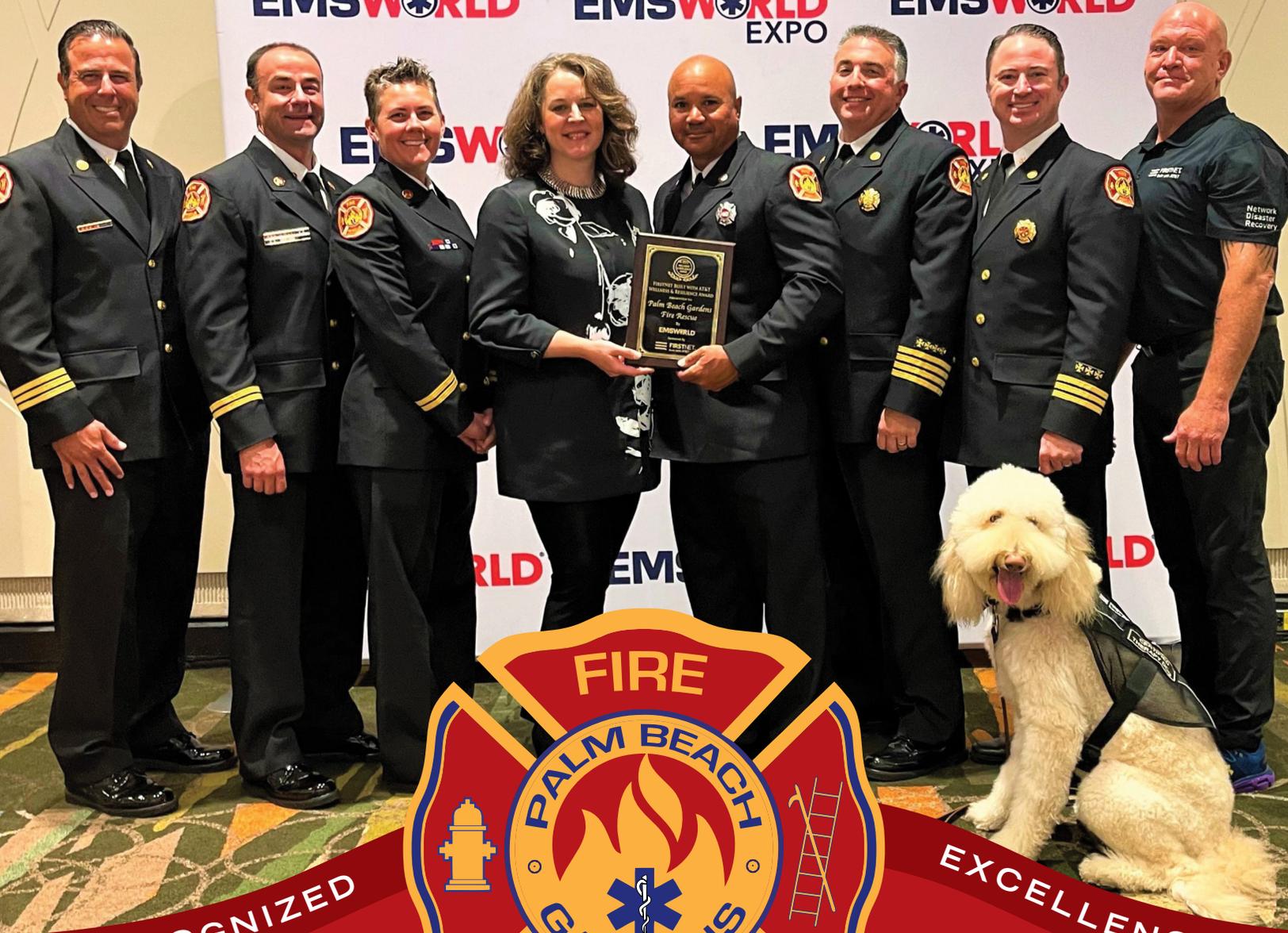


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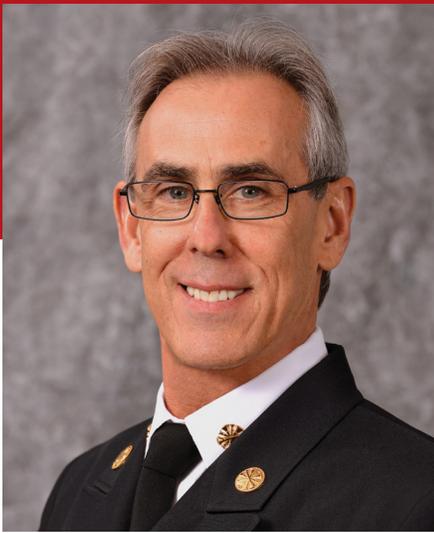
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RECOGNIZED

EXCELLENCE

ANNUAL REPORT



FIRE CHIEF



KEITH BRYER, CFO

First, I would like to thank all our personnel for all of the great work they do in protecting our community. Your dedication and commitment to public service are second to none.

In 2022, the department successfully mitigated over 13,700 emergency calls for service, making this the busiest year in the history of the department.

We are especially proud of the recognition we received in 2022, which validates our commitment to excellence. We received the Florida Department of Health's **EMS Educator of the Year Award** and, for the 8th year in a row, the American Heart Association's **Mission: Lifeline** award, which is given to agencies who meet strict treatment criteria for treating patients suffering a heart attack. "Attaining this honor EIGHT TIMES IN A ROW is nothing short of extraordinary and reveals the ongoing culture of excellence, dedication, and lifesaving skills of our paramedics, EMTs, firefighters and leadership," said Medical Director Kenneth A. Scheppeke, MD, FAEMS.

Additionally, the department earned the EMSWorld/First Net AT&T **Wellness & Resilience Award** and the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association's **Firefighter**

Safety, Health, and Wellness Award of Excellence. These two awards recognize our commitment to the safety, health, and wellness of our firefighters and we could not be prouder to have received these two prestigious awards.

We were re-accredited by the **Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services** in November. The department passed with flying colors as the assessors had no recommendations for improvement! We remain the only agency in Palm Beach County to be dually accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services.

We have begun to move forward with the building of Station 6, which will be located in the western boundary of the City in the Avenir community. The 21 personnel needed to staff the station have been hired and will begin their recruit academies in early 2023. The station is expected to be open in July 2024.

The department deployed two strike teams to the west coast of Florida to assist in the recovery efforts after Hurricane Ian. Strike team members volunteer for these deployments, which are physically and mentally exhausting, and require 12-hour shifts under deplorable conditions. We are proud of their contribution to the recovery efforts.

This year was an exceptionally difficult time for the department as we lost one of our own, Captain Richard "Brian" Wolnewitz, after his courageous 2 ½ year battle with cancer. Brian had over 20 years of dedicated service to the City and is greatly missed each and every day.

As we look forward to 2023, we will continue to provide world-class fire and EMS services to our residents and business owners, utilizing cutting edge emergency medical protocols, best practices, and the latest technology. Be well and stay safe.



IN MEMORIAM

Captain Richard "Brian" Wolnewitz

Feb. 16, 1978 - Aug. 16, 2022

CITY & DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

MISSION

DEDICATED
PROFESSIONALS
DEVOTED TO THE
DELIVERY OF
EXCEPTIONAL
SERVICES TO OUR
COMMUNITY.

VALUES

- P**ROFESSIONAL
- R**ESPONSIVE
- I**NNOVATIVE
- D**EDICATED
- E**XCELLENCE

SQUARE MILES

58.9

POPULATION

60,000

ANNUAL BUDGET

\$33,888,590

ISO
RATING:

2*

118

Number of
Uniformed
Personnel

17

Number of
Civilian
Personnel

*The department has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) of 2. The ISO PPC is used to help establish fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. PPC ranges from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet minimum criteria. The lower the classification, the lower the insurance rate.

5

Fire
Stations

6

Engines

8

Rescue
Units

1

Ladder**

1

Truck***

2

Brush
Trucks

**Fire engine with 75' hydraulic ladder

***Fire engine with 100' hydraulic ladder and attached platform

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



2022
Mission:
Lifeline®

GOLD PLUS

EMS

Earned the American Heart Association's **Mission: Lifeline Gold Plus** award again in 2022! This marks the eighth year in a row that the Department has been recognized for its efforts in caring for and treating patients having a heart attack.



Awarded the 2022 **Wellness and Resilience Award** from the National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) and EMS World Magazine. This award represents the department's commitment to keeping its personnel physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.



Earned re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for the second time. Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue remains the first and only agency to be dually accredited in Palm Beach County.



Awarded the Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Award in **EMS Education**. This award recognizes those who have taken a leadership role and have made a positive contribution in the field of EMS education within the community and throughout the state and nationally.



The department's Health and Wellness Committee accepted the 2022 Florida Fire Chiefs' Association **Firefighter Safety, Health & Wellness Award of Excellence**. This award recognized the efforts made by the department in contributing to the overall safety, health, and wellness culture.



Won the PulsePoint AED contest and received a \$5,000 grant to purchase additional AEDs. District Captain Terrana and Rescue Lieutenant Ventura registered 179 AEDs to win the contest, bringing the total number of registered AEDs within the City to 279.



Mobilized two strike teams that were charged with re-establishing emergency medical services and coordinating evacuations on hurricane-ravaged Fort Myers Beach. The Department's chaplain, Chad Lang, also deployed as part of a group of fire department chaplains to support first responders and residents.



Received the new, state-of-the-art air and light and ladder trucks.

PERSONNEL ACHIEVEMENTS



2022 AWARDS

WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN MEMORIAL (FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR):

- Fire Medic Bruce Donofrio

SHAWN THURMAN MEMORIAL (PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR):

- Rescue Lieutenant Sloan Grimsley

ANTHONY BONIELLO MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

- Fire Inspector Jacqueline Seay

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

- Fire Inspector Jacqueline Seay

FIRE CHIEF COMMENDATION:

- Community Risk Educator Casey Cline
- District Captain Richard Jimenez
- Captain Robert Kuczynski
- Chaplain Chad Lang
- Fire Inspector Anthony Perez
- District Captain Ashley Terrana

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

- Battalion Chief Jason O'Brien
- Fire Inspector Andrea Santa

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD:

- Driver/Engineer Robert Bickel
- Driver/Engineer Stephen Medford
- Administrative Chief David Murry
- Driver/Engineer Donald Toler
- Rescue Lieutenant Michael Ventura
- Driver/Engineer Brian Wichele
- Rescue Lieutenant Cody Wohlitka

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - HURRICANE IAN:

- Fire Medic Julie Dudley
- Firefighter George Ferguson
- Fire Medic Kent Goby
- Captain Jeffrey Green
- Battalion Chief David Markle
- Rescue Lieutenant Ernesto Mauri
- Rescue Lieutenant Ryan Winkelman
- Rescue Lieutenant Cody Wohlitka

CITIZEN MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

- Captain Steen Eriksson, Retired

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

- Josh Turpie, TECO Peoples Gas



2022 PROMOTIONS

- Cory Bessette, Assistant Chief of Operations
- David Murry, Administrative Chief
- Kevin Cherubin, Captain
- Monica Marzullo, Captain
- Chase Garitson, Rescue Lieutenant
- Michal Ilarraza, Rescue Lieutenant
- Andrew Logan, Rescue Lieutenant
- Carlos Urquiza, Rescue Lieutenant
- Brandon Rouer, Driver/Engineer
- Mark Shutts, Driver/Engineer

2022 NEW HIRES

- Christopher Denhart, Quartermaster
- Mark Halleran, Fire Inspector
- Mark Kane, Fire Inspector
- John Moore, Fire Plans Examiner
- Joel Orr, Logistics Coordinator
- Darius Young, Logistics Coordinator
- Kyle Drew, Fire Medic
- Vintavis Taylor, Fire Medic



2022 ORANGE TO BLACK CEREMONY*

- Fire Medic Andrew Branch
- Fire Medic Anthony Munoz
- Fire Medic Jennifer Woerner
- Fire Medic Carlos Iriban
- Fire Medic Bryan Bonavia
- Fire Medic David Rocklage

*Recruits who have successfully completed their one-year probation.

RETIREES

We would like to thank the following personnel for their years of dedicated service:

NAME	RANK	YEARS
Paul Magnano	Driver/Engineer	23
Dawn Smith	Fire Inspector	10

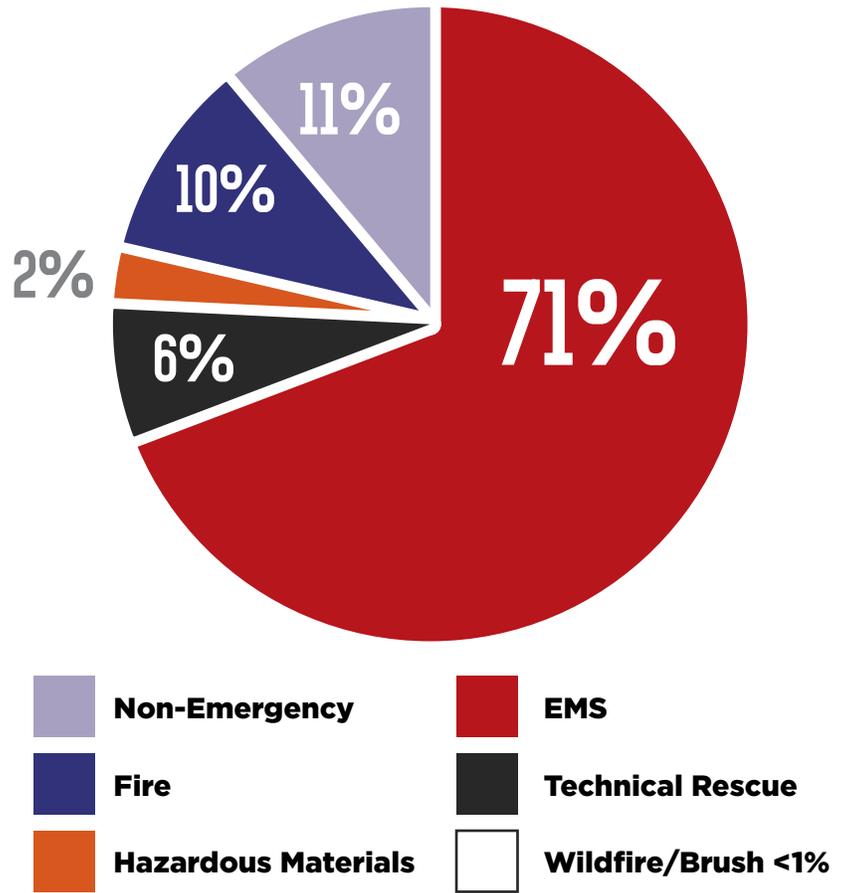


EMERGENCY RESPONSES



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME
5 MINUTES AND 55 SECONDS

TYPES OF CALLS IN PALM BEACH GARDENS



EMERGENCY CALLS WITHIN PBG

8,309
EMS

698
Technical Rescue
(includes car accidents, construction accidents, open water incidents, high-angle rescue, and industrial incidents)

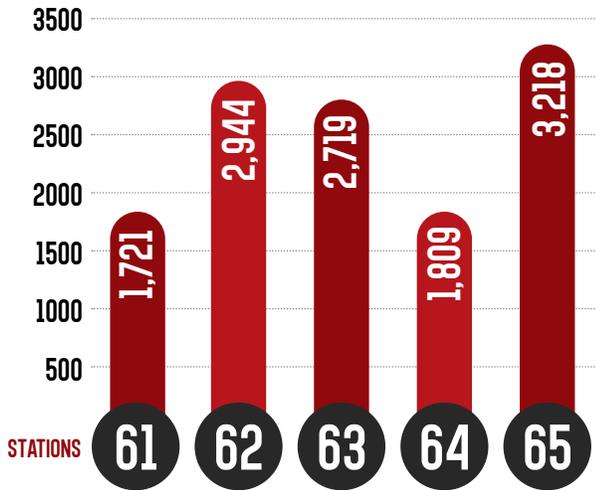
243
Hazardous Materials
(includes gas leaks, carbon monoxide alarms, and chemical emergencies)

1,163
Fire
(includes structure fires, vehicle fires, and fire alarms)

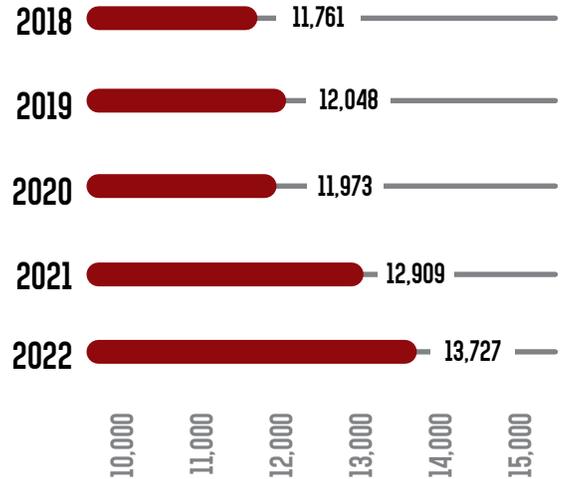
32
Wildland/Brush

CALL VOLUMES

EMERGENCY CALLS PER STATION ZONE

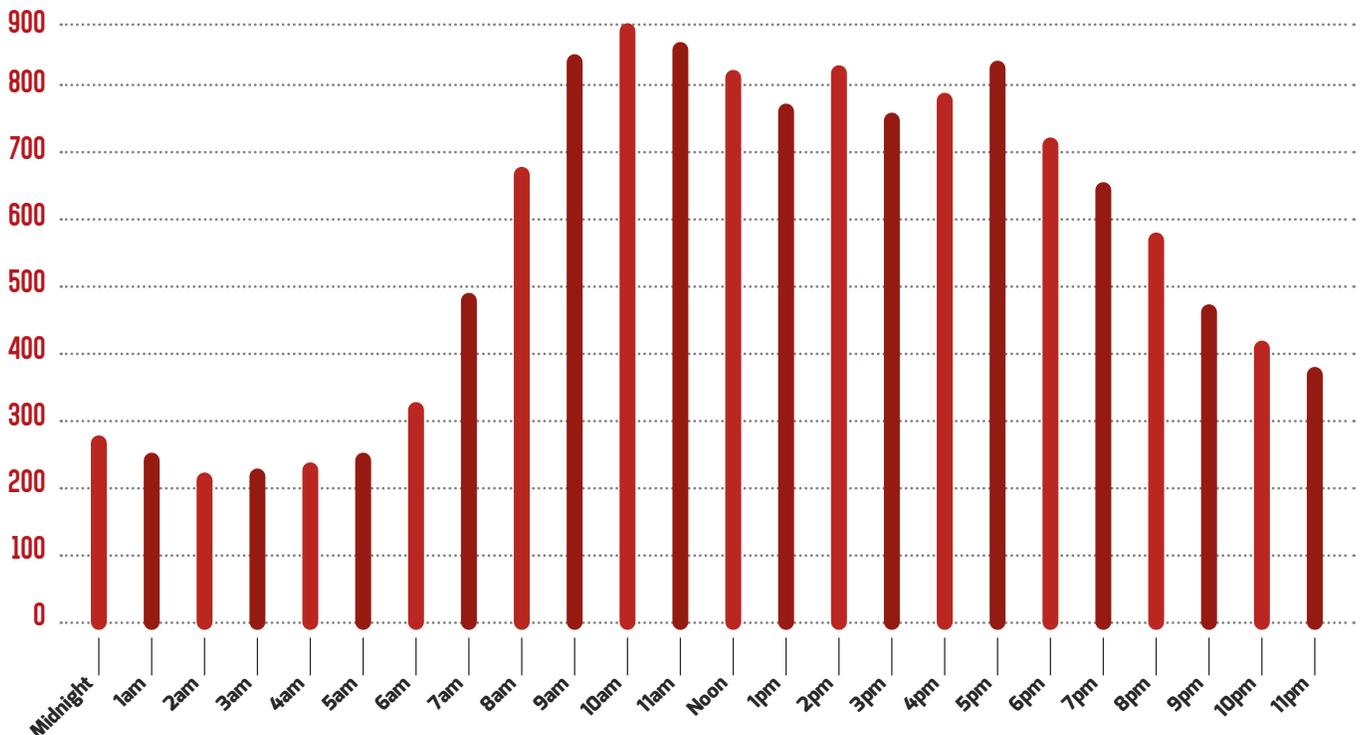


TOTAL CALL VOLUME BY YEAR*



*These call volumes include responses to surrounding communities based on automatic aid agreements with other departments.

RESPONSES BY HOUR OF THE DAY



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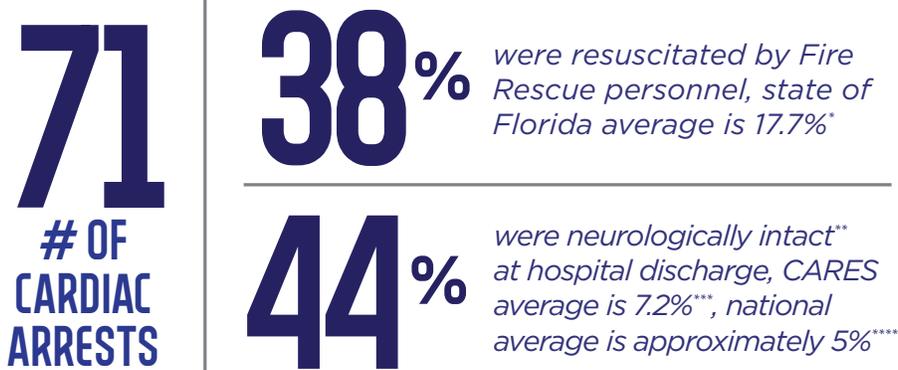
TOP 5 EMS CALLS

NUMBER OF ALERTS



Patients that meet “alert” criteria are critically ill and require rapid transport to specialty hospitals so that they can receive the best possible care in order to decrease morbidity and mortality. The goal is to provide rapid stabilization and short on-scene times of 10 minutes or less. Hospitals are notified early, so that they can prepare to receive the patient upon Fire Rescue’s arrival.

CARDIAC ARREST



*Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight EMS Reported ROSC 1/6/2015 **Neurologically intact means that a person was resuscitated without suffering permanent brain damage. ***Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) 2021 Annual Report, Figure 16. ****Prediction of Neurologically Intact Survival in Cardiac Arrest Patients without Pre-Hospital Return of Spontaneous Circulation: Machine Learning Approach, March 2021.

[1]

TRAUMATIC INJURY
(such as fall with injury or car accident injury)

[2]

UNSPECIFIED ILLNESS
(such as dizziness or sick person)

[3]

GENERAL WEAKNESS

[4]

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

[5]

FAINTING

TRAINING DIVISION



FIRE
TRAINING
HOURS
16,858

EMS
TRAINING
HOURS
7,097

OTHER
TRAINING
HOURS
10,660

Other training hours include activities such as behavioral health, 'hot wash' discussions to review significant calls, probationary training, development academies for the promotional process, and daily physical training.



Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue personnel hold the following certifications:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

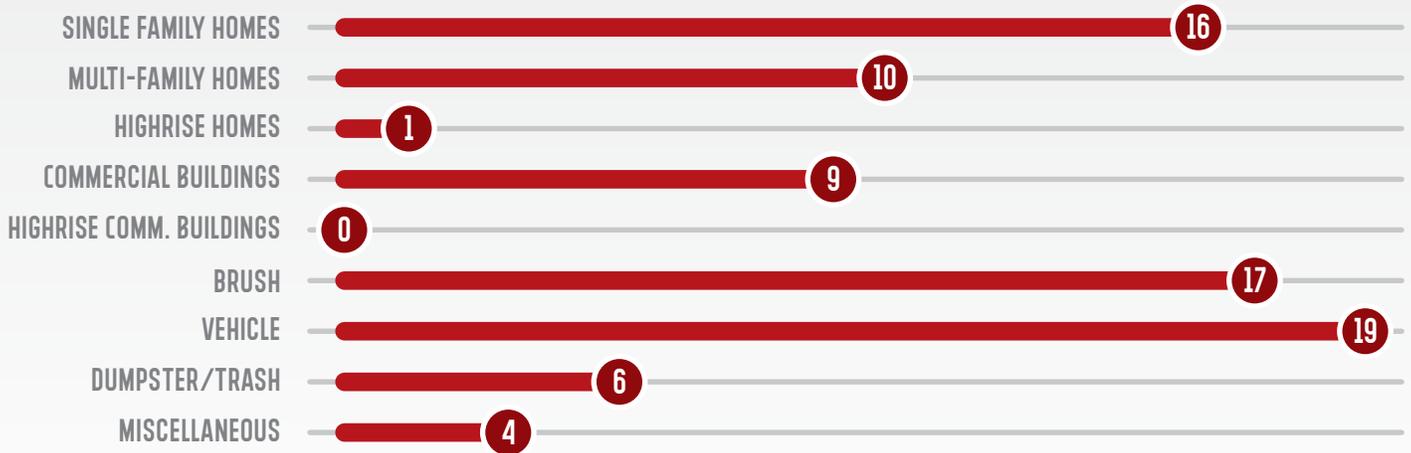
D I V I S I O N



[FIRES]

WITHIN
CITY LIMITS

FIRES WITHIN PBG



STRUCTURE FIRE CONTAINMENT*

26

Contained to Object
Where Fire Started

08

Contained to Room
Where Fire Started

02

Fire Spread within
the Occupancy

00

Fire Spread to an
Adjacent Occupancy

INJURIES/DEATHS DUE TO FIRE

2

CIVILIAN
INJURIES

0

CIVILIAN
DEATHS

0

FIREFIGHTER
INJURIES

0

FIREFIGHTER
DEATHS

**Includes single family homes, multi-family, highrise homes, and commercial buildings*

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

64

SCHOOL
PROGRAMS

24

STATION
TOURS

33

CPR
PARTICIPANTS

4,590

TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS

9,640



[OUR COMMUNITY]

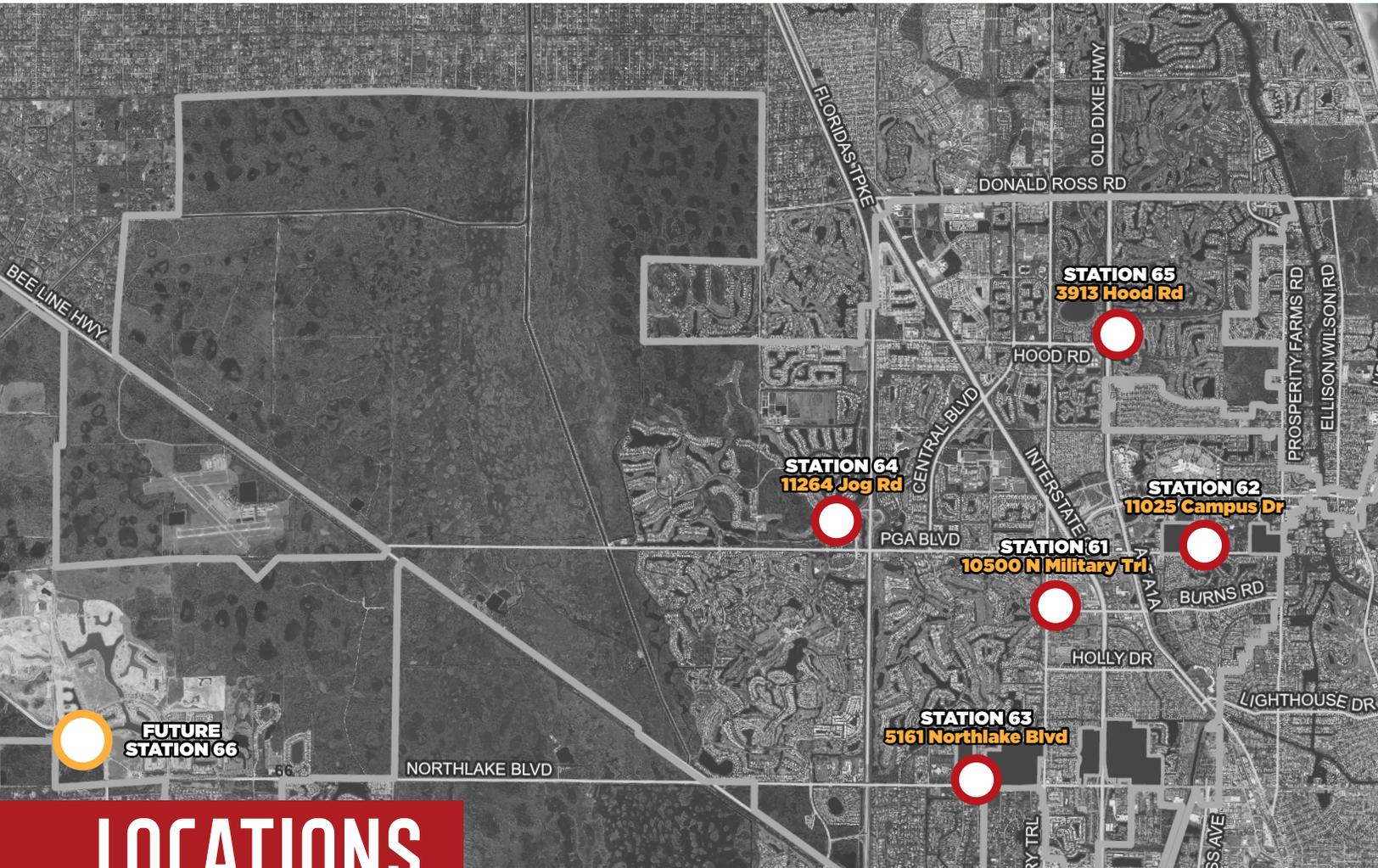


COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center
- Palm Beach Gardens High School Pre-Medicine Program
- Fire Explorer Post #705

STATION LOCATION

MAP



LOCATIONS

Fire Station 61

4425 Burns Rd.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Fire Station 62

11025 Campus Dr.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Fire Station 63

5161 Northlake Blvd.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Fire Station 64

11264 Jog Rd.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Fire Station 65

3913 Hood Rd.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

FUTURE Fire Station 66

Avenir Community

Logistics Center

3704 Burns Road,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Administrative Division

10500 N. Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Phone: 561-799-4300
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