

# Annual Report



2019



2020

**FIRE / EMS / TECHNICAL RESCUE / WATER RESPONSE**  
**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / FIRE PREVENTION**  
**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

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# Message From the Fire Chief

To The Citizens of Quincy:

As I write this letter, and compile this report, we are faced with significant challenges as a City, State and Nation. The response to the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the City, and our Department, not only operationally but financially as well.

We wrapped up the 2019-2020 fiscal year tightening our belts and preparing to do more in the coming year. However, I want every citizen to know that no matter the challenges, the Quincy Fire Department will continue to provide the best service we can with the resources we are given. We continue to work toward that end.

This past year saw some great things happen for the Department. We were able to put our two new pumpers and our new SCBA into service in July. We implemented a new training support software called, "Target Solutions" that is helping to both, streamline our record keeping, and improve our training functions.

I hope you will take the time to review this report and see all the great things that have been happening at the Quincy Fire Department. Should you come across something you don't understand or are concerned about, please feel free to reach out to me in the administrative offices. We want you to know and understand all that is being done to make your City as fire safe as possible.

Stay safe, and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Joe Henning  
Fire Chief

# **The Mission of the Quincy Fire Department**

**The Quincy Fire Department dedicates itself to the protection of Quincy's residents and their property. We do this through...**

- Hazard prevention activities; including inspection, public education and code enforcement.**
- Quick and efficient response to fire and other hazardous conditions.**
- Supporting the provision of emergency medical services.**
- Maintaining relationships with other emergency response agencies so as to give or receive support in the protection of life and property.**



# Annual Report—Quick Facts



- There are 60 sworn firefighters and two civilian staff on the department.
- There are five stations and a total of 9 pieces of firefighting apparatus.
- There was one retirement, one new hire, and two promotions.
- The fire department spent a total of \$10,259,516 in the fiscal year.
- 93.67% of budget dollars were directly spent for fire suppression.
- The Department responded to 3,791 requests for service.
- Engine #2 was the busiest company with 1,197 responses.
- The fastest average response time was in the 6-4-2 district with a time of 3:23.
- There were no fire related fatalities compared to four the previous year.
- The total number of working structure fires was 71.
- The total value of property saved in the fiscal year was \$46,890,125.
- On average, the Quincy Fire Department arrived on scene prior to other medical services an average of 73% of the time.
- There were a total of 11,003 training hours logged in the past year.

# Organizational Chart



# Personnel Changes



Deputy Chief Greg Dreyer

**Retirement**



FF Nick Wentura

**New Hire**

# Promotions



Deputy Chief Demond Dade



Lt. Keith Reed



# Employee/Crew of the Month



**Administrative Assistant  
Zenda Jones**

**August 2019**



**Firefighter  
Shawn Schneider**

**September 2018**



**Lieutenant  
Stephen Wiewel**



**Firefighter  
Mark Bichsel**

**October 2019**

# Employee/Crew of the Month



**Firefighter  
Kevin Hickey**

**November 2019**



**Captain  
Alan Munger**

**February 2020**



**Lieutenant Jerry Mast**



**Firefighter Steve Pezzella**



**Firefighter Andy Weise**

**December 2019**

# **Employee/Crew of the Month**



**Firefighter  
Adam Huckey**

**April 2020**

# Special Recognitions



**Firefighter  
Steve Peters**

**QFD Firefighter of  
the Year**



**Fire Chief  
Joe Henning**

**Illinois Fire Chief  
of the Year**



**Lieutenant  
Shawn Henson**

**QFD Leadership  
Award**

# Educational Achievements

## Basic Fire Officer



Lt. Don Briddle



FF Mick Crist



FF Mike Dade



FF Kevin Hickey



FF Adam Huckey



FF PJ Moody



FF Steve Peters



FF Ryan Willingham

## Advanced Fire Officer



FF Zelton Crose



DC Demond Dade



FF Ryan Kamphaus



AC Scott Lucey



Captain Alan Munger



Lt. Jack Ray



Lt. Jason Steinkamp



Lt. Steve Wiewel

# Educational Achievements

## Basic Operations Firefighter



FF Bryan Meyer



FF Rian Ogilvie



FF Matt Reynolds

## AAS Fire Science



FF Mike Lucchetti



FF Bryan Meyer

## Hazardous Materials Ops



FF Matt Reynolds

## Vehicle & Machinery Operations



FF Bryan Meyer



FF Matt Reynolds

## Advanced Fire Instructor



Lt. Jason Steinkamp

# Educational Achievements

## Fire Apparatus Engineer



FF Tyler Staicoff



FF Lance Terstriep



FF Chad Trueblood



FF Ryan Willingham

## Instructor I



FF PJ Moody



FF Matt Reynolds

## Haz-Mat Tech B



FF PJ Moody

## EMS Lead Instructor



Lt. Justin Twaddle

## Courage to Be Safe



FF Nick Wentura

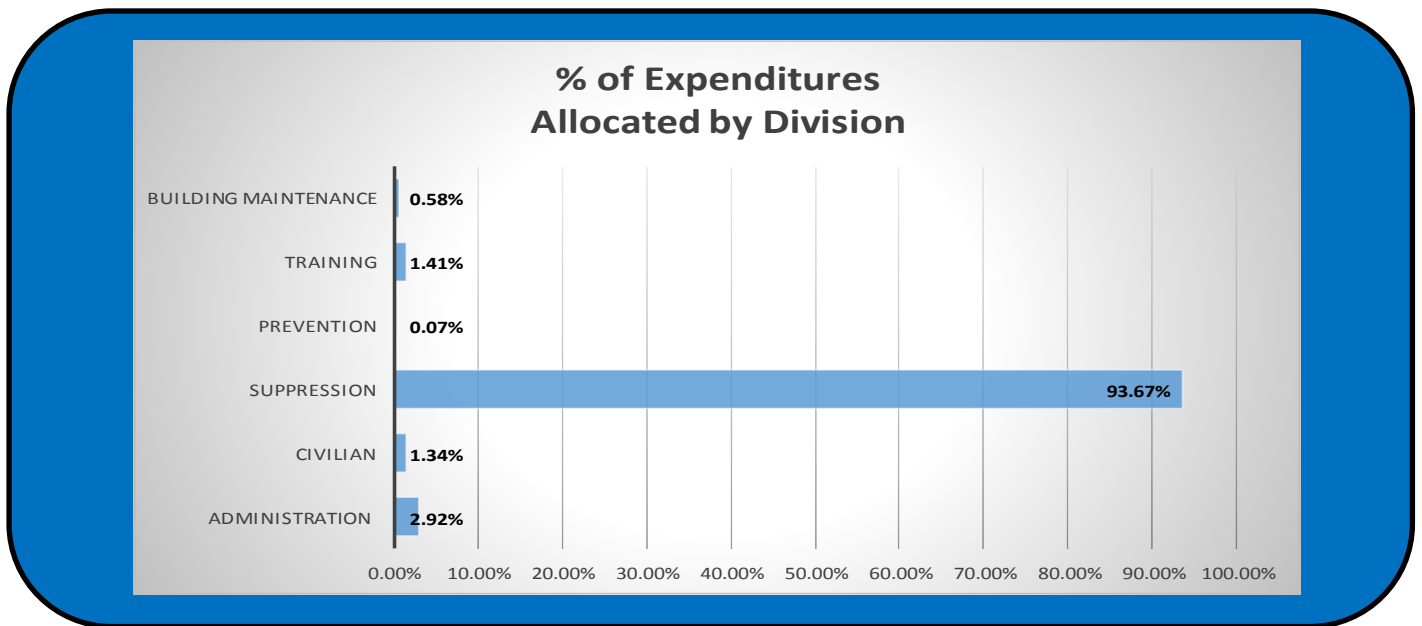
## Training Program Management



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# 2019-2020 Budget

Last year the Quincy Fire Department spent \$10,259,516 out of the approved 2019-2020 budget of \$10,438,652. This represents a use of 98.29% of the funds allocated for the year.

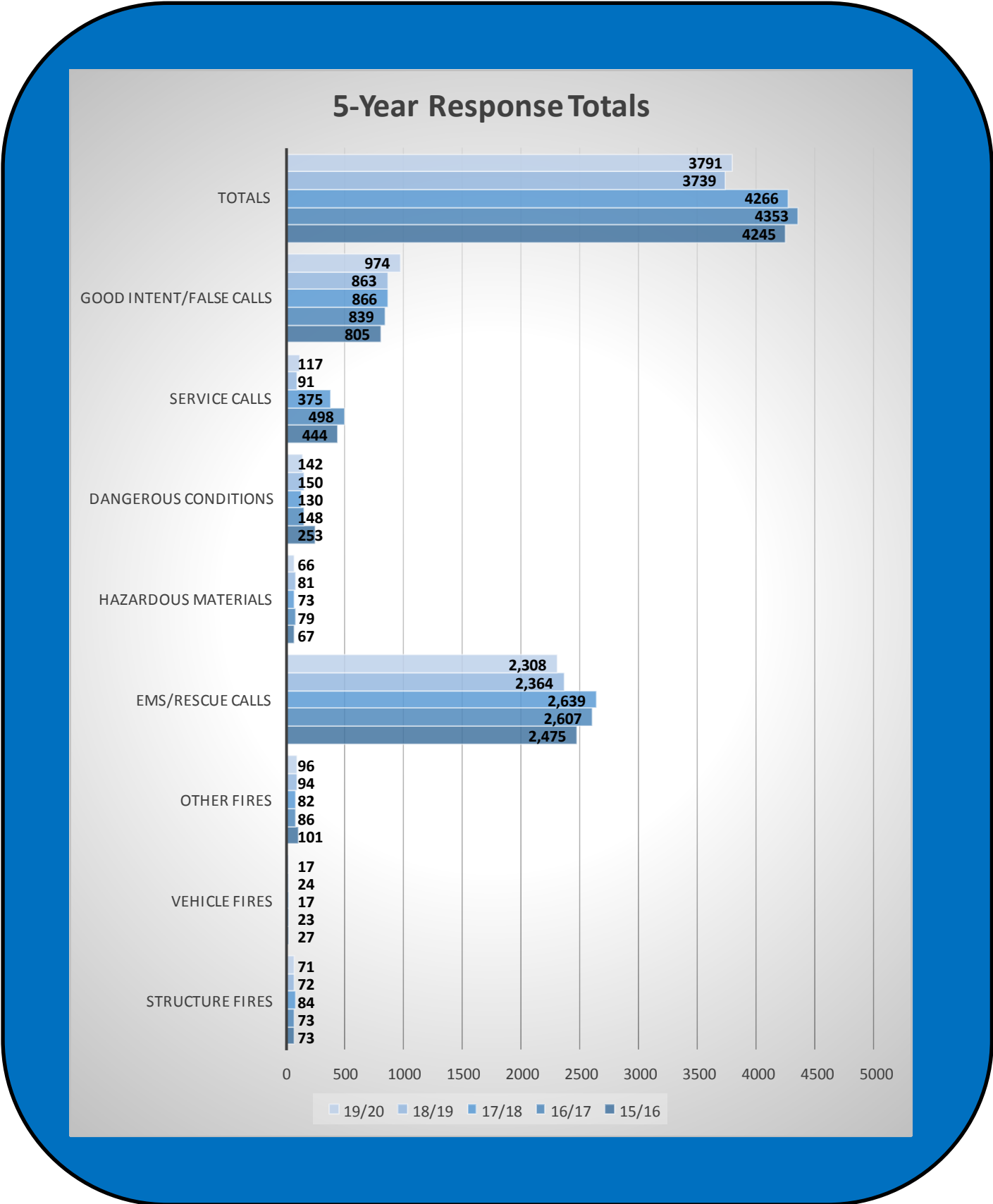


## *Major Purchases*

Target Solutions Software	\$5,735
Roof—Central Fire Station Garage	\$22,100
Fire Hose	\$9,913
Cancer Prevention Firefighting Hoods	\$2,900
Firefighting Bunker Gear	\$22,874
Smoke Ejector	\$2,998
Firefighter Academy—Wentura	\$4,100

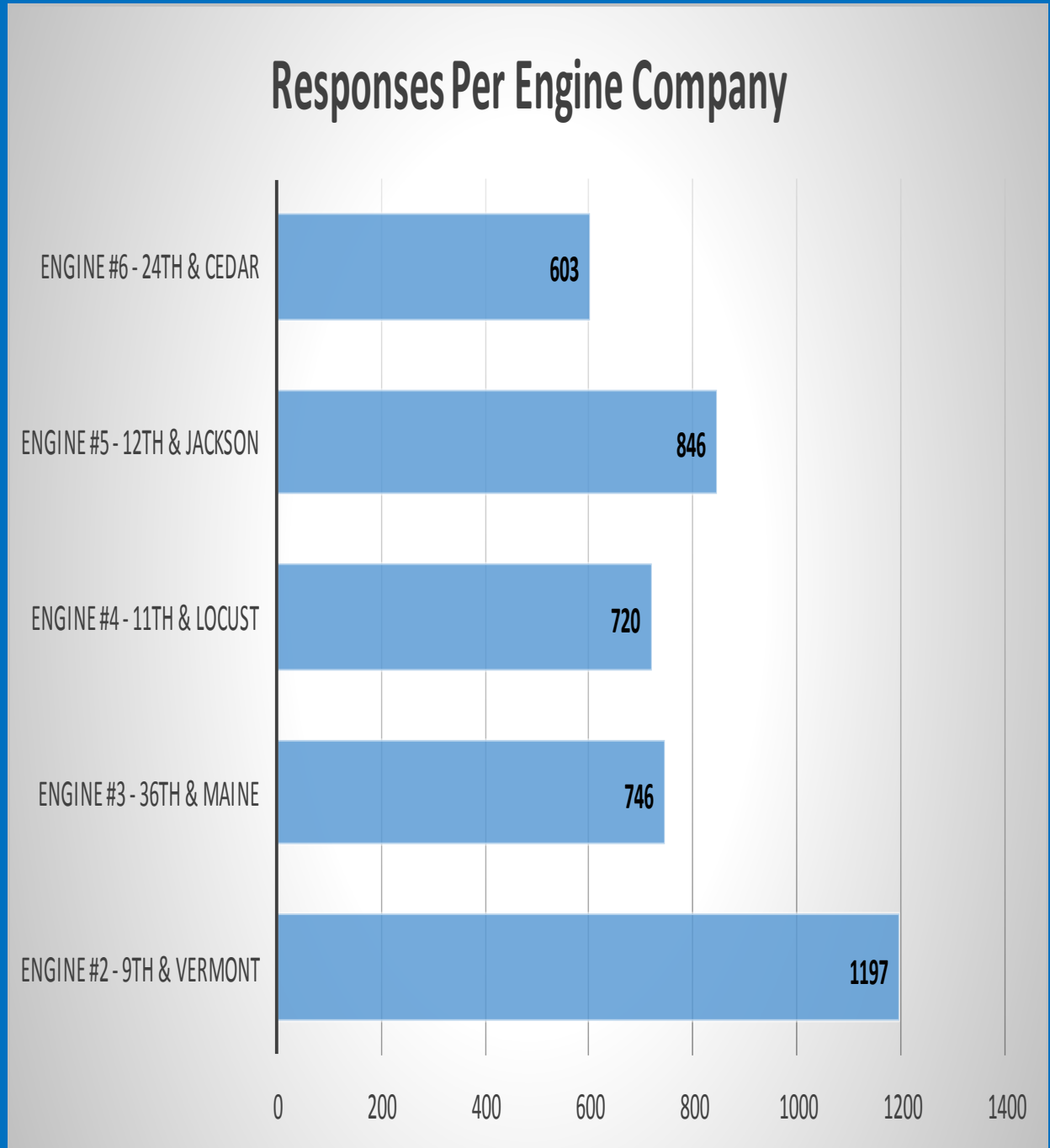


# Fire Department Response

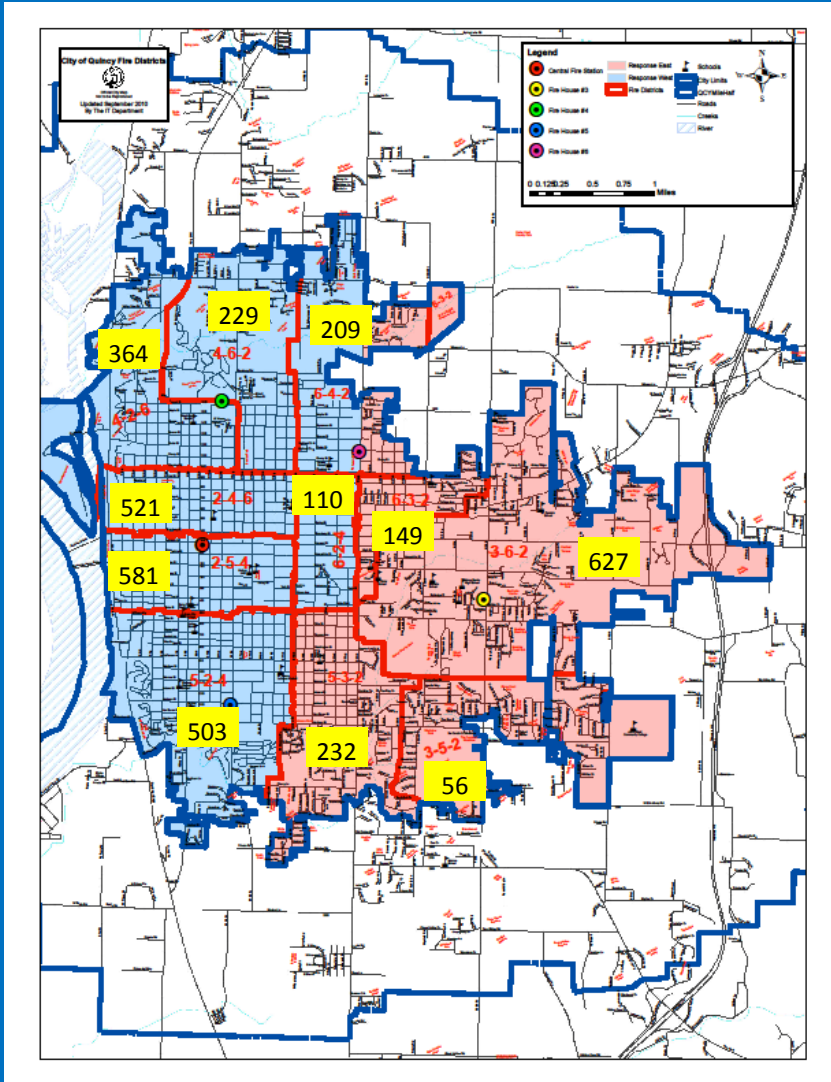


# Number of Incidents Responded to by Engine Company

## Responses Per Engine Company



# Number of Incidents by District

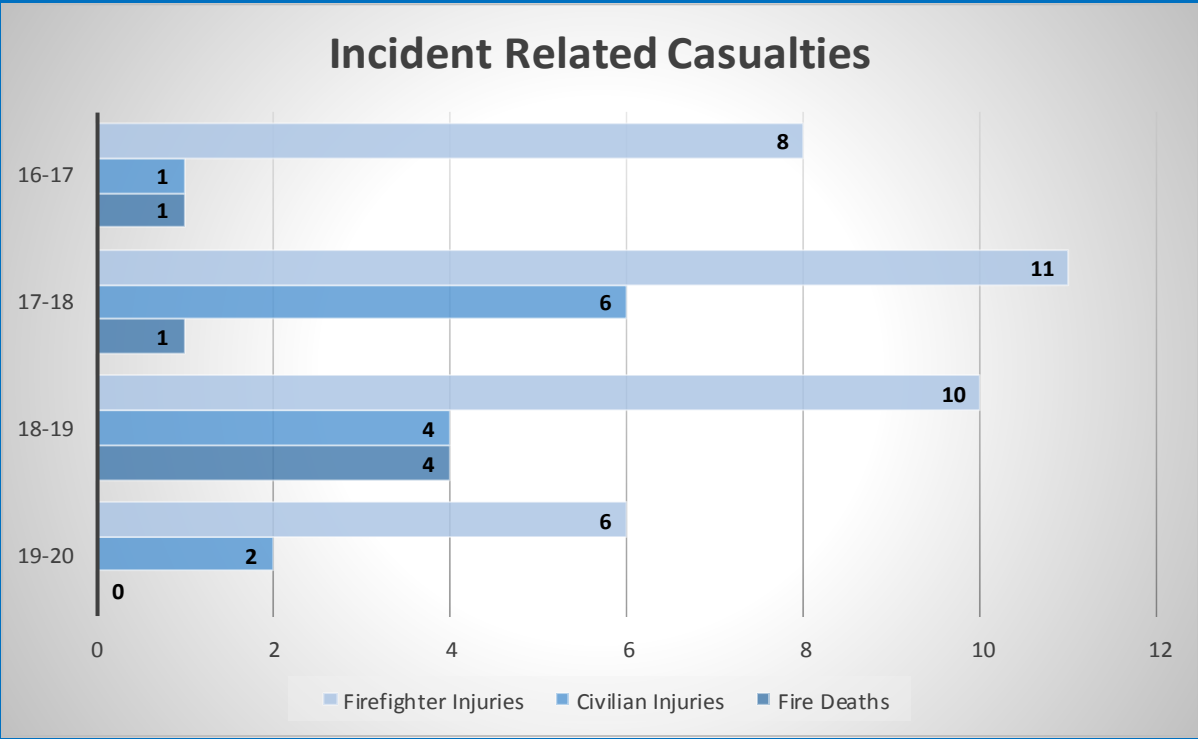


District	2018-2019	2019-2020
2-4-6	3:33	3:34
2-5-4	3:37	3:34
3-5-2	4:36	4:50
3-6-2	3:54	3:51
4-2-6	3:17	3:27
4-6-2	3:33	3:35
5-2-4	3:40	3:33
5-3-2	4:13	4:12
6-2-4	3:26	3:47
6-3-2	3:36	3:47
6-4-2	3:01	3:23

On this page are the response totals and average response times by district. The City of Quincy is divided into eleven response districts. These are separated by the red lines on the map and the district number is indicated in red lettering.

- \* The first digit of the district number indicates the primary engine company to respond.
- \* The succeeding two digits represent the additional engine companies that would respond on general alarm assignments.
- \* The numbers in the boxes represent the total number of alarms responded to within each response district.
- \* The chart shows the average response times for the first arriving unit in each designated district.

# Incident Related Statistics



## *Incident Related Dollars Responded To, Saved and Lost*

	2018-2019	2019-2020	Change
Value of Property Responded To	\$67,094,548	\$48,269,945	(\$18,824,603)
Property Lost	\$1,804,948	\$1,379,820	(\$425,128)
Property Saved	\$65,289,600	\$46,890,125	(\$18,299,475)

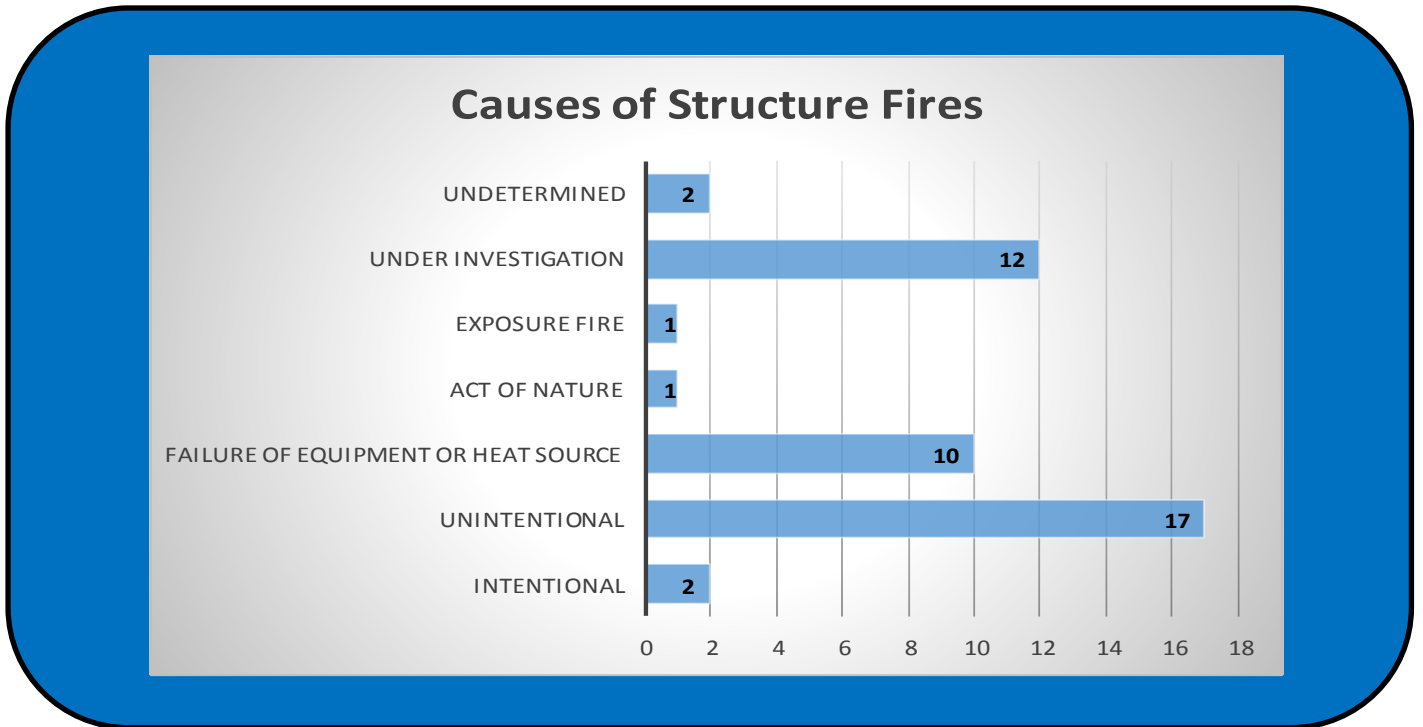
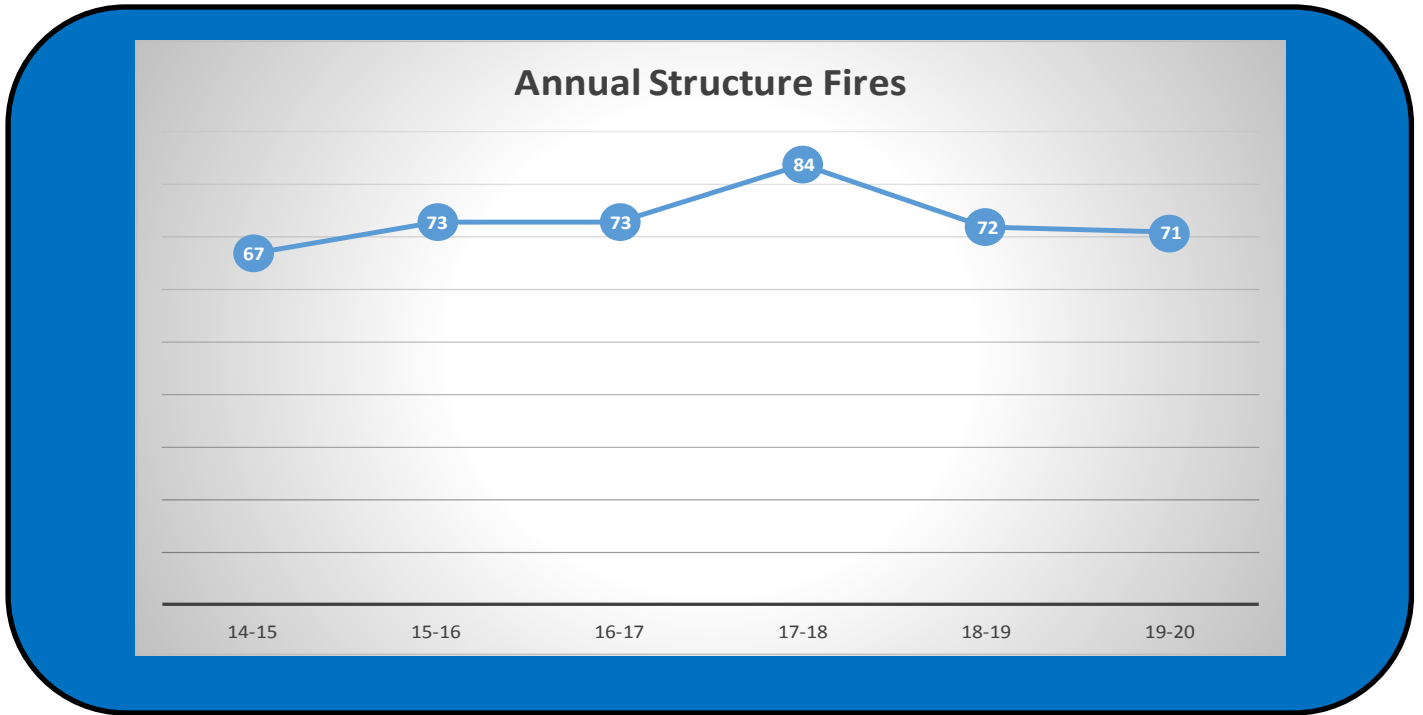
The chart above details how the dollars that are spent on fire protection and suppression translate into dollars saved or lost. This past year saw a decrease in all three areas which were Value of Property Responded To, Property Lost and Property Saved.

This year the Quincy Fire Department saved 97.14% of the property responded to from fire.

Property includes structures, contents and vehicles where a loss occurred.

# Structure Fires

The number of structure fires responded to this year dropped by 1, this keeps the number of fires pretty consistent over the six year trend.



## *Fire Investigation*

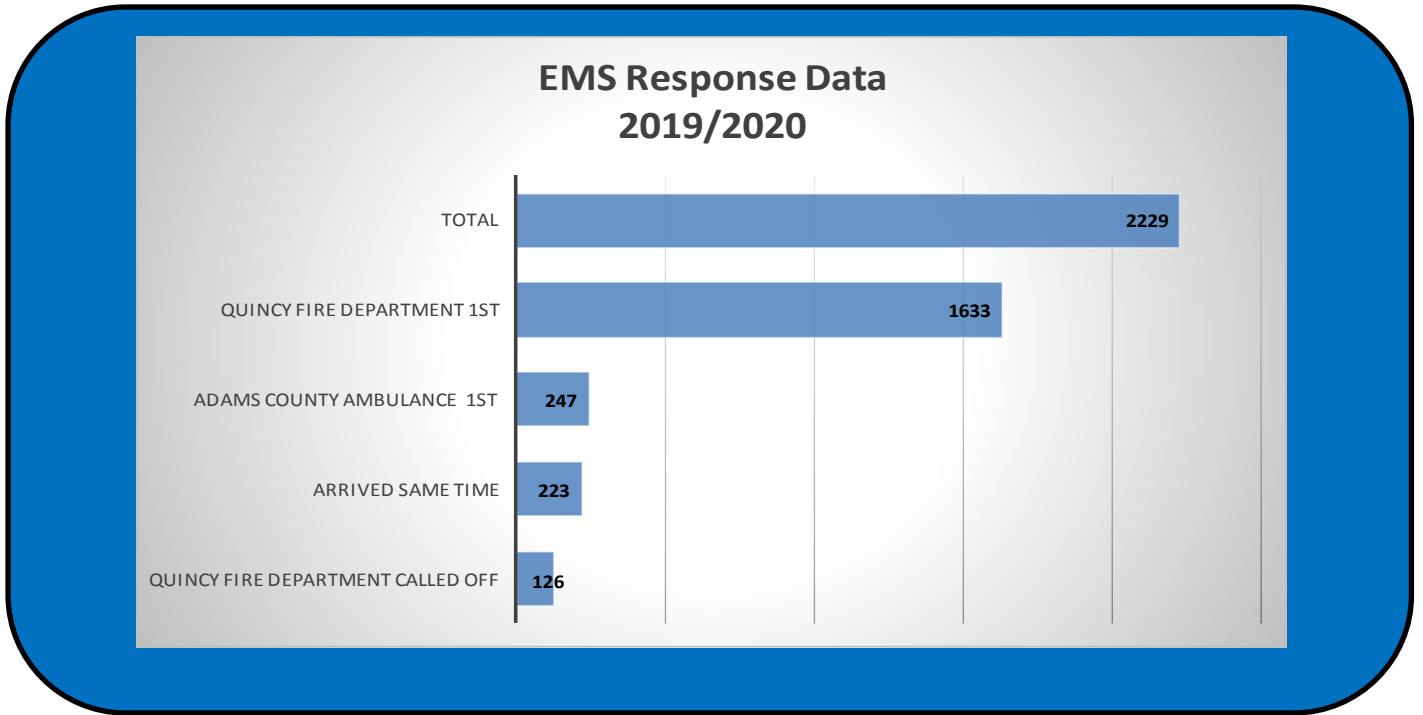
The Quincy Fire Department is responsible for investigating and documenting any fire that occurs within our jurisdiction. The fire department maintains a team of five personnel that are trained and certified by the State of Illinois Fire Marshall's office in documenting the cause and origin of a fire. These personnel are requested to a fire scene whenever on duty personnel are unable to determine these conditions or when a significant amount of damage has occurred to property, and injury or death resulted from a fire.

The Quincy Fire Department responded to approximately 315 fire-related calls during the 2019-2020 fiscal years. These calls were highly varied in their response; however, every call was investigated and documented by the department. A breakdown of these calls follows:

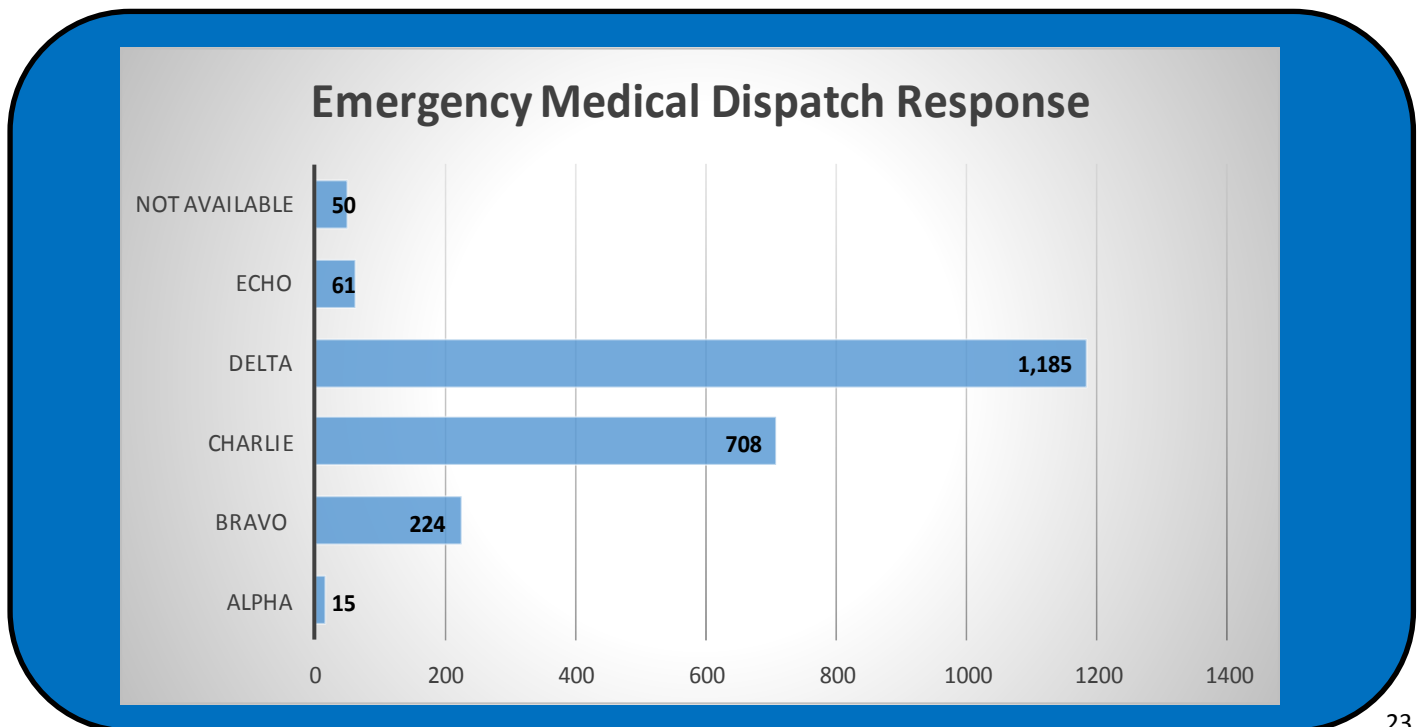
- \* 178 calls were for fires that were lit by residences in their yards of which 100 were determined to be illegal fires and a Notice of Violation was issued.
- \* 21 calls were for fires that damaged vegetation of which 15 were accidental and 6 were lit on purpose.
- \* 8 calls were for fires that occurred in outside areas and the reasons for these fires include 6 dumpster fires that were started by an unknown person and 3 are under investigation. Other reasons for outside fires included 2 fuel fires involving a gas can and a propane cylinder.
- \* 58 calls were for fires that occurred in a structure but did not involve the structure. 2 fires occurred in trash cans that were lit by unknown persons; 18 fires occurred on stovetops/ovens; 6 fires in clothes dryers; 5 smoking or damaged electrical outlets; 1 electric tea kettle; and 18 fires from overheated motors (HVAC systems, sump pumps, ceiling fans, light fixtures and washing machines).
- \* 15 calls were for vehicle fires of which 11 were determined accidental and started in the engine compartment; 1 fire is still under investigation and 1 recreational vehicle fire that started due to a space heater.
- \* 35 calls were for structure fires. These fires have been defined as electrical, incendiary (fires which start due to direct human involvement whether accidental and/or purposeful), accidental or undetermined.
- \* 7 of these fires were determined to have started due to electrical issues.
- \* 25 fires were determined to be incendiary of which 3 are still under investigation due to human involvement and unknown intent. The reasons for these fires included smoking materials, cooking, woodstoves, and children with matches.
- \* 3 fires were started outside and moved to a structure. These included a grill too close to a wall, a person burning weeds and fireworks.

# Emergency Medical Services

The Quincy Fire Department continues to provide medical service in a dual response capacity with the Adams County Ambulance Service. Below is a chart that shows how fire department response proves to be an effective means to get emergency care on scene in a timely fashion.



The following chart details how the responses for the last year were broken down. By policy, the department is typically only dispatched on any incident that is deemed to be a “Charlie” level or greater. There are some limited “Bravo” calls that we respond to as well.



## *Public Education*

The Quincy Fire Department continues to provide multiple opportunities for public education both within the classroom, and in the public. The chart below details the various events that the fire department participated in over the last year in an effort to take the message of fire safety to the residents it protects.

Event	Number	Adults	Children
Children's Safety House (Estimate)	15	100	1500
Block Party	1	20	20
Fire Extinguisher Demonstration	11	115	-
Fire Safety Presentation	4	4	16
Fire Truck Visit	22	796	1,544
Health/Safety Fair	1	-	-
Station Tour	27	151	367
Other	3	32	128
Totals	84	1,218	3,575

### *Smoke Detector Installations*

The Quincy Fire Department partnered with the Red Cross for the fifth year to provide free smoke detectors, and install them, for anyone requesting at no charge. In this past fiscal year there were 66 household visits in which a total of 132 smoke detectors were installed. Additionally, 9 bedside alarms for hearing-impaired individuals were installed as well.

### *Child Safety Seat Installations*

The Quincy Fire Department participated in a total of 11 scheduled child safety seat installation events and assisted in the installation of a total of 152 car seats this past year.



Over \$3,700 raised with our annual Breast Cancer Awareness shirts. Proceeds to Blessing Breast Center.



## *Inspection and Code Enforcement*

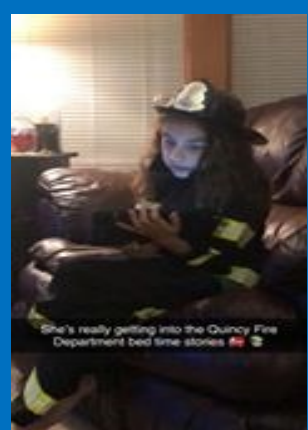
The Quincy Fire Department remains committed to the belief that the most efficient way to fight a fire is to prevent it from happening to begin with. The in-service inspection program allows on-duty firefighters to perform walk-through inspections of businesses in an effort to keep the businesses more safe.

	18-19	19-20
Number of Inspections	1,030	1,228
Number of Violations	672	722
Liquor Licenses Inspections	28	171
Special Inspections	22	18
Burn Permits	19	18
Totals	1,771	2,157

## *Bedtime Stories with QFD*

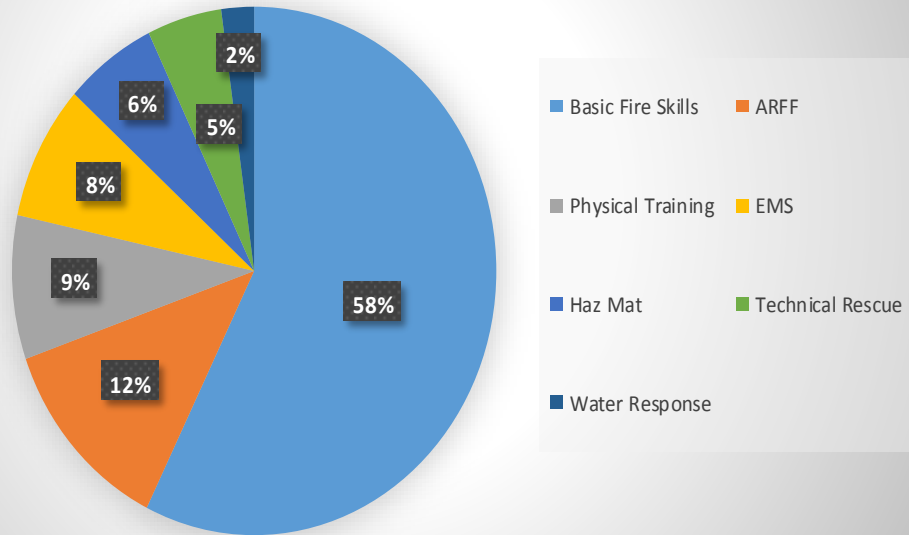
On March 21st, the Quincy Fire Department started a nightly Facebook story time for kids that would last through the Governor's COVID-19 stay-at-home order.

This ended up running for 75 days and the videos garnered over 300,000 views.

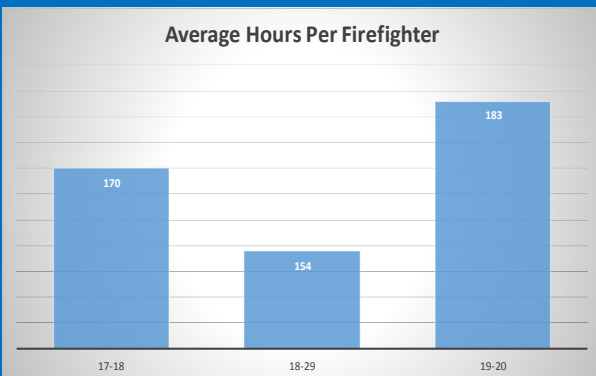


# Training Division

Training Hours by Category  
Total Hours - 11,003



Average Hours Per Firefighter



Total Annual Training Hours

