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Franklin Fire Department

Annual Report

A REVIEW OF OUR STATISTICS AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2008

NEW STATION!

Left photo (L to R): Fire Station Architect Thomas Dodd, Mayor John Schroer, Fire Chief Rocky Garzarek, Aldermen Bev Burger, Ann Petersen and Ken Moore at the “Hose-cutting” ceremony for Fire Station 6 on July 21.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

What began as a volunteer department in 1820, protecting Public Square, Main Street and a few homes, has grown into an all-career department with 144 firefighters. Today the Franklin Fire Department protects 56,000 residents and an estimated $7.9 billion in property (not including government property) each and every day.

We have expanded to provide not only the most advanced fire suppression, but also the best rescue, emergency medical, hazardous material, disaster response and fire prevention services available.

2008 proved to be the busiest year ever for the Franklin Fire Department. We responded to 5,490 calls for service – a five percent increase over 2007. Our average response time for 2008 was just 4:33 minutes. This is well below the National Fire Protection Association's recommended response time of six minutes for career departments. What does this mean for our residents and guests? It may mean the difference between life and death. In a fire or medical emergency, every second counts.

We opened a new fire station in 2008. Fire Station 6 at 1061 Cool Springs Blvd. was officially placed in service on February 4. The three-bay, 11,175 square foot station is located in the Avalon development and serves the area east of I-65 and north of Murfreesboro Rd. It houses eight firefighters per shift, Engine 6 and Ladder 6, and future plans include a rescue truck. In addition, it includes an office for two fire inspectors.

In 2008 the Franklin Fire Department was recognized as one of seven Award for Excellence Finalists by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The department was honored for the Latino outreach component of our Smoke Alarm Installation Project and partnership with Leadership Franklin. In August we were recognized with the other finalists at the IAFC annual conference which took place in Denver, CO. To learn more about our Smoke Alarm Installation campaign, please see page 17.

You'll find more highlighted achievements from the past year throughout this report. We hope you agree that they demonstrate our commitment to providing the highest level of service possible to our residents and guests.

Sincerely,

Rocky Garzarek

Franklin Fire Chief
Rocky Garzarek

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

HISTORIC CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE 1799

QUICK FACTS

City Information
- Land area – 41.51 square miles
- Resident population (2008 Special Census) – 56,000
- Estimated value of property in Franklin - $7.9 billion (taxable property)
- Firefighters – 144
- Administrative personnel – 12
- Civilian personnel - 3
- Firefighters per shift - 48
- Firefighters per 1000 population per shift – 1

Fire Operations
- Total incident responses – 5,490
- Medical and rescue responses – 3,695 (67%)
- Average response time – 4:33

Fire Prevention
- Public education and community relations events participated in – 246 (more than four per week)
- 1st grade students instructed on fire and life safety – 850
- Construction plan reviews – 585
- New construction inspections – 968
- Existing building fire code inspections—210
- Juvenile firesetter intervention— 8 referrals (4 in January and 4 in June)

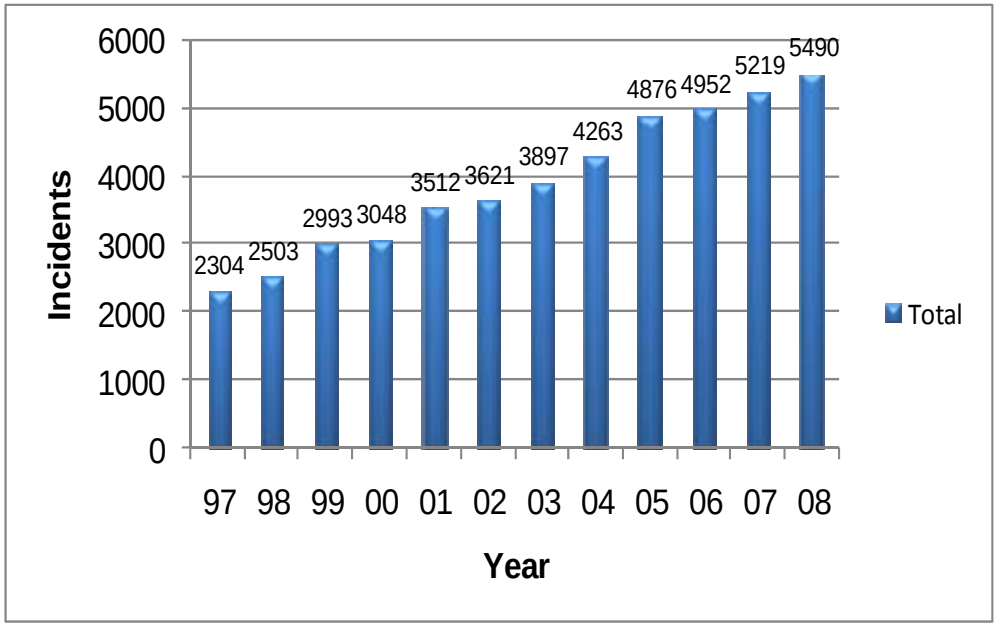
Budget
- 2007-2008 fiscal year budget (personnel, operations and capital) - $13,167,063

Equipment and Facilities
- Stations—6
- Training center—1
- Administrative office in City Hall—1
- Engines—4
- Ladders—3
- Towers—3
- Rescue, light—2
- Rescue, medium—1
- Rescue, air—1
- Brush truck—1
- Boat—1
- Hazmat response vehicle—1
- Reserve engine—1
- Reserve rescue—1
- Staff vehicles—12

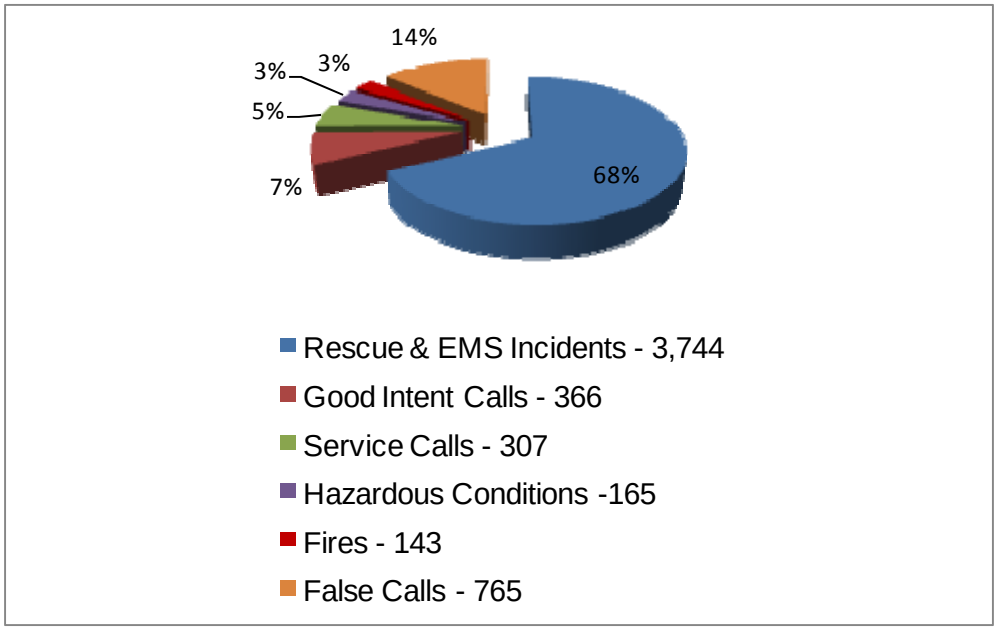
OPERATIONS DIVISION

In 2008, the men and women of the department answered 5,490 calls for assistance—a five percent increase in call volume over 2007. Our average response time was 4:02 minutes for 90 percent of all incidents, and 4:33 minutes for all incidents.

1997—2008 Summary of All Incidents



2008 Incident Analysis by Category



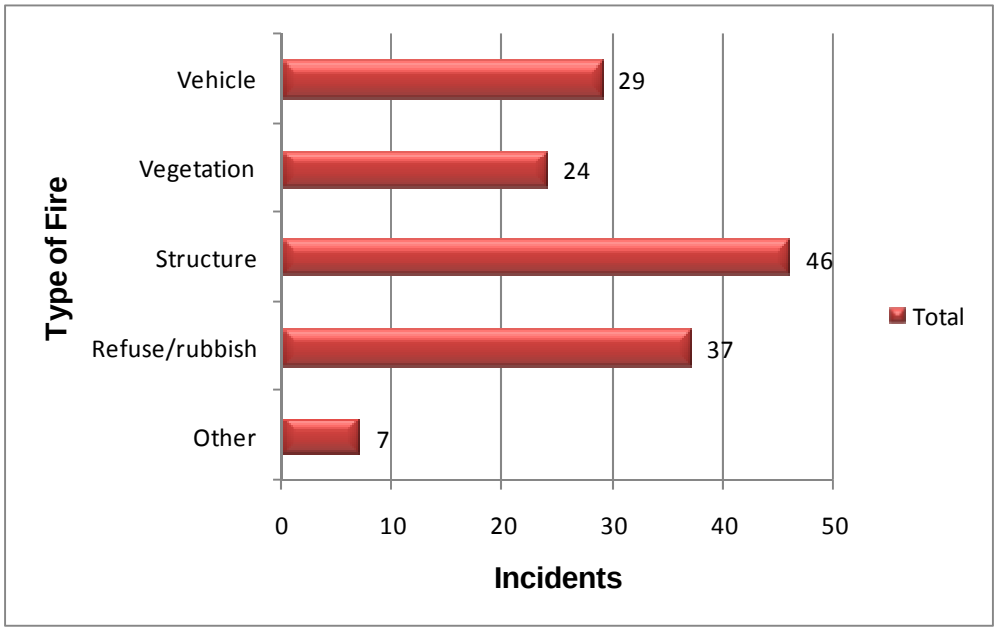
Deputy Chief
Mike Culberson

Operations Responsibilities:

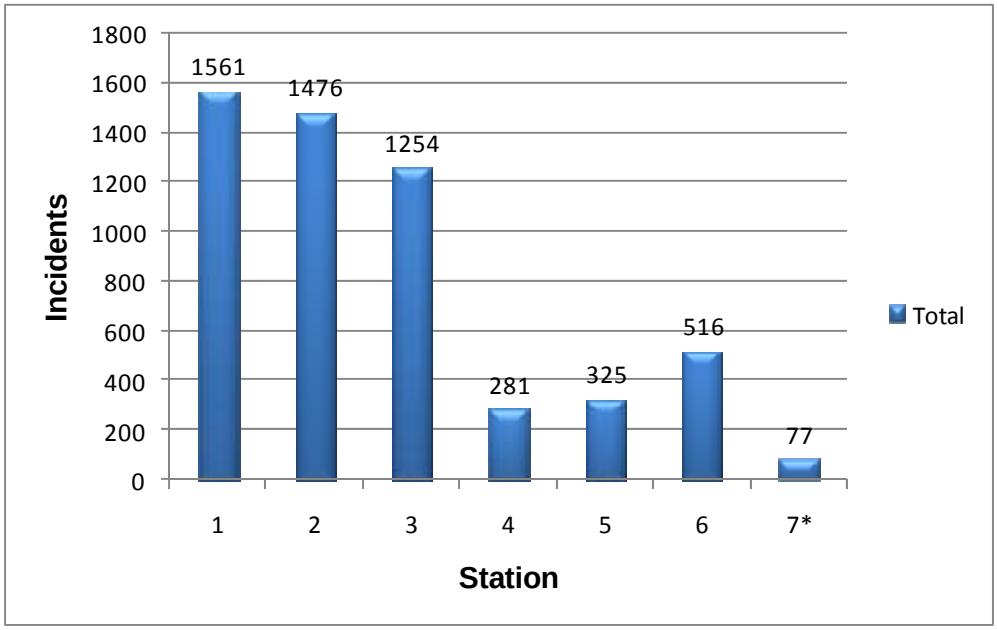
- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical services
- Training
- Vehicle extrication
- Hazardous materials
- Technical rescue
- Swift water rescue
- Confined space rescue
- High angle rescue
- Pre-incident planning/fire safety courtesy inspections
- Public education activities

OPERATIONS DIVISION

2008 Fire Incident Analysis



2008 Incident Analysis by Station



* Station 7 is a proposed future station in the Goose Creek area, presently covered by Stations 2 and 5.

A Shift Assistant Chief
Gentry Fox

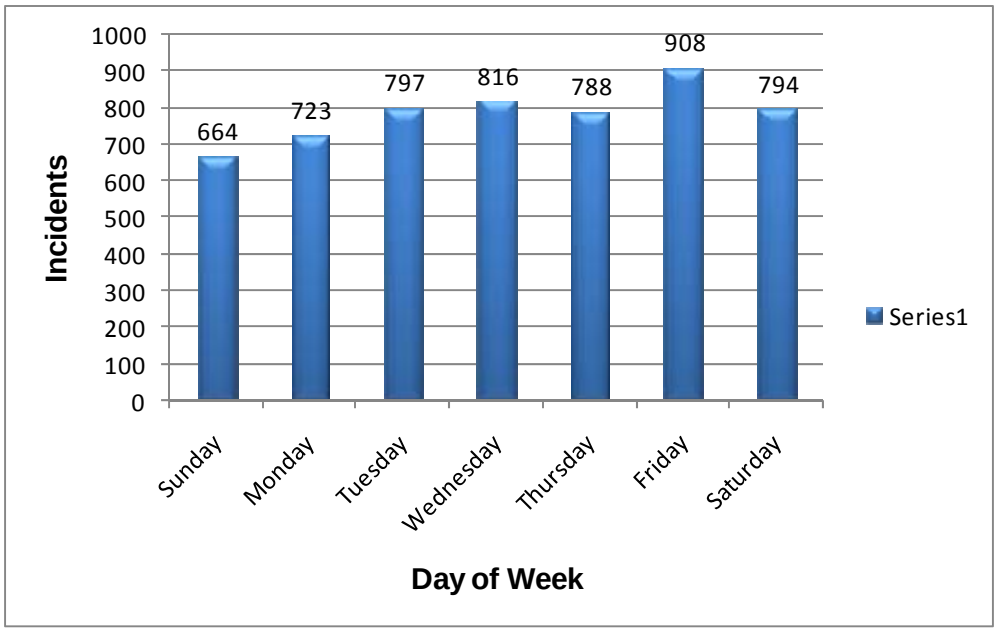
B Shift Assistant Chief
Eddie House

C Shift Assistant Chief
Greg Baltimore

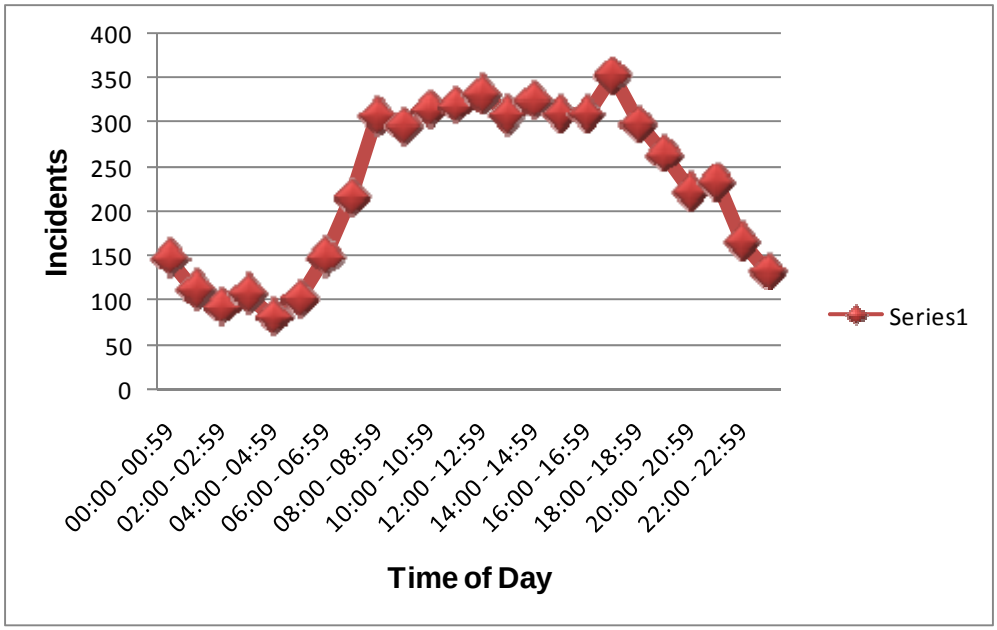
OPERATIONS DIVISION

Our goal continues to be to maintain an average response time of four minutes or less for 90% of all incidents. We narrowly missed this goal in 2008, with an average response time of 4:02 minutes for 90% of all incidents. Our average response time for all calls in 2008 was 4:33 minutes.

2008 Incident Analysis by Day of Week



2008 Incident Analysis by Time of Day



OPERATIONS DIVISION NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

January 20, 2008—Sugar Tree Ln.

A suspicious fire at this house in Maplewood subdivision caused around $100,000 in damage. There were no injuries.

January 22, 2008—Calderwood Ct.

Calderwood Ct.

Just after 4 a.m., smoke alarms alerted the sleeping family at this residence that their McKay's Mill house was on fire. The fire started on the exterior of the home in a trash can that contained smoldering debris from items the homeowner had burned and discarded the previous evening. There were no injuries.

February 15, 2008—Park Run Dr.

A propane heater ignited a fire that destroyed this four-unit condominium building in McKay's Mill. The building was under construction and unoccupied, however it was near completion. Damage was estimated at $800,000. There were no injuries.

March 12, 2008—Mallard Dr.

A gas grill on the wooden deck of this home started a fire that spread to the vinyl siding and the attic. Interior and exterior damage was estimated at $60,000. There were no injuries.

May 11, 2008– Fat Mo's

When firefighters reached this restaurant in the Independence Square shopping center just after 7 a.m., the flames were already out. The fire appeared to have been extinguished by water from pipes that burst due to the heat. Water was still flowing upon their arrival and areas of the restaurant were covered by several inches of water. The building did not have a fire sprinkler system. Investigators determined the fire was intentionally set. An accelerant was found and contributed to the fire loss of more than $30,000. The business had a burglar/fire alarm system that did not activate and there were no signs of a break-in. Investigators are still seeking information in this case.

August 29, 2008—Adams St.

Hot cooking oil left unattended in a pan on the stovetop ignited a grease fire that the homeowner used a fire extinguisher on. He thought the fire was out. It was not. About 30 minutes later, the family discovered flames had extended through the kitchen ventilation system to the attic. The blaze caused more than $75,000 in damage.

Adams St.

Sugar Tree Ln.

Park Run Dr.

Mallard Dr.

Fat Mo's

OPERATIONS DIVISION NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

December 5, 2008 Harpeth Hills Apartments

Careless smoking may have ignited an apartment fire that badly burned a 68-year old woman while she was lying in bed. The woman was also using a home oxygen system, which fire officials believe contributed to her injuries. She exited the apartment by herself before firefighters arrived.

The woman was alerted of the fire by her neighbor Diane Jones, who discovered the fire around 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Jones said, “I was heating my car up and I came back in the house and I smelled smoke. I went in the bathroom and smoke was coming through the vent and the smoke alarm started going off.”

Mrs. Jones said she went to check on her neighbor while her husband called 911, “I knocked real hard and she finally got to the door.” Jones said the woman’s hair was on fire, and that, “Smoke was rolling out behind her.”

The Franklin Fire Department responded to the fire in the Harpeth Hills Apartments at 300 Sycamore Dr. Upon arrival they found heavy smoke and zero visibility inside the apartment. They extinguished the fire quickly and were able to contain it to a single unit.

The woman made a fully recovery and returned home.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR HOME MEDICAL OXYGEN USERS

Oxygen is not flammable, but fire needs it to burn.

When more oxygen is present, any fire that starts will burn hotter and faster than usual.

Home oxygen therapy increases the amount of oxygen in the environment.

It will saturate clothing, fabric, hair and anything in the area, making it easier for a fire to start and spread. **This means there is a higher risk of both fires and burns.**

- NEVER smoke or light a match while using oxygen. Remind other residents and guests not to smoke.
- Keep all flames and heat sources away from oxygen containers and oxygen systems.
- Make sure that the home has smoke alarms and test them monthly.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it.

OPERATIONS DIVISION
NOTEWORTHY MUTUAL AID INCIDENT

July 14, 2008—Beeches Tavern Trail ATV Rescue

An elderly man involved in an ATV accident on July 14 had bluegrass performer Dan Tyminski and his wife Elise to thank for being found.

The incident occurred just after 9 a.m. in a remote, wooded area off of Franklin Road. The man's 4-wheeler turned over on a hill and trapped him beneath it.

Elise Tyminski was walking her dogs nearby when she heard her neighbors' dogs barking as if something were wrong. She first took her own dogs home and then went to investigate. That's when she heard a man very faintly calling for help.

"She came and alerted me that someone was hurt," said Dan Tyminski, "He was approximately 120 to 150 yards down a pretty steep slope." Dan called 911 while his wife, a Vanderbilt nurse, hiked down to the patient. The patient had not been wearing a helmet and was bleeding badly from his head. Elise kept pressure on the wound and talked to the patient to calm him until help arrived.

Units from Franklin Fire Station 3 responded to the call, which occurred in Williamson County, because it was initially dispatched as a Franklin address. Williamson County Rescue Squad and Williamson Medical Center EMS also responded.

Due to the steep slope, firefighters had to carry in the tools and equipment they needed. Crews from Ladder 3 and Rescue 3 stabilized the 4-wheeler, and used a system of ropes and pulleys to hoist the ATV off the victim.

"His left arm was pinned under the handlebar when we got there," said Franklin Fire Department Paramedic David Wilber. But Wilber noted that the patient was still alert and able to communicate.

Because of the patient's age and his head and arm injuries, he was transported by LifeFlight to Vanderbilt Hospital in stable condition.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

In 2008, the Franklin Fire Department responded to 3,744 medical calls—— approximately 68 percent of the total calls answered. This coincides with the national average and a trend toward fire department responses becoming increasingly medical in nature.

NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

June 26—Fire Inspector helps choking baby at intersection

On the way to an inspection, Fire Inspector Wayne Morris was flagged down by a motorist whose 10-month old child was choking and turning blue. Morris was at the intersection of Mack Hatcher and Liberty Pike, when the man in the car in front of him got out and started waving. Morris said, "I rolled down my window and he told me his baby was choking." Morris was able to quickly take the child and deliver back blows while the child's father stayed on the phone with 9-1-1. Fortunately, the child immediately resumed breathing. "When EMS arrived the baby was playing with my badge, said Morris, "Everything turned out great because the baby was fine."

Sept. 26—Station 5 CPR save

At 6:30 in the morning, Susan Jones Martin collapsed in her bathroom. Her husband Freddie heard her fall and found her lifeless on the floor. Freddie did not know CPR but immediately called 911. Fortunately, the Martins live just two blocks from Fire Station 5. Lt. Charlene Forehand and her crew arrived in two minutes. Freddie said they were at the door by the time he went to unlock it. The firefighters used a defibrillator and shocked Susan five times before getting a pulse. She was transported to Williamson Medical Center where she was stabilized and then transferred to Baptist Hospital (part of St. Thomas Health Services) where she received further treatment and was released.

Nov. 6—Station 2 CPR save

Williamson County Schools maintenance employee Wayne Green was having chest pain at work and his co-worker, Herbert Harper, offered to drive him to Williamson Medical Center. On the way to the hospital, Green, who is 48, lost consciousness. Harper called 9-1-1 and continued driving. The dispatcher advised him that he was approaching Franklin Fire Station 2, and that he should stop there. Fire Captain Greg Wild's crew was given just a moment's notice, but they were ready. They removed Green from the vehicle and immediately started CPR on the station's exit ramp. They used a defibrillator, provided an advanced airway, and started an IV before the ambulance arrived. Green regained a pulse at the station. He was transported to Williamson Medical Center and was later transferred to Vanderbilt. He was released from Vanderbilt just before Thanksgiving with no neurological deficits.

EMS Responsibilities and Programs:

- Advanced life support and basic life support services
- Bicycle medics for special events and assignments
- Tactical EMS to assist police SWAT team

Personnel certification breakdown:

- 19 Paramedics
- 59 Emergency Medical Technicians with IV certification
- 42 Emergency Medical Technicians
- 33 First Responders

Pictured left to right – Eng. Richard Hasley, FF Geoff Manfre, FF Daniel Donegan, FF John Balitsky, Wayne Green, Herbert Harper, Lt. Lloyd Baxter, FF/Paramedic Jamie Barnes, Eng. Larry Woody, Capt. Greg Wild (not pictured Capt. Joe Polenzani and James Marlin).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Pedal-powered paramedics: New bike medic team introduced in ’08

Prior to becoming a Franklin Firefighter in 2006, Steve Denny, a paramedic and EMS cycling expert, spent nearly 10 years training bike medics across the country for the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA). In 2008 he had the opportunity to train his fellow Franklin Firefighters in EMS cycling.

Ten firefighter-paramedics and EMTs completed the five-day IPMBA EMS Cyclist course that was taught in the spring by Denny and instructors from Franklin Police and Williamson Medical Center EMS. Denny said that much of the training emphasized slow speed skills and maneuvering in tight spaces - something bike medics encounter while pedaling through crowds.

The team’s first major event was the Franklin Main Street Festival in April. They were also deployed throughout the year at other community events such as the Franklin Rodeo and the Williamson County Fair.

Denny said trained paramedics on mountain bikes can reach patients more quickly at outdoor public events. “We’re right there with them,” said Denny. “When streets are cordoned off we can get there much quicker then we can if we’re in a rescue truck or fire engine.”

Each bike medic is equipped with 50 to 70-pounds of equipment, including a defibrillator, IV’s, medications, oxygen, and first aid supplies.

Pictured left to right: FF/Paramedic David Wilber, Lt. Todd Stapleton, FF Jeremiah Rogers, FF/Paramedic Kirk White, Lt. Max Cook, Eng. Paul Seltz, FF/Paramedic Steve Denny and FF Daniel Donegan.

To schedule the bike medic team for a special event, please call the Franklin Fire Department at (615) 791-3270.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Fire Station 6—Placed in service February 7, 2008

Fire Station 6 at 1061 Cool Springs Blvd. was officially placed in service on February 4, 2008. This three-bay, 11,175 square foot station is located in Avalon and serves the area east of I-65 and north of Murfreesboro Rd. It houses six to eight firefighters per shift, Engine 6 and Tower 6. In addition, it includes an office for two fire inspectors.

Station 6 was designed by Hart-Freeland-Roberts of Brentwood and Tri-Star Construction of Murfreesboro was the general contractor. This $2.5 million dollar capital project was funded by the Facilities Tax. The 1.8 acre site for the station was donated by the developers of Avalon.

City growth through annexation and continued development east of I-65 prompted the addition of this fire station. A 2005 Insurance Services Office evaluation of our department also echoed the need for a new station.

More About the Insurance Services Office

For calendar year 2008, FFD held a Class 3/9 rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). This was a continued improvement from our previous Class 4/9 in 2004. Throughout the United States, less than 4% of communities rated by ISO have achieved a Class 3 or better rating.

Insurance companies use a community's ISO rating to establish fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. Class 1 indicates excellent fire protection; Class 10 indicates that the community does not meet minimum recognition criteria.

The department underwent another ISO evaluation in the fall of 2008 and anticipates an improved rating in 2009.

Assistant Chief
Todd Horton

Administration Responsibilities:

- Leadership
- Long range planning
- Statistical analysis
- Budget development
- Financial management
- Personnel management
- Payroll records management
- Capital project management
- Facility and equipment maintenance and repair, including fleet
- Resource allocation
- Inter-departmental coordination
- Emergency communications liaison
- Information technology co-ordination
- General customer service

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

New Station 6 Photos

Moving Day! February 1, 2008

Open House! July 21, 2008

Firefighter Landon McKee cools down after the Station 6 Open House.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Second Citizens' Fire Academy a Success!

Franklin Fire Captain Ben Marler instructed the department's second annual Citizens' Fire Academy, an eight-week course that took place in April and May. The Citizens' Fire Academy is a community outreach program of the Franklin Fire Department that combines classroom instruction with hands-on training in all aspects of fire department operations, including search and rescue, vehicle extrication, CPR training, and even live firefighting at the department's Training Center.

2008 Equipment Additions

- Forcible entry prop (shown above)
- Bauer 6000 PSI Air Compressor

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Fireworks

Professional Fireworks—Several professional fireworks displays took place in Franklin in 2008 without incident. Licensed pyrotechnic companies performed fireworks displays at the city-sponsored Fourth of July celebration at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and at the Williamson County Fair. Nightly fireworks shows were conducted at the fair, which took place Aug. 1 – 9.

Although still potentially dangerous, professional fireworks displays operated by licensed companies with the necessary permits, insurance and inspections remain the safest way to enjoy fireworks.

Consumer Fireworks—During June and July, Franklin Police and Fire Dispatch logged 157 complaints related to consumer fireworks, two of which resulted in fire apparatus responses:

- A structure fire occurred July 2 when two teenagers playing with fireworks ignited a mulch fire that subsequently burned the exterior of an apartment building in the Wyndchase apartment complex. In addition to consuming the landscaping, the fire damaged the siding, soffit and eave of the building. Firefighters extinguished the blaze quickly and no one was hurt. Property damages were estimated at around $4,500.

- A fireworks explosion occurred July 25 just before 9:30 a.m. when a 25-year-old Franklin man made an improvised explosive device with fireworks and ignited it behind Williamson Square Shopping Center. The resulting blast generated a full structure fire response of six apparatus. In addition, 15 Franklin police officers and detectives responded, along with representatives from the State's Bomb and Arson Division. The subject was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment. There were no injuries and no damage reported.

The Franklin Fire Department continues to adamantly support Franklin Municipal Code 7-218, which bans the sale and use of consumer fireworks.

Pictured right: This building in the Wyndchase apartment complex was damaged when fireworks started a fire that burned the landscaping, siding, soffit and eave.

Fire Marshal
Andy King

Fire Prevention Responsibilities:

- Inspection services
- Plan review
- Issuance of permits
- Fire code enforcement
- Fire cause investigations
- Public fire and life safety education
- Juvenile fire setting intervention
- Public information services
- Community relations events
- Fire hydrant management

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Fire Hydrant Management

In a fire, every second counts. Firefighters need to be able to count on fire hydrants to be ready for use when they need them. For this reason, every year the Franklin Fire Department inspects and tests all 2700 hydrants in the city limits. We use GPS records to help us locate hydrants that may be buried or obstructed. We are also responsible for painting the hydrants. In 2008 we began color-coding hydrant tops or "bonnets," to indicate their flow rates. This information helps firefighters on a fire scene determine the water available for firefighting operations. Here is a guide to the new hydrant colors:

- Yellow indicates a hydrant is a public hydrant.
- Silver hydrants indicate they are privately owned.
- Red bonnets have a flow rate of less than 500 gallons per minute and do not support fire department operations.
- Orange bonnets have a flow rate between 500 and 999 gallons per minute.
- Green bonnets have a flow rate between 1000 and 1499 gallons per minute.
- Blue bonnets have a flow rate of 1500 gallons per minute or higher.
- Black bonnets are out of service. They may be marked with a disc or bag as well.

IT'S THE LAW

- Keep a three foot clear radius around a fire hydrant.
- Don't plant trees or place landscaping by a fire hydrant to make the area more attractive.
- If there is a fire, firefighters need to be able to reach and use the hydrant.
- Plants will be trampled and a tree or a fence too close will be cut down.

Above: Fire Marshal Andy King gives a fire sprinkler demonstration with the department's burn trailer.

MYTH:
Water damage from a fire sprinkler system will be more extensive than fire damage.

FACT:
Water damage from a sprinkler system will be much less severe than the damage caused by water from firefighting hose lines, or smoke and fire damage if the fire goes unabated. Quick response sprinklers release 8 to 24 gallons of water per minute, compared to 50 to 125 gallons per minute released by a fire hose.

"Things dry out. Nothing un-burns."

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Smoke Alarm Save!

In 2008 the Franklin Fire Department celebrated the first known success of our Smoke Alarm Installation Program, in which we install free smoke alarms in the homes of residents who need them.

On May 23, at a home in Hill Estates where the department had installed two free smoke alarms just five months earlier, a resident left hot cooking oil unattended and stepped outside. The smoke alarms alerted him that something was wrong. He returned inside to investigate and found a grease fire on the stove. Fortunately he managed to turn the heat off and call 911. The fire was out when the fire department arrived, and they assisted with smoke ventilation.

Franklin Fire Marshal Andy King was thankful that no one was hurt and no fire damage occurred in the home. "The smoke alarms provided an early warning and allowed the resident to respond quickly while the fire was still small," said King. "Every second is critical in a house fire," he added, noting that an entire home can be engulfed by flames in as little as five minutes.

The Franklin Fire Department installed 124 smoke alarms in 2008. The smoke alarms are powered by long-life lithium batteries that last the entire life of the alarm, up to 10 years. On installation days, firefighters and volunteers go door-to-door, testing existing smoke alarms, providing fire safety advice, and installing new alarms where needed. They are installed in the homes of Franklin residents who don't have working smoke alarms, said King.

King urges all residents to test their smoke alarms monthly and replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.

Franklin residents who have questions about smoke alarms can contact the Franklin Fire Department at (615) 791-3270.

Smoke alarms reduce your risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half!

Kidde donated 200 carbon monoxide alarms to the Franklin Fire Department in July, that were designated for Franklin's senior citizens. A carbon monoxide safety luncheon, attended by local elected officials, FFD personnel and Kidde representatives, was held a the JL Clay Senior Center to kick off the program.

WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires in Franklin and the United States.

Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Prevent nuisance alarms by moving smoke alarms farther away from kitchens according to manufacturers' instructions and/or install a smoke alarm with a pause button.

If You Have a Cooking Fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep a lid nearby when you’re cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. After a fire, the oven should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Fire Prevention Month

Franklin Fire Department's Family Safety House mobile exhibit visited all seven of Franklin's public and private schools during Fire Prevention Month (October) to teach children fire survival skills in a non-frightening way. More than 850 first grade students participated.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, an average of 3,650 children under the age of 14 are injured or killed in residential fires each year.

Since 2005, this 39-foot mobile classroom has been toured by nearly 7,000 children and adults to learn household and kitchen fire safety, the importance of smoke alarms, how to call for help, how to treat burns, and how to escape a burning building.

We also partnered with Domino's Pizza to deliver fire prevention messages with pizzas, and teamed up with the Brentwood Fire Department to host a Fire and Life Safety Day at the CoolSprings Galleria Mall.

The theme of the 2008 Fire Prevention Week campaign was "Prevent Home Fires."

TRAINING DIVISION

Trained eight newly-hired firefighters in 2008

L to R: Dickson Fire Operations Commander Richard Geer, Capt. Jeff Elliott, FF/Paramedic Richey Schatz, Dickson FF James Ruffin, FF/Paramedic Jamie Barnes, FF/Paramedic Terry Storey, FF/Paramedic Brad Brandon, FF/Paramedic Nathanael Davis, FF Rob Thomas, FF/ Paramedic James Miller, Dickson FF Alan Faircloth, Capt. Glenn Johnson, Dickson FF Steve Deloach and Franklin Fire Chief Rocky Garzarek.

Ten firefighters graduated from the Franklin Fire Department's Recruit Training Program in 2008. Seven of the firefighters were from Franklin and three were from the Dickson Fire Department. An eighth Franklin Firefighter was hired in 2008 who completed recruit training at the Tennessee Fire and Code Enforcement Academy. Franklin's firefighter recruit program is approved through the State of Tennessee Commission on Firefighting.

In-service Training

- Submitted and received approval for state in-service program. (Program exceeded State Commission on Fire-fighting requirements.)
- Program consisted of 52 hours of instruction and included a National Fire Academy and Tennessee Fire and Code Enforcement Academy class entitled "Incident Safety Officer." This class was offered to fire department personnel based on the recommendations of the NIOSH report regarding the nine firefighter fatalities in Charleston, SC.

Training Captain
Jeff Elliott

Training Captain
Glenn Johnson

Training Division Responsibilities:

- New recruit training
- In-service training for firefighters
- Federal and state certifications and compliance
- Multi-company drills
- New equipment training

TRAINING DIVISION
SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Multi-company Drills: Training Day and Night

Throughout 2008, the Training Division organized eight multi-company drills consisting of both day and nighttime scenarios. In addition to providing excellent training, the drills gave the department credit with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) toward our fire protection rating. The department completed all of the exercises required to maximize points available in the ISO rating scale in 2008.

More 2008 Accomplishments

- Lt. Sean Smith delivered CPR training to 28 City of Franklin Parks Department employees.
- Deputy Chief Mike Culberson, Captain David Currie and Captain Jose Periut assisted in the delivery of federally-mandated ICS 400 for the city's department heads.
- ICS 300 training was also conducted for City of Franklin, Williamson County EMS, Williamson County Sheriff's Department and Williamson County Emergency Operations Center employees.
- Fire Department personnel received training on the new forcible entry prop.
- Cheatham County Firefighter's Association made their flashover simulator available to the Franklin Fire Department for a two-week period. All personnel were offered an opportunity to attend a classroom session on flashover recognition followed by hands-on-training in the flashover simulator.

State Regional Live Fire Training

In 2008, Franklin Fire Department hosted two State Commission on Firefighting Live Fire Practicals. More than 30 firefighters from across the state participated in the regional testing.

Firefighter Testing 2008

High Angle Training 2008

Swiftwater Training 2008

2008 ADVANCEMENTS AND AWARDS

L to R: Rookie of the Year—FF Nathanael Davis, Firefighter of the Year—FF Jason Morgan, Engineer of the Year—Eng. Kirk McGee, Support Officer of the Year—Fire Inspector Wayne Mobley, Support Employee of the Year— Mr. James Marlin.

The following awards, given for advancements and outstanding service in 2008, were presented during a ceremony on June 5, 2009:

Advancing to the rank of Firefighter
Steven Holmes

Advancing to the rank of Engineer
Matthew Stout

Rookie of the Year
FF Nathanael Davis

Firefighter of the Year
FF Jason Morgan

Fire Engineer of the Year
Engineer Kirk McGee

Fire Officer of the Year
Battalion Chief Greg Baltimore

Fire Support Officer of the Year
Fire Inspector Wayne Mobley

Support Employee of the Year
Mr. James Marlin

Battalion Chief Greg Baltimore was the 2008 Officer of the Year.

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Phoenix Award, Sept. 26 (Station 5, B Shift)
For successfully resuscitating a woman in cardiac arrest.
Lt. Charlene Forehand; Eng. Mike Morgan; FF/Paramedic Joe Posey; FF Tyler Crews; FF Keith McVoy.

Phoenix Award, Nov. 6 (Station 2, A Shift)
For successfully resuscitating a man in cardiac arrest.
Capt. Greg Wild; Capt. Joe Polenzani; Lt. Lloyd Baxter; Eng. Richard Hasley; Eng. Larry Woody; FF/Paramedic Jamie Barnes; FF John Balitsky; FF Dan Donegan; FF Geoff Manfre; Mr. James Marlin.

Exemplary Service, May 3 (Station 2, C Shift)
For successfully treating an elderly patient who was choking.
FF/Paramedic Kirk White; FF Adam Vernon.

Exemplary Service, June 26
For successfully treating a 10-month old child who was choking.
Fire Inspector Wayne Morris.

Community Service Award
For playing a vital role in organizing the 1st Annual Franklin Firefighters Toy and Clothing Drive, to benefit the Franklin and Williamson County Boys and Girls Club and Head Start Community Child Care Center.
Capt. Clay Mackey; Eng. David Edge; FF Jeff Boggs.

OUTSIDE RECOGNITION

- April 2008—Captain Joe Polenzani was selected to teach a class at the annual Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis. His course was titled, "Mobile Homes: Small House, Big Challenge."

- June 2008—Franklin Fire Chief Rocky Garzarek was one of four career fire chiefs nominated to receive the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Southeastern Division Fire Chief of the Year Award. He was recognized at the division's leadership conference in Chattanooga in June. Criteria for the nomination included leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public, contributions to the fire service as a whole, and a special emphasis on accomplishments during the previous four years of service.

- August 2008—The Franklin Fire Department was recognized as one of seven finalists for the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Award for Excellence, for our Smoke Alarm Installation Project's Latino Outreach Program. Chief Garzarek represented the department during a ceremony at the IAFC annual conference in Denver in August.

- September 2008—Captain Glenn Johnson received the Hope Award from the Full Life Assembly of God congregation in September. The HOPE Award is presented to emergency personnel who have excelled in their job and in some unique way given hope to their community. A donation was made to Capt. Johnson's charity of choice, the Tennessee Firefighters Burn Foundation, which provides a summer camp, aid and recovery assistance to child burn victims.

- December 2008—The Franklin Firefighters Association won 1st Place for their Christmas Parade Float.

Capt. Joe Polenzani teaching at FDIC.

Chief Rocky Garzarek (center) represented the FFD at an Awards Ceremony at the IAFC Annual Conference in Denver.

Capt. Glenn Johnson

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Franklin Fire Station 1 Featured in Alan Jackson Music Video

Franklin Fire Station 1 was featured in a music video for country superstar Alan Jackson's song "Good Time." The video showed actors dressed as firefighters and others line dancing in front of the station, as well as in front of several other Franklin locations. In the video's storyline, they were attempting to set a record for the "World's longest line dance." Actors borrowed Franklin's firefighting gear for the video shoot. To see the video, visit http://www.cmt.com/videos/alan-jackson/234989/good-time.jhtml.

First Franklin Firefighters Toy and Clothing Drive a Success!

Franklin Firefighters collected more than 1,000 toys and articles of clothing during their 1st Annual Toy and Clothing Drive to benefit the children of the Franklin and Williamson County Boys and Girls Club and Head Start Community Child Care Center.

The gifts were presented to over 180 children, who received several gifts each, during a Christmas party at the Boys and Girls Club on Dec. 19. The children opened their gifts, enjoyed a visit from the firefighters, Santa and the Titans Cheerleaders, and complimentary refreshments from Publix.