

Auburn Fire Department

Annual Report

2024



Auburn Fire Department Mission Statement

To deliver emergency services to those in need.

Core Values

To perform these duties, the Auburn Fire Department will be dedicated to Customer Service through the philosophy which values employee contributions, promotes teamwork, and participation. We follow Core Values that guide the actions of all members of the organization.

Service: Being aware of those who need the fire department's assistance and meeting or exceeding their expectations for service.

Excellence: Always striving to achieve the highest performance in all aspects of our work.

Integrity: Committing ourselves to elevated standards of trust, honesty, and accountability while promoting professionalism in a fair and impartial manner.

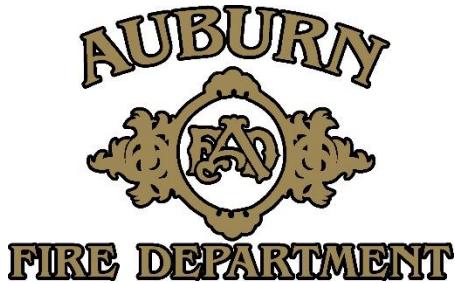
Pride: Believing in the value of our work, considering it to be the most noble of professions, and to respond effectively to the changing needs of the community.

Through active leadership, we shall promote these values during Training, Public Education, Prevention, and Emergency Response.

Vision Statement

To be a fire department which embraces the changing needs and expectations of our citizens through constant diligence, training, and planning.

A message from Fire Chief Doug Cox



On behalf of the Auburn Fire Department, it is both an honor and a privilege to present our 2024 Annual Report. Our commitment to delivering exceptional emergency services remains unwavering. We continue to fulfill this mission with pride, integrity, and excellence, responding to 1,724 calls for service in 2024. These calls encompassed a wide range of incidents, from fires and car accidents to medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and other non-emergency events.

While it's easy to recount the number of incidents and programs from the year, the true story lies behind the scenes—the tireless dedication and unseen efforts of the Auburn Fire Department's firefighters. These individuals dedicate countless hours to training, preparation, and personal sacrifice, ensuring they are always ready when emergencies arise. We are proud to have 32 of the finest firefighters who come together to perform under even the most extreme conditions, safeguarding the lives and property of Auburn, Union Township, and Jackson Township.

2024 also marked an exciting year of growth for the department. We added two new apparatus to our fleet: a new Engine from Sutphen, which replaced a 1998 model, and a new Aerial from Pierce, replacing a 1993 unit. These additions will allow us to maintain the high level of service our community expects. We were deeply humbled by the community's strong support at the open house we held to dedicate the new apparatus. Additionally, our expanded hazardous materials training facility received generous backing from both the City and County Redevelopment Commissions. Thanks to their support, we anticipate the facility will be operational within the year. Moreover, two new part-time firefighters were added to our team throughout the year.

Throughout this past year, I have witnessed firsthand how the success of our fire department is supported by the collective effort of the entire City, Townships, and County. The contributions of the Mayor, City Council, Board of Public Works and Safety, City Clerk-Treasurer, Union Township Trustee and Advisory Board, Jackson Township and Advisory Board, other City departments, DeKalb County, and the community have been instrumental to our achievements. This collaboration ensures that our department continues to thrive, and our community remains safe.

In closing, I am deeply humbled and honored to serve as Fire Chief of this exceptional department. As Steve Jobs once said, "The only way to do great work is to love what you do." The dedicated firefighters of the Auburn Fire Department exemplify this sentiment. Their passion and commitment to protecting our community drive them to continually achieve greatness. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each firefighter for their tireless work, as well as to their families, for without their unwavering support, none of this would be possible.



Doug Cox, Fire Chief

New Firefighters

Part-time Firefighter Chase Noland

October 9, 2023



Part-time Firefighter Corey Glasper

October 9, 2023



Incident Summary

2024 was an exciting year for the department. We were fully staffed for the first time in three (3) years. However, that only lasted for the first 3 quarters of the year. We are currently in the hiring process to replace a firefighter that had resigned in 2024 and hope to have the firefighter hired by March. We accepted the delivery of our new Engine and Ladder truck in July of 2024. These two (2) new pieces of apparatus will support the community for years to come.

Below is a recap of the incidents in 2024.

Total Incidents = 1,723

Incident Type	Total	Percentage of Total
Fires	89	5%
Emergency Medical	816	47%
Vehicle Crashes-Rescues	95	6%
False Alarms	298	17%
Public Service Calls	345	20%
Hazardous Condition Calls	80	5%

Response to Jackson Township (After May 1 st)	98
Mutual Aid Given	59
Lift Assist	264
Structure Fires	34
Firefighter Injuries	0
Civilian Injuries (within Fire Territory/Jackson Township)	0

Station #1 Responses: 740

Station #2 Responses: 983

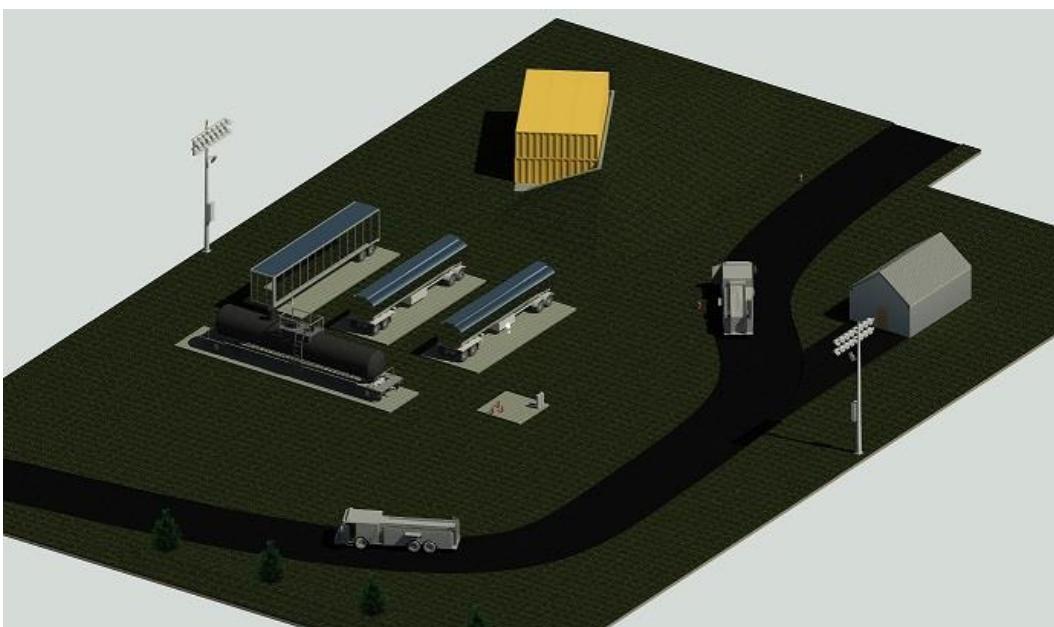
A-shift: 564

B-shift: 563

C-shift: 593

Fire Training

The Auburn Fire Department prides itself on training. One of our most important assets is our training facility. Dedicated as the first official State of Indiana Training Facility by then Governor Daniels in 2006, we continue to improve and grow the wide array of emergency incidents simulations that our firefighters as well as firefighters from around the tri-state area will encounter. Work continues our 3-story building, entering phase 2 which includes turning the 3rd floor into a hotel layout with a center hallway. We will again partner with Impact Institute so students can learn valuable hands-on experience working with steel, fabricating and welding. 2024 brought new partners to our family. Both the City and County Redevelopment Commissions agreed to help fund the infrastructure and building of the new training grounds.



2024 FIRE TRAINING REPORT

2024 AUBURN FIRE TRAINING REPORT	NUMBER OF SESSIONS	TOTAL TRAINING HOURS
CATEGORY		
FIRE (Suppression, Search, Rapid Intervention, Driver Operator)	201	1,733
MEDICAL	50	305
TECHNICAL RESCUE (Extrication, Confined Space, Rope, Ice, Grain)	35	302
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	38	388
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION (Fall Fair Planning, Incident Management, Building Pre-Planning)	12	300
TOTAL	336	3,028

CERTIFICATIONS ACHIEVED

CERTIFICATION	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	TOTAL TRAINING HOURS
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	2	160
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	2	380
ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN	2	160

2024 DISTRICT 3 TRAINING
AND TRAINING FACILITY USAGE

Southeast Live Burns	14
Wells County I/II Flashover 2(DISTRICT)	21
Angola Cadets Flashover 2	13
Bluffton Strategy and Tactics Flashover 2(DISTRICT)	13
Northeast SWAT	18
Auburn Cadets Flashover 2	16
East Central Flashover (3 visits) 3	27
Noble County I/II Flashover (2 visits) 4(DISTRICT)	29
Noble County I/II Skills(DISTRICT)	29
Northwest Academy Live Burns	15
Angola Strategy and Tactics Flashover 2(DISTRICT)	20
CSX Contractors Meeting	30
Mutual Aid (Butler, Garrett)	25
Albion Fire Live Burns	13
LEPC HazMat Drill	40
Columbia TWP Live Burns	9
Noble County RIT Live Burns	12
Hazmat Technician FWFD/Auburn May 20-24(DISTRICT)	150 attendance
Emergency Medical Technician January-May	817 attendance

Total 2024 Attendance 1,311 firefighters

Community Risk Reduction

Community risk reduction (Fire Prevention) has been an important objective for the Auburn Fire Department since its inception in 1885. The goal of community risk reduction is to decrease the number and severity of fires; this is accomplished through fire safety inspections, fire code enforcement, building plan review, and when fires occur, fire investigations. The fire department is involved in community partnerships that meet throughout the year, these include Safe Schools Commission, LEPC, and DeKalb County Child Fatality Review Board.

2024 Inspection Summery

<u>Inspection Type:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Annual	141
1 st Follow Up re-inspection	66
2 nd Follow Up re-inspection	12
3 rd Follow Up re-inspection	1
Certificate of Occupancy	12
C of O (Follow up)	2
Fire Protection System Status	6
Kitchen Hood Suppression Test	1
Knox Box Update	14
Site Inspection-Code Consultation	14
Site Inspection-New Hood Install	1
Site Inspection-Complaint	4
Site Inspection	2
Site Inspection-New Occupant	1
Site Inspection-New Sprinkler	2
Site Inspection-With Building Department	2
State Annual Inspection	20
Total Inspections	301

Public Education

Another part of Community Risk Reduction is Public Education. Community involvement and visibility is key to fire and life safety education. The fire department has always embraced public information and education programs because they are so vital to reducing fire loss, promoting life safety, and educating the community on their role in an emergency or disaster.

Throughout 2024, the fire department visited local pre-schools, elementary schools, high schools, civic groups, and organizations as well as attending numerous community functions to spread the fire safety message and engage our community members.

Our Survive Alive House was visited by many DeKalb County Elementary Schools including, Lakewood Park, James R Watson, McKenney Harrison, JE Ober, Riverdale, Country Meadow and DASH students.

2024 Public Education Summary

Total Sessions	72
Total number of children contacts	1,689
Total number of adults contacts	<u>180</u>
Total contacts	1,869
Total number of Public Appearances (Truck displays, events, etc.)	14
Estimated number of contacts	1,875

Survive Alive House at Fire Station 2

Sessions = 19

Children = 409

Adults = 41