

Buffalo Fire Department

2024 Annual Report



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chief -Doug Anderson
Asst. Chief – Chad Harris
Administrative Captain – Nick Sowell
Training Captain – Adam Sowell
Safety Captain – Zach Anderson

Crew #1
Lt. Corey Howard
FF- Charles Kinkennon
FF- Brandon Berg
FF- Louie Sheffler
FF- Zach Bowers
FF- Dusty Chaplin
FF- Zach Anderson

Crew #2
Lt.-Travis Walker
FF - Nick Sowell
FF- Ted Teel
FF- Cole Ballard
FF - Doug Anderson
FF – Chad Harris

Crew#3
Lt. Nick Bowers
FF- Will Kruse
FF- Josh Ferkel
FF- Tony Follis
FF- Wesley Thornton
FF – Adam Sowell

Retirements / Resignations

Rich Derickson

New Recruits

2024 Service Awards

30 years
Ted Teel

25 Years
Chad Harris

20 Years
None

15 Years
None

10 Years
Zach Anderson

5 Years
None

Current Members

Name	Rank	Certifications	Year Appointed
Doug Anderson	Chief	FF2/EMR/IRS	1997
Chad Harris	Ass't. Chief	FFI/IRS/EMT-B	1999
Nick Sowell	Adm. Capt.	EMT/IRS	2008
Adam Sowell	Train. Capt.	FF2/PS/IRS	2005
Zach Anderson	Safety Capt.	FF2/IRS	2014
Nick Bowers	Lt. Crew 3	EMR/IRS	2015
Corey Howard	Lt. Crew 1	FF1/EMR	2018
Travis Walker	Lt. Crew 2	EMR	2018
Will Kruse	FF		2020
Josh Ferkel	FF		2020
Charles Kinkennon	FF		2021
Brandon Berg	FF		2021
Ted Teel	FF	FF2/IRS	2021
Louie Sheffler	FF		2022
Zach Bowers	FF		2022
Tony Follis	FF		2022
Dusty Chaplin	FF		2022
Wesley Thornton	FF		2023
Cole Ballard	FF		2023
Dave Kimes	FF/2nd	FF2/IRS	1988
Doug Buchanon	FF/2nd	FF2/EMR/IRS	1989
Rich Derrickson	FF/2nd	IRS/EMR	1997

Key - FFI=Firefighter I – FFII = Firefighter II – B = Basic – EMR = First Responder – PS = Paramedic Specialist-IRS = Ice Rescue Specialist

Mission of the Buffalo Fire Department

The primary mission of the Buffalo Fire Department is to provide a range of programs designed to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants of the City of Buffalo and surrounding areas from the adverse effects of fires, accidents or exposure to dangerous conditions.

Facts

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Station

122 E. Front St.
Buffalo, Iowa, 52728

ISO Rating = 7

Staffing

22 Volunteers
22 CPR Certified
6 Firefighter II Certified
2 Firefighter I Certified
10 Members Hold Medical Licenses

Emergency Calls

2024 = 360 Calls For Service

EMS = 260

Vehicle Accidents = 8

Vehicle Fires = 3

Structure Fires = 16

Grass Fires = 14

Boat Calls = 3

Misc. Calls = 56

Mutual Aid Given = 10

Mutual Aid Received = 6

2024 Average Response Times

From Alarm to En-Route = 5 Min.

From Alarm to On-Scene = 7 Min.

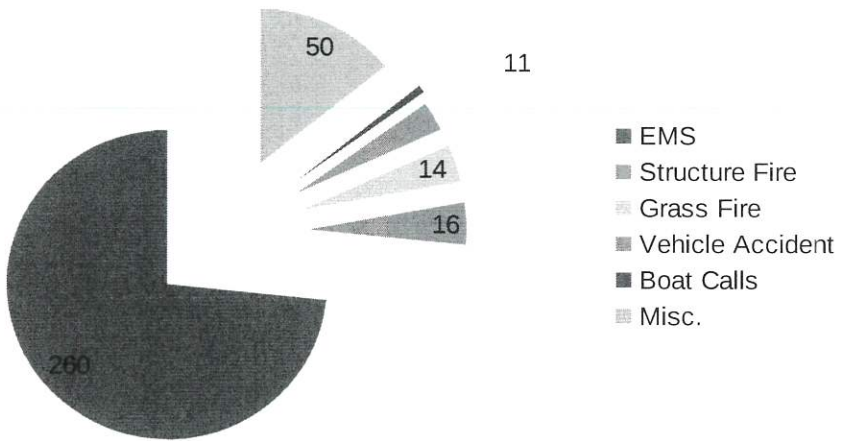
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City of Buffalo (1,176 pop)
Rural Township (~1,250 pop)
18.3 Square Miles

640 Man Hours of Duty (Maint. / Cleanup)
422 Man Hours for Meetings



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Calls By Number

Buffalo Fire Department's Capital Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan for the Buffalo Fire Department, is a plan that projects future capital spending. There are two time frames projected within the plan. They are Short Term and Long Term projections. The following paragraphs explain the planned capital projects and the proposed expenditures.

Short Term – The short term plan covers the next budget year, which in this case would cover the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. We will be focusing on the maintenance on the building which is over 20 years old, the equipment and having the best training for our members so we can give the citizens of Buffalo and the fire protection district the best service they expect and deserve.

Long-Term - The Long-term plan covers a time frame two fiscal years and longer into the future, which in this case would cover from July 1, 2025 on into the future. Our long term plan is a commitment to the citizens and businesses of the City of Buffalo and the fire protection district. The ongoing commitment to

budget for capital/equipment and new standards is necessary to maintain operations of the department. However, the Tanker will be 23 yrs old which needs to be replaced within the next 2 years. Engine 1 will be 20 years old in 2034 and with that said we will continue to budget to replace when needed. With the service life of our air bottles and packs being 15 years they will all need to be replaced by December 2026, due to manufacturer specifications. With that said we will always keep budgeting for future costs on keeping our members and our equipment up to date so we can provide our citizens and businesses of Buffalo and the fire protection district the best Fire service they deserve.

Equipment

Engine 1 – 2014
1,250 GPM
1000 Gallon Tank

Tanker 1 – 2003 Freightliner/
Alexis
750 GPM
2,000 Gallon Tank

Truck 3 – 1998
Chevy Silverado K3500
Brush truck

Squad 1 – 2017
Chevy Silverado 3500
EMS Truck

Rescue Boat – 20' 2012 Lowe
90 Hp Mercury Motor

Marine 1- 24' Oquawka
2 – 200 Hp Mercury Motors

Response Area:
City of Buffalo
Population : 1176
Rural Township: ~1250
18.3 Square Miles

640 Man Hours of Duty
(Maint./Cleanup)
422 Man Hours for Meetings