



STONE POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

Stations 13 & 19

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October 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting October 15, 2024

The October 2024 monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Stoney Point Fire Department Inc. was called to order by Chairman Daniel Brown and was led in prayer by Director Joel Siles at 7:30 PM. The meeting was conducted at the principle office of the corporation Station 19.

A: Roll Call:

Board Members Present:		Board Members Absent:	
Daniel C. Brown	Chair	Jerry R. Hall	Member
Larry D. Townsend	Vice-Chair		
Roger F. Hall	Secretary		
Gary Turlington	Treasurer		
Robert "Bo" Barbour	Member		
Joel A. Siles	Member		
Chief Officers Present:		Chief Officers Absent:	
Freddy L. Johnson Sr.	Fire Chief	Freddy L. Johnson Jr.	Deputy Chief
Sean C. Johnson	Assistant Chief		

B: ANNUAL / SPECIAL / PUBLIC HEARING MEETING:

N/A

C: READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

- Secretary Roger Hall presented the minutes from September 17, 2024, Monthly Board of Directors' meeting for review and approval. Chair Brown called for the approval of the September 17, 2024, annual and Monthly Board of Directors' minutes. Vice Chair Larry Townsend made a **MOTION** to approve the September 17, 2024, Monthly Board of Directors' minutes as presented. The motion was **SECONDED** by Treasurer Gary Turlington and **APPROVED** by all members present.



D: REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

1. **General Information:** –

1. Chief Johnson welcomed the directors to our October 2024 Board of Directors meeting.
2. **Personnel:** Chief Johnson announced that our personnel posture is maintained. We recently hired Firefighter/EMT Chris Wadkins from the Sunday night duty crew to replace Firefighter/EMT Marcus Valdeperas who resigned to accept a job with Hope Mills Fire Department earlier this month.

E: Apparatus Fleets:

1. He provided a quick update on Truck 1351 which is still waiting on parts, which were on an 18-week delay due to supply issues, and we are still looking at a January 2025 delivery and repair.

2. The Chief announced that over the weekend he traveled to Wooster, Ohio to attend a construction conference for our new 2025 FiroVac 3500 Gallon Tanker which will be built on a Freightliner Chassis. We only made minor changes to the already approved specifications. He stated that we requested to replace the front tires with a bigger platform tire, versus the factory installed front tires. We also reduced the size of our 24-inch front extended bumper down to about 10 inches, or just big enough to accommodate the front mini-deluge gun. Made



some graphics changes to include the words Fire & Rescue, added Tanker 1921 to both sides of the hood of the truck and on the rear of the water tank. Also asked the engineer to see what our options are to install a roll up door versus a canvas cover for the booster hose compartment in the rear of the apparatus. The Chief passed around photos of our chassis.

[Picture top right](#) – 2025 Freightliner Chassis – [Picture center left](#) – Tanker box fabrication in progress. [Picture bottom right](#) – 3500 Gallon Aluminum water tanks.



3. **FY 2024 – 2025** Vehicle, Equipment Maintenance and Fuel Expenditures as of October 15, 2024, (List from Quicken) (Previous two (2) Fiscal Years for comparison purposes)

UNIT #	NOMENCLATURE	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
1319	1960 American LaFrance (Antique)	26.94	6,222.29	0.00
1331	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT	13,310.97	22,477.67	41.71
1332	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	9,650.25	30,741.79	2,922.21
1333	1988 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	4,687.60	3,201.21	87.73
1341	**1994 LMTV 2.5 Ton Brush	10,292.04	14,154.64	0.00
1351	1996 E-One 75ft Aerial Ladder	1,753.00	14,493.19	815.79
1362	2023 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	1,115.07	1,207.79	1,159.92
1371	2021 GMC Sierra 1500 4 X 4	846.60	1,504.09	0.00
1391	2023 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1301)	9,310.49	1,675.83	0.00
R-13	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT-Walk In	5,050.49	4,713.30	988.30
1911	2006 Pierce Dash Engine	6,767.84	23,334.95	3,760.06
1931	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	18,983.60	30,154.57	336.44
1941	Out of Service Pending Replacement	3,949.59	2,490.46	N/A
1961	1984 Chevrolet ¼ Ton Diesel-Lift Gate	918.55	457.16	151.40
1962	2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	659.21	3,709.61	1,044.83
1963	2017 – Auxiliary Support Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
1991	2019 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1303)	1,436.69	2,575.40	105.87
Air-19	2016 Mobile Air Trailer	0.00	51.06	0.00
Boat 1981	14” Zodiac Inflatable 25 HP	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boat 1986	19” Rescue 1 Connector Boat 50 HP	392.60	0.00	0.00
Trailers	2009 Boat Trailer Double Stack	0.00	0.00	326.17
U-Trailer	Utility Trailer (Small & Large)	393.76	0.00	0.00
Cmd Trl	2006 FEMA Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	RELATED VEH EXPENSES	7,897.78	3,060.99	1,147.01
	Total Vehicle Maintenance	97,443.07	166,226.20	11,545.10
	EQUIPMENT OTHER	22,094.26	29,570.96	4,583.93
	TOTAL VEH/EQUIP EXPENSES	120,137.33	195,797.16	16,130.03
	BUDGETED (\$120,000.00)			
	GASOLINE & FUELS (\$40,000)	46,389.69	37,095.62	6,261.87
	FY-BUDGETED TOTAL 160,000	164,095.48	232,892.78	
	Total over / under Budget	+\$6,527.02	+\$72,898.78	

F: Building and Grounds:

1. The Chief advised that we replaced our roof at Station 13 in 2004 with a 30-year roof. We do have storm damage on our roof that we will need to be looked at and mitigated before too long.
2. During the recent tropical storm, we had a significant water leak at Station 19 coming in through the front door. We have since mitigated the leak by replacing our flashing associated with the awning and installing weather stripping.



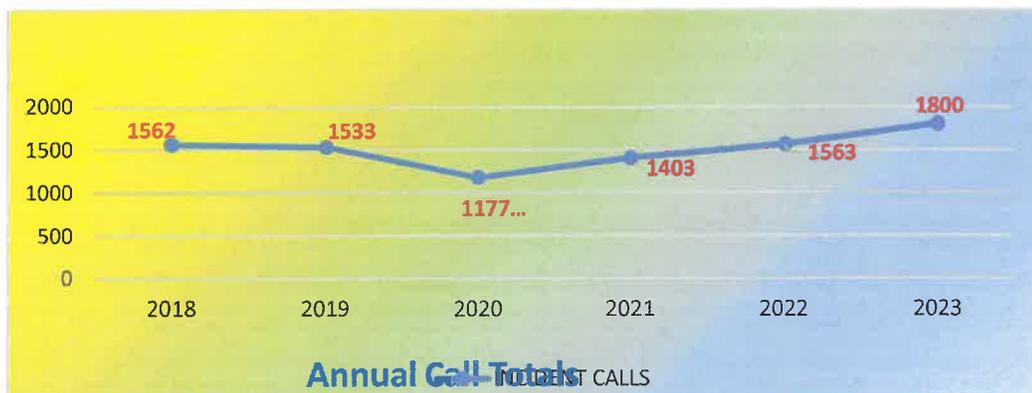
3. Building and Grounds Expenditure Chart as of October 15, 2024

BUILDING AND GROUNDS EXPENDITURES	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
Station # 13 – 7221 Stoney Point Road – Building	15,565.74	35,701.43	17,040.52	13,984.36	1,790.99
Station # 13 – 7221 Stoney Point Road – Grounds	2,123.52	111,335.19	2,678.44	4,548.21	1,605.47
Station # 19 – 2190 Lake Upchurch Dr – Building	15,147.35	8,902.83	10,030.46	5,219.92	416.46
Station # 19 - 2190 Lake Upchurch Dr – Grounds	1,533.35	11,043.19	7,436.20	1,451.16	448.33
Consumable Items	5,689.12	9,084.38	6,613.85	5,366.84	1,987.51
Maintenance Building Other	725.46	1,606.23	834.16	1,768.26	0.00
Maintenance Grounds Other	894.31	1,453.45	652.91	0.00	448.33
TOTAL PAY OUT	\$41,678.85	\$179,126.76	\$45,664.85	\$32,338.75	6,368.76

G. Fire Conditions:

- The Chief advised that this year we are continuing to answer more calls compared to last year. (See Charts below – Monthly calls by year and annual trend line chart.)

MONTH	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	159	163	139	131	146	117	127	138	169
FEBRUARY	136	141	113	110	142	97	119	103	156
MARCH	156	138	137	120	122	126	126	156	176
APRIL	139	134	130	114	072	114	125	143	167
MAY	144	120	128	128	069	96	124	154	175
JUNE	126	100	131	122	059	113	140	133	188
JULY	135	153	132	113	074	102	117	156	151
AUGUST	175	147	108	129	118	118	147	143	179
SEPTEMBER	169	120	144	143	084	122	148	151	145
OCTOBER	198	150	137	131	077	135	120	166	
NOVEMBER	147	127	132	140	098	140	116	167	
DECEMBER	214	138	131	152	116	123	154	188	
TOTALS	1898	1631	1562	1533	1177	1403	1563	1800	1506



2. The Chief reviewed with the board members our monthly statistics through the end of September 2024 with 1506 incident responses. We are on track this year to exceed our annual response record. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, when our annual calls dropped down to only 1177, we are looking at a 60% increase over the last 3 years by the end of this year. See Enclosure # 2)

H: Training Report:

1. The Chief advised that the Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center Phase II Groundbreaking ceremony held on Tuesday October 1, 2024, was well attended, and received positive media coverage.
2. The Chief advised that during the month of October our training will focus on Public Fire Life Safety Education (FLSE) that we will incorporate into our annual Trail of Terror fund raiser. We generally have over 10,000 people attend and that gives us a great opportunity to get our fire safety message out. In addition to our direct delivery here at the station, we are also advertising on seven (7) electronic billboards throughout Cumberland County with fire safety messages throughout the month.
3. During the month we are scheduling make up training, while continuing our recruit training program, which will go on up until about the middle of December. We will continue on-line training until the end of the year and start all over again starting in January. The Chief also stated that next year 2025 will be a critical training year, whereas we are up for our ISO reinspection in early 2026.
4. The Chief stated that we have two (2) of our volunteer members enrolled in the day-time fire academy class at the regional Fire and Rescue Training Center. Classes are running Monday through Friday starting at 0700 hours with PT and running until 1700 hours until January 2025.
5. We also have several of our members attending the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) Basic class at Puppy Creek Fire Department in Hoke County. Classes are running Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays and every other weekend until February 2025.
6. The Chief advised that the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for January 28 through February 1, 2024, in Concord. All our Chief Officers have been scheduled to attend. Captain Joe Belcher our Senior Captain will be in charge during our absence and in case of an emergency we are about 1:45 hour drive away.
7. The Chief advised that FDIC 2025 in Indianapolis, Indiana also opened registration and Captain Zamora, Asst. Chief Hanzal and Chief Johnson Sr. will be attending. Asst. Chief S. Johnson will be attending after being picked by the CCFCA lottery at no cost to Stoney Point.



I: REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget Information

1. Treasurer Gary Turlington presented the treasurer’s report and provided the current fund balance and financial information from all sources.

Balances	As of October 15, 2024,	\$	1,558,343.84	First Citizens.
	6-month CD as of 06/17/2024,	\$	216,484.23	14% of Budget.
	Total Cash Flow Available	\$	1,774,828.07	Total Available Funds

Approved County FY 24/25 Budget				\$1,143,776.00
	County Budget Funding Received YTD			\$90,609.43
	FY 21-22 County Budget Funding Pending YTD			\$1,053,166.57
	FY-24/25 Additional Payments above approved Budget			\$0.00

	Portable Radio Grant FY 24/25 (CCFCA) Grant			\$518,988.00
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Radion Gant R received			\$0.00
	County Fire District FY 23/24 Grant Program Pending -			\$0.00
	County Fire District FY 24/25 (SPFD) PPE Grant Program Requested			\$59,997.50
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Gant Program Received			\$0.00
	(SPFD) American Recovery Plan (ARP)			\$50,000.00
	County Fire District FY 24/25 Gant Program Received			\$50,000.00
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Grant Program Pending -			\$0.00

	Approved Fayetteville FY 24/25 Budget			\$493,334.00
	Fayetteville City Funding Received YTD			\$246,667.00
	Fayetteville City Funding Pending YTD			\$246,667.00

	Approved Town of Hope Mills Contract FY 23/24 Budget			\$ 75,000.00
	Hope Mills Budget Funding Received YTD			\$ 0.00
	Hope Mills Funding FY-2023-24 Pending			\$0.00
	Town of Hope Mills 1-time Debt Assumption Payment			\$16,451.06-Outsanding - On-Going since -2014

	Combined County / COF / & Hope Mills Approved FY 23/24 Budget			\$2,341,095.50
	Combined FY 23/24 COF / HM & County Budget Received YTD			\$214,616.61
	Combined FY 21/22 COF / HM & County Budget Pending			\$2,003,819.18
	Other Income (First Citizen Bank) -			\$140,002.09
	Other Income /Tax Refund (Sales & Fuel Tax) -			\$62,856.99
Total Board Funds YTD received 24/25 to date ALL SOURCES				\$540,217.24



2. Treasurer Gary Turlington advised that due to work-related distraction he was not able to conduct his monthly September 2024 financial review. He announced that he will provide both September and October financials during our November 2024 meeting.
3. **Auxiliary Account** - Treasurer Tracie Johnson, via text message provided the Auxiliary Account fund balance of **\$402,758.75** as of today. The Chief provided a rundown of funds expanded from the auxiliary account. The first two weekends of our trail of terror fund-raiser produced \$73,191.50 in revenues, minus overhead for food, (2) deputies and our nightly bands.
4. **Miscellaneous Firefighter Account** (Ice & Cans) - Our balance as of 05/31/2024 is **\$9,051.05** With our seasonal ice sales ending on September 30, 2024, we have a large deposit pending. The Chief advised that the following checks have been written since our last report in June 2024.
5. **Firefighter Relief Fund – Board Vice-Chairman Townsend who also serves as treasurer of the firefighter’s relief fund board advised that our current relief fund checkbook balance as of October 15, remains at \$14,475.29** . Our current relief fund CD is up for renewal and Chief Johnson was informed by our North State Bank representative that interest rates have been reduced, however she was not able to provide the bank’s current rate. The current balance is **\$94,623.67** for a combined total of **\$109,098.96** **We received \$13,621.37 for our 2023 distribution.**
6. **Child Passenger Safety Seat Account** – The Chief advised that the fund balance with TRUIST remains at **\$940.51**
7. **Station 19 Building Loan** - Vice Chair Townsend updated the members of the board and stated that the current balance on our Station 19 building loan with First Citizens Bank as of September 17, 2024, remains at **\$404,872.48** with fifty-six (53) monthly payments consisting of **\$7,562.05** remaining.
8. **Pierce Fire Truck Loan– (\$1,400,000.00 - First Citizens Bank)** – Chief Johnson Sr. reported that the outstanding commercial loan balance is **\$491,278.28**. (Annual payments are \$159,842.49) Chief Johnson also stated that we have one annual payment left in 2025 and a double balloon payment consisting of \$319,684.98 in 2026 to pay off the loan. We have planned to address the scheduled balloon payment in 2026.

J: REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

1. **Policy Committee** Meets Annually, next meeting is scheduled for May 2025. The policy committee did meet on May 30, 2024, for our annual review and made several recommendations.
2. **Building & Grounds Committee** - See Item F (On-going during our BOD monthly meetings).
3. **Small Tools & Gear Committee** – Meets Annually – Next Meeting is scheduled for May 2025
4. **Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Committee** - Chief Johnson Sr., stated that a special Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Committee, met on May 9, 2024. Minutes are on file. The committee voted to move to an annual meeting format. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2025.
5. **Budget Committee** (Meets Annually) The next Budget Committee meeting will be during the 2025-26 budget cycle tentatively scheduled for the month of April 2025.
6. **Safety and Health Committee** – All quarterly meeting minutes are current and on file.



K: OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Chief again advised the members of the board that we are a little less than two (2) months away from our 2024 Annual Family Christmas Dinner coming up on Sunday December 8, 2024, starting at 1 PM at the Cape Fear Valley Health Center Banquet Hall on Melrose Drive. This is the same location as our dinner last year.
2. The Chief updated the members of the board about our 2024 Trail of Terror starting up on Friday October 4th from 8 PM until 11 PM and running every weekend in October.
3. The Chief advised that he just returned from FIROVAC Power System Incl in Ohio for an inspection of our chassis and tank. The Chief advised that the chassis for our new Tanker has been shipped to FIROVAC Power Systems, and we received an invoice for the 2025 Freightliner 114SD Chassis in the amount of \$160,058.00 payable to Cleveland Freightliner Inc. in Parma Ohio. Our tanker, according to FIRO-VAC is still on schedule for a January 2025 delivery.
4. Still pending our CC Fire Protection District Grant, in the amount of \$59,997.50 to purchase ten (10) sets of PPE. The grant was approved, and the gear has been delivered. We are now pending reimbursement from Cumberland County.

L: CLOSED SESSION - WHEN APPLICABLE:

1. The members of the board went into closed session at 2010 hours to discuss personnel issues. The closed session adjourned at 2025 hour and re-convened the open session.

M: NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Brown inquired with the members about increasing the Fire Chiefs' compensation package, who is currently our lowest paid employee. Treasurer Gary Turlington at the time introduced a **MOTION** to increase Chief Johnson Sr.'s salary by \$5000.00 immediately followed by a \$5000.00 increase on March 1, 2025, which will even Chief Johnson salary with our current starting salary for qualified firefighters. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Secretary Roger Hall and **APPROVED** by all members present. Vice Chair Townsend will coordinate with the Clerk to the Board to implement the salary increase.
2. The Chief discussed Hurricane Helene and personnel responding to the mountains
3. The Chief informed the board members that our monthly Blue Cross & Blue Shield medical benefits have increased from \$357.00 per member to \$514.00 per member. We currently have 16 members receiving medical benefits through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The increase incurred an additional amount of \$98,688.00 to our annual budget.
4. The Chief briefed the members of the board about the Manchester Fire District and that the Westarea VFD picked up the contract from Cumberland County.
5. The CCFCA is also currently coordinating the Fiscal Year 2024-25 SCIF grant project. The project provides each Volunteer District with about \$7000.00 + in equipment. This year's equipment grant includes – Stiehl Equipment and an EV plug that is used to de-energize electric vehicles.



N: ACCIDENT/MISHAP TRACKING:

This section was created to track injuries, accidents and mishaps involving department owned vehicles, apparatuses, equipment, and real property. The chart below represents accident tracking data for the current Fiscal Year. A complete accident report prepared by the department safety officer is available and is on file for each trackable item. The chart will be updated monthly for board review.

Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Reportable Accidents			
TYPE OF ACCIDENT	EMPLOYEE	COSTS	REMARKS
Fiscal Year 2024			
02/14/2024 - 1931 struck a low tree limb w/damage	FFs Van-Kan / Mhadi	\$480.00	Repaired
05/05/2024 - 1962 – Jack-Knifed Trailer	Mhadi	\$1,260.00	Repaired
Fiscal Year 2025			
08-14-2024 – Damaged Bay Door	FF. Crowe	\$883.75	Repaired

O: Adjournment:

With no further business Chair Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; Director Joel Siles made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The motion was **SECONDED** by Treasurer Gary Turlington and **APPROVED** by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 2022 hours. **The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 19, 2024, beginning at 7:30 PM at Station # 13.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger F. Hall
ROGER F. HALL
Secretary

Cc.

- 1 - Each Board Member
- 1 - Board File / Minutes Book / Web Page
- 1 - Accountant File Copy

2 Enclosures:

- 1. Board Member Attendance Roster
- 2. September 2024 Fire Statistics



2024

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S & PRIMARY STAFF
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

##	NAME	JAN (16) Sta. 13	FEB (20) Sta. 19	MAR (19) Sta. 13	APR (16) Sta. 19	MAY (21) Sta. 19	JUN (18) Sta. 19	JUL (16) Sta. 13	AUG (20) Sta. 19	SEP (17) Sta. 13	OCT (22) Sta. 19	NOV (19) Sta. 19	DEC (17) Sta. 19
01	Daniel C. Brown - President (2024)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
02	Larry Townsend V-President (2026)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
03	Roger Hall - Secretary (2024)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
04	Gary Turlington – Treasurer (2026)	P	N/A	Work	P	Vacation	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
05	Joel Siles (2026)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
06	Jerry Hall – (2026)	P	N/A	Work	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	Work		
07	Bo Barbour - (2024)	Medical	N/A	Medical	Medical	Medical	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
08	Freddy Johnson Sr. - Chief (Annually)	P	N/A	P	P		P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
09	Freddy Johnson Jr. - Deputy Chief	SHP	N/A	SHP	SHP	SHP	P	N/A	N/A	P	SHP		
10	Sean Johnson – Asst. Chief	P	N/A	SHP	P		Asheville	N/A	N/A	FTCC	P		
11	Kevin T. Murphy – Asst. Chief	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused
12	Brandon Hanzal – Asst. Chief	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused

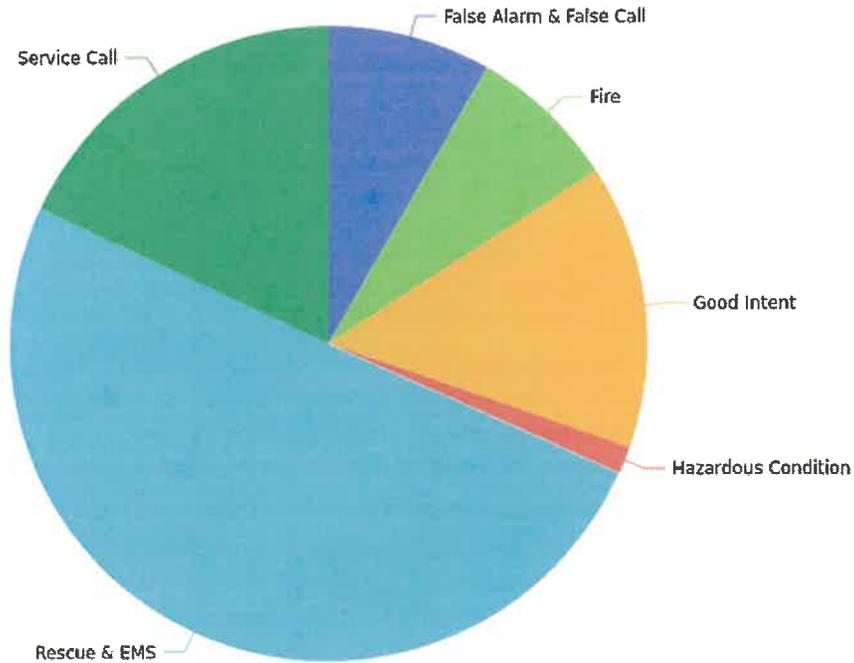
**P-Present - A-Absent - N/A – No Meeting Conducted A-E – Absent & not required to attend by invitation only. N/A No Meeting-
CC telephonic conference call participation.**

- Due to **summer vacations**, Board of Directors meetings are not scheduled for the months of **July** and **August 2024** unless there is a pressing need or emergency.
- Except for the Fire and Deputy Chief – Assistant Fire Chief Officers are **not** required to attend the monthly board meetings unless directed by the Fire Chief
- The board meeting on 02/20/24 was canceled due to seasonal flu and COVID Strain that affected a quorum.

● **Enclosure # 1 Board Minutes October 15, 2024**



Report EOM+ Year to Date September 2024



INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME	MONTHLY TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Hazardous Condition		2
Fire		11
False Alarm & False Call		12
Good Intent		21
Service Call		26
Rescue & EMS		73
Total		145

Description: Report will show total monthly calls

Criteria: PSAP Call Date/Time between 2024-09-01 00:00:00 and 2024-09-30 00:00:00

SPFD BOARD ENCLOSURE #2