Bloomington Fire Department

History of the Bloomington Fire Department

First paid department members

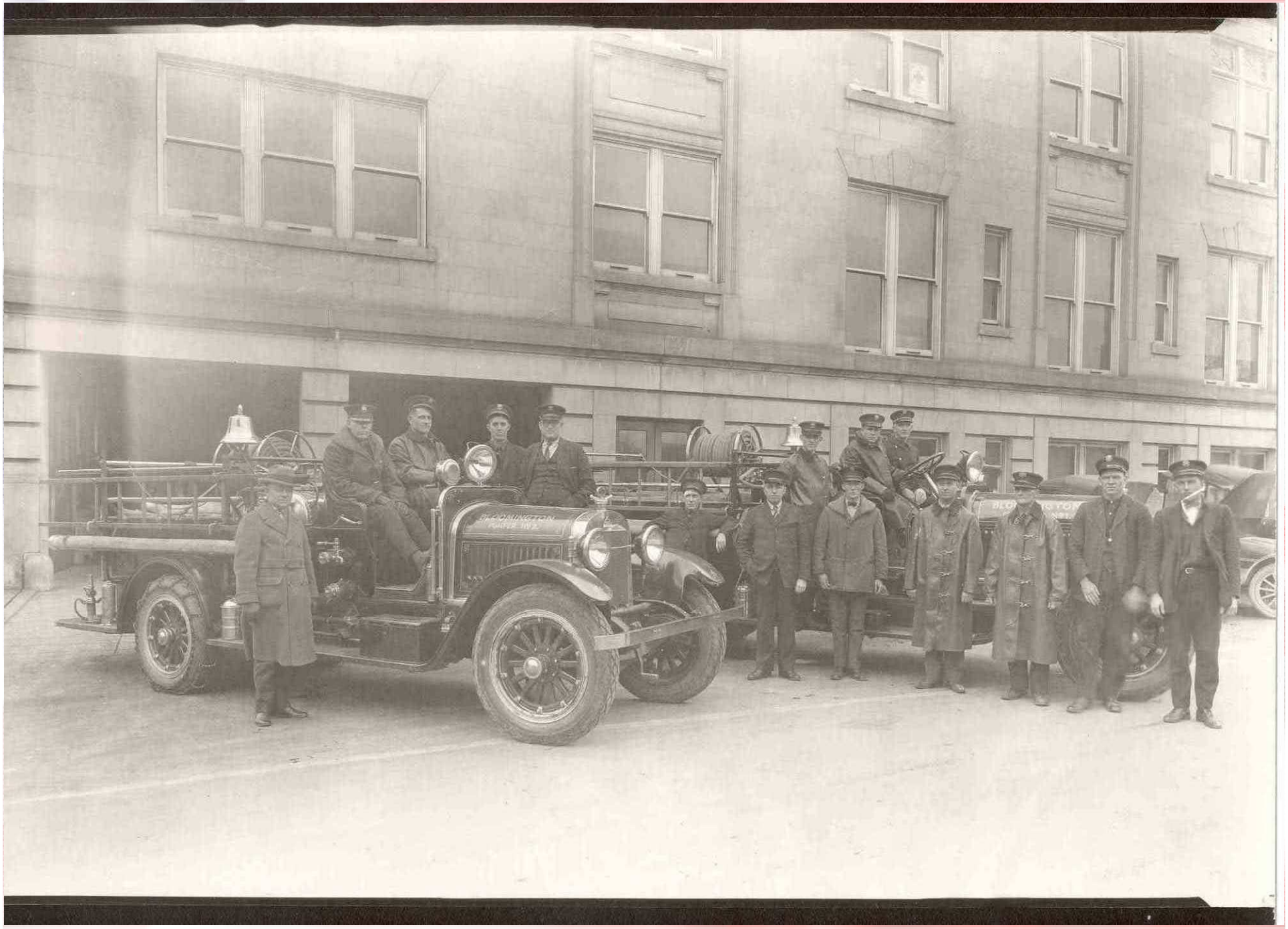
- Final approval of Bloomington's first paid department was February 17,1900
- Each fireman was allowed 24 hours off duty every 2 weeks, though no two men could be off at the same time
- Salary set between $33 and $50 a month

First Paid Firefighters

First Steamer

Early 1900s

- 1913-Sanderson replaced w/ motorized Stutz pumper
- 1915-moved to new station on 4th street, w/ dorm, kitchen, lockers and bath over two bays
- 1917-1st motorcycle fire (citizen Tom Perry's Indian), 1st electrical fire at DZ house
- 1918- 1st car fire



30s

- New ford pumper
- 1920s ladder wagon
- 150-200 calls a year
- 19 paid firefighters
- Established fire watch-one ff answers phone and records alarms. All alarms rec'd by phone until 1961. FF on fire watch would take down info and alert the others

40's & 50's

- **Split platoons, 24 on/24 off**
- **Station 2 added on near west side**

60's & 70's

- Station 3 opened fall of 1963
- February 1965 BFD's first African-American firefighter, James Hopkins, was hired he reached the rank of Captain before retiring in 1991
- BFD split into 3 platoons, 24/48
- Station 4 on E. 3rd
- 81 FF, 4 stations, 6 engines, 2 aerials

80's & 90's

- **Jean Magrane, BFD's first female firefighter hired, currently a Captain at #4**
- **Station 5 opened on S. Henderson**
- **Headquarters Station**

2000-Present

- Station 2
- Increased Staffing

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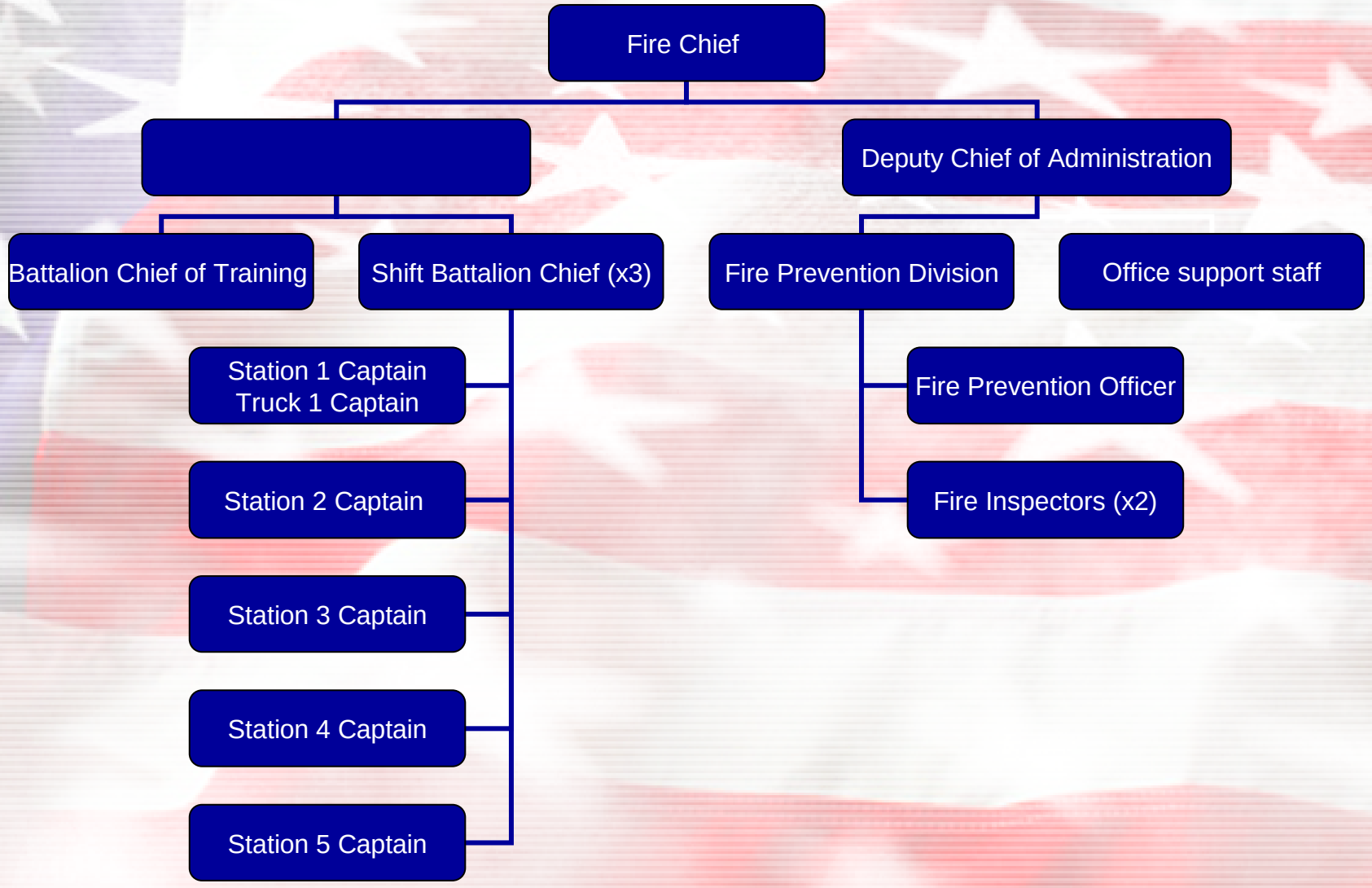
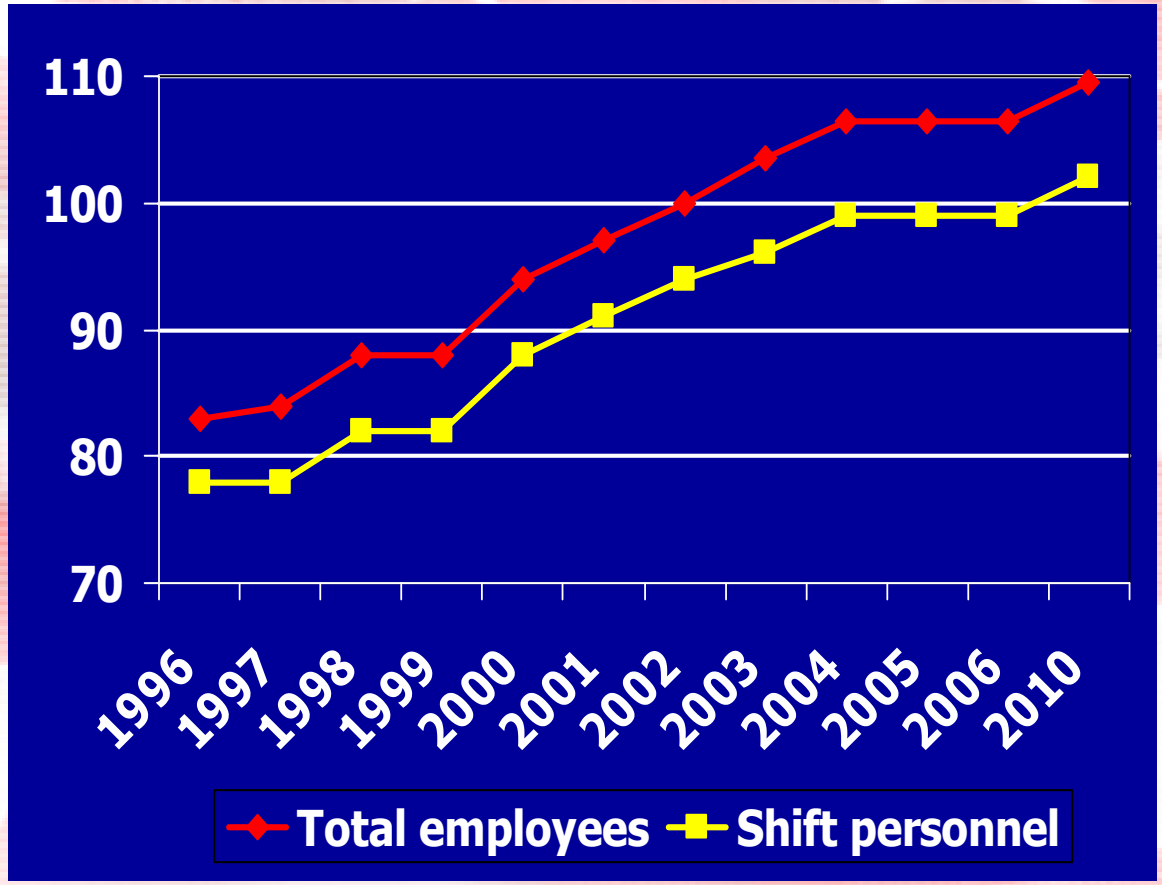
Organization Overview

MAYOR MARK KRUZAN

Fire Department Organization



Line Firefighters & Total Department Size



Where the Dollars Go …

2014 funding

- **Total Budget $9,678,818**

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

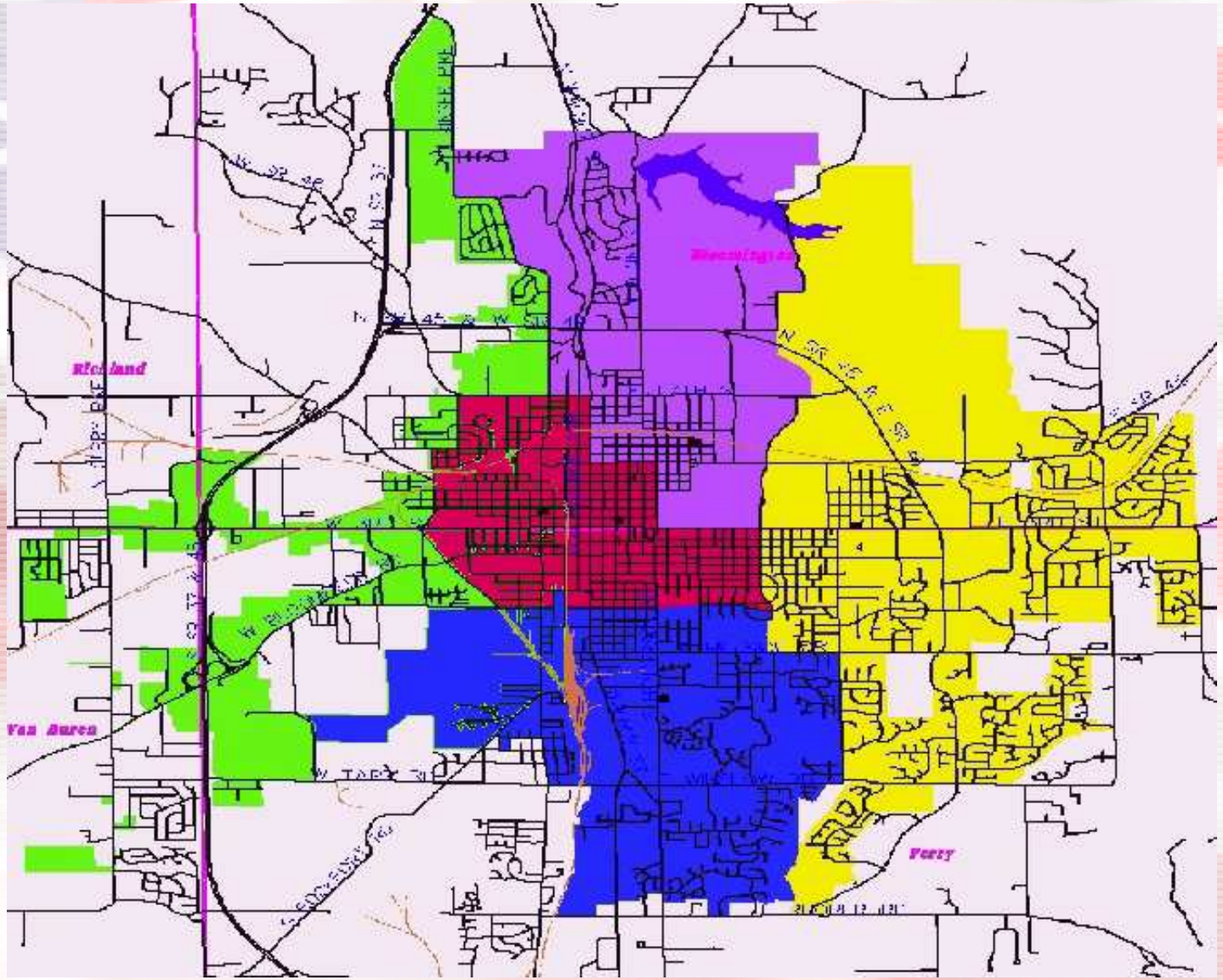
- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Rescue
- Hazardous Condition Investigations

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- Dispatched to Life Threatening Emergencies
- Rapid response to critical care patients
- Early CPR & defibrillation

Fire Stations

Fire Districts



Training

Organization

- Training Officer
- Shift Training Officers
- Company Officers/Certified Instructors

Areas of Instruction/responsibility

- Fire suppression
- EMS
- Hazardous Materials
- Special rescue
- Personnel development
- Maintain levels of certification
  - Ems, fire, hazmat, rescue

Highlights

- **Rapid Intervention program**
- **FF rescue training tower**

Recruit Academy

- 8 weeks
  - FF I/II, EMT, Hazmat Ops
- Paramilitary structure
- Discipline, effort and love for the job

Future

- Increasing demands for services= more training
- Continued development of training center
- Serve as regional campus for Indiana firefighter training program
- Partner with Ivy Tech Fire Science program/Hoosier Hills Fire Rescue program

Pub Ed

Public Education

National Fire Prevention Week Is October 7-13, 2007

The theme: *"It's Fire Prevention Week--Practice Your Escape Plan!"*

- **Fire Prevention Month--October**
- **Juvenile Firesetter Intervention**
- **Fire Prevention for the Workplace, neighborhood groups, civic groups, Etc.**

Public education

- 2013
- Total Contacts = 8,132
- Adult = 2708
- Kids = 8424

Inspection and Investigations

Inspections

- Inspection of Public facilities
- Indiana Fire Code
- State Fire Marshal
- Bloomington Municipal Code
- Indiana University

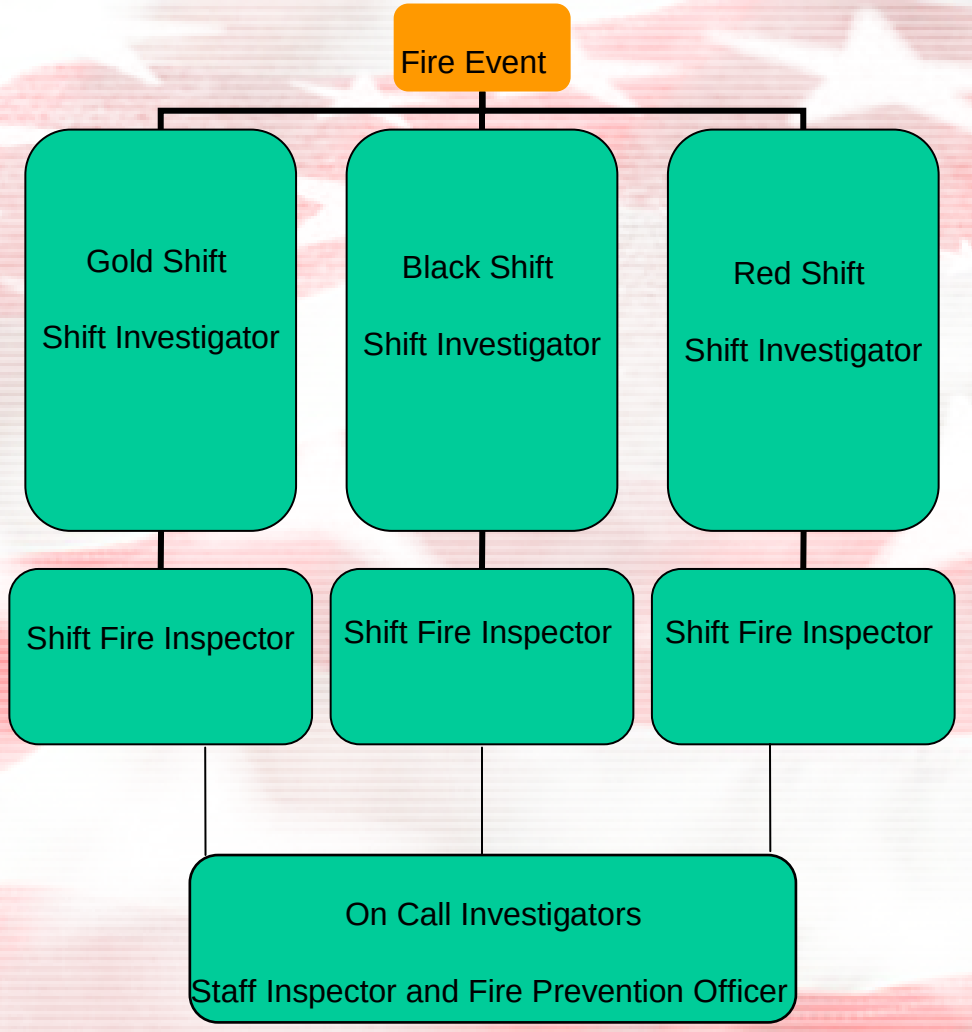
The Inspection Process

- **Routine Inspections**
- **New Construction Inspections**
- **Complaint Inspections**
- **Courtesy Inspections**

Plan Review

- Plans from Monroe County Building Department
- Development Review Committee
- Respond to citizen and professional inquiries

Fire Investigation Structure



Fire Investigation

- Fire Cause and Origin required
- Other assistance
- State Fire Marshal
- BPD Detectives
- Prosecutor's Office
- ATF
- FBI

I.A.F.F. Local 586

- **Philanthropy efforts:**
  - **"Bop-to-the–Top" Sears Tower/One America**
  - **Mini-marathon**
  - **Camp Emma Lou**
  - **Shop with a Firefighter**

Burn Comparison

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- **Thanks For Visiting The Department**