

# Largo Fire Rescue



2022  
Annual Report



*“Teamwork divides the task  
and multiplies  
the success.”*

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## **Largo Fire Rescue Way**

### **Mission**

Safeguarding our community with pride and excellence.

### **Vision Statement**

Largo Fire Rescue will be a World-Class Organization that exceeds the evolving needs of our community.



## Fire Chief's Message

By Chad Pittman

On behalf of the men and women of Largo Fire Rescue, it is my pleasure to present the 2022 Annual Report. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all members of LFR, 2022 was another successful year.

The Largo Fire Rescue Strategic Plan was completed in September of this year and was a collaborative effort between the International Association of Firefighters Local 4966, Largo Fire Rescue Administration, and the City of Largo's Office of Performance and Budget. Our consultant that led the process, the JAngle Group, LLC, presented the completed strategic plan to the City of Largo Board of Commissioners at a work session on September 13, 2022. The plan contains 4 initiatives, 17 goals, and 41 objectives. In addition, the strategic planning process was utilized to update the department's mission statement, vision statement, and core values.

Based on an increasing call volume and workload at station 41, Largo Fire Rescue requested funding for an additional advanced life support unit for the fiscal year 2022-2023. This request was for a "peak medic" unit staffed with paramedics to respond to medical emergencies during the busiest part of the day. We were fortunate to receive the approval from Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services for the funding for this request and the medic unit is now in service.

The information contained in this report will provide an overview of the services and activities provided by Largo Fire Rescue, including reports from each of the department's divisions. The topics highlighted will include life safety, emergency responses (medical and fire), staffing changes, specialty teams, and logistics.

It is my honor to lead the men and women of Largo Fire Rescue and look forward to the future.



## Demographics

Largo, Florida, is centrally located in the coastal county of Pinellas. The City is the third largest municipality in Pinellas County with a population of approximately 82,000 people with an additional 30,000 residents served in an approximate 30.5 square mile area. Pinellas County is the sixth most populated county in the state with 956,615 residents and is the most densely populated with 4,495 persons per square mile. A key indicator of the economic stability and strength of Pinellas County is tourism. It is estimated that in excess of 14.9 million tourists visited Pinellas County last year.

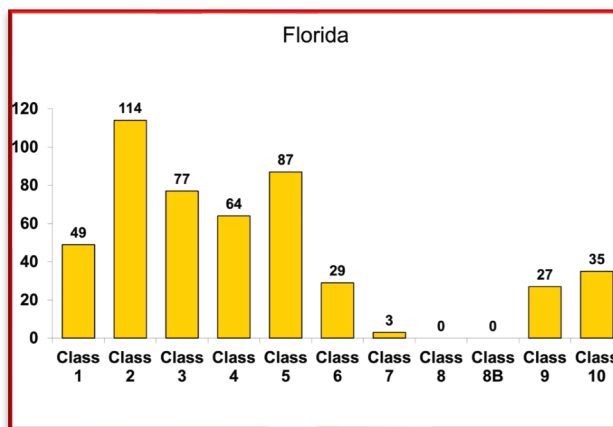
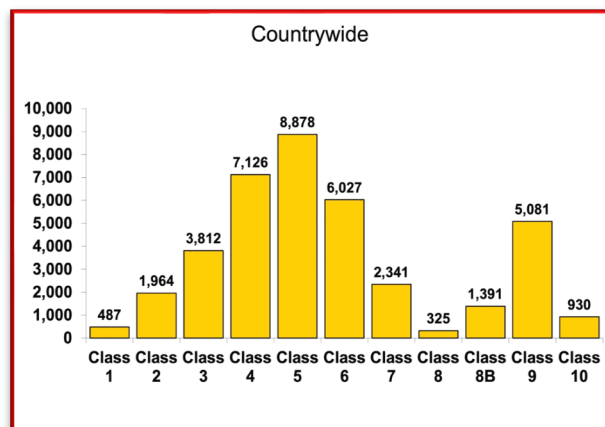
## Insurance Service Office (ISO) Largo Fire Rescue Earns a Class 1 Rating

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training.

In 2021, Largo Fire Rescue earned an ISO public protection rating of Class 1. Currently there are approximately 50,000 plus fire departments in the United States, 487 have an ISO Class 1 rating.

## Distribution of Communities by PPC Class



## Personnel

Personnel are Largo Fire Rescue's most valuable assets. Our team of dedicated professionals excel in all areas of our profession.

## Qualifications

The Largo Fire Rescue personnel are required to be Florida State certified Firefighters and hold either a State of Florida Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic certification. Company officers (lieutenants) are required to hold a State of Florida Fire Officer II certification. District chiefs must meet the previous requirements and additionally have earned a two-year degree in a related field. Division chiefs and above must hold a baccalaureate degree, and the fire chief is encouraged to hold a master's degree in a related field of study. Currently 38 members hold associate degrees, 37 members hold baccalaureate degrees, four officers hold master's degrees, four officers have an Executive Fire Officer designation (EFO), and two has Chief Fire Officer designation (CFO).

Additionally, every department driver must hold a certification for that specific piece of apparatus, and every specialty team member must earn a certification in their respective area of expertise.

### Retirements

Tony Massaro	Firefighter	04/24/2022
Mark Monaghan	Paramedic	06/30/2022
Tim King	Paramedic	07/02/2022
Julie Barlet	Administrative Assistant	04/29/2022
Amy Meyers	Office Administrator	02/11/2022

### Awards from 2022

#### Largo Firefighter of the Year

FF Steve Brannen

#### Largo Fire Service Employee of the Year

Krissy Dziamba

#### Largo Fire Officer of the Year

LT Dan Bordeaux

#### Largo Fire Chief Officer of the Year

Chief Joe Manning

#### Largo Heroism of the Year

FF/PM Bob Johnson

#### Largo Fire Civic of the Year

LT Andrew Dixon

#### Largo Fire Crew of the Year

FF Dan Keefe and FF/PM Tyler Butts

## The Departments of Largo Fire Rescue

Largo provides many services to the community. Much of the department's operational duties and responsibilities are handled in house. Our personnel are trained and certified to accomplish the following services:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Suppression
- Life Safety and Fire Prevention
- Professional Standards
- Public Education
- Emergency Management
- Hazardous Material Response
- Technical Rescue Response
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Maintenance and Repair
- Bunker Gear Cleaning and Inspection
- Honor Guard
- Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Paramedics
- First Responder Resiliency Program



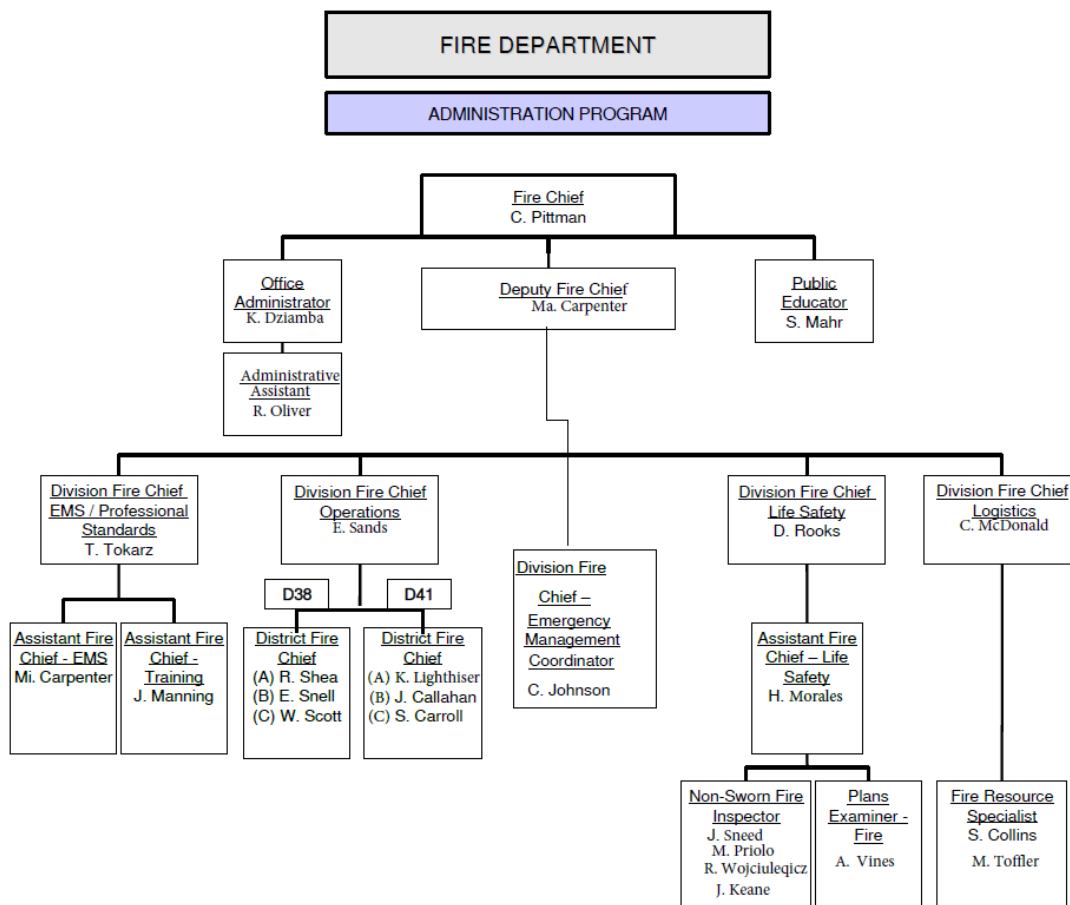


## Command Staffing

The command structure provides for a fire chief, deputy fire chief, five division chiefs, six district chiefs and three assistant chiefs aligned into the functional areas of life safety, operations, professional standards, logistics, emergency management, training, and EMS.

The fire chief is responsible for policy and long-term planning. The primary responsibility is directing, programming and managing the Fire Rescue Department, and the coordination of emergency management for the City. The fire chief manages the day-to-day operations of the organization through a deputy chief and four division chiefs. Each division has clearly defined responsibilities and unique organizational goals.

## Organizational Chart



## Life Safety

The Life Safety Division's mission is to reduce injuries, death and property loss caused by fire through the establishment and enforcement of state and local fire codes. The Life Safety Division is staffed with seven people including the Fire Marshal, Division Chief Don Rooks, an Assistant Fire Marshal Hillary Morales, a certified plans examiner, and four State of Florida certified fire inspectors.

The Life Safety Division is responsible for fire code enforcement of the Florida Fire safety Code, investigation of fire safety code violation complaints, construction plan reviews, fire safety inspections of all existing and newly constructed facilities, fire safety and construction consultations, inspection of fire protection and alarm systems, and maintaining fire records.

## Annual Statistics

Plan reviews are performed any time a new business is proposed, a new building is constructed, or a location remodel within the Largo Fire Rescue district. The fire department reviews plans for life safety considerations, these include fire alarm system installations, sprinkler system installations, and other fire protections features or hazardous operations.



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## Plan Reviews:

- City of Largo 1669
- County Unincorporated 153
- Town of Belleair 14
- City of Belleair Bluffs 18
- Fiscal Year Revenue collected for Plan Reviews: \$271.911

## Final Permit Inspections:

- City of Largo 1593
- County Unincorporated 89
- Town of Belleair 37
- City of Belleair Bluffs 20



## Inspections

Inspections are performed as defined by the Florida Fire Prevention Code and with respect to the facility's contents and purpose. Facilities determined to be a "High Hazard" occupancy require an annual inspection and facilities determined to be "Low Hazard" are subject to triennial inspections.

High hazard inspections are defined as occupancies that contain combustible or explosive matter or flammable conditions dangerous to safety of life or property, facilities in which persons receive educational instructions, facilities in which persons reside (excluding private dwellings) with three or more floors, or buildings that are greater than 80,000 square feet.

High hazard occupancies also include any facility which maintains a state license, such as a nursing home.

### High Hazard Inspections:

- City of Largo 750
- County Unincorporated 220
- Town of Belleair 67
- City of Belleair Bluffs 41
- Fiscal Year Revenue collected for High Hazard Inspections: \$97,420

A Low Hazard inspection is defined as occupancies that do not meet the definition of high hazard. Typically places of assembly, business offices, department stores, markets, and multi-family dwellings.

### Low Hazard Inspections:

- City of Largo 2168
- County Unincorporated 329
- Town of Belleair 63
- City of Belleair Bluffs 47
- Fiscal Year Revenue collected form Low Hazard Inspections: \$4,540





## Public Education

Largo Fire Rescue places an emphasis on public education as a means of fire and emergency prevention. The public education division is focused on community risk reduction by identifying areas within the community that have a need for public safety education and outreach. This division is managed by Summer Mahr, the Department's Public Educator. The educational programs offered within this division are fire safety and prevention, fall prevention, hurricane preparedness, bicycle and pedestrian safety, drowning prevention, safe sleep and many more. Largo Fire Rescue also offers fire engine demos, station tours, safety tables for special events, and a smoke alarm installation program for all residents in the Largo Fire district.

In 2022, Largo Fire Rescue reached approximately 16,544 residents through educational events, presentations, and community outreach. A total of 219 smoke alarms were installed. Event highlights for the year include:

- Station 41 Open House
- Touch a Truck at Largo Central Park
- Safety Day at King's Manor Manufactured Home Community in partnership with Largo Police Department
- Attending City of Largo Community Standard's event, Pride in Your Park, which educated manu-factured home community managers and board members about the community risk reduction ser-vices Largo Fire Rescue provides
- Largo Fire Rescue Hurricane Expo- distributing over 300 hurricane safety kits and hurricane guides
- Jr. Fire Camp – a week long summer camp teaching elementary aged students about the fire department and fire safety
- Weather radio distribution to manufactured home residents in partnership with Pinellas County Emergency Management
- Station 43 Open House
- International Walk to School Day
- The Great American Teach In
- City of Largo Citizen's Academy at Fire Station 41
- Various Career Fairs including events hosted by Pinellas County Schools English to Speakers of Other Languages, Career Source and City of Largo
- National Night Out events in partnership with Largo Police Department
- Senior Empowerment events at various manufactured home communities in partnership with Largo Police Department
- Shop with a Cop/Firefighter event at Walmart
- Holiday Parades and Gift Deliveries
- Keep the Wreath Green Fire Safety Campaign
- The first presentation of the department's new Modeltech Hazard Kitchen, which educates residents on cooking and electrical safety hazards using realistic displays (presentation at La Plaza Manufactured Home Community)



## Fire Cadets

Largo Fire Rescue offers a Fire Cadet Program which targets female and male youth ages 14-17. Established in 1996 the program offers a window into a career in public safety. Cadets meet every other Monday and learn medical or fire rescue related information that will be applied when they participate in competitions with fellow cadets from neighboring jurisdictions. The Largo Fire Cadets also lend a helping hand at city sponsored events by selling refreshments at Largo's Movies in the Park and the Fire Department Open House at Station 41 and 43. The proceeds earned help fund the Fire Cadet Program and keep registration costs minimal for parents and guardians whose child wishes to participate in the program. The ultimate goal of the Largo Fire Cadet Program is to expose our community's youth to a career in public safety with the hope they will return one day and work for the City of Largo. In recent years Largo Fire Rescue has hired 6 past Largo Fire Cadets into our ranks.



## Intergovernmental Agreements

### Fire Protection Agreement

Chapter 73-600 enacted by the Florida Legislature established a countywide Fire Protection Authority. Costs related to the fire protection agreement are included in the City's millage rate of 5.58 for FY 2022. The unincorporated areas of Pinellas County, through voter referendum, have been assigned to the various municipal fire departments for fire coverage.

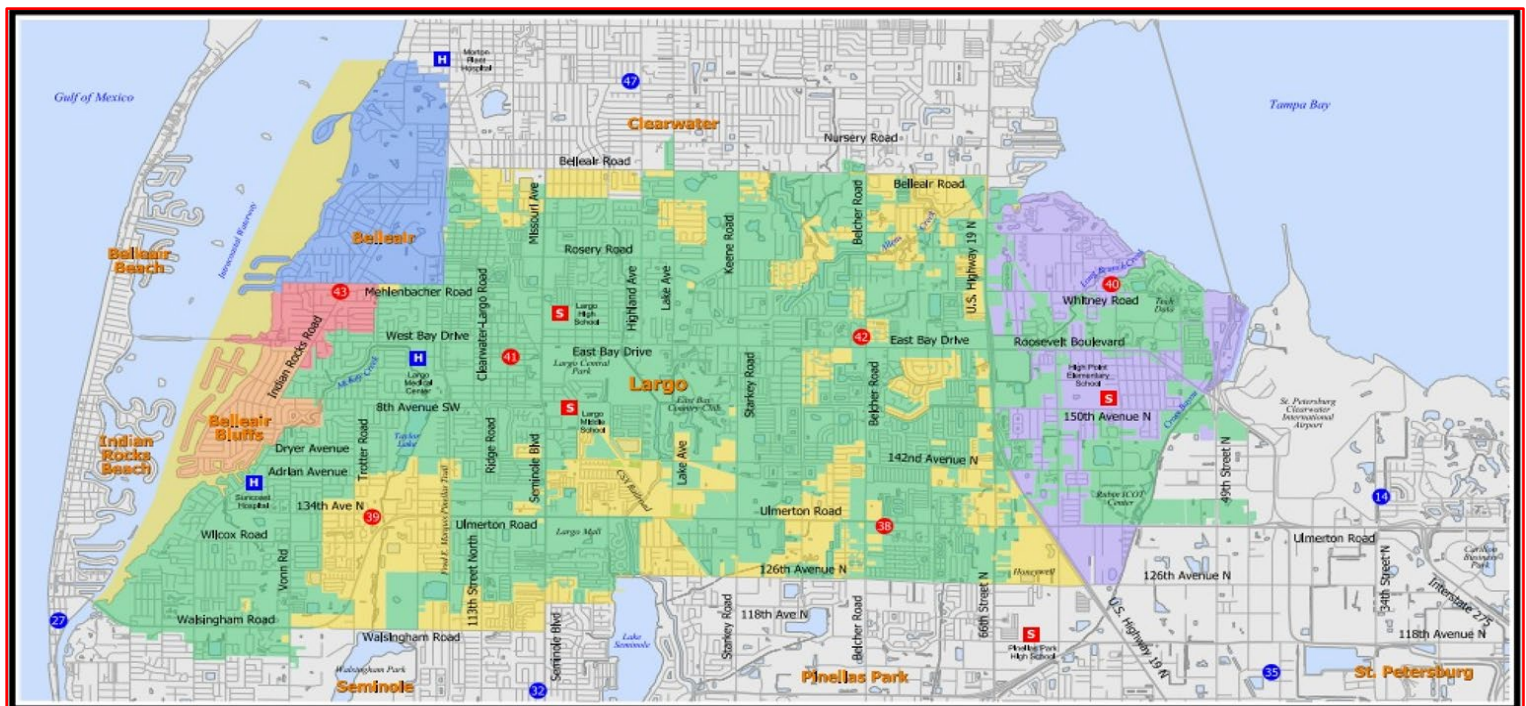
### EMS Agreement

Chapter 80-585 enacted by the Florida Legislature established a countywide Emergency Medical Services Authority. All residents within Pinellas County are assessed an EMS millage rate of 0.9158 mills to offset a portion of the EMS system cost. The remainder of the system cost is funded through ambulance transport user fees.

According to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) contract, EMS providers must respond to EMS incidents within 7 minutes and 30 seconds, 90 percent of the time.

### Summary of Districts

Largo Fire currently serves the City of Largo, Unincorporated Pinellas County, and the West Highpoint areas as part of the Largo Fire and EMS District. Additionally, Largo Fire has contractual agreements to provide fire suppression and EMS services to the Town of Belleair and the City of Belleair Bluffs.





### Emergency Medical Services and Fire Suppression Operations

These divisions encompass all emergency services related to response and mitigation for medical related calls, and non-medical calls for service. Included in this category are medical calls, trauma calls, vehicle accidents, technical rescues, hazardous materials incidents, structure fires, SWAT call outs, bomb threats, gas leaks, aero-medical landing zones and water rescues.

#### Staffing

The largest allocation of the department's personnel, a total of 138 sworn firefighters, are assigned to the Operations Division. The division's minimum staffing includes two ladder trucks, five fire engines, two squads, three medic/rescue units, and two district chiefs. Fire trucks and engines are staffed with three firefighters, squads and rescue/medic units are staffed with two firefighters, and each district chief vehicle is staffed with one chief officer. For fire suppression incidents, three engines, one truck, one squad, one rescue and two district chiefs are dispatched.

The Operations Division is managed by Division Chief Emmett Sands. The division includes six district chiefs who supervise 21 lieutenants and 3 rescue lieutenants, who supervise 33 EMTs and 75 paramedics.

#### Work Schedule

Fire personnel work 24 hours on-duty and 48 hours off-duty and are assigned to one of three shifts. Fire personnel work a 50.3 hour work week, receiving one shift off without pay every 28 days.





## Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

EMS began in Pinellas County in the early 1970's when fire departments began sending personnel to be trained as paramedics. In 1980, the Special Act, Chapter 80-585 created a countywide EMS system. In 1987, the county (acting as the EMS Authority) adopted the current EMS system design. This system provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) to all citizens through county certified paramedics staffed on fire department apparatuses. Transportation to the hospital is provided by a private ambulance company.

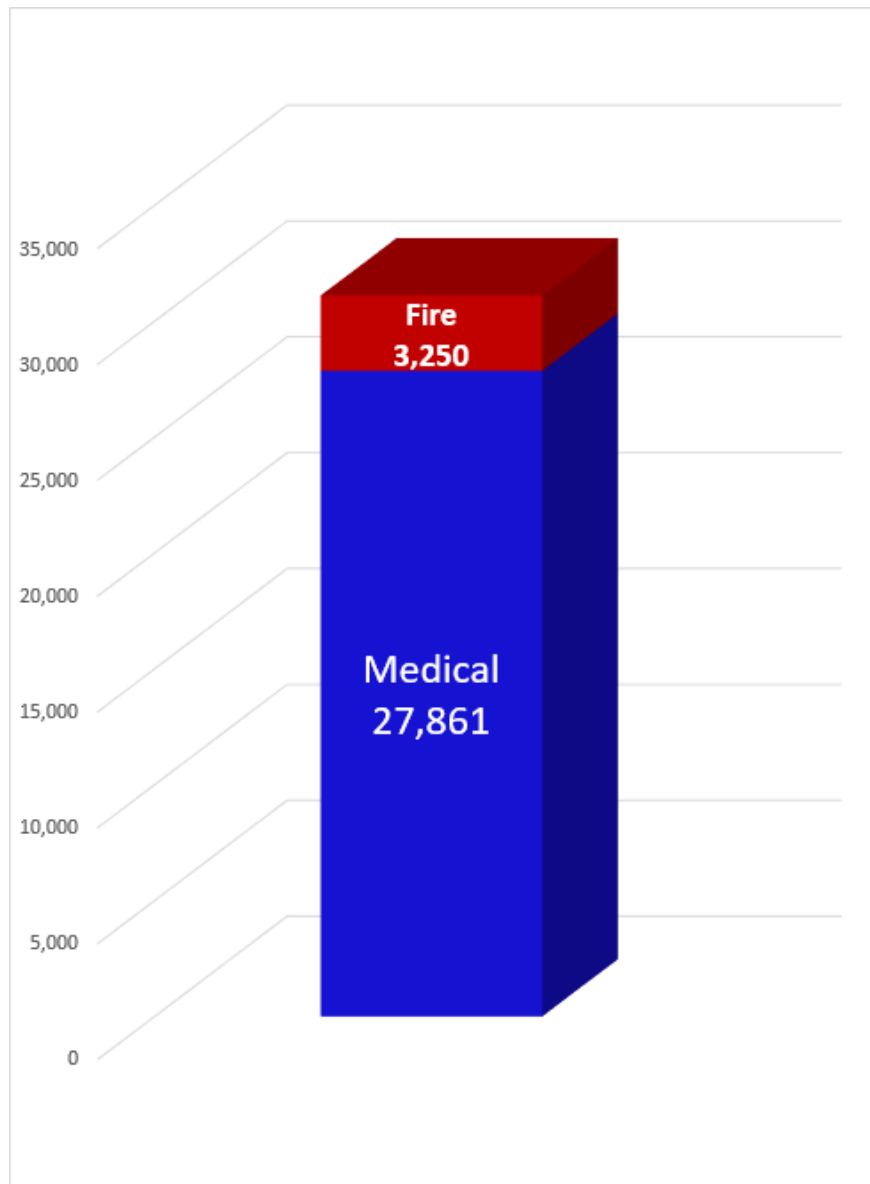
The department operates eleven ALS units out of six fire stations. Largo provides dual ALS units at five of the six fire stations. This dual coverage enables Largo Fire to mitigate calls for service within their first due area the majority of the time.

The EMS division is managed by the Division Chief of Professional Standards Terry Tokarz and Assistant Chief of EMS Michael Carpenter. This division also manages the area of fire department training along with Assistant Chief of Training Joseph Manning.

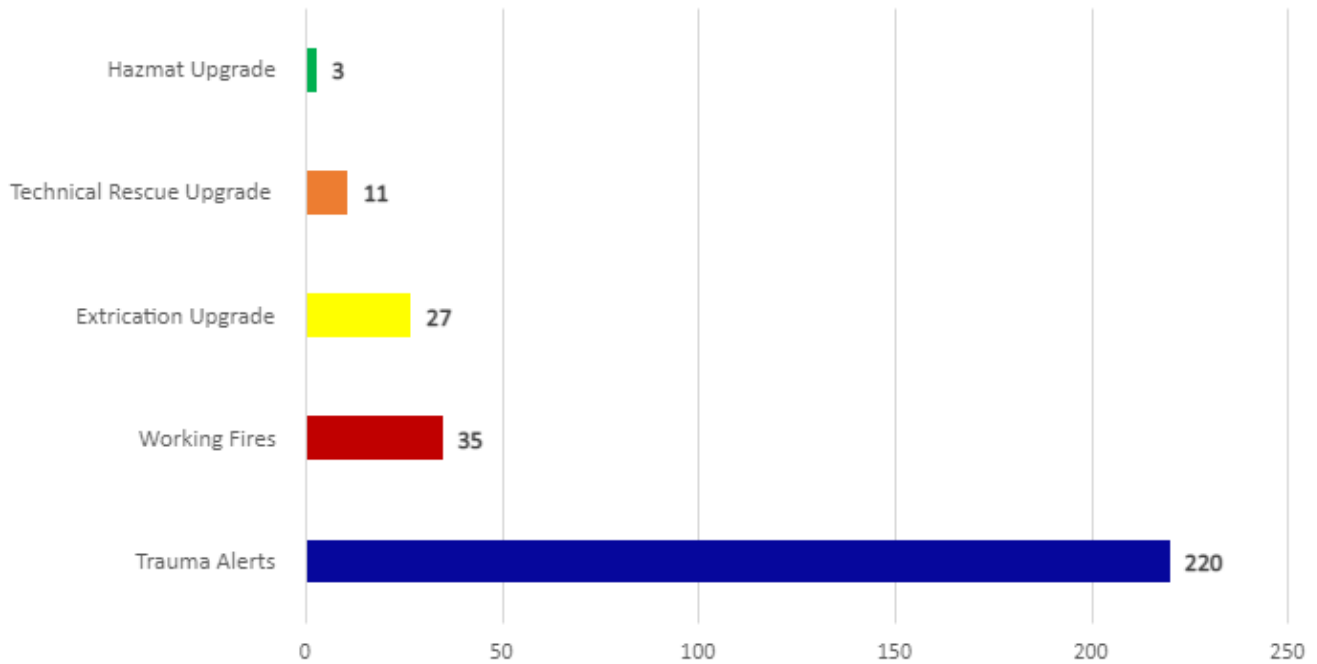


## Calls for Service

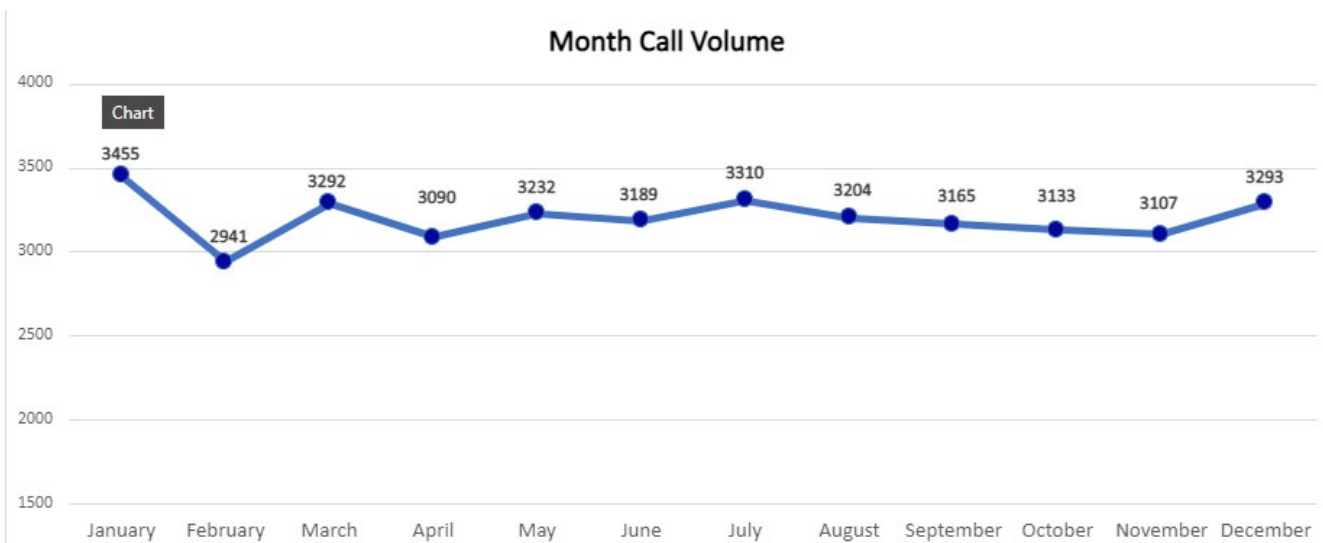
Largo Fire Rescue was dispatched to 31,111 calls in 2022. Of which 27,861 were emergency medical calls and 3,250 were non-medical/fire based calls for service (structure fires, fire alarms, outside fires, etc.). Emergency medical calls account for about 89.56% of all dispatched calls.

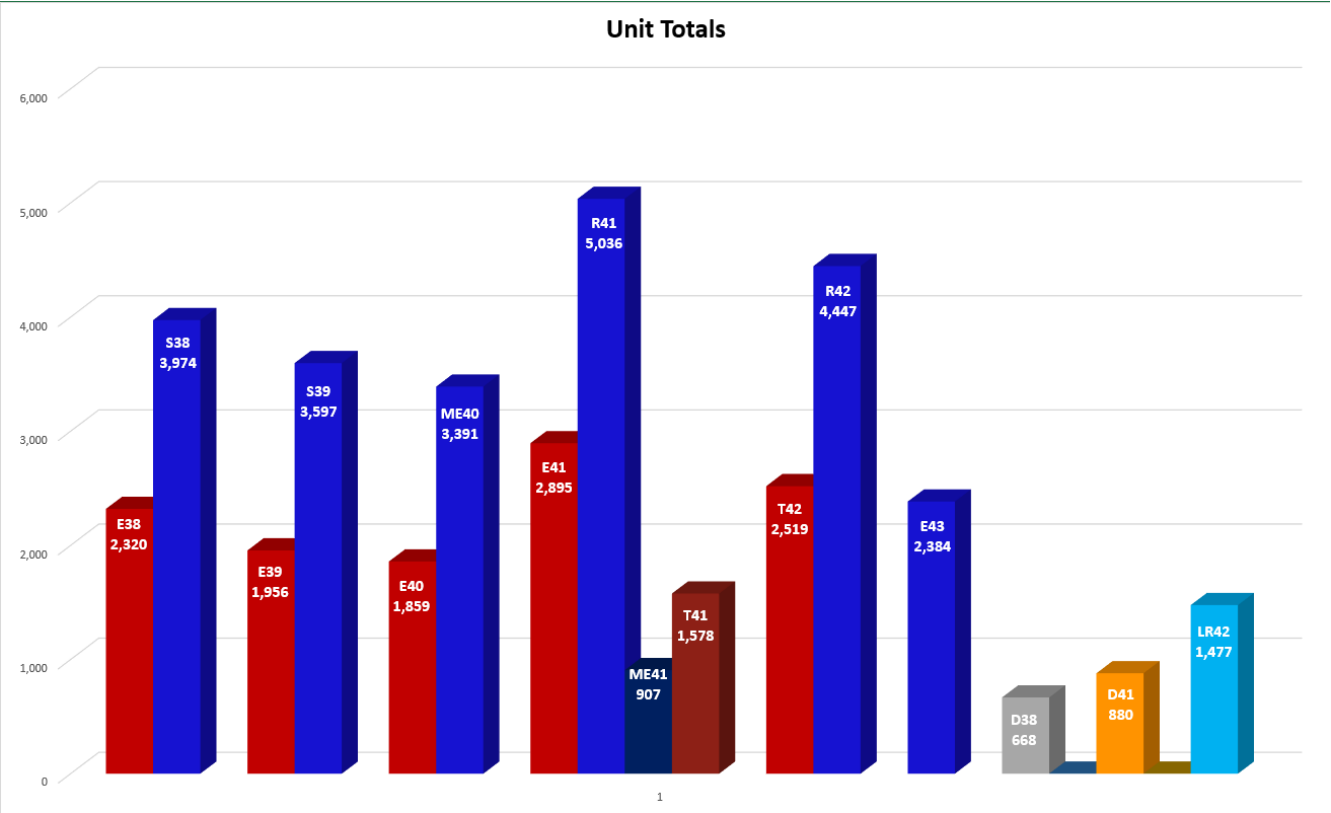


## Major Incidents



## Month Call Volume







## Fire Suppression

The department's standard response for a structure fire consists of three engines, one truck, one squad, one rescue, one lieutenant of rescue and two district chiefs. When fire incidents are upgraded to a working fire, an additional engine and district chief are dispatched.

## Structure Fire Response

Largo Fire Rescue was dispatched to 537 structure fire incidents in 2022. Of which, 105 were upgraded to a working fire 44 were in Largo Fire Rescue district and 61 as automatic aid in Pinellas County. The total property damage resulting from all structure fires in 2022 was \$2,359,020. Largo Fire Rescue was able to save approximately \$5,590,645 in property value as a result of firefighting.



## Specialty Teams

### Hazardous Material Team

Largo Fire is one of five local departments within Pinellas County that provides a Hazardous Materials Response Team. The department's team participates alongside Palm Harbor, Pinellas Park, St. Petersburg and Seminole Fire Departments to investigate and mitigate hazardous materials calls for service. The county team also has a drone fleet that can be utilized in any emergency situation. The department has twenty-two certified members and is led by team commander District Chief Kelly Callahan.

### Technical Rescue

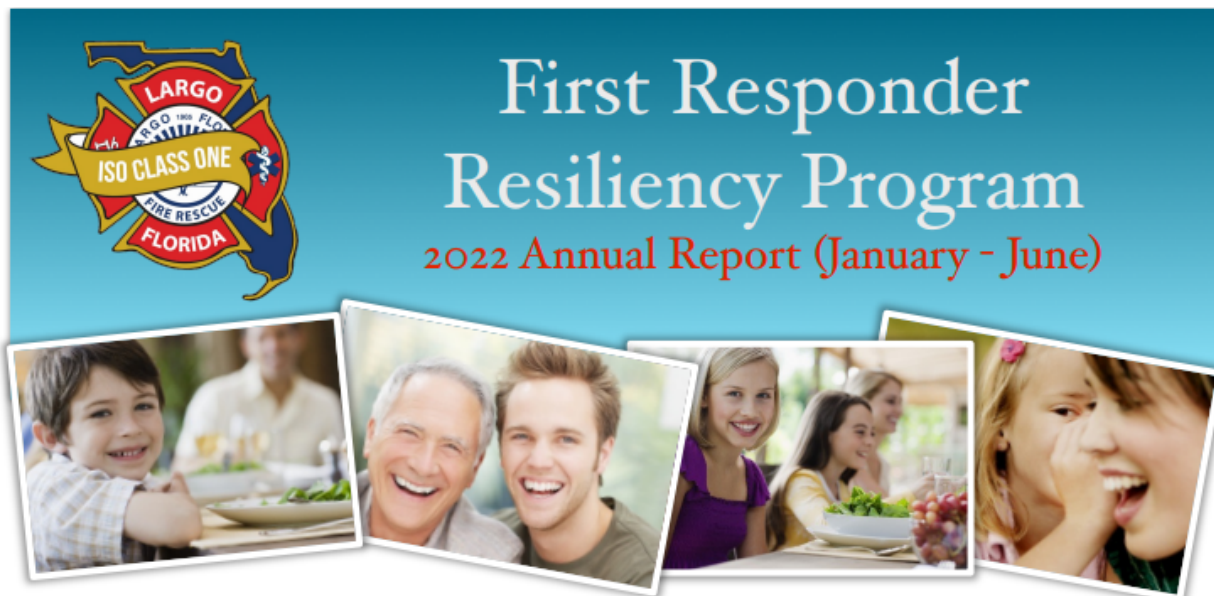
Largo is one of four local departments within the county that maintains a Technical Rescue Team that provides specialized, advanced-level technical rescue mitigation in the areas of high angle, trench, building collapse, and confined space rescues. Largo has eighteen team members and is led by District Chief Shaun Carroll and Lieutenant Joseph Ward. The department participates with St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, and Clearwater Fire Departments to mitigate calls for service.

### SWAT Medics

Largo's SWAT Medics work in coordination with the Largo Police Department Tactical Apprehension and Control team to provide medical support for police and civilian personnel during police related events. The team's mission is to provide life-saving interventions as quickly as possible to the officers and civilians involved. Nine team members receive over 200 additional hours of specialized training in the areas of dynamic entry, rappelling, breaching, firearms, munitions, riot, and rescue operations. Each member is a county certified paramedic and functions as medical and tactical support. In 2022 Largo SWAT Medics responded to 14 Tactical incidents and is one of the busiest teams in Pinellas County. The team is led by District Chief Kyle Lighthiser.

### First Responder Resiliency Program

The purpose of the First Responder Resiliency Program is to offer confidential assistance and support to all department employees, retirees, and their family members in times of personal need or due to traumatic incidents that have caused acute or cumulative stress. The primary responsibility of the First Responder Resiliency Program is to Listen, Refer, and Support. The First Responder Resiliency Program is made up of specialty trained firefighters, chaplains, and licensed mental health providers. The program is led by Division Chief Cody Johnson, Division Chief Emmett Sands and District Chief Robert Shea.



## What is the First Responder Resiliency Program?

The purpose of Largo Fire Rescue's First Responder Resiliency Program is to provide support and resources for the mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being of department members, retirees, and families. It is our sincere hope that we as a department can break the stigma associated with reaching out for help and facilitate a culture change to make the resiliency of our members as important as their physical health.

### Team Members

LFR Resiliency Team members (Peer Supporters) have undergone specialized training to listen, assess, support, and, if needed, connect you with the appropriate resources that best fit your individual situation. Resiliency Team members can be contacted at any time to provide support and a non-judgmental listening ear.

### Contact Statistics

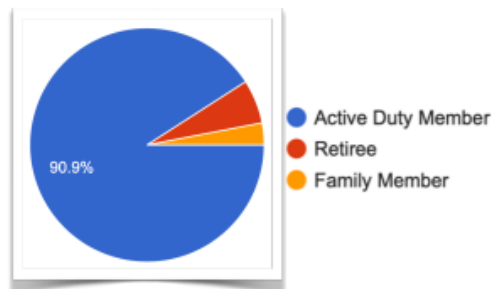
Total Department Contacts Reported: **33**  
*\*January 1 to June 29, 2022*

### 2022 Team Training Hours

We had **249.5** total training hours  
 The average training per peer supporter is **17.8** hours

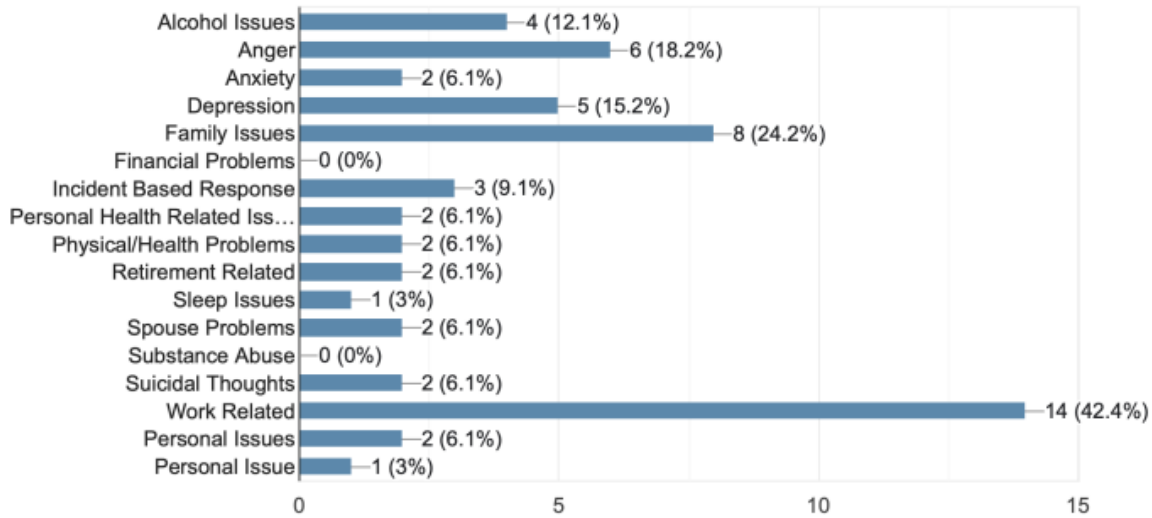
### Who do we help?

Peer support goes beyond assisting active-duty members. Its essential we maintain contact with retirees and family members of both active duty and retirees. In 2022, 6.1% of peer support contacts were for our retirees and 3% were for family members.



## Types of Behavioral Health Concerns

LFR Resiliency Team members (Peer Supporters) have been trained to recognize and assist with a variety of concerns pertaining to behavioral health wellness. The first step of a peer support contact is to listen and offer confidential assistance. Secondly, a peer supporter will refer to and provide appropriate resources based on an individual's need. The list below illustrates the different topics our peer supporters have been able to assist with.



## Licensed Mental Health Providers



LFR contracts with Tampa Bay Psychology Associates to provide mental health services to department members free of charge. Dr. Benson and her team of clinicians are familiar with the unique needs of first responders and are certified in trauma therapy. A 24/7 line is available to provide immediate assistance when needed. The identities of individuals seeking or receiving care are never disclosed to the department or city.

### Fiscal Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022)

Tampa Bay Psychology Associates conducted  
**138** clinical visits  
**212** total hours  
**28** were new patients  
**1** Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)  
**6** hours of LFR Resiliency Team member training





### **Chaplaincy Program**

The Chaplaincy program is intended to provide comfort, counsel, spiritual and emotional support for Largo Fire Rescue personnel to include retirees and family members through a dedicated Chaplain group. The department currently has two chaplains and one in training, William Murphy, Dan Horne, and John Trese respectively.



### **Honor Guard**

Largo's Honor Guard was established in 2008 by members of the department. The team currently has 16 members. The Honor Guard was formed to represent its department, fellow firefighters, military personnel, and the citizens we protect. The Honor Guard projects a positive image of Largo Fire Rescue by performing at local and national events. The Team participates in approximately 15 events per year.

### **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Team**

The department trains fire personnel to maintain and repair its self-contained breathing apparatus. Individuals from Station 41 are trained by the manufacturer to routinely inspect, service and repair this critical piece of equipment. There are three team members per shift.

### **Bunker Gear Team**

The department places tremendous emphasis on the health and safety of our personnel. As such, fire personnel are trained to inspect, clean, and service the personnel's protective equipment. Fire Station 39 is outfitted with a specialized commercial washer and dryer designed to remove contaminants from the member's protective equipment as needed or on an annual basis. Protective equipment is inspected on an annual basis and removed from service after ten years in accordance with NFPA standards. The SCBA and bunker gear teams are led by District Chief Bill Scott.



## Professional Standards

The Professional Standard Divisions is part of EMS services and performs the health and safety aspects for the department including annual medical physicals, workers compensation and FMLA. Additionally, the division is responsible for hiring and certification of all personnel. This division ensures the department complies with state and industry standards. One of the duties of the Professional Standards Division is to manage firefighter illness and injury. In 2022 Largo Fire experienced a loss of 5,569.25 work hours from on-duty injuries.

### Injury Type:

The most common injuries fire personnel incur are orthopedic and exposure related. 56.25 percent of all on-duty injuries were trauma related in nature (pain/strain of a muscle), and 43.75 percent were medical in nature. A total of 32 injuries were reported.

### Incident Location:

34 percent of all on-duty injuries occur during a call for service, 47 percent occurred while at a fire station, and 19 percent occur during training.

### Time of Day:

87.5 percent of all on-duty injuries occurred during the day (0700 – 1900) with 12.5 percent occurring during the evening hours (1900 – 0700).



## Training

Largo Fire Rescue places a large emphasis on Training and Development. This Training and Development starts on day 1 and goes throughout a firefighters career. The Training Division is a daily part of normal fire department operations as every day offers training opportunities. In an effort to retain Largo Fire Rescues ISO 1 ranking, department personnel are required to complete a minimum of 240 hours of training per year in areas of Officer Training, Driver Operator Training, Hazardous Materials, Company Training, and Facilities. Additional training is conducted on a regular basis for our Specialty Teams comprised of SWAT, Technical Rescue, and Hazardous Materials. Each year the Training Division also conducts In-House Training programs for New Recruits, Squad Driver, Engine Driver, and Truck Driver, with weekly Officer Development for our current and future officers of the organization.

### Annual Training Hours

In 2022 Largo Fire Rescue Department personnel completed a total of 40,478.75 hours of training. This equated to approximately 29 hours per firefighter to comply with State, County, and National Standards.

Facility Training: 3,896.5

Officer Training: 1,925.5

Company Training: 19,921

Driver Training: 4,439.5

EMS: 5,514.5

Technical Rescue: 1,406

Hazmat: 2,224.5

SWAT: 1,151.25

In-House Training Programs:

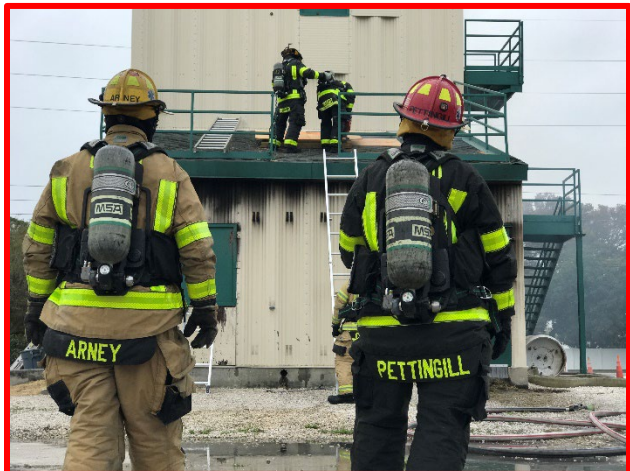
Squad: J. Mulhall, M. Copeland, J. Gruse, T. Crenshaw, M. Smith

Engine: J. Parks, M. Smith, B. Damiani, M. Harris, R. Binaculli, J. Kinsey, J. Myers, M. Johnson, A. Parker, B. Thompson, S. Vanbuskirk, M. Barbara

Truck: P. Murphy, J. Palacios, T. Palmer

Acting District Chief: G. Glenn, M. Henderson

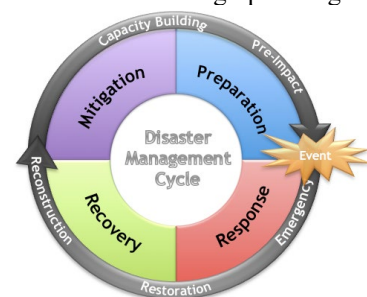
Acting Lieutenant: C. Lewis, M. Boling, B. Ammons, J. Palacios, D. Keefe, B. Edling





## Emergency Management

Largo Fire Rescue's Emergency Management Program protects our community by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters. While no emergency management program can eliminate all threats, our program was created with an emphasis on decreasing the impact of disasters through planning and preparation. The Largo Fire Rescue Emergency Management Program can focus on loss reduction throughout our community by ensuring that our personnel are prepared for, able to respond to, and ready to recover from a wide variety of disaster situations including natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, flooding, and pandemics. Man-made disasters would include technological attacks, chemical spills or releases, public disorder, terrorism, or attacks on our critical infrastructure.



The Emergency Management Program is designed to operate under elements of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) which defines our national preparedness goal, and lists a series of national preparedness elements called core capabilities and emphasizes the need for whole communities to work together in a variety of ways to better utilize our available resources. Largo Fire Rescue operates under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) response framework known as the Incident Command System (ICS) as outlined in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (PPD-5).

The Largo Fire Rescue Emergency Management Program is managed by Division Chief Cody Johnson. The Emergency Management Division works closely with government partners including Pinellas County Emergency Management, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as private partners and businesses throughout the Largo community. Additional information is available to our citizens and the business community by visiting [www.largo.com](http://www.largo.com) and then selecting "Emergency Information".



## Logistics

The Logistics Division is currently being managed by Division Chief Chris McDonald and is responsible for the department's fire stations and the purchasing, maintenance, and repair of fire apparatus and fire equipment. The division works closely with the City's Facilities Management Division to make improvements, perform maintenance, repair, and to annually inspect the department's six fire stations and training facility. In addition to fixed facilities, the department owns and operates a fleet of sixteen primary response fire apparatus, seven reserve apparatus, and eighteen staff and support vehicles. All fire apparatus has been specifically designed to provide for the current and future needs of the Largo Fire District. The Logistics Division works with the City's Fleet Division to maintain all fire apparatuses through a systematic program of preventative maintenance and monthly safety checks. By maintaining three reserve engines, two reserve rescues, a reserve ladder truck and a reserve command vehicle, the department is able to maintain service delivery coverage when front-line apparatus are out of service for maintenance or repair. The logistics division also encompasses a team of firefighters and officers specially trained and dedicated to the repair and maintenance of the department's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and personal protective equipment. Additionally, the Division is responsible for the maintenance and testing of fire hose, apparatus pumps, ground ladders, aerial ladders, extrication equipment, mobile data computers, radios, and air monitors.

Station Address		Equipment
38	7630 Ulmerton Road Largo, FL 33771	1 – ALS Engine 1 – ALS Squad 2 – Hazmat Vehicles 1 – District Chief Vehicle
39	12398 134 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Largo, FL 33774	1 – ALS Engine 1 – ALS Squad
40	2990 Whitney Road Clearwater, FL 33760	1 – ALS Engine 1 – ALS Medic Unit
41	180 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW Largo, FL 33770	1 – ALS Engine 1 – ALS Rescue 1 – ALS Medic Unit 1 – Aerial Platform Truck 1 – District Chief Vehicle
42	151 Belcher Road, North Largo, FL 33771	1 – ALS Truck 1 – ALS Rescue 1 – Brush Truck 1 – Technical Rescue Truck 1 – Lieutenant Rescue Vehicle
43	2765 Bayway Avenue Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770	1 – ALS Engine

## Budget

County Shared Revenue – The City receives funds from Pinellas County for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services. The fire districts revenues from the County are calculated based on the Fire Rescue Department's budget, less other funding sources. As the budget fluctuates, so does the revenue anticipated from the County.

	Amount	% of Budget
Largo General Fund	22,809,100	64%
Pinellas County EMS Funds	7,384,100	21%
Unincorporated County Fire Protection	\$3,295,100	9%
State Pension Contribution	\$651,300	2%
Town of Belleair Fire Protection	\$669,300	2%
Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection	\$352,600	1%
Plan Review Fees	\$250,000	1%
Fire Inspection Fees	\$105,000	0.29%
Pinellas County Hazmat and Tech Rescue	\$184,900	1%
State Education Incentive	\$54,000	0.15%
Total	\$35,755,400.00	100%

## Capital Improvement Program

### All Stations

- The design process continues for Station 39 replacement

### Other Purchases

- 58 sets of protective bunker gear

### Annual Maintenance

Annual maintenance must be performed on various equipment to meet NFPA standards and ensure safety and serviceability of the equipment. Examples include:

- Fire hose testing
- Fire apparatus pump testing
- Fire apparatus ladder testing (Includes aerial and ground ladders)
- Squad TNT pump and tool maintenance
- Protective clothing inspection and testing
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) inspection and testing



## LARGO FIRE RESCUE

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Infrastructure needs for the City and the department are funded primarily through a local option sales tax, termed “Penny for Pinellas,” a one-cent sales tax provided by state statute. These revenues significantly contribute to the quality of the department's facilities and fire apparatus. The “Penny for Pinellas” was renewed for a ten-year period from 2020-2030 by countywide referendum in November of 2017.

### ***October 2021 for FY 2022:***

#### **Fleet: Apparatus purchased with Penny for Pinellas funds**

- Engine 43: 2021 Pierce Enforcer \$800,000
- LA200: Interceptor \$45,000
- District Chief: 2019 Chevrolet Suburban \$46,000
- Station 38: Heavy Rescue \$795,000

#### **Additional Equipment Purchased for vehicles:**

- Communication Equipment
- Fire hose and various tools and equipment for new Engine 43
- Extrication tools for Squad 38
- General equipment for each vehicle





***FIREFIGHTER: "WHAT LIES BEHIND US AND WHAT  
LIES BEFORE US ARE SMALL MATTERS COMPARED  
TO WHAT LIES WITHIN US."  
-UNKNOWN***





