



**Firefighter Percy Del Aguila and Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Vining after a Commercial Structure fire at Remington Apartments.**



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## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

**A REVIEW OF OUR STATISTICS AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**





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## Message from the Chief...

Many times, those in our community aren't aware of the services provided by their fire department until they need them. In effort to help spread the word about how Seminole County Fire Department operates and to give our public the opportunity to know us better, we held our first Citizen's Fire Academy in 2013. They participated in learning about all sections of our department: The Fire Chief's Office, Administration, Planning and Operations. Thirty six citizens graduated from our first program. Here is what they had to say:



- *Most surprised by how much involved in so many facets and also the amount of training and caring. You are all AWESOME!!*
- *I thought the most beneficial part of the experience was really getting to understand how the department works and what exactly they do. Between the medical and the fire information I feel more confident and comfortable enough to know what to do in some cases and know that I can depend on the firefighters.*
- *I thought the most beneficial thing was learning that I never want to go outside of Seminole County. We are the best!*

We continue to see our demand for services increase while our revenue sources have decreased. Our current fire tax rate in Seminole County is 2.3299 mils. For every \$1,000 dollars of taxable value, \$2.34 is received by the fire department. In recognition of the economic constraints our public has been under, the fire millage rate has not been increased. This forces the delay of service expansions, such as new stations, until such time generated tax revenue can sustain the long term cost.

Ninety six cents a day is what a \$150,000 taxable valued home in Seminole County pays for immediate assistance, 24/7, in the event of a lightning strike, kitchen fire, auto accident, heart attack, stroke or any other emergency need. It's the best insurance policy one could ever have.

The men and women of Seminole County Fire Department are proud to serve our Seminole County community. I encourage everyone to stop by their local fire station and get to know those who are here for one common purpose, **to help**. They do it every day with unsurpassed competence and compassion.

Sincerely,

Leeanna Mims, Fire Chief

## FINANCE

\* FY 2012/2013 Adopted Budget .....\$46,620,877

### Grants – not included in adopted budget

2010-11 USAR & HazMat - SHSGP Grant: \$70,576 Adopted  
2011-12 USAR & HazMat - SHSGP Grant: \$28,787 Adopted  
EMS Trust Fund Grant: \$367,168 Added after Adoption  
Wind Retrofit Grant: \$168,106 Added after Adoption  
Safe Kids Funds: \$11,232 Added after Adoption

## OPERATIONS

2013 – 32,628 All Hazards Alarms Response to Citizens

ISO Improved to a 3/8B

### Significant Alarms

- \* 2013 – 4 Fatalities
  - Residential Fire – Jamestown (3)
  - Structure Fire – Outbuilding/residential – Bedford Road (1)
- \* Residential Structure Fires
  - 2 Alarm - Sable Club Apartments
  - 2 Alarm - Eugenia Court
  - Spring Lake Road detached garage,
  - Glenholly Ct. Willa Lake Cir., Oviedo
  - Creeks Bend Dr. Casselberry
  - Shadyhill Terrace
  - Sunshower Ct, Casselberry
  - Aloma Ave, Winter Park
  - Tralee Court Fire
  - Brisson Ave, Midway
  - 4th Street, Chuluota
  - Sycamore Ln, Altamonte
  - Oyster Bay Circle, Lighting Strike
  - Tralee Court Fire
- \* 2 Alarm Commercial Structure Fires
  - Remington Inn
  - Oviedo Diner Fire
  - Villa Del Mar Apartments
  - Semoran North Apartments
  - The Columns Apartments
  - Semoran North Apartments
  - Miami Springs Road



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## OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

- \* Hazardous Materials Incidents
  - "4" inch natural gas line leak – 436 & Red Bug Lake Rd (2)
  - Carbon Monoxide exposure- Occupant having two charcoal grills burning inside apartment, three patients, James Town, Timber Lake Apartments
  - Carbon Monoxide exposure, faulty water heater inside an apartment, multiple patients transported, Raven Circle, Ravens Apartments,
  - Hazardous condition, Suspicious package, high explosives found in an attic of a residence, Green Briar Blvd,
  - Hazardous Condition, Sewage leak inside restaurant and parking lot, faulty lift/ pump station, SR 436,
  - Natural Gas Leak inside, several propane tanks, several businesses evacuated, Gretna Court, Winter Springs
  - Acid Bomb, Sun Lake Cir, Lake Mary
- \* Motor Vehicle Crashes
  - Hunt Club Blvd. & SR 436 Entrapment/Extrication
  - Jamestown Blvd. Extrication in a waterway
  - Hidden Meadows - Entrapment
  - SR 436 & Weathersfield Entrapment - multiple patients
  - Single motorcycle, two patients, trauma alerts
  - Auto Accident-Vehicle Rollover Ejection- 1 trauma alert, EB I-4 mm 98 @ Lake Mary Blvd, Station 12.
  - Vehicle accident, vehicle versus structure, Overland Road, station 13, 12 and Building Department.
  - Vehicle Accident- Entrapment, single vehicle, multiple patients transported, Dike Road at Princess Gate Blvd., Stations 27, 23.
  - US17-92/Prairie Lake Dr. Entrapment/Extrication
  - Railroad Accident – Sunrail Station
- \* EMS Alarms
  - Interstate-4 assist ASPD with a psychiatric patient, possible jumper from SR 436 Bridge, WB I-4
  - GSW Multiple patients, - Unified command with LEA



## OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

- ATV Incident – Independence
- Trail Rescue/Traumatic Injury Snow Hill Rd & Sterling Creek Parkway
- Electrocution/ High Angle Rescue Ronald Reagan/ Country Club

### Significant Standby Events

- \* 218,635 Residents & Visitors Received Services
  - 2,000 Bike Team Events
    - Red, Hot, & Boom
    - Scottish Highland Games
    - City of Winter Springs – Fireworks
    - City of Sanford – Fireworks
    - ENCL Soccer Tournament



## PLANNING & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### Professional Standards & Training

- \* Training Hours FY 12-13:
  - Firefighter Training- 83,462 hours
  - EMS Training- 12,807 hours
  - Technical rescue training- hours 7,888 hours
  - Fire Officer- Company Officer, Course Delivery
  - Smyth Driving Recertification's - 330 employee
  - Battalion Chief Promotional Process- 9 candidates tested
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  - National Testing Network CPAT/Fire Team Testing over 720 Candidates SCFD Hiring Process:
    - 275 applicants processed
    - 125 tested with 100 making the eligibility list for 2013
  - Class 1301 Orientation- 11
  - IPAT Completed- 345
  - Unified Command Training with SCSO- 12 employees

### Planning

- \* Pre-fire Plan Program





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### Fleet

- \* Annual Hurst Tool Maintenance Completed on 11 units
- \* 1,812 feet ground ladders and 2 Aerials ladders were tested
- \* 110,000 feet of hose tested
- \* New mobile radios in all our vehicles were installed or up graded to the P25 platform Version 32
- \* All fire Department portables were upgraded to the P-25 platform Version 32

### Community Involvement – Response and Caring for the Community

- \* Protecting the Community
  - 27 Smoke Alarm Installations
  - 21 Battery Replacement
  - 108 Homes – After a Fire – Door Hanger Safety Program
  - Safe Kids – SCFD Lead Agency
    - 4 Booster seat distributions
    - 3 employees of Public Service car seat education classes with distribution
    - 10 Hyperthermia Displays
    - 72 CPS education classes with distribution
    - 127 car seats distributed
    - Conducted 1 - 32 hour Child Passenger Safety Certification Class
- \* Educating the Community
  - 17,764 received fire and life safety education programs
    - Fire Drills
    - Fire Extinguisher
    - Fire Safety School Aged Children
    - Citizen Fire Academy
- \* Informing the Community
  - 793 Media contacts
  - 46,305 Social Media Reaches
- \* Supporting the Community
  - Holiday Toy Distribution
  - Pink Heals Event
  - Fire Prevention Week/ Firehouse Subs
  - Bat Project – Station 42
  - Tunnel to Towers



## PLANNING & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

- Pink Shirt Campaign
- Good Morning America Detail – Station 34
- Forever Family – WESH 2 News – Station 13
- 42 Santa Express
- 123 Units Displays/ Public Relations
- 79 Station Tours
- 4 Mock DUI Programs



### Logistics

- Purchases/Visa: \$118,239
- Purchase Orders: \$849,000
- Deliveries: 1,946
- Shipments: 79
- PPE Care & Maintenance
  - Wash: 403
  - BIO Wash: 71
  - Repairs: 180



### Fire Station Projects/Repairs/Maintenance

- 561 Work Order Requests submitted on behalf of our FS's
- 3 FS's exteriors repainted (FS's 24; 41 & 27)
- Wind Retrofit shutters and doors at 5 FS's (35; 36; 41; 42 & 43)
- FS 11 bathroom remodel
- Total \$amount expended thru Facilities Maintenance \$268,025.73



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## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

- \* Plans Review/Inspections
  - Site Plan Reviews – 510 – 28% increase over 4 yrs
  - Building Plan Reviews – 733 – 3% increase over 4 yrs
  - Fire Protection System Plan Reviews – 617 – 13% increase over 4 yrs
  - New Construction Inspections – 1499 – 17% increase over 4 yrs
  - Ongoing Compliance Inspections – 2012 – 6 % increase over 4 yrs
  - False Alarm Inspections – 155 – 70% increase over 4 yrs
- \* Accomplishments
  - 100% Completion of Inspections of Schools, Childcare Facilities, Adult Care Facilities
  - Migration to Electronic Plan Review for Winter Springs Projects
  - Adopted Nuisance Fire Alarm Ordinance
- \* Large Projects in 2013
  - Florida Hospital Laundry Facility- Apopka
  - Garden Park Apartments – Fern Park
  - Ross/Northern Tools – Fern Park
  - Ross - Lake Mary
  - New Publix Supermarket- Longwood
  - Hanover Pointe Townhomes – Longwood
  - Bimbo Bakeries Warehouse- Sanford
  - Grande Oaks at Heathrow Townhome- Sanford
  - Hobby Lobby – Winter Springs
  - Jesup's Landing Townhomes – Winter Springs
  - Party City/Fresh Market – Winter Springs

## PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

### 2013 Retirements

- \* Alan Arthur, Firefighter
- \* Richard Chabot, Battalion Chief
- \* Thomas Day-Braceland, Firefighter/P
- \* Gary Guckenberger, Firefighter/P
- \* Thomas Hannon, Lieutenant
- \* Benjamin Harlan, Firefighter
- \* Thomas Johnson, Lieutenant/P
- \* Richard Leita, Battalion Chief
- \* David Myers, Battalion Chief
- \* M. Treeva Picklesimer, Admin. Asst.
- \* Roger Smathers, Firefighter
- \* Donnie Taylor, Firefighter
- \* Malcolm Trigg, Division Chief
- \* David Tryon, Lieutenant
- \* Scott Williams, Lieutenant/P

### Promotions

- Division Chief**
  - \* Ron "Jeff" Blake
- Battalion Chief**
  - \* Andres L. Arcaya
  - \* Robert W. Kreinbring
  - \* Edward Pando, Sr.
- Lieutenants**
  - \* Christopher B. Baker
  - \* Eric P. Cabrera
  - \* Steven R. Edmiston
  - \* John E. Hansen
  - \* Matthew J. Haverly,
  - \* Jason T. Prather



## 2013 AWARD WINNERS

- \* **Medal of Gallantry** - Tyler Gaddy, Joel Herrera, Steve Molnar, Terry Myers, Kevin Nowak, Doug Schenck
- \* **Chief Officer of the Year** - Ed Forrest
- \* **Lieutenant of the Year** - David Grant
- \* **Paramedic of the Year** - Jonathon Walker
- \* **Firefighter of the Year** - Charlie Stephens
- \* **Rookie of the Year** - Christopher Torres
- \* **Special Recognition** - William Loverich, Dan Pohlar, Ed Schuster
- \* **Unit Team Citations**
  - St. Mary Magdalen, November 2013 - Timothy A. Mercure, Lieutenant/P; Leonard A. Thompson, Firefighter; Armando J. Camacho, Firefighter; Jesse E. Waters, Firefighter/P; Steven B. Vasey, Firefighter/P
  - Motor Vehicle Crash - Lt. Kennedy; FF/P Brian Colley; FF Brad Dickey; FF/P David Buskirk and FF Lyle Miller
  - Jamestown Fire - Troy K. Todak, Tyler T/ Gaddy, Joel J. Herrera, Steven M. Molnar, Terry N. Myers, Kevin Nowak, Douglas L. Schenck, Peter T. Simon, Roger A. Windham, Jonathan S. Haberjan, Edward Pando, Colby W. Harkrader, Jonathan D. Walker, Lyle V. Miller, Christopher M. Schinner, Steven J. Rettew, Vincent J. Santilli, Robert J. Wright, Charles D. Morales, Jack L. Wayne, Daniel L. Holder, David S. Thomason, Eric W. Borns, Matthew W Kinley, Bryon E. Chaney
- \* **Life Saving Award**
  - Seminole Bus Barn - Matthew J. Haverly, Lieutenant/P; Wesley E. Stephens, Firefighter/P; Stephen N. Armstrong, Firefighter/P; Antoinette S. Vickers, Firefighter/P; Zachary A. Bonchack, Firefighter
  - Station 12/A - Stroke: William T. Mills, Lieutenant/P; Marc A. Rivera, Firefighter; Jeffrey A. Ward, Jr.
- \* **Community Awards**
  - Apopka/Altamonte VFW Firefighter of the Year - Thomas N. Awalt, Firefighter
  - Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association Patriot Day Award - John R. Thibert, Lieutenant/P; Michael A. Scott, Lieutenant/P; Ian Berry, Firefighter;
  - Seminole County Tourism Award - John "Jack" O. Bacon, Lieutenant; Jack H. Young, Firefighter/P; Eric C. Rogers, Firefighter; Christopher B. Askew, Firefighter/P; Michael B. Summers, Firefighter/ Paramedic

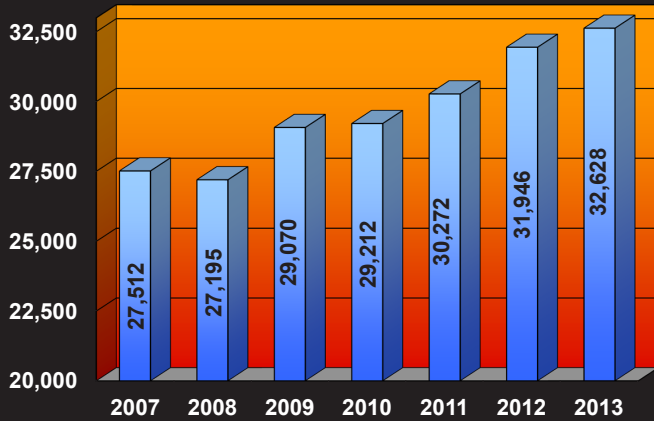




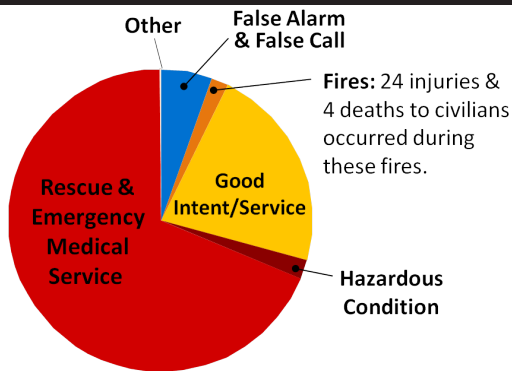
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## YEARLY COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSES



## 2013 RESPONSE TYPES



### CHART CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

- **Fires:** includes fires in/around buildings, mobile homes, cultivated crops & fires without a definable value (including brush fires, trash fires and fires out upon arrival).
- **Hazardous Condition:** ruptures, explosions, spills, leaks, chemical releases, radioactive condition, electrical wiring & equipment problems, biological hazards where there is no fire involved and accidents and potential accidents.
- **Rescue & EMS:** emergency responses to motor vehicle accidents, individual medical and mass causality events, medical assists, extrication and rescue of victims, searching for lost persons, water and electrical rescues.
- **Good Intent/Service:** situations where citizens needed help with water evacuation, animal rescue, smoke odors, steam or other gas mistaken for smoke, controlled or unauthorized burning, people in distress, medical calls where the individual left the scene, dispatches to the wrong location, and nonemergency hazmat release investigations.
- **False Alarm & False Call:** malicious false alarms, bomb scares, fire system or fire detector malfunctions, unintentional activations, and biohazard scares.
- **Other:** Incidents categorized as resulting from severe weather or natural disasters, and incidents not categorized above.

## 2013 RESPONSE STATISTICS BY UNIT

Please note: Multiple units may respond to the same call depending on the nature of the call.

Engine Unit	Responses	Special Units	Responses
E11	1,756	S2	848
E12	2,939	T12	1,399
E13	2,996	T27	974
E14	1,655	TK24	50
E16	1,305	TK34	31
E22	1,619	TK42	82
E23	1,748	WD11	25
E24	1,504	WD16	18
E26	928	WD27	43
E27	1,763	WD34	43
E34	1,770	WD35	49
E35	1,376	WD41	32
E36	1,503	WD42	84
E41	682	WD43	52
E42	506	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,730</b>
E43	589		
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,639</b>		

Rescue Unit	Responses	Command & Staff Responses	
R11	1,970	BC1	911
R12	3,121	BC2	578
R13	2,582	BC3	616
R14	803	BC4	375
R16	1,411	TECH1	831
R22	1,844	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,311</b>
R23	1,901		
R24	1,455		
R26	934		
R27	1,884		
R28	616		
R34	1,628		
R35	1,413		
R36	1,286		
R41	856		
R42	449		
R43	543		
R65	2,078		
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,774</b>		



## 2013 FIRE LOSSES AND VALUE SAVED

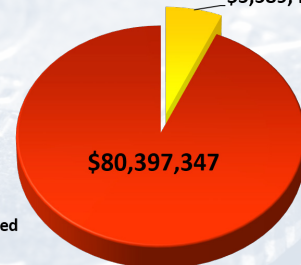
Total estimated value of properties serviced:

\$85,986,779

\$5,589,432

\$80,397,347

■ Losses  
■ Value Saved



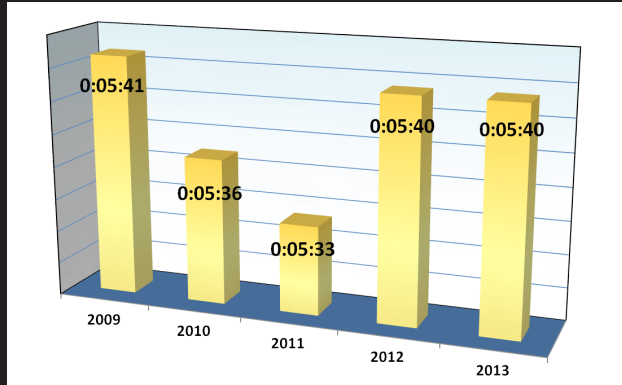
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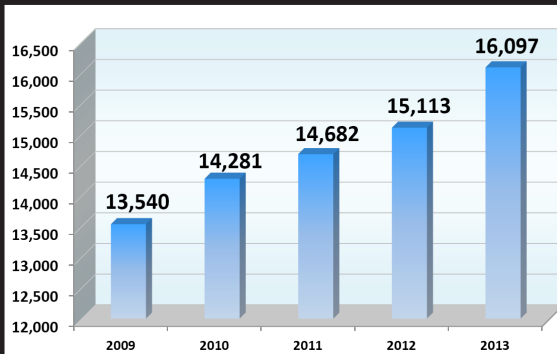


## 5 YEAR AVERAGE TOTAL RESPONSE

Total Response Time is measured in seconds, measuring the difference between the time units are dispatched to a call to when they arrive at the scene.



## 5 YEAR TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSPORTS



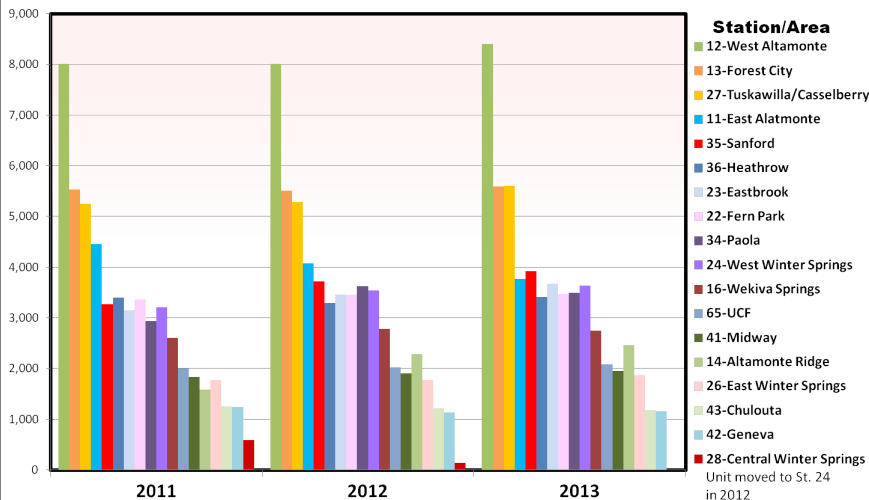
The number of transports has increased 16% over the past five fiscal years.

84% of EMS patient contacts between 2009 and 2013 resulted in a transport.

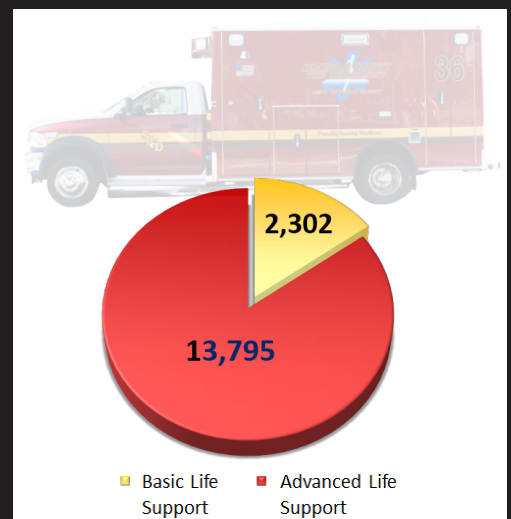


## STATION INCIDENT RESPONSE

Units from multiple stations can be on the same incident. The incident is counted for each station that responded.



## 2013 SUPPORT TYPE FOR TRANSPORTS







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