



**STATESBORO  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

The Statesboro Fire Department is proud to present our 2025 Annual Community Report. This report reflects our continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and service by providing our community with a clear overview of our department's operations, accomplishments, and ongoing efforts to deliver exceptional fire and emergency services. Our mission remains unchanged: protecting lives and property through professionalism, preparedness, and public trust.

The year 2025 marked an important period of progress and forward momentum for our department. One of the most significant milestones was the groundbreaking of Fire Station No. 3, a long-awaited project that represents a major step toward improving response times and strengthening resource distribution across the Statesboro Fire Service Area. As our community continues to grow, expanding our infrastructure is essential to ensuring that emergency services remain reliable, timely, and capable of meeting increasing demands.

In addition to this growth, we completed the training facilities expansion that began as part of our long-term investment in firefighter readiness and operational excellence. Providing our personnel with modern training resources strengthens our ability to respond effectively to emergencies of all types, while also



supporting continued professional development and safety for our firefighters. Training remains one of the most critical components of a successful fire department, and we are proud to enhance our ability to prepare for both routine incidents and complex emergencies.

This year also included the completion of an ISO (Insurance Services Office) review, an important evaluation that measures key components of a community's fire protection services. This process reinforces the importance of maintaining strong operational standards, effective planning, and strategic readiness. While the ISO review is a formal assessment, it

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ultimately reflects what matters most, a fire department's ability to protect the people and property of Statesboro through dependable service and continual improvement.

2025 also brought an important operational transition as Bulloch County assumed responsibility for fire protection services in the Five-Mile Fire District. For many years, the Statesboro Fire Department was honored to provide fire services to this area through a longstanding agreement. This transition allows the Statesboro Fire Department to focus on fire service delivery within the City of Statesboro by aligning resources, staffing, and operational priorities to best meet the needs of our growing community.

As we look to the future, the Statesboro Fire Department remains focused on being proactive, responsible, and prepared. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing service levels, improving operational efficiency, and ensuring we remain good stewards of taxpayer resources. These accomplishments are only possible through the support of our community leaders, elected officials, and the residents we are honored to serve. Your trust and partnership

Looking ahead, we will continue emphasizing fire prevention, public education, and community engagement as key parts of our mission. We encourage residents to stay connected with us through our safety programs, outreach initiatives, and public information efforts.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.statesborofd.com](http://www.statesborofd.com) or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/statesborofiredepartment](http://www.facebook.com/statesborofiredepartment).

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us the privilege of serving you. We are proud to protect this great community, and we look forward to another year of dedication, progress, and service.



Timothy E. Grams  
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Statesboro Fire Department



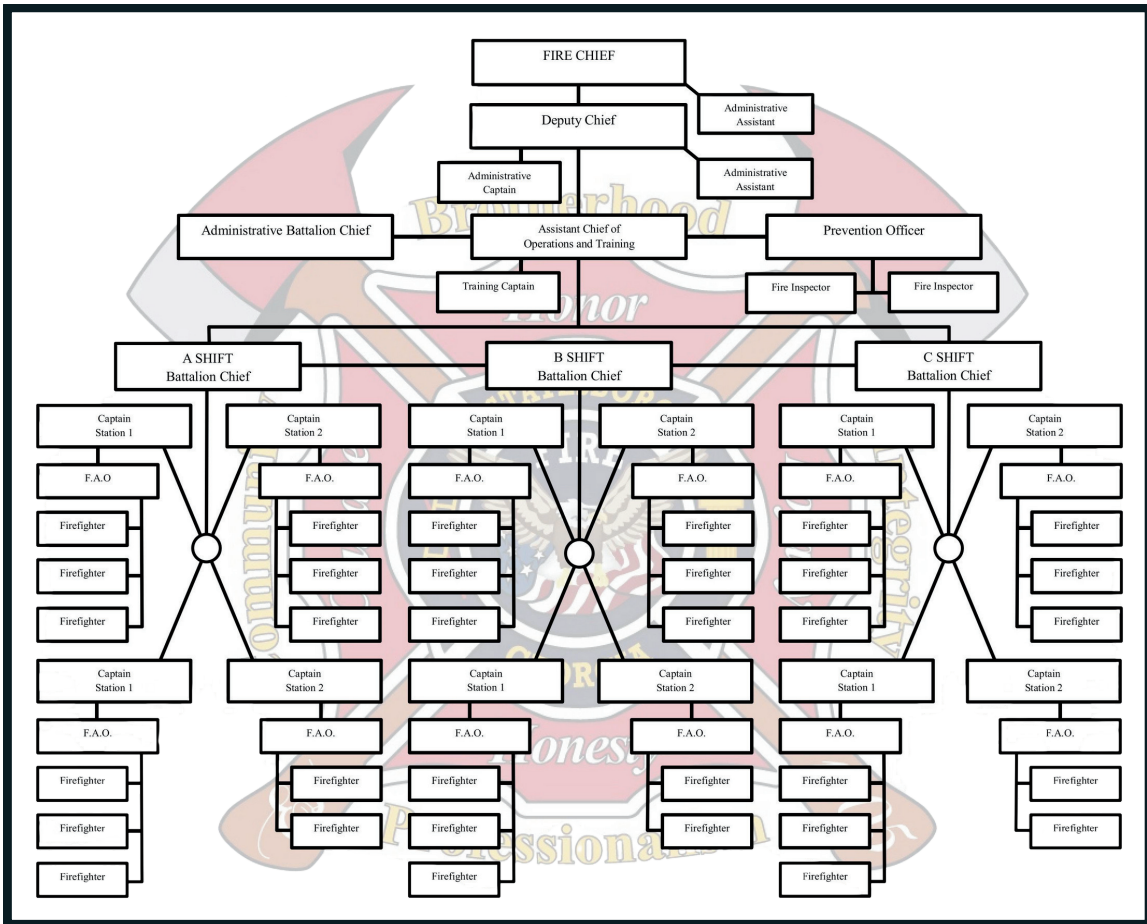
# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Statesboro Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the citizens of our community by providing a modern, highly trained and well equipped Fire Department while ensuring the most current practices and principles of Fire and Life Safety Education and Fire Safety Code Enforcement are utilized in an effort to provide the very best Fire Protection Services.

# CORE VALUES

- Brotherhood
- Honor
- Integrity
- Loyalty
- Professionalism
- Honesty
- Community
- Courage

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





# ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES

**Reduce Fire-Related Fatalities and Injuries:** Strive to minimize fire-related fatalities and serious injuries by implementing proactive education, prevention programs, and delivering efficient, high-quality emergency services.

**Limit Property Losses:** Work to limit fire-related property losses to no more than 5% of the pre-incident appraised value within the Statesboro Fire Service Area through rapid response, effective fire suppression, and proactive prevention measures.

**Enhance Fire Protection:** Promote fire prevention by prioritizing public education, fire code enforcement, and other proactive initiatives aimed at reducing fire risks across residential, commercial, and industrial settings.

**Ensure Operational Readiness of Equipment:** Maintain a fleet of modern, well-maintained firefighting equipment, vehicles, and technology, ensuring they are always operationally ready to serve the community.

**Develop Leadership and Career Growth:** Foster a culture of leadership development and career growth within the department, providing opportunities for professional advancement to build a capable and motivated workforce.

**Prioritize Firefighter Health and Wellness:** Continue to support the physical and mental well-being of firefighters by maintaining and expanding programs focused on fitness, stress management, and PTSD support.





# GENERAL OVERVIEW

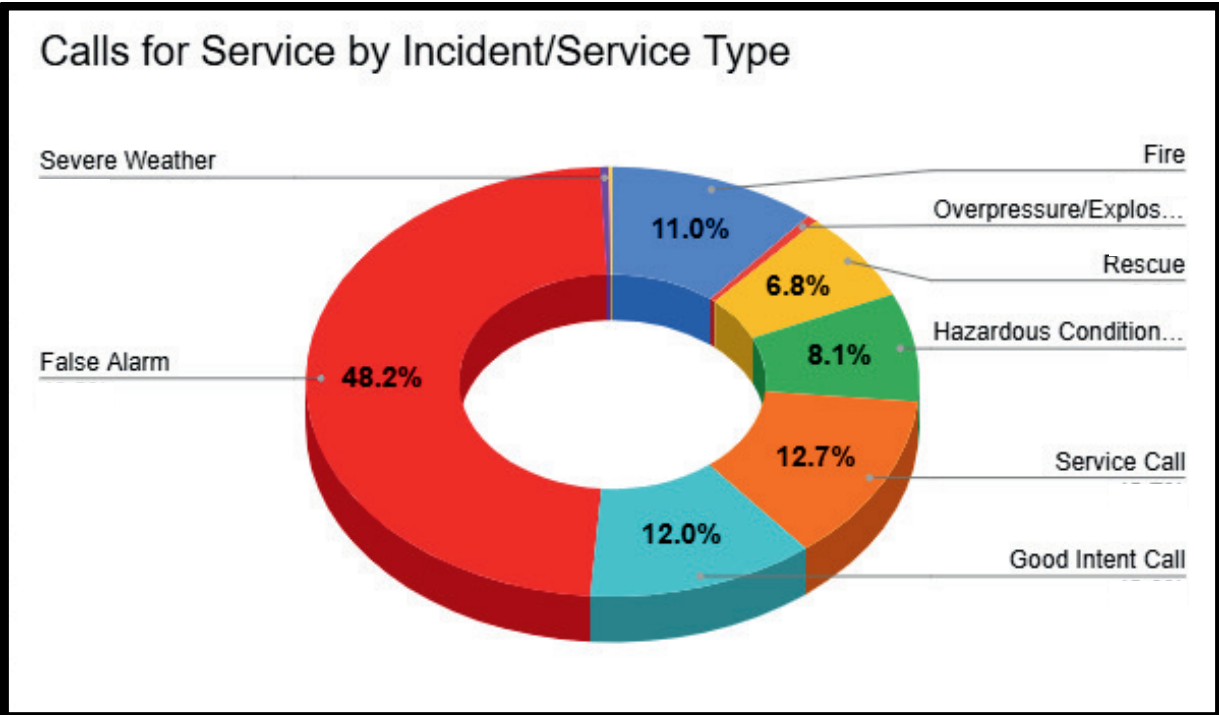
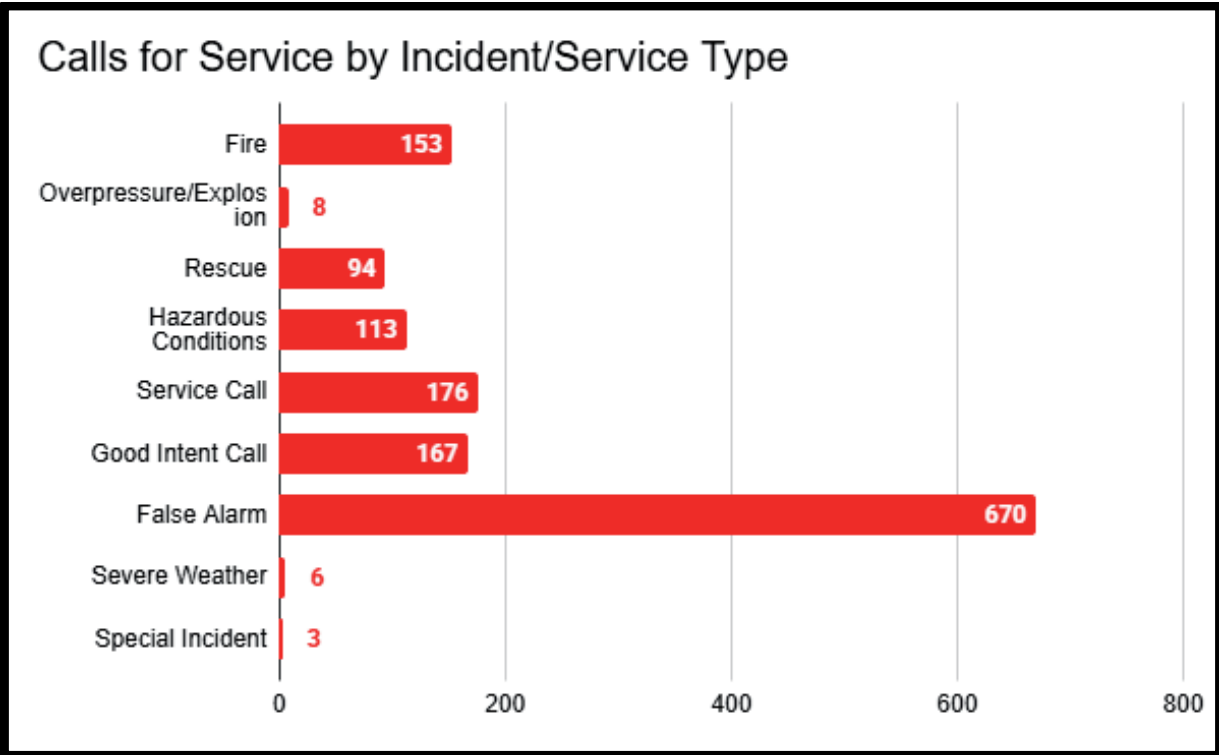
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>1390</b>
<b>Calls for Service – City</b>	<b>1174</b>
<b>Calls for Service – Fire District</b> <i>Five-Mile Fire District - January 1 through June 30</i>	<b>180</b>
<b>Calls for Service Outside Primary Response Area (Mutual/Auto Aid)</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Average Response Time (Dispatch to Arrival)</b>	<b>4 min 28 sec</b>
<b>Number of Overlapping Incidents</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Percentage of Overlapping Calls (Total Calls for Service)</b>	<b>14.7%</b>
<b>Investigations</b>	<b>10</b>





# OPERATIONS / RESPONSE

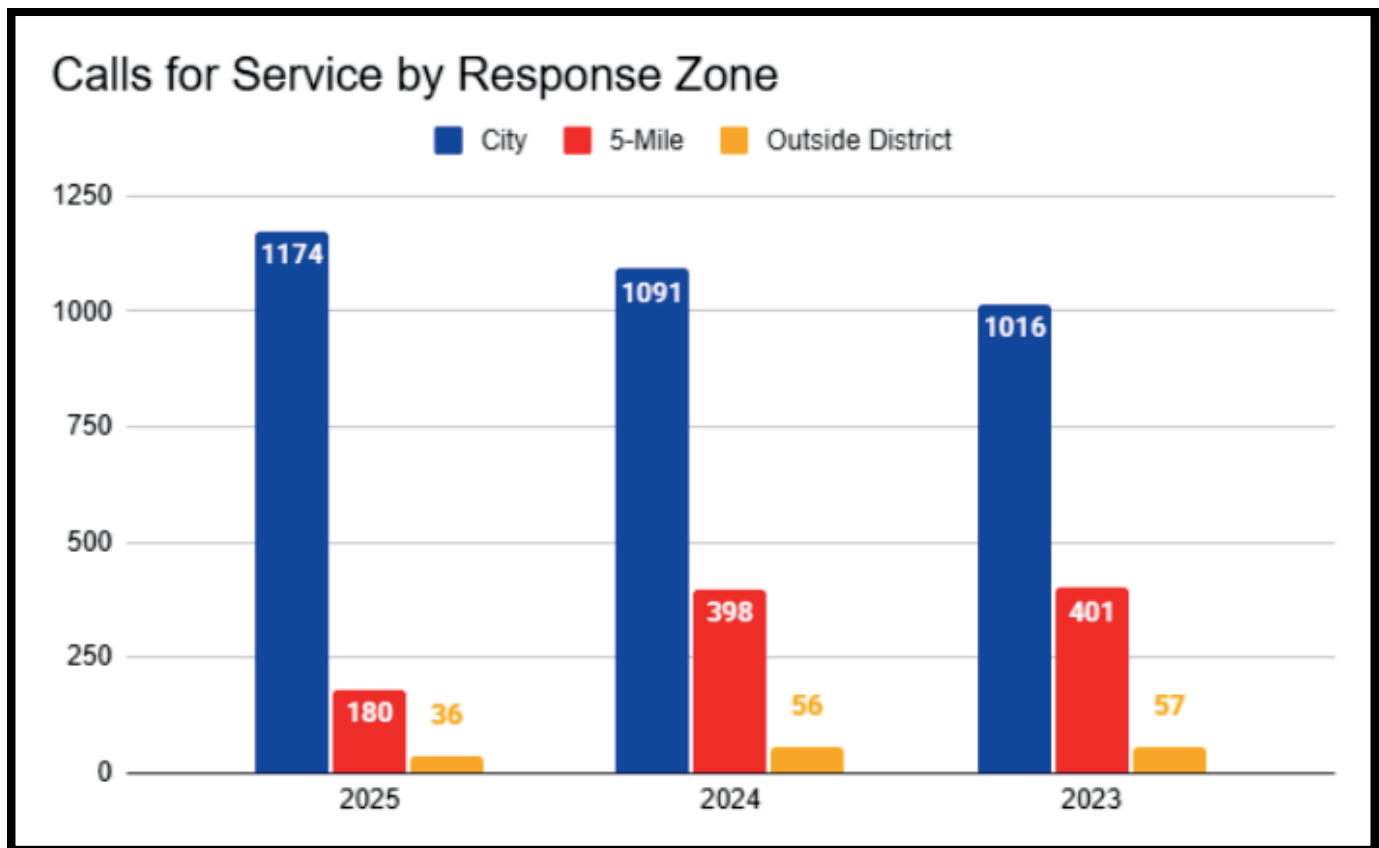
The Statesboro Fire Department responded to **1,390 calls for service in 2025**. These incidents are broken down into eight categories: Fire, Overpressure/Explosion, Rescue, Hazardous Conditions, Service Call, Good Intent Call, False Alarm, and Special Incident.





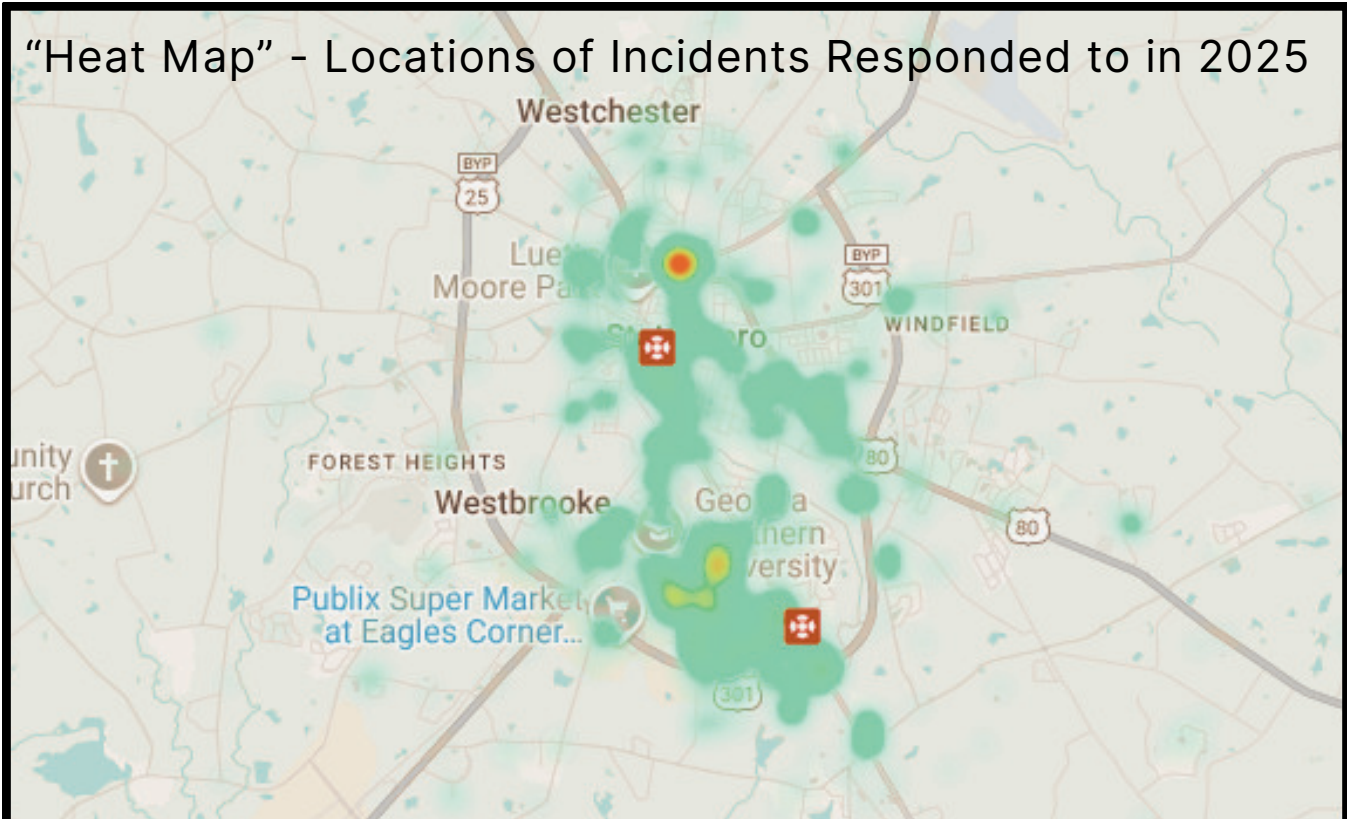
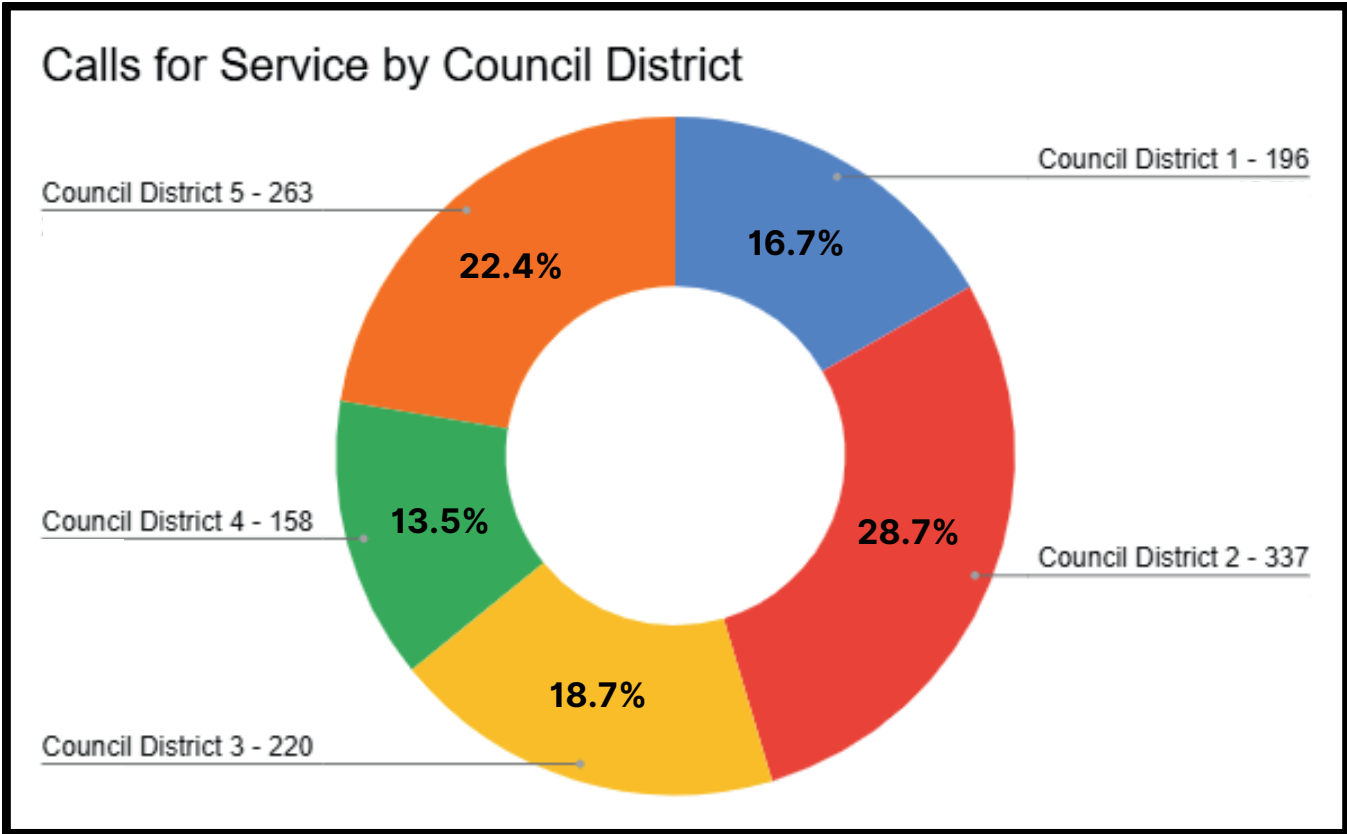
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The “Calls for Service by Response Zone” graph highlights a steady increase in emergency calls across all response areas from 2023 to 2025. Calls within the five-mile service area accounted for 180 responses in 2025; however, it is important to note that the department was only responsible for providing coverage to the five-mile district from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Overall, the data shows steady growth in in-city call volume.



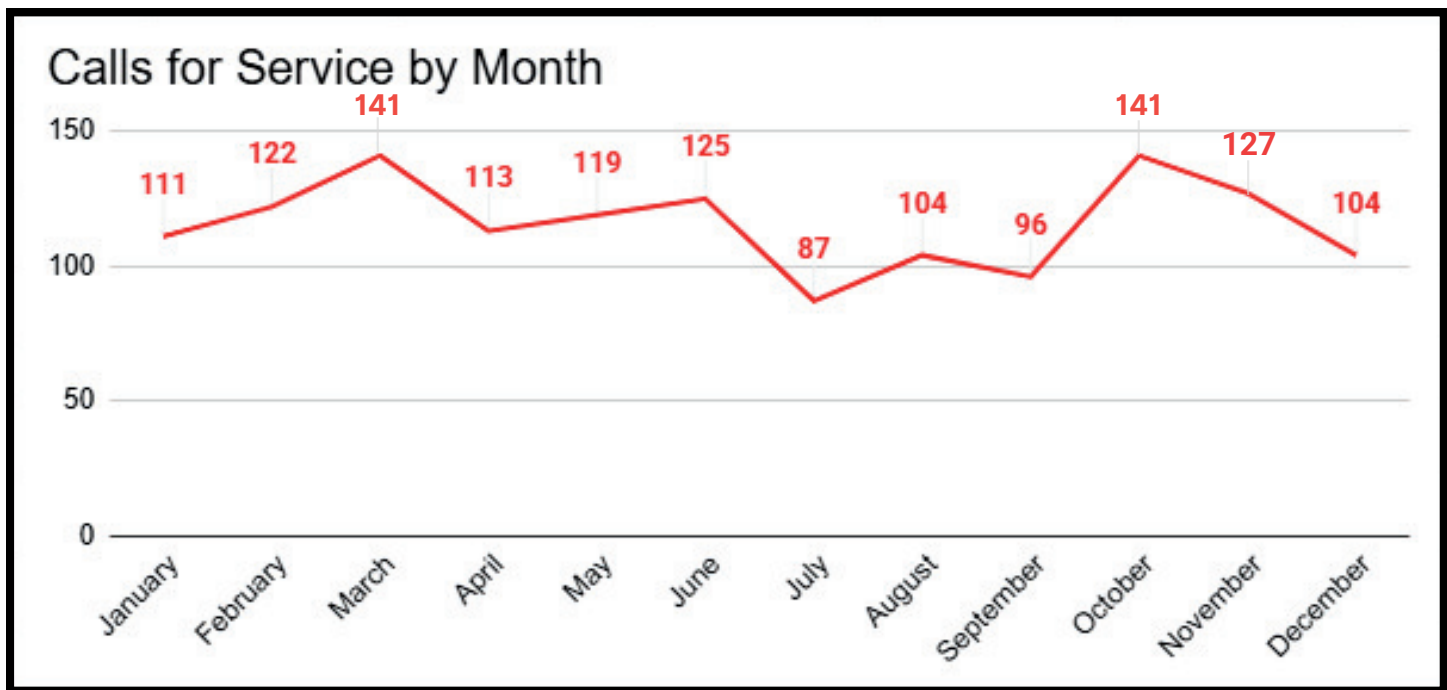


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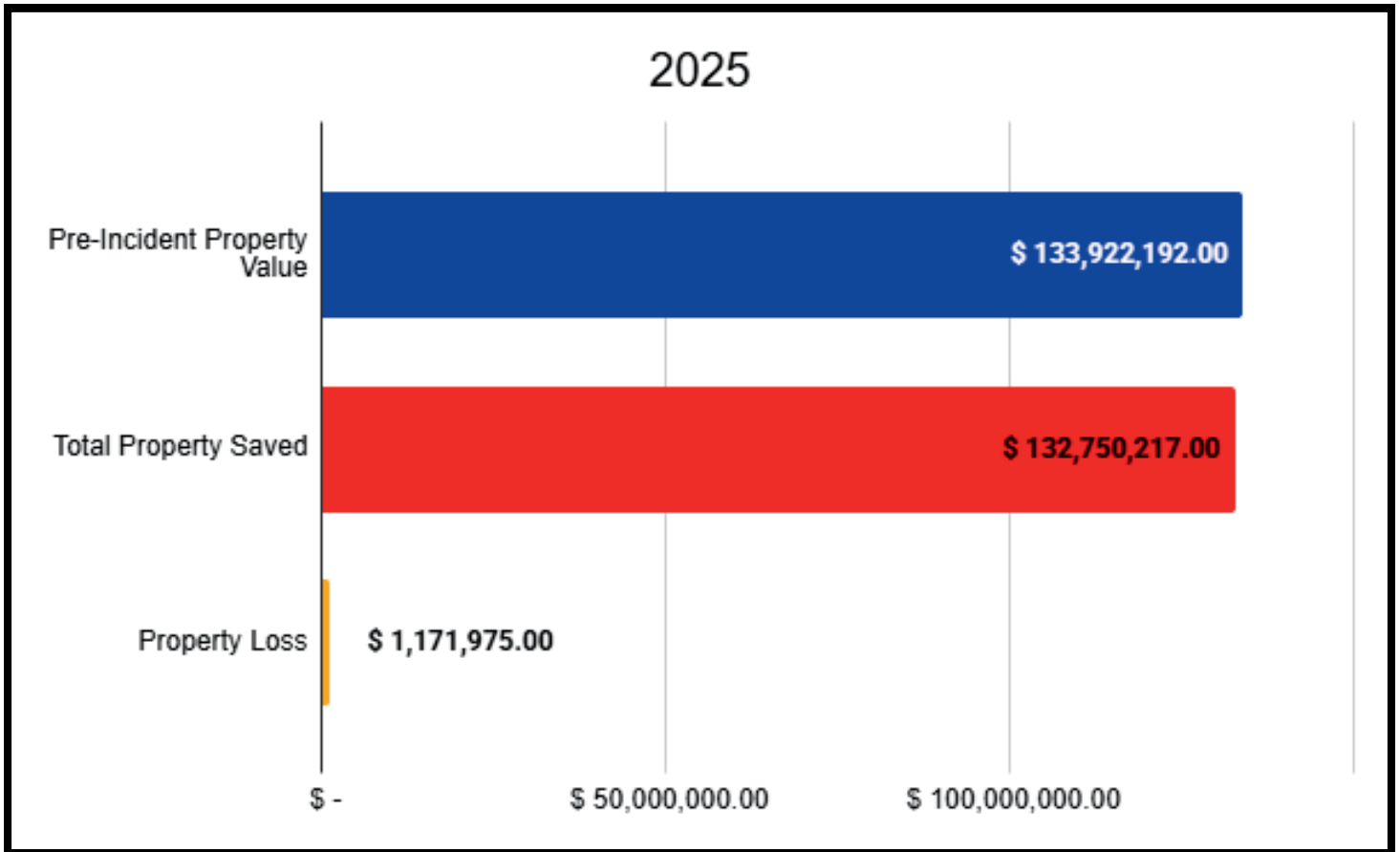
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The “Calls for Service by Month” graph illustrates noticeable fluctuations in call volume over the course of the year, reflecting a clear seasonal pattern. Calls begin at **111 in January** and increase through the early months, rising to **122 in February** and peaking in March before dipping in April. Activity steadily climbs again in late spring and early summer before dropping to the lowest point of the year at **87 in July**. Following this mid-year low, call volume rebounds in August and then rises sharply to the yearly high in October. Calls remain elevated in November before declining again to **104 in December**. Overall, the data suggests reduced demand during midsummer and increased activity in the fall, indicating a seasonal influence on service calls. This trend highlights the importance of adjusting staffing and resources to effectively manage higher call volumes during peak months.



# PROPERTY LOSS



The “2025 Property Loss and Savings” graph illustrates the effectiveness of fire response efforts in mitigating financial damages. The Pre-Incident Property Value was **estimated at \$133,922,192**, representing the total value of properties at risk before intervention. Through emergency response efforts, **\$132,750,217** worth of property was **successfully saved**, leaving an actual Property Loss of **only \$1,171,975**. This data highlights the significant impact of fire suppression and emergency response in minimizing financial losses, with the majority of at-risk property being preserved.



# APPARATUS



## ENGINES

- Basic response unit and the backbone of the department.
- Respond to all incidents
- Carry up to 1,000 gallons of water
- Perform suppression functions as well as extrication of victims of vehicle accidents.



## SERVICE APPARATUS

- Can hold up to 3,000 gallons of water
- Primarily delivers water to areas without an ideal water supply.



## AERIALS

- Respond to structure fires and commercial fire alarms
- Can hold up to 300 gallons of water
- Have an elevated platform to allow firefighters to extinguish fires in multi-story buildings.



# ISO RATING

Fire departments undergo evaluations by the **Insurance Services Office (ISO)** to receive a **Public Protection Classification (PPC)** rating. This rating assesses a community's fire protection capabilities and its ability to mitigate risks. The ISO scores departments based on three main criteria: communications (10 points), fire department operations (50 points), and water supply (40 points). Additionally, community risk reduction efforts can earn up to 5.5 bonus points, which would make a perfect score 105.5. Insurance companies use these ratings to help determine homeowners' insurance premiums.

SFD currently holds an impressive **ISO Class 2 rating**, a distinction shared by **less than 5% of all fire departments in the nation**. The Statesboro Fire Department recently submitted its latest ISO evaluation. With this new evaluation submitted, the department is hopeful for an ISO Class 1 rating.





# TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division of the Statesboro Fire Department is composed of one Assistant Chief of Operations and Training, one Training Captain, and various departmental instructors who assist. The training program **includes**, but is **not limited to** the following areas: Company Training, Hazardous Materials Awareness Training, Hazardous Materials Operations Training, Officer Training, Driver Training, New Driver Training, Facility Training, and New Recruit Training. In 2025, the department had a **total of 19,774 training hours**.

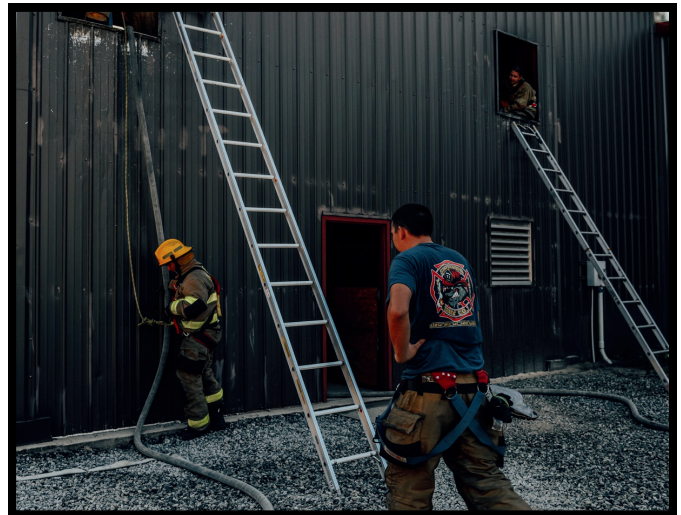
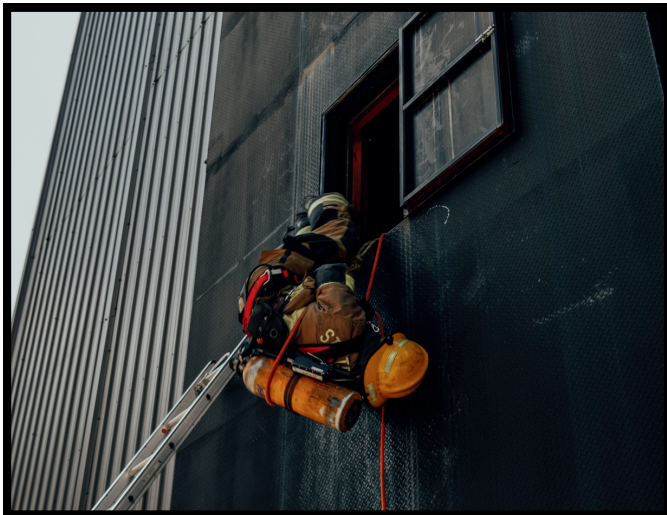
ISO Training Category	Required Hour Per Firefighter	Statesboro Average Per Firefighter	Hours Completed
Company Training	192	260	14,838
HazMat Training	6	10	583
Officer Training	12	20	509
Driver Training	12	13	442
New Driver Training	60	60	180
Facility Training	18	22	1,262
Recruit Training	280	280	1,960
<b>19,774 Total Training Hours in 2025</b>			





# TRAINING DIVISION

In the Summer of 2025, the Statesboro Fire Department facilitated a **recruit class** that successfully resulted in the hiring of **eight** new firefighters. Recruits came out of the eight-week program with the following certifications and qualifications: Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations, CPR and AED, Incident Command System Training, and Vehicle Extrication. Recruit training alone consisted of the **standard 280** hours; however, their training continued immediately following their graduation from the recruit school.





# TRAINING COURSE PARTICIPATION

In 2025, the Statesboro Fire Department invested heavily in training and professional development to ensure the highest level of service to our community. Personnel hosted and participated in the following courses:

- Leadership I-III
- Fire Alarm and Suppression Systems
- Pump Service Testing
- Fire Origin and Cause for Company Officers
- Firefighter II
- Pressurized Container Fire Control
- Handling Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- Incident Safety Officer
- Initial Size-Up and Tactics
- Fire Officer I & II
- Fire and Life Safety Educator I
- AOPP
- AOPL





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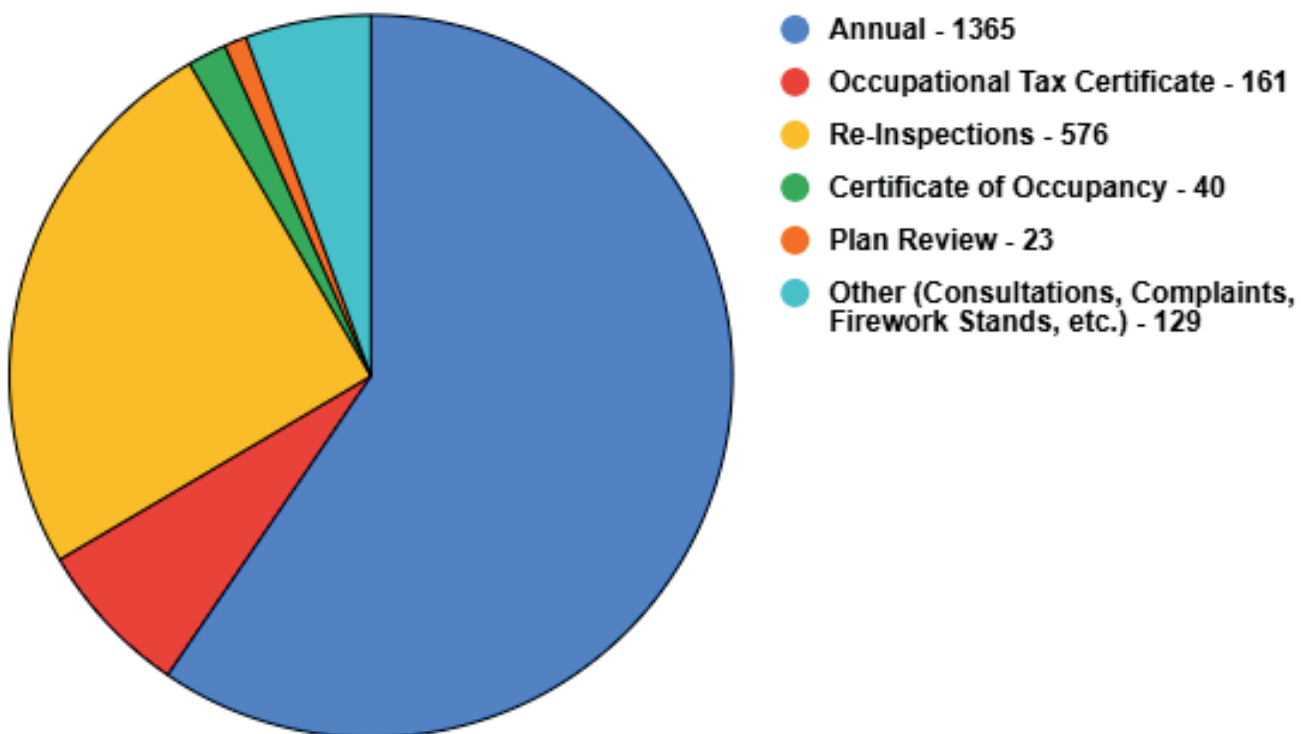




# PREVENTION DIVISION

The Prevention Division continues to play a crucial role in preventing and mitigating fire risks by conducting fire and life safety inspections. In 2025, a total of **2,294 inspections** were conducted at commercial properties throughout the City of Statesboro. Of these, **495 were re-inspections** associated with annual inspections, accounting for approximately one-third of all annual inspections conducted. Fire and life safety inspections aim to identify and address fire hazards within a building or facility. Routine inspections ensure that fire safety systems (alarms, sprinklers, extinguishers, etc.) are compliant with adopted fire codes and in working order. The Prevention Division conducts a variety of inspections which include **Annual Fire and Life Safety, Occupational Tax Certificates, and Certificate of Occupancy**, along with many others.

## Inspection Types





# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

**Community Risk Reduction (CRR)** programs are proactive initiatives implemented by the Statesboro Fire Department to enhance public safety, reduce the risk of emergencies, and minimize the impact of incidents.

This year we had direct **CRR interactions** with **4,398** citizens including the following: installed **139 smoke alarms**, visited over **823** during **school visits**, **3,124** during **community events**, and **290** from **station tours**.

The Statesboro Fire Department employs a variety of strategies to accomplish its goal of a safer, more prepared community.





# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



One of the primary ways we promote **CRR** is by providing a variety of educational materials tailored to different safety concerns. We offer **brochures, flyers, and other printed resources** covering topics such as fire safety, home escape planning, smoke alarm maintenance, and disaster preparedness. These materials are designed to be informative, easy to understand, and accessible to all members of our community.

In addition to brochures, we also supply **hands-on learning tools and interactive educational supplies** that cater to different age groups. Our department frequently partners with local schools, businesses, and community organizations to distribute these resources and conduct safety presentations. Whether through community events, open houses, or direct requests, we ensure that vital safety information reaches as many people as possible.

To make these resources readily available, we maintain educational displays at our fire stations and collaborate with local establishments such as libraries, and schools. **Residents can pick up brochures and other safety materials** at their convenience, helping to reinforce critical fire prevention and emergency preparedness strategies in their daily lives.



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## Fire Prevention Week - Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair



The department participated in the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair by hosting a fire prevention booth focused on public education and community engagement. Fire personnel provided hands-on fire safety education using a fire safety house, allowing attendees to learn safe behaviors in a realistic setting. Fire safety materials and educational items were also distributed to reinforce prevention messages and promote overall community safety.



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## Bethany's Summer Luau



## Community Helpers Day





# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## Compassion Christian Church



The department supported Compassion Christian Church's annual summer camp by providing water service for a splash pad during the camp's water day. This support allowed campers to safely participate in outdoor recreational activities while highlighting the department's ongoing commitment to community engagement and youth-focused events.



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## “Up In Flames”



The department hosted a fire safety outreach event with Georgia Southern University that focused on education and hands-on engagement. Fire personnel provided instruction on safe cooking practices and the importance of working smoke alarms. Participants also took part in a mini combat challenge, which included a dummy drag, hose pull, and Keiser sled, offering insight into the physical demands of firefighting. The event concluded with fire extinguisher training using a simulator and a live burn demonstration.



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## Camp RAD





# GRANTS

The Statesboro Fire Department continues to seek opportunities that supplement its operational budget by applying for grants at the local, state, and federal levels. In 2025 grant funding provided to the department at the federal level totaled **\$581,107**.

Federal funding was utilized to enhance the department's operational and fire prevention capabilities. In 2023, the **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)** provided **\$2,108,938.32** for staffing an additional 12 operational personnel. During 2025 the Statesboro Fire Department received **\$581,107 in funding from SAFER** for those additional personnel's salaries. The SAFER grant will continue to fund the salaries for these additional personnel through 2026.





## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted groundbreaking for Station Three.
- Completed construction on training facilities.
- Received a brand new 2024 Sutphen SPH 100-ft aerial platform.
- Completed ISO evaluation, results pending.
- Completed a 3-year FEMA National Firefighter Health and Wellness Study
  - 1 of 6 departments across the country.
- Received a total of \$591,525.50 in SAFER Funding for 2025.

## MOVING FORWARD

- New Aerial Apparatus (Quint expected in July).
- Expected completion of construction of Station 3 is July 2026.
- Working with consultants on the feasibility of a fire service fee.
- Focus on recruitment and retention of personnel through support, culture, and career pathways.
- Reduce community risk through prevention and public education programs such as smoke alarm blitzes and “Up In Flames”.
- Continue to evaluate departmental services, processes, procedures and programs to ensure excellent service delivery is maintained.



**As we reflect on the past year, the Statesboro Fire Department remains steadfast in our mission to protect, serve, and support our community. Through emergency response, fire prevention efforts, and public education, we have worked tirelessly to enhance safety and preparedness for all.**

**Our success is made possible by the dedication of our firefighters, the collaboration of city leaders, and the unwavering support of the community we proudly serve. Looking ahead, we are committed to advancing our services, embracing innovation, and strengthening our partnerships to ensure a safer future for Statesboro.**

**Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we make Statesboro stronger and safer.**



*"Serving Statesboro and the surrounding community since 1905"*