



INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2021 STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

OUR DEPARTMENT

10 Fire Stations

14 Response Companies

- 10 Pumpers
- 2 Rescues
- 2 Trucks

Personnel

- 156 (3 Shifts) Firefighters/FEOs/Captains
- 3 (Shift) Battalion Chief

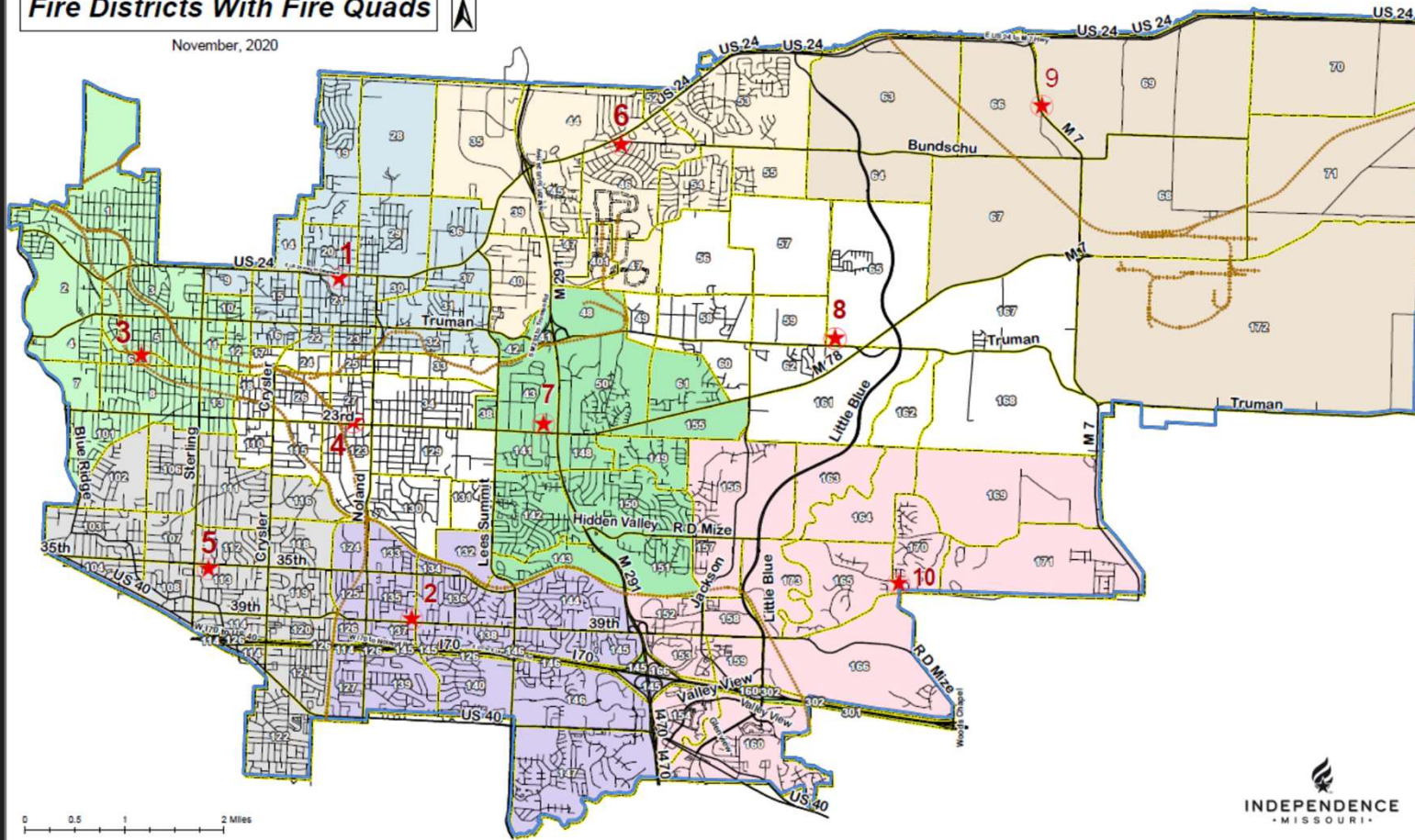
Administrative

- 4 Assistant Chiefs
- 1 Deputy Chief
- 1 Fire Chief

Fire Districts With Fire Quads

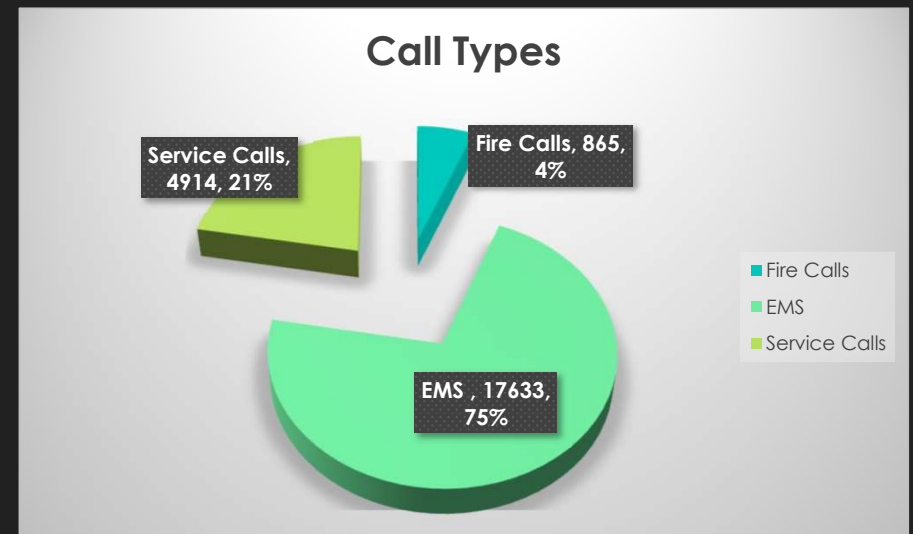


November, 2020



Fire Trends / Challenges:

- 2020 Total Incidents 23412
 - 3.8% Increase from 2019 (22526)
 - 33% Increase since 2009 (15630)



Fire Trends / Challenges:

- Total Apparatus Runs 30,305
 - 3.5% Increase from 2019 (29,255)
 - 40% Increase since 2009 (18276)
 - 11 of 14 companies >2000 responses for the 2020 calendar year
- Response Times

	Average Response Time	90 th Percentile
2018	4:41	8:33
2019	5:20	8:37
2020	5:41	8:12

Issues and Needs

STATION REPLACEMENT

- Immediate Station Replacement
 - Station 8
 - Built 1964
 - Station 5
 - Built 1980



STATION 8



STATION 5



FUTURE STATION REPLACEMENT

- Station 6
- Station 9
- Station 10



FUTURE STATION NEED

- Station 11?
- 39th Street South
- 291 Hwy East



CLASSROOM TRAINING FACILITY

- Tower Built 2001
- Classroom Facilities cut from original design
- Needed for more all-weather training and restroom facilities.
- Potential site for station replacement



VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

- Pumpers (9 Active + 4 Reserve)
- Aerial Apparatus (3 Active + 1 Reserve)
- Rescues (2 Active + 1 Reserve)
- Staff Vehicles (18 Chief Officers/Inspectors/EM)

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

- Fireground Equipment
- Personal Protective Equipment (Gear, SCBA)
- Extrication Equipment
- EMS Equipment

STATION/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

- Furniture / Appliance Replacement
- HVAC
- Plumbing / Electrical
- Breathing Air Compressors
- Public Warning Systems
- Technology / Radios / CAD & Records

PERSONNEL

- Address Daily Staffing Shortage
- Address New Company/s needs
- Address Supervision Needs
- Expanded Scope of Practice

CURRENT FUNDING

- Public Safety Sales Tax – Fire
 - One-eighth of one percent approved from 2017 to 2028
 - For the purpose of providing for purchase, construction, repair, maintenance and reconstruction of facilities and equipment and for training within the operation of the municipal fire department
- General Fund

FUTURE SALES TAX?

- RsMo 321.242

- The governing body of any municipality having a municipal fire department may impose a sales tax in an amount of up to one-half of one percent on all retail sales made in such fire protection district or municipality which are subject to taxation....