



EVANS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2023 Annual Report

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THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

Serving approximately 20,000 citizens in Evans, Colorado. The Evans Fire Protection District is completely contained within the municipal limits of the City of Evans, covering an area of approximately 10 square miles.

Providing 24/7 fire and emergency services from one fully staffed fire station on 37th Street. Staffing is comprised of 15 full-time firefighters and 3 company officers. Additional staff is comprised of the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Business Manager, and Administrative Captain.

Automatic-aid agreements with Front Range Fire Rescue, Platte Valley Fire Protection District, LaSalle Fire Protection District, Greeley Fire Department, and Weld County master mutual-aid system.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is the general governing body of the District. All Directors must be eligible electors of the District and are elected to serve a four-year term. Directors are tasked with overseeing all aspects of the District and managing the business of the District in public meetings. The Board approves major purchases and governs inter-governmental agreements and contracts. The Fire Chief reports directly to the Board of Directors.



Mary Achziger, President
Seated on Board through 2027



David James
Vice-President
Seated on Board through 2025



Tricia Watson Treasurer
Seated on Board through 2027

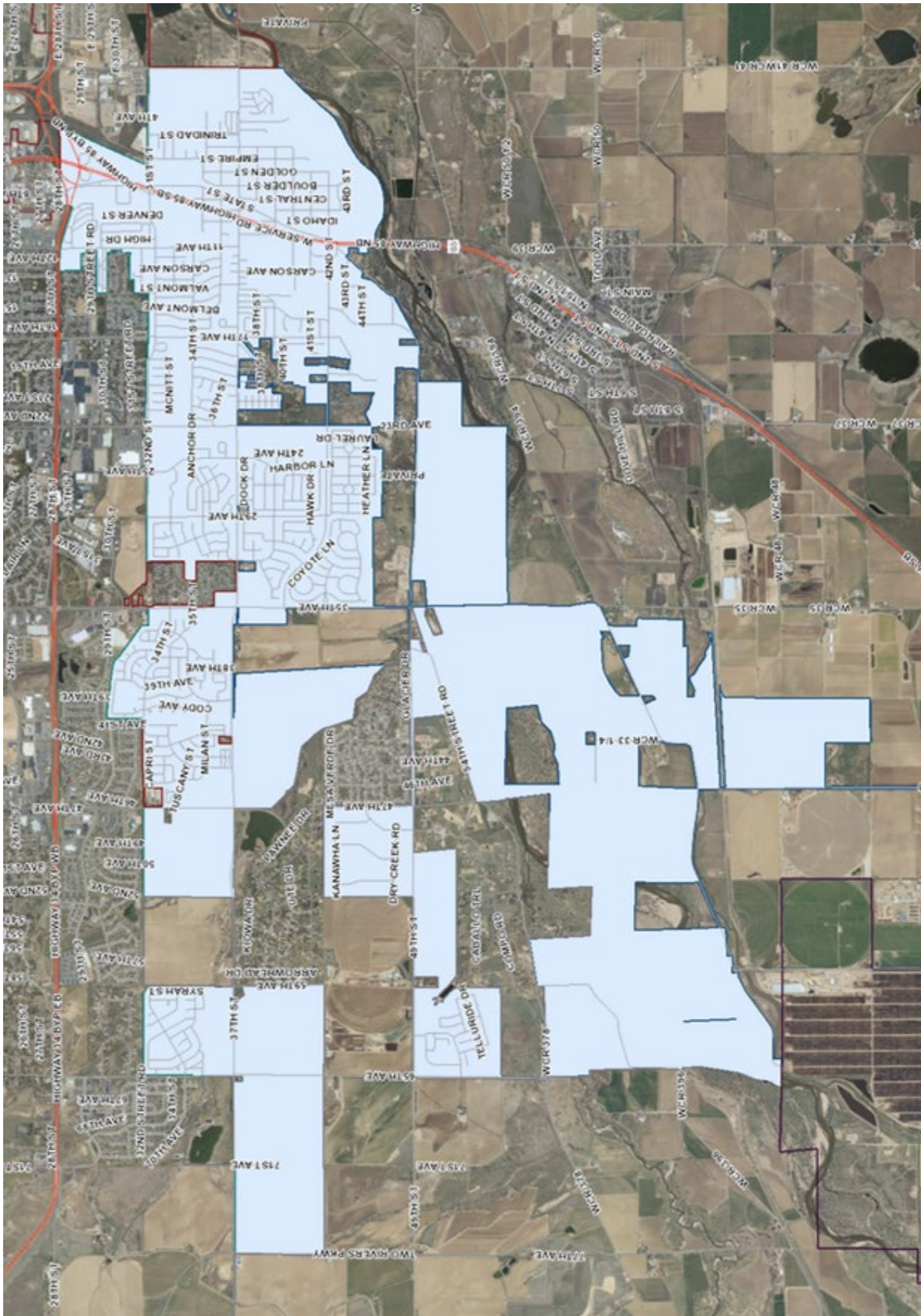


Marty Schanwolf Secretary
Seated on Board through 2027



Tim Naylor Director Seated on
Board through 2025

DISTRICT MAP



A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DESALVO

Greetings,

The following is the Evans Fire Protection District Annual Report for 2023. This document contains a summary of the Fire District's activities, performance, and accomplishments for the year. Before I continue, I would like to acknowledge the staff of the Fire District. We continue to be successful because of our supportive Board of Directors as well as our dedicated line and administrative staff and, of course, the citizens within our district.

I recently completed my 21st year with Evans and during this time, the District has seen a lot of change and growth in the area we serve and within the organization itself. In my time with Evans, through all the changes, one thing has remained constant, the commitment we have to providing the best service we can to the citizens and visitors of Evans. We will continue to work hard to maintain this and more for the community that we serve.

In 2023, the Fire District was able to accomplish quite a bit. The following is a list of a few highlights:


- Through a collaborative effort with Platte Valley & LaSalle Fire Districts we hired a joint Fire Marshal, with employment beginning in 2024.
- Hired two new firefighters.
- Continued the development of our Peer Support Program, as well as a partnership with a licensed mental health professional.
- Our apparatus committee produced an RFP, and a contract was signed for the refurbishment of our Brush Truck which also is used to respond to medical emergencies to lessen the wear and tear on our larger apparatus.
- An automatic aid agreement was signed with the Greeley Fire Department which will enhance our ability to respond to serious incidents like structure fires.
- We continued our partnership with Front Line Mobile Health to conduct our annual physicals, ensuring all employees receive comprehensive medical screening.
- Participated in training and response with the Greeley Fire Department Hazardous Materials response team which has become a more regionalized team.
- The Evans/Platte Valley dive team began to work with the Greeley/Windsor dive team on a more regionalized approach to water rescue.
- Continued to conduct training with our mutual/automatic aid partners.
- Implemented a first-time home buyer assistance program to assist members looking to purchase a home in a very challenging housing market.
- Developed a draft parental leave policy as an added benefit for those wishing to expand their families.
- Participated in several community events such as Evans Heritage Days, career fairs, field days at the local elementary schools.

The Fire District is a strong advocate of professional development and lifelong learning. In 2023, our members completed a wide variety of classes and obtained various certifications and professional designations. Included in these are attending the National Fire Academy, Front Range Fire Consortium leadership class, obtaining State certifications such as Driver/Operator, Fire Inspector I & II, Fire Instructor I, Incident Safety Officer, and Live Fire Instructor. Several of our members are also continuing to work towards completing their associate or bachelor's degrees from accredited colleges.

None of this would be possible without the exceptional members of this organization. They are all committed professionals who embody our mission of “Providing professional fire and emergency services with Dedication, Compassion, & Excellence.” More detailed information concerning the Fire District’s performance is contained in the pages that follow.

If you have any questions about the annual report, or how the Fire District operates, please feel free to reach out to me directly at jdesalvo@evansfiredistrict.org.

Respectfully,



Joe DeSalvo
Fire Chief



DISTRICT FACILITIES



Station 1 - 3918 Denver Street

This historic station was built by volunteer firefighters in 1975 with the support of Evans City Council, who purchased the materials. Currently, Station 1 is not staffed but serves as storage space for reserve equipment and District records.

Station 2 - 2100 37th Street

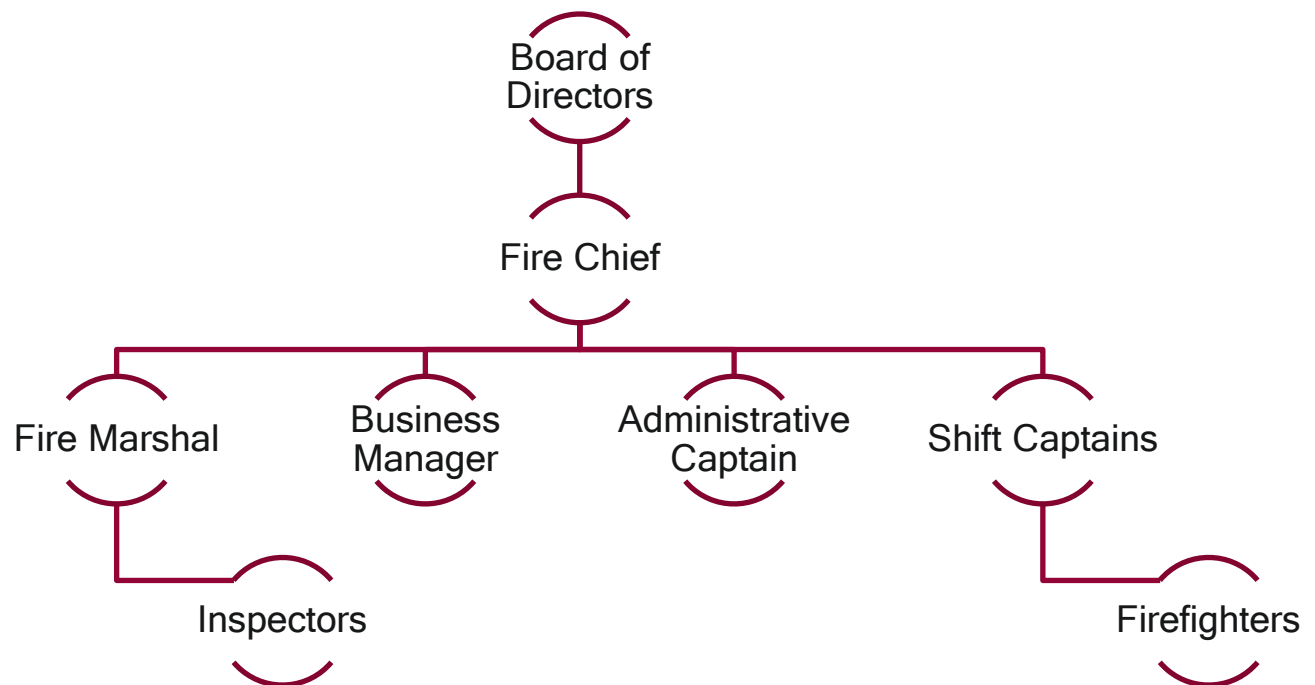
Station 2 is our primary facility. Originally built in 1993, the station was expanded to accommodate staffing increases in 2006. A second major renovation and expansion was completed in 2017. Station 2 is staffed 24-hours a day, seven days a week and houses the District Administrative Staff.



Training Grounds - 1958 40th Street

Located at the City of Evans maintenance facilities the training grounds includes a two-story live fire building, propane, and vehicle fire props.

ORGANIZATION

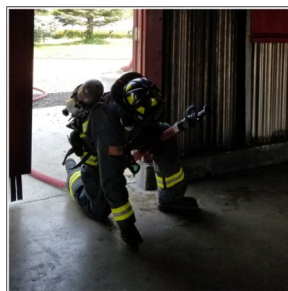


2023 HIGHLIGHTS



The Peer Support Team was formed. Each shift now has a Peer Support Mentor that is trained in identifying and assisting fellow firefighters with life stresses. The Team also operates under a clinician that is available for post-incident support.

A new Firefighter Skills Assessment Program was developed to ensure that all Evans personnel are experts in basic firefighting skills.



A new Auto-aid Agreement was reached with Greeley Fire Department. This agreement provides better service to citizens living and working on the boundaries between our two cities.

Coordinated the Weld Women in Fire Skills Day. This event brought together female firefighters from around the county for networking and training.



After inventory and evaluation of all Personal Protective Equipment, a donation of surplus PPE was made to a volunteer fire department in southern Colorado.

2023 YEAR AT A GLANCE

INCIDENT COUNT	
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
EMS	1741
FIRE	851
TOTAL	2592

PRE-INCIDENT VALUE	LOSSES
\$257,000	\$183,000

MUTUAL AID	
AID TYPE	TOTAL
Aid Given	116
Aid Received	189

OVERLAPPING CALLS	
# OVERLAPPING	% OVERLAPPING
668	25.77

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITY	
Fire Inspections <i>includes annual, construction, re-inspect, and Fire Code Consultation</i>	126
Plans Reviewed	55
Investigations	11
PR Events	14



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The majority of EFPD calls for service are for medical services – EMS calls account for about 67% of our total call volume. Throughout 2023, Evans Fire responded with UC Health Ambulance Services to all medical emergencies. In 2023 Evans Fire District responded to 2,592 calls for service, dispatched through the Weld County Regional Communications Center. This was a decrease of 3.25% from the 2022 call volume. Since our first full year of operations as a Special District our call volume has increased by 75%.

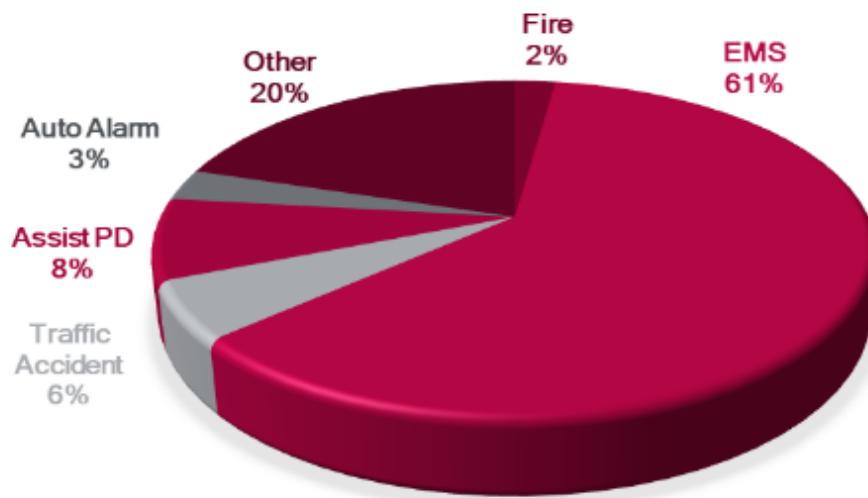


Our top ten Incident Types are shown below. As previously noted, Medical Assist is our highest incident type accounting for over half of all calls in 2023.

Incident Type	Calls	% of Total Calls
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1443	55.67%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	144	5.56%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	120	4.63%
552 - Police matter	107	4.13%
554 - Assist invalid	106	4.09%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	105	4.05%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	96	3.70%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	68	2.62%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	66	2.55%
561 - Unauthorized burning	23	0.89%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	19	0.73%



Major Incident Types



Other Incident Types

Incident Type	Calls	Incident Type	Calls
Dispatched & cancelled en route	120	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	4
Assist invalid	106	Overheated motor	3
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	105	Animal rescue	3
Unauthorized burning	23	Good intent call, other	3
Authorized controlled burning	19	Water problem, other	2
Public service	16	Animal problem	2
Carbon monoxide incident	12	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
Smoke or odor removal	12	Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	2
Cover assignment, standby, moveup	11	Central station, malicious false alarm	2
Wrong location	9	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	7	Search for person on land	1
Lock-out	7	Search for person in water	1
Water or steam leak	7	Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	6	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
Power line down	6	Swift water rescue	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5	Rescue or EMS standby	1
False alarm or false call, other	5	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
Lock-in	4	Chemical spill or leak	1
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	4	Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
Person in distress, other	4	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
		Flood assessment	1

TRAINING

Evans Fire District strives to continually improve our service to citizens. To ensure that all firefighters are focused and prepared for the demands of the job each shift regularly trains to maintain their skills for the challenges they face on a daily basis.

Because the majority of our calls are medical needs, all firefighters participate in Continuing Medical Education. These monthly trainings cover topics such as Pediatric Trauma, Overdose Treatment, Cardiac Events, Head and Spinal Injuries.

In 2023, Evans firefighters attended 2,605 hours of training. Training is held at our training facility, at local water-ways, or in conjunction with neighboring agencies. Topics included: Electrical Vehicle Extrication, Technical Rope Rescue, Dive Survival, Multi-Company Operations, Oil & Gas Well Safety, Fire Behavior, Wildland Firefighting



RETIREMENTS

Shawn Walker joined the City of Evans Fire & Rescue Volunteer Fire Department in 1999. He was one of the first paid, career firefighters hired through a SAFER grant in 2005. During his time with Evans, Firefighter Walker served as a Volunteer Battalion Chief, ResQ the Clown, Youth Fire-setter Interventionist, Fire Investigator/Inspector, HazMat Technician, and CPR Instructor.



Brandon Belfiore joined the City of Evans Fire & Rescue Volunteer Fire Department in 2001. He was also one of the first paid, career firefighters hired through the SAFER grant in 2005. Firefighter Belfiore served as a Volunteer Captain and on the Dive & Swiftwater Team. Also, as a member of the Task Force, he was instrumental in the formation of the Fire Protection District in 2011.

