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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Trustee Annette M. Johnson

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Fire Chief Jeff Beam

MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF JEFF BEAM



Dear Stakeholders,

I am delighted to present the 2024 Annual Report for Pike Township Fire Department. This past year, our dedicated team has once again demonstrated exceptional commitment and professionalism in serving and safeguarding the Pike Township community.

Throughout 2024, we made over 25,000 responses to 14,816 incidents, providing swift and effective assistance in various situations. Our firefighters and EMS personnel underwent rigorous training to ensure they are always prepared to handle any challenge with skill and precision.

In addition to emergency response, our Department has been actively engaged in community outreach initiatives, including fire prevention education programs, safety demonstrations, and cooperative efforts with local schools and organizations.

We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support from the Pike Township community, as well as the collaborative partnerships with other emergency services agencies. Together, we continue to enhance public safety and resilience.

As we look to the coming year, we remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence and pledge to continue serving the community with the highest level of dedication and professionalism.

Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for Trustee Annette Johnson, the employees of Pike Township Fire Department, and their families. Without their dedication, the accomplishments on the following pages would not be possible.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beam Fire Chief



ABOUT US

Pike Township Fire Department was founded as a volunteer fire department on April 23, 1951, with 10 volunteer firefighters.

The Department has grown to 139 firefighters, 31 EMS personnel, 21 civilian staff and 5 stations. These employees serve more than 83,000 residents in Pike Township, a 42-square mile area of Northwest Indianapolis.

Pike Township Fire Department was the first Department in the State of Indiana to earn the ISO Class 1 rating.

In 2024, the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association awarded Pike Township Trustee Annette Johnson "Elected Official of the Year." Former Community Risk Reduction Specialist [now a Pike Firefighter Recruit] Samantha Scott (center) was named "Indiana Fire & Life Safety

Educator of the Year" and Pike Township Fire Department won the "Leadership in Fitness Excellence" award. We are proud of Pike Township's leadership and PTFD's achievements!



OUR CORE VALUES

Professionalism: Ethically and competently providing the highest quality customer service achievable.

Integrity: Honesty and truthfulness in what is said and done, putting honesty, sense of duty, and sound moral principles, above all else.

Kinetic Leadership: Actively influencing people to willingly strive toward shared objectives.

Enthusiasm: Demonstrating sincere interest in the performance of one's duties.

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OUR MISSION

To safeguard our community through services designed to protect life and property from the perilous effects of dangerous conditions.



OUR VISION

To foster an environment of pride, tradition and service through belief in and application of our core values by every member of the department.





Station 61/HQ

4881 W. 71st St.

- Engine 61
- Ladder 61
- Medic 61
- Battalion 60
- Safety 60
- 13 personnel per shift
- Administrative Staff
- Fire and ALS EMS Services
- Vehicle & Machinery Extrication
- Incident Management & Scene Safety
- Training Academy
- Health & Wellness Facility
- Decontamination & Maintenance Facility

Station 62

7002 N. Lafayette Rd.

- Engine 62
- Boat 62

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- EMS Duty Officer 60
- 5 personnel per shift
- Fire and ALS EMS Services
- Surface & Ice water rescue
- Boat operations with sonar
- Project Life Saver (PLS) Search & Rescue









Station 63

4009 W. 86th St.

- Engine 63
- Medic 63
- Foam Trailer
- 6 personnel per shift
- Fire and ALS EMS Services
- Flammable Liquids Emergency Response

Station 64

4750 W. 52ndth St.

- Engine 64
- Ladder 64
- Medic 64
- 10 personnel per shift
- Fire and ALS EMS Services
- Vehicle & Machinery Extrication





Station 65

7221 W. 46th St.

- Engine 65
- Medic 65
- Boat 65
- 6 personnel per shift
- Fire and ALS EMS Services
- Surface and Ice Water Rescue
- Boat Operations with Sonar
 Water Rescue/Sonar Locating



In November 2024, "Firehouse" magazine recognized the innovative design of Pike Township Fire Department's Decontamination & Maintenance Facility.



RENOVATIONS NOTABLE



Official Project Name: Pike Township Fire Department Decontamination and Maintenance Facility Project City/State: Indianapolis, IN Date Completed: Sept. 15, 2023 Fire Chief: Jeff Beam Project Area (sq. ft.): 11,500 Total Cost: \$5,045,000 Cost Per Square Foot: \$439 Architect/Firm Name: The Etica Group Website: eticagroup.com

Design Team: Etica Group: Architecture, Civil & Project Management; MEP: Loftus Engineering; Structural: CE Solutions





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Pike Township Fire Department Decontamination and Maintenance Facility, Indianapolis, IN

The decontamination and maintenance facility replaces an outdated facility and provides state-of-the-art, centralized decon for the department's approximate 180 first responders, which minimizes "dirty" areas at each of the individual stations. This approach provides a more efficient decon and gear-cleaning protocol for firefighters after a fire, to reduce their exposure to carcinogens. Guided by NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, this investment is aimed at compliance with PPE-cleaning best practices, individual exposure reduction and clean-living quarters design.

Located on the grounds of the district headquarters, the 11,500-sq.-ft. facility is separated into two distinct spaces. The first space is the maintenance area. The second space is the gear-washing/decon area.

The decon area was designed after conversations between firefighters and the design team. It provides firefighters with a healthier and more efficient way to decon, store their gear and reduce their exposure to carcinogenic substances. Multiple stations that are within the facility advance firefighters and their equipment through the decon process. The new personal area allows firefighters to remove toxic carcinogens from their body with the addition of a bank of six zero-clearance private showers. Following the decon process, a second set of personal gear is distributed to each firefighter. The dirty and clean zones have separate HVAC systems and fresh air intake to ensure a complete separation between the spaces. Surfaces that







are in the facility are washable stainless steel or epoxy-sealed.

The equipment that's located in the gear-washing section of the facility comprises four turnout gear extractors, three Ram Air dryers and two SCBA decon washers.

Forty-nine hundred square feet of the new facility is dedicated to five vehicle maintenance bays, to improve the safety and work environment of the support services staff. The bays are tall enough to accommodate the clearance that's necessary for aerial ladder maintenance.

Thirty-one solar tubes provide natural light throughout the building, which decrease the need for artificial lighting while promoting a healthy work environment.



Health & Wellness Building Renovation

The "F Building" was built in 2022 to house the Support Services Division during construction of the new Decontamination and Maintenance Facility. In 2024, the building was converted into a dedicated Health & Wellness Facility. The former garage area was converted to house a fitness facility and provides a permanent location for our Work Performance Evaluation (WPE) course.

What was previously an open work/storage area was converted into individual rooms to be utilized for annual medical screenings and a large aerobic exercise area. These fitness areas are utilized heavily during our Recruit Academy and by our Department personnel who are participating in injury rehabilitation. Having a dedicated space to conduct WPEs — either annually or when an individual is returning from an injury — is essential. This Health & Wellness Facility allows Pike Township Fire Department to continue to be a leader in the health and wellness arena, as evidenced by receiving the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association 2024 "Leadership in Fitness Excellence" award.







Deputy Chief of Operations Aaron Bell

2024 was a year of *reflecting* and *perfecting* in the Operations Bureau. As the fire service continues to change and evolve, we stay up to date through training and equipment evaluation. The steady leadership of Division Chief of EMS Ryan Ross and Division Chief of Training and Incident Safety James Michalisko provide a solid foundation for training and innovation.

Supporting Chief Beam's vision and direction of mastering our current skills and improving services, we devoted time to our Active Shooter Response and Lithium Battery / Electric Vehicle (EV) fire tactics. Part of our reflecting was to examine how we have conducted business in the past and how we can improve. Surface water rescue response is one area in which we are improving efficiencies. Station 65 and Boat 65 are dedicated to Eagle Creek Reservoir. 2024 was the first year we were able to collaborate with Park Rangers and IMPD to keep a boat docked at Eagle Creek for the summer boating season (April-October). We also purchased new dry suits and recovery tools needed for our members to improve their safety and efficiency in mitigating water incidents. Station 62 and Boat 62 are now designated as our mutual aid station/boat.

With continued support from Trustee Johnson, the Township Board and Chief Beam, the Operations Bureau's plan for 2025 is to maintain PTFD's tradition of innovative thinking and training to ensure safe and efficient execution on emergency calls and to provide the best emergency services to the residents of Pike Township and surrounding communities.

Shift Commanders – Battalion Chiefs

One vital asset of the operations branch is our Shift Commanders (Battalion Chiefs). These three individuals are responsible for the oversight, managing, staffing, and ensuring that the day-to-day operations are executed smoothly for their respective shifts.

A-Shift Battalion Chief Darius McClendon



B-Shift Battalion Chief Craig Voight



C-Shift Battalion Chief Brian Sauer



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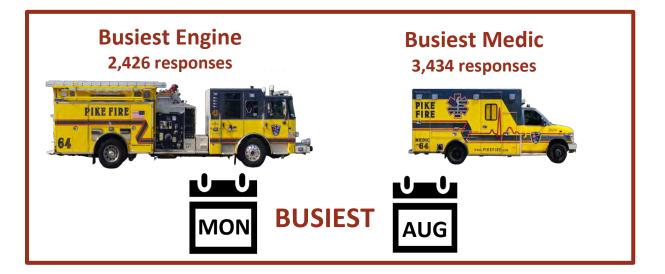




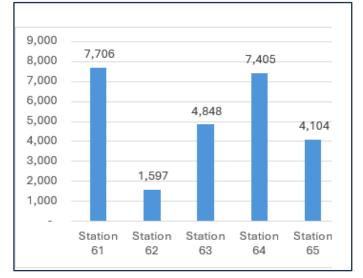


| 25,686 Total Responses 14,816 Total Incidents | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|--|--|
| EMS | Fire | Other | | |
| 18,374 | 5,339 | 1,973 | | |
| Responses | Responses | Responses | | |
| 11,850 | 2,292 | 674 | | |
| Incidents | Incidents | Incidents | | |

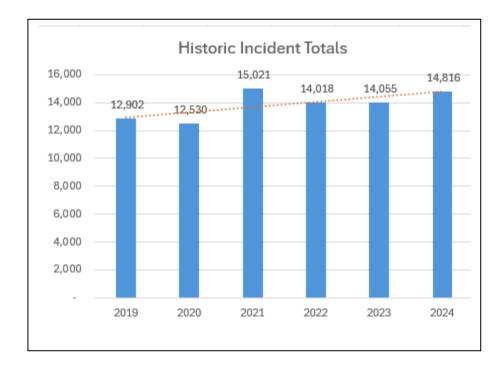
Responses = The number of apparatus dispatched to leave the station on an incident *Incidents* = The number of events to which apparatus are dispatched



Responses by Station















Employee Recognition

2024 Firefighter of the Year Brian Hakes



While he had just 5 years of fire service experience in 2024, Firefighter Hakes has been performing like a veteran. Cheerfully accepting any assignment, he has been proactive in becoming a Safety Officer and in mentoring new firefighters. Firefighter Hakes has a natural aptitude for teaching; seeking outside training to improve his skills and sharing his training with others. He has even helped teach some classes during the Recruit Academy. Consistent and dependable, Firefighter Hakes steps up to take on any role. His positivity is an inspiration among the ranks.

2024 Paramedic of the Year Michael Cohn



With 6 years at Pike Fire in 2024, Paramedic Cohn has been one of the Department's most active, engaged and energetic paramedics. Besides working on the two busiest ambulances (Medic 61 and Medic 64), he serves as the EMS liaison on several Department committees. In 2024, he took on two additional roles: Lead EMT Instructor for the Recruit Academy and the first civilian EMS personnel to serve as an (interim) EMS Duty Officer (EDO) on A-Shift. Paramedic Cohn's dedication, skills, leadership and passion for patients set him apart.

2024 EMT of the Year Kenneth Rader



Six-year Firefighter Rader consistently performs above expectations – regardless of whether the run is at 4 am or 4 pm, or whether the problem is toe pain or cardiac arrest. With an exceptional work ethic and serving attitude, he is proactive, always thinking ahead and willing to help wherever needed. Firefighter Rader uses every incident as a learning opportunity in order to improve his skills as well as patient outcomes. We are proud that other agencies have recognized Firefighter Rader's level of care and knowledge.



The Administrative Services Bureau encompasses all administrative functions for Pike Township Fire Department and includes the following areas:

- Human Resources
- Payroll/Accounts Payable Management
- Budgeting and Finance

The administrative staff members of the Pike Township Fire Department are vitally important to the dayto-day operations of the department and the Township itself. Each member of the staff brings years of experience and knowledge to their positions and routinely find ways to make the department more efficient and find cost-saving opportunities.



Deputy Chief of Administrative Services Mike Goodrich



Kris Harrison HR Manager Retired Dec 2024



Jillian Smith Payroll and Benefits



Stephanie Brackett Administrative Assistant



Elaine Tolen Executive Assistant

| 191 Number of Personnel | | Administrative and Support Staff | Administrative Chiefs |
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| 139 Firefighters | 31 EMS Personnel | 5 Support Services | 5 Administrative Staff |
| Deputy Fire Marshals | Community Risk Reduction Specialist | 3 Information Technology | Media Technology Specialist & UAV Pilot |



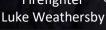
New Hires





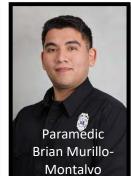














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Promotions



Retirements





Engineer Joel Rickard

35 Years



12 Years



Firefighter

Jim Henson

35 Years

Engineer

Dave Hardebeck

37 Years

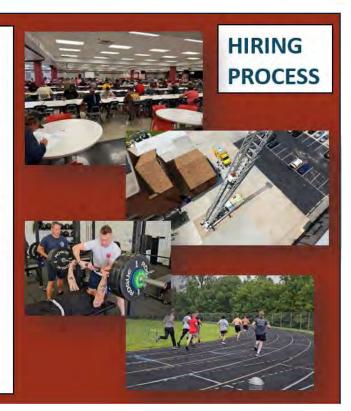
Significant Projects

EMPLOYEE HEALTH and WELLNESS



- Entered into partnership with Marathon Health to provide Employer Clinic and Virtual health access to all employees and dependents.
- Reduces costs for the employee and the Department.
- Increases convenience and healthcare access.
- Improves overall wellness.

- The application process to become a Pike Firefighter consists of multiple evaluations:
 - Written exam, physical fitness testing, ladder climb and oral interviews.
- In total, 320 applicants began the process with a total of 106 achieving a passing score in all phases.
- Testing takes place over the course of 3 months.
 - In total, the hiring process consumes approximately 1,200 staff hours to complete.



Grants

Grants provide crucial funding to assist the department in outfitting, training and maintaining vital programs and equipment vital to public safety response. These funds are distributed by businesses, local, state and federal agencies and offset costs borne by the Department and taxpayers.







Director of Information Technology & Infrastructure Lt Brandon Krieger

Information Technology

The Information Technology and Infrastructure staff maintains the technology infrastructure for the Trustee's office, Small Claims Court, Pike Fire headquarters, 5 fire stations, the training academy, Support Services buildings, and mobile devices on 23 fire apparatus.



Jennifer Baker IT Manager



Thomas Burger Technology Support Specialist





Significant Projects

The biggest project of 2024 was the adoption and configuration of a new software solution, First Due. This system replaced our current Mobile Eyes Inspection & Investigation software, Vector Check-IT asset management software, and IamResponding mobile software. This comprehensive platform unites critical day-to-day functions within a single, modern, and technologically advanced system. By consolidating these tools, we have significantly reduced overall software costs while improving efficiency and functionality. First Due provides enhanced capabilities for generating more insightful data related to asset life cycle management, operational supply cost management, and repair tracking. Additionally, it has streamlined the process of responding to apparatus and equipment support tickets, enabling faster resolutions and improved workflow for support teams.

The software also facilitates data sharing between the Fire Prevention team and Operations personnel, dramatically increasing the amount of critical information available to responding fire and EMS crews in a way that has not previously existed. Through First Due, crews now have access to shared pre-plan information, hydrant locations, and other critical response data, improving situational awareness during emergencies. Furthermore, the system allows for seamless sharing of this information with other Marion County fire departments, enhancing inter-agency cooperation and mutual aid operations for more effective and coordinated responses.



Media Technology



Photographer/ Technology Specialist Tod Parker As the primary photographer for Pike Township, Tod Parker is responsible for all photography relating to Pike Township, Pike Township Fire Department, Pike Township Board members, and court staff. In fact, all of the photography you see in this report was taken by Tod.

Significant Projects

Responded to and documented more than 110 working incidents, events, staff training, and special functions involving PTFD, most of which were published on social media for public awareness, highlighting Department preparedness, transparency, and involvement with the community.



Produced videos for recruitment, Department highlights and training, including instructional videos for EMS personnel.



Designed, maintained, and updated Pike Township website (*VisitPikeTownship.com*) as needed, notifying the public of events and special programs for the community such as food drives, blood drives, and holiday services for the needy. Updated online court documents, related links and/or forms.



Developed Website links, flyers, and dedicated pages on social media and *PikeFire.com* to aid in the hiring process for firefighters, EMS personnel, and other open positions for the Department.



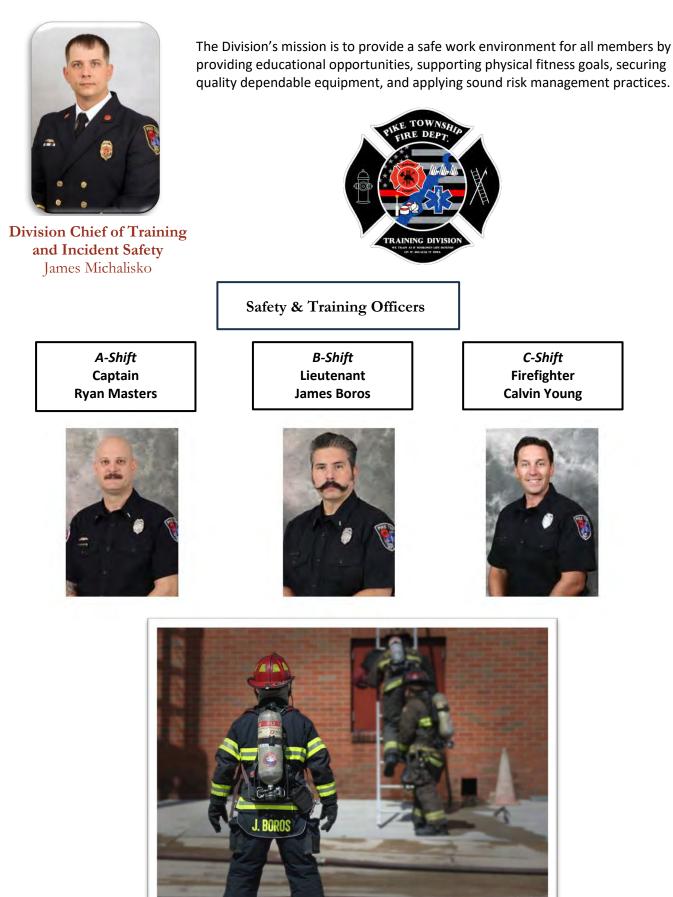
Collaborated with IFD, IMPD, and several surrounding departments to **maintain an Indiana UAS (drone) task force**, integrating and promoting coordination and communication between the various UAS programs in the state.



Worked with the FAA to file all paperwork and registrations for the current drone fleet, complying with all new laws to have all drones registered with the FAA.

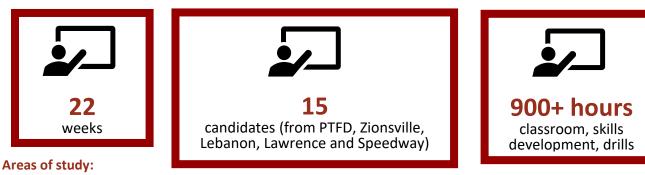




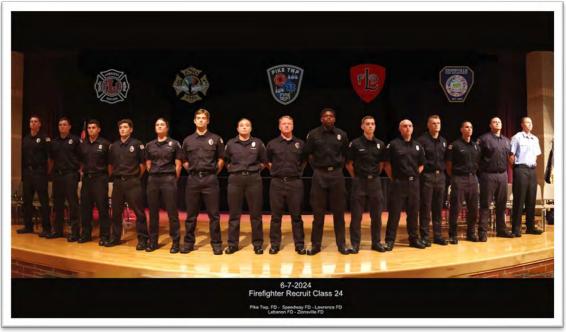




Recruit Academy 24



- American Heart Association Basic Life Support Provider (CPR)
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness and Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100 Introduction to Incident Command
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) 200 Single Resources & Initial Actions
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) 700 Introduction to Incident Management
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) 800 National Response Plan
- AWR111 Concepts of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive events
- AWR160 WMD and Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders
- 16 hours of Ambulance Observation
- 16 hours of Emergency Room Observation at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital
- 16-hour Emergency Vehicle Operators Course
- Emergency Medical Technician Basic
- Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations
- Technical Rescue Awareness
- Vehicle Rescuer Operations & Technician
- Rope Rescue Technician
- And ultimately, State Certified Firefighter I & Firefighter II





Years 1 through 3 Targeted Training

During the first 3 years of employment at the Pike Township Fire Department, all merit personnel complete a 3-year module training program:

Year 1

(Firefighter I) Recruit Academy through first year of employment

In 2024, **5 Pike Fire** recruits began this level.

Year 2

(Firefighter II) Engineer Training -- State Driver Operator General, State Driver Operator Pumper, and State Driver Operator Aerial certifications; Skill Verification Task Books

In 2024, 9 Firefighter I personnel began this level.

Year 3

(Firefighter III) Officer Development --State Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, Fire Instructor I and Fire Officer I certifications

In 2024, 6 Firefighter II personnel began this level.





Certification Courses & Continuing Education Classes



COURSES INCLUDED:







Training Tower Improvements

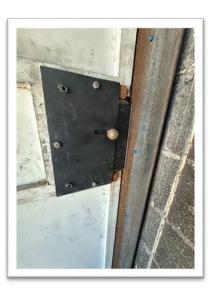


Class A Burn Cribs Purchased – Kitchen Prop, Loveseat Prop, Pallet Style Crib





New forcible entry door installed





Replaced 42-year-old standpipe





SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



Division Chief of Support Services David Hatter



Travis James Support Services Pivot Technician



Brandon Moss Asset Controller & Quartermaster



Support Services Staff

Mike Stephany Support Services Technician



The Support Services Division is responsible for maintaining 5 fire stations, the training academy, Pike Fire headquarters, Pike Township Government Center,

apparatus and facilities, we manage preventive maintenance to prevent small issues from becoming big problems. Support Services works with a variety of

all loose equipment, and a fleet of 50-plus apparatus and vehicles.

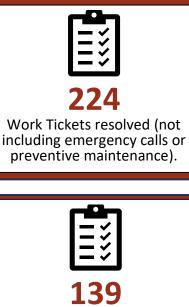
vendors to provide supplies, firefighting gear and uniforms.

In addition to responding to emergency mechanical issues on vehicles,

Austin Hoover Support Services Technician



Dustin Burriss Asset Assistant



Quartermaster Work Tickets resolved (not including emergency calls or preventive maintenance).





SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

2024 Significant Projects



Took possession of the new Fire Prevention vehicles and began installing the lighting, graphics, and radio package to customize them for fire operations.



Completed all required annual testing on all Department apparatus, including DOT checks, axle weights, pump tests, ladder tests, SCBA flow tests, SCBA regulator and face piece testing, and relief valve testing. We monitored and checked all fire extinguishers, alarms and panels, and sprinkler systems for dial out and domestic water system back flow devices.



Assisted with logistics relating to renovating the "F" building to be used for health and wellness.

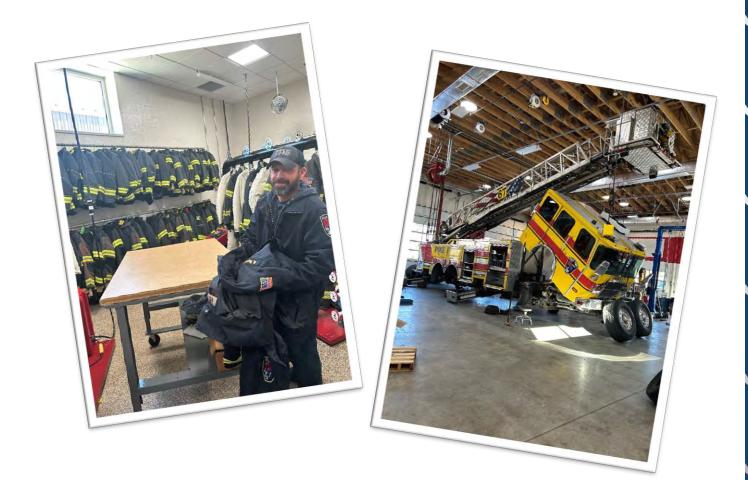


Replaced original concrete in front of the Station 63 engine door and repaired existing concrete which posed a safety hazard.

Ordered 2 new ambulances for delivery in late 2025. Preparing for the pre-build conference for new Engine 62 and Ladder 64 in mid-February 2025 to be delivered in late 2025.



Leveled site and graveled grounds behind the Maintenance & Decontamination Facility prior to pouring a 55'x 55' extrication pad for training.





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

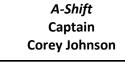


Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services Ryan Ross

Imagine a community where safety is a top priority, where every resident and visitor feels secure knowing that the Pike Township Fire Department Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is always ready to respond. Our dedicated team is not just committed to excellence — we are passionate about delivering the highest quality emergency medical care to the people of Pike Township and the Indianapolis Metropolitan area. Our 9-1-1 services stand as a beacon of hope and reassurance. Join us in our mission to create a safer, healthier community for everyone.



EDO60 Shift Officers





B-Shift Lieutenant Alan McKamey



C-Shift Firefighter/Paramedic Jacquelyn Dunn







EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Training

Pike Township Fire Department's **EMS training program is designed to equip our team with the skills needed** for both Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS). Our members are dedicated to maintaining a high standard of expertise, which translates into exceptional care for our community.

In 2024, our care providers demonstrated their commitment to excellence by excelling in specialized courses such as Handtevy Advanced Pediatric Care for EMS Providers and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Additionally, they took the initiative to attend various supplementary training sessions, further honing their skills and enhancing their ability to serve.





We take pride in supporting our providers' pursuit of higher education. A heartfelt congratulations to Michael Lam (left) and Tim Ball (right) for **completing Paramedic School** in 2024. Their growth as ALS providers is inspirational, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on the lives we serve.



Thanks to the unwavering support from our residents, Township Board, and Trustee Johnson, PTFD's equipment ranks among the finest in the state. We remain at the forefront of EMS practices with **cutting-edge technology** provided by Zoll Medical, including lifesaving cardiac monitors and mechanical CPR devices. We continue to be committed to providing the highest quality of cardiac care by implementing new cardiac monitors and mechanical CPR devices.





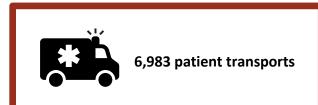


EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Primary EMS Incidents

848 – Fall-related injuries

598 – Motor vehicle accidents



Personnel Focus



Identifying, caring for and transporting stroke patients in under 20 minutes. Pike Fire outperformed the national average.



Special recognition goes to Paramedic Ashton Underwood, whose dedication and care significantly impacted many lives. In 2024, Ashton was a shining star by providing quality care to 385 patients.

Celebrating our first responders during EMS Week 2024









Division Chief/Fire Marshal Jonathan Kempler

Prevention Services Division is composed of three subdivided areas of fire and life safety:

- Fire & Life Safety Inspections
- Fire Origin and Cause Investigations
- Community Risk Reduction





Joshua Kreigh Assistant Fire Marshal

Tanya Pickett Deputy Fire Marshal

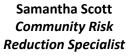


Adam Brandlein Deputy Fire Marshal



Cade Berry Deputy Fire Marshal





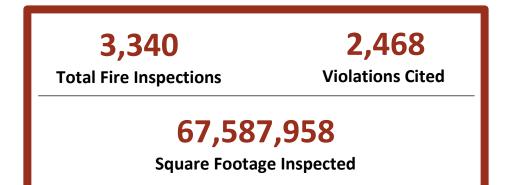






Fire Inspections

The fire inspection program oversees and ensures adherence to the Indiana Fire Code, Indiana Building Code, National Fire Protection Association Standards, and Marion County Municipal Codes. Regular checks are conducted to verify compliance with relevant codes, standards, and proper documentation of annual inspections and compliance related to sprinkler systems and fire alarms.





Fire Investigations

The fire investigation program examines fire and explosion incidents to ascertain the source and reason for fires that occur within the jurisdiction of the Pike Township Fire Department. Once the Department is notified of a fire or explosion incident, an investigation is initiated with the goal of determining the origin and cause of the event. These investigations follow a systematic approach and leverage both fundamental and advanced knowledge of fire science.





Community Risk Reduction









COMMUNITY OUTREACH



