

CIMARRON HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



2024 ANNUAL REVIEW





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Mission

The **MISSION** of the Cimarron Hills Fire Department is to honorably serve our community by providing professional and aggressive fire and emergency medical services.

Vision

The **VISION** of the Cimarron Hills Fire Department is to lead by example through community-focused preparedness and an unparalleled commitment to training excellence.

Values

CUSTOMER SERVICE

We will serve every customer with the utmost care, compassion, and commitment. Our community is our top priority, and **THEY** are the reason we do what we do.

PEOPLE

We value people by being an aggressive minded and aggressively trained organization to ensure we are the best at what we do when it matters most.

TACTICAL SUPERIORITY

Quick Water, Quick Search, and Quick Care will be our priority on every fire and EMS call, and will be accomplished with extreme pride and ownership.

Slogan

“A Community Centered Family Department”



Introduction

The men and women who professionally serve the residents and visitors of the Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District are proud to present our 2024 Annual Review. The purpose of this document is to outline the annual accomplishments, awards, statistics, and other pertinent information. Cimarron Hills Fire Department is a proud fire and emergency services organization with much to be proud of and celebrate.

Board of Directors

Paul Miller – President

Erika Gass – Vice President

Mark Gass – Secretary

KaTarra Taylor – Treasurer

Rene' Sintas – Director

Management Staff

Andrew York – Fire Chief

Thomas Joyce – Division Chief of Fire & Life Safety

Matthew Gortner – Division Chief of Operations

Virpi Mattson – Executive Assistant

Dana Carneal – Administrative Assistant

Heath Bichel – Financial Planning Assistant

Acknowledgement

We must take this time to acknowledge our amazing, caring, professional, and dedicated line staff. The men and women of our line staff are the best firefighters and emergency medical personnel you will find. These amazing people lay their lives on the line daily for our community, knowing full well they may be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice. This organization and community would not be what it is today without the efforts of these tremendous people.

The CHFD staff would like to acknowledge our dedicated Board of Directors. These elected officials care deeply about their community and ensure our district continues to set the standard for fire districts throughout El Paso County. Thank you for your guidance and commitment to public service.



Message from the Fire Chief

As the CHFD Fire Chief, it is my pleasure to present the 2024 Annual Review. 2024 flew by in a flash, and it was a very fast-paced and productive year for CHFD. The last five years for our organization have been fast moving, amazing, and extremely progressive. We have made great strides, and we are looking forward to our next year. The accomplishments presented in this review are a direct reflection of our organization's commitment to excellence. We will continually ensure we are doing the right things for the right reasons, while providing top-notch emergency services to our community.

2024 was another great year with many accomplishments:

- The purchase and outfit of our wildland Type 3 Engine 1313. This apparatus will serve in our wildland program and be a nationally deployable asset.
- We purchased a commercial property and building at 1015 Valley Street. This building will initially serve as our reserve apparatus storage. This building will be renovated to serve as our new Headquarters and a 2nd fire station, which will help us better serve our growing community.

2025 is off to a great start. I want to thank our firefighters for their tireless efforts, dedication to duty, and commitment to our community. I am impressed daily, and I look forward to serving alongside our wonderful personnel for many years. I want to thank our Board of Directors for their support, service, and unwavering commitment to bettering the lives and workplace of our greatest asset, our People.

Thank you,

Andrew York
Fire Chief





2024 Accomplishments

The accomplishments listed below offer a glimpse of what we completed in 2024, reflective of our dedication to excellence:

Administration and Budget

1. Improved department website and recognized as one of the first special districts in Colorado with a 100% ADA accessible website
2. Continued legislative efforts to protect special districts

Apparatus

1. Engine 1313 purchased and placed in-service
2. ATV with snow plow purchased and placed in-service
3. Started specification and purchase process for a new ambulance to replace 1382

Culture

1. Adopted and presented our first ever Phoenix Award for life saving measures.

Facilities

1. Purchased property and building at 1015 Valley Street

Fire and Life Safety

1. Conducted 58 plan reviews
2. Conducted 43 facility final inspections
3. Conducted 32 business fire inspections
4. Conducted 8 fire investigations
5. 200+ hours of community service with over 7,000 people contacted
6. Streamlined inspections and plan review processes
7. Updated fee schedule



Hiring

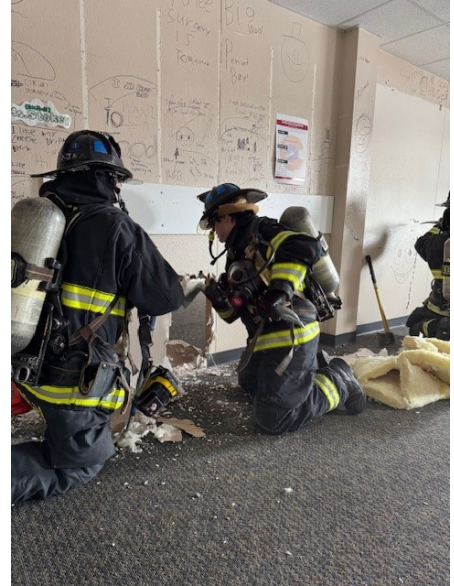
1. Created and filled our new Wildfire Specialist positions

Training

1. Personnel certifications:
 - a. Firefighter 2: 1 person
 - b. HazMat Ops: 1 person
 - c. Driver Aerial: 1 person
 - d. Fire Instructor 1: 6 personnel
 - e. Fire Officer 1: 6 personnel
 - f. Fire Officer 2: 1 person
 - g. Fire Officer 3: 1 person



- h. ICS 300: 1 person
- i. ICS 400: 2 personnel
- j. Paramedic: 1 person
- k. Qualified Relief Officer: 3 personnel
- l. Qualified Relief Driver: 2 personnel
- 2. Attended the following wildland classes:
 - a. L-280: 4 personnel
 - b. S-131: 3 personnel
 - c. S-211: 3 personnel
 - d. S-212: 1 person
 - e. S-215: 5 personnel
 - f. S-219: 4 personnel
 - g. S-270: 1 person
 - h. S-290 5 personnel
 - i. S-359: 1 person
 - j. Wildland Maps: 2 personnel
 - k. Wildland Aerial Attack: 2 personnel
- 3. Conferences Attended:
 - a. EMS World in Las Vegas: 2 personnel
 - b. EMS Conference in Keystone, CO: 3 personnel
 - c. Station Design Conference: 2 personnel
 - d. Fire Rescue International: 2 personnel
 - e. Colorado State Fire Chiefs Conference: 3 personnel
- 4. Additional Trainings:
 - a. Fire Department Training Network: 2 personnel
 - b. Chief Officer Training Course: 2 personnel
 - c. Executive Fire Officer: 1 person
 - d. Extrication Chop Shop: 20 personnel
 - e. Colorado IMT Training: 1 person



Wildland Deployments

- 1. Colorado – 21 days
- 2. California – 151 days
- 3. Texas – 70 days
- 4. Nebraska – 4 days
- 5. Wyoming – 15 days
- 6. TOTAL: 261 days





2024 Incident Statistics

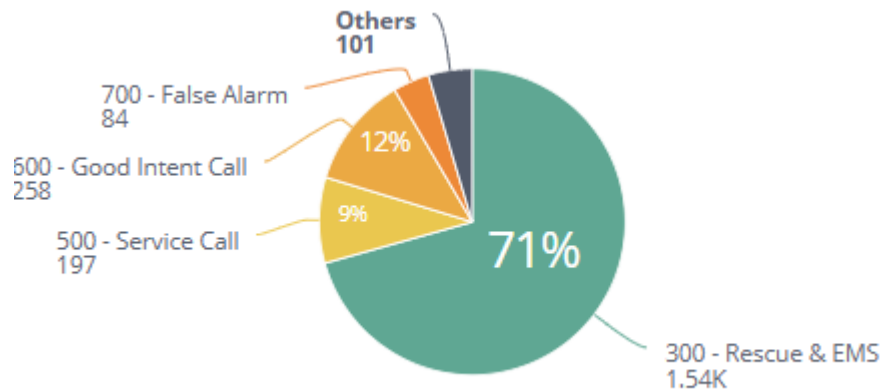
2024 was another busy year in the history of Cimarron Hills FPD with regards to incident volume. The below statistics provide an overview of 2024 incident responses.

TOTAL INCIDENTS

2182

- 1542 EMS
- 640 Fire/Other

INCIDENT TYPE



INCIDENTS BY SHIFT

SHIFT	# INCIDENTS
A-Shift	700
B-Shift	727
C-Shift	755
TOTAL:	2182

RESPONSE TIME

5:46 – The average response time is under 6 minutes for all incidents located within Cimarron Hills boundaries. This is the amount of time between the first unit dispatched to a call and the first CHFD unit arriving at the incident.

MUTUAL AID

CHFD provided aid to other agencies on 221 incidents.

CHFD received aid from other agencies on 353 incidents.



HISTORICAL INCIDENT DATA

TOTAL INCIDENTS	
YEAR	# INCIDENTS
2024	2182
2023	2206
2022	2326
2021	2171
2020	1898

EMS INCIDENTS	
YEAR	# INCIDENTS
2024	1542
2023	1434
2022	1539
2021	1413
2020	1216

Ambulance Transports	
YEAR	# INCIDENTS
2024	772
2023	712
2022	438* 816**
2021	865*
2020	641*
*AMR only (no mutual aid)	
**Includes AMR and CHFD	

INCIDENTS PER MONTH BY YEAR						
MONTH	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Average
January	178	198	217	150	137	176
February	172	155	198	156	152	167
March	192	147	183	167	173	172
April	197	181	178	186	125	173
May	185	162	198	184	146	175
June	178	179	189	184	147	175
July	192	186	189	187	152	181
August	158	201	209	184	159	182
September	191	202	198	186	154	186
October	191	211	161	207	203	195
November	161	204	199	181	151	179
December	187	180	207	199	187	193
Average	182	184	194	181	157	180
TOTAL	2182	2206	2326	2171	1886	2154





2025 and Beyond

We are a forward-thinking and progressive fire department. We are looking to the future through a constant evaluation of goals and priorities.

- 2025 Goals and Priorities
 - New Ambulance arriving late 2025
 - Finalize specification process on next Ladder Truck
 - Update Strategic Plan, Community Risk Assessment, and Standards of Cover
 - Program and department administration improvements
 - Design and start renovations to 1015 Valley Street
 - Purchase new command vehicle

- 2026-2028
 - Finish 1015 Valley Street project and sell existing HQ properties
 - Begin building specifications and purchase Type 3 Engine replacement
 - Type 6 Engine replacement

2025 Budget

The information below consists of only highlights. The entire budget may be provided upon request. CHFD is excited to have our 2025 Budget approved by the Board of Directors. We are working to accomplish a lot in 2025 and are making some great improvements to district apparatus, facilities, and services.

- Projected Beginning Balance: \$4,256,814 (includes all checking and savings accounts)
- Total Revenue: \$5,937,879 (includes projected revenue from the wildland and ambulance transport programs)
- Capital Improvements: \$1,370,000
 - Lease Purchase Payment for Valley Street and Renovations – \$500,000
 - Architect/Engineers/Plans/Permits for Valley Street – \$100,000
 - Highway Stabilization Kit – \$10,000
 - Hose Appliances and Equipment – \$15,000
 - Mobile Data Computers for Apparatus – \$15,000
 - New Ambulance and Equipment – \$450,000
 - Command Vehicle for EMS Supervisor – \$120,000
 - Wildland PPE and Equipment – \$30,000
 - Power Load Cot, Stair Chair, and EMS Equipment – \$130,000
- Projected Ending Balance: \$2,987,911



Line #	Line Item/Category	2023 Audited	2024 Projected	2025 Approved
1	BEGINNING BALANCE	3,683,403	4,199,550	4,256,814
	3 Month O&M Reserve & Tabor Included In Beginning Balance			
	Operating Revenue			
2	Fees	12,600	17,876	10,000
3	Donations	-	434	-
4	Reimbursements	11,682	1,183	-
5	Grants	79,274	5,176	-
6	Wildland Disaster Billing	826,478	650,000	900,000
7	Ambulance Billing	438,086	700,000	586,000
8	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,368,120	1,374,669	\$ 1,496,000
	Non-Operating Revenue			
9	Assessed Valuation	168,329,110	243,669,250	245,164,490
10	Mil Levy	16,200	16,621	16,621
	Operations General Fund (94%)	3,205,223	4,210,379	3,830,386
	Capital Fund (6%)	204,589	309,954	244,493
11	Property Taxes	3,409,812	4,479,126	4,074,879
12	Special Ownership Taxes	358,241	350,000	235,000
13	Deposit Interest	171,083	230,000	132,000
14	Insurance Recovery	-	-	-
15	TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	3,939,136	\$ 5,059,126	\$ 4,441,879
16	TOTAL OPERATING & NON-OPERATING REVENUES	5,307,256	6,433,795	\$ 5,937,879
17	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	\$ 8,990,659	\$ 10,633,345	\$ 10,194,693
	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
	Administrative			
18	Audit & Consulting	14,600	15,400	18,375
19	Awards, Incentives & Events	10,467	15,300	15,300
20	Bank Service Charges	1,523	355	-
21	Payroll Service Charges	5,916	6,460	7,760
22	County Treasurers Fees	51,147	69,250	61,123
23	Data Automation Support	24,776	29,950	32,418
24	Election	2,072	20,000	45,000
25	Legal Fees & Notices	4,281	18,000	20,000
26	Office Supplies and Equipment	9,248	8,500	9,846
		-	-	-
27	Tax Refunds	9,014	20,000	20,000
28	Total Administrative	\$ 133,044	\$ 203,215	\$ 229,822
	Operations			
29	Utilities	23,462	25,800	33,000
30	Fire Rescue Operations	16,985	8,000	11,200
31	Wildland Fire Operations	125,965	226,500	311,500
32	Insurance	24,379	27,365	38,400
33	EMS/Medical Operations	48,606	48,000	61,500
34	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Operations	29,739	22,500	32,300
35	Structures, Roads and Grounds Operations	14,670	15,000	18,500
36	Communication Operations	36,985	40,000	42,518
37	Vehicle & Apparatus Fuel	29,817	27,000	35,000
38	Salary	2,750,710	3,519,008	3,704,554
39	Benefits	700,433	806,870	894,268
40	Unemployment Insurance	-	-	250
41	Workers Compensation Insurance	65,817	74,000	109,799
42	Health and Wellness Program	21,504	27,489	30,300
43	Director Stipend	5,600	9,400	12,000
44	Uniforms	22,753	17,000	28,250
45	Total Operations	\$ 3,917,425	\$ 4,893,932	\$ 5,363,340



Line #	Line Item/Category	2023 Audited	2024 Projected	2025 Approved
Maintenance				
46	Structures, Roads & Grounds Maintenance	19,524	15,000	21,900
47	Vehicle & Apparatus Maintenance	76,494	88,300	86,300
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48	Total Maintenance	\$ 96,018	\$ 103,300	\$ 108,200
Training & Association				
49	Training	80,521	81,000	109,500
50	Recruiting, Testing, and Hiring	1,322	500	2,760
51	Association/Subscription Services, Fees, and Dues	2,943	3,500	4,310
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52	Total Training & Association	\$ 84,786	\$ 85,000	\$ 116,570
Prevention, Safety & Community Services				
53	Plans, Permits & Code Compliance Inspections	887	-	500
54	Fire Investigations	1,248	-	1,000
55	Fire Prevention Education	4,422	5,187	5,500
56	Community Outreach	8,215	8,000	11,850
57	Total Fire Prevention & Community Outreach	\$ 14,772	\$ 13,187	\$ 18,850
58	Total Operating	\$ 4,246,045	\$ 5,298,634	\$ 5,836,782
59	Total Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Purchases				
60	Structures, Roads & Grounds	4,100	831,900	600,000
61	General Operations	6,344	-	25,000
62	Administrative Operations	-	-	-
63	Communications Operations	4,934	5,817	15,000
64	Vehicles & Apparatus	222,239	13,570	570,000
65	Personal Protective Equipment	33,483	30,206	-
66	Wildland/Disaster Operations	23,729	187,704	30,000
67	EMS Operations	75,958	8,700	130,000
68	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 370,787	\$ 1,077,897	\$ 1,370,000
69	TOTAL EXPENSES/EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,616,832	\$ 6,376,531	\$ 7,206,782
70	ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,199,550	\$ 4,256,814	\$ 2,987,911
	3-Month O&M Reserve (Included In Beginning Balance)	682,187	1,270,728	1,459,195
	TABOR Reserves (Included In Beginning Balance)	98,062	144,755	216,203