training as an Arson Investigator. After receiving some on-the-job training, Daron transitioned to the Lake Jackson Fire Marshal's Office, where he was the Assistant Fire Marshal for two years. Daron received his undergraduate degree from Texas Southern University and his graduate from Wayland Baptist University. His hobbies outside of work include collecting and reselling shoes, traveling to experience different foods, and sleeping. Daron hopes to bring an energetic and positive work environment. Also, to educate those about what the Fire Marshal does and their role in law enforcement and Fire.

### Shout Outs!

A special thanks go to the Fire Marshal Team. During this quarter, the office not only maintained over **100+ inspections** a month for the past three months but also helped bring the new Fire Marshal up to speed. Investigator Frank Naranjo has been accomplishing excessive work to manage incoming compliance issues. Although this is challenging, he takes time to ensure the owner/operator understands the importance of their life safety issues. Investigator Kevin Lamprecht developed an excellent reputation for his code and plan examination knowledge. He often sought to assist in numerous projects in the city. Investigator Maria Perez has been a dedicated team member. Maria has demonstrated her willingness and commitment to making the Fire Marshal Office the best it can be. Maria has been essential in pushing the department into a more efficient one. Investigator John Stary has been vital in organizing and putting on public events and working to implement a Special Permit in conjunction with community development. Last but not least, Connie Delgado has shown her commitment and readiness to help with everything short of conducting actual inspections.

### BACK TO BUSINESS

Recently opened businesses in this quarter:

- Burger King located on Navarro
- McAlister's
- Dunkin Donuts
- FedEx

### Possible development:

FishPond Development will be a multi-family affordable development for seniors (55+) looking to go in at the 2500 block of Navarro. This development has several other properties throughout the state. This property should be sprinkled and monitored. It is encouraged for operations to survey the area and bring any suggestion to the Fire Marshal to implement if appropriate.

- Multi-story
- Up to 100 units sitting on 2.2 acres
- Elderly population
- Rent restricted



# FIRE CHIEF'S

## *Message*

### *- Raise Your Professional I.Q. -*

*As our department/family becomes younger and younger by the day, it is critical we all strive to raise our "PROFESSIONAL I.Q." What is a professional I.Q.? It can mean different things, but to most it demonstrates how well one knows their specific job duties, as well as, the strategic job/task of the profession. If one has a high professional I.Q., they have mastered the basics of the job and has a broad knowledge of the profession. A high I.Q. also helps one problem solve.*

*Over the next few months and into 2023, the Training Division will be committed to helping the VFD raise its "Professional I.Q."*

*Here are some other great ways to improve your job performance and skill set:*

- 1. Get a Mentor and be a Mentor.*
- 2. Take on new Challenges that might be out of your comfort zone.*
- 3. Look for problems to solve, and give it a shot.*
- 4. Network with other shifts, departments, and divisions.*
- 5. Find additional opportunities for learning. This can be classes or simply participating in a process within the organization that is new to you.*

*There is no doubt each and every one of us can find a way to raise our "I.Q." to help our team and the community we serve.*

*The Leader in Emergency Service Excellence.*