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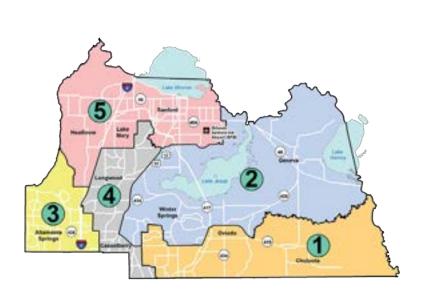
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Established at midnight on October 1, 1974, the Department had a mere 20 days to launch after the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners created an ordinance to do so on September 10, 1974. Although there was much prep work prior to the ordinance, it was still an incredible feat that

involved hiring 57 personnel, consolidating volunteer fire departments, negotiating contracts, obtaining a fleet and securing nine stations, some housed in motel rooms.

In the five decades since, SCFD has grown exponentially. Today, we are a nationally accredited, all-hazards metropolitan fire department with 576 personnel, serving nearly half a million residents from 20 stations—with a 21st station on the way.

From our Fire Family to yours, thank you for your support for the past 50 years. On behalf of the brave men and women at SCFD, we look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Seminole County for the next 50 years.

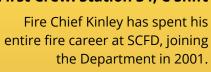


Fire Chief Matt Kinley Seminole County Fire Department

Training - 2001

Present Day





ABOUT US

PURPOSE

Ready to respond. Trained to make a difference.

MISSION

The mission of the Seminole County Fire Department is the *preservation of life and property* through the rapid response of highly trained personnel with appropriate resources and continuous prevention, so everyone goes home safe.

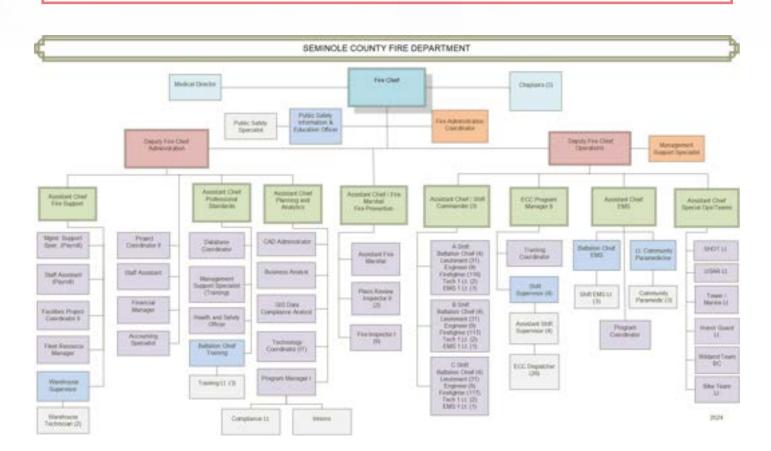
ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

Selflessness through Duty

Consistency of Service

Fairness and Equity

Dedication to Community









OUR TIMELINE

Additions to First Response Agreement

1976 Altamonte Springs Fire Department

1978 Longwood Fire Department

1985 Casselberry Fire Department

1988 Winter Springs Fire Department

1989 Sanford Fire Department

1993 Lake Mary Fire Department

2002 Oviedo Fire Department

2003 Sanford Airport Authority

Consolidations with SCFD

2002 Altamonte Springs Fire Department

2008 Winter Springs Fire Department

2015 Casselberry Fire Department

Major Milestones

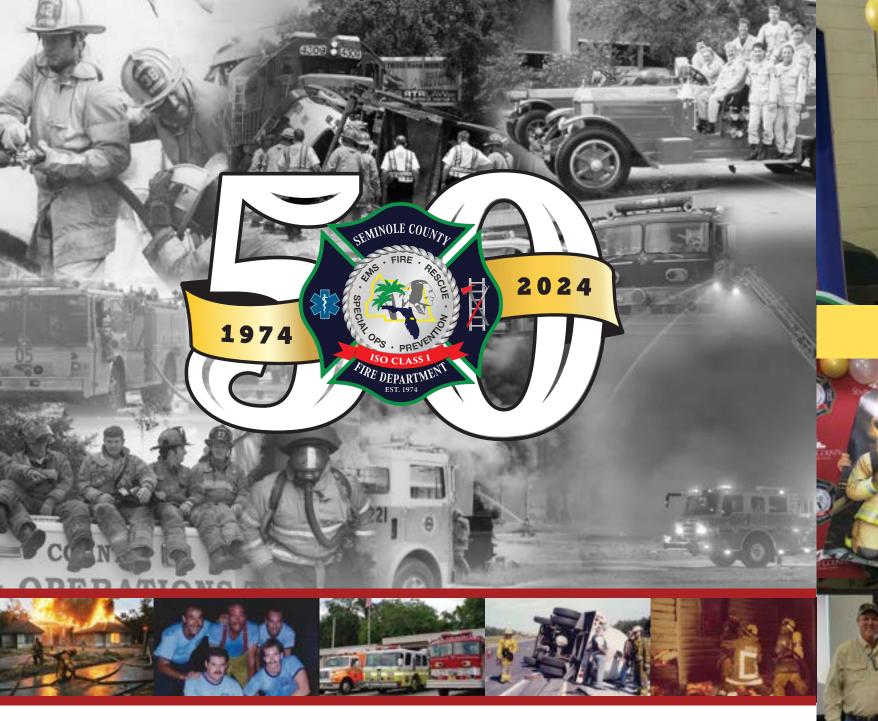
1980 Hazardous Materials Team created

1994 Special Hazards & Operations Team (SHOT) created

1999 First aviation asset acquired (Air Rescue 3)

2003 Florida Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 4 formed

2005 Training Center constructed and opened in 2007



From left to right: Fire Chief Gary Kaiser: 1974 – 1993; Fire Chief Terry L. Schenk: 1993 – 2005; Fire Chief Leeanna Mims: 2005 – 2015; Fire Chief Mark Oakes: 2017 – 2020; Fire Chief Otto Drozd III: 2020 – 2021; Fire Chief Matt Kinley 2022 – present

50 AND FIRED UP!

The Seminole County Fire Department (SCFD) celebrated its 50th anniversary, marking a half-century of service since its founding in 1974. SCFD has evolved from volunteer consolidation to a top-tier department, achieving ISO Class 1 rating, Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) and the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) accreditation.

At a commemorative event held at the Fire Training Center, current and retired firefighters swapped stories and talked about SCFD's evolution since 1974. From 9 stations to a network of 20, the Department's history is a testament to Seminole County's unwavering dedication to public safety.



NATURAL HISTORY

October 1, 2024, marked 50 years since the Seminole County Fire Department was formed. Starting with just 56 personnel, the Department faced a surge of calls in its first year alone. Take a look back at the Department's origins:



OPERATIONS

SCFD operates three shifts (A, B & C) led by an Assistant Chief who serves as the Shift Commander. They supervise four Battalions, each with a Battalion Chief charged with the oversight of the stations and personnel within its area. Each shift has 153 personnel.

See page 25 for Battalion listings and Station information.



BEN DECUIR Deputy Chief of Operations



MATTHEW HETTLER Deputy Chief of Administration



JOLENE JOYCE Assistant Chief A Shift



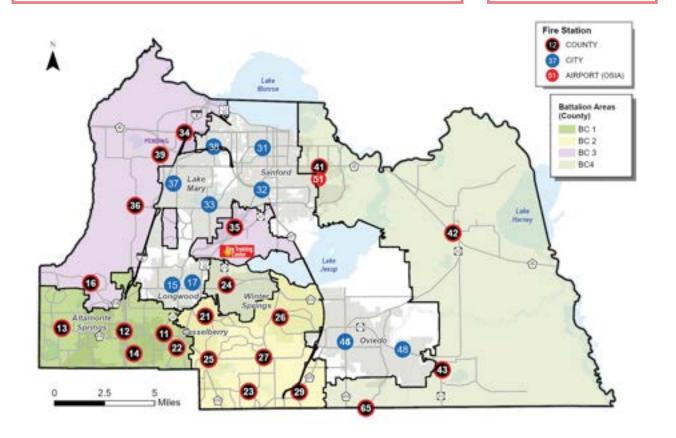
JOEL HERRERA Assistant Chief B Shift



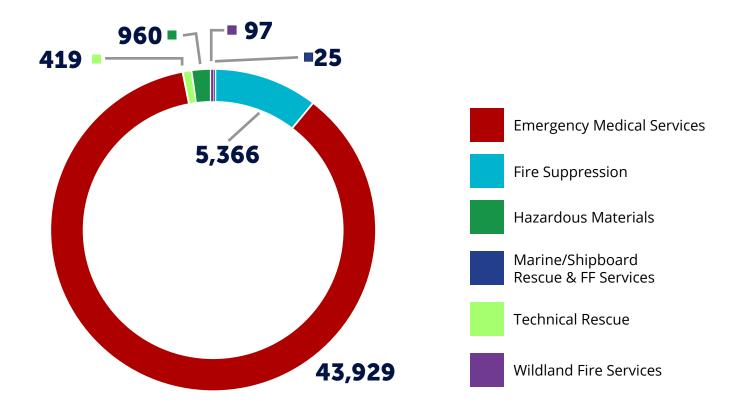
JASON PRATHER Assistant Chief C Shift

Value Saved PRE-INCIDENT VALUE LOSSES **VALUE SAVED** \$133,259,233 \$9,934,824 \$123,324,409

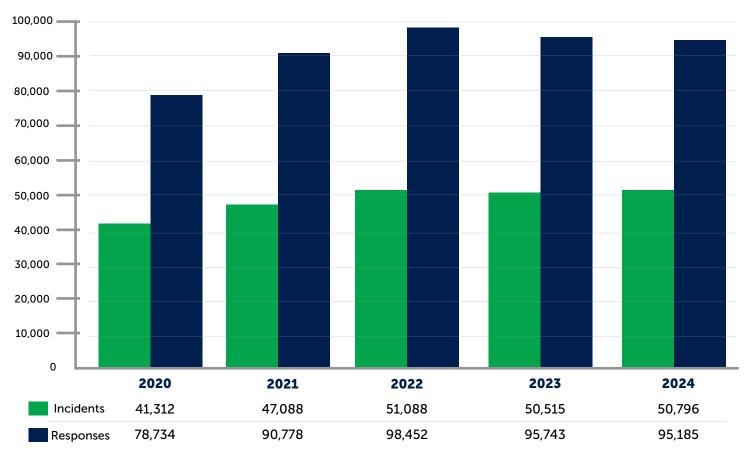
97% **PROPERTIES SAVED FROM FIRES**



INCIDENTS BY RESPONSE PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION



TOTAL SCFD INCIDENTS & RESPONSES BY CALENDAR YEAR



^{*}Incidents – A call for service prompting a unit response.

^{**}Responses – When a unit and/or units respond to an incident. The call type dictates the number of units that respond.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Protocols I

Paramedic and EMT Licensing

I Paramedic and EMT Compliance & Continuing Education

The Medical Director's Office establishes the emergency medical protocols that Paramedics and EMTs can practice under the Medical Director's license. It also oversees compliance and continuing education training.

Medical Director Dr. Todd Husty conducts multiple SCFD personnel meetings per month to discuss recent EMS calls and help with quality assurance, dialogue, and training.



"The Seminole County Fire Department is recognized statewide as having some of the most advanced protocols that provide an exceptionally high level of care before our patients reach the hospital."

- Dr. Todd Husty, Seminole County's Medical Director Board certified in emergency medicine for more than 30 years



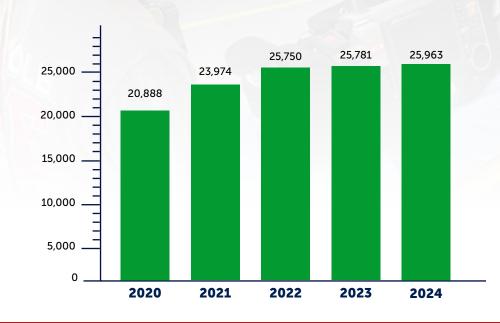
LIFE SAVING RECOGNITIONS

There are numerous occasions throughout the year where crews and dispatchers are recognized for their life saving efforts during a call. Reunification ceremonies allow crews to reunite with the patient they saved.

This year:

- 5 Life Saving Awards were presented to 24 personnel
- 6 Unit Citations were presented to 64 personnel

EMS OPERATIONS



TRAUMA ALERTS: 202

STROKE ALERTS: 517

CARDIAC ALERTS: 557

STEMI ALERTS: 679

SEPSIS ALERTS: 108



MOBILE SIM LAB

This year, SCFD launched the Mobile Simulation Lab to provide department crews with enhanced in-depth EMS training and re-certification opportunities right at their fire stations. The Lab, converted from a retired rescue chassis, leverages simulation and monitoring technology to provide firefighters with hands-on training opportunities beyond what they might receive in a traditional classroom setting.

PulsePoint

PulsePoint is a 911-connected mobile app that alerts CPR/AED-trained individuals to someone nearby having a sudden cardiac arrest.

PulsePoint currently has over 8,600 active monthly users and more than 400 AEDs registered.





SCFD History Fact: In 1984, SCFD began providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) in addition to Basic Life Support (BLS) when transporting patients to the hospital.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

The Community Paramedicine Program is an innovative program designed to meet the needs of specific patient groups, such as citizens who frequently call 911 for falls or other medical issues. It remains a vital resource for the community. By harnessing the specialized skills of paramedics, the program offers invaluable guidance, resources, and support.







ENROLLED



One of the key strengths of Community Paramedicine is empowering clients and connecting them to the right care and services they need.

Local non-profits provide needed resources, such as walkers, durable medical equipment, food, medication delivery, and assistance with accessing important information like veterans' benefits.

For more Information





A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RESOURCE PARTNERS





Community Paramedics pictured with staff from the Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida Chapter's facility in Sanford. [L-R] Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Rappa, Firefighter/Paramedic Elaine Curry, Vice President Roger Sack, Executive Director John DeMauro, and Office Manager Joanne Poretti.

Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida Chapter – This veterans service organization provides a platform of advocacy, education, and research for veterans paralyzed as a result of a spinal cord or injury or dysfunction. Their efforts afford them with the highest quality of healthcare and life experiences.





Community Paramedics pictured with Cyndy Kingston, President of Senior Intervention Group.

Senior Intervention Group – This organization is dedicated to addressing social determinants of health by sustaining and improving the quality of life for the growing senior population in Seminole County.



"When my husband passed away, it was extremely a difficult time after 51 years of marriage. However, knowing the goodness and care of Seminole County Fire Department's Community Paramedics was a godsend. They – along with my family and friends – were there for me and I know they are there for many residents who need it."

- Gayle Coverman, Community Paramedicine client

Community Paramedicine client Gayle Coverman of Longwood was first connected to the program in 2022 when she received a COVID booster shot at home. Later, her husband Randall was diagnosed with Lewy body dementia, a condition with Parkinson's-like symptoms that runs in his family.

^{*}Average time in program was one to three months.

SPECIAL **OPERATIONS**

SCFD is an all-hazards Fire Department with plenty of special teams and opportunities for training and professional growth.

Special Teams & Other Opportunities

- Special Hazards & Operations Team (SHOT) (65 members)
- Tower Team (57 members)
- Tanker Team (41 members)
- Prescribed Burn Team (45 members)
- Bike Team (15 members)

- Trail Responses
- Marine Unit Operations (e.g., boats, airboats, etc.)
- Dive Team
- Aerial Rescue Specialists (in cooperation with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office)
- Large Animal Rescue
- Honor Guard
- · Peer Fitness Team
- Urban Search & Rescue Task Force
- Trainers and Instructors





DEPLOYMENTS

The mission of the US&R Team is to respond to natural and man-made disasters and to provide search and rescue, medical support, communications and damage assessment. SCFD has 35 members on US&R Task Force 4. The team has multiple specialized trainings and requirements.

US&R TF4 had several deployments in 2024, including to:

- Manatee County for Hurricane Milton's impact
- The Big Bend area (Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, and Levy Counties) for Hurricane Helene's impact
- Sarasota County for Hurricane Debby's impact

Members of SCFD's Burn Team are part of an interagency team with the state of Florida and the U.S. Forest Service. They deployed to many places throughout the United States to help fight wildfires.



SCFD hosted a large animal technical rescue class in conjunction with the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Emergency Treatment Center. SCFD has responded to numerous large animal responses, particularly in the Geneva and Chuluota areas.



FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention team is dedicated to ensuring the safety of both businesses and residences. Their work involves educating the public and enforcing Fire Codes, which assist businesses and homeowners in mitigating common fire hazards.



2,646

NEW INSPECTIONS

12,467 **EXISTING INSPECTIONS** (up 6%)* (up 66%)*



12,467

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

(up 19%)*

*compared to 2023



The Fire Prevention team conducting life safety and fire protection inspections at Fire Station 39.

THE FIRE PREVENTION TEAM **DISTRIBUTED AND INSTALLED** 241 SMOKE ALARMS, MAKING **181 HOMES SAFER**

Having working smoke alarms can reduce the risk of death in home fires by 50%.

SCFD is a proud partner of the American Red Cross.



American Red Cross Central Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands



American Red Cross, SFD, SCFD set record for smoke alarm installations

he Sanford Fire Department, the American Red Cross of Central Florida, and the Seminole County Fire Department recently set a record in the Greater Orlando area for smoke atarm installed. (Above, left, below) The group installed 372 free smoke slarms in 196 homes in Carriage Cove, a manufactured home community in Santord. The effort was part of Fire Prevention Anth and more than 80 volunteers participated, including: 3 ookheed Marlin volunteers, 15 Youth Red Cross volunteers, 12 Red Cross volunteers, 24 MIRA USA volunteers, and 26 Semi-



The Fire Prevention team offers fire safety classes for businesses, various community groups, and homeowners' associations. Education is a key part of protecting people, homes, and property from fire risks.





SCFD History Fire Fact: When the Department was founded in 1974, it only had one designated fire inspector position.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & TRAINING

The SCFD's 19-acre, 44,000-square-foot Fire Training Center in Longwood serves as the central hub for all Fire, EMS, and Special Operations training in Seminole County.

Trainings Include:

- Quarterly Training
- Live Fire Training
- EMS Training
- **Extrication/Bailout Training**
- Pump Ops Training
- Trails Training

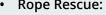
Special Ops Training:

- Confined Space Rescue
- Vehicle Machinery Rescue (VMR)
 - VMR Operations
 - VMR Technician
- Structural Tower Rescue
- Trench Rescue
- Water Rescue Training (Surface, Boat & Dive)

- Rope Rescue:

 - Rope Technician
 - · Structural Tower Rescue
 - Advanced Rigging





- Rope Operations





Training Hours by Category in 2024

Driver/Operator Training – 9,580 hours

EMS Training – 17,088 hours

Firefighter Training – 113,584 hours

Hazardous Materials Training - 3,949 hours

Officer Training – 9,792 hours

Recruit Training – 7,920 hours

Training Drills - 20,805 hours

Total Fire & EMS Training Hours: 182,718

Over 50 total Live Fire Training sessions were conducted at SCFD's Burn Building in 2024.



"There's a huge family aspect to the fire service, which drew me to this career. At SCFD, we also have specialized teams and lots of opportunities for growth and advancement."

- Firefighter Logan Terrell, Class 24-02

In 2024, there were two graduating recruit classes – Class 24-01 and Class 24-02. These added 32 new personnel to the Department.



In addition to SCFD training all its personnel, last year SCFD instructors trained over 400 employees from more than 20 external fire departments in various classes.

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The Training Center opened in 2003 and has been a fire training hub for local, regional, state, and national fire departments.



BUDGET: \$92.4 MILLION

2.7649 **MILLAGE:**

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Breakdown					
	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY24 Actuals	FY24 Expenditures		
Personnel Services	\$71,991,703	\$72,910,845	70.6%		
Operating Expenditures	\$7,338,238	\$8,303,318	8.0%		
Internal Service Charges	\$6,437,917	\$6,689,874	6.5%		
Capital Outlay	\$5,891,447	\$14,158,777	13.7%		
Grants & Aids	\$785,000	\$1,188,755	1.2%		
Interfund Transfers Out	-	\$18,048	0.02%		
Grand Total	\$92,444,305	\$103,269,617	100.0%		

574 Full-Time Personnel

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

SCFD's 911 Emergency Communication Team consists of 37 personnel.









2 MINUTES, **54 SECONDS**

AVERAGE CALL DURATION

OCTOBER 10, 2024

BUSIEST DAY OF THE YEAR

THURSDAY

BUSIEST AVERAGE DAY

NOON **BUSIEST AVERAGE TIME**

SCFD History Fact: Before consolidating to SCFD, there were 28 different phone numbers citizens called for emergencies depending on where they resided.



PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This year, SCFD hosted more than 25 media outreach events, proactively ensuring the community remains informed about important public safety topics and initiatives. In addition, the Public Information Officer (PIO) Team handled over 1,070 media inquiries and stories, averaging 89 stories per month, many of which featured interviews with subject matter experts.





5,819

FOLLOWERS

@seminolecountyfd



4,859

FOLLOWERS

@scfdpio







SCFD participated in 613 Community Outreach events (averaging 51 events per month) reaching more than 100,000 residents! Events included:

- Fire station visits
- Community educational events, including CPR trainings, health fairs, and school visits
- Open House at Station 11
- Car seat installations and inspections

This year, SCFD hosted a Back-to-School Bash with all Boys & Girls Club Seminole branches, reaching more than 120 kids.





SCFD teaches nearly 500 9th & 11th Grade Students at WSHS Hands-Only CPR









The Save a Life Seminole hands-only CPR initiative held 45 classes and trained 2,471 residents, a 39% increase from the previous year.

The Department values its partnerships with the American Red Cross and Seminole County Public Schools, which requires its 9th and 11th graders to learn basic first aid and CPR.

Last year, SCFD also taught CPR to all 5th graders at Keeth Elementary School in Winter Springs.



SCFD Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians helped install and inspect 80 car seats. One third of car seats are installed incorrectly and this initiative promotes child passenger safety in the community.

Visit www.seminolecountyfl.gov/ communityrelations



A visit to Fire Station 16 when Will Harris was a 3rd grade student at Sabal Point Elementary School. He is now a Firefighter/Paramedic.

SCFD History Fact: Many local young people were inspired to become firefighters at SCFD because their elementary school class visited a fire station!

DROWNING PREVENTION

Seminole County Receives National Drowning Prevention Grant



COMMUNITY HEALTH







Pediatric drownings are a significant public health concern, and the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4. Last year, there were 10 pediatric drownings in Seminole County.

In 2024, Seminole County was awarded a two-year pool safety grant of \$194,535 by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for pool safety, education, training, and enforcement. Only eight state and local governments nationwide were selected to receive portions of more than \$2 million in Pool Safely Grant Program funds.

Seminole County's Community Health Division, SCFD, and the Gunner Martin Foundation partnered to earmark the funds for:

- Free survival swim lessons for Seminole County youth.
- Education to first responders and code enforcement officers to identify potential pool safety hazards and other drowning prevention methods.
- Drowning prevention education and outreach to residents, including free door and pool alarms.

For more Information





3-year-old Kandace benefits from the drowning prevention grant by enrolling in free survival swim lessons at Swim Life.



Drowning prevention advocate Christina Martin, wife of SCFD Firefighter Chris Martin, speaks to the media about the drowning prevention grant. The Martin family lost their son Gunner to a pool drowning.



SCFD History Fact: With 200+ waterways across Seminole County, SCFD created its Dive Team in 1976 to respond to water incidents.



Frontline Units include:

- 16 Engines
- 21 Rescues
- 6 Aerials (4 Towers and 2 Quints)
- 1 Squad Heavy Rescue
- 1 Shift Commander

- 4 Battalions
- 1 EMS 1
- 1 Incident Command Technician (Tech 1)
- 5 Tankers
- 8 Woods Trucks
- 7 Marine Units

- 5 UTVs
- 2 6x6 High-Water Vehicles
- 1 Bariatric Transport Unit
- 1 Mobile Command Unit
- 1 Mass Casualty Unit
- 1 AmbuBus
- 1 Rehab Unit

New Rehab 1/Air & Light Vehicle

Rehab 1 is as a multifunctional apparatus that serves as an air/light and rehab unit. Rehab 1 is deployed to incidents with long durations due to extreme climates for health and safety of fire personnel.

What does Air & Light mean? The apparatus includes a remote controlled light tower, an air compressor, and fill station for breathing apparatuses (air). These help fire personnel to continue working on scene or to be back in full ready status before leaving the scene.



FIRE STATIONS

Abbreviation Key

Busiest

Station

E = Engine | **R** = Rescue | **T** = Tower | **BC**= Battalion Chief

BATTALION 1



Station 11

Constructed in 2023

SERVING ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

2721 S. Ronald Reagan Boulevard, Altamonte Springs

Unit Responses:

Other Units:

E11 – 2,845 R11 – 3,279 Woods Truck 11

Boat 11

UTV 11

Station 12

Constructed in 1985

SERVING ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

325 Douglas Avenue, Altamonte Springs

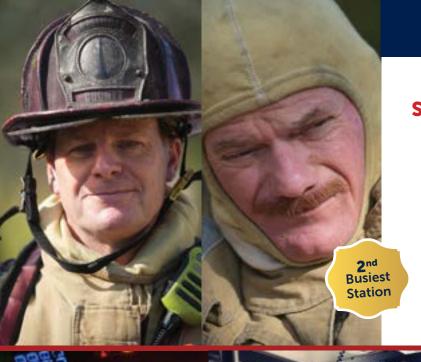
Unit Responses:

BC1 - 1,165

E12 - 4,102

R12 - 3,813

T12 - 1,707



Station 13

Constructed in 2008

SERVING FOREST CITY/BEAR LAKE

3860 E. State Road 436, Apopka

Unit Responses:

E13 - 3,964

R13 - 3,328

T39 - 1,418R14 - 1,139*

Tanker 13

*Peak load unit operates 9 A.M. – 7 P.M., Monday – Friday



Constructed in 1992

SERVING ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

600 Hattaway Drive, Altamonte Springs

Unit Responses:

E14 - 1,301

Station 22

7122 US Highway 17-92, Casselberry

Unit

E22 - 2,767R22 - 2,660

BATTALION 2



Station 21

Constructed in 2005

SERVING CASSELBERRY

681 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry

Unit Responses:

E21 - 2,309EMS1 R21 - 2,028Rehab 1 R28 - 857*

*Peak load unit operates 9 A.M. – 7 P.M., Monday – Friday

Station 23

Constructed circa 1970

SERVING HOWELL BRANCH

4810 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park

Unit Responses:

E23 - 1,998

R23 - 1,853

Station 25

Constructed in 1975

SERVING CASSELBERRY

1055 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry

Unit Responses:

T25 - 2,817

R25 - 2,588





Constructed in 1984

SERVING FERN PARK

Responses:





Station 26

Constructed in 1994

SERVING WINTER SPRINGS/ TUSCAWILLA

850 Northern Way, Winter Springs

Unit Responses:

E26 - 1,771

R26 - 1,670



Station 27

Constructed in 1990

SERVING WINTER SPRINGS/RED BUG

5280 Red Bug Lake Road, Winter Springs

Unit Responses:

BC2 - 727

E27 - 2,806

R27 - 2,268

T27 - 943



Station 29

Constructed in 2018

SERVING JAMESTOWN/ALOMA WOODS

2300 Via Loma Drive, Oviedo

Unit Responses: E29 - 1,236

Other Units:

R29 - 1,235

Woods Truck 29

BATTALION 3



Station 16

Constructed in 1984

SERVING WEKIVA SPRINGS/ SABAL POINT

930 Wekiva Springs Road, Longwood

Unit Responses:

Other Units:

E16 - 1,975

Woods Truck 16

R16 - 2,198

Boat 16

Station 34

Constructed in 1981

SERVING PAOLA/SANFORD

4905 Wayside Drive, Sanford

Unit Responses:

Other Units:

Quint34 - 2,874 R34 - 2,318

Tanker 34 Woods Truck 34

Boat 34

Boat 39

UTV 34

Station 35

Constructed in 1989

SERVING SANFORD/FIVE POINTS

201 W. County Home Road, Sanford

Unit Responses:

Shift Commander E35 - 1,871

R35 - 1,728

Squad 2 – 1,042



Woods Truck 35 Dive Unit 35





Station 36

Constructed in 1985

SERVING LAKE MARY/HEATHROW

6200 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Lake Mary

Unit Responses:

BC3 - 456E36 - 2,676R36 - 2,123



Station 42

Constructed in 1990

SERVING GENEVA

320 W. State Road 46, Geneva

Unit Responses: Other Units:

Woods Truck 42 E42 - 647R42 - 580Airboat 42 **UTV 42** Tanker 42

BATTALION 4



Station 24

Constructed in 1975

SERVING WINTER SPRINGS

102 N. Moss Road, Winter Springs

Unit Responses:

Tech 1 Quint24 - 2,028 R24 - 1,859Tanker 24

Station 41

Constructed in 1981

SERVING MIDWAY

3355 E. State Road 46, Sanford

Unit Responses: Other Units:

BC4 - 392Woods Truck 41 E41 - 1,647Boat 41



Station 43

Constructed in 1984

SERVING CHULUOTA

110 E. 7th Street, Chuluota

Unit Responses: Other Units:

E43 - 667Woods Truck 43 R43 - 600**UTV 43**

Tanker 43



Station 65

Constructed in 2000

SERVING UCF/CARILLON

Joint Station with Orange County Fire Rescue Department

4999 North Orion Boulevard, Orlando

Unit Responses:

Seminole County Rescue 65 – 1,931** Orange County Jurisdiction 860 Seminole County Jurisdiction 1,071

Orange County Engine 65 – 1,767**

Orange County Jurisdiction 661 Seminole County Jurisdiction 1,106





