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The Gering Volunteer Fire Department is committed to protecting the people and property of our community from hazards and emergencies through education, risk reduction and emergency response. The fire department has a diverse group of fire-fighters that actively engage our community.

2023 seen a reduction in calls compared to 2022, which was the busiest ever recorded. The largest reduction was fires due to drought conditions drastically improving during the spring of 2023. EMS calls have been consistent with last year's trends. 14% of our calls for service (CFS) overlapped, meaning we had 131 calls happen simultaneously. We had several large fires, natural disaster response, provided mutual aid and supported law enforcement through a 30 hour standoff.

Certifications and training was a huge portion of our man hours this year. We sent one firefighter to a week long Incident Command course, hosted a Nebraska Chief's Association Leadership Symposium, sent 4 firefighter to Indiana for FDIC leadership training, certified 3 members to Firefighter 1, certified 9 members to Firefighter 2, Certified 2 as Open Water Divers and certified 9 members to Fire Officer 1, which is a first for Gering.

We spent just over two weeks in Texas assisting Texas A&M Forest Service with fires throughout the Northwest Region. 6 firefighters volunteered to assist in the response. Gering FD supported community events throughout the year, including a full day of standby during the Gravel Nationals.

Jake Pittman received the Fire Department's "LeRoy Elliott" Firefighter of the Year. Nathan Flowers testified in front of Nebraska State Legislation proposing various ways for the state to support local wildfire response.

We received 2 grants totaling \$7,500 to purchase PPE and outdated rope rescue equipment. We also applied and receive radio equipment from the State of Nebraska to assist with interoperability across the region.

Through the support of council, we placed a new rescue unit into service in November. Our new apparatus replaced a 12 year old vehicle. Our department is thankful for the support from the community.



On behalf of the Fire Department, I would like to thank Mayor Ewing and the council for their continued support and cooperation given to us throughout the year.

Nathan Flowers
Fire Chief

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

<u>Total Calls</u>	<u>2023-920</u>	<u>2022-963</u>	<u>2021-796</u>
City Fires	18	25	13
Rural Fires	7	33	14
City Rescues	595	590	512
Rural Rescues	50	48	78
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43	48	48
False Alarms	46	36	37
Aid (Given)	30	56	40
Aid (Received)	4	9	9
Service Calls	32	41	36
Misc. Calls	129	104	74

Estimated Losses From Fire:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
City Property	\$76,800	\$ 77,000	\$ 391,200
Rural Property	\$51,500	\$411,145	\$22,000

Estimated Value of Property Involved in Fire:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
City Property	\$953,233	\$304,943	\$1,468,892
Rural Property	\$52,000	\$ 3,025,289	\$ 2,166,215

Average Number of Personnel Responding to Calls:

Fires – 13 Rescue - 8

Estimated number of man hours spent on all calls – 4,490

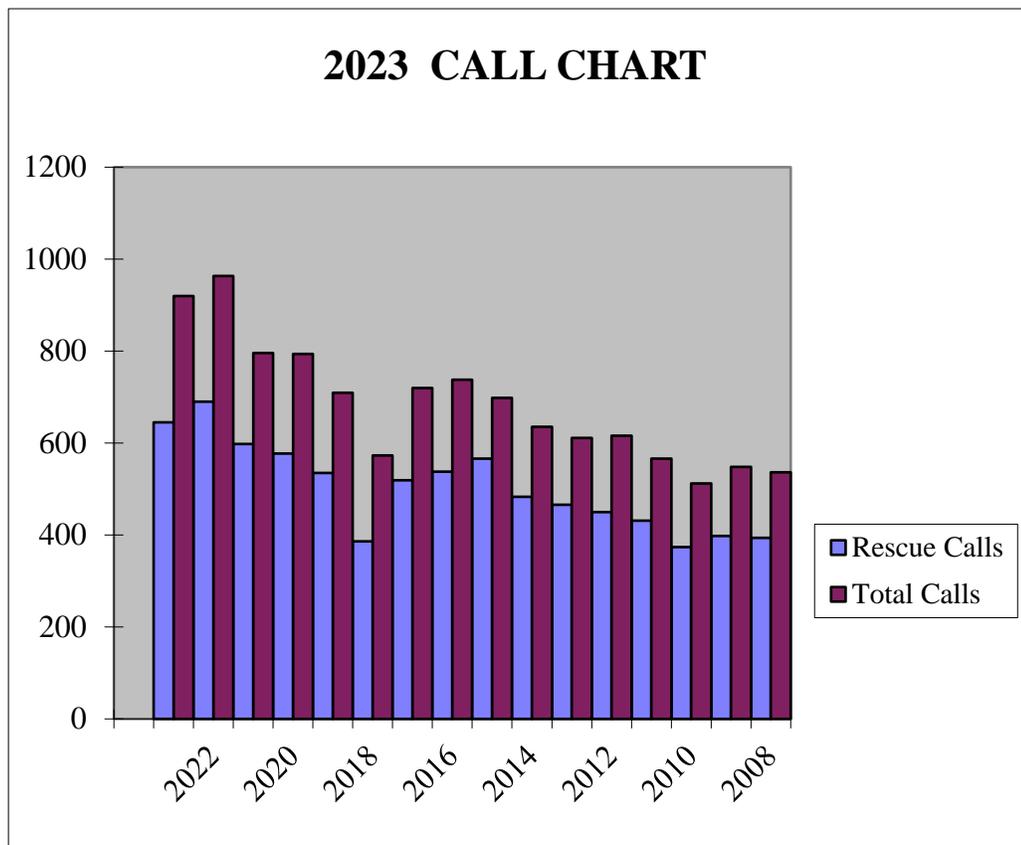
Man Hours other than Calls:

5,150 Training
948 Regular, State & Regional, Meetings
1,067 Public Education/Relations
2,400 City Fire Marshal

Estimated total man hours spent on all Fire Department activities is – 14,054

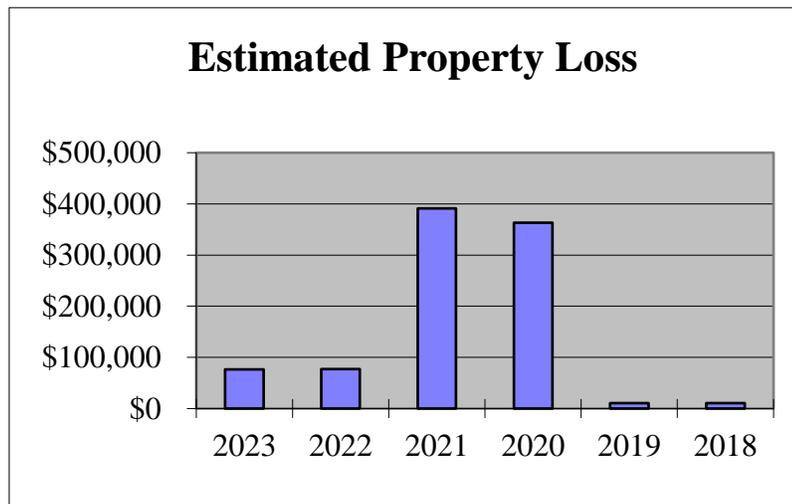
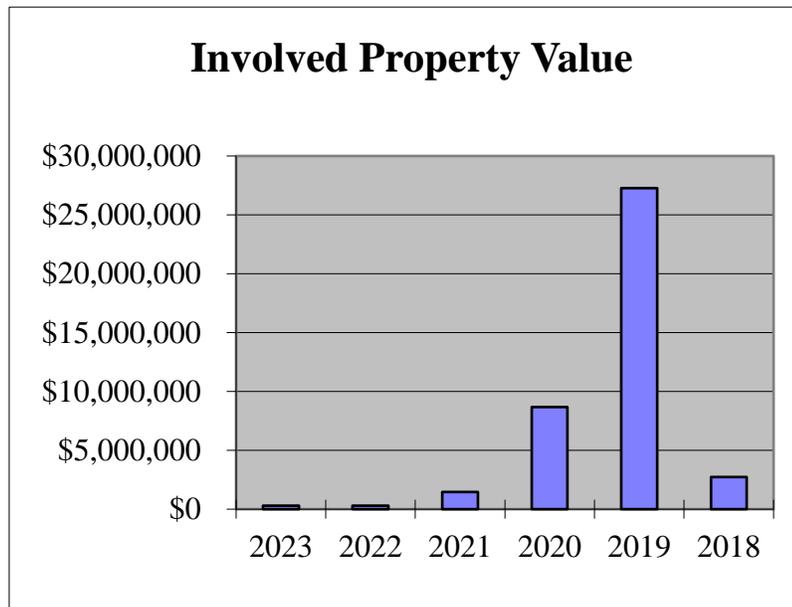
2023 Gering Volunteer Fire Department

Year	Rescue Calls	Total Calls
2023	645	920
2022	690	963
2021	598	796
2020	577	794
2019	535	709
2018	386	573
2017	519	720
2016	538	738
2015	566	698
2014	483	635
2013	466	611
2012	450	616
2011	431	566
2010	374	512
2009	398	548
2008	394	536



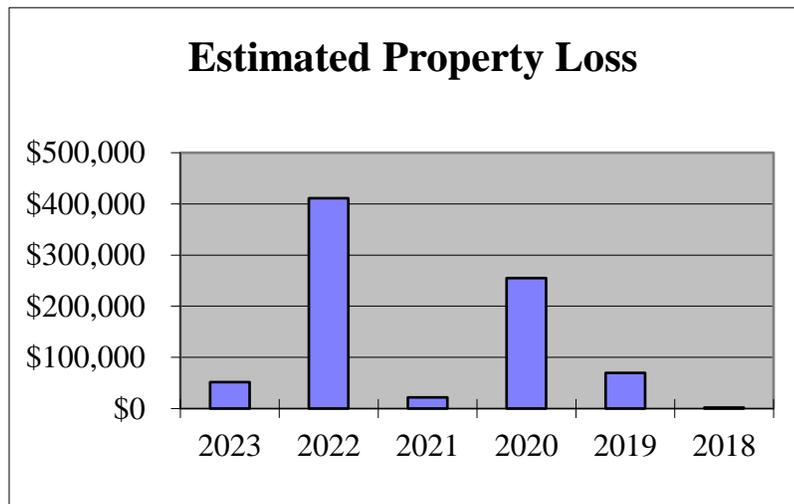
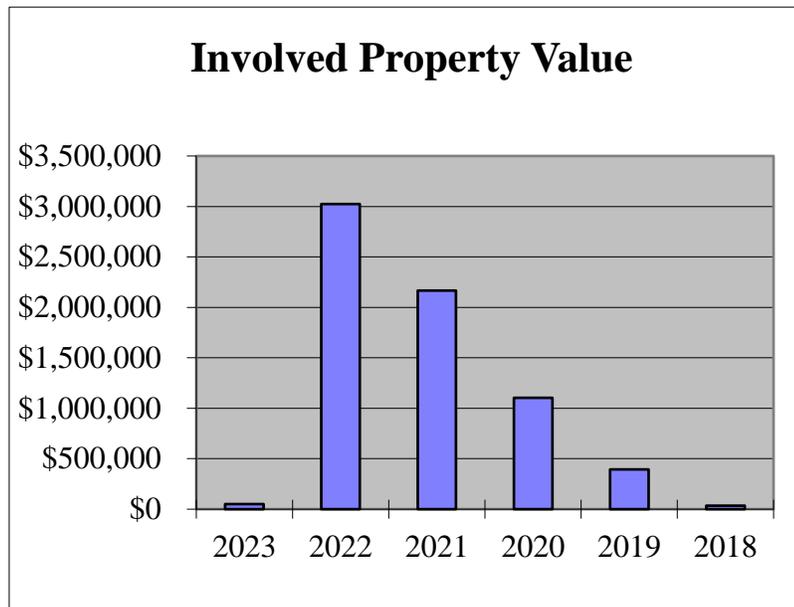
**Gering Volunteer Fire Department
2023 City Property Involved & Loss Comparison**

	Involved Property Value	Est. Property Loss
2023	\$304,943	\$76,800
2022	\$304,943	\$77,000
2021	\$1,468,292	\$391,200
2020	\$8,675,342	\$363,250
2019	\$27,280,000	\$10,700
2018	\$2,728,000	\$10,700



**Gering Volunteer Fire Department
2023 Rural Property Involved & Loss Comparison**

	Involved Property Value	Est. Property Loss
2023	\$52,000	\$51,500
2022	\$3,025,289	\$411,145
2021	\$2,166,215	\$22,000
2020	\$1,102,600	\$255,200
2019	\$394,175	\$69,800
2018	\$33,500	\$2,100



2023 Large Responses

In June our area experience very severe weather which resulted in several tornado warnings. During this timeframe we responded to a total of 7 calls for service. 17 total volunteers were able to manage a tornado response, motor vehicle accidents and damaged property throughout our district.

In September law enforcement requested medical standby during a standoff operation. We provided equipment to law enforcement including ladders, Thermal Imaging Cameras and breaching equipment. We utilized fire and EMS apparatus for over 18 hours, providing critical medical support.

YEARLY INCIDENT STATISTICS

This year we modified our evening responses to medical calls to a shift format. The fire department members are split into 3 different shifts and rotate being on call every 3rd night from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am. This change in our response model is due to a large increase in EMS response.

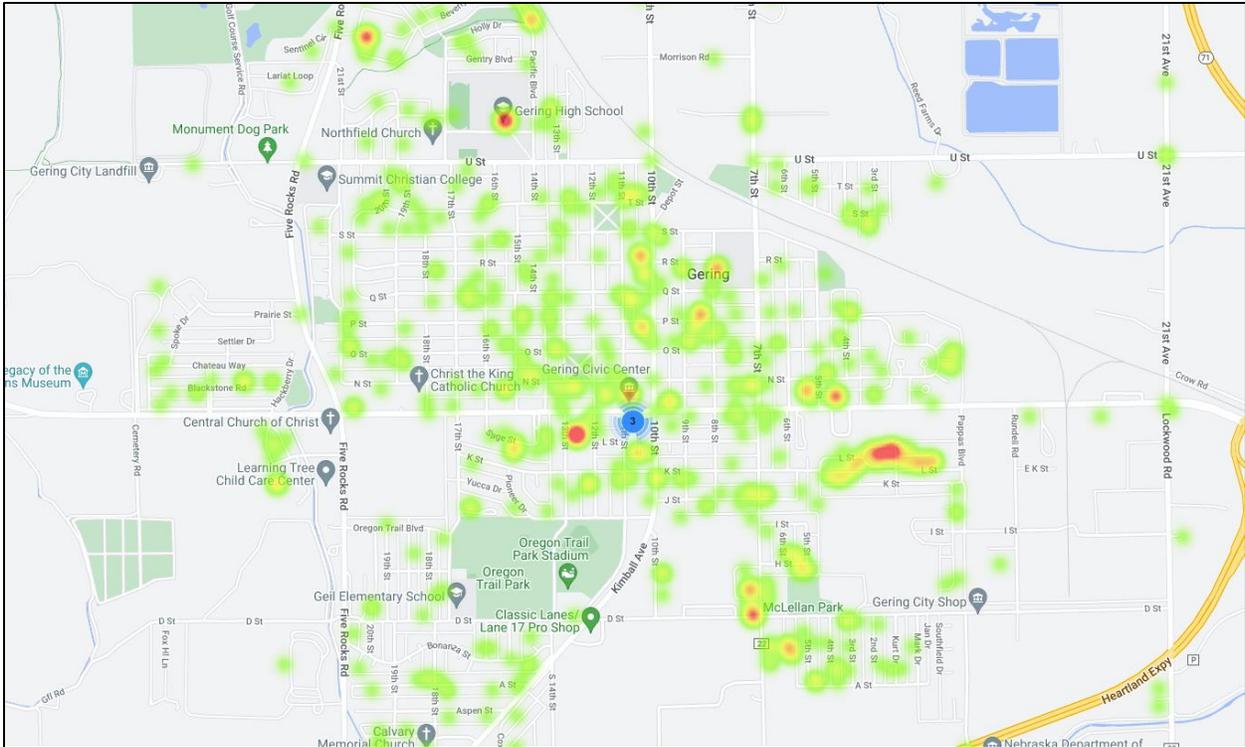
2023 seen 920 calls for service, which is 43 calls less from last year. 75% of call volume accounted for medical, vehicle accidents and rescues. We seen a decrease in wildfires due to a wet spring, however our overall fires stayed consistent. We had 14 building fires and 3 vehicle fires.

14%, or 131 calls overlapped. Multiple apparatus responded during the same time period to manage multiple incidents. This was a decrease from the previous year, in part to limited extended responses. We assisted our mutual aid partners 30 times and received assistance 4 times.

Our average response for all types of calls within the city limits was just over 6 minutes. Average turn out time (dispatched to enroute) for all types of calls within the city limits was 3 minutes 9 seconds. Our average time on scene is 51 minutes.

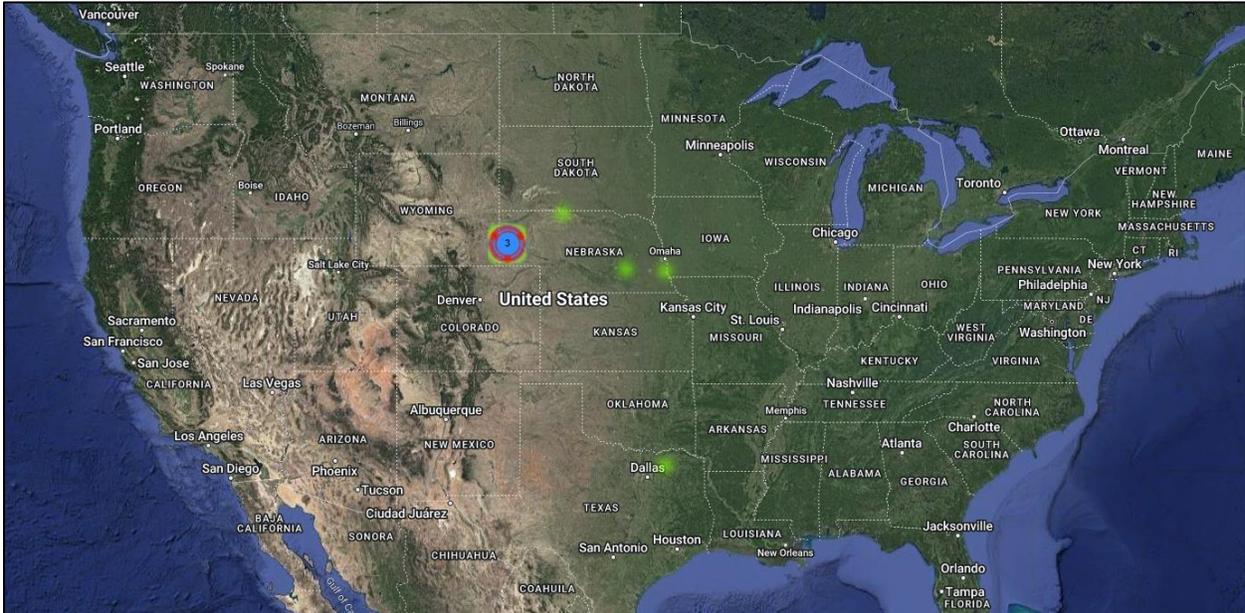
Our busiest day of the week is a Monday. Our busiest hour was between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm. We average 76 calls per month with May and November being our busiest months with 90 calls each month.





This represents where all calls for service occur within the corporate limits. Individual green areas represent a single call. The greener the area the more calls occur within that neighborhood.

The yellow and red areas indicate multiple calls to that address or location.



The green on this map indicates areas we have responded to outside of our district. We have fulfilled 3 separate requests from the State of Nebraska to assist with large wildfires.

We also spent 14 days in Commerce Texas assisting Texas A&M Forest Service with fires in their area.

INCIDENT COUNT	
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
EMS	692
FIRE	228
TOTAL	920

TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
GE30	0	0	22
GE32	0	0	1
GE62	0	0	2
GE99	0	0	611
TOTAL	0	0	636

MUTUAL AID	
Aid Type	Total
Aid Given	30
Aid Received	4

OVERLAPPING CALLS	
# OVERLAPPING	% OVERLAPPING
131	14.24

ENTIRE DISTRICT LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Station 1	0:05:45	0:08:46
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:06:03

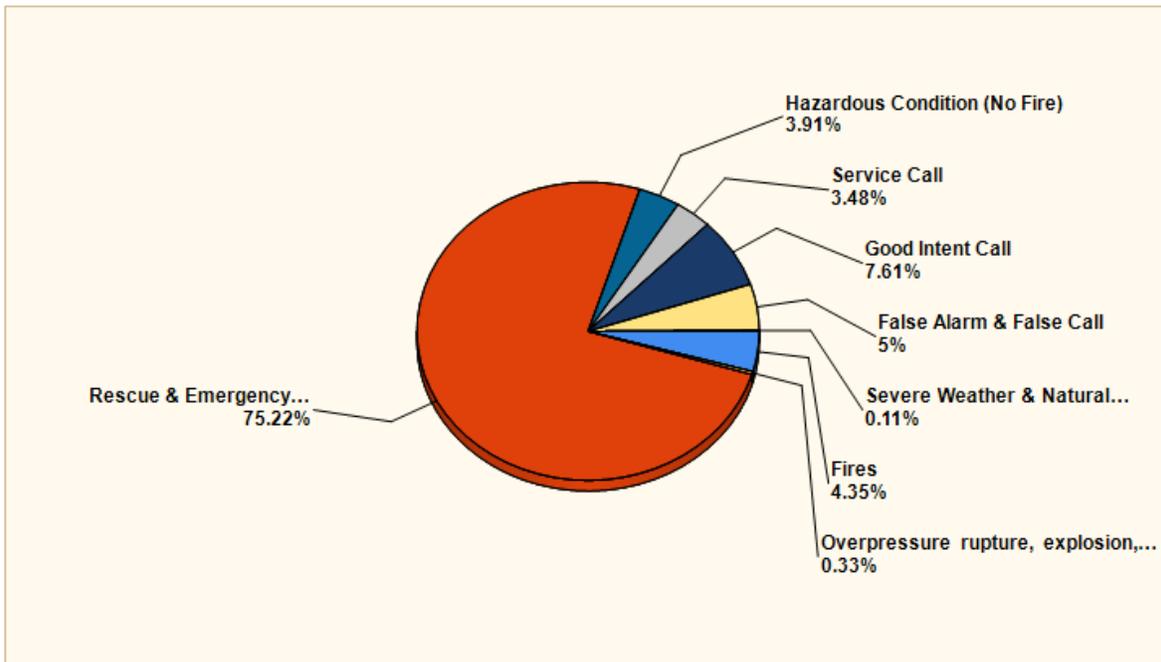
ENTIRE DISTRICT LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Station 1	0:03:07	0:03:31
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:03:09

AGENCY	AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)
Gering Fire Department	51:14

CITY LIMITS LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Station 1	0:05:18	0:05:41
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:05:21

Information for all Calls for Service through the entire District

Call types and response for entire district. This report breaks down all incidents into major categories.
 There are 8 major categories.

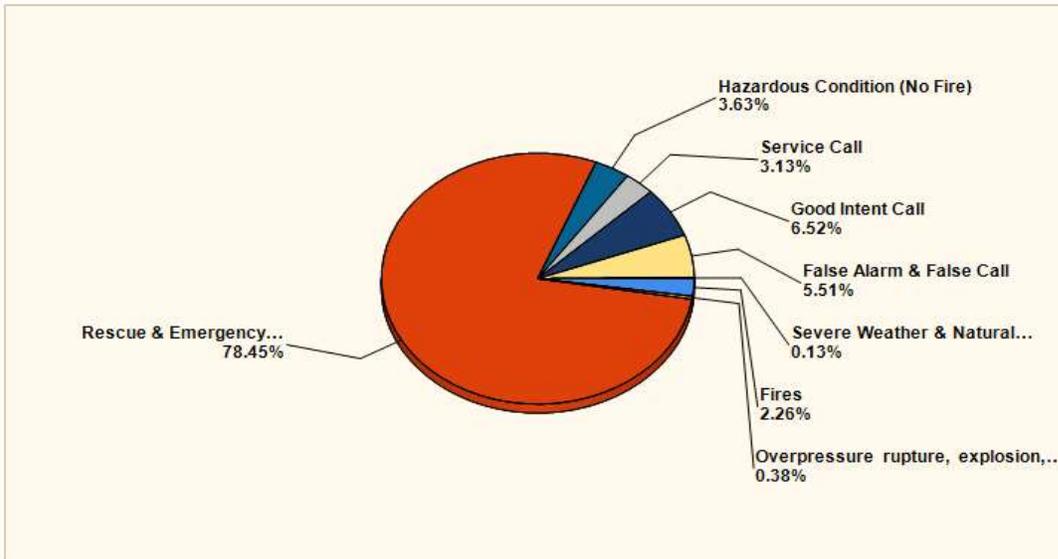


MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	40	4.35%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	3	0.33%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	692	75.22%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	36	3.91%
Service Call	32	3.48%
Good Intent Call	70	7.61%
False Alarm & False Call	46	5%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.11%
TOTAL	920	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

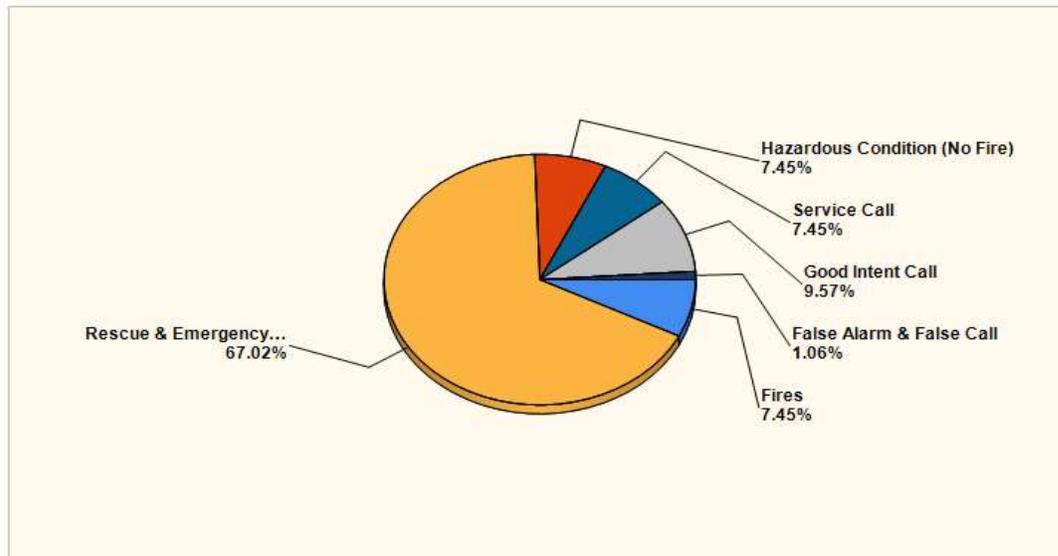
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	14	1.52%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	2	0.22%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	3	0.33%
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	3	0.33%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.11%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.11%
143 - Grass fire	4	0.43%
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0.11%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	4	0.43%
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	3	0.33%
162 - Outside equipment fire	1	0.11%
163 - Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	1	0.11%
171 - Cultivated grain or crop fire	2	0.22%
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1	0.11%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2	0.22%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	16	1.74%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	630	68.48%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	22	2.39%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	3	0.33%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	18	1.96%
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.11%
342 - Search for person in water	1	0.11%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.11%
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	2	0.22%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.11%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	10	1.09%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	5	0.54%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.11%
442 - Overheated motor	1	0.11%
444 - Power line down	7	0.76%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.11%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	0.87%
500 - Service Call, other	3	0.33%
510 - Person in distress, other	8	0.87%
511 - Lock-out	2	0.22%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.11%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	0.22%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.11%
550 - Public service assistance, other	2	0.22%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	4	0.43%
561 - Unauthorized burning	9	0.98%
600 - Good intent call, other	4	0.43%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	44	4.78%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	7	0.76%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	8	0.87%
650 - Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1	0.11%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	0.33%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.11%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	2	0.22%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1	0.11%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	0.11%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	5	0.54%
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.22%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	20	2.17%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	3	0.33%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	0.11%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	5	0.54%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2	0.22%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.33%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3	0.33%
815 - Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1	0.11%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	920	100%

This graph shows all calls within the City of Gering corporate limits.



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	18	2.26%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	3	0.38%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	626	78.45%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	29	3.63%
Service Call	25	3.13%
Good Intent Call	52	6.52%
False Alarm & False Call	44	5.51%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.13%
TOTAL	798	100%

This graph indicates all calls for service within the Rural District.



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	7	7.45%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	63	67.02%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	7.45%
Service Call	7	7.45%
Good Intent Call	9	9.57%
False Alarm & False Call	1	1.06%
TOTAL	94	100%

This shows how many calls occurred on each specific day and each specific hour.

Our busiest day occurred on a Monday with 142 total calls, which is approximately 11% of all calls for service.

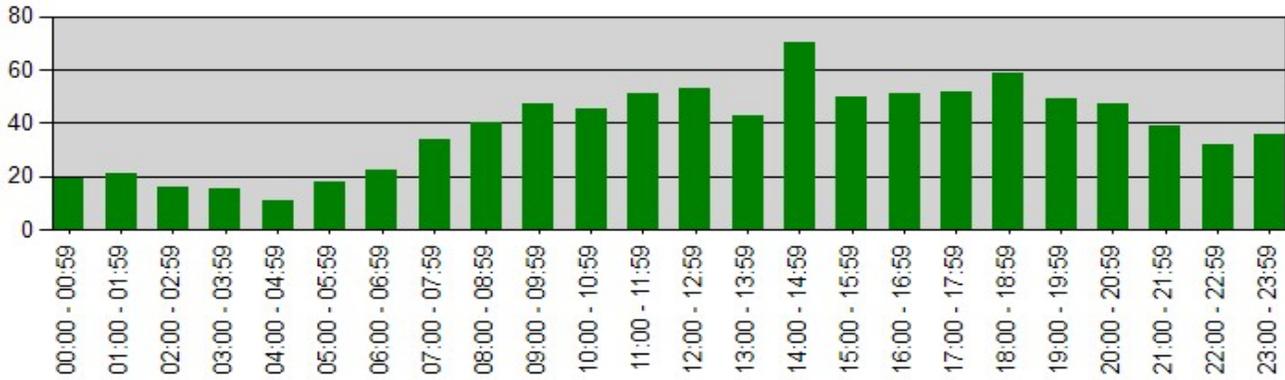
The busiest hour of the day was between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, in which we responded to 70 total calls during that hour.

Hour	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
00:00	2	2	1	3	3	1	7
01:00	4	1	3	2	2	3	6
02:00	3	3	2	2	1	3	2
03:00	2	0	4	3	2	1	3
04:00	3	1	0	2	3	1	1
05:00	1	2	3	2	5	0	5
06:00	2	5	5	1	3	3	3
07:00	7	6	6	6	3	4	2
08:00	8	4	1	3	9	8	7
09:00	5	9	8	2	10	8	5
10:00	6	4	10	8	5	4	8
11:00	3	6	10	4	13	6	9
12:00	5	8	8	8	6	15	3
13:00	6	6	6	6	8	6	5
14:00	6	16	8	7	11	11	11
15:00	5	12	5	11	5	10	2
16:00	10	5	13	8	5	5	5
17:00	7	5	6	11	8	8	7
18:00	9	15	7	6	7	7	8
19:00	7	9	8	8	3	8	6
20:00	10	5	8	2	6	7	9
21:00	7	7	5	6	2	4	8
22:00	6	4	6	3	7	3	3
23:00	6	7	6	3	4	5	5
Total Responses for Day	130	142	139	117	131	131	130
% of Responses for Day	7.69%	11.27%	9.35%	9.40%	9.92%	11.45%	8.46%
% of Responses for Week	14.13%	15.43%	15.11%	12.72%	14.24%	14.24%	14.13%

Hour	Total per	Percent
00:00	19	2.07%
01:00	21	2.28%
02:00	16	1.74%
03:00	15	1.63%
04:00	11	1.20%
05:00	18	1.96%
06:00	22	2.39%
07:00	34	3.70%
08:00	40	4.35%
09:00	47	5.11%
10:00	45	4.89%
11:00	51	5.54%
12:00	53	5.76%
13:00	43	4.67%
14:00	70	7.61%
15:00	50	5.43%
16:00	51	5.54%
17:00	52	5.65%
18:00	59	6.41%
19:00	49	5.33%
20:00	47	5.11%
21:00	39	4.24%
22:00	32	3.48%
23:00	36	3.91%
Total	920	100.00%

The red boxes outline the busiest times for the fire department. Most of our calls occur during the weekday. The bottom outlines how many calls occur on a specific day. The information on the right show how many calls occur during each hour of the day.

This report represents now many calls during the hour. Another way to provide how many calls for service occur during any hour of the day. Again, the busiest time for the fire department was between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm.



HOURL	# of CALLS
00:00 - 00:59	19
01:00 - 01:59	21
02:00 - 02:59	16
03:00 - 03:59	15
04:00 - 04:59	11
05:00 - 05:59	18
06:00 - 06:59	22
07:00 - 07:59	34
08:00 - 08:59	40
09:00 - 09:59	47
10:00 - 10:59	45
11:00 - 11:59	51
12:00 - 12:59	53
13:00 - 13:59	43
14:00 - 14:59	70
15:00 - 15:59	50
16:00 - 16:59	51
17:00 - 17:59	52
18:00 - 18:59	59
19:00 - 19:59	49
20:00 - 20:59	47
21:00 - 21:59	39
22:00 - 22:59	32
23:00 - 23:59	36
TOTAL:	920

This report displays the average amount of volunteer that respond to each specific call type. For instance, we have an average of 14 personnel respond to a building fire.

INCIDENT TYPE	AVG. # PERSONNEL
111 - Building fire	14
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	10
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	11
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141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	3
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411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
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424 - Carbon monoxide incident	10
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	6
442 - Overheated motor	1
444 - Power line down	13
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	19
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8
500 - Service Call, other	1
510 - Person in distress, other	5
511 - Lock-out	5
520 - Water problem, other	4
531 - Smoke or odor removal	13
542 - Animal rescue	12
550 - Public service assistance, other	4
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671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	9
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	19
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	9
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	7
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	4
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	5
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	7
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	16
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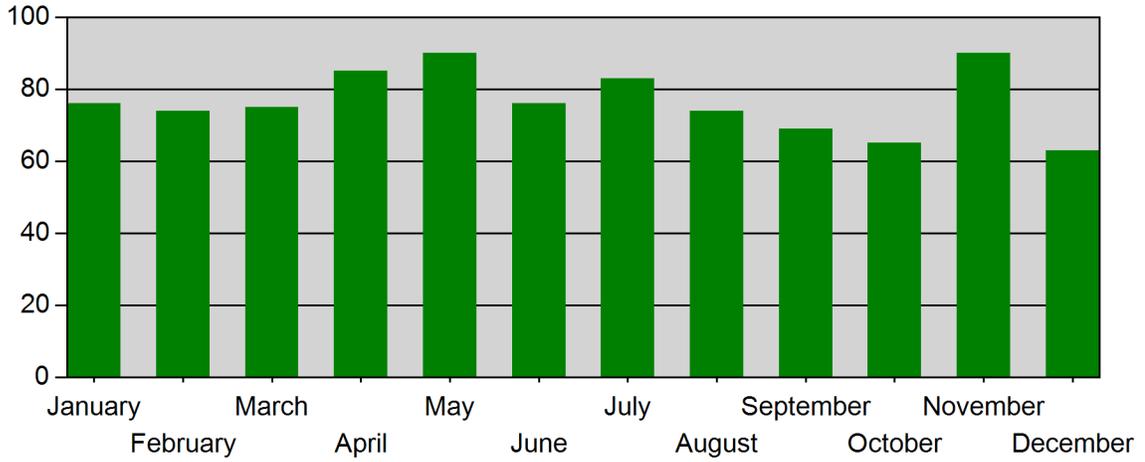
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Incidents by Month for Month Range

Start Month: January | End Month: December | Year: 2023



MONTH	INCIDENTS
January	76
February	74
March	75
April	85
May	90
June	76
July	83
August	74
September	69
October	65
November	90
December	63

Only REVIEWED incidents included



This report shows the approximate value of property involved in fire versus the loss from the fire. This year we had just over \$1 million in property value that was affected by fire. Estimated losses were \$128,300. This accounts for \$876,933 that was saved from fire. This includes buildings and personal property

INCIDENT #	PRE-INCIDENT VALUE	LOSSES	SAVED
2023-0000073	\$39,260.00	\$11,500.00	\$27,760.00
2023-0000144	\$442,943.00	\$2,500.00	\$440,443.00
2023-0000227	\$78,750.00	\$2,500.00	\$76,250.00
2023-0000281	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
2023-0000553	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
2023-0000810	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
2023-0000822	\$223,810.00	\$52,000.00	\$171,810.00
2023-0000847	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$150.00
2023-0000882	\$2,000.00	\$950.00	\$1,050.00
2023-0000911	\$160,970.00	\$2,000.00	\$158,970.00
Totals:	\$1,005,233.00	\$128,300.00	\$876,933.00

O-305 Course

This course is focused on the importance of developing and operating as a functional Type 3 Incident Management Team.

There are five levels of complexity on an incident. Simple emergencies like a vehicle accident is a Type 5, or very minimal deployment.

Type 1 incidents are very complex and typically have multiple fire department or firefighters deploy.

O-305 is a highly sought after course. This week long course engages candidates in complex emergencies and teaches them leadership traits within their perspective role.

There are only 3 Type 3 Incident Commanders in Nebraska. Gering Fire has one of those Type 3 IC's.

TRAINING STATISTICS

Gering Fire Department logged 5,150 man-hours of training in 2023. Training occurs at a minimum of once a week and more often 5 times per month. Majority of our training is dedicated to firefighting and EMS in order to achieve proper ISO ratings.

We had several extended courses this year. 2 members enrolled in the Firefighter 1 course and received certification. We sent several members to State Fire School. We also hosted a Firefighter 2 course, the first since 2009. 9 Firefighters obtained this certification. We sent many firefighters to conferences out of town for several days at a time.

We hosted the Nebraska Chief's Association Leadership Symposium and had approximately 100 firefighters attend. One firefighter attended the week long O-305 course. We also held our annual Engine Academy that hosted approximately 200 firefighters.

We have also sent members to conferences and "training schools" in Grand Island, Colorado Springs, Ogallala and Indiana. This year was the first time we sent firefighters to the famous FDIC, which is the largest conference in the nation. 4 firefighters engaged in 24 difference classes to bring essential training techniques back to the department.

9 of our members attended the week long Fire Officer 1 course. This course is designed to teach administrative functions, creating policies, teach the budget process and focuses heavily on leadership skills within the fire service. This is the first time Gering firefighters have obtained this certification.



This year we hosted Firefighter and Firefighter 2 classes. Many classes have taken a blended approach, with portion of learning happening online. The amount of time spent is during classroom only and does not take into account the many hours spent online. This year we also hosted a Fire Officer 1 class. This is the first time Gering has had the Fire Officer 1 course.

	CLASS COUNT	TOTAL CLASS HOURS	COUNT OF PEOPLE	TOTAL MAN HOURS
Apparatus	9	19:00	153	286:00
Driver/Operator Training	3	6:00	52	104:00
EMS Training	7	21:00	78	217:00
Fire Officer Training	7	58:00	64	613:00
Firefighter 1 Class	11	94:00	61	480:00
Firefighter 2 Class	11	35:00	155	479:00
Firefighter Training	28	117:15	508	1851:45
Hazmat Training	9	38:00	20	80:00
NIMS Training	3	88:00	6	176:00
NWCG Training	11	182:00	66	610:00
Special Operations	7	72:00	36	254:00
GRAND TOTALS:	106	730:15	1199	5150:45

Majority of our training is spent on firefighting. Our department trains, at a minimum, every week on a Tuesday night. Volunteer focus on high acuity calls and pride themselves on being ready.

The fire department logged 5,150 man-hours of training on various topics of emergency response. Most training is derived from our Tuesday night "drill night". This represents how many hours each volunteer logged on training hours. On average, each volunteer trains approximately 117 hours in 2023.

Personnel Name	Total hours
BROWN, DAVID	4:00
BRUNZ, DAVID	75:00
CLOSSON, JEREMIAH	123:00
COCHRANE, DICK K	108:00
COWAN, TROY	186:00
CRIPPS, JEREMY	62:00
Department, Fire	729:15
FLOWERS, NATHAN	329:15
GANNON, CHARLES	2:00
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	202:15
HAMILTON, KALE	16:00
HAUCK, KEN F	81:15
HENTON, JASON	213:00
HESSLER, ZACHARY	77:00
HINEBAUCH, JARED	90:00
JOHNSON, DALTON	75:00
KELLEY, SKIP	155:00
LAWSON, JAMY A	13:00
LAWSON, JIM K	50:00
LEHR, ANDREW J	195:00
LEHR, KEVIN	175:00
MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY	33:15
MAXCY, TIM N	64:00
MILTON, TIMOTHY	137:15
MODENA, THOMAS W	66:15
PERALES, CHRIS	146:00
PETERSON, JUSTUS L	4:00
PITTMAN, JACOB RYAN	145:15
SAUER, ADAM	108:00
SCOTT, JEFFERY C	87:00
SEVERSON, GRANT D	227:00
SHULTZ, ASHLEY	59:00
SHULTZ, COLE	131:00
STERKEL, RYAN	41:00
TODD, ASHLAND	8:00
TODD, JORDAN	56:00
VANCE, DARRELL	172:15
VANCE, JEFFERY R	232:15
VANCE, TAYLOR	37:00
WALTER, BRETT	60:00
WHITE, JULIE	11:00
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	69:15
WILROY, MASUMI	159:00
ZEILER, LOGAN	136:00
Count of Personnel : 44	Total Agency Training Hours : 5150:45

LEROY ELLIOTT FIRE-FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Leroy Elliott was a firefighter for Gering Fire Department for almost 50 years. Every year he was one of the top responders even in his 70's. Leroy represented what it meant to be a top firefighter. In 2023, Jake Pittman was awarded this award.

Tim Maxcy also was awarded 50 years of service to the community of Gering. Tim joins only 3 other members that have volunteered for 50 years or more. Tim has been very active within the department and served in many capacities within the State of Nebraska as well as within the department. Congratulations to Tim Maxcy.

PERSONNEL STATISTICS

People are our number one asset in any organization. Gering Fire Department supports our firefighters and invests in their career at the department. In 2023 we logged over 7,165 man hours of regional, state and local trainings, public relations and meetings. Because our staff is invaluable, we could never put a cost savings number on our response.

Our roster includes 43 firefighters and 1 Cadets. Our Department implemented a Cadet Program that introduces high school seniors to the fire service. We also partnered with Gering PD and Gering High School to implement an Public Safety Academy for high school students, which is in our second year. 7 students spend at least 1.5 hours per day at the fire station, assisting and learning about emergency response. So far, 3 students in this program have become members.

This past year we recognized Jeremiah Closson, Chris Perales and Ashley Maschmeier with 5 years of service. Again, Tim Maxcy received recognition for 50 years of service. He joined the department on December 11th, 1973.

33 out of 43 members qualified for the City of Gering Incentive Program. This program continues to be instrumental in retaining members. We thank the council and Mayor for supporting this amazing incentive program.



We document each volunteer's response to calls. This report showcases the total percentage of calls each volunteer made.

PERSONNEL	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
<u>BROWN, DAVID</u>	22	2.39 %
<u>BRUNZ, DAVID</u>	121	13.15 %
<u>CLOSSON, JEREMIAH</u>	113	12.28 %
<u>COCHRANE, DICK K</u>	137	14.89 %
<u>COWAN, TROY</u>	153	16.63 %
<u>CRIPPS, JEREMY</u>	101	10.98 %
<u>FLOWERS, NATHAN</u>	654	71.09 %
<u>GANNON, CHARLES</u>	5	0.54 %
<u>GRUMBLES, DANIAL</u>	354	38.48 %
<u>HAMILTON, KALE</u>	31	3.37 %
<u>HAUCK, KEN F</u>	218	23.70 %
<u>HENTON, JASON</u>	119	12.93 %
<u>HESSLER, ZACHARY</u>	181	19.67 %
<u>HINEBAUCH, JARED</u>	128	13.91 %
<u>JOHNSON, DALTON</u>	99	10.76 %
<u>KELLEY, SKIP</u>	198	21.52 %
<u>LAWSON, JAMY A</u>	103	11.20 %
<u>LAWSON, JIM K</u>	55	5.98 %
<u>LEHR, ANDREW J</u>	594	64.57 %
<u>LEHR, KEVIN</u>	200	21.74 %
<u>MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY</u>	324	35.22 %
<u>MAXCY, TIM N</u>	234	25.43 %
<u>MILTON, TIMOTHY</u>	317	34.46 %
<u>MODENA, THOMAS W</u>	101	10.98 %
<u>PERALES, CHRIS</u>	400	43.48 %
<u>PETERSON, JUSTUS L</u>	46	5.00 %
<u>PITTMAN, JACOB RYAN</u>	194	21.09 %
<u>SAUER, ADAM</u>	191	20.76 %
<u>SCOTT, JEFFERY C</u>	57	6.20 %
<u>SEVERSON, GRANT D</u>	193	20.98 %
<u>SHULTZ, ASHLEY</u>	38	4.13 %
<u>SHULTZ, COLE</u>	135	14.67 %
<u>STERKEL, RYAN</u>	55	5.98 %
<u>TODD, ASHLAND</u>	14	1.52 %
<u>TODD, JORDAN</u>	101	10.98 %
<u>VANCE, DARRELL</u>	355	38.59 %
<u>VANCE, JEFFERY R</u>	739	80.33 %
<u>VANCE, TAYLOR</u>	96	10.43 %
<u>WALTER, BRETT</u>	27	2.93 %
<u>WHITE, JULIE</u>	29	3.15 %
<u>WIEBERS, MIRANDA</u>	375	40.76 %
<u>WILROY, MASUMI</u>	61	6.63 %
<u>ZEILER, LOGAN</u>	136	14.78 %
Sum of Individual Responses	7804	
Total Incidents for Date Range	920	

Total Chosen Event Type(s) for Personnel : 107

This report shows all types of events attended by each member

Personnel	Events Attended	% of Events for
Apparatus Maintenance		
COCHRANE, DICK	1	0.9%
Department, Fire	7	6.5%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	4	3.7%
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	1	0.9%
HAUCK, KEN	1	0.9%
HINEBAUCH, JARED	1	0.9%
KELLEY, SKIP	1	0.9%
LAWSON, JAMY	1	0.9%
LEHR, ANDREW	1	0.9%
LEHR, KEVIN	3	2.8%
PERALES, CHRIS	1	0.9%
PITTMAN, JACOB	1	0.9%
SAUER, ADAM	1	0.9%
SEVERSON, GRANT	1	0.9%
TODD, ASHLAND	1	0.9%
TODD, JORDAN	1	0.9%
VANCE, JEFFERY	1	0.9%
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	1	0.9%
Meeting/Project		
COCHRANE, DICK	5	4.7%
COWAN, TROY	4	3.7%
Department, Fire	18	16.8%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	11	10.3%
HAUCK, KEN	1	0.9%
HENTON, JASON	2	1.9%
KELLEY, SKIP	3	2.8%
LEHR, ANDREW	5	4.7%
LEHR, KEVIN	5	4.7%
MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY	2	1.9%
MAXCY, TIM	1	0.9%
MILTON, TIMOTHY	6	5.6%
PERALES, CHRIS	6	5.6%
PITTMAN, JACOB	7	6.5%
SEVERSON, GRANT	3	2.8%
SHULTZ, ASHLEY	1	0.9%
TODD, JORDAN	1	0.9%
VANCE, DARRELL	11	10.3%
VANCE, JEFFERY	6	5.6%
WALTER, BRETT	1	0.9%
WHITE, JULIE	3	2.8%
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	1	0.9%
ZEILER, LOGAN	3	2.8%
Mutual Aid Meeting		
Department, Fire	4	3.7%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	3	2.8%
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	1	0.9%
HENTON, JASON	1	0.9%
HESSLER, ZACHARY	1	0.9%
LAWSON, JAMY	2	1.9%
LAWSON, JIM	3	2.8%
LEHR, KEVIN	1	0.9%

MAXCY, TIM	1	0.9%
PERALES, CHRIS	1	0.9%
PITTMAN, JACOB	1	0.9%
SEVERSON, GRANT	1	0.9%
VANCE, DARRELL	2	1.9%
VANCE, JEFFERY	2	1.9%
Prevention/Public Education		
COWAN, TROY	1	0.9%
Department, Fire	2	1.9%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	2	1.9%
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	2	1.9%
JOHNSON, DALTON	2	1.9%
KELLEY, SKIP	1	0.9%
LAWSON, JAMY	2	1.9%
LAWSON, JIM	2	1.9%
LEHR, ANDREW	2	1.9%
MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY	1	0.9%
MILTON, TIMOTHY	2	1.9%
PERALES, CHRIS	2	1.9%
SAUER, ADAM	1	0.9%
SEVERSON, GRANT	1	0.9%
SHULTZ, COLE	1	0.9%
TODD, ASHLAND	1	0.9%
VANCE, DARRELL	1	0.9%
VANCE, JEFFERY	1	0.9%
VANCE, TAYLOR	2	1.9%
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	1	0.9%
ZEILER, LOGAN	1	0.9%
Public Education		
BRUNZ, DAVID	4	3.7%
COWAN, TROY	1	0.9%
Department, Fire	26	24.3%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	20	18.7%
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	7	6.5%
HAUCK, KEN	2	1.9%
HENTON, JASON	3	2.8%
HESSLER, ZACHARY	6	5.6%
HINEBAUCH, JARED	3	2.8%
JOHNSON, DALTON	3	2.8%
KELLEY, SKIP	3	2.8%
LAWSON, JAMY	7	6.5%
LAWSON, JIM	5	4.7%
LEHR, ANDREW	6	5.6%
MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY	4	3.7%
MILTON, TIMOTHY	7	6.5%
PERALES, CHRIS	5	4.7%
PETERSON, JUSTUS	1	0.9%
PITTMAN, JACOB	4	3.7%
SAUER, ADAM	5	4.7%
SCOTT, JEFFERY	1	0.9%
SEVERSON, GRANT	1	0.9%
SHULTZ, ASHLEY	1	0.9%
STERKEL, RYAN	1	0.9%
TODD, ASHLAND	2	1.9%
VANCE, DARRELL	4	3.7%

VANCE, JEFFERY	13	12.1%
VANCE, TAYLOR	2	1.9%
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	5	4.7%
WILROY, MASUMI	1	0.9%
ZEILER, LOGAN	2	1.9%
Public Relations		
BROWN, DAVID	1	0.9%
BRUNZ, DAVID	1	0.9%
CLOSSON, JEREMIAH	5	4.7%
COWAN, TROY	4	3.7%
CRIPPS, JEREMY	3	2.8%
Department, Fire	34	31.8%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	15	14.0%
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	11	10.3%
HAMILTON, KALE	2	1.9%
HAUCK, KEN	6	5.6%
HENTON, JASON	2	1.9%
HESSLER, ZACHARY	3	2.8%
HINEBAUCH, JARED	6	5.6%
JOHNSON, DALTON	7	6.5%
KELLEY, SKIP	4	3.7%
LAWSON, JAMY	9	8.4%
LAWSON, JIM	2	1.9%
LEHR, ANDREW	14	13.1%
LEHR, KEVIN	1	0.9%
MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY	12	11.2%
MAXCY, TIM	5	4.7%
MILTON, TIMOTHY	8	7.5%
PERALES, CHRIS	12	11.2%
PITTMAN, JACOB	4	3.7%
SAUER, ADAM	8	7.5%
SCOTT, JEFFERY	2	1.9%
SEVERSON, GRANT	8	7.5%
SHULTZ, ASHLEY	1	0.9%
SHULTZ, COLE	5	4.7%
STERKEL, RYAN	4	3.7%
TODD, ASHLAND	1	0.9%
TODD, JORDAN	1	0.9%
VANCE, DARRELL	13	12.1%
VANCE, JEFFERY	18	16.8%
VANCE, TAYLOR	2	1.9%
WHITE, JULIE	2	1.9%
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	11	10.3%
ZEILER, LOGAN	2	1.9%
Regular Meeting		
BROWN, DAVID	1	0.9%
BRUNZ, DAVID	7	6.5%
CLOSSON, JEREMIAH	7	6.5%
COCHRANE, DICK	13	12.1%
COWAN, TROY	14	13.1%
CRIPPS, JEREMY	8	7.5%
Department, Fire	16	15.0%
FLOWERS, NATHAN	15	14.0%
GANNON, CHARLES	1	0.9%
GRUMBLES, DANIAL	12	11.2%

HAMILTON, KALE	3	2.8%
HAUCK, KEN	12	11.2%
HENTON, JASON	11	10.3%
HESSLER, ZACHARY	5	4.7%
HINEBAUCH, JARED	8	7.5%
JOHNSON, DALTON	15	14.0%
KELLEY, SKIP	14	13.1%
LAWSON, JAMY	3	2.8%
LAWSON, JIM	8	7.5%
LEHR, ANDREW	16	15.0%
LEHR, KEVIN	16	15.0%
MASCHMEIER, ASHLEY	11	10.3%
MAXCY, TIM	14	13.1%
MILTON, TIMOTHY	13	12.1%
MODENA, THOMAS	10	9.3%
PERALES, CHRIS	14	13.1%
PETERSON, JUSTUS	1	0.9%
PITTMAN, JACOB	11	10.3%
SAUER, ADAM	12	11.2%
SCOTT, JEFFERY	8	7.5%
SEVERSON, GRANT	15	14.0%
SHULTZ, ASHLEY	5	4.7%
SHULTZ, COLE	10	9.3%
STERKEL, RYAN	3	2.8%
TODD, ASHLAND	5	4.7%
TODD, JORDAN	5	4.7%
VANCE, DARRELL	15	14.0%
VANCE, JEFFERY	15	14.0%
VANCE, TAYLOR	9	8.4%
WALTER, BRETT	3	2.8%
WHITE, JULIE	4	3.7%
WIEBERS, MIRANDA	15	14.0%
WILROY, MASUMI	15	14.0%
ZEILER, LOGAN	15	14.0%

FIRE PUP PROGRAM

Gering Fire teams up with Scottsbluff Fire and the National Fire Safety Council to fund fire prevention material. We have participated in this program for over 20 years.

NFSC manages the program and solicits local businesses to assist in making fire prevention supplies like coloring books, helmets and booklets.

Local businesses donate an average of \$6,000 each year to fund much needed supplies. Both fire departments utilize these supplies throughout the year.

This program saves each city thousands a year. We couldn't do it without local support.

FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Gering FD captured 1,909 man hours of fire prevention and education. Our annual Junior Fire Patrol program was another hit this year. We had 30 5th grade students spend 5 nights at the fire station. It was another success.

Last October we visited all Gering elementary schools and spoke fire prevention. We came in contact with an estimated 250 kids and taught various ways to prevent fire.

Our fire prevention material is paid for through donations from local businesses. National Fire Safety Council develops a program that solicits local businesses. We partner with Scottsbluff Fire Department and have been extremely successful with this program. In 2023 local Gering businesses raised \$5,770 to fund all material.

We assisted with many special events throughout including United Way Color Dash, Gravel National Race, special school events, Gering Merchants Summer Bash, Firework standby and National Night Out.

During OT Days we invented a sprinkler system for the Kiddie Parade Participants. We connected a sprinkler to a hydrant and allowed kids to run through the water. We plan to make this an annual event.



The fire department takes pride in hosting several public events throughout the year. Information shows we have reached an estimated 869 people in 2023 in which we share the fire prevention message. The best way to suppress a fire is to stop it from happening!

Our Junior Fire Patrol program is always a huge hit. 5th grade students attend a 5 week program at the station learning various fire prevention topics.

EVENT TYPE	DATE	EVENT NAME	CATEGORY	ATTENDING NON-PERSONNEL	TOTAL
Public Education					
	03/09/2023	Junior Fire Patrol	Public Relations / Education	Children	29
				Total Non-Personnel for Junior Fire Patrol:	29
	04/04/2023	GHS Career Day	Public Relations / Education	Children	120
				Adult	10
				Total Non-Personnel for GHS Career Day:	130
	05/31/2023	Library Summer Bash	Public Relations / Education	Children	140
				Adult	50
				Total Non-Personnel for Library Summer Bash:	190
	06/05/2023	Summer School Geil School Prevention	Public Relations / Education	Children	52
				Total Non-Personnel for Summer School Geil School Prevention:	52
	06/06/2023	Summer School Northfield Fire Prevention	Public Relations / Education	Children	52
				Adult	3
				Total Non-Personnel for Summer School Northfield Fire Prevention:	55
	06/07/2023	Summer School Lincoln Fire Prevention	Public Relations / Education	Children	47
				Adult	5
				Total Non-Personnel for Summer School Lincoln Fire Prevention:	52
	06/10/2023	Gering Merchants Summer Bash	Public Relations / Education	Children	225
				Total Non-Personnel for Gering Merchants Summer Bash:	225
	10/09/2023	Fire Prevention Geil Kindergarten	Public Relations / Education	Children	50
				Adult	4
				Total Non-Personnel for Fire Prevention Geil Kindergarten:	54
	10/13/2023	Fire Prevention Lincoln Preschool	Public Relations / Education	Children	30
				Adult	6
				Total Non-Personnel for Fire Prevention Lincoln Preschool:	36
	10/13/2023	Fire Prevention Lincoln Preschool PM Classes	Public Relations / Education	Children	40
				Adult	6
				Total Non-Personnel for Fire Prevention Lincoln Preschool PM Classes:	46
				Grand Non-Personnel Total:	869

NFS AGREEMENT

In 2019 Gering Fire became a Nebraska State Cooperator through a negotiated contract. This allows members of our department to support out of state federal fires as a Nebraska resource.

Members spend time on large incidents and gain incredible knowledge to bring back home. Firefighters continue to develop through their careers and that knowledge gained supports our local fires.

The program also generates additional revenue for GFD.

We are the only department in Nebraska that was offered this opportunity.



2023 WORKING FIRES DOCUMENTARY

In February 2023 Nebraska Public Media reached out to Gering Fire asking to participate in a documentary showcasing volunteer fire departments across the state. Through a grant, Nebraska Public Media was able to film only a few departments and the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association recommended Gering to be showcased. Film crew visited Gering for one week in May gathering footage and interviewing many firefighters. We spent 4 nights that week training and spending time with the film crew. It is an honor to be recognized and discuss the challenges and successes our department has. You can view the documentary on Nebraska Public Media's YouTube channel.

NEW RESCUE APPARATUS

Council approved to replace our aging rescue unit. Gering Fire took possession of the new apparatus in October and placed it into service in November 2023. The new apparatus is a 2023 Ford F550 with enough space in the rear to carry EMS, technical rescue and extrication equipment. It houses an 8kw generator allowing us adequate light and energy to utilize any rescue tools we need. Money for this purchase came from our MFO savings and the new Public Safety Fund. We thank the council again for supporting the fire department through the special Public Safety Fund.

