



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

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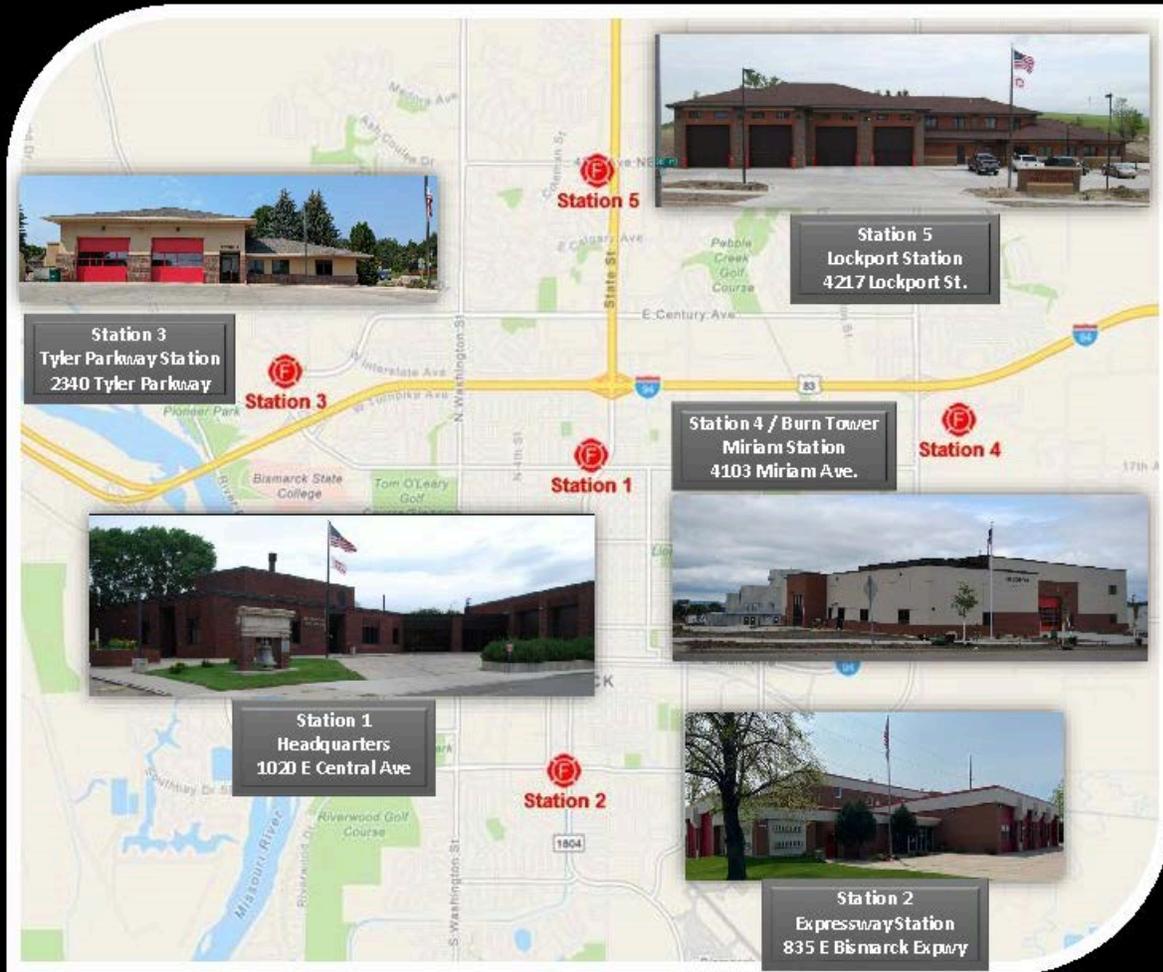
Thank you for taking the time to review the Fire Department Annual Report. The data presented highlights our community's fire protection initiatives and our preparedness for various emergency responses.

- **The department is staffed by 95 highly skilled and dedicated professionals, whose commitment to the community is evident every day.**
- **We have successfully recruited new firefighters, with ten joining our ranks in 2024 after completing the Fire Training Academy.**
- **Over the last five years, emergency response calls have increased by 28.6%.**

As Bismarck continues to expand, the fire department is proactively planning to ensure the provision of high-quality services for the future.

**Joel Boespflug
Fire Chief**

Bismarck Fire Stations

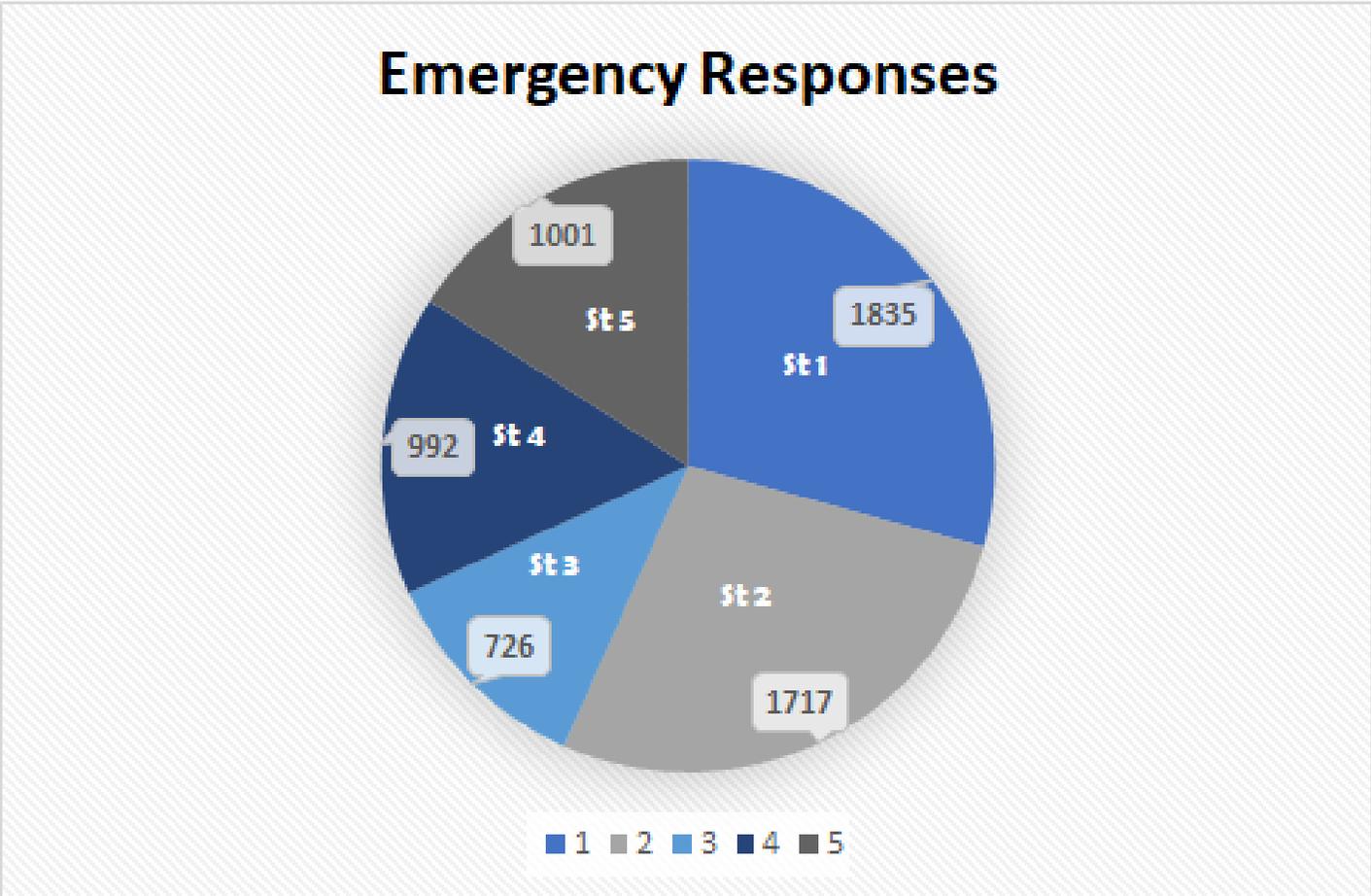


The fire department provides emergency services from five fire stations that are strategically located across the city in order to respond quickly to emergencies. Each of the stations is staffed with full time professionals.

6271 Emergency Incidents

- 112 Fires
- 4520 Emergency Medical and Rescue Incidents
- 703 False Alarms
- 87 Hazardous Material Responses
- 849 All Other Responses (smoke scares, service calls, etc.)

THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSES FROM EACH OF THE FIRE STATIONS IN 2024 WAS:



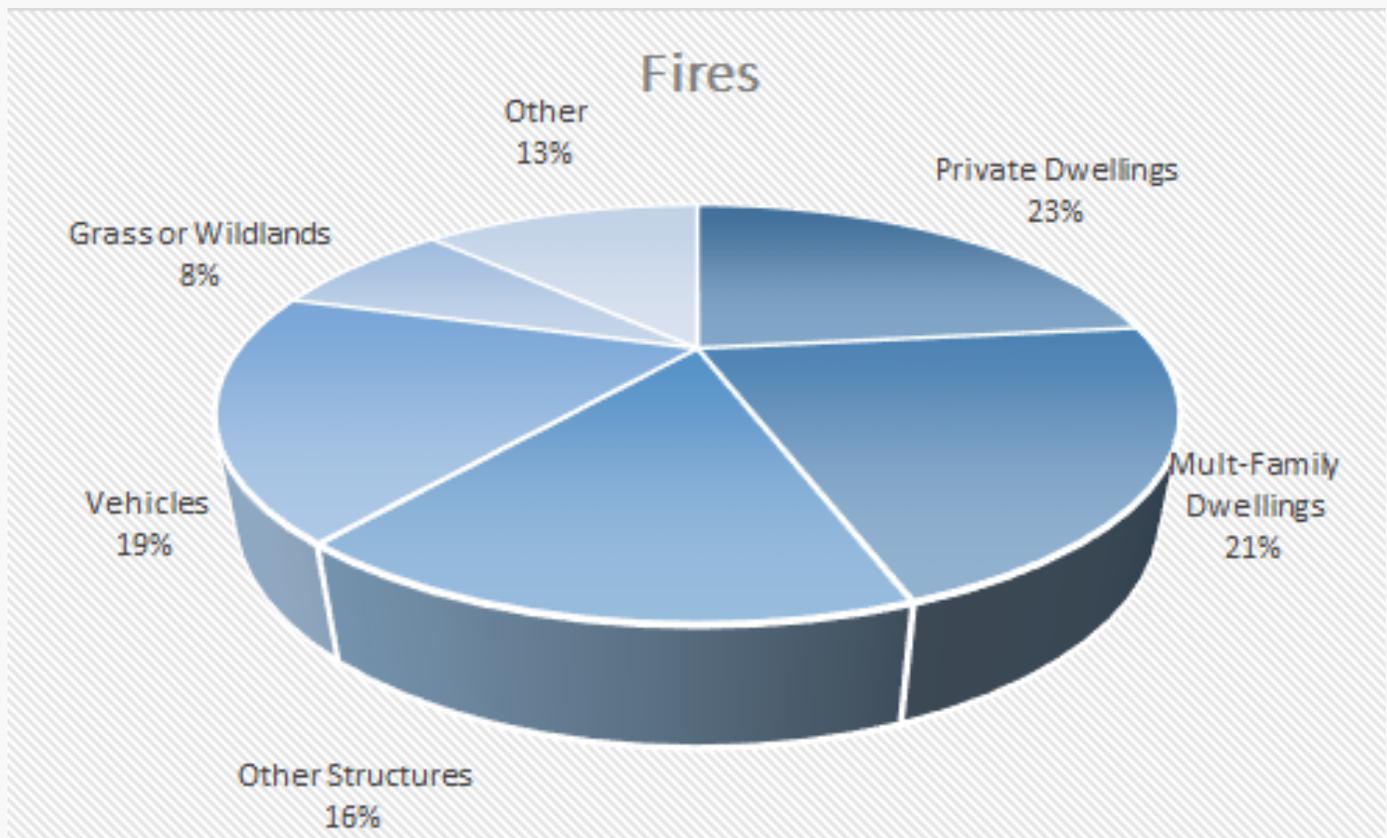
\$60 million in property threatened by fire

\$1.6 million in property lost to fire

Saved 97.3% of the value of property threatened by fire

112 Fires

- **26 fires in private dwellings**
- **24 fires in multi-family dwellings**
- **18 fires in other structures**
- **21 vehicle fires**
- **9 fires involving grass or wildlands**
- **14 other fires**



Fire Prevention and Community Risk Reduction Program

The department works to lower fire risks through reviews, inspections, education, and community outreach. In 2024, staff completed 3,030 on-site inspections for existing buildings and new construction, finding 647 issues. More than 90 percent were corrected before the end of the year.

Public education efforts reached about 15,000 people through visits to stations, schools, events, and businesses. Safety messages were also shared on social media, in print, and on radio and television, reaching about 136,000 residents.

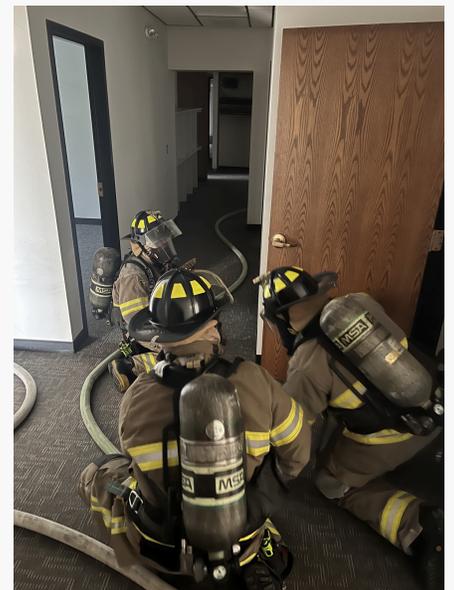
The department also continually updates the City of Bismarck's website so residents can quickly find fire prevention information.



TRAINING

The Bismarck Fire Department is committed to providing highly trained firefighters to protect our community. In 2024, the Fire Department completed over 51,000 hours of training for certifications and proficiencies.

Our training encompasses fire suppression, hazardous materials, EMS, Emergency Vehicle Operations and Technical Rescue which includes High Angle Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Structural Collapse Rescue, Trench Rescue and Ice Water Rescue.



PROMOTIONS



**Luke Teagle
Promoted to
Battalion Chief**



**Dustin Beilke
Promoted to
Captain**



**Jared Frank
Promoted to
Captain**



**Trent Johnson
Promoted to
Captain**

CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW EMPLOYEES



**Steven Anhalt
Firefighter**



**Matthew Davenport
Firefighter**



**Evan Foster
Firefighter**



**Cody Howe
Firefighter**



**Cole Huebner
Firefighter**



**Simon Johnson
Firefighter**

NEW EMPLOYEES



**Owen Jones
Firefighter**



**Adam Potter
Firefighter**



**Brandon Schaffer
Firefighter**



**Nathan Sheets
Firefighter**



**Landen Veil
Firefighter**

RETIREMENTS



Jeff McConnell
35
Years of Service



Michael Miller
35
Years of Service



Frank Smith
35
Years of Service



Joey VanderVliet
27
Years of Service



Jon Zainhofsky
33
Years of Service