

Winder Fire Department



Annual Report 2022



Winder Fire Department

Chief Matt Whiting

January 2023

Mayor David Maynard
Councilmember Sonny Morris
Councilmember Kobi Kilgore
Councilmember Stephanie Britt

Councilmember Travis Singley
Councilmember Jimmy Terrell
Councilmember Shannon Hammond
City Administrator Mandi Cody

Thank you Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Administrator for your continued support of our department.

We appreciate the cost of living adjustments in our budget and this has helped the department to remain fully staffed through 2022.

Since your budget approval this is an update of our 2022 Capital Projects:

- * The new 2022 Fire Engine (Engine 2) arrived in September and was placed "In Service" in October 2022.
- * Three New Thermal Imaging Cameras were purchased and placed on the trucks in October 2022.
- * The Headsets were installed in November 2022 in the first out engines and the ladder truck. The headsets provide hearing safety for the firefighters and improve communication during response.
- * The remodel of the bathroom at Fire Station 1 has begun with bids being received. This project should be completed before the end of the budget year.

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation presented two awards to our department due to the \$15,899.00 donation for 2021; First Place Highest Per capita and Fourth Place for "Most Money Collected" in the state. This year our department generated \$16,821.65 for this foundation. Awards are presented in February each year.

The WFD Empty Stocking Drive provided Christmas gifts for 738 children this year due to the generous donations from local citizens, businesses, banks, churches, civic organizations, schools, and firefighters.

We look forward to 2023 and thanks again for your support,

Chief Matt Whiting

Winder Fire Department



WFD MISSION



The Mission

The Winder Fire Department is dedicated to providing a superior level of life safety, fire suppression, fire prevention, public education, and customer service to our citizens.

To constantly provide support to the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, and other community and public safety agencies when called upon.

Winder Fire Department



WFD VISION



Vision Statement

It is the intent of this department to maintain a Purpose Driven Vision of our mission. With vigilant research, documentation, and planning tomorrow's needs are addressed today.

The vision and commitment to our citizens in providing fire prevention, fire safety education, fire suppression, rescue, and, customer service must always be delivered with a professional, financially responsible attitude.

The vision of this department's future is dependent upon collaborate planning. It is imperative the vision of this department be a Clear Vision.



Winder Engine 2



2022 Emergency–One Pumper

Thank you Mayor and Council

The newest part of our fleet arrived September 7, 2022. This 2022 Emergency-One Typhoon Pumper will be assigned at Winder Station 2.

This engine was purchased from Fireline Inc. at a cost of \$599,924.00 with equipment totaling \$100,000.00.

Engine 2 was “In Service” on October 20, 2022 and will be first out until 2036.



WEATHER STAND-BY

Winder Fire Department

The **HIGHLIGHTS**



WFD 2022

A day for a firefighters' 24 hour shift is made up of regular duties, including but not limited to: answering calls, providing public service calls, checking fire truck and equipment, cleaning the station, cleaning the trucks, hours of training, re-certifications of CPR and EMT, conducting fire prevention/safety tours/classes, participating in city events, and other community related activities.

HIGHLIGHTS

January 2022

- Rookie Graduate Ceremony January 4, 2022.
- The Winder Noon Lions Club presented Lieutenant Cory West with Firefighter of the Year Award.
- Inclement Weather Stand-by
- Fire Headquarters parking lot was repaired and repaved.
- Officers Staff Meeting
- Firefighters presented a program to the Barrow County Youth Leadership



Winder Fire Department

The HIGHLIGHTS



February 2022

- Fire Department 2021 Annual Report completed for the Mayor and Council
- DAR-Sunbury Chapter donated bears to our department for children
- In-house GPSTC “Instructor 1 Class” for our department
- Captain Tommy Evans was Deputized at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by the State of Georgia on February 15, 2022
- City’s Biometric Screening

March 2022

- New full time Firefighter Charles Petty hired March 4, 2022.
- In-house GPSTC “Search & Rescue Class” for our department
- “May Day” training
- “Combat Challenge” conducted.
- Firefighter Alex Wright was promoted to Driver Engineer
- Fire Chief’s Conference-Savannah, GA
- D.E. Dan Deaton retires



Winder Fire Department

The HIGHLIGHTS



April 2022

- Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation Executive Director Dennis Gardin and Executive Administrator Venessa Walker visited our department and presented the Winder Fire Department with the First Place “Highest Per Capita” and Fourth Place “Most Money Collected in the State” trophies on April 19, 2022.
- Hose testing
- Fire Safety Display at the Farmers Market at the Historic Barrow County Courthouse
- Evaluation for all firefighters
- Budget meetings
- Three Officers attended an Arson Conference in Helen, GA
- Training: Hyper Baric Chamber at the hospital and Pre-planning Exercise at the new Publix

May 2022

- Hose testing continues
- Attended “Adventure Bags” reception at the Wimberley Center
- Winder Fire Department Golf Tournament conducted at the Chimneys Golf Course. All proceeds go to the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation.



Winder Fire Department

The HIGHLIGHTS



June 2022

- GBI Audit
- Fire Prevention/Safety program at the Learning Voyage and Victory Delivery Center
- Retirement meeting
- Lieutenant Bryan Hall was deputized at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, GA, on June 22, 2022.

July 2022

- Two part time firefighters were hired
 - * Certified Firefighter Patrick Kelly will begin part time work on shifts to cover for full time firefighters on leave.
 - * Rookie Firefighter Jacob Etheridge will begin Recruit School soon.
- The Pharaoh's Car Club conducted a "Car Show" to benefit the Winder Fire Department Empty Stocking Drive.
- Two firefighters attend the Fire Arson Investigator training in Savannah.
- Training: Driver Training, Forcible Entry, Technical Rescue, and Electric Vehicle.
- Continued to visit Camp Twin Lakes Summer Camps on Wednesdays.



Winder Fire Department

The HIGHLIGHTS



August 2022

- Officer's Staff Meeting
- Budget Meetings
- WFD attended the Farmers Market on Porter Street to distribute Fire Prevention Materials for the public.
- Chief and firefighters conducted an inspection of the new engine in Ocala, Florida.
- Lunch & Learn in WFD Training Room
- Spooktacular Meetings
- Prepared Station 1 for 9/11 Ceremony
- Training: Mass Casualty Incidents, Rescue/Recovery Simulator, Victim Removal Thru Windows, Pump/Hose Operations, SCBA, and Aerial Device





2022 Emergency-One Fire Engine

Winder Fire Department

The HIGHLIGHTS



September 2022

- NEW ENGINE arrived September 7, 2022
- Firefighters visited Winder Elementary School for “Reading Day” for students.
- Firefighter Zach Pierce was hired.
- Recruit Firefighters Jacob Etheridge and Zach Pierce began part time WFD Rookie School.
- WFD conducted 9/11 Memorial Ceremony
- Fire Chief and Training Officer attended a 4 day Firefighter Conference in Columbus, GA.
- Spooktacular meeting
- Barrow County Youth Leadership tours Winder Fire Station 1 and Headquarters.
- Distributed Fire Prevention Material at Russell Middle School Parents meeting.
- Training: SCBA Conservation, Hose Evolution, Aerial Device, TIC, and Rescue/Recovery Simulator.





WFD Banquet

Firefighter Kevin Nelson, Councilmember Sonny Morris, Driver Engineer Brian Kilpatrick, Councilmember Jimmy Terrell, Firefighter Will Jackson, Councilmember Stephanie Britt, Councilmember Travis Singley, Councilmember Kobi Kilgore, Lieutenant Cory West, Councilmember Shannon Hammond, Driver Engineer Chad Sauls, and Driver Engineer William Reidling

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The HIGHLIGHTS



October 2022

- Winder Fire Department Fire Awards Banquet
 - Firefighter of the Year-Driver Engineer Brian Kilpatrick
 - Rookie of the Year-Firefighter Will Jackson
 - Lanther Award- Firefighter Kevin Nelson
 - Outstanding Service Award-Driver Engineer Chad Sauls
 - Officer of the Year-Lieutenant Cory West
 - 20 Years of Service-Driver Engineer William Reidling
- Deborah Manno, State Farm Insurance, presented our department with a \$500.00 check for Fire Prevention Materials.
- A Fire Safety Class was conducted for the residents of "The Villas."
- Participated in the Winder Barrow High School Homecoming Parade.
- The NEW 2022 Emergency-One Engine 2 was "IN SERVICE" at Winder Station 2 on October 20, 2022.
- City of Winder Insurance meeting in the WFD Training Room.
- Spooktacular "Fire Department" Booth was in the front of Station 1 on Broad Street. Our department also conducted a First Aid Station and Lost/Found Booth at the Jug Tavern Park on October 28, 2022.
- Engine 2 attended the Tender Years Fall Festival.
- Rookie School for 2 part time firefighters continued on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- Prepared boxes, flyers, etc. for the WFD Empty Stocking Drive.



Winder Fire Department

The HIGHLIGHTS



Georgia Spa Company donated \$6000.00 to the Empty Stocking Drive

November 2022

- The WFD delivered boxes to ten (10) locations to collect toys and gifts for the Empty Stocking Drive.
- The Wingman and Ring of Fire Motorcycle Clubs along with several other motorcycles clubs donated \$4420.00 and over a thousand dollars worth of toys for the WFD Empty Stocking Drive.
- Due to the efforts of Tabatha Knight, Utilities Operation Manager, the Barrow County Utility Association presented Fire Chief Matt Whiting with a donation of \$100.00 for the Empty Stocking Drive.
- Pharaoh's Car Club donated \$1717.00 and thousands of dollars worth of toys to the Empty Stocking Drive.
- Winder Noon Lions Club gave gifts and monetary donations to the Empty Stocking Drive.
- Georgia Spa Company presented our department a donation of \$6000.00 in "Honor of Retired Chief Ray Mattison" for the Empty Stocking Drive.
- Attended the City of Winder breakfast
- The Winder Fire Department Honor Guard conducted a ceremony at the Winder Community Center on Veterans Day.
- Apalachee High School students toured WFD Station 1 on November 15, 2022.
- Firefighters delivered Empty Stocking schedules to individual homes in nine subdivisions.
- Live Burns at the Winder Fire Department's Training Center were conducted November 15-17, 2022.
- New headsets were installed trucks.



Pharaohs Car Club donated \$1717.00 and over \$1000.00 in toys



Motorcycles Clubs donated \$4420.00 and toys to the WFD Empty Stocking Drive



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The HIGHLIGHTS



December 2022

- December was the “Highest Call Volume Month” with firefighters answering 275 calls.
- Empty Stocking Drive (ESD) through nine (9) subdivisions to collect gifts.
- Pictures with Santa at Fire Station 1, sponsored by Marzena Trawinski from Main Street Realty.
- Collected toys worth over \$1000.00 from the Villas Subdivision for the Empty Stocking Drive.
- Attended Jug Tavern Square Dancers’ Christmas Party and collected \$240.00 and toys with a retail value of over \$1000.00 for the Empty Stocking Drive.
- Participated in the City of Winder Parade by driving the Grand Marshal, the Ladder Truck, Engine 2, and 1940 Fire Truck with Santa.
- Fire Department Christmas Party with Santa.
- On December 14th firefighters assisted parents/guardians as they came to the station to receive the Christmas gifts. Seven hundred thirty eight (738) children received gifts through this program.
- City of Winder luncheon.
- Training: Relay Pump Operations, RIT, PECOS, Rapid Dress, Rescue/Recovery Simulator, and Hose Evolution.





WINDER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

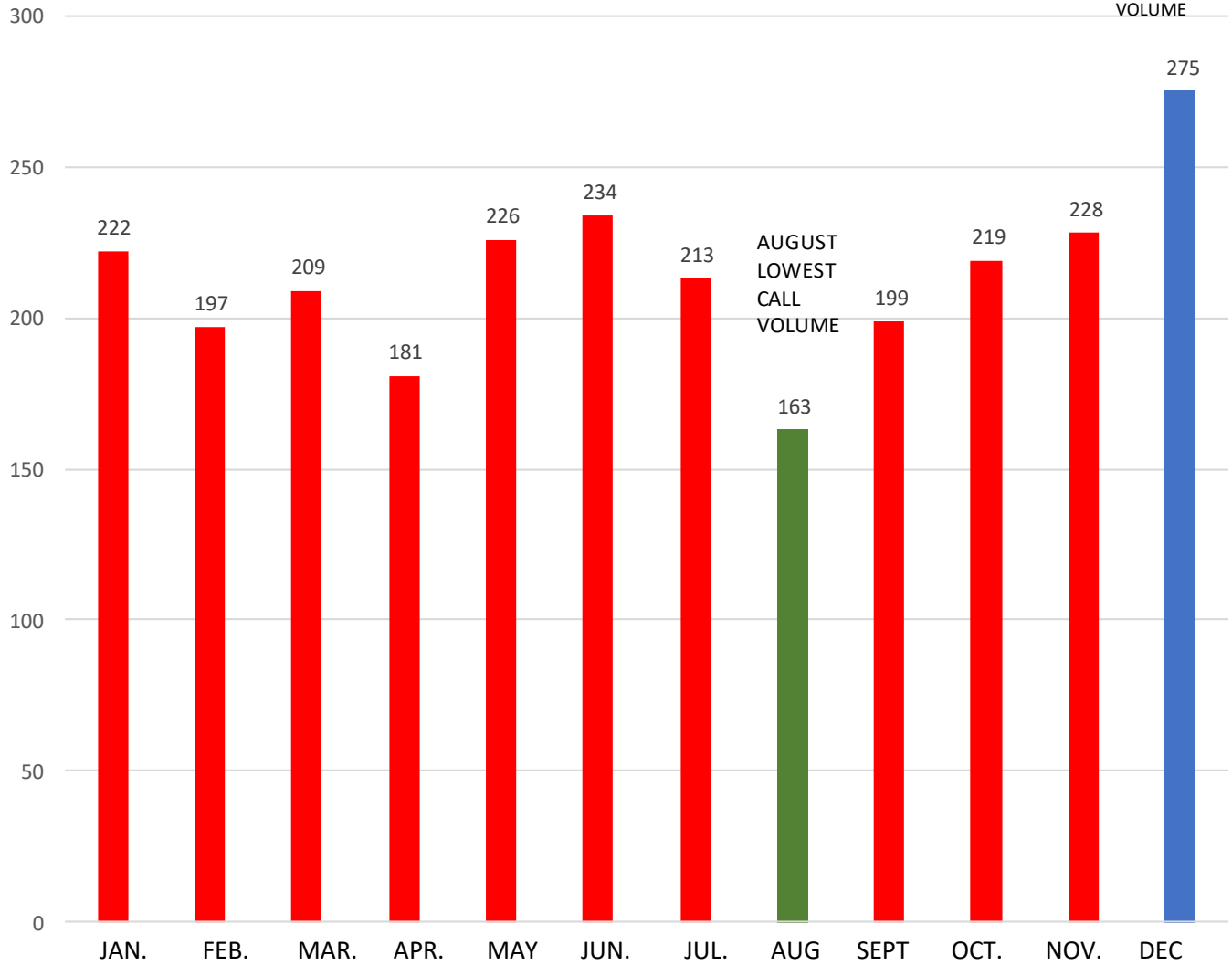
**JANUARY-DECEMBER
2022**

Activity	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Number of Visitors	41	51	114	23	41	40	48	33	85	37	32	132	677
Burn Permits Issued	24	26	28	26	0	0	0	1	1	27	14	5	152
Fire Prevention Classes	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	1	4	3	4	1	21
Training Classes	0	50	64	56	44	45	61	54	46	49	36	29	534
Pre-plans	30	25	28	27	31	18	24	45	29	24	13	18	312
5" Hose Used	0	0	200	820	100	100	0	1	400	1070	20	900	3611
3" Hose Used	200	100	150	875	100	0	0	0	400	1070	20	0	2915
2 1/2" Hose Used	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	200	0	250	0	0	850
1.75" Hose Used	100	1000	850	1300	700	900	200	600	800	1050	200	200	7900
1" Hose Used	125	200	320	50	450	50	0	200	0	125	0	75	1595
Gal. of Water	1155	500	2695	12250	1300	3,000	1000	4750	3450	7602	1500	6000	45202
False Alarm	3	4	7	3	7	9	7	7	7	6	4	7	71
Automatic Alarms	1	7	9	13	11	16	18	3	7	19	9	32	145
Assist Calls	0	9	1	3	3	7	7	0	4	5	5	10	54
Service Calls	12	10	7	7	14	6	14	9	9	6	10	21	125
Mutual Aid	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	7
Brush/Grass Fires	0	4	8	2	3	0	1	2	1	6	5	2	34
Vehicle	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	12
Structure	2	3	1	2	3	1	4	0	2	2	2	6	28
Gas Leak	6	4	2	3	6	5	2	9	2	5	0	5	49
Lines Down	3	2	2	4	2	3	3	2	5	0	4	3	33
Other Fires	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	4	13
Assist Invalid	32	25	23	16	16	26	29	32	31	22	28	30	310
Rescue	160	128	145	126	160	157	127	97	128	144	159	154	1685
Number of Runs	222	197	209	181	226	234	213	163	199	219	228	275	2566
Ave. Response time	4:58	4:53	4:50	4:50	4:49	4:59	5:02	4:52	5:06	4:54	4:53	4:59	4:55
Customer Service	1	2	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	2	10	2	26



2022 CALL VOLUME PER MONTH

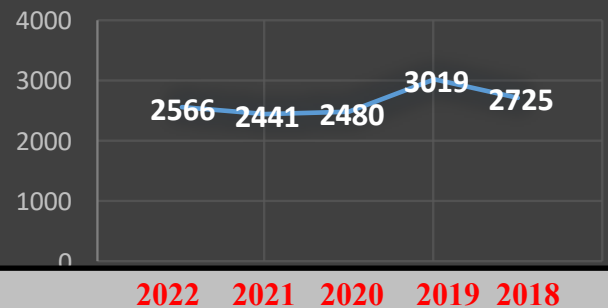
DECEMBER
HIGHEST CALL
VOLUME



Five (5) Year Call Volume

2022 Total Call Volume	2566
2021 Total Call Volume	2441
2020 Total Call Volume	2480
2019 Total Call Volume	3019
2018 Total Call Volume	2725

WFD Five Year Call Volume



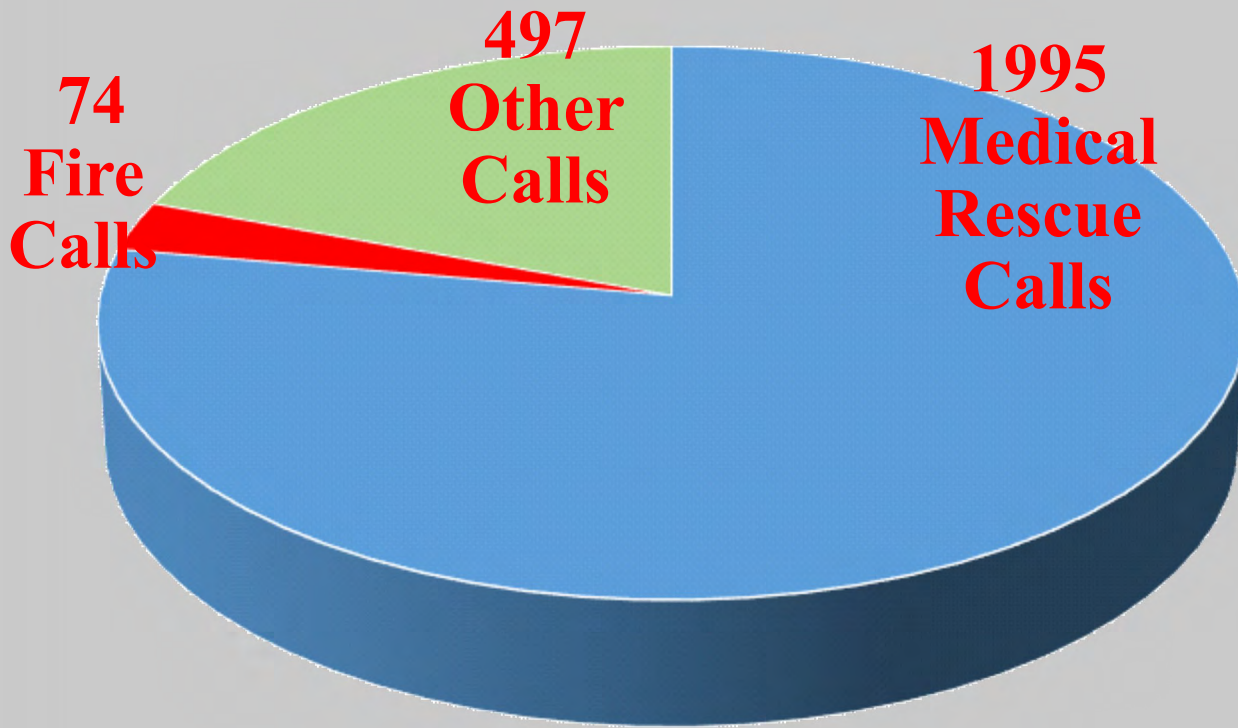


2022 Responses At A Glance

Type of Call	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul.	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
False Alarm	3	4	7	3	7	9	7	7	7	6	4	7	71
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Call Data Rescue, Fire, & Other



2566 Total Calls in 2022



Winder Fire Department



Status Reports

- * Grant
- * Awards
- * Personnel
- * Apparatus/Vehicles
- * Fire Stations
- * Training
- * Inspections
- * Fire Prevention/Community Involvement

GRANT

Fire Prevention/Safety Grant

Deborah Manno, State Farm Insurance, presents \$500.00 to our department for Fire Prevention/Safety Materials for our community.

Deborah Manno has been a continued supporter of our department's Fire Prevention Program. Fire Prevention/Safety Educational Material is distributed to citizens, schools, daycares, Scouts Troops, and other visitors at the station.

Fire Safety related materials are also provided for adults at programs conducted at subdivision civic centers, apartment complexes, civic club meetings, and other local city and community events.



\$500.00

Thank You!





AWARDS



On April 19, 2022, the Georgia Firefighter Burn Foundation (GFBF) Executive Director Dennis Gardin and Executive Administrator Venessa Walker visited the Winder Fire Department.

Our department was presented two awards due to the donation of \$15,899.00 collected in 2021: First Place for Highest per Capita and Fourth Place for "Most Money Collected" in the state.

Lieutenant Cory West coordinates this project each year. The donation sent to GFBF for 2022 was \$16,821.65. Awards are presented in February each year.



Captain Barry Garrett, Chief Matt Whiting, Executive Administrator Venessa Walker, Lieutenant Cory West, Firefighter Casey Ward, and Executive Director Dennis Gardin.



AWARDS



2022 WFD Fire Awards Banquet



WFD Firefighter of the Year was presented to Driver Engineer Brian Kilpatrick by last year's recipient Driver Engineer Dallas Astin

D.E. Kilpatrick joined the department full time April 15, 2014.



WFD Rookie of the Year was presented to Firefighter Will Jackson by Firefighter Ebony Crump.

Firefighter Jackson joined our department September 30, 2021.



WFD Officer of the Year was presented to Lieutenant Cory West by Captain Jimmy Beck.

Lieutenant West joined our department full time September 4, 2014.



AWARDS



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WFD Lanthier Award was presented to Firefighter Kevin Nelson by Lieutenant Cory West.

Firefighter Nelson joined the department full time May 30, 2019.



WFD Outstanding Service Award was presented to Driver Engineer Chad Sauls by Lieutenant Casey Wright.

Driver Engineer Chad Sauls has been a full time firefighter since August 5, 2004.



Twenty-Years of Service Award was presented to Driver Engineer William Reidling by Chief Matt Whiting.

Driver Engineer Reidling joined the Winder Fire Department full time August 22, 2002.



AWARDS



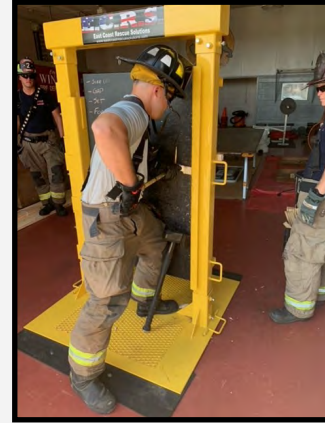
Winder Fire Department Fire Award Banquet

Rookie Firefighter of the Year Firefighter Will Jackson
WFD Firefighter of the Year Driver Engineer Brian Kilpatrick
20 Years of Service to Driver Engineer William Reidling
Outstanding Service Award Engineer Chad Sauls
Officer of the Year Lieutenant Cory West
Lanthier Award Firefighter Kevin Nelson



Winder Noon Lions Club Award

In January 2022 the Winder Noon Lions Club
Presented Firefighter of the Year to
Lieutenant Cory West.



PERSONNEL





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Winder Fire Department

Personnel



Personnel *The Essential Part of the Department*

The Winder Fire Department consist of 45 employees:

- Thirty-three (33) Full Time Suppression Firefighters
- Seven (7) Part Time Suppression Firefighters
- Four (4) Administration Personnel
- One (1) Fire Chief



Suppression firefighters work 24 hour shifts with 48 hours off duty. All personnel respond to emergency calls as needed on and off duty.





Fire Chief

Chief Matt Whiting has been in the Fire Service since July 1992. Hired by the City of Winder July 6, 1992 as a part time Rookie Firefighter then promoted to a Full Time Firefighter February 17, 1993.

He became the eighth Winder Fire Department Fire Chief July 1, 2011 (officially 9/13/2011).

He has numerous certifications including a Fire Science Degree, EMT Certification, and is a Certified Fire Chief.



Chief Matt Whiting
29 Years at the Winder Fire Department
11 Years as Fire Chief





Fire Marshal's Office



The Fire Marshal's Office consists of two (2) full time and one (1) part time certified firefighters.

Captain Tommy Evans has been **Fire Marshal** for the City of Winder since March 2021. Captain Evans has been with the Winder Fire Department as a certified firefighter since July 1992.

He was deputized February 15, 2022 and has the following certifications: Certified Firefighter, EMT, Fire Inspector, Arson Investigator, Plans Examiner, Fire Instructor, and Fire Safety & Life Educator.

Captain Evans' duties include, but are not limited to, all Fire Inspections, Plan Review, Fire Prevention/Safety Officer, and responding to emergency scenes on and off duty.



Fire Marshal Captain Tommy Evans

The Fire Inspector and Fire Prevention/Safety Officer Lieutenant Bryan Hall has been full time in the fire service since December 16, 2004.

Lieutenant Hall was deputized on June 22, 2022 and is a state certified Firefighter, EMT, Fire Inspector 2, Plans Examiner, and Fire Safety & Life Educator.

His job duties include, but are not limited to, Inspections, Plan Review, Fire Prevention/Safety Officer, responding to emergency scenes on and off duty.



Fire Inspector Lieutenant Bryan Hall

Fire Inspector Driver Engineer Ryan Newell is a full time Driver Engineer on shift and part time in the Fire Marshal's Office

Driver Engineer Newell's job duties include, but are not limited to: Driver Engineer on shift, fire inspections, plan review, and provide manpower on emergency scenes on and off duty.



Fire Inspector Driver Engineer Ryan Newell

Training Division



TRAINING OFFICER

Lieutenant Casey Wright, the WFD Training Officer is responsible for all training and training data for our department.

Lt. Wright has been a firefighter with the Winder Fire Department full time since 1998. He transferred from Suppression to Fire Administration in July 2012.

He coordinates all training, activities, and events for our department. Lt. Wright also responds to all fire calls on and off duty.

He has numerous certifications and is an EMT, Fire Life & Safety Educator, Fire Officer 1 & 2 and Instructor 1 & 2.





Officers

Administration



Captain Tommy Evans
Fire Marshal/24 Years of Service



Lieutenant Bryan Hall
Fire Inspector



Lieutenant Casey Wright
Training Officer/23 Years of Service

Full Time Suppression Officers



Captain Barry Garrett
34 Years of Service



Captain Randy Wells
27 Years of Service



Captain Jimmy Beck



Lieutenant Wesley Cox
23 Years of Service



Lieutenant Brandon McIntyre
21 Years of Service



Lieutenant Justin Bowen



Lieutenant Cory West



Lieutenant Nick White



Lieutenant Nathan Shuler



Driver Engineers



Full Time Suppression



D.E. William Reidling
20 Years of Service



D.E. Wesley Caneup



D.E. Brett Miller



D.E. Brian Kilpatrick



D.E. Chad Sauls



D.E. Ryan Newell



D.E. Charlie Parr



D.E. Dallas Astin



D.E. Alexander Wright

WFD PERSONNEL



Firefighter Wil McDaniel



Firefighter Bill Fancher



Firefighter Caleb Murphy



Firefighter Donald Wood



Firefighter Chris Jagielski



Firefighter Casey Ward



Firefighter Kevin Nelson

Full Time Suppression



Firefighter Colton Seckinger



Firefighter Chase Appling



Firefighter Gilbert Comon



Firefighter Ebony Crump



Firefighter Trent Hunt



Firefighter Will Jackson



Firefighter Jonathan Williams



Firefighter Charles Petty



Firefighter Cody Nuelle



Firefighter Chris Hulsey



Firefighter Matthew Puckett



Firefighter Dalton York



Firefighter Patrick Kelly



Firefighter Jacob Etheridge



Firefighter Zach Pierce



Chaplain Mike Williams

RANK RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF: This position is responsible for the management and operation of the City of Winder Fire Department, including long and short-term planning and the management of human and fiscal resources.

FIRE MARSHAL: This position is responsible for conducting fire safety inspections and fire code enforcement for new and existing buildings. Also, for other activities related to Fire Prevention/Fire Safety in the City of Winder. This officer serves as a Certified Firefighter, Certified Fire Inspector, Certified Investigator, and company officer.

FIRE INSPECTOR: This position assists the Fire Marshal's Office with operations, inspections, and any duties assisted by the Fire Marshal.

TRAINING OFFICER: This position is responsible for planning, organizing, and conducting training activities for the fire department, as well as, maintaining records and reports. This position also serves as a certified firefighter and company officer.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: This position is responsible for providing administrative and receptionist support to the department.

FIRE CAPTAIN: This position is responsible for protecting the lives and property of citizens by assuming supervisory responsibilities for an assigned shift to include both routine and emergency situations, as well as, for performing assigned administrative tasks in a double engine company station.

FIRE LIEUTENANT: This position is responsible for protecting the lives and property of citizens by assuming supervisory responsibilities for an assigned shift to include both routine and emergency situations, as well as, for performing assigned administrative tasks in a single engine company station.

DRIVER ENGINEER: This position is responsible for the safe transportation of fire equipment and personnel to and from an emergency scene, the provision of an adequate water supply for fire suppression, and the preventive maintenance of assigned apparatus and equipment.

FIREFIGHTER: This position is responsible for protecting lives and property endangered by fire and other emergency situations. This position also responds to and performs customer service activities.

Winder Fire Department Duty Roster

Station 1 A Shift	Station 1 B Shift	Station 1 C Shift
Capt. Randy Wells 214	Capt. Jimmy Beck 220	Capt. Barry Garrett 206
Lt. Nick White 241	Lt. Nathan Shuler 207	Lt. Cory West 246
D.E. William Reidling 218	D.E. Brian Kilpatrick 237	D.E. Wesley Caneup 238
D.E. Charlie Parr 240	D.E. Chad Sauls 247	D.E. Brett Miller 215
F.F. Wil McDaniel 230	F.F. Colton Seckinger 225	F.F. Casey Ward 227
F.F. Donald Wood 235	F.F. Ebony Crump 223	F.F. Kevin Nelson 251
F.F. Jonathan Williams 226	F.F. Trent Hunt 236	F.F. Will Jackson 219

Station 2 A Shift	Station 2 B Shift	Station 2 C Shift
Lt. Brandon McIntyre 222	Lt. Justin Bowen 228	Lt. Wesley Cox 233
D.E. Ryan Newell 248	D.E. Alexander Wright 243	D.E. Dallas Astin 212
F.F. Caleb Murphy 224	F.F. Charles Petty 245	F.F. Bill Fancher 231
F.F. Gilbert Comon 244	F.F. Chase Appling 242	F.F. Chris Jagielski 239

Part time Firefighters		
F.F. Cody Nuelle 221	F.F. Chris Hulsey 232	F.F. Matthew Puckett 229
F.F. Dalton York 234	F.F. Patrick Kelly 249	F.F. Jacob Etheridge 250
F.F. Zach Pierce 252		



Promotions

Congratulations!

Driver Engineer Alexander Wright promoted to Driver Engineer on March 17, 2022.



Winder Fire
Department



PERSONNEL



Congratulations Recruits!

We are proud to announce the completion of the First Full Time Recruit School at the Winder Fire Department.

A graduation ceremony was held January 4, 2022, in honor of full time firefighters Trent Hunt, Will Jackson, Jonathan Williams, and Charles Petty and Part Time Firefighter Dalton York . Firefighter Will Jackson received the “TOP ROOKIE AWARD.”

Welcome to our Part Time Force Patrick Kelly and Jacob Etheridge in July and Zach Pierce in September.





Congratulations! Driver Engineer Dan Deaton on Retirement



On March 1, 2022, **Driver Engineer Dan Deaton** retired from the Winder Fire Department. D.E. Deaton began his career at WFD in August 1985 as a part time firefighter. In October 2001 he joined the full time firefighter force.

He received over 10 awards and numerous letters of appreciation during his service. He was dependable on and off duty and a great mentor to younger firefighters.

Thank you for your dedication for sixteen (16) years as part time and twenty one (21) years as a full time firefighter with the Winder Fire Department.

D.E. Deaton 21 Years of Dedicated Full Time Service





The Fleet





Apparatus & Vehicles

The Winder Fire Department Fleet

- * Four (4) Engines
- * Two (2) Rescue Trucks
- * Four (4) Administration vehicles
- * Re-commissioned 1940 Fire Truck
- * One (1) Boat
- * One (1) Ladder
- * One (1) Command Vehicle (Chief)
- * Two (2) Units (Pick-up Trucks)
- * One (1) ATV
- * 2003 Taurus (Administration office)

CITY OF WINDER FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE POLICY

A vehicle replacement policy is necessary for a safe response and lower maintenance cost.

- * The **LADDER TRUCK** should have a “First Out” life for **20 Years** and in “Reserve” for five years.
- * A **PUMPER** should have a “First Out” service life of **15 Years**. Then placed in “Reserve” for five years.
- * A **RESCUE TRUCK** has a “First Out” service life for **10 Years** then placed in surplus.
- * **SUPPORT VEHICLES** (pick-up trucks and administrative vehicles) should be on a **10 Year** cycle.



2022	Apparatus	Vin #	Name	Vehicle #
1.	2014 Emergency-One 1500 Pumper	4EN6AAA83E1008659	Winder Engine 1	375
2.	2005 Sutphen Custom S2 Shield Pumper	1S9A1BLD551003044	Winder Engine 1A	193
3.	2022 Emergency-One 1500 Pumper	4EN6AAA88N1004770	Winder Engine 2	473
4.	1986 Emergency-One 1250 GPM Pumper (TRAINING)	1F9ABAA87G1037529	Winder Engine 2A	83
5.	2008 Ladder Truck	4EN6AAA8581004553	Winder Ladder One	329
6.	2019 Ford F550 Rescue Truck NEW	1FD0X5HT7KEF05218	Winder Rescue 1	445
7.	2016 Hackney Rescue Truck Ford F-550	1FDOX5HT4GEB42710	Winder Rescue 2	394
8.	2014 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4	1GNSK2E03ER204874	Winder 201	370
9.	2015 Ford F150 Crewcab 4X4 (Wright)	1FTEW1EF2FFB25448	Winder 203	388
10.	2008 Chevrolet Silverado white large pick up (Evans)	1GCEC14C78Z256487	Winder 204	248
11.	2008 Chevrolet Pick up truck transferred from another department (white truck-Hall)	1GCEC14C782300665	Winder 205	312
12.	2017 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck	1GC1CUEG8HF108285	Winder Unit 1	409
13.	2008 F-150 Ford Pick-up Truck (red)	1FTPX12V88FB05791	Winder Unit 2	244
14.	2003 Ford Taurus (Transferred from City Customer Service Department 2/20/17 for training/Adm.)	1FAFP55U84A150197	No assigned call name	186
15.	5X10 Red trailer	5PNBV10166W620142	Hauling trailer (not full sides)	N/A
16.	1940 Peter Pirsch Pumper	Serial No. 4027	1940 Fire Truck	331
17.	2014 Ranger 800 6X6 Polaris ATV	4XARAA769FT120849	ATV2	393
18.	Traveler's Boat 1988	TVLOW0033787	Winder Boat 2	RRB-1FD
19.	Trailer Cox Model CD100 1988	1CZBD12SOJ1059895	Trailer to transport boat	T1FD
20.	Cargo Trailer 7X14 Fire Prevention Trailer — 2005 Horton	5E2B1142451022762	Fire Prevention Trailer (pull)	N/A
21.	Mobile Breathing Air System (Bauer) Trailer	1B9BE12299N730138	Mobile air trailer (pull)	N/A



Headsets

Safety First!

Headsets for all first out trucks were installed in November 2022.

This equipment provides hearing protection and is considered “Protective Clothing.”

These headsets increase the firefighters ability to hear radio traffic during a response.





TIC

**Safety
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**Thermal
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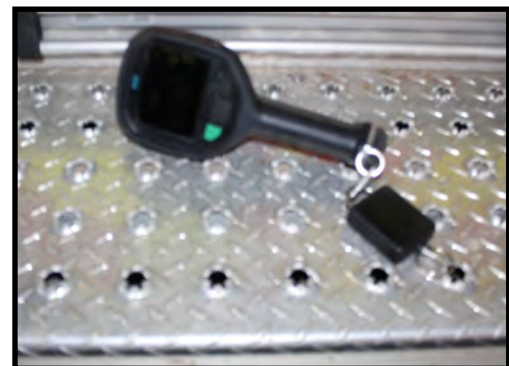
THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS

Thank you Mayor and Council for approval of the purchase of three (3) Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC).

These cameras valued at \$5434.00 were received in October 2022 and are a valuable tool in the Fire Service.

Thermal Imaging Cameras can **see through smoke by identifying a heat signature**. This gives firefighters a better situational awareness, both of where they are in the building, and where they are in relation to their team members.

TICs also help firefighters find people trapped in the fire. Thermal Imaging Cameras are also vital tools when helping firefighters attack the fire.





Winder Engine 2

2022 Emergency-One
1500 GPM Pumper

New/Excellent Condition

First Out until 2037
Surplus 2042



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Winder Engine 1

2014 Emergency-One
1500 GPM Pumper

Good Condition

First Out until 2029
Surplus 2034



Winder Ladder 1

2008 Emergency-One
Ladder Truck

1500 GPM 75 ft. Aerial

Good Condition

First Out until 2023
Surplus 2028





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Winder Engine 1A

Transferred to Reserved Status with the arrival of our new 2022 pumper.

Engine 1A is now the 2005 Sutphen 1500 GPM Pumper.

This pumper will be "In Reserve" at Station 1.



Winder Engine 2A

The 1986 Pumper was transferred to "The WFD Training Center" on September 20, 2022.

This engine will be used in training exercises.



Winder Rescue 1

The 2019 Ford F-550
Rescue Truck

Excellence condition

“First Out” until 2029

Then placed in “Surplus”



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Winder Rescue 2

The 2016 Ford F-550
Rescue Truck

Good condition

“First Out” until 2026

Then placed in “Surplus”



WFD Apparatus/Vehicles



WINDER 201
(Fire Chief's Vehicle)
2014 Chevrolet Tahoe
4 X 4 SUV
Good Condition
Surplus 2024



WINDER 203
(Training Officer)
2015 Ford F150 Crew cab 4X4
Transferred from
Utilities Department
Good Condition



WINDER 204
(Fire Marshal Vehicle)
2008 Chevrolet Silverado
Pick-up Truck
Fair Condition



WINDER 205
(Fire Inspector Vehicle)
2008 Chevrolet Silverado
Pick-Up Truck
Transferred from another
department in 2010
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WFD APPARATUS/VEHICLES



WINDER UNIT 1
2017 Chevrolet 2500
Silverado Pick-up Truck
Excellent Condition



WINDER UNIT 2
2008 Ford F-150
Pick-up Truck
Good Condition



WINDER ATV 2
2014 Polaris Ranger 6 x 6
Excellent Condition
Not on a Replacement
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WINDER BOAT 2
1988 Traveler's Boat With
1988 Cox Trailer Model CD
100 x 7 x 14
New motor 2020



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1940 Fire Truck Re-commissioned 9/23/2008

The 1940 Peter Pirsch Fire Truck is used for parades, events, and is on display in the lobby of the Winder Fire Department Station 1.

This truck was the department's second motorized fire truck and was restored for our department's Centennial (2008).

Our 1940 Fire Engine has won several trophies due to the excellent workmanship used to restore this truck to its original beauty.





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WFD HOSE TESTING

Hose Testing is performed annually by the firefighters. **Annual hose testing is required by NFPA and OSHA.** With hose testing properly completed, per NFPA standards, liability is reduced to the fire department, to the firefighters and to the community they protect. Our department follows NFPA Standards 1962 (Hose Testing).



Lieutenant Casey Wright and Driver Engineer William Reidling coordinate this project.





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WFD PUMP TESTING

Pumps are tested annually on each truck to meet ISO (Insurance Services Offices) requirements. Our Department follows NFPA Standards 1911, Chapter 18- "Performance testing of Apparatus Fire Pumps" and NFPA 1911 Annex B- "Conducting Pump Testing."

An annual pump test is a **procedure to document that your fire pump can perform at its rated capacity from draft**. The drivetrain, pump, pump transmission and associated plumbing are run through a progressive series of tests that are designed to verify the system is in sound working condition.

Lieutenant Nick White and Driver Engineer William Reidling are certified in Pump Testing and conducts this test on each truck.



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Winder Ladder 1 Tested Annually

Ladder Testing

Ladder Testing is another ISO requirement.

Our Ladder Truck is tested annually by a third party to ensure safety for our firefighters. The department follows the NFPA-1911 Standard "Performance Testing of Aerial Devices per NFPA 1911 Chapter 22."

Ladder Tests are done on metal, fiberglass, and even wood ground ladders. Any ground ladders that are used in the fire service and sold to fire department as a 'rated ladder', are subject to a series of tests per NFPA 1932-2010 guidelines.

Winder Ladder 1 and all ground ladders were tested by MIS-TRAS Company on December 8, 2022.





Fire Station 1



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Fire Station 2



Parking Lot upgraded at Headquarters and Fire Station 1



The parking lot behind Fire Station 1 and Headquarters was long overdue for repair.

We are proud to announce in January 2022 the parking lot was resurfaced and striped.





90 NORTH BROAD STREET

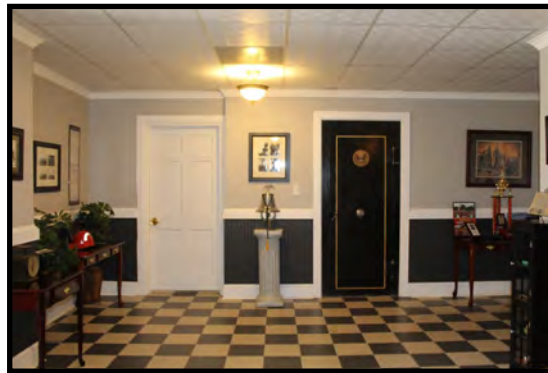
HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters building was constructed in 1935 for the United States Post Office.

In 1963 Winder City Hall purchased this building and moved into 90 North Broad Street.

In 2004 Winder City Hall relocated and the Winder Firefighters remodeled this historic building for the Fire Headquarters.

This building consist of Chief's office, Administrative Assistant's Office, Records Room, Conference Room, Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Inspector's Office, and WFD Museum.



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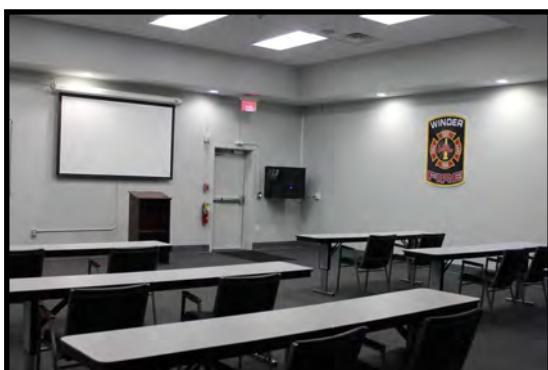
96 NORTH BROAD STREET

Winder Fire Station 1

The building at 96 North Broad Street was constructed in 1986 and housed the Winder Fire and Police Departments until 2014. The entire facility named the John O. Mobley Public Safety Building, was remodeled in 2015 for the fire department.

Seven (7) firefighters work a 24 hour shift at this facility. Two Pumpers, one Rescue Truck, and one Ladder Truck responds from this location. The 1940 Fire Engine is on display in the lobby.

The building consist of a training room, bunkrooms, kitchens, offices, physical fitness room, and bay area.





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Winder Fire Station 2

WFD Station 2 was constructed in 2019. This station was named for Councilmember Charlie Eberhart.

Station 2 consist of bunkrooms, conference area, physical fitness room, kitchen, office, and bay.

Four (4) firefighters are assigned each day to this station for 24 hour shifts.





Training Center

TRAINING CENTER

This facility at 256 Firetower Road was purchased from the State for the second Winder Fire Station. This was Winder Fire Station 8, later renamed Winder Fire Station 2.

In 1995 the building was remodeled to include a bunkroom, kitchen, office, day room. and a bay. In 2019 the WFD Station 2 moved to Loganville Hwy. and the Fire Tower Road location was renamed the WFD Training Center.

The WFD Training Center was created to offer training to recruits and current firefighters.

Surrounding fire departments have also utilized our center for training.

The WFD Training Center consist of a "Burn Building, "Rescue Recovery Simulator," and an area for the "Combat Challenge."

Hose Testing is also conducted at this facility.



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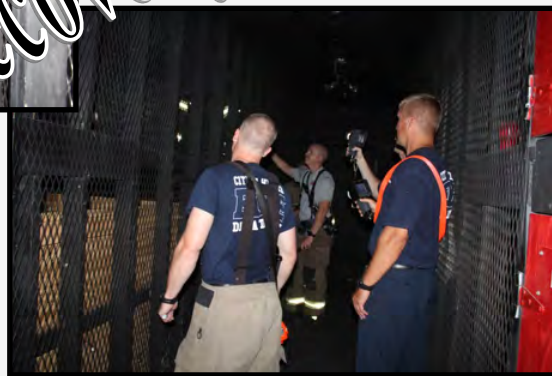
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WFD Rescue/Recovery Building



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Rescue/Recovery Building

The WFD Rescue/Recovery Simulator was the first building constructed at our Training Center in 2001. This facility is a two story 34' X 16' building with 148' of crawl space. The environment can be altered to darkness or flashing lights. Smoke can be added with speakers blasting simulated radio traffic.

A firefighter in full turn out gear is challenged with a maze of over, under, and through various obstructions and obstacles.



WFD Burn Building



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The Burn Building

The WFD Burn Building was constructed in February 2009 by Winder Firefighters.

This complex consist of four (4) 40 ft. shipping containers and two (2) 20 ft. shipping contain-ers. Using a fork lift nine (9) firefighters stacked these containers in place.

Doors were cut and stairs added to simulate a “real house” “The Burn Box” allows firefighters to create scenarios that simulate real burning buildings. “Live Fire Training is a critical part of the instruc-tion and certification process for firefighters,”



Fire Behavior



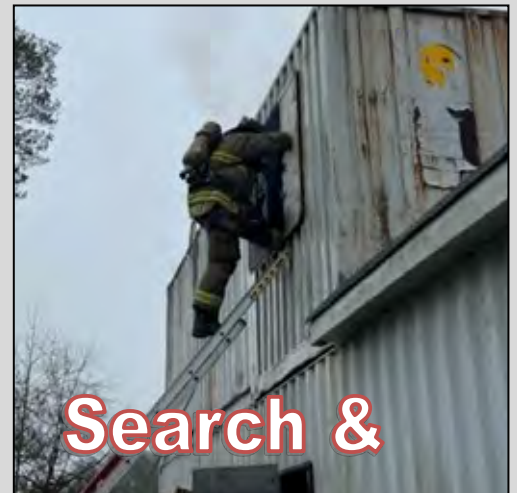
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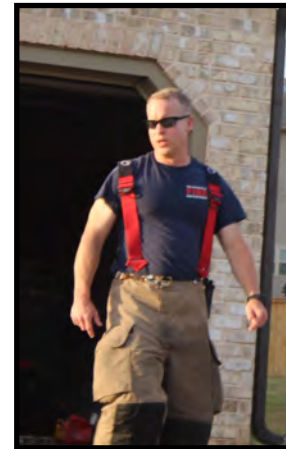
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council requires 24 training hours each year for a firefighter to retain their Firefighter Certification.

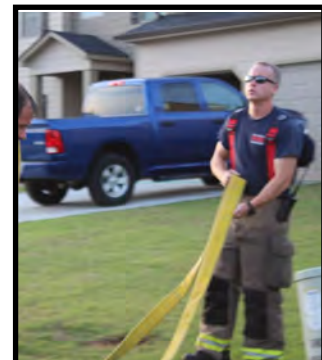
ISO (Insurance Service Office) requires 192 training hours per year

WFD requires annually:

- * Sixteen hours outside training
- * Four Combat Challenges
- * One hour of Physical Fitness each shift
- * Two hours of training per shift
- * Training exercises in the Rescue/Recovery Simulator
- * Exercises in the Burn Building
- * EMT Recertification every 2 years.



Lieutenant Casey Wright coordinates all training for the Winder Fire Department.





Interior Search & Rescue Class

Interior Search & Rescue Class

Thank you WFD Instructors Lt. Bowen, D.E. Astin,
Lt. Cox, and Lt. Shuler

A 16-hour Interior Search and Rescue class was conducted at the WFD training center in March 2022. This class is a required class on the department's Career Ladder.

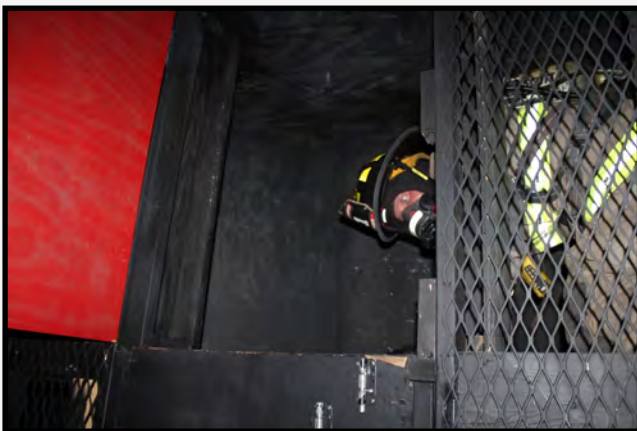


Instructor Class

Lt. Wesley Cox conducted an in-house "Instructor Class" February 14-17, 2022. Offering training in-house saves travel time and expense for the department and firefighters.

This class is an week long class and is aligned with NFPA Standards that allows public safety officials to become certified to train other personnel in their local jurisdictions.

The courses provided through the instructor certification training programs are designed for public safety personnel who are responsible for instruction in performance-oriented training or who are responsible for developing lesson plans.



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TRAINING

The Winder Fire Department requires the following:

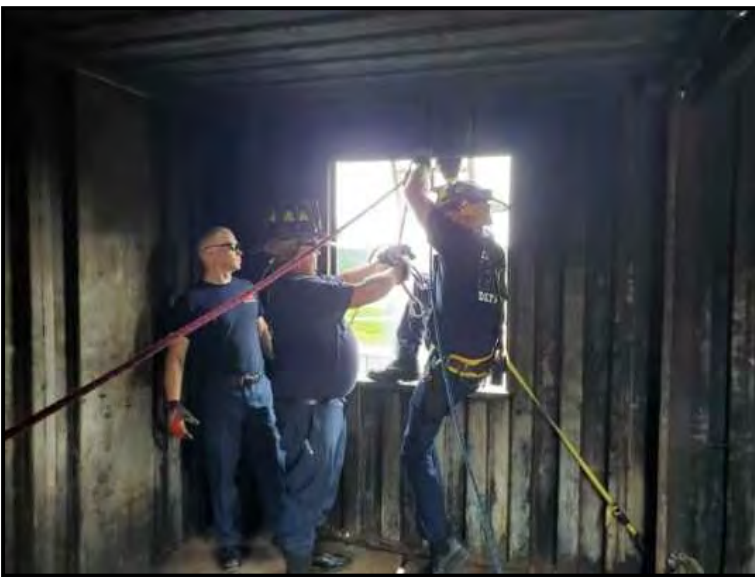
- * EMT Certification
- * Live Burn Training
- * CPR Certification
- * Georgia Firefighters Standards & Training Council Exam
- * NPQ (National Professional Qualification) Firefighter 1

Medical Training Required

- * EMT certification or be enrolled in EMT School within 18 months of hire. This is a 200 hour course of study plus 16 hours of clinical work.
- * All firefighters must complete a 40 hour study to be State and National re-certified every two years.



Technical Rescue Drivers Training



WFD CAREER LADDER



Winder Fire Department Career Ladder Prerequisite Classes for FIREFIGHTER

- CLASS F GA DRIVER'S LICENSE
- INTERIOR SEARCH & RESCUE
- PRESSURIZED CONTAINER
- NIMS 100
- STRUCTURAL FIRE CONTROL
- HEALTH & WELLNESS AWARENESS
- FIREFIGHTER SELF RESCUE & MAYDAY
- NIMS 700

Winder Fire Department Career Ladder Prerequisite Classes for DRIVER ENGINEER

- THREE (3) YEARS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE
- PRACTICAL FIREGROUND HYDRAULICS OR FIRE SCIENCE HYDRAULICS
- ACTING OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR THE FIRE SERVICE
- NIMS 200
- NPQ FIREFIGHTER 2
- PUMP SERVICE TESTING
- NFIRS 5.0
- NIMS 800

Winder Fire Department Career Ladder Prerequisite Classes for LIEUTENANT

- FIVE (5) YEARS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE
- ONE (1) YEAR MINIMUM AS A DRIVER ENGINEER
- NPQ FIRE OFFICER 1
- STRATEGY & TACTICS FOR INITIAL COMPANY OPERATIONS OR FIRE SCIENCE STRATEGY & TACTICS
- NIMS 300
- LEADERSHIP 1,2,& 3 OR FIRE SCIENCE- FIRE ADMINISTRATION, SUPERVISION & LEADERSHIP
- PIPELINE EMERGENCIES
- FIRE INSTRUCTOR 1
- INCIDENT COMMAND FOR STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE

Winder Fire Department Career Ladder Prerequisite Classes for CAPTAIN

- EIGHT (8) YEARS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE
- THREE (3) YEARS MINIMUM AS A LIEUTENANT
- NPQ FIRE OFFICER 2
- NIMS 400
- ARSON INVESTIGATOR LEVEL 1 OR FIRE SCIENCE- FIRE ARSON INVESTIGATOR
- FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT OR FIRE SCIENCE- FIRE ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT
- FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR OR FIRE SCIENCE- FIRE ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT
- INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER
- WILDLAND & URBAN INTERFACE COMMAND & CONTROL FOR STRUCTURAL CHIEF OFFICER





Fire Marshal Office



The Fire Marshal's Office consists of Captain Tommy Evans Fire Marshal, Lieutenant Bryan Hall, Fire Inspector, and Driver Engineer Ryan Newell (part time) Fire Inspector.

Duties for this office include, but are not limited to:

- * Fire Inspections
- * Plan Review
- * Pre-Plans
- * Fire Prevention/ Safety Education
- * Fire Code Violations
- * Responding to Calls on and off duty



Captain Tommy Evans on a Fire Scene

The Fire Marshal and Fire Inspectors conducted 965 inspections and 312 Plan Reviews. There were 83 new pre-plans and 100 pre-plans were updated.

Plan Reviews

The Fire Marshal spends hours on each Plan Review (new building project) to ensure compliance with "Fire Codes" and "Site Accessibility"

The review of site plans, architectural drawings and fire protection plans is a major responsibility of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Whether it is an expansion to an existing building, a new commercial building, or residential subdivision, the bureau is involved in the plan review process and issuance of permits.



Lt Bryan Hall on a Fire Scene

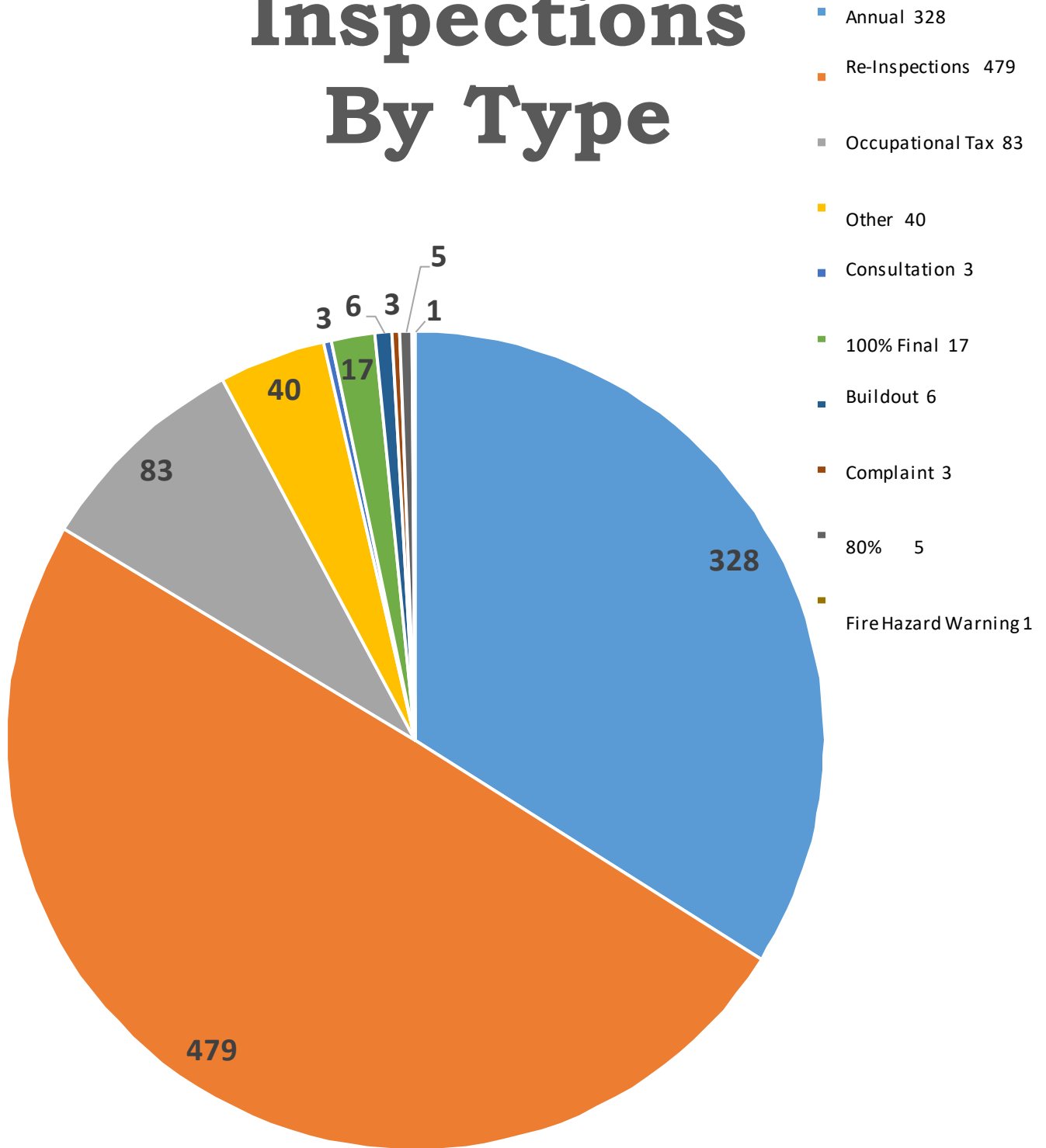
Pre-Plans

The Fire Marshal's Office Pre-Plans commercial buildings and new businesses when inspections are conducted.

Pre-Plans are an essential part of the information a firefighter needs when responding to a commercial structure fire. These plans not only provide an overview of the building but the location of hydrants, utilities, power meters, gas meters, etc.

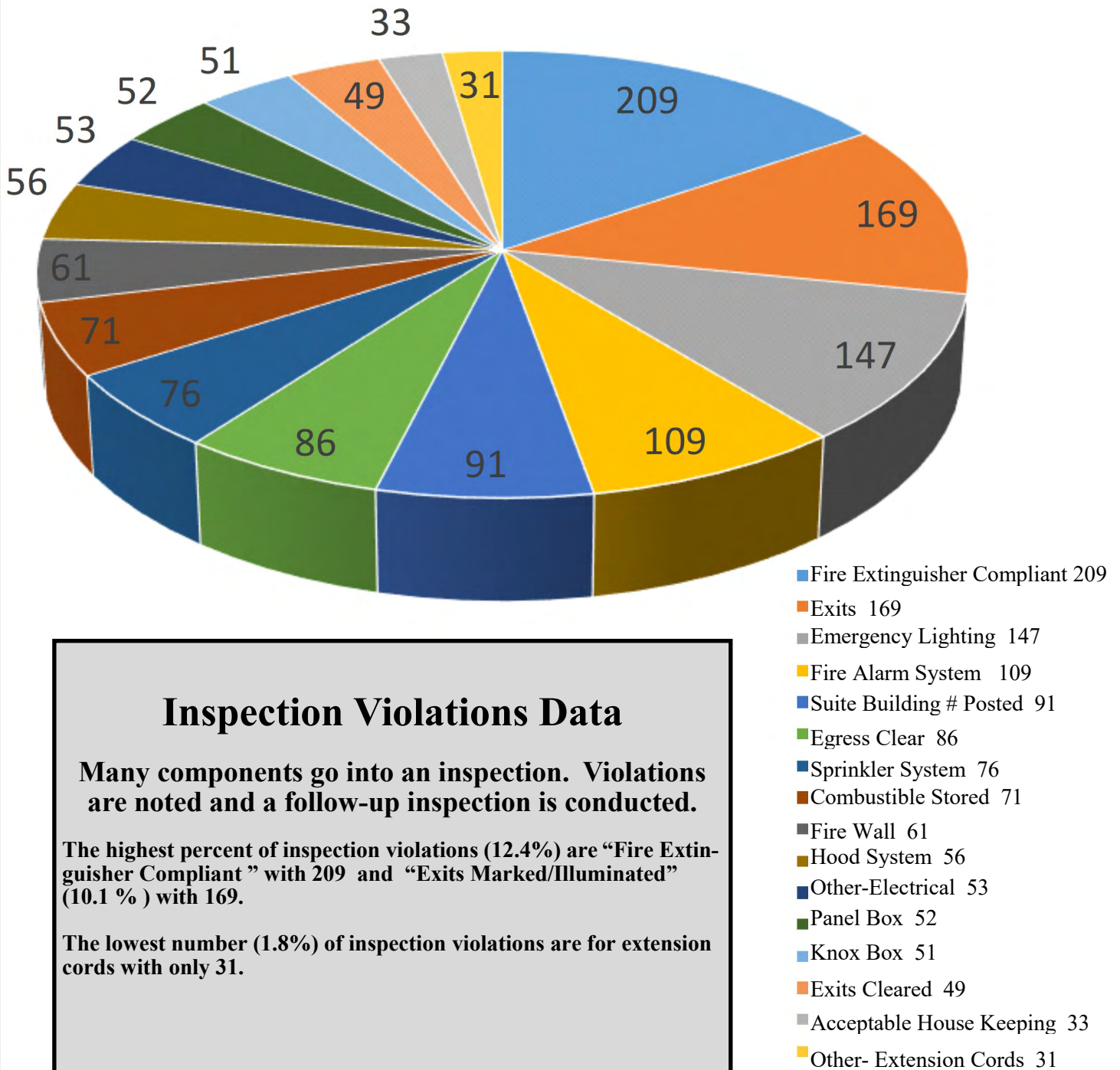
Pre fire planning is the process of **gathering and recording information that could be critical for firefighters making life-saving decisions at an incident.** Property and lives can be saved when firefighters have access to this critical information about the building and its contents.

Inspections By Type



965 Inspections in 2022

Inspection Violations



Inspection Violations Data

Many components go into an inspection. Violations are noted and a follow-up inspection is conducted.

The highest percent of inspection violations (12.4%) are “Fire Extinguisher Compliant” with 209 and “Exits Marked/Illuminated” (10.1 %) with 169.

The lowest number (1.8%) of inspection violations are for extension cords with only 31.

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Firefighters have several aspects of their job:

- * Fire Training
- * Physical Fitness
- * Medical Training
- * Technical Rescue
- * Team Building
- * Equipment Maintenance
- * Truck Maintenance
- * Testing Equipment
- * Inspections
- * Investigations
- * Fire Prevention/Safety Education
- * Community Service/Involvement





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Fire Prevention and Community Service

Fire Prevention and Community Service involves all firefighters.

This includes but is not limited to:

- * Fire Safety Classes for Daycares and Schools
- * Tours of station with Fire Prevention Classes
- * WFD Golf Tournament
- * 9/11 Memorial Ceremony
- * Touch A Truck at the Farmers Market
- * Empty Stocking Drive
- * Providing supplies for Camp OO U LA (Camp for burn victims at Fort Yargo)
- * City of Winder Christmas Parade
- * Blood Pressure (39 Screening conducted)
- * Parade/Drive By for birthdays
- * Burn Permits (266 permits)
- * Smoke Detectors installed and batteries replaced
- * WBHS Homecoming Parade
- * Fire Extinguisher Classes





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Fire Prevention/Safety Education

The WFD Fire Prevention/Safety Program provides the community with resources to become aware of fire safety practices that decrease the chances of fire.

Schools, Scout Troops, Homeschool Groups, Daycares, Leadership Groups, Clubs, and citizens tour our stations and schedule Fire Prevention Education Classes for their organizations.

Twenty-One (21) Fire Safety Classes were scheduled and six hundred and seventy seven (677) people visited our stations in 2022.

We know Fire Prevention/Safety save lives.



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The WFD Golf Tournament on May 17, 2022 provided \$16,821.65 for the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation.

Thank you to all the sponsors and firefighters that participated.
Lieutenant Cory West coordinated this project.





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Camp Twin Lakes

Fort Yargo



Fire Prevention/Safety Education

Our department visited Camp Twin Lakes each week for ten (10) weeks to provide a fun activity for the campers.



For almost 30 years **Camp Twin Lakes** has provided a camp to more than 10,000 of Georgia's children and young people. **Camp Twin Lakes** is located inside **Fort Yargo State Park** and offers unique experiences for children with serious illness, disabilities, and other life challenges.

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation sponsors a camp for children who are burn victims and their siblings.

Each year our department provides:

- * **Supplies for camp**
- * **Provide fun water activities for the campers**
- * **Monetary donation**





Community Involvement

Fire Prevention at the Farmers Market

The Fire Department conducted a "Touch A Truck" at the Farmers Market on Porter Street on August 6, 2022.

Firefighters allowed children to climb in the fire truck and distributed Fire Prevention/Safety materials.





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9/11 Memorial Ceremony

The Winder Fire Department pledges to “Never Forget” the 343 firefighters and the 62 Law Enforcement Officers that gave their life on September 11, 2001 at the Twin Towers.

Our department annually conducts a “Remembrance Ceremony” on September 11, 2022, at Winder Fire Station 1.

Citizens watched the Winder Fire Department and the Winder Police Department Honor Guard lower the flag and salute in memory of those that gave all.





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Spooktacular

The City of Winder Spooktacular was October 28, 2022.

Firefighters constructed the Fire Department booth in front of Fire Station 1 on North Broad Street. Hundreds of children visited our booth for "Light up" bracelets and candy.



Spooktacular

Spooktacular was a big success with thousands of people visiting the City of Winder for fun and food.

Local businesses were opened late with candy for trick or treat. Candy Booths including the Mayor and Council's tent and food trucks lined Athens Street with a carnival across from Jug Tavern Park.

After Trick or Treat from 5-7 p.m. a concert entertained at Jug Tavern Park.

The Fire Department was responsible for the First Aid Tent and Lost & Found.

WFD First Aid Station





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Empty Stocking Drive

Empty Stocking Drive

The WFD Empty Stocking Drive began in 1993 as firefighters collected toys and gifts from citizens to provide Christmas for ten (10) local families. In 2022 this drive provided gifts for seven-hundred thirty eight (738) children.

Our department collects toys and gifts through out the year at the stations and also conducts a “Drive Thru” nine subdivisions in December with Santa and Sparky.

The only support for this program is local citizens, businesses, churches, banks, schools, civic clubs, and other organizations giving generously with donations.





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Shop with a Hero

For the second year our department joined all the Local Public Safety Agencies in our community for “Shop With A Hero.”

This program pairs a “Hero” with a student for breakfast and a shopping day at the Winder Walmart.

Each recipient has a \$250.00 allowance to chose gifts. Our recipient chose to spend part of her allowance to buy gifts for her family.

Firefighters Kevin Nelson and Will Jackson volunteered for this activity and appreciated help from Kristen Jackson.





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Christmas Parade



Christmas Parade

The 74th Annual City of Winder Christmas Parade was December 10, 2022.

Firefighters volunteered to drive the Grand Marshal, Ladder 1, Engine 2, and the 1940 Fire Truck.

Sparky and a firefighter waved to the spectators from the back of the Ladder Truck as the parade traveled through Broad Street.

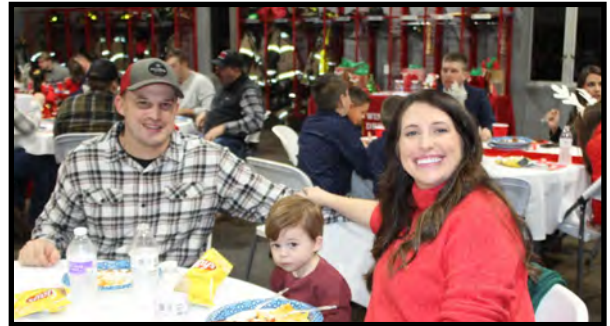


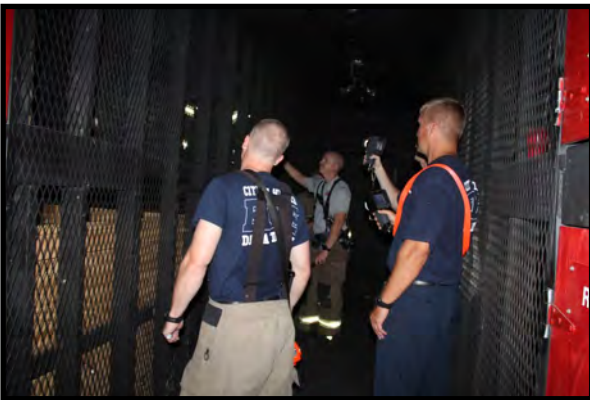
Christmas Party

The WFD Christmas Party was held on December 12th at Winder Station 1. Children received a gift from Santa and firefighters received door prizes donated from businesses. Thank you Firefighter Kevin Nelson for catering this meal.



Sights and scenes from the WFD CHRISTMAS PARTY





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A Few Bits of History Winder Fire Department



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The Winder Fire Department was created in 1908 with C.M. Ferguson as the first fire chief.

There were four (4) companies with eight (8) volunteer firefighters from each ward. Fire fighting equipment was listed as four (4) hose wagons and one (1) hook and ladder outfit. There were a total of 36 firefighters.

A large bell mounted on a high scaffold near the center of town, beside the Gainesville Midland tracks, was rung to call volunteers to duty. In 1923 the first motorized fire truck was purchased by the city. In 1940 the city bought the second motorized fire truck. This truck is still a part of our fleet and on display at Winder Fire Station 1.

In 2022 the Winder Fire Department consist of thirty-three full time firefighters, four (4) Administrative personnel, and seven (7) part time firefighters, two (2) stations, a Training Center four (4) engines, One (1) Ladder Truck, two (2) Rescue trucks, and several support vehicles.



C.M. Ferguson



2011

1993 Incident Report	
1 Fire Station	
Rescue	67
Structure Fires	51
Vehicle Fires	24
Brush Fires	18
Other Calls	154
Total Calls	314

2021 Incident Report	
2 Fire Stations	
Rescue	2044
Structure Fires	28
Vehicle Fires	11
Brush Fires	15
Other Calls	343
Total Calls	2441

Fire Chiefs	
C. M. Ferguson	1908-1936
L.J. Lanthier	1936-1947
Ludger Lanthier	1947-1976
Monroe Wise	1976-1980
John Etheridge	1980-1987
Timothy Szymanski	1987-1992
Raymond J. Mattison	1992-2011
Matthew Whiting	2011-present

