

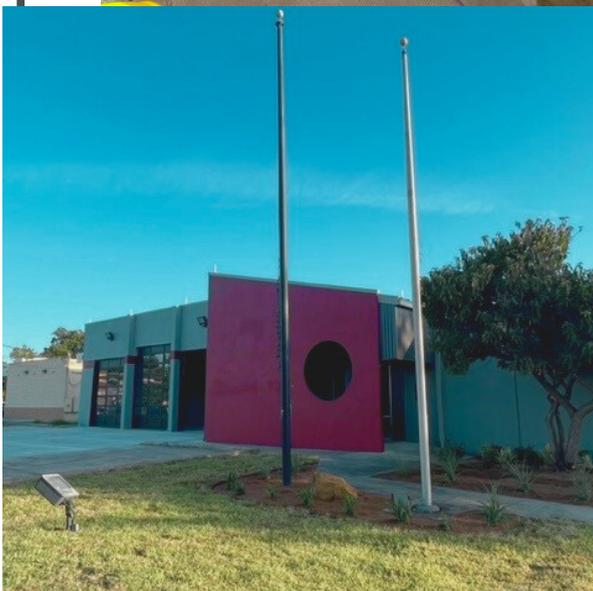
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



HOT NEWS

Victoria Fire Department is fully staffed! Thanks to the hardwork and creativity of the Training Division and everyone that has helped with the recruitment efforts, we can finally say we are full staffed (for now) after at least 2 years of having double digit vacancies.

We can attribute this improved staffing to the "culture" everyone has created. Several candidates express during their interview that they have heard great things about the VFD culture and VFD Family and want to be a part of it. The PCL position and the Civilian Cadet position were also key in obtaining employees that normally would not consider or be considered by VFD. Thanks to all that help make these programs a success.



FIRE STATION #1 OPENING SET

The re-opening of Fire Station #1 is set for September 1, 2023. The station was originally opened in 1982 and under went a major renovation in 2022/2023. The "new" Station #1 will feature a hurricane rated roof, doors, and windows. As well as private sleeping quarters, upgraded technology, and a Community Conference room.

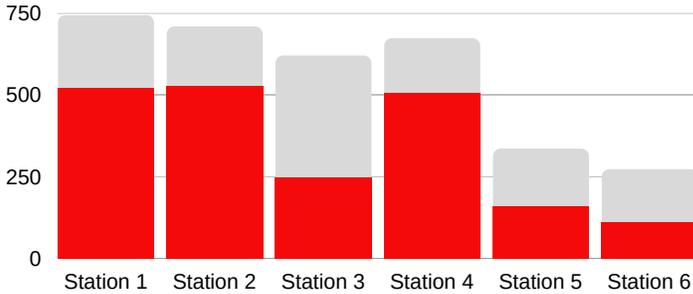
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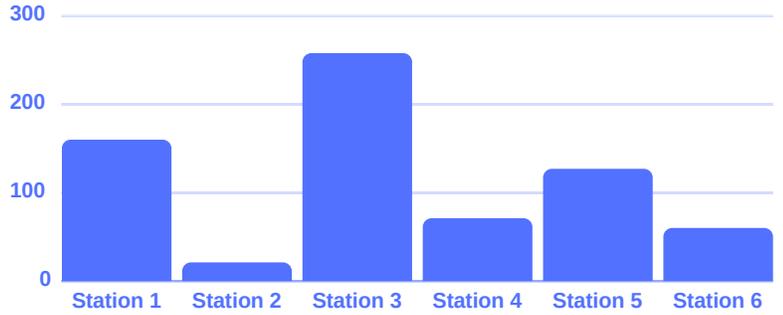
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QUARTERLY REPORT - 2023 / Q2

RESPONSE VOLUME

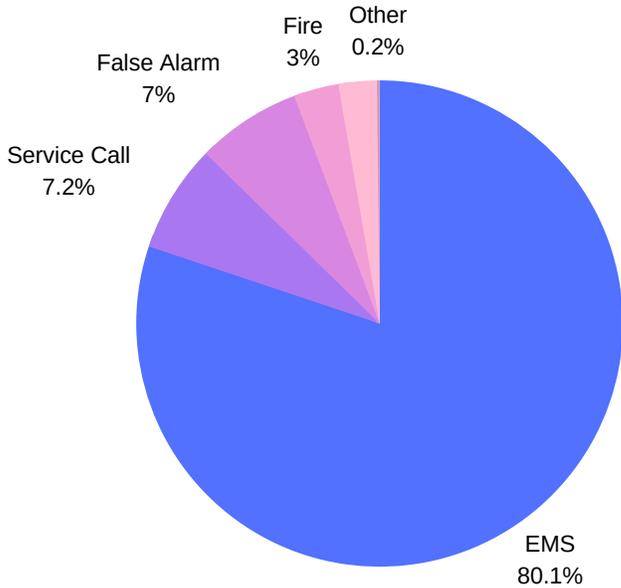


COUNTY RESPONSE VOLUME

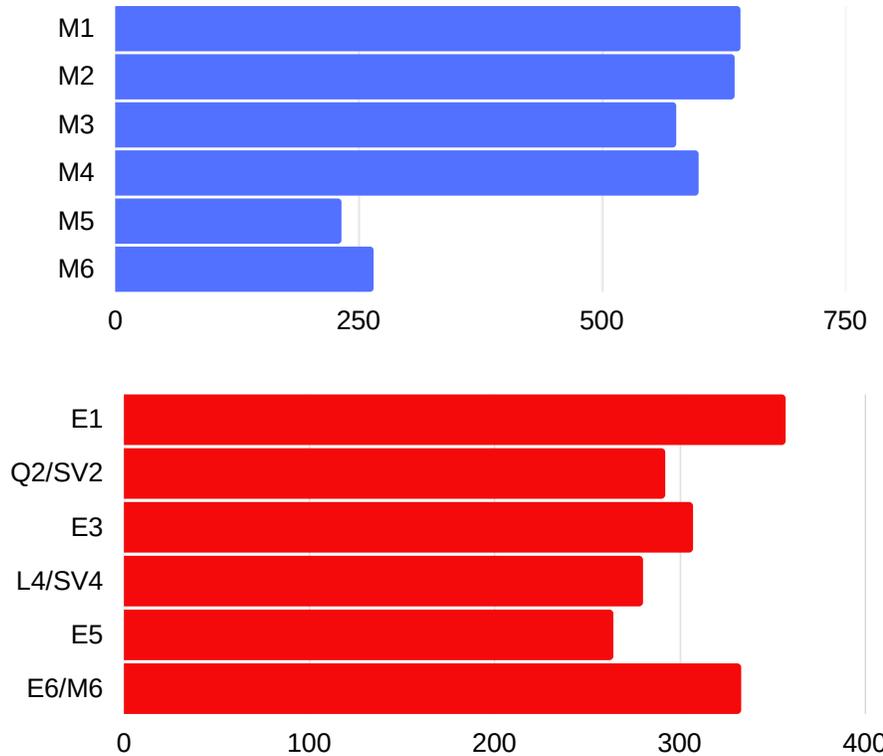


The VFD responded to 3353 calls for service in the 2nd quarter of 2023. The (red) bar indicates calls responded within the respective district and the (grey) bar indicates calls responded to outside of the district. The VFD responded to 691 calls for service in the County.

RESPONSE TYPE



UNIT RESPONSES



Real Property Saved From Fire Damage

Value: \$3,840,000 Loss: \$702,000 Saved: \$3,137,500

82% of real property saved

Operations 2nd Quarter 2023

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS Be Ready Before the Storm

Hurricanes and tropical storms can impact the entire Commonwealth, not just coastal regions

 <p>Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone</p>	Know Your Zone	Make a Plan	Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs 
 <p>Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days</p>	Build a Kit	Stay Informed	As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials 

Tech Rescue

New gear was received and placed in service.

- Replaced dated rescue helmets.
- Added a FAST Bag, quick deployment of gear a rescuer needs to perform high angle and confined space rescues.
- Rigging bag
- Replaced steel carabiners with lightweight aluminum tri-lock carabiners.

New SOP's Released

- SOG 2308 Fire Fighter Rehab
- SOG 2401 Standard Company Responsibilities
- SOG 2403 Rural Water Supply
- SOG 2310 Rapid Intervention Team- Tool Cache Deployment

Fire Research Group "In The Works"

- Common sense, clean cab & rehab set up
- New York Hook
- Velcro straps for high-rise packs
- J Hook & chain sets
- Soft open bag for forcible entry

EMS DIVISION 2023 Q2 NEWSLETTER

The second 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. 2,637 EHRs were created in Q2, and 1,913 of those were transports. Crews have been responding to high call volumes and have been patient with equipment status despite their work load.

We have been through some trying times over the last several years and we still face some equipment hardships going into the future, but I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks for the perseverance and hard work demonstrated by the members of the department and especially for the crews of the medic units. Thank you for your hard work.

- Chief Martyn

2023 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition

The American Heart Association proudly recognizes

Victoria Fire Department
Victoria, TX

Mission: Lifeline® - EMS - GOLD with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll

Achievement Award - EMS Agency



Nancy A. Brown

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Chief Executive Officer
American Heart Association

Michelle A. Albert

Michelle A. Albert, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA
President
American Heart Association

*For more information, please visit [Heart.org/MissionLifeline](https://www.heart.org/MissionLifeline)



Congratulations to all Operations Members for your hard work. Your efforts have allowed the department to gain the highest Mission Lifeline recognition possible!

Congratulations to Gabriel Balcorta for being selected the Medic of the Quarter for Q2 2023!

NOTABLE EVENTS:

- Life Scan Physicals completed
- One Test Cancer Screening completed
- New EMS Protocols
- 2023 Active Shooter Training Event at Howell Middle School

• Congratulations to Lupe for his promotion to the QA/QI specialist position.

• Congratulations to Phyllis for her promotion to the MIH specialist position.

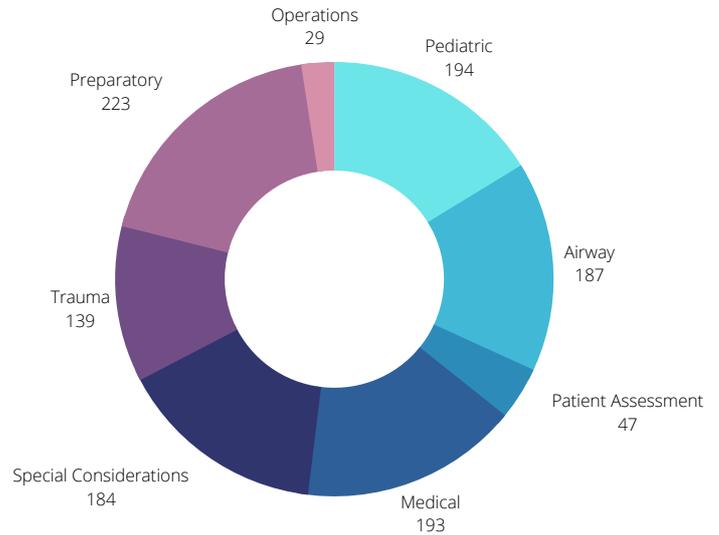




SECOND QUARTER TRAINING/LOGISTICS REPORT 2023



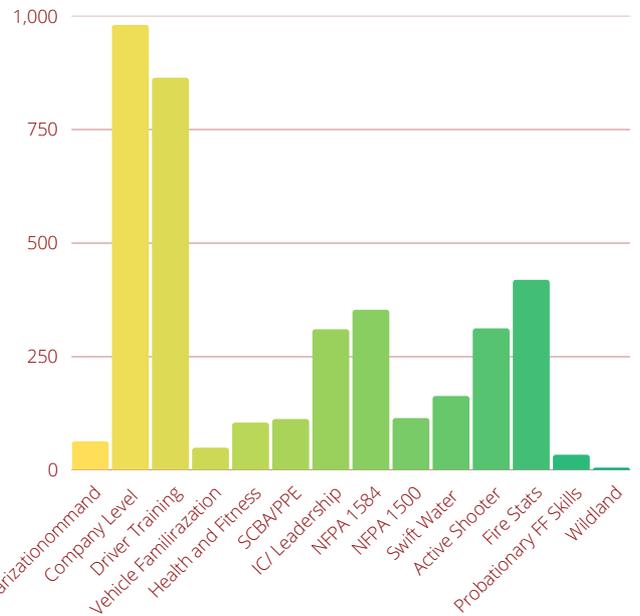
The second quarter of 2023, the training office coordinated a wide range of projects of programs.



Certification Advancements

- C. O'Neil, B. Dunavant, J. Acosta, S. Brandt, N. Hernandez, & S. Zieschang TCFP SFF
- H. Janak & K. Powers, TCFP DOP
- C. Bedwell DOA
- C. Bedwell & H. Frank TCFP Intermediate SFF
- J. Kordik, W. Stolle, C. Lemke, & K. Powers TCFP Instructor I
- B. Davis TCFP Advanced SFF
- M. Belt TCFP Incident Safety Officer
- R. Mitchell TCFP Hazmat Incident Commander
- G. DelaGarza TCFP Master SFF
- A. Moon TCFP Instructor III
- R. Mitchell TCFP Officer IV
- W. Stolle DSHS Instructor I
- DM. Woodward DSHS EMT-Paramedic

EMS Training



Fire Training



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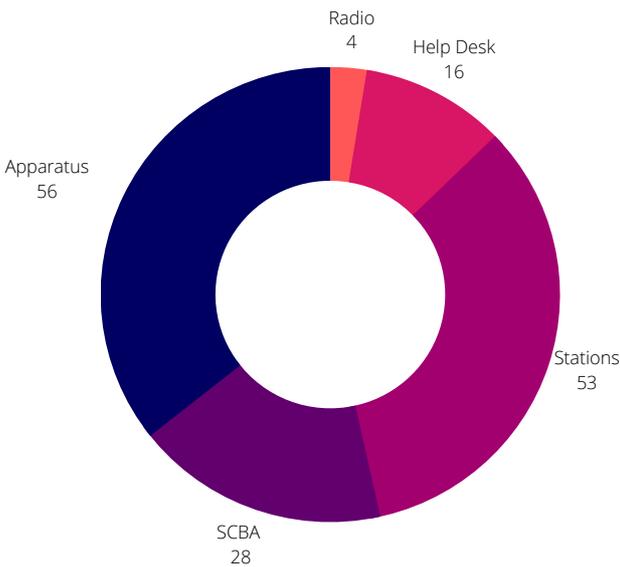


TRAINING DIVISION HAD A VERY BUSY SECOND QUARTER ON APRIL 28TH, VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATED 11 CADETS FROM ITS FIRST FOUR DAY A WEEK ACADEMY. OF THOSE 11, 4 WERE CIVILIAN CADETS THAT WERE SPONSORED BY THE VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE CLASS HAD A 88.63% PASS RATE ON FIRST ATTEMPT TCFP. IN THE MONTHS SINCE ALL 11 CADETS HAVE PASSED ALL TCFP EXAMS GIVING THE OVERALL ACADEMY A 100% TCFP EXAM PASS RATE. OF THE 11 CADETS 8 ATTENDED THE EMT-BASIC COURSE THAT WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRE ACADEMY AND ALL 8 GRADUATED THE EMT CLASS ON MAY 30TH. CURRENTLY VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS HIRED 2 ADDITIONAL CADETS AS FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS ALONG WITH THE CIVILIAN CADETS THAT WERE SPONSORED. THE REMAINING 6 CADETS HAVE BEEN GIVEN CONTINGENT JOB OFFERS PENDING THEY PASS THEIR NATIONAL REGISTRY EXAM. WE ALSO COMPLETED AN ACLS BOAT OPERATOR AND SWIFT WATER CLASSES. VFD ALSO PARTNERED WITH VCSO TO COMPLETE THE MRAP DRIVER COURSE. ATTENDED SEVERAL JOB FAIRS IN COOPERATION WITH VICTORIA COLLEGE AND THE WORK FORCE COMMISSION. 9 VFD MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MID-COAST HURRICANE & DISASTER CONFERENCE. IT WAS A BUSY QUARTER FOR CAREER PROGRESSION AS WELL VFD MEMBERS COMPLETED TCFP WILD LAND, TCFP DRIVER OPERATOR, AND TCFP INSTRUCTOR I COURSES. WE ALL PARTICIPATED IN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING. INCENTIVE PAY CLASSES PHTLS CLASS (9) MEMBERS. HANDS ONLY CPR AT VPDS SUMMER CAMP KEIMRYN

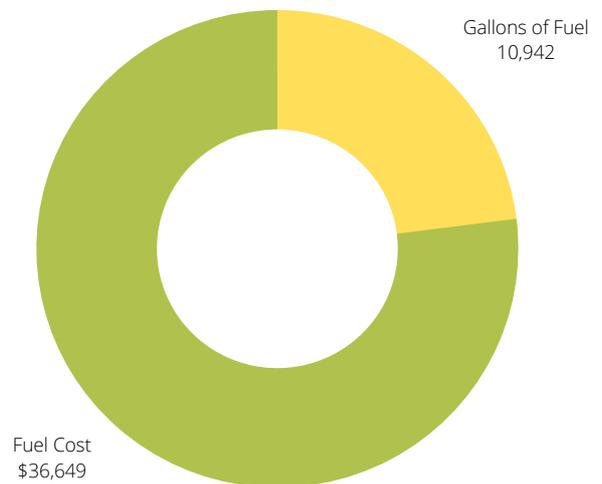
SECOND QUARTER TRAINING/LOGISTICS REPORT 2023



The second quarter of 2023 continued to be a busy time for logistics. With the fiscal year in full swing, we began our annual third-party testing and maintenance programs. We completed aerial ladder testing and Holmatro tool maintenance in March.



Service Request



Fleet



FIRE CHIEF'S

Message

- CHANGE IS INEVITABLE -

IF YOU HAVE WORKED IN THE FIRE SERVICE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, YOU KNOW CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. ONE OF THE GREATEST LESSONS I'VE LEARNED DURING MY TIME WITH THE VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS TO EMBRACE CHANGE. CHANGE IS UNCOMFORTABLE AT TIMES, EVEN SCARY, BUT CHANGE IS WHAT MAKES US GROW AS PEOPLE, PEERS, LEADERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. THE BEST WAY TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF CHANGE IS TO BE MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY OPEN TO IT. ENGAGE THE CHANGE PROCESS AND USE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE THE "CHANGE" THE BEST POSSIBLE. WITH AN OPEN MIND AND OPEN HEART, THE "NEW CHANGE" WILL QUICKLY BECOME THE "NEW NORMAL."

WE HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN HOW WE OPERATE OVER THE PAST YEARS. WE WERE THRUST INTO PUBLIC HEALTH THANKS TO THE PANDEMIC ALONG WITH MANY OTHER CULTURAL CHANGES DUE TO THIS GENERATIONAL EVENT. YOU ALL RESPONDED TO THIS CHANGE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL AND FACED IT HEAD-ON WITHOUT RESERVATION OR HESITATION. ONE OF MY MOST PROUDEST MOMENTS FOR THE VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ITS RESPONSE AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. YOU MADE CHANGE LOOK EASY.

WHAT WILL NEVER CHANGE IS HOW AMAZING EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU ARE. YOUR SACRIFICE FOR YOU FELLOW FIRST RESPONDERS AND COMMUNITY IS EXTRAORDINARY. YOU ARE THE "BEST" AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIDE OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGION.

RESPECTFULLY,

CHIEF FOX

The Leader in Emergency Service Excellence.