

# Buffalo Fire Department

## 2025 Annual Report



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**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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

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**Crew #1**

Lt. Corey Howard  
FF- Zach Bowers  
FF- Zach Anderson  
FF- Brad Smith  
FF- Jennifer Smith  
FF- Dusty Chaplin  
FF- Dan Fulton

**Crew #2**

Lt.-Travis Walker  
FF-Chuck Kinkennon  
FF- Ted Teel  
FF- Cole Ballard  
FF - Doug Anderson  
FF – Chad Harris  
FF- Chase Baker

**Crew#3**

Lt. Will Kruse  
FF- Nick Bowers  
FF- Josh Ferkel  
FF- Tony Follis  
FF- Wesley Thornton  
FF – Adam Sowell  
FF- Robert Sowell  
FF- Mike Hulsing

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**Retirements / Resignations**

**New Recruits**

Robert Sowell  
Mike Hulsing  
Dan Fulton

Chase Baker  
Brad Smith  
Jennifer Smith

**2025 Service Awards**

**30 years**  
None

**25 Years**  
None

**20 Years**  
None

**15 Years**  
None

**10 Years**  
Nick Bowers

**5 Years**  
Will Kruse  
Josh Ferkel

**Current Members**

Name	Rank	Certifications	Year Appointed
Doug Anderson	Chief	FF2/EMR/IRS	1997
Chad Harris	Ass't. Chief	FFI/IRS/EMT-B	1999
Adam Sowell	Adm. Capt.	FF2/PS/IRS	2006
Zach Anderson	Train. Capt.	FF2/EMR/IRS	2014
Nick Bowers	Safety Capt.	EMR/IRS	2015
Will Kruse	Lt. Crew 3		2020
Corey Howard	Lt. Crew 1	FF1/EMR	2018
Travis Walker	Lt. Crew 2	EMR	2018
Josh Ferkel	FF		2020
Charles Kinkennon	FF		2021
Ted Teel	FF	FF2/IRS	2021
Zach Bowers	FF		2022
Tony Follis	FF		2022
Dusty Chaplin	FF		2022
Wesley Thornton	FF		2023
Cole Ballard	FF		2023
Robert Sowell	FF		2025
Mike Hulsing	FF		2025
Dan Fulton	FF		2025
Chase Baker	FF		2025
Brad Smith	FF		2025
Jennifer Smith	FF	EMT	2025
Dave Kimes	FF/2nd	FF2/IRS	1988
Doug Buchanan	FF/2nd	FF2/EMR/IRS	1989
Rich Derrickson	FF/2nd	IRS/EMR	1997

## Mission of the Buffalo Fire Department

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**The primary mission of the Buffalo Fire Department is to deliver a comprehensive array of programs aimed at safeguarding the lives and property of residents in the City of Buffalo and nearby communities from the detrimental impacts of fires, emergencies, and hazardous conditions.**

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**Station**

122 E. Front St.  
Buffalo, Iowa, 52728

ISO Rating = 7

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**Staffing**

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

**Emergency Calls**

2025 = 364 Calls For Service

EMS = 248

Vehicle Accidents = 4

Vehicle Fires = 5

Structure Fires = 14

Grass Fires = 15

Boat Calls = 6

Misc. Calls = 72

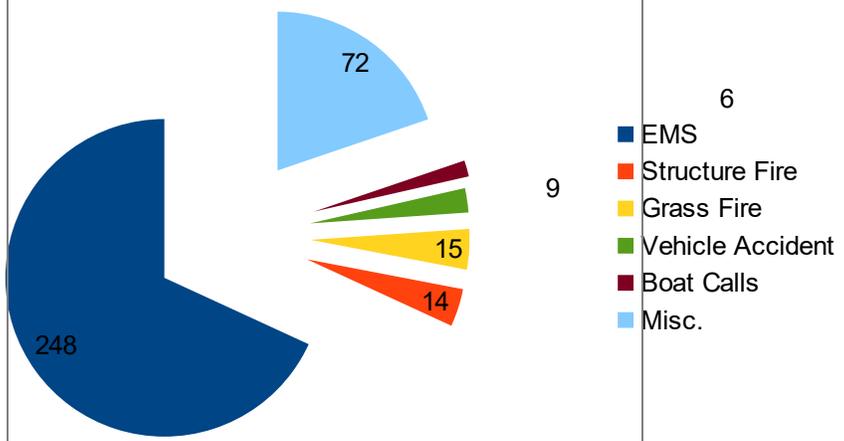
**Mutual Aid Given = 10**

**Mutual Aid Received = 6**

**2025 Average Response Times**

From Alarm to En-Route = 5 Min.

From Alarm to On-Scene = 7 Min.



**Calls By Number**

## **Buffalo Fire Department's Capital Plan**

The Capital Improvement Plan for the Buffalo Fire Department outlines projected future capital expenditures.

The plan includes two time frames: Short Term and Long Term projections. The following sections provide an overview of the planned capital projects and the associated budget estimates.

**Short-Term Plan** – The short-term plan encompasses the upcoming fiscal year, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Our primary focus will be on the maintenance of a building that is over 20 years old, ensuring the upkeep of critical equipment, and providing comprehensive training for our team members. These efforts are aimed at delivering the highest level of fire protection and emergency services to the residents of Buffalo and the surrounding fire protection district.

**Long-Term Planning** - Our long-term plan encompasses a time frame of two or more fiscal years into the future, starting from July 1, 2026. This plan reflects our ongoing

commitment to the citizens and businesses of the City of Buffalo and the fire protection district. Continued investment in capital equipment and adherence to updated standards are essential to maintaining the department's operational effectiveness.

Specifically, the department's tanker vehicle will reach 23 years of age and will require replacement within the next two years. Additionally, Engine 1 will be 20 years old by 2034, and we will continue to allocate budget resources for its replacement as needed.

Furthermore, the service life of our SCBA air cylinders and packs is 15 years, necessitating their replacement by December 2026 per manufacturer specifications.

We remain dedicated to proactive budgeting to ensure our personnel and equipment remain current and capable, thereby providing the highest quality fire protection services to the residents and businesses of Buffalo and the fire protection district.

## Equipment

Engine 1 – 2014

1,250 GPM

1000 Gallon Tank

**Engine 2 – 2023**

1,500 GPM

1000 Gallon Tank

Tanker 1 – 2003

Freightliner/Alexis

750 GPM

2,000 Gallon Tank

Truck 3 – 2025

Ford F350

Brush truck

300 Gallon Tank

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

- 352 Man Hours of Crew  
Duty

- 528 Man Hours for Meetings

- 788 Man Hours for EMS and  
Fire training

- 1215 Man Hours for Fire  
and EMS coverage