

ANNUAL REPORT

*Preserving life and property with
dedicated and caring service.*



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Message from the Fire Chief

Victoria Fire Department
Annual Report 2022



The year 2022 provided many exciting opportunities for the Victoria Fire Department. Coming off Covid restrictions, we wanted to re-engage with our community and let them know we are more than just their fire department, we are their partners in enhancing their daily lives. We made this connection through several great "first-ever" events, such as our Fire and Ice Summer Youth Program, Citizen Responder Program, Lunch and Learn series, and the VFD National Night Out Block Party.

The year also continued to present workforce challenges that our team was willing to meet head-on and create new and exciting solutions. We implemented a new Paramedic Crew Leader position and part-time paramedics to improve our staffing shortages. And for the first time ever, the VFD hired Civilian Cadets to be trained as firefighter EMTs.

Our members' dedication and heroism continue to be the backbone of our organization. Their spirit of commitment keeps the organization strong and allows the highest quality of Emergency Services to be provided to our community.

Robert T. Fox
Fire Chief

We are Family.

*We are
Community.*

We are VFD.

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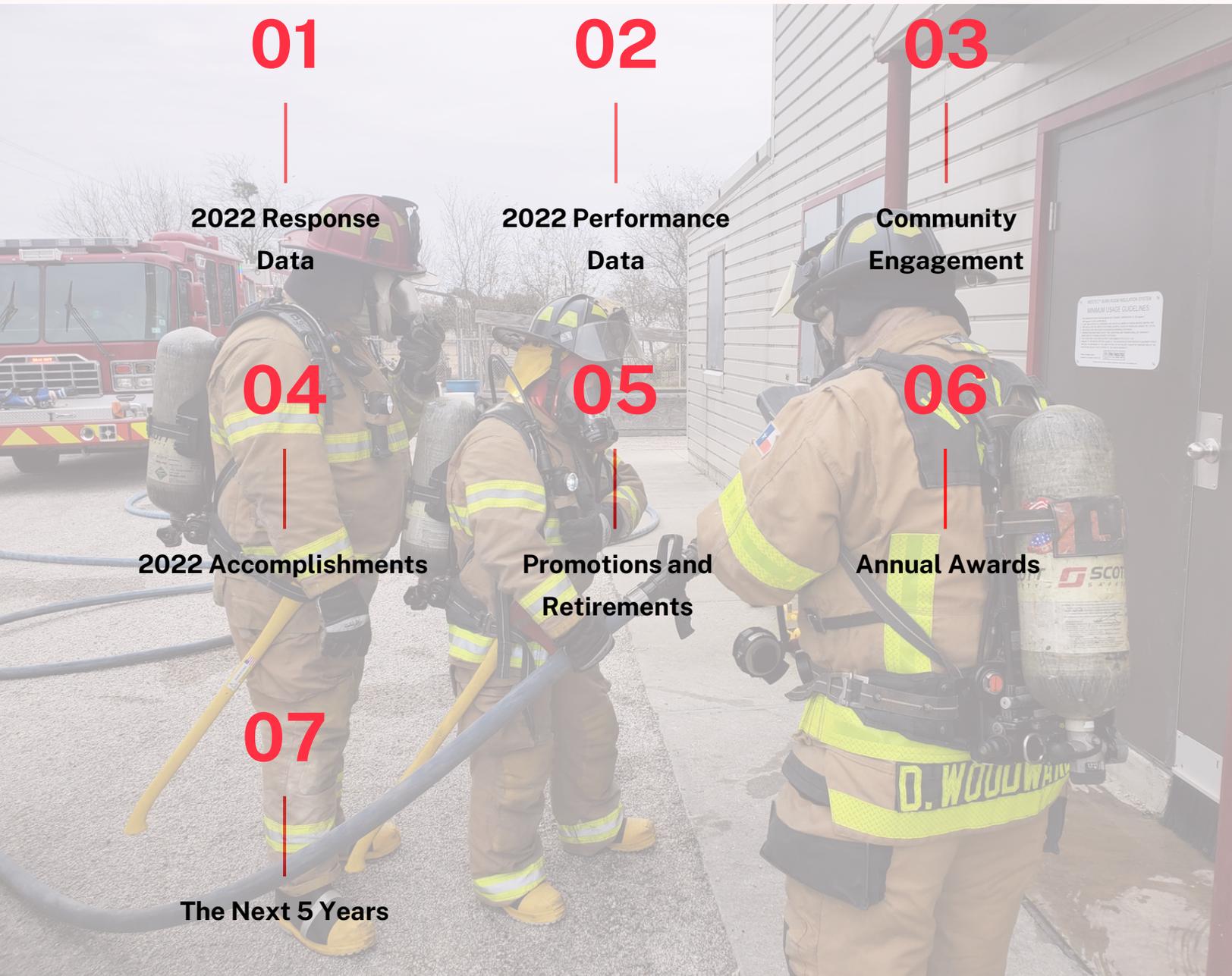
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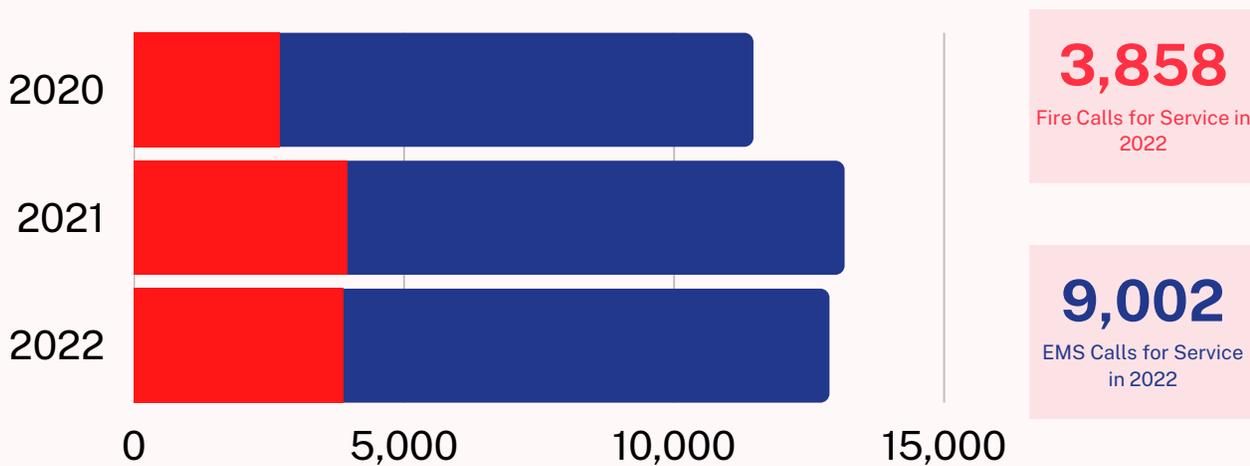
The Next 5 Years



The Victoria Fire Department is an all hazards response organization that responds to all types of emergencies in the 890 square miles of Victoria County. In 2022 the Victoria Fire Department responded to **12,860** calls for service. The VFD responded into Victoria County for a total **2,832** calls for service. The total call volume is a reduction from the previous year. This was expected due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in 2021.

Annual Response Data

Total calls for service in 2022.



7%

Responses are for lift assist only. We responded to 883 lift assists in 2022. Many calls are for the same client.

12%

Responses in which no emergency is found. Second largest incident type behind EMS.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE DATA:

EMS FEE COLLECTION: \$2,900,000

HAZARD FEE COLLECTION: \$58,000

EDUCATION FEE COLLECTION: \$50,000

Property Saved



Property saved from fire (City)

Response Times



1st due within 5:19 (City)

Cardiac Arrest ROSC RATE



Global rate of ROSC 29%

Cardiac Arrest Survival



Global rate of survival 9%

Bystander CPR



National Bystander CPR rate 30%

Lights/Sirens Transport



98% of cases are transported without lights/sirens



WE ARE COMMUNITY!



The Victoria Fire Department has established a culture of commitment, and one of its commitments is to the well-being of our community. We strive to enhance the lives of our residents. Here are a few programs we initiated in 2022 and plan to continue into the future:

- Fire and Ice Summer Education Program
- VFD Sponsored National Night Out Block Party
- Charity basketball game benefitting the Food Bank and Toys for Tots
- Community Lunch and Learn Series
- Assembled fifty bikes for Toys for Tots and Blue Santa
- Numerous Trunk or Treat events and Truck Shows
- Flu Clinic for the Lighthouse for the Blind



VPD'S AND VFD'S **NOVEMBER LUNCH & LEARN**

16 NOVEMBER, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER, 2905 E. NORTH STREET

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH!
COME JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH! OFFICER TURNER WILL
DISCUSS HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS AND
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FROM DETAR HEALTHCARE
SYSTEM WILL HAVE GREAT INFORMATION ON DIABETES.**



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The past year was filled with staffing and supply chain challenges which the VFD had to overcome. Thanks to our members' creativity and perseverance, we implemented strategies to overcome these challenges and ensure consistent service.



PARAMEDIC CREW LEADER POSITION

Established a non-fire certified position for EMS response.

- 20 PCL's hired and placed on 24/72 Shift



CIVILIAN CADETS

Hired seven (7) civilian cadets to be trained in fire and EMS.

- Over thirty (30) applicants applied for the Civilian Cadet Position.



MULTI-PURPOSE FIRE APPARATUS

Replaced a brush truck with a Type V Engine.

- Wildland Fires
 - Structure Fires
 - Car Fires
 - Moter Vehicle Accidents
 - Water Rescue
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THE NEXT 5 YEARS



- Re-opening of Fire Station #1.
- Re-location of Fire Station #5.
- Expansion of training services for the public and industrial partners.
- Open the Public Safety Headquarters.
- Transitioning to a Mobile Integrated Healthcare model for EMS.
- Update staffing model to ensure efficient and effective operation.
- Identify a location for Fire Station #7 and begin the design.
- Completion of the Community Risk Reduction Assessment.





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FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN
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