

# LAKEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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***Fire Education and Prevention has been a mission for the Lakeville Fire Department since the early days and we continue that mission each and every day.***



**“2018 4th grade citywide poster winner”**

# MISSION STATEMENT

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***“The Lakeville Fire Department is dedicated to serving the community through the protection of lives and property by providing public safety education and professional emergency response.”***



## CHARTER MEMBERS



### ***Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department***

***The following is a list of Charter Members of the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department, which was incorporated on the 8th day of October 1943 and filed with the State of Minnesota on the 11th day of October 1943.***

***Russell Ancel  
Leo Aronson  
Al Cherry  
Walter Christensen  
John Enggren  
Dr. J. J. Galman  
Palmer Hammer  
Arthur Heinz  
Francis Mahowald  
John J. Matzoll  
Michael Pepera  
George Ring  
Henry Royce  
Edmond Sauser  
Julius Sauser  
Arthur Storlie  
Sidney Storlie  
Marlin Storlie  
John Wagner  
Francis Weber  
Adon Zimmer  
Wilbert Zimmer***



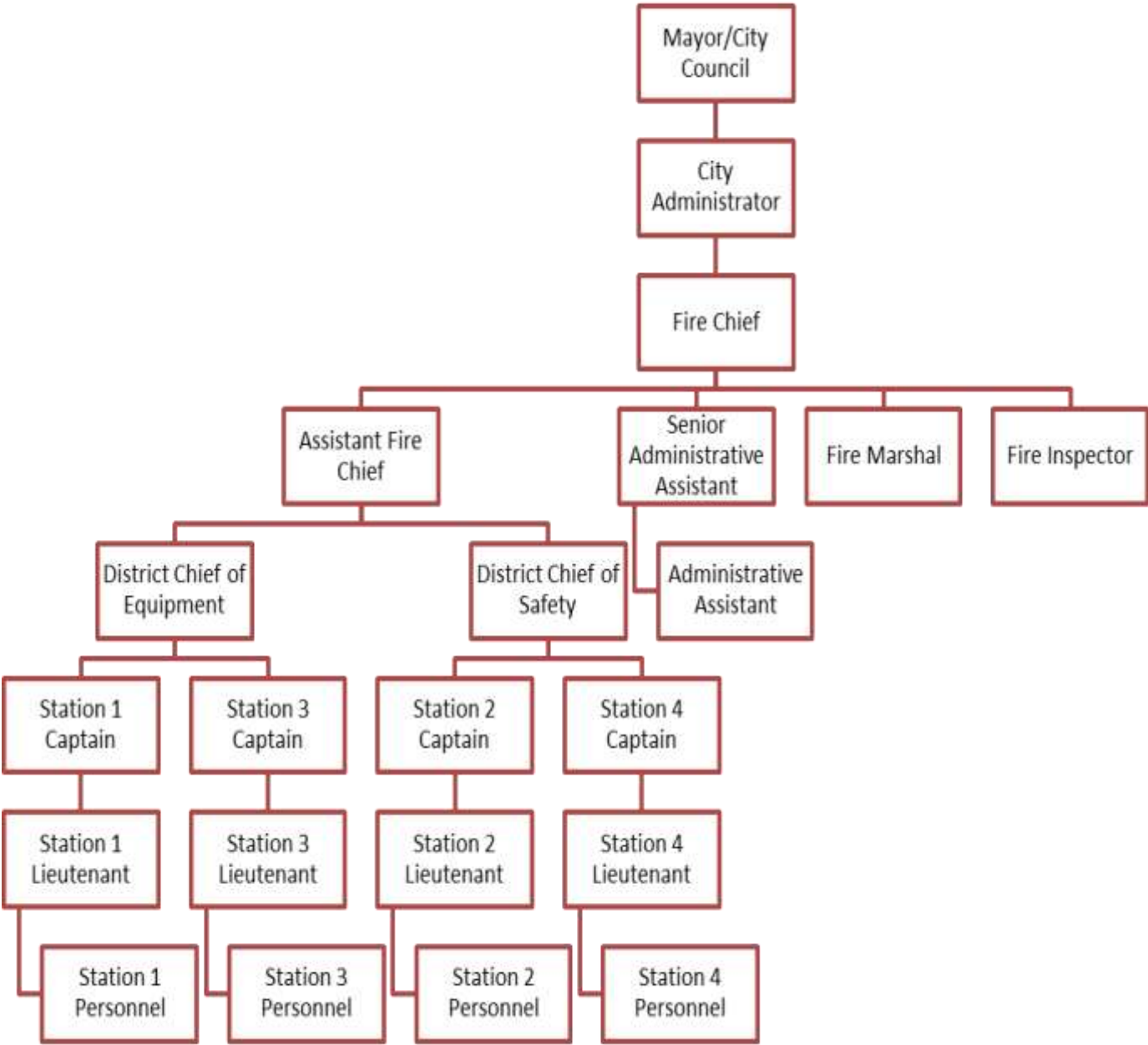
## 20+ YEARS RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

Year Retired	Name	Years Served	Year Retired	Name	Years Served
1963	Julius Sauser	20	1997	Richard Thienes	20
1963	Earl Hobbs	21	1997	Archie Clarkson	21
1963	Victor Lorentson	22	1997	Ronald Kelley	20
1963	Edmond Sauser	22	1998	Bill Olson	22
1963	John Wagner	23	1998	Fred Johnston	22
1963	George Ring	24	1998	Keith Kuehn	23
1964	Francis Weber	25	1999	Roger Radunz	23
1966	Arthur Heinz	27	2000	Bob Mahowald	28
1966	Adon Zimmer	27	2000	Barry Christensen	27
1966	Wilbert Zimmer	27	2000	John Graff	21
1967	Sidney Storlie	28	2000	Don Sandey	21
1967	Richard Frank	23	2000	Edward Ancel	22
1967	Alvin Johnson	28	2001	Greg Sirek	20
1972	Leo Aronson	30	2001	Roy Bressler	20
1972	Nicholas Mahowald	30	2001	Maynard Anderson	15*
1973	John Wallin	13*	2003	Danny Barth	22
1974	Roy Kuehn	23	2005	Allen Braun	20
1975	Francis Mahowald	36	2005	Jeffrey Reyer	20
1977	Marlin Storlie	24	2006	Jim Kill	25
1978	James Hullett	28	2007	Gerry Grenz	30
1979	Glen Langord	20	2007	Del Goetze	20
1980	Earl Gephart	34	2007	Warren Pannkuk	20
1980	Nicholas Mahowald	20	2009	Tom Lawrence	21
1980	Wayne Kelly	16*	2009	Doug Nelson	20
1980	Kris Austad	30	2009	Kevin Perry	20
1981	Richard Krause	30	2009	Dan Roberts	20
1981	James McNearney	22	2010	Jim Qualley	20
1982	Fredrick Taft	20	2011	Mark Jereczek	20
1983	LeRoy Kehrer	36	2011	Brian Carstensen	20
1984	Joseph Marek	20	2012	John Podominick	20
1984	Patrick Donnelly	20	2012	John Krause	21
1985	Richard Kehrer	30	2012	Lynette Ancel	22
1987	Harlan Hall	21	2012	Phil Leibfried	21
1987	George Marek	21	2013	Ed Pung	18*
1987	Kenneth Larson	21	2014	Dean Pearl	27
1988	James Siegle	10*	2014	Mitch Scrabeck	21
1991	Brad Johnson	25	2014	Kevin Gustafson	21
1992	Jim Emond	26	2015	Brad Ancel	20
1994	Joseph Hoffbeck	20	2015	Jeff Anderson	25
1994	William Hoffbeck	23	2016	Kevin Needham	21
1995	David Oster	20	2018	Scot Drotning	21
1996	Robert Ancel	12*	2018	Mark Kartak	23

\* Medical Retirement



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## ADMINISTRATION

### From Chief Meyer ....



In 2018 Lakeville Fire expanded our capabilities in responding to emergencies with funding from community partnerships. We were able to purchase equipment to assist in training and other projects for the approximate value of \$45,000. This speaks volumes to the support we receive from the community.

The two new response capabilities that were put into service are the use of drones and rescue swimmer training. The Lakeville Public Safety Foundation (LPSF) made it possible to purchase a drone and train twelve firefighters as pilots. The drone provides us with a birds eye view of an incident which allows a rapid deployment for the search of a missing person. The drone is equipped with a thermal camera and has the capability to carry items such as a life jacket for water rescue. The use of the drone is only limited by our imagination of what we could use it for. The Rescue Swimmer program was made possible with the fundraising through Lakeville Liquor Stores. This effort allowed us to purchase twelve sets of swim gear. Firefighters trained first in the pool and then moved to Lake Marion for open water training. The training was focused on surface rescue and limited dive searches. These capabilities have been incorporated into regular training to keep skills current.



Public Safety Education is always a focus of our department. We want to be out in the community providing education on being safety conscious. Our firefighters completed 1,270 hours in public events that included: Fire Extinguisher Training, National Night Out, Hands Only CPR Training and Safety Camps. Firefighters also hosted 94 hours in station tours that range from Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, daycares, and other organizations.

Emergency responses, department training, fire prevention and education, and public events keep us busy throughout the year. We constantly look for new ways to be involved in the community and spread our safety messages. The fire service is an ever-changing environment to explore new methods of training and technologies to better serve our community, utilize our firefighter's time and improve our department.

Our 2018 Annual Report is a reflection of the commitment to the community we serve. The information and statics identify ways in which we challenge ourselves to continue to meet our mission and enhance our department.

The Lakeville Fire Department successes are due to the dedication of our team members, as well as the support of our community and its leaders. We cannot meet our mission or vision without this dedication and support.

# ADMINISTRATION

## From Assistant Chief Todd Sellner...



The LFD Training Division coordinates and delivers training for the Fire Department's personnel and maintains training records for every firefighter. The goal of the Training Division is to manage ongoing training that keeps personnel safe, effective, knowledgeable, and protected. Training is scheduled bi-weekly covering a multitude of topics using various methods of instruction. Our training provides all Fire Department personnel opportunities to learn new skills and enhance existing skills through repetition and advanced drill design. Compliance with fire training standards is regulated by many organizations including the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board, National Fire Protection Association, Insurance Services Organization and the OSHA.

In 2018 the A-L-F Fire Academy (Apple Valley, Lakeville, Farmington) completed Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighter I & II and Hazardous Material Operations for the 2017 firefighter class. Each firefighter is required to complete the 27 week academy which consists of 300+ hours of training to accomplish the certifications previously listed. The class of 2017 had 6 firefighters complete the training. The 3 city academy continues to prove its worth by certifying 100% of the recruits.

- ◆ Our firefighters continue to train over 8,000 hours per year plus volunteer hundreds of hours to teach fire prevention and public education.
- ◆ Our duty crew continues to provide a predictable and professional response to the citizens of Lakeville. 75% of the shifts are filled on a voluntary basis.
- ◆ Using Target Solutions, our online training resource, we have improved record keeping of training hours, subject material and certification tracking.
- ◆ Continuous focus is placed on officer training with professional development. We continue to train with "Blue Card for Command", this is a national standardized system of command.
- ◆ Our training consists of all facets of the ever-expanding areas of responsibility to ensure the safety of all citizens and visitors to Lakeville. Structure fires, hazardous materials, vehicle accidents, rescue swimmer, ice rescue and medical emergencies are some of the subjects trained.
- ◆ Our medical training and certifications have continued to grow, 25% of our firefighters are now EMT certified (8 certified in 2018).
- ◆ We trained with LPD on developing a Peer Support Program for our firefighters and police officers.





# FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

It is part of our Mission Statement to provide the best public safety education we can to the community and that requires us as a department to be involved in our community. Fire prevention is a critical part of our mission. Lakeville firefighters get the message out to reduce fires and other emergencies in a wide variety of ways through our social media, station tours, Pan-O-Prog, National Night Out, and other local events. As firefighters and a department, we pride ourselves on being able to help spread that message and enjoy participating in the events for our community.

## Station Tours

We have requests for station tours throughout the year. Lakeville has four fire stations and residents/groups may request a tour at any of the four locations.

Firefighters cover general fire safety basics including; checking smoke alarms, changing smoke alarm batteries, and creating an escape plan.



The firefighters are always willing to give their time for these important opportunities to spread the word about fire prevention and safety. Participants are grateful for the time firefighters donate to conduct the tours.

In 2018 firefighters volunteered their time for 71 station tours/fire prevention visits.



## Parades

Participation in local parades is a good way for us to get out in the community. Lakeville firefighters are eager to get a fire engine on the road, show it off to neighboring communities and interact with the residents.

In 2018, Lakeville firefighters participated in area parades including: Farmington Dew Days, Apple Valley Freedom Days, and the Burnsville Fire Muster.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS



## **Pan-O-Prog**

For the citizens of Lakeville, Pan-O-Prog is a great time to celebrate our community. Lakeville firefighters are an integral part of this participation and do a lot of behind the scenes work to make the event a success.

Firefighters participate in July Fourth fireworks, Cruise Night and the Pan-O-Prog parade, but the most well known activity is the Belgian Waffle Breakfast.

For fourteen years, the Lakeville Fire Department Relief Association has hosted the Waffle Breakfast during Pan-O-Prog with assistance from Dad's Waffles. Together we produce an all-you-can-eat breakfast for the department's only fundraiser. This breakfast features Belgian waffles with an endless supply of toppings, hot sausages, juice and coffee.

The money raised by the Lakeville Fire Department Relief Association is used to support the firefighters and the community.

***The Lakeville firefighters thank you for your continued support!***



# FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

## **Minnesota National Night Out—August**

National Night Out is a chance for neighbors to get together, meet each other and members of the community who may not live next door, but are always nearby and ready to assist.



National Night Out finds all four of Lakeville's fire stations empty while all of the fire apparatus are out visiting the neighborhoods.

Firefighters open the trucks, explain the equipment, provide reminders about fire safety, turn down offers to spray the crowd and then pack up, turn on the lights and sirens and head off to the next neighborhood.

Lakeville firefighters were very busy visiting 40 parties and always look forward to the next year.

## **Dakota County Fair Fire Prevention Day—August**

Lakeville Fire and all the fire departments in Dakota County come together to talk fire prevention to the fair goers that stop by. Visitors will see a kitchen fire and sprinkler fire demonstration. This event is organized by the Dakota County Fire Educator group.



## **Safety Camps—July & August**

Lakeville Fire demonstrates the smoke trailer, provides safety talks and gives truck tours to elementary children enrolled in the Park and Rec safety summer class.

## **Fire Prevention Open House—October**

Our Annual Fire Prevention Open House is generally scheduled the 2nd Tuesday in October during National Fire Prevention Week. This year we had to postpone the event one week to the 16<sup>th</sup> because of weather. The Fire Prevention Open House allows residents to visit fire station four located near the center of the city and learn how to be safe in their homes. Residents watched firefighters extinguish a simulated car fire using a new training tool for fire departments in Dakota County. Children were encouraged to practice a fire drill in a fire safety trailer and to see how they would react when they open their eyes to find a bedroom filled with smoke. While parents were waiting for their children to escape out the window and down the ladder, firefighters advised them to select a meeting place at a neighbors' house. This allows firefighters to be notified that everyone escaped from the house safely. Citizens had the chance to use a fire extinguisher in a safe environment, so they would be ready during a real emergency. Also, the LPSF sold walking tacos and all proceeds went to that foundation to benefit Fire and Police.





# FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

From Fire Marshal Brian Carstensen and Fire Inspector Jay O'Connell



The Lakeville fire prevention staff is charged with the duty and responsibility of enforcing the fire codes. Staff conducts fire inspections in commercial buildings for city and state licenses, certificate of occupancy permits, general fire safety inspections, and acceptance testing of fire protection and alarm systems. Other duties include handling citizen complaints against properties, plan review for compliance with all applicable codes and standards, handling all open burning permit requests as well as all pyro-



technic permits.

As a large portion of our time is spent preventing fires, we also have the duties and responsibilities of investigating all structure fires, incendiary fires, and fires resulting in injury and/or death. We are far too often reminded that our diligence in fire prevention must remain at the forefront of our duties.



Our staff provides fire safety education to groups throughout the community in a variety of ways. On September 25th, the Fire Department started visiting elementary school classrooms and daycares and we completed 40 presentations by the second week of November. Some firefighters took time out of their personal schedule to help with the fire safety school activities. This year the fire department trained around 900 sixth graders from three public and two private middle schools in the effective use of fire extinguishers. The students used a hands-on fire extinguishing training system during science class which gave them real-life situations on "How" and "When" to use an extinguisher. Middle-schoolers are a good age to teach this life-long skill, as they are becoming more independent to cook their own meals. Senior citizens also attended presentations about fire safety at

churches and senior living facilities.

Our recommendation is that each residence should have working smoke alarms that are tested monthly and are less than ten years old. Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms should be placed within ten feet of the sleeping area, tested monthly, and should be replaced every five years.

During Minnesota's Fire Prevention Month in October, the fire department schedules activities throughout the month to educate the community about fire safety and fire prevention. The national theme for 2018 was "LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere". The fire department held many activities for students at the city's 13 elementary schools. These fire-safety and prevention activities included the annual poster contest for fourth graders. We talked to over 1,000 fourth grade students and presented the fire prevention poster contest rules. During the contest, one winner was selected from each elementary school to receive a trophy and become one of the city-wide finalists. From those finalists, Paige Distel from Lakeview Elementary designed the winning Lakeville fire prevention poster. Her entry will now go on to compete with other fourth grade entries from the State of Minnesota. The city winner from 2017, Olivia Barber, also received an Honorable Mention in the MN State Fire Chief magazine March/April 2018 edition from the statewide poster contest.



# STATION 1

*Station 1 is assigned 25 firefighters  
and responded to 342 calls in 2018*

**District Chief Taber Akin**

**Captain Derrick Gaborski**

**Lieutenant Todd McNamara**

Steve Amoapim

Scott Bakos

Aaron Berg

Joe Bolstad

Aaron Eicher - Rookie

Marcus Fluhrer - Rookie

Tabatha Fluhrer

Nels Fredrickson

Derek Isham - Rookie

Mike Jetson - Rookie

Jay Kooser - Engineer

Stu MacDonald

Paul Mayrand - Engineer

Skyler McCoy

Chris Mogen



Steven Moses - Rookie

Tom Ness

Joe Pannkuk

Sergio Rodriguez - Rookie

Todd Ruhland

Reid Schulz - Rookie

Joel Small

Nate Teppo - Rookie



# STATION 2

*Station 2 is assigned 19 firefighters  
and responded to 308 calls in 2018*

**District Chief Steve Glinski**

**Captain Paul Miskimen**

**Lieutenant Eric Skare**

Kyle Anderson

Randy Bachman

Walter Branz - Engineer

Steve Eilers

Ryan Gephart

Adam Harklerode

Steve Higgins

Joe Huettl

Rod Koch

Josh Larson

Matt Leibrock

Gabe Martinez



Bob Rinkenberger

Aaron Rutz - Engineer

Dan Schreffler

Jay Seiler

John Tonsager



## STATION 3

*Station 3 is assigned 17 firefighters  
and responded to 270 calls in 2018*

**District Chief Taber Akin**

**Captain Todd Monson**

**Lieutenant Dan Loew**

Ken Ackerman - Engineer

Dominic DeLisi

Jim Griffin

Tim Grubbs

Skylar Hanson

Mark Hermanson

Mike Jones

Chris Lewis

Dan Lopez

Jon Pollock

Ben Rinke

Josh Ruppert

Tim Schwab

Steve Staupe

Zach Weise - Engineer



## STATION 4

*Station 4 is assigned 21 firefighters  
and responded to 282 calls in 2018*

**District Chief Steve Glinski**

**Captain Chris Hornyak**

**Lieutenant Brian Jacobson**

Jeff Brown

John Clancy

Zach Duckworth - Rookie

Eric Eckman

Paul Ehlen - Engineer

Kris Fletcher

John Garner

Collin Hagen

Jason Haugen

Dan Hrdlicka

Kyle Johnston

Melissa Lewis

Steve Meyer

Jon Muma

Jesse Nergard

Andy Schirmer

Jeff Schroepfer

Greg Stommes - Engineer

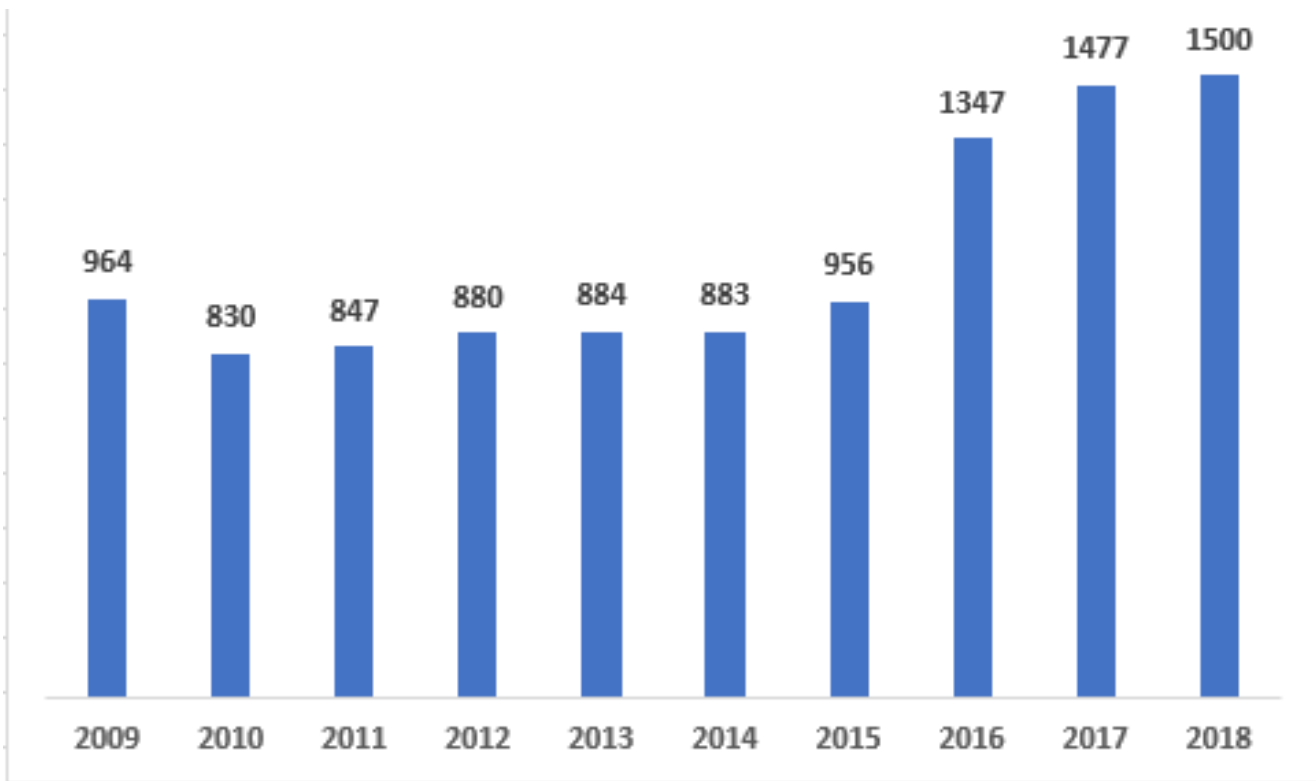
Jacob Walia - Rookie



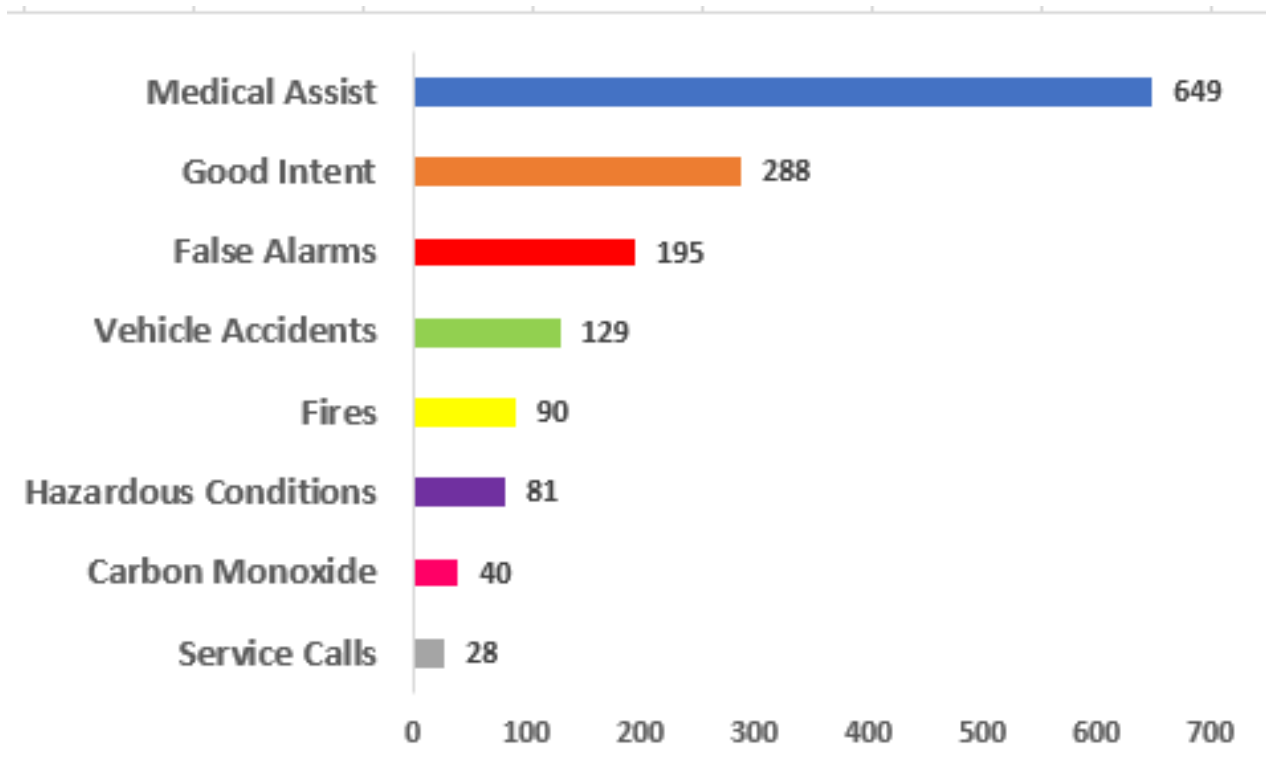
# APPARATUS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>USE</u>
<b><u>Chief Officers</u></b>		
Lakeville Chief 1	2018 Ford Explorer	Chief's Vehicle
Lakeville Chief 2	2018 Ford Explorer	Assistant Chief's Vehicle
Lakeville Chief 3	2013 Ford Explorer	District Chief's Vehicle
Lakeville Chief 4	2017 Ford Explorer	District Chief's Vehicle
<b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>		
Lakeville Fire Marshal 1	2018 Ford Explorer	Fire Marshal's Vehicle
Lakeville Inspector 1	2018 Ford Explorer	Fire Inspector's Vehicle
<b><u>Station 1</u></b>		
Lakeville Engine 1	2016 Rosenbauer	1500 GPM Pumper / Rescue
Lakeville Brush 1	2013 Chevy Silverado	Grass Rig
Lakeville Tender 1	2010 Freightliner	3000 Gallon Tender
Lakeville Ladder 1	2007 American LaFrance	100' Ladder / Platform
<b><u>Station 2</u></b>		
Lakeville Engine 2	2016 Rosenbauer	1250 GPM Pumper / Rescue
Lakeville Engine 22	2004 Spartan	1500 GPM Pumper / Rescue
Lakeville Brush 2	2006 Chevrolet 4x4	Brush Truck
<b><u>Station 3</u></b>		
Lakeville Engine 3	2000 Peterbilt / Custom	1750 GPM Pumper
Lakeville Brush 3	2015 Chevrolet 4x4	Brush Truck
Lakeville Rescue 3	2001 International / Custom	Heavy Rescue
<b><u>Station 4</u></b>		
Lakeville Ladder 4	2014 Rosenbauer	78' Viper / 2000 GPM
Lakeville Engine 44	2003 Peterbilt / Custom	1500 GPM Pumper
Lakeville Utility 4	2003 GMC 3/4 Ton Pick-Up	Personnel Vehicle
Lakeville UTV 4	2008 Kubota 4x4	Off-Road Brush Vehicle
Lakeville Boat 4	2007 Mercury Inflatable	Rescue Boat

Ten-Year Comparison of Total Incidents

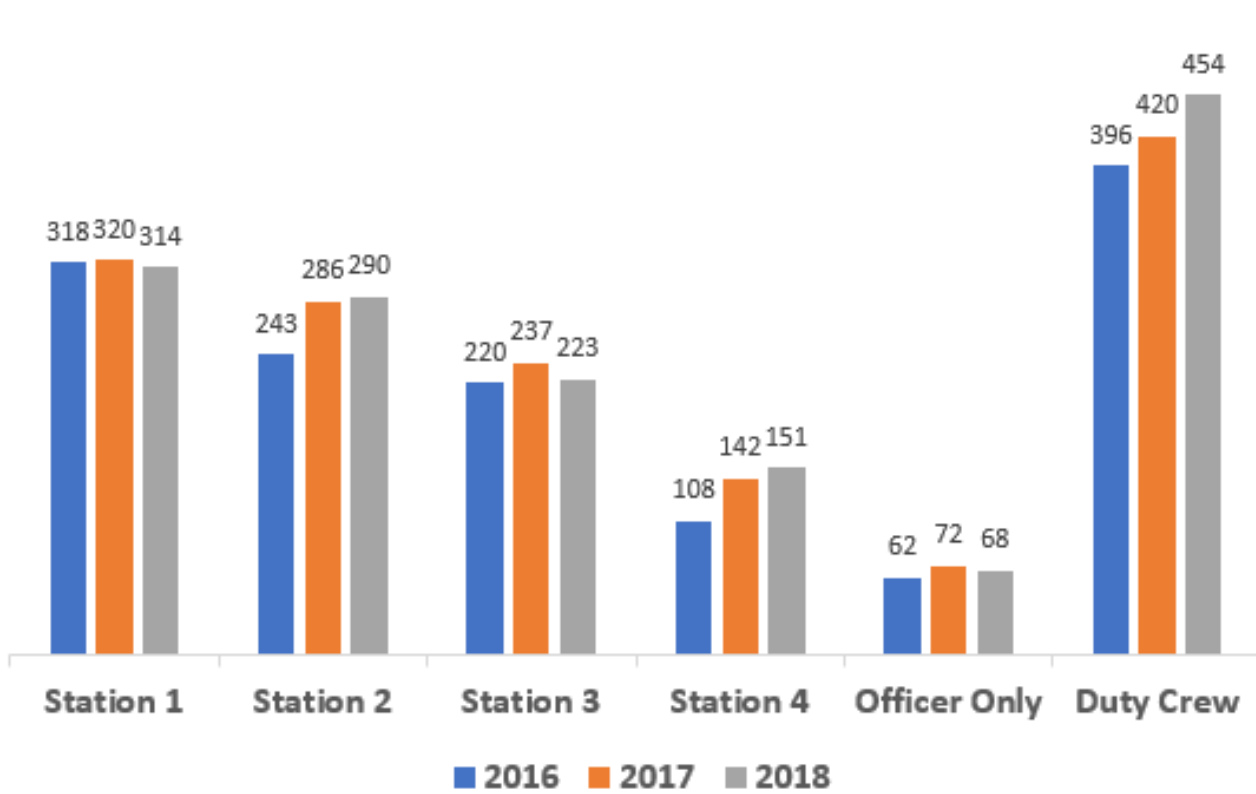


2018 Incidents by Type—1500 Incidents

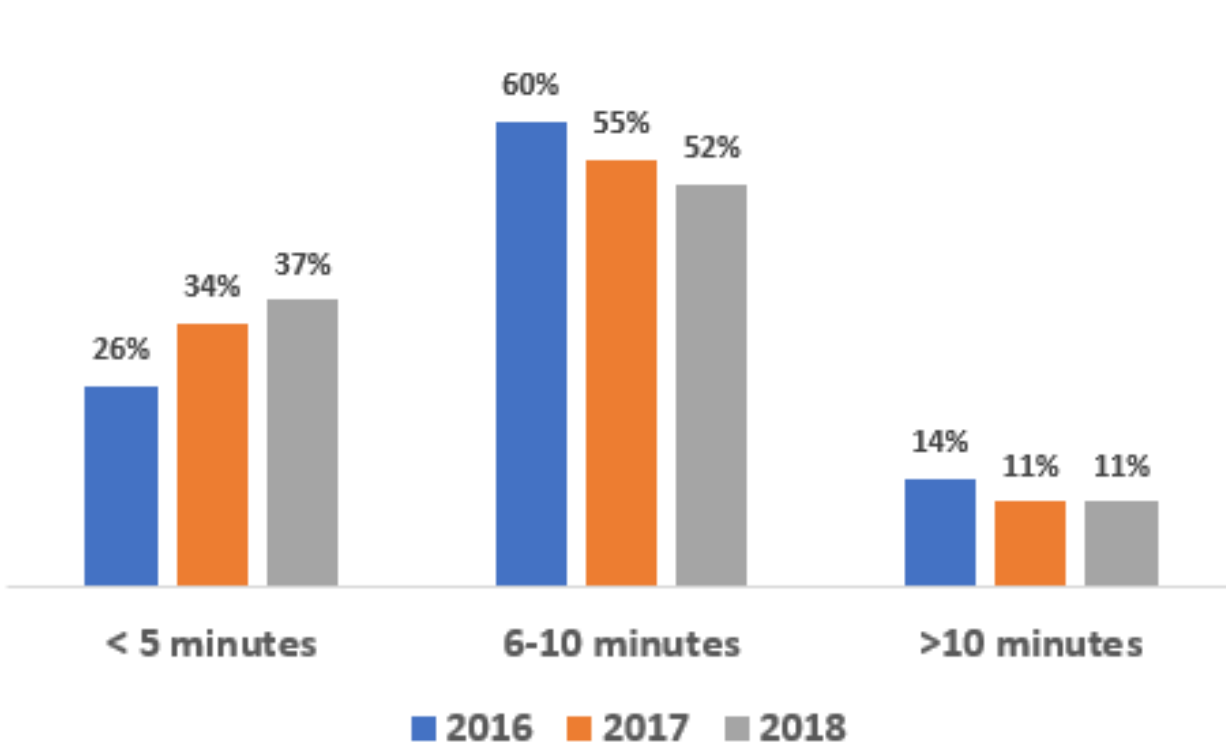




## Three-Year Comparison of Incident Counts by Station

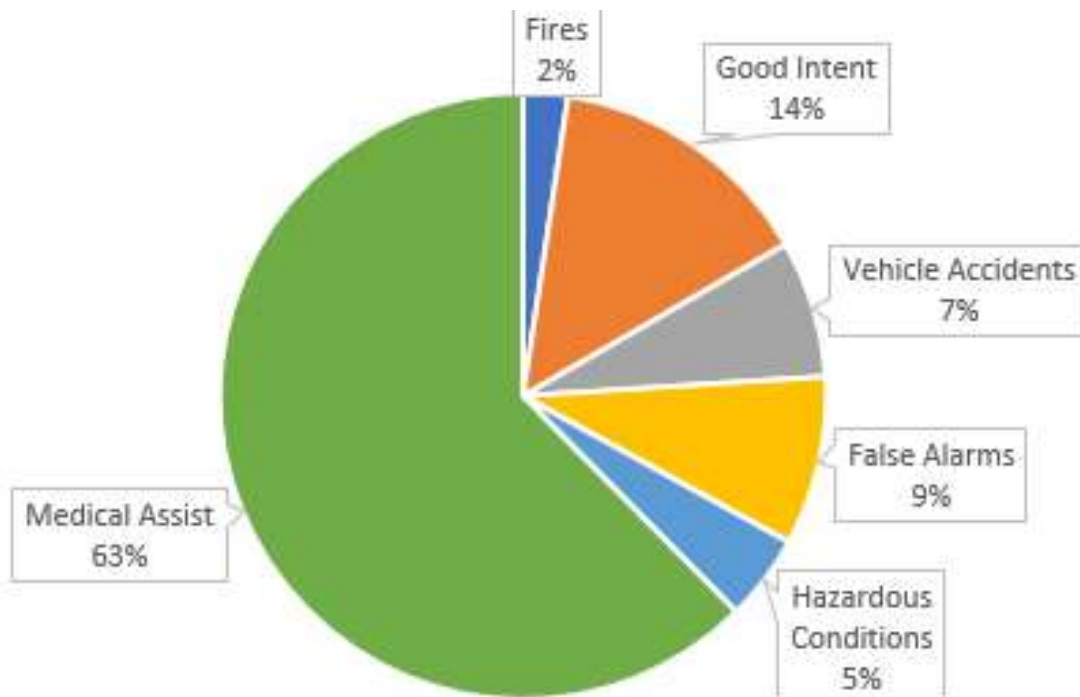


## Three-Year Comparison of Response Times (includes non-emergency)

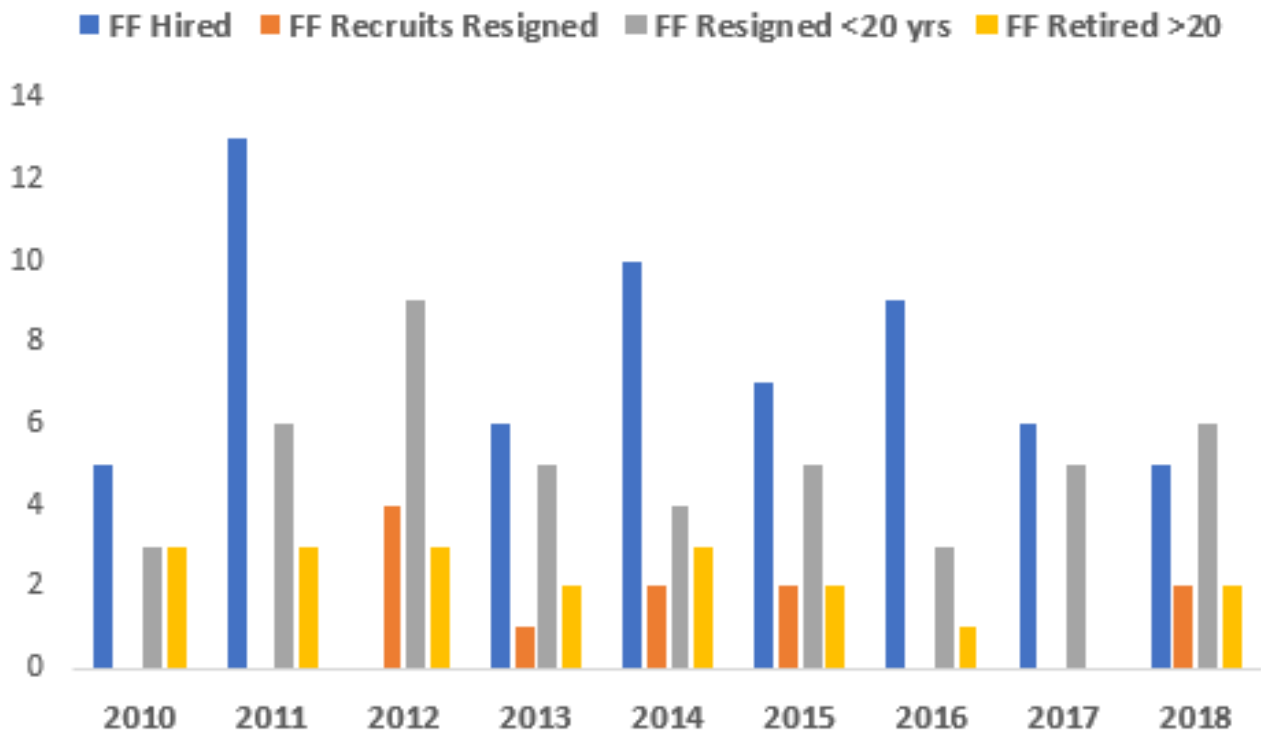


## DUTY CREW

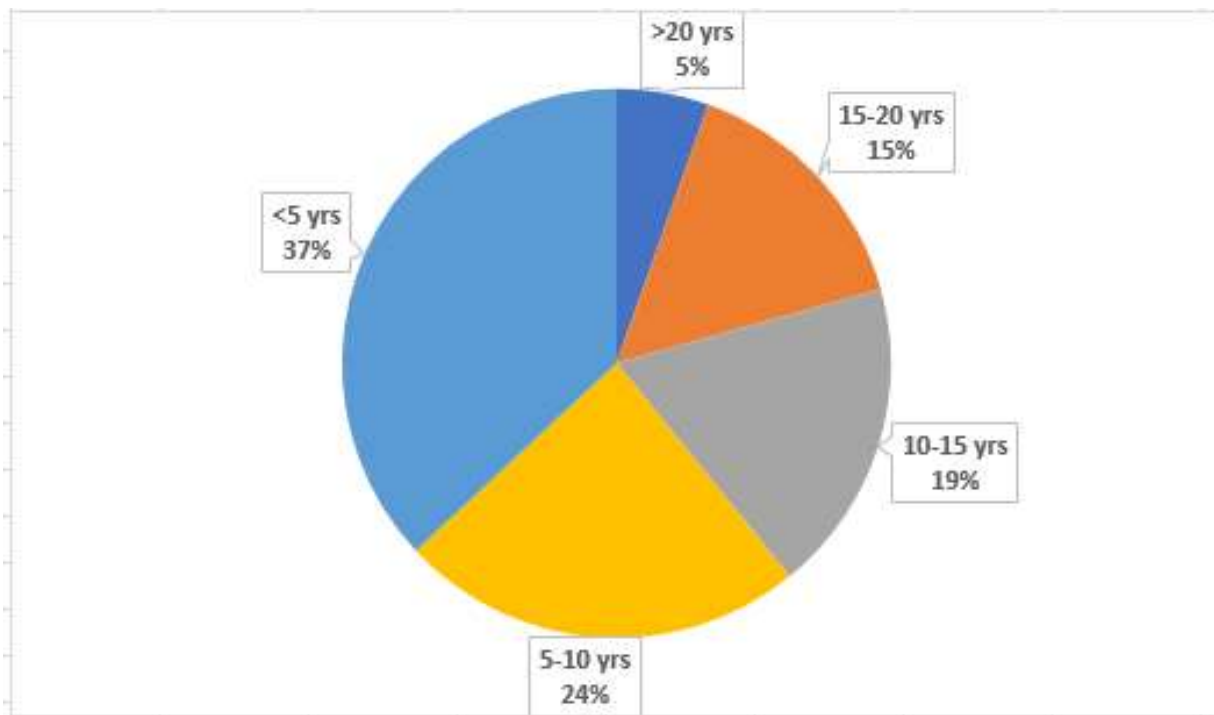
On October 1, 2015 LFD started a Duty Crew Program. The crew is made up of a 2-person team and its purpose is to assist with the daytime response. There are 2 shifts of 9:00am—1:00 pm and 1:00pm—5:00pm Monday-Friday. At the start of the shift, the crew checks in at one of the stations to pick up the brush truck to use for service that day. Priority is responding to all pages during those time periods. However, when time allows between calls, some of the tasks they perform are truck checks, pre-plans, LP tank checks, assisting with fire prevention visits and other projects as assigned. The shifts are filled 75% of the time. The program has been very successful in assisting with our daytime response. The majority of the calls are medicals. The duty crew responded to 454 calls in 2018.



## Recruitment & Retention 2010-2018



## 2018 Active Members by Years of Service



Currently have 83 firefighters (81 males/2 females), 2 married LFD couples and 10 firefighters in Rookie status

# ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The fire department's 2017 Annual Awards Banquet was held on April 7, 2018 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club. Once a year, the firefighters and their spouses/significant others are granted an evening to thank them for all their time and dedication to our community and department.

Awards were given to one firefighter for 30 years of service, 3 firefighters for 20 years of service and 8 firefighters for 15 years of service. Mike Jones was awarded *2017 Firefighter of the Year* and Collin Hagen was awarded *2017 Rookie of the Year*.

**Mike Jones**  
**"2017 Firefighter of the Year"**



**Collin Hagen**  
**"2017 Rookie of Year"**



## LFD Members



## LFD Retirees and Spouses





## RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighter Mark Kartak retired on May 7, 2018 with 23 years of service to the Lakeville Fire Department and this community. Mark joined the department in 1995 where he served as a firefighter, lieutenant and captain at station 1.



Firefighter Scot Drotning retired on June 11, 2018 with 21 years of service to the Lakeville Fire Department and this community. Scot joined the department in 1997 where he served as a firefighter at station 2.



**THANK YOU** for your service and dedication to our department and the Lakeville community.

## 2018 ROOKIES

The Lakeville Fire Department hired 5 new firefighters in 2018. This group of rookies help bring the department closer to our maximum staffing level. The new firefighters were hired in August and they immediately started their department orientation. Since then they have completed their Emergency Medical Responder (E.M.R.) training and have also started Firefighter 1 and 2 training. New firefighters are required, in their two-year probation period, to complete training for Firefighter II, HazMat Operations, and Emergency Medical Responder.

### Probationary Firefighters:



Aaron Eicher



Marc Fluhrer



Michael Jetson



Steven Moses



Nathan Teppo



## A TEAM THAT SERVES

Lakeville firefighters are not only out spreading our fire prevention message but also find time to volunteer for other important events in our community. Some of the events LFD members volunteered at were HopeKids Event, LFD/Rotary Blood Drive, Home Expo, Shop with a Hero and bell ringing for the Salvation Army during the holiday season.

A special thanks to the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation (LPSF), our firefighters and our community for supporting us.



*911 Display Escort*



*Lights and Sirens Glow Run—Aug*



*Trick or Treat @ FS2*

*Rang Bells for Salvation Army—Dec*



*Shop with a Hero—Dec*



