

Elizabeth Fire Protection District **2021** Annual Report



Fire Chief's Letter

Hello, and thank you for taking the time to review our 2021 annual report. We look forward to sharing this report with our customers every year because we are proud of our accomplishments and abilities as your Fire District.

We have witnessed so many changes in our community recently. Not just from the additional population and service demands but the dynamics of our existing customers are changing as well. We have projected a 75% increase in Medicare use by our customers. This means that our retiring community members are staying in the community and not relocating to other locations as one would expect. This is exciting news to retain our long-time citizens that have supported us for years. We expected to see an increase in our calls for service in 2021 and 2022 and were accurate in our projections. Our aging customers are using the system more and our EMS services are expanding to meet that need.

In 2021, we were so excited to be focusing less on pandemic-based operations and more on looking forward for our community. We have been able to add a third paramedic ambulance to our response models, which helps to absorb the demands that continue to grow. We are also able to get out into our community again and work together to prevent the emergencies before they ever occur.

My wish, as you read this report, is that you are satisfied with the level of service our agency provides. We take our jobs and our responsibility very seriously, and you will find that our dedication to our community is our highest priority. As we look forward and continue our planning for the future, I can assure you that our customers' satisfaction will be critical in every decision we make.

If you have any questions or would just like to catch up, I invite you to contact us. We genuinely appreciate the opportunity to serve this community and look forward to seeing you all in the very near future.

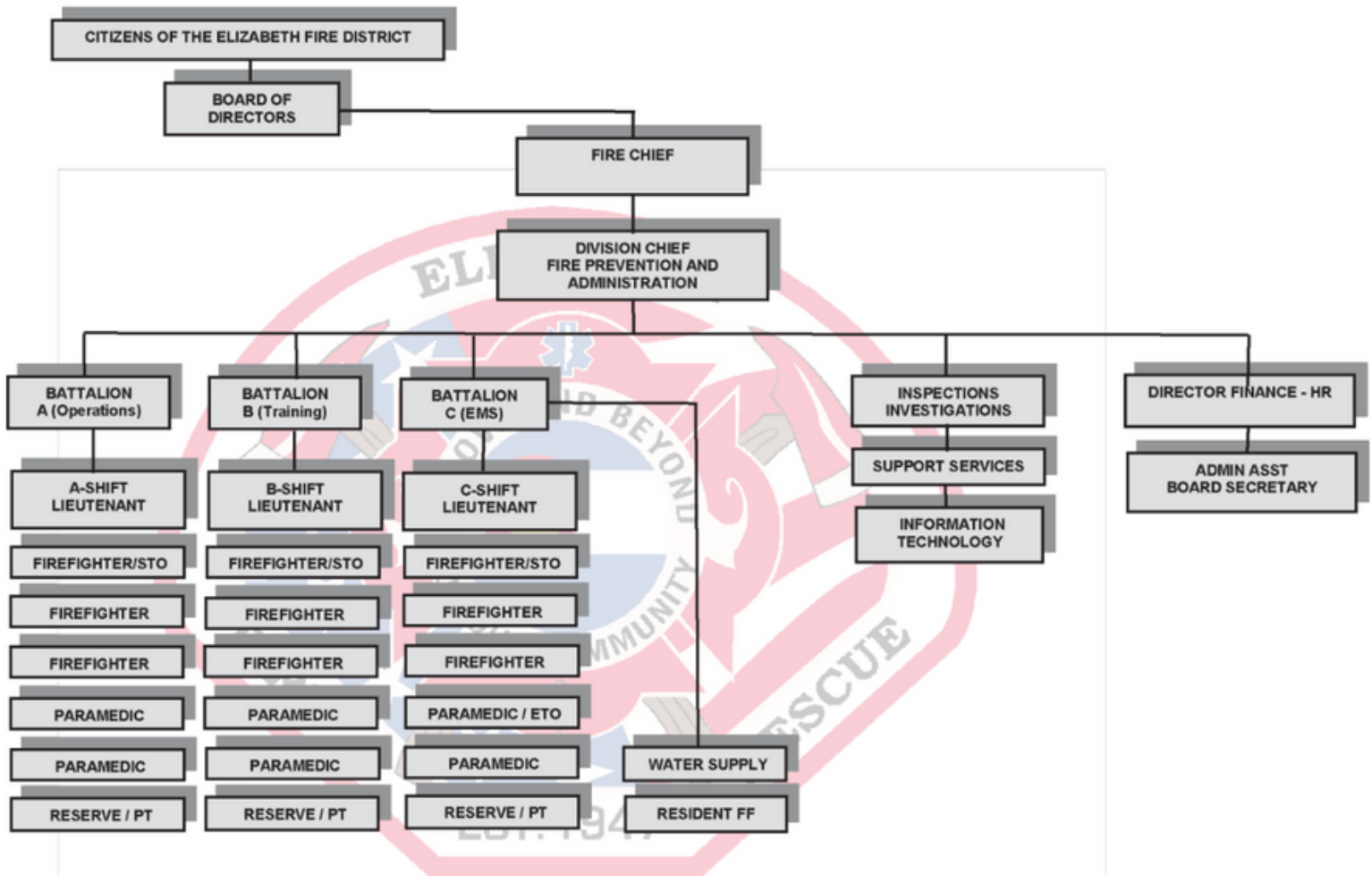
Sincere Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Steck', with a stylized, flowing script.

TJ Steck, Fire Chief

Organizational Chart

ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART 2021-2022



Board of Directors

Rick Young
Board President
May 2022-2025

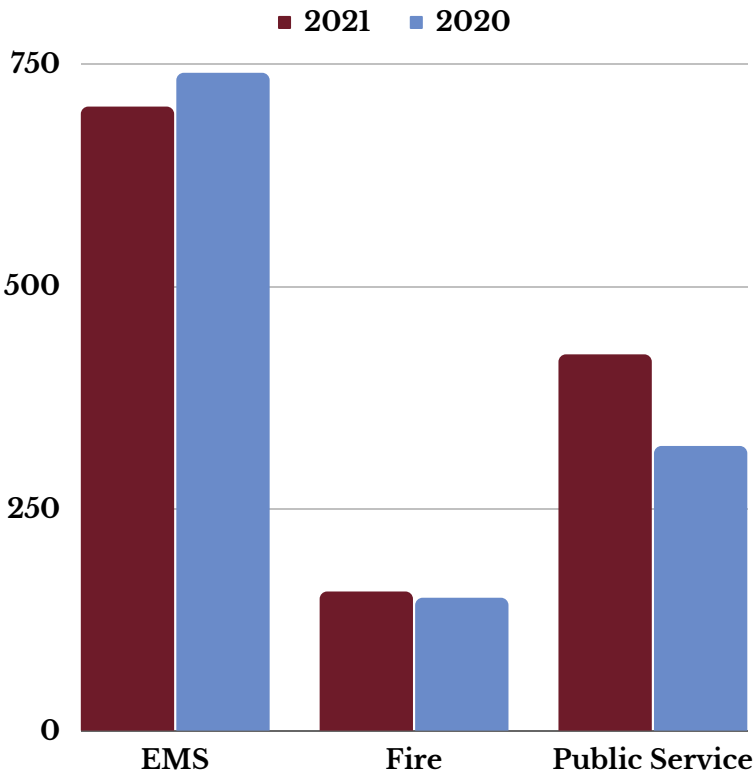
Don Means
Board Treasurer
May 2020-2023

Stacey Collis
Board Director
May 2022-2025

Scott Christensen
Board Vice President
May 2020-2023

Wayne Austgen
Board Secretary
May 2020-2023

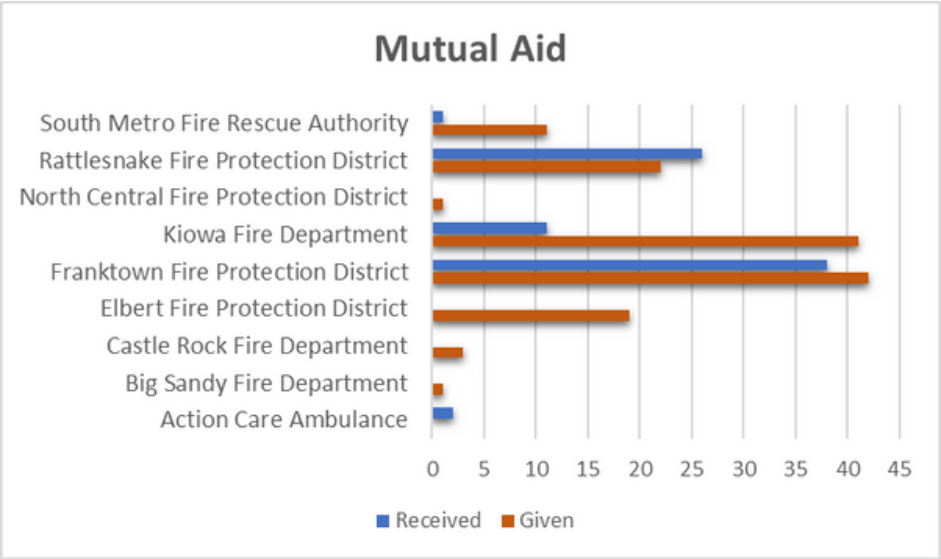
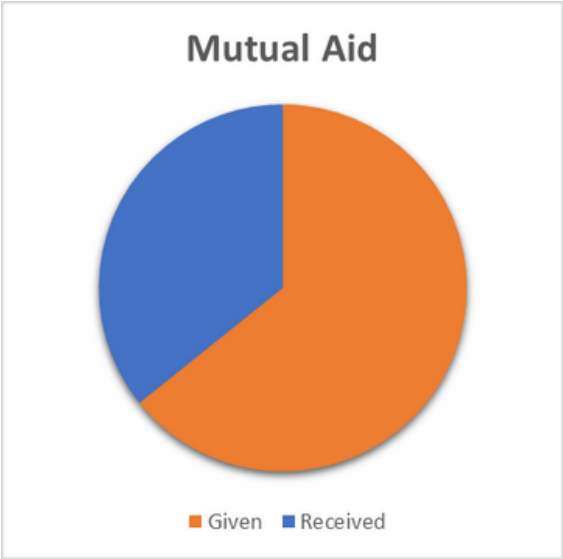
2021 Statistics



TOTAL CALLS 2021: 1,285
TOTAL CALLS 2020: 1,209



Average
Response
Time:
7.00 minutes



MUTUAL AID GIVEN: 140
MUTUAL AID RECEIVED: 78

Financial Highlights

NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2021
2020

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$5,044,518	\$4,351,847
Capital Assets	2,879,940	3,008,578
Noncurrent Assets	<u>1,993,547</u>	
Total Assets	<u>9,918,005</u>	<u>7,360,425</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

	<u>1,040,859</u>	<u>175,827</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	74,088	83,032
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>1,952,907</u>	<u>2,173,953</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,026,995</u>	<u>2,256,985</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

	<u>5,313,335</u>	<u>2,905,747</u>
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NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,835,530	1,788,683
Restricted for Emergencies	123,000	121,000
Restricted for Capital Improvements	335,215	201,642
Unrestricted	<u>1,324,789</u>	<u>262,195</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$3,618,534</u>	<u>\$2,373,520</u>

CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

REVENUES

Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	401,385	354,010
Operating Grants and Contributions	456,884	196,963
Capital Grants and Contributions	<u>81,221</u>	<u>231,819</u>
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	2,823,467	2,756,986
Specific Ownership Taxes	505,450	485,879
Investment Earnings	3,303	12,236
Other	18,528	19,841
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	<u>27,388</u>	<u>19,500</u>
Total Revenues	<u>4,317,626</u>	<u>4,077,234</u>

EXPENSES

Public Safety - Fire	3,035,503	3,310,879
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>37,109</u>	<u>44,981</u>
Total Operating and Debt Service	<u>3,072,612</u>	<u>3,355,860</u>

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

	1,245,014	721,374
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NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR

	<u>2,373,520</u>	<u>1,652,146</u>
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NET POSITION - END OF YEAR

	<u>\$3,618,534</u>	<u>\$2,373,520</u>
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Meet the New Lieutenants



A-Shift Lieutenant Stephen Dillenbeck

How long have you worked with the department?

I started as a part-time paramedic with the department in July 2019. I was offered a full-time paramedic/firefighter position in November 2019.

Tell me about how you became a firefighter.

I started my firefighter career as a high school intern in 1998 with the Glendale Fire Department. I was given high school credits for going to work at the fire station as opposed to going to class. I was then brought on as a volunteer firefighter with the Glendale Fire Department after graduation of high school in 1998.

What is your favorite part about your work?

What I enjoy most about being a lieutenant is helping our younger firefighters learn and grow. Teaching has always been one of my passions, and I am afforded the opportunity to teach every day I come to work.

What is one weakness you think your work has helped you grow in?

Patience. I have always struggled with wanting things "right now." This work has taught me that things take time to come to fruition and that you must be patient to see the outcome. Some things take longer than you want to progress to the goal, but if there is progress toward the end, everything is good. No great thing is created suddenly.

What life lesson would you give yourself if you could speak to yourself 10 years ago?

Keep pushing. What you don't understand and seems hard right now is going to pay off in the end. Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary destiny.

What is your personal motto?

Strive for progress, not perfection.

And...

It's all good!

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B-Shift Lieutenant Adam Neisen

How long have you worked with the department?

I have been with Elizabeth Fire for 18 years total. The first 3 years were as a reserve.

Tell me about how you became a firefighter.

My dad served Aurora Fire for 36 years and, from a young age, I knew I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and pursue my passion of caring for others and fighting fires. I really wanted to drive the big fire truck.

What is your favorite part about your work?

My favorite part of work is that I get to work with people I respect and who are passionate about caring for others. I see our members going above and beyond to serve our citizens and each other. When we spend a third of our lives living and working alongside each other, it is extremely important that we respect and work together to do what is best for the community. It is a pleasure to come into work and serve the citizens alongside people I care about.

What is one weakness you think your work has helped you grow in?

A weakness of mine that work has helped me grow in is being comfortable talking to people that I do not know. This is something that I still work on outside of work, but work has helped me grow in this area over the years.

What life lesson would you give yourself if you could speak to yourself 10 years ago?

If I could give myself life advice ten years prior, I would reassure myself that all the hard work I put in will come full circle and to keep my head up even when times are tough. It's not always an easy journey but it will be worth it.

What is your personal motto?

"Happiness is not about getting all you want, it is about enjoying all you have" is a quote by an unknown author that I like to live by. It is easy to get caught up in life with everything you think you want but it is more important to realize everything you have and be grateful for it. Being happy in the moment and treasuring that moment rather than always looking for more leads to a more satisfied life.

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C-Shift Lieutenant Rusty Booth

How long have you worked with the department?

I have worked here for 8 years. I started right after my first child was born.

Tell me about how you became a firefighter.

I became a firefighter wanting to give back and volunteer for the community I grew up in. I also worked with two firefighters who helped me start out.

What is your favorite part about your work?

I love the opportunity to be able to experience something different every day. No day is the same in the fire service.

What is one weakness you think your work has helped you grow in?

Computer, writing, and communication skills. I so wish I paid more attention as a kid! Oregon Trail does not teach you these!

What life lesson would you give yourself if you could speak to yourself 10 years ago?

Pay more attention to your life lessons growing up whether they're good or bad. We learn from them, and they all help shape you into the person you are today!

What is your personal motto?

A leader isn't someone above others but someone who supports and helps grow who they lead! Always remember where you're from and where you want to go!

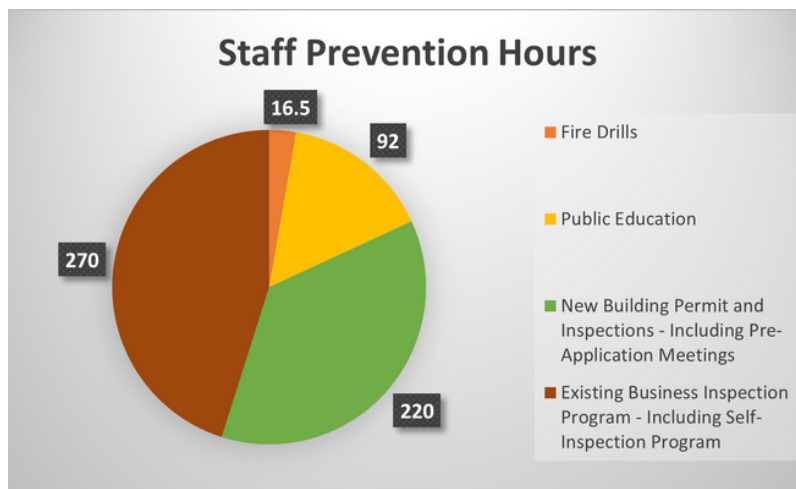
Risk Reduction

2021 was the year for the prevention bureau to get back to normal from the pandemic. The prevention bureau provides educational outreach, new and existing construction review and inspections, and fire investigation services for the District. The bureau was able to attend events during the summer to continue outreach and education on many fire safety topics.



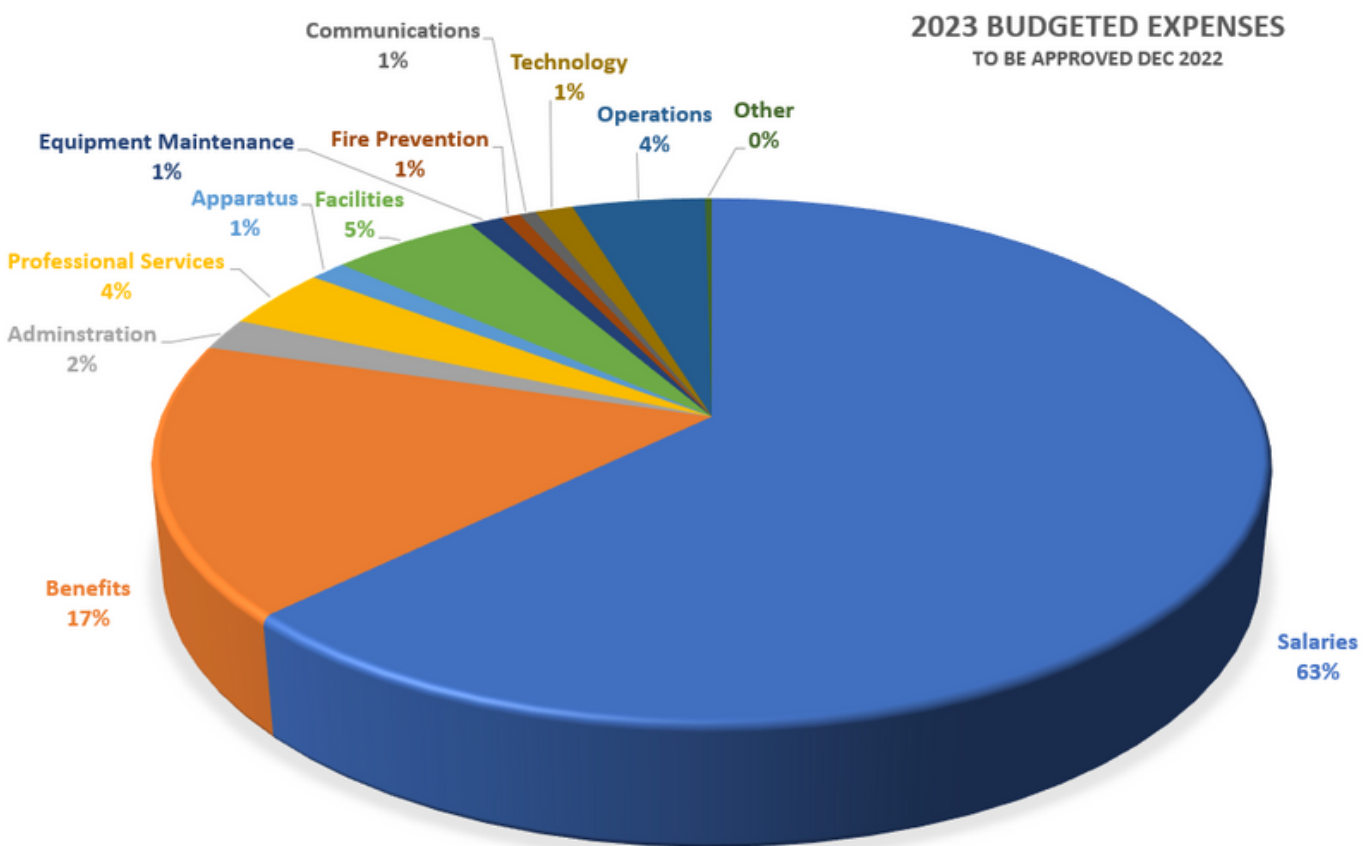
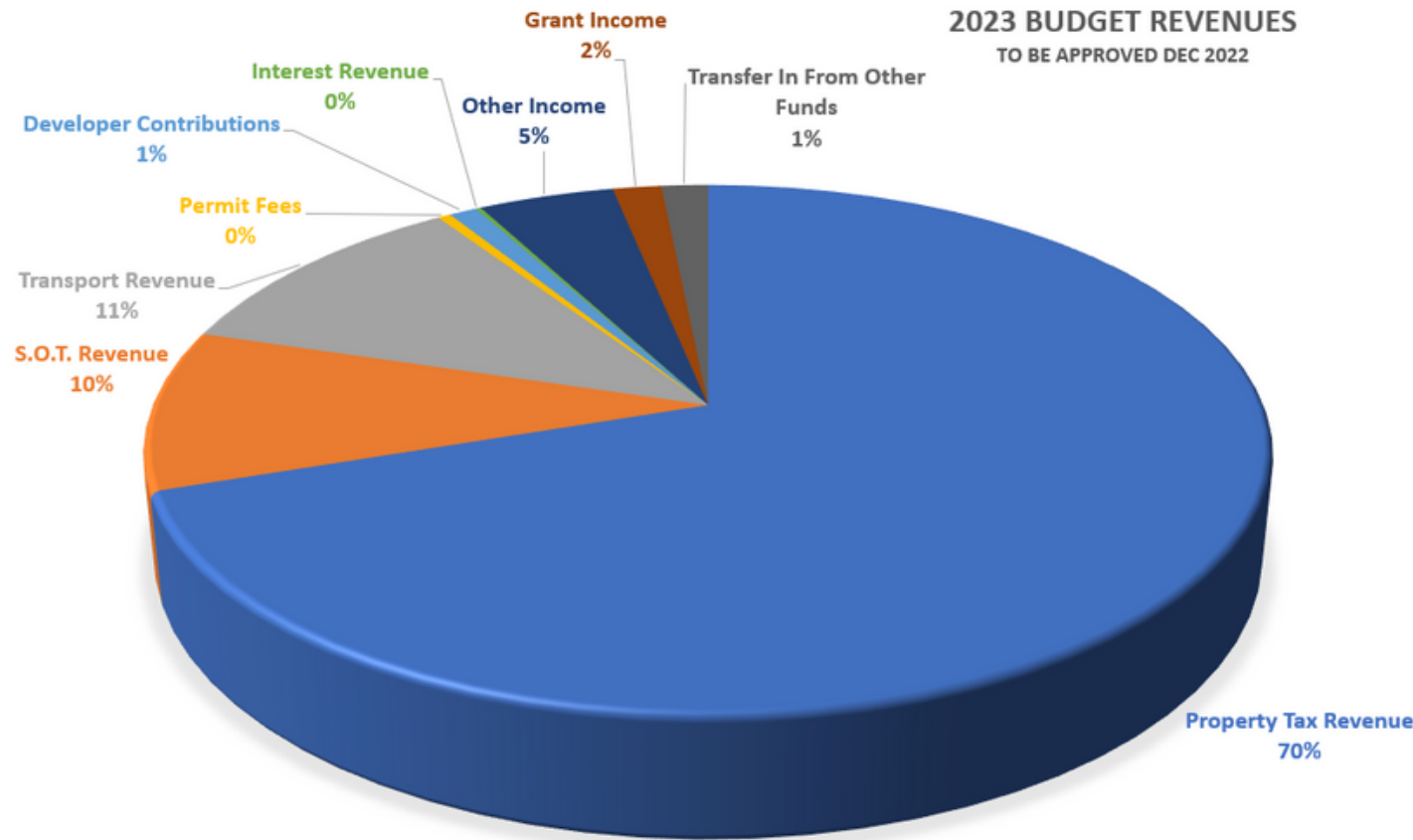
We were very excited to partner with the National Fire Sprinkler Association to demonstrate the dangers of fires and the effectiveness of home fire sprinklers.

We also partnered with the Red Cross to provide smoke detectors and installation to older homes in our community. Both fire sprinklers and smoke detectors are the first line of defense to alert homeowners of a fire situation in their home and evacuate safely.



Elizabeth Fire measures its success not on the amount of calls it runs, but on the ones it prevents.

Looking Forward to 2023



Employment

The Elizabeth Fire Protection District is a combination fire department, serving our community with the help of:

- **Full-time, career employees**
- **Part-time employees**
- **Reserve firefighters**
- **Support services volunteers**

Our Mission

We will prevent fire and EMS-related emergencies as often as possible. We will maintain the highest level of training and crew readiness to minimize the adverse effects of emergencies that cannot be prevented.

Core Values

Safety ~ Customer Service ~
Professionalism ~ Progressive ~ Ownership



Employment positions are advertised on our website as they become available. Please scan the QR code provided to see available positions and view our employment application.

Elizabeth Firefighters Community Foundation

Mission:

The mission of the foundation shall be to promote education and mentoring to mankind, young or old, to cast a hand in time of need, while maintaining the bond of kindness and caring to all, without boundaries or prejudice.



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