

# 2023 State of the District



## EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## 2023 in Review

Evergreen Fire/Rescue had a lot to celebrate during 2023. To celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, a special banquet and a retiree luncheon were held which provided a chance to reminisce through shared stories and photos. As you can imagine, a lot has changed through the years. The Evergreen Fire Protection District Board welcomed new board members Evan Jeffries and Suzy Campagna to serve 4 year terms as your elected representatives. The district also celebrated the retirement of Evan Fosler after 38 years of applying his knowledge and skills to the care of the EFR fleet of fire apparatus, ambulances, and staff vehicles. Adam Knupp will lead the maintenance team into the future.



Fire/EMS family got together to wish Evan Fosler a happy retirement.



Retirees celebrated with a 75<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

The year saw the addition of personnel that have quickly made an impact on their divisions. Fire Marshal Kevin Ferry joined EFR. His Risk Reduction Division expanded to add John Sebastian and Charles Poppe on the inspection team with Alicia Longwell. Einar Jensen continued to speak and teach all over the district averaging 4 groups per day and an astounding 11,412 residents engaged.

Chief Kris Kazian joined EFR as the Division Chief of Fire Operations bringing along years of leadership experience in volunteer and paid fire departments in Illinois, Arizona, and Colorado. He is assisted by Lt. Bri Cameron as the training officer and supported by the volunteer firefighters. It was a banner year for call volume and training hours.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continued to see growth in service needs of our aging population. The ECARES program grew 118% in 2022 and another 33% in 2023. This shows a trend that we will continue to monitor for the services and number of personnel needed to meet our commitment to our community for both emergency care and transport, and for health care services in the home.

The Wildland Division added two full-time staff members. Through several grants, three personnel were added in the mitigation section to help with support of the Community Wildfire Protection and Implementation Plan Unit ambassadors and perform mitigation assessments for property owners. Chipping and cutting projects treated 21.69 acres. Along with grant partners, 3 miles of roadside were mitigated as a pilot project for evacuation routes.

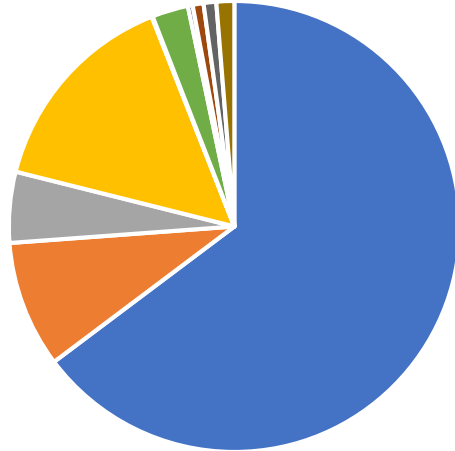
An outside contractor, Matrix Consulting Group, was hired in 2023 to create a Master Plan. The project was completed in December and the work to initiate the identified goals for the next five years will begin in earnest in 2024. The plan is linked in its entirety on our website home page at [evergreenfirerescue.com](http://evergreenfirerescue.com). We will be reaching out to community groups through our local media and social pages with regular updates and requests for feedback on the goals and how they best serve the Evergreen Community.

We look forward to the next 75 years of service to Evergreen!  
Fire Chief Mike Weege

## 2023 Budget

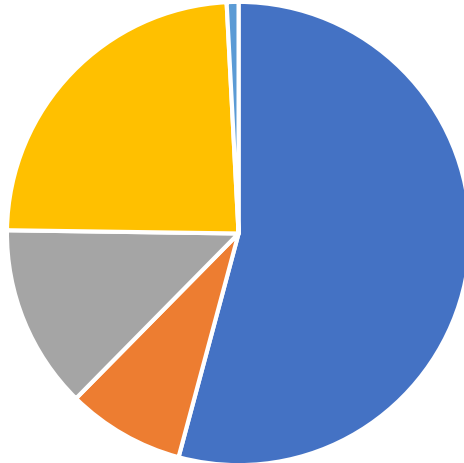
### Revenue by Type: Total Budgeted Revenue by Type \$9,594,267

Property Tax - Jeffco	\$6,212,194
Property Tax - CCC	\$871,462
Specific Ownership Tax	\$487,142
Ambulance Billing	\$1,450,000
Fire Prevention	\$7,000
Donations & Grants	\$249,000
Wildland Deployment	\$32,500
Contract Maintenance	\$75,000
Rental Income	\$87,000
Misc. Revenue Sources	\$122,969



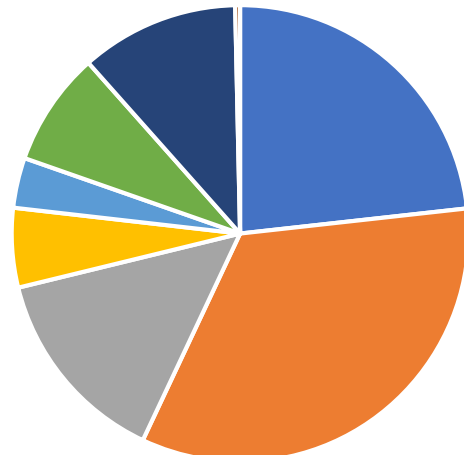
### Expenses by Type: Total Budgeted Expenses \$8,994,086

Payroll & Benefits	\$4,872,226
Commodities & Supplies	\$738,657
Contractual Services	\$1,154,824
Other Operating Expenses	\$2,154,379
Capital Expenditures	\$74,000



### Expenses by Division: Total Budgeted Expenses \$8,994,086

Administration	\$2,090,389
Emergency Medical Services	\$3,036,342
Fire Operations	\$1,276,315
Fire Prevention	\$505,360
Facility Maintenance	\$319,148
Fleet Maintenance	\$726,770
Wildland	\$1,008,974
Rental Property	\$30,788



## Community Risk Reduction:

Fire Marshal (1), Risk Reduction Coordinator (1), Fire Inspector II (1), Fire Inspector I (2)

Plan  
Review  
Submittals -  
**107**

Plans  
Approved -  
**77**

Compliance  
Inspections  
Total - **175**



Inaugural  
Junior  
Wildfire  
Ambassadors  
Program -  
King  
Murphy 4<sup>th</sup>  
grade

Public  
Engagement  
- **11,412**  
individuals

Fire Origin/ Cause  
Investigations - **8**

Will Serve Letters Issued -  
**113**

## Emergency Medical Services (EMS):

EMS Chief (1), EMS Shift Captains (3), Paramedics (12 full time, 10 PRN), Community Paramedic Captain (1), Community Paramedics (2 part time)



**1,473 EMS calls:**

- 1072 patients transported;
- 401 Lift Assists, Blood Draws, or Refusals
- 4 helicopter transports

Hours of  
training:

**1,277.5**

**531 ECARES calls:**

- ✓ 467 patient visits, 64 home risk assessments, 30-32 patients/month
- ✓ 2-3 month visits to Annie's Shed to borrow durable medical



## Fire Operations:

Fire Operations Chief (1), Training Officer (1), Deputy Chief (1), Assistant Chief (2), Captains (5), Chaplain (1), Lieutenants (12), Firefighters (68), Med Techs (5)

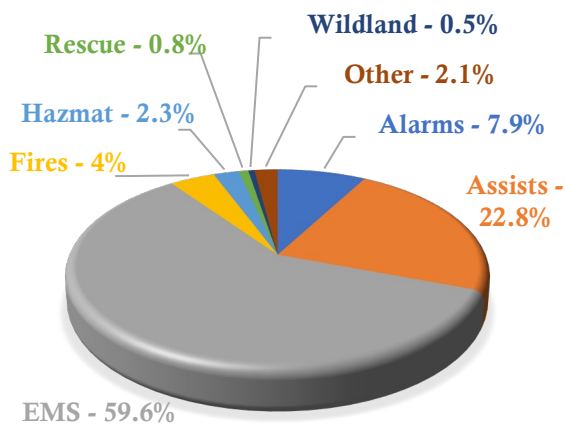


What does it take to remove an injured patient from an Evergreen trail? **TEAMWORK!**  
Paramedics, Firefighters, Fuels Crew, Park Rangers, Sheriff's Deputies, & sometimes Flight



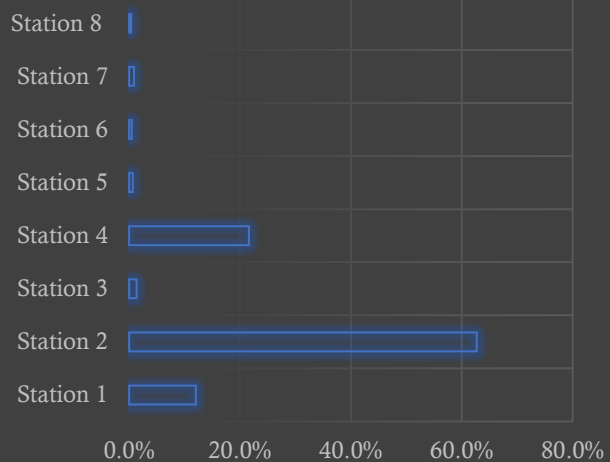
Total Calls: 2,999  
Training Hours 4,883:

- Structure – 2,559
- Rescue – 1,064
- Wildland – 793
- Driver – 364
- HazMat - 103



2023 BY CALL TYPE

## Volume of Calls by Station



## Wildland:

**Wildland Project Coordinator (1), Mitigation Specialist (2), Ambassador Specialist (1)  
Fire/Fuels Supervisor (Captain 1), Crew Foreman (1), Seasonal Fuels Reduction Crew (10)**



Did you know wildfire can happen any time of the year? In 2023 our mitigation team completed 712 home inspections, made 9 presentations and held 3 community events to provide education on how community members can commit to reducing the risk on their property from wildfire. Education includes removing flammable materials adjacent to the home and thinning/limbing of trees to create a healthier forest floor and trees. An evacuation route pilot project was started along Cliff/Hatch Drive with 43 properties. This pilot project will continue into 2024.



### Mitigation COSWAP Grants:

- ♦ Cub Creek - 1.25 miles
- ♦ Berrian - 0.25 mile
- ♦ Hwy 103 – 1.5 miles

The Fire/Fuels Crew cut **21.69** acres; Chipped at **289** addresses, with **1,554** piles of slash treated for a total of **50,764** cubic yards removed = a football field covered almost **8 feet** deep with wood chips!

## Turnouts:

The amazing auxiliary team members that support EFR through meals, special events, rehab for firefighter support on fire scenes, and fundraising drives for our local EChO food bank.

**16 Members**  
**Volunteer Hours**  
**– 1,492.5**  
(654 hours on an anniversary book available in 2024 to purchase)



For Echo: October food drive – 982 pounds; Holiday Ham Drive – 47 Hams, 2 Turkeys, plus shelf stable food; Health and Hygiene Drive – 20 bags /boxes of supplies; Donation \$623.00