

# 2014 Casper Fire-EMS

## Annual Report



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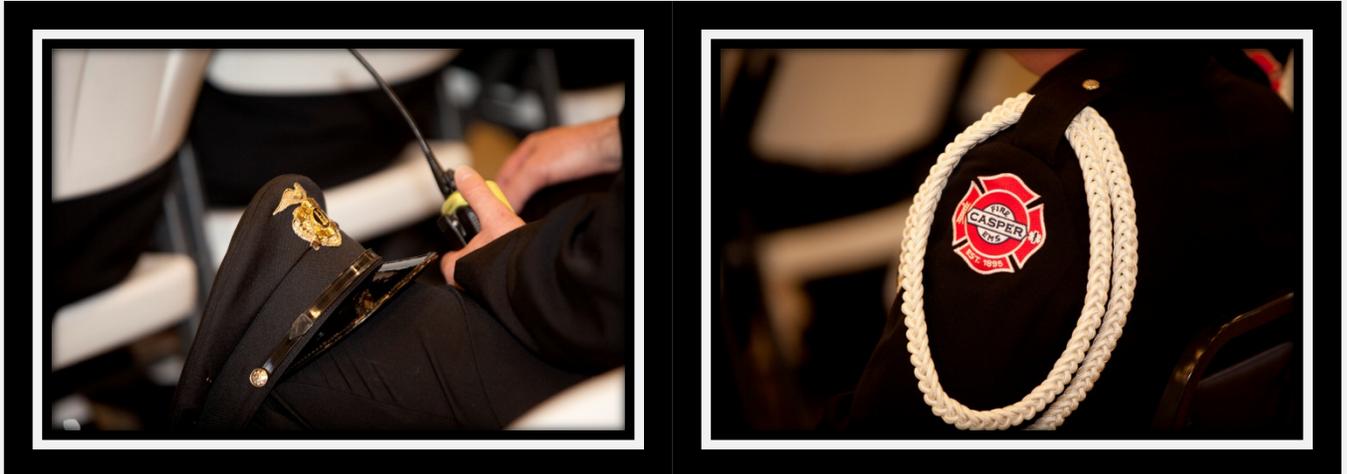
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*City of Casper Fire-EMS  
Annual Report 2014*

Our Mission:

*We serve to consistently improve the health and safety of our community with skill and compassion.*



**Trust**

**-Us to be there**

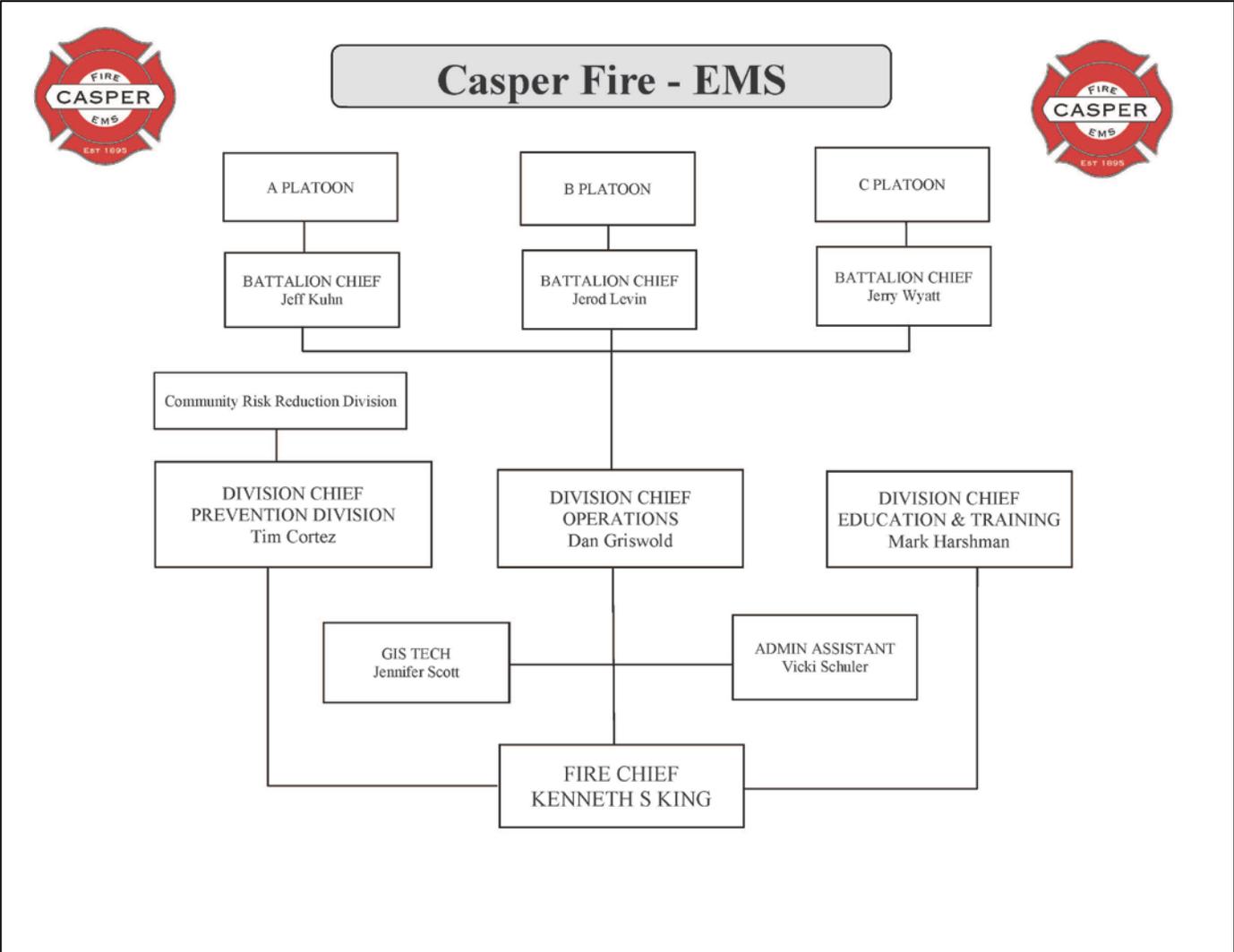
**Pride**

**-For Serving the Public**

**Effective**

**-Toward Reducing Loss**

Organizational Chart:



A Message from the Chief:

2014 was a memorable year for the Casper Fire-EMS Department from the arrival of two new pumpers, new thermal imagers, new portable radios, new self-contained breathing apparatus, new aerial truck, opening a new fire station, to saying good bye to one of our own; it will be a year not forgotten.

In July we opened our second new fire station, Fire Station 2 at 4000 South Coffman.

The Casper Fire-EMS department hired 6 new firefighters in 2014 to fill existing positions. As we strive to move our department forward, we had five of our own Casper Fire-EMS members graduate from the Casper College Paramedic program giving us a total of six paramedics that are available to us. The State of Wyoming has recognized our department as an Advance Life Support Provider. This is a huge step for our department and our community.

Fire Engineer Jennifer Henderson was awarded the 2014 Woman of Distinction award given by the Soroptimists of Central Wyoming. This is quite the honor for Jenn and our department as she is a vibrant vital member of our organization.

The Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division of the Casper Fire-EMS Department performed 68 in depth fire investigations. 25 of these fires were deemed incendiary (Arson) with 5 resulting in prosecution of suspects. No matter the economic condition of a community, boom or bust, there is a potential for an arson fire to be set.

On September 11th we said good-bye to our 17 year veteran Company Officer Jeff Atkinson after a courageous battle with cancer. Cancer in the fire service is not just a problem, it's an epidemic. He will never be forgotten and will always be remembered as a person who did not keep his feelings bottled up inside, not even for a moment. We are constantly reminded of the delicate balance of service delivery and organizational wellness.

Our firefighters are well-respected in the community and continue to endeavor to be great role models to all those who have contact with them. I am reminded daily of the great service Casper Fire-EMS provides this community. Obsessing over our customers is everybody's job. I want to thank everyone who helped us make 2014 a safe and productive year.

Kenneth S. King MBA, EFO



### Operations:

The Casper Fire-EMS Department currently operates out of 5 Fire Stations spread throughout the City with a staffing of 18 personnel on duty each day. A minimum of 18 personnel are distributed over 5 Engines companies, 1 Truck, 1 Rescue and 1 Command Vehicle in service all day, every day to the citizens and visitors of the City of Casper. The Operations division provides numerous public services to the community. In addition to structure fire responses, Casper Fire-EMS fire engines respond to medical emergencies and non-emergencies, various rescue incidents, as well as hazardous material incidents. Operations Division firefighters are also involved with teaching fire safety in Casper's schools, inspections of numerous Casper area businesses, as well as many other calls for public service.

Operation's goal is to be aggressive, disciplined division when responding to the public safety needs of our community. We achieve this goal through trust in each other, pride in our mission, and effectiveness in leadership, training, and command.

Significant events affecting the Operations Division in 2014 include:

- Operations had no civilian fire deaths.
- Operations had no firefighter fire injuries or deaths.
- Put two new engines in service. Engines 1 and 5.
- Open new fire station 2.
- Began a partnership with WMC.
- Put a new aerial ladder truck in service.
- Put new thermal imagers, hydraulic tools, and SCBA in service.

### Community Risk Reduction:

The Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division concentrates the majority of its efforts in three main categories. The first is plan review for new buildings and those undertaking an extensive remodel. With so much at stake, the work is meticulous and involves the interpretation and application of a number of fire code references. The goal is safer structures that help ensure no loss of life due to fire or smoke.

The second category is inspection. This is the task of fire inspectors and engine companies going out in the community to ensure that existing buildings are properly maintained and fire mitigation devices are in place and functional. The goal is to keep fires small or extinguishing them all together while allowing citizens a safe path to exit the building. In addition, our members learn the buildings which is paramount should they have to respond to an emergency.

The third category is public education. We teach fire safety to all ages but we focus mostly on the younger children. We go into almost all schools in the City of Casper to spread our message. In addition, our division runs the DARE program for the city. This puts three of our inspectors in various schools during the regular school year. The goal of public education is to minimize youth fire setting, inform citizens of what to do in the case of an emergency and most of all, to educate citizens on how to prevent an emergency all together.

### Community Risk Reduction cont.:

The last category is fire investigation. This is the only category that we cannot plan for and must react to. Fire investigation is a meticulous process that occurs during and after a fire. Through scene reconstruction, interviews, and evidence analysis we try to determine the nature and cause of every fire. If this information can be obtained, we can contribute to the prevention of future occurrences. This can be in the form of educating citizens on the use of certain products, informing citizens of certain practices that lead to emergencies or in some cases, prosecuting arsonists who deliberately set fires.

Significant events affecting the Community Risk Reduction Division in 2014 include:

- Over 8700 hours of CRR activities performed.
- 45 building fires investigated 153 total fires.
- Over 850 hours of training completed by the CRR Division.
- Over 1800 building inspections completed by the CRR division and another 700 by engine companies.
- CRR Arson Investigators along with Casper Police Officers successfully convicted four arsonists.
- DARE program reached over 1400 children.
- 131 building plan reviews were conducted (building, sprinkler, or remodel).

### Training:

The training and personnel division is a critical division in Casper Fire-EMS, as it provides for the education and wellness of all firefighters within our organization. This division is responsible for hiring, promotional testing, education, and training of our members. Furthermore, this division ensures our members are healthy through wellness programs, fitness testing and medical exams.

The training aspect of the division is the vehicle which allows our organization to reach our mission that “We Serve to Consistently Improve the Health and Safety of Our Community With Skill and Compassion”.

The skills firefighters possess are learned and must be constantly honed, updated, and practiced on a regular basis. As our community evolves so must our department. For every additional service our community asks of us, we must obtain and maintain new skill sets in order to perform at a high level, when called upon by our community.

The goals of this division are to see our members:

- Make 21<sup>st</sup> century training and education a daily priority.
- Educate and empower members to make sound decisions under chaotic conditions.
- Encourage long and healthy careers, contributing to the success of our department and community.
- Learn and practice incident survival skills in order that “Everyone Goes Home”.

This division strives to ask the difficult questions and make the impossible solutions, possible. Although the division is the responsibility of Division Chief Mark Harshman, the real work is done by the firefighters who dedicate themselves to learning and practicing their vital craft.

## Count of Incidents by Type

*Total Calls for Service 6558*

### *Fire:*

	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	7
Building fire	41
Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire	2
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2
Cooking fire, confined to container	17
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	9
Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1
Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle	1
Fire, Other	6
Fires in structure other than in a building	3
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
Garbage dump or sanitary landfill fire	2
Grass fire	12
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	1
Outside equipment fire	7
Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	1
Outside rubbish fire, Other	8
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	10
Outside storage fire	2
Passenger vehicle fire	15
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
Special outside fire, Other	2
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>153</b>

- 68 in depth fire investigations
- 25 of these fires were deemed incendiary (Arson)
- 5 resulting in prosecution of suspects.



*EMS/Rescue:*

	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	3570
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3
Extrication, rescue, Other	1
High-angle rescue	1
Ice rescue	2
Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )	9
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	302
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	185
Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	187
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	24
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	6
Rescue or EMS standby	3
Rescue, EMS incident, other	11
Search for person in water	1
Search for person on land	5
Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4311</b>

*Hazardous Condition:*

	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	8
Attempted burning, illegal action, Other	2
Breakdown of light ballast	2
Carbon monoxide incident	18
Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	3
Chemical spill or leak	2
Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	3
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	11
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	36
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	19
Hazardous condition, Other	2
Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	4
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	7
Overheated motor	10
Power line down	28
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>157</b>

*Service Calls:*

	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
Animal problem	1
Animal rescue	1
Assist invalid	241
Assist police or other governmental agency	54
Cover assignment, standby, moveup	10
Lock-out	28
Person in distress, Other	47
Police matter	19
Public service	19
Public service assistance, Other	9
Ring or jewelry removal	1
Service Call, other	74
Smoke or odor removal	12
Unauthorized burning	13
Water evacuation	1
Water or steam leak	7
Water problem, Other	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>541</b>

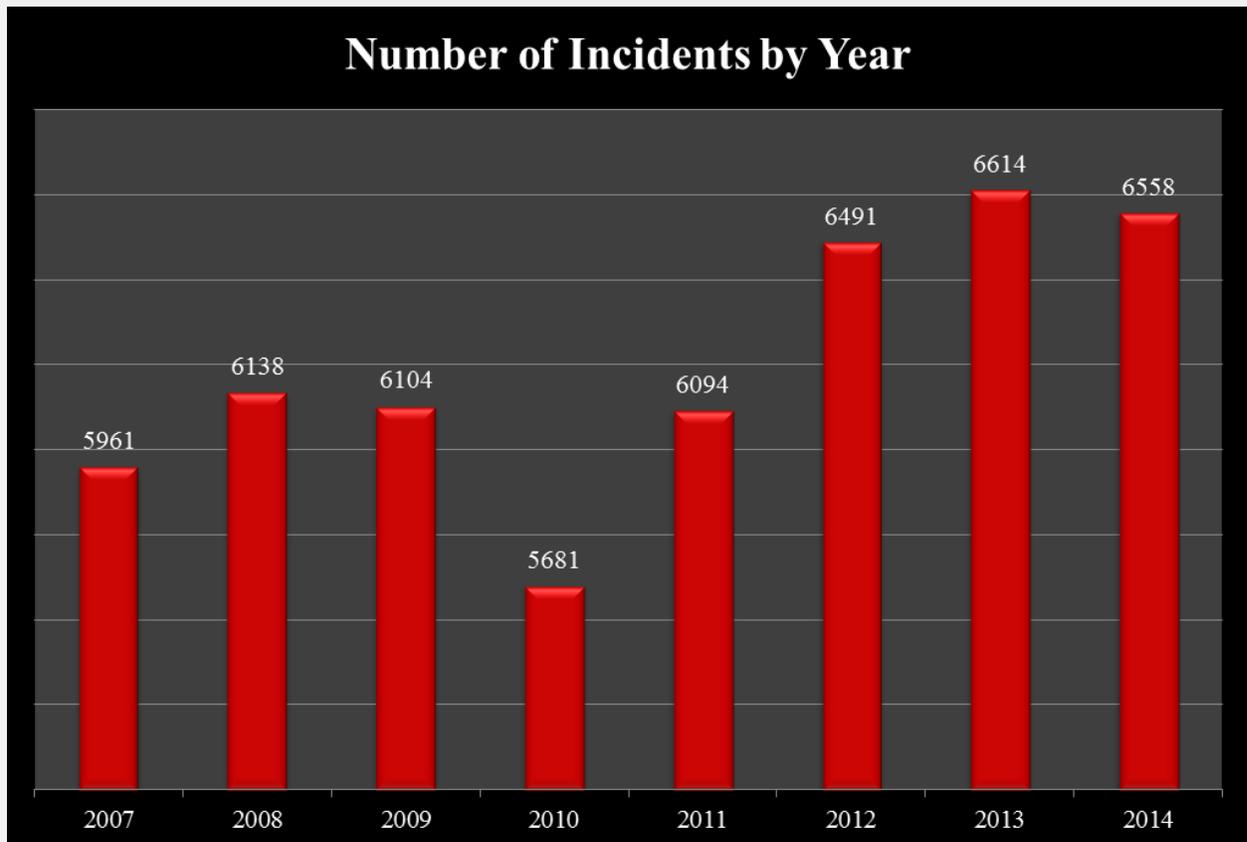
*False Alarms:*

	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	55
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	21
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	12
Central station, malicious false alarm	5
CO detector activation due to malfunction	6
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	28
Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1
False alarm or false call, Other	72
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	5
Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	8
Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	3
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	25
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	98
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	13
System malfunction, Other	10
Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>391</b>

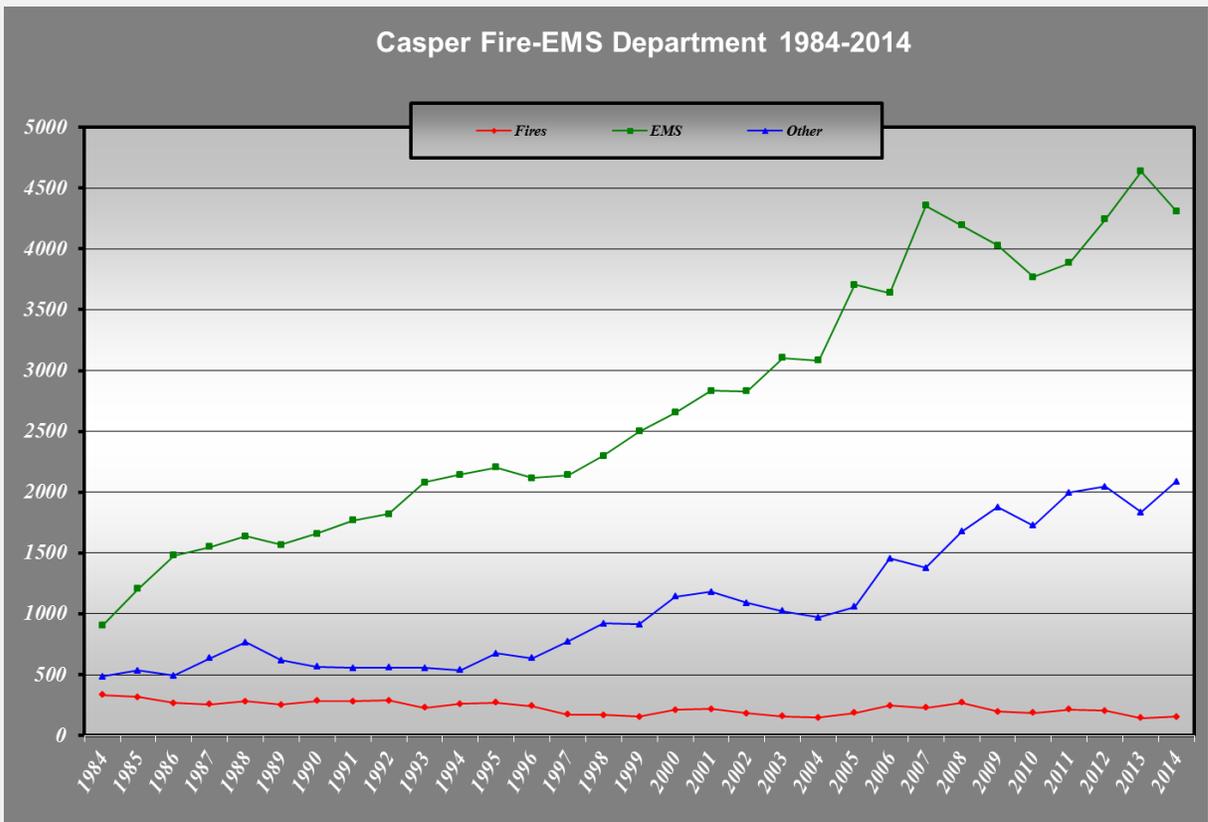
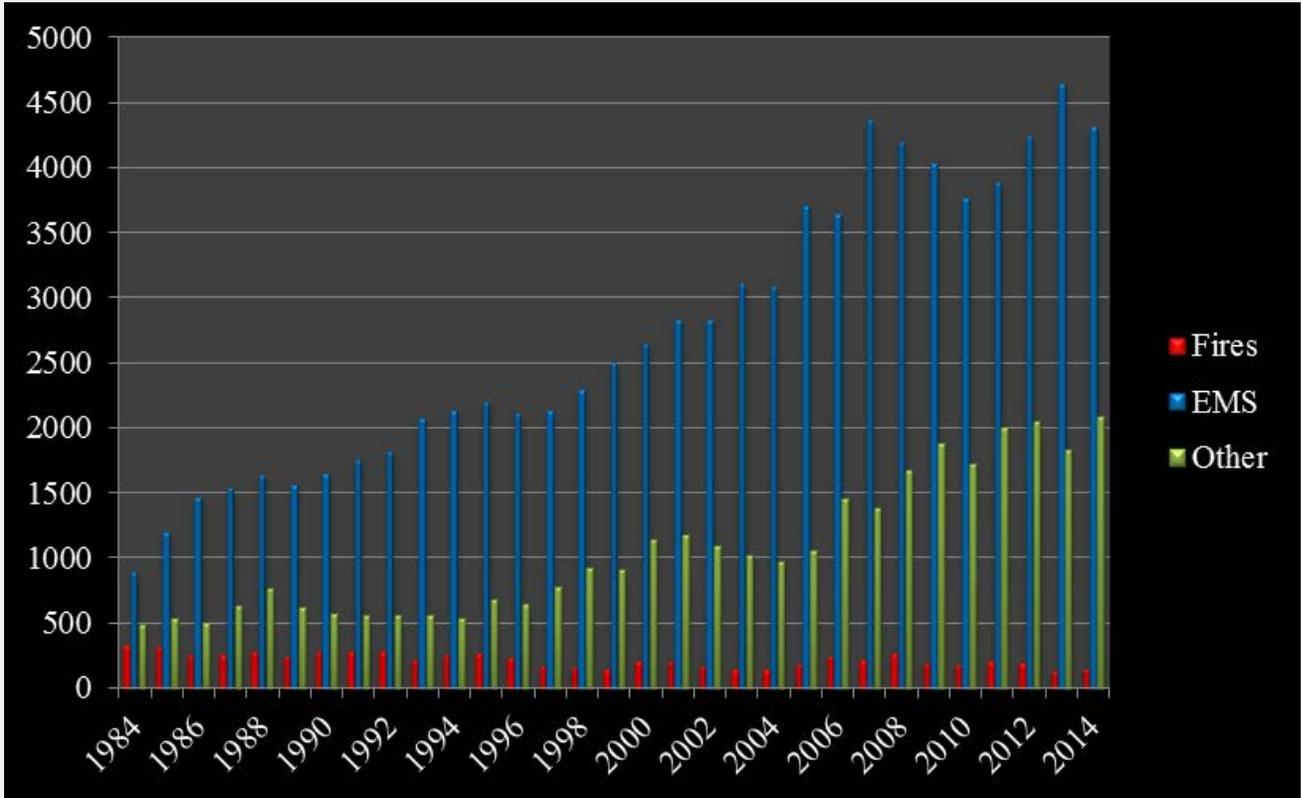
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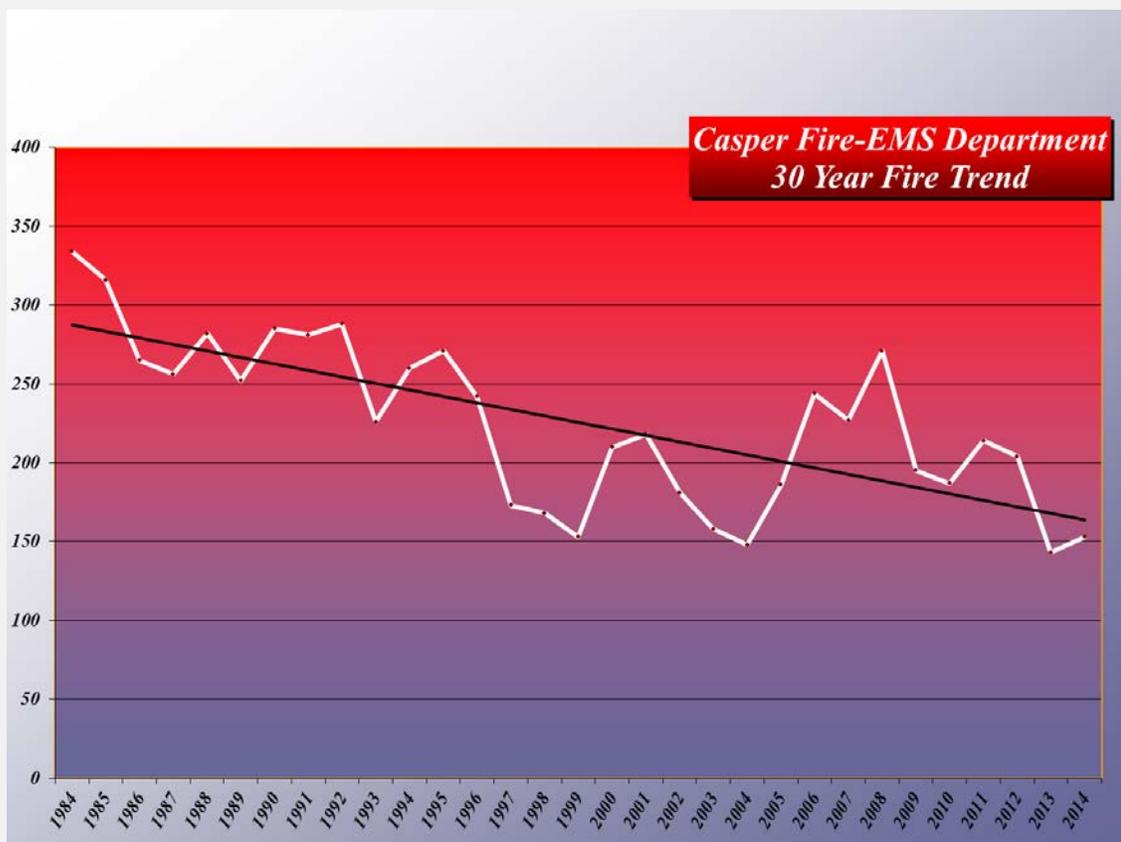
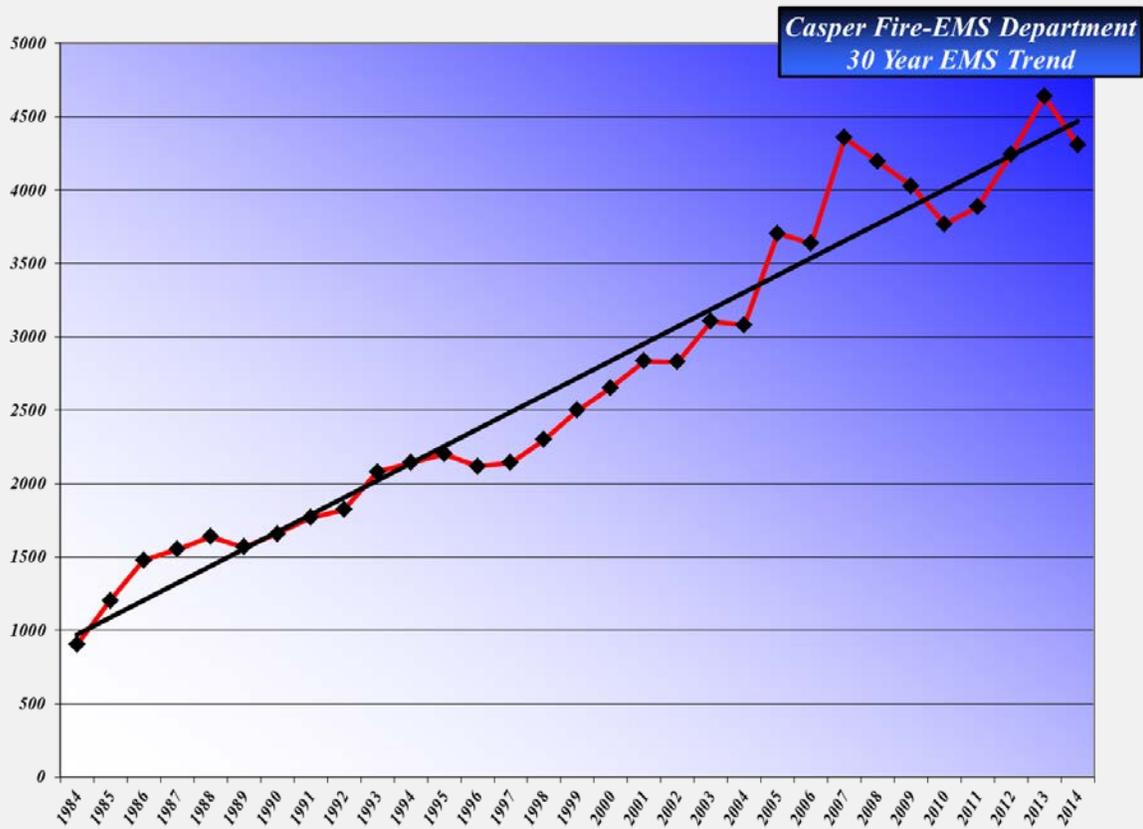
	Number of Incidents
Authorized controlled burning	6
Citizen complaint	2
Dispatched & cancelled en route	793
EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	5
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	3
Explosion (no fire), Other	1
Flood assessment	2
Good intent call, Other	104
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	14
Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	7
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	37
Special type of incident, Other	4
Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	6
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	8
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1
Wrong location	12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1005</b>

Incident Chart 2007 -2014

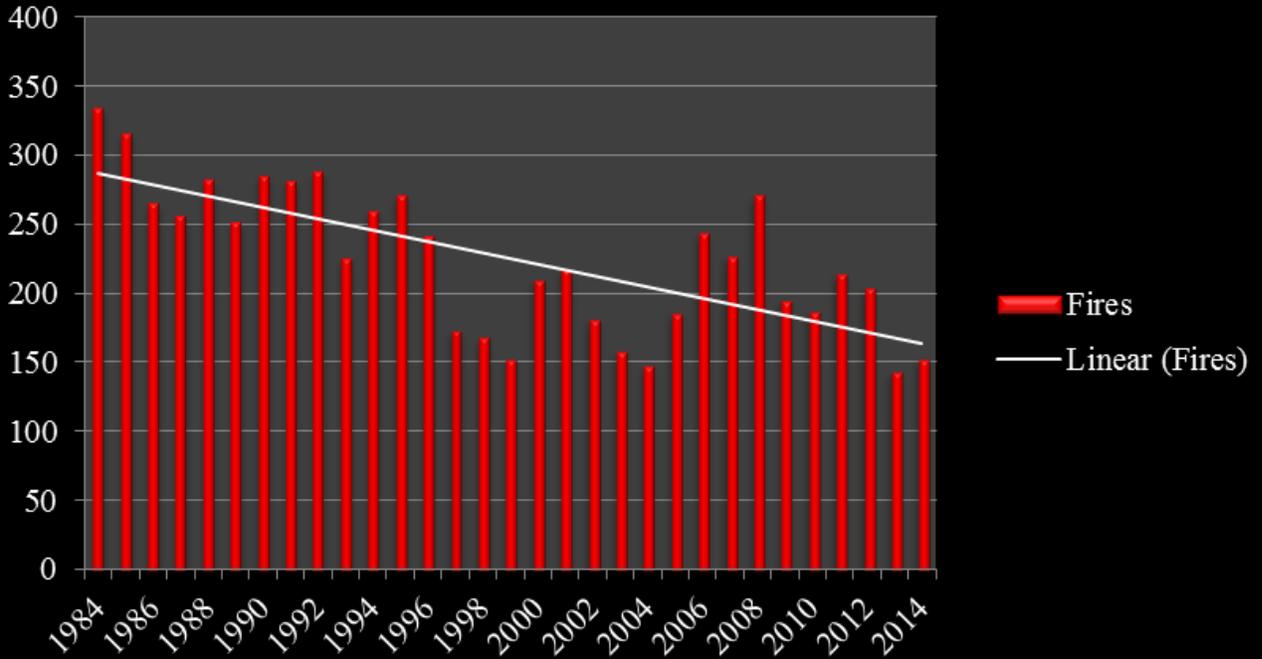


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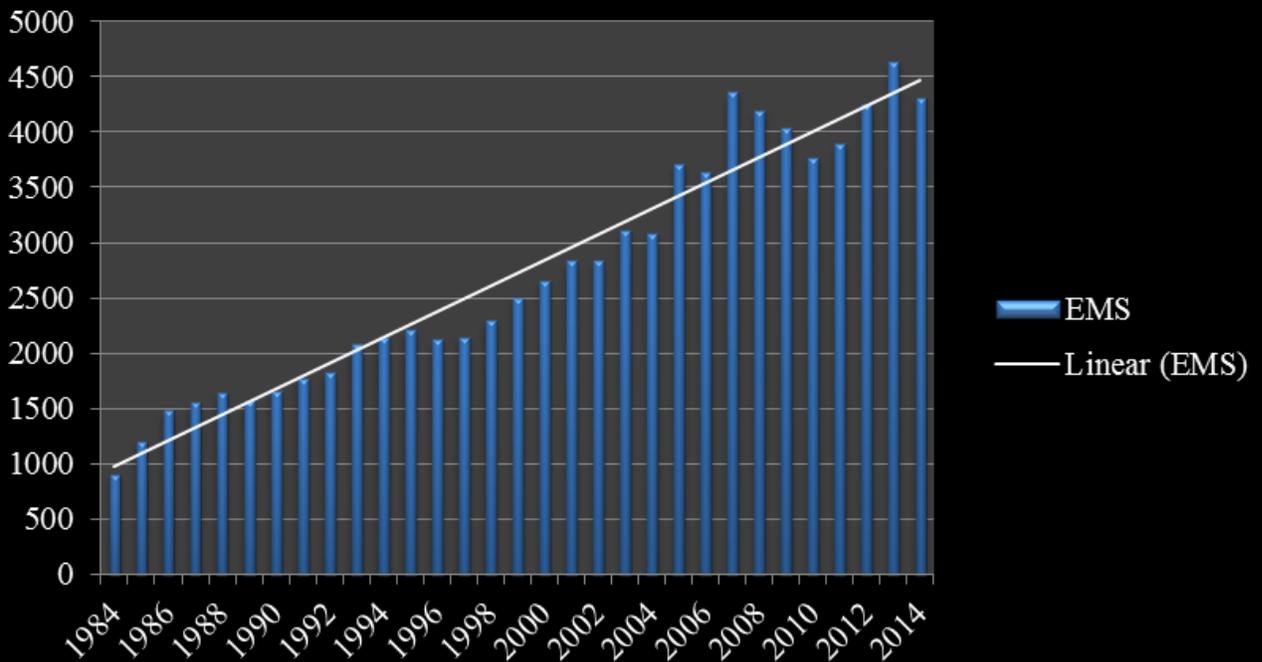




# Fires



# EMS

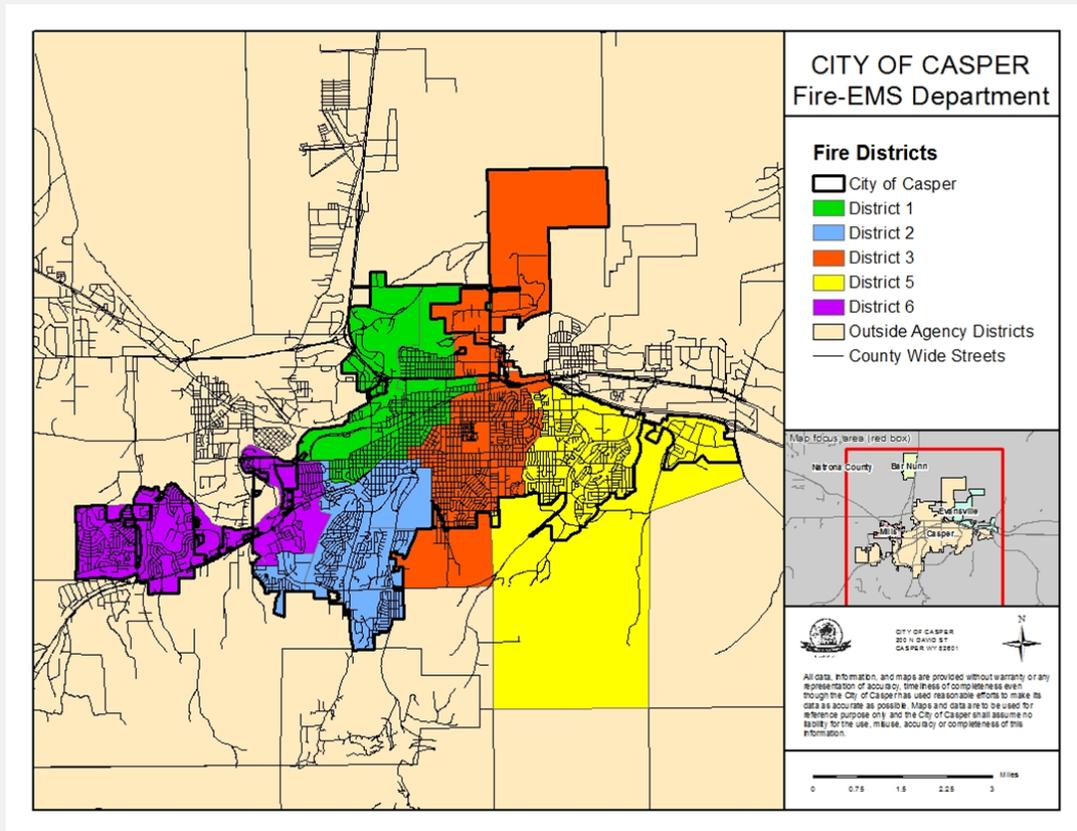


## Additional Demographics of Incidents

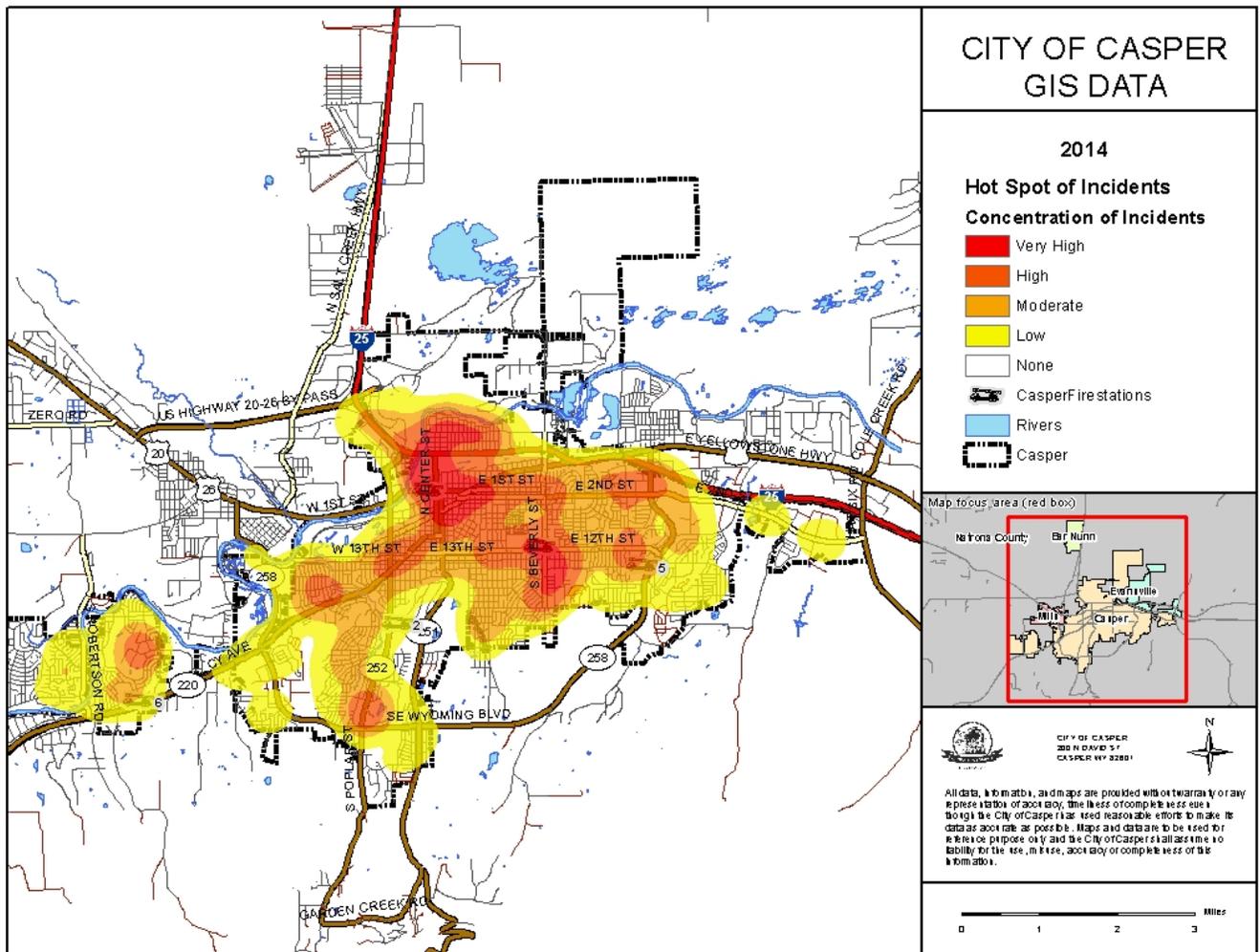
### Total Calls by District

- District 1 – 1885
- District 2 – 883
- District 3 – 1731
- District 5 – 1003
- District 6 – 950
- Districts Outside The City Limits – 101
  - There are areas outside the city limits that are CFDs first in area.
  - Calls cancelled en route not included
  - CFD Engine Company Responses

## Response Zones



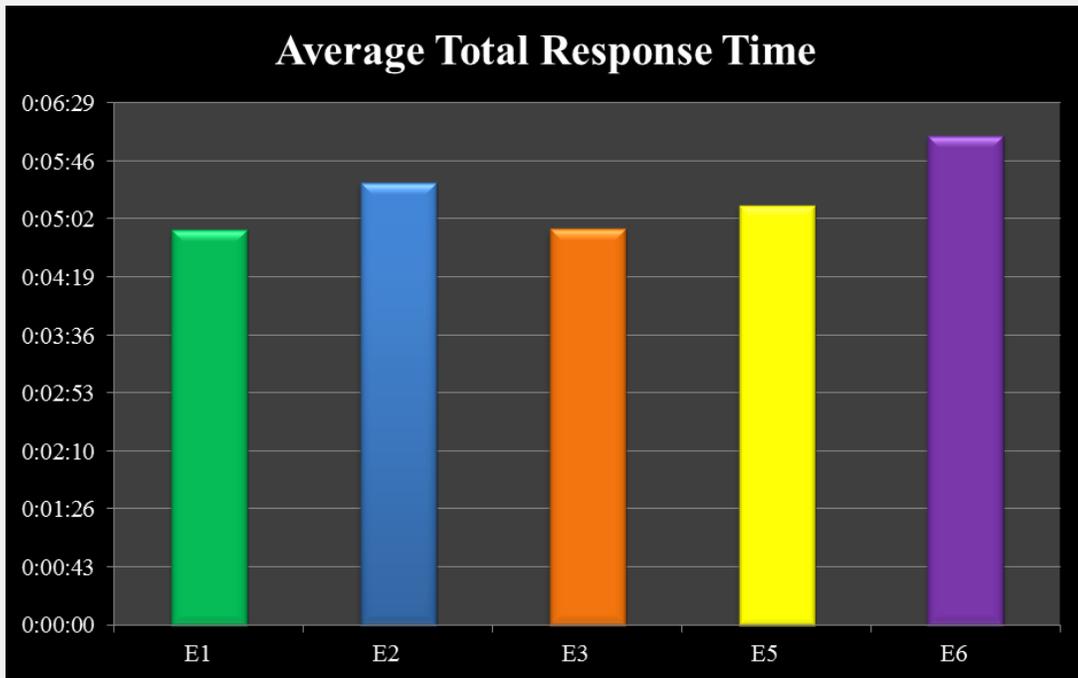
Hot Spot Map/All Calls:



Average Response Times

Average Total Response	
E1	0:04:55
E2	0:05:30
E3	0:04:55
E5	0:05:12
E6	0:06:04
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0:05:13</b>

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>%Change</u>
E1	0:04:33	0:04:55	↑ 7%
E2	0:05:15	0:05:30	↑ 5%
E3	0:04:34	0:04:55	↑ 7%
E5	0:04:53	0:05:12	↑ 6%
E6	0:05:51	0:06:04	↑ 4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0:04:53</b>	<b>0:05:13</b>	<b>↑ 6%</b>

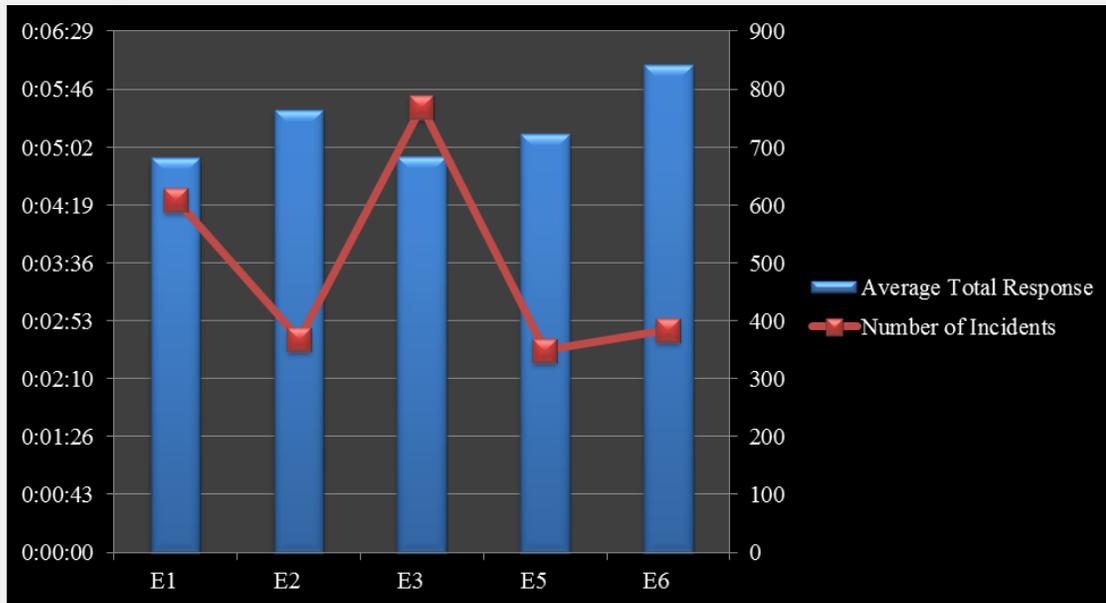


Times based on the following criteria:

- Emergent calls
- CFD Engines
- Did not include calls cancelled prior to arrival on scene
- First Arriving Engine Only

Total Response is defined as the time the reporting party calls to the time the unit arrives at scene.

*Times vs Call Volume:*



*By Month:*

Average Total Response												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E1	0:04:26	0:04:53	0:04:51	0:05:12	0:04:52	0:04:59	0:05:02	0:04:46	0:04:55	0:04:52	0:04:49	0:05:16
E2	0:05:17	0:04:52	0:05:25	0:05:14	0:05:16	0:05:55	0:05:18	0:05:52	0:05:55	0:05:34	0:05:58	0:05:26
E3	0:04:34	0:04:47	0:05:12	0:04:44	0:04:53	0:04:55	0:04:51	0:05:27	0:05:04	0:05:16	0:04:56	0:04:38
E5	0:05:12	0:05:17	0:05:07	0:04:42	0:05:33	0:04:53	0:04:38	0:05:20	0:05:49	0:05:25	0:05:35	0:04:50
E6	0:06:19	0:05:43	0:06:31	0:06:03	0:05:55	0:06:23	0:05:54	0:06:06	0:05:51	0:06:04	0:06:14	0:05:55
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0:04:59</b>	<b>0:05:01</b>	<b>0:05:18</b>	<b>0:05:08</b>	<b>0:05:15</b>	<b>0:05:18</b>	<b>0:05:04</b>	<b>0:05:28</b>	<b>0:05:24</b>	<b>0:05:20</b>	<b>0:05:20</b>	<b>0:05:08</b>

*Committed Time*

Average of Total Committed	
E1	0:16:00
E2	0:18:05
E3	0:17:04
E5	0:17:53
E6	0:20:10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0:17:27</b>

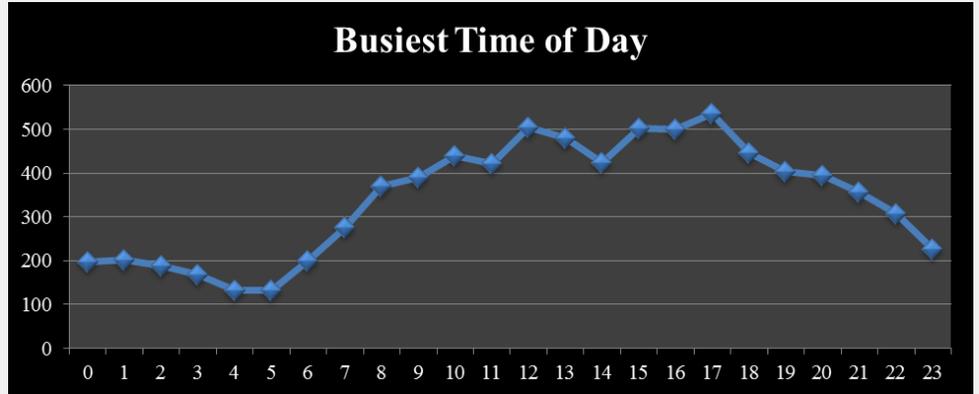
Times based on the following criteria:

- Emergent calls
- CFD Engines
- Did not include calls cancelled prior to arrival on scene
- First Arriving Engine Only

Total committed time is the time from dispatch answering the phone until the unit has cleared the scene.

Number of Incidents by Hour of Day

Number of Calls	
0	197
1	201
2	188
3	169
4	133
5	132
6	200
7	275
8	370
9	391
10	439
11	422
12	505
13	480
14	424
15	501
16	499
17	<b>535</b>
18	445
19	403
20	395
21	356
22	307
23	227
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8194</b>



**Five O'Clock Hour**

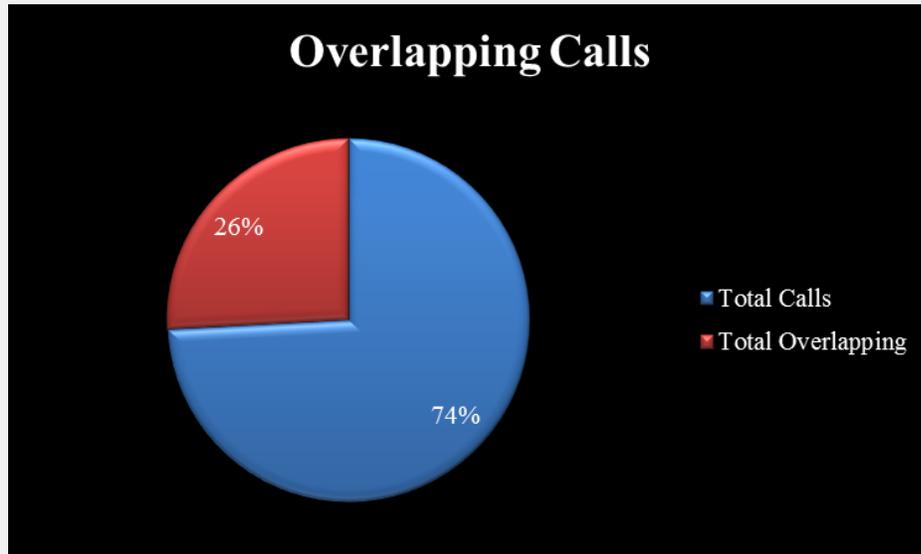
Top Three Incident Types/Busiest Time of Day:

Incident Type	Number of Calls	Percent of Total
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	211	39%
Dispatched & cancelled en route	48	9%
Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	29	5%

This report includes all calls for service regardless of type of response, unit that responded, or incident type  
 More than one unit can respond to an incident.

Hour of day is a number that represents a portion of the day. 0 would be between 12:00 am and 1:00 am, 1 would equal 1:00 am to 2:00 am and so on.

## Overlapping Calls

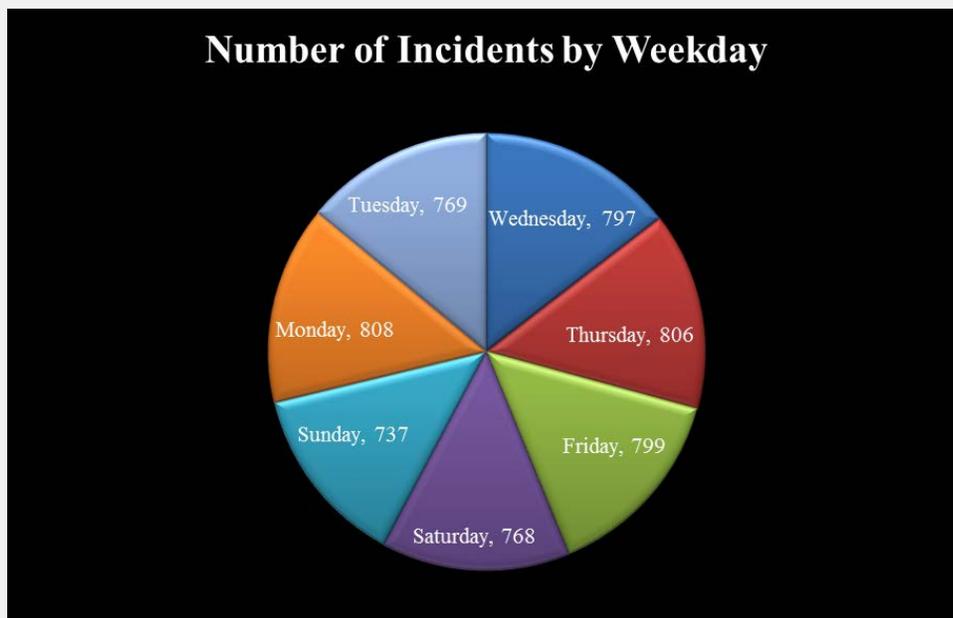


Overlapping calls is defined as; when more than one unit is on a call or responding to a call at the same time.

More than one unit can respond to the same incident.

This report includes all CFD responses regardless of response type or incident type. It does not include any cancelled responses.

## Calls by Day



Does not include calls cancelled enroute and only considers first arriving unit.

Inspections Completed

<u>Inspection Type</u>	<u>Count</u>
ACCEPTANCE TEST - Hood & Alt Suppression System	14
ACCEPTANCE TESTING - Fire Alarms	16
Assembly-Restaurant, Church, etc.	170
Business Occupancy Inspections	99
Code Research Associated with Consult or Inspect	35
CONSULTATION - Assembly	3
CONSULTATION - Building	86
CONSULTATION - Fire Alarm	33
CONSULTATION - Fire Protection	22
CONSULTATION - General	52
CONSULTATION - Hazardous Operation	4
CONSULTATION - License	2
CONSULTATION - Other	4
CONSULTATION - Permit	14
CONSULTATION - Site	51
CONSULTATION - Sprinkler System	74
Daycare Inspections	138
Engine Co Multi-family Insp	23
Engine Company Inspections	743
Final Certificate of Occupancy	40
Grey Slip Inspection (Health Dept)	44
Group F, S, H Inspections	40
Group I Occupancy Inspections	9
Group M (Retail & Big-Box Store) Inspections	21
Hotel/Motel; R1 Inspections	62
Hydrant Flow Testing	5
INSPECTION - City	2
INSPECTION - Elevator	2
INSPECTION - Fire Alarm	19
INSPECTION - Fire Protection	8
INSPECTION - General	113
INSPECTION - Hazardous Operation	2
INSPECTION - Knox Box	45
INSPECTION - Permit	13
INSPECTION - Sprinkler System	117
INSPECTION - Sprinkler System Underground	58
INVESTIGATION - Cause, Fire	1
INVESTIGATION - False Alarm	1
INVESTIGATION - General	1
LEGAL - General	1

LEGAL - Simple Notice	4
Multistory Office Tenant Only	97
Occupant Load Survey	14
PLAN REVIEW - Building	37
PLAN REVIEW - Fire Alarm	20
PLAN REVIEW - Fire Protection	4
PLAN REVIEW - General	4
PLAN REVIEW - Site	24
PLAN REVIEW - Sprinkler System	27
PUBLIC EDUCATION - Special Group	1
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Building	7
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Citizen	9
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Fire	14
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - General	1
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Health Dept.	4
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Housing Safety	1
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Other	2
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - Police	1
REFERRAL/COMPLAINT - State	1
Residential R2 Inspections	41
Respite Care Inspection	74
School-Educational; Group E Occupancies	128
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	12
Vacant Building Audit	9
Total	2723

Total number of inspections completed includes re-inspections of occupancies.

### Citations

4th Degree Arson for a juvenile that committed an arson fire; juvenile received probation and community service.

Public Education Activities

	Number of Events
Child Safety Seat Check	147
Chimney Brush (Loan/Return)	1
CPR and AED Instruction	1
D.A.R.E Activities	207
Event/Festival/Open House	33
Install/Batteries Smoke Detector	41
Misc Public Relations	51
Pub-Ed; Business	3
Pub-Ed; College	5
Pub-Ed; Daycare	36
Pub-Ed; Elementary School	23
Pub-Ed; High School	19
Pub-Ed; Impromptu/Unplanned	10
Pub-Ed; Seniors	2
Public Appearance, etc.	28
Public Informaiton Officer Activities	29
Station/Apparatus Tour	142
Youth Firesetter Activities	6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>784</b>



Staffing

*Total Staff:*

Fire Chief	1
Fire Division Chief	3
Battalion Chief	3
Fire Captain	15
Fire Engineer	21
Firefighter	22
Firefighter Trainee	6
Community Risk Reduction	6
D.A.R.E Officer	1
GIS Technician	1
Administrative Assistant II	1
Total	80



*Staffing Changes*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Type of Change</b>
Jackett, Dean A.	2/10/2014	Promotion to Community Risk Reduction Officer II
Neff, Ryan	2/10/2014	Promotion to Community Risk Reduction Officer II
Maiers, Adam R.	2/17/2014	New Hire
Hoefler, Patrick	3/9/2014	New Hire
Nielsen, Issac B.		Resign
Reese, Christian L.	9/29/2014	Promotion to Fire Captain
Devearux, Anthony	10/11/2014	Promotion to Fire Engineer
Ross, Kevin	11/3/2014	New Hire
Bislar, Kristian	11/3/2014	New Hire
Parke, Cody	11/3/2014	New Hire
Thompson, Justin	11/3/2014	New Hire

New Equipment Spotlight

2013 Spartan ERV (pumpers)

Engine 1 (Located at Fire Station 1, 200 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street):



Engine 5 (Located at Fire Station 5, 4000 E 15<sup>th</sup> Street):



*ISG Elite XR-HR (TICs)*  
Thermal Imaging Cameras



*Motorola APX 6000*  
Motorola Radios

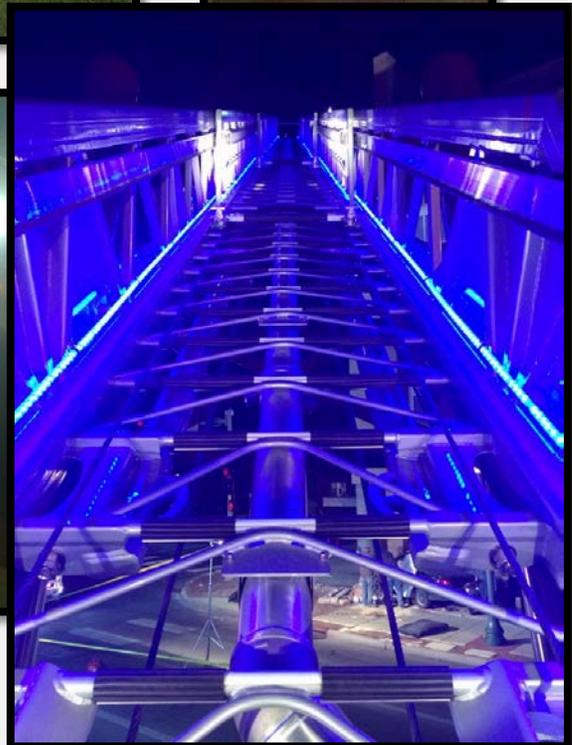


*Avon Deltair (SCBA)*  
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus:



2014 Spartan ERV (aerial)

Truck 1 (Areal Truck located at Fire Station 1, 200 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street):



## Special Interest Programs:

### *Car Seat Installations*

The Casper Fire-EMS Department has numerous members who are certified car seat technicians. Members are certified through Safe Kids and are available to properly install car seats for the safety of the children of Casper. The program is an asset to the community in that firefighters are available at all hours of the day to assist with car seat installs.

### *Smoke Detector Installations*

Member of the Fire Department routinely install smoke detectors on citizen request and if a need is apparent. Each CFD Unit carries a supply of smoke detectors so the crews are prepared when the need presents itself. Crews are regularly in citizen's homes for many different reasons and installing smoke detectors during these unrelated visits adds to the citizen's safety.

### *Life Jacket Program*

Casper Fire-EMS's Life Jacket Program was formalized in 2001. Every fire station has a stock of life jacket's available to the community to use free of charge. Every fire station also has a drop box where citizens can return the jackets after use. The goal of the program is to increase the safety of our citizens by making life jackets available and making it convenient for the citizens of Casper.

### *Community Relations*

The Casper Fire-EMS Department is heavily involved in the fire and life safety of our citizens, especially children. Fire personnel are consistently teaching throughout the year at the various locations and venues. Crews also give numerous station and apparatus tours throughout the year to citizens of all ages.

### *Occupancy Inspections*

Engine companies and the Community Risk Reduction Division conduct fire safety surveys for numerous businesses in the City of Casper. These fire safety surveys benefit the citizens and business owners by identify and educating on safety concern but they also add to the safety of our personnel by helping them become more familiar with the occupancies in their districts.

### *Regional Response Team II*

Wyoming Department of Homeland Security's Regional Response Team II (RRT2) is made up of Casper Fire-EMS personnel and personnel from other first responding agencies within the regional response area. RRT2 is an "all hazards" scope for initial response and mitigation of incidents in Natrona, Converse, and Niobrara Counties. The team is funded through a Wyoming Department of Homeland Security Grant.

CFD Affiliated Groups/Clubs:

Casper Firefighter Combat Challenge Team:



Casper Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums

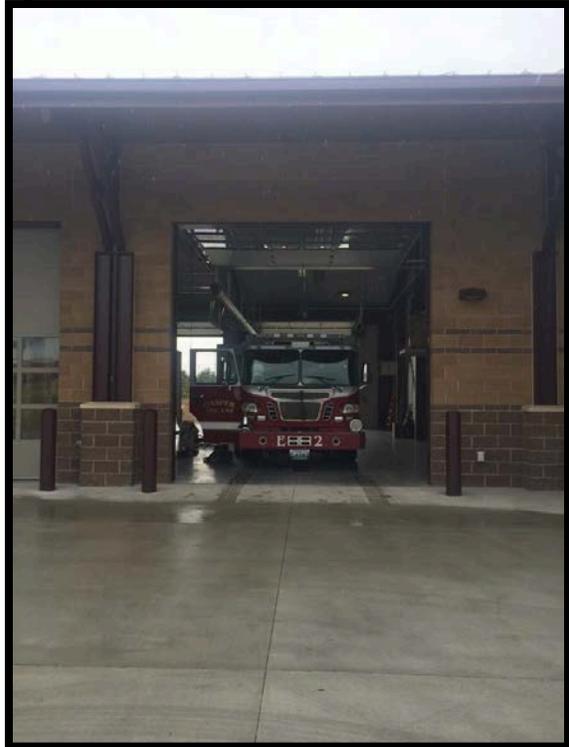


Casper Fire-EMS Department Honor Guard



Station 2 Grand Opening:

# GRAND OPENING FIRE STATION 2



**WHEN:** AUGUST 20, 2014  
**WHERE:** 4000 S. COFFMAN  
Casper, Wyoming  
(behind Sunrise Shopping Center)  
**TIME:** 4-7 P.M.



Most Significant Event:

*Sept. 11, 2014*

Captain Jeff Atkinson passed away after a long battle with Cancer. Captain Atkinson is survived by wife Kristen and their two young boys.



[http://trib.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/jeffrey-l-atkinson/article\\_3fca1823-1b2a-509b-8ea9-46cb9866ec73.html](http://trib.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/jeffrey-l-atkinson/article_3fca1823-1b2a-509b-8ea9-46cb9866ec73.html)

*Woman of Distinction:  
March 2014*



Jennifer Henderson is an engineer with the Casper Fire-EMS Department, where she has worked for 10 ½ years. She was promoted to engineer in 2012, the first woman ever to attain that rank in Casper. She is currently studying for additional certification as a paramedic, a lengthy process involving hundreds of classroom hours and more than 1,300 hours of clinical time.

She has served as fitness coordinator in the department and is an EMT-1. She promotes fitness in the community as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor at a gym. She is also an adjunct faculty member for the Fire Science program at Casper College.

She has volunteered with her church on international mission trips, traveling to China to work at an orphanage and Zambia to work with the Chande Project and assist with building an elementary school.

She has been a Big Sister through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

She represented the United States at the World Firefighter Combat Challenge from 2006 to 2011, where she was ranked second in the world and first in the United States.

She is vice president of Local 904 Firefighters Pipes and Drums and a member of the Honor Guard.

Jennifer holds degrees in Fire Science, and Distributive Math and Science and is currently working on her Applied Science degree to become a paramedic.

Jennifer was nominated by Soroptimist International of Central Wyoming.

*River Drowning*  
*August 11, 2014*

Casper Fire-EMS and mutual aid partners conducted a four day search for Alex Cressey, 11 years old. Alex and a friend were swept away by the fast water of the North Platte River near the White Water Park on August 11, 2014. Alex's friend was rescued shortly after they went into the water. Alex's body was recovered on August 14, 2014.

<http://k2radio.com/11-year-old-boy-missing-in-north-platte-river/>

Since this tragic accident there has been a strong desire for community involvement in the safety of our river. A group of professionals and citizens gathered together and formed a committee and started the Respect Our River Champaign.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Respect-Our-River/776589502426624?fref=ts>

