

**ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2020**

**EEFPD**

# WELCOME\_\_

## MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Hello and welcome to our **2020 annual report**. We look forward to distributing this report to our customers every year because we are proud of our accomplishments and abilities as your Fire District. 2020 Tested just about everyone in some way, and your firefighters were no exception. We all had to work very hard to keep our first responders healthy to respond when asked. Luckily, we were allowed to continue uninterrupted service to our community with exceptional planning and discipline throughout the year. As Fire Chief, I had many strange experiences during **my first global pandemic**. We never anticipated that our Fire Department would find themselves mounting a significant testing and vaccination operation for our community. We didn't count on developing mass decontamination operations for our ambulances, and I never thought we would be managing major incidents through **remote access and video conferencing**. But we accomplished all those things with efficiency and quality in 2020.

During the peak periods of COVID, we transitioned our administrative offices to a remote workspace and locked down our fire stations to keep our responders safe. We continued to provide personal services through all these efforts, including answering phone calls in person and using creative methods to deliver our outreach efforts. We had so much fun performing **"drive-by"** birthday visits and reading to the kids through YouTube and Zoom. I have to say that I couldn't be prouder of our staff and crews for adapting so quickly to the demands of 2020.

As you read this report, my wish 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 customer's satisfaction will be critical in our decisions**.

If you have any questions or would like to catch up, I welcome 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,

TJ



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

2020

2019

## NET POSITION

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 4,351,847	\$ 3,885,431
Capital Assets	3,008,578	2,901,996
Total Assets	<u>7,360,425</u>	<u>6,787,427</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
	<u>175,827</u>	<u>137,237</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	1,037,090	1,069,137
Long-Term Liabilities	1,219,895	1,398,005
Total Liabilities	<u>2,256,985</u>	<u>2,467,142</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
	<u>2,905,747</u>	<u>2,805,370</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	1,788,683	1,503,991
Restricted for emergencies	121,000	97,400
Restricted for capital improvements	201,642	219,397
Unrestricted	262,195	(168,642)
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,373,520</u>	<u>\$ 1,652,146</u>

## CHANGES IN NET POSITION

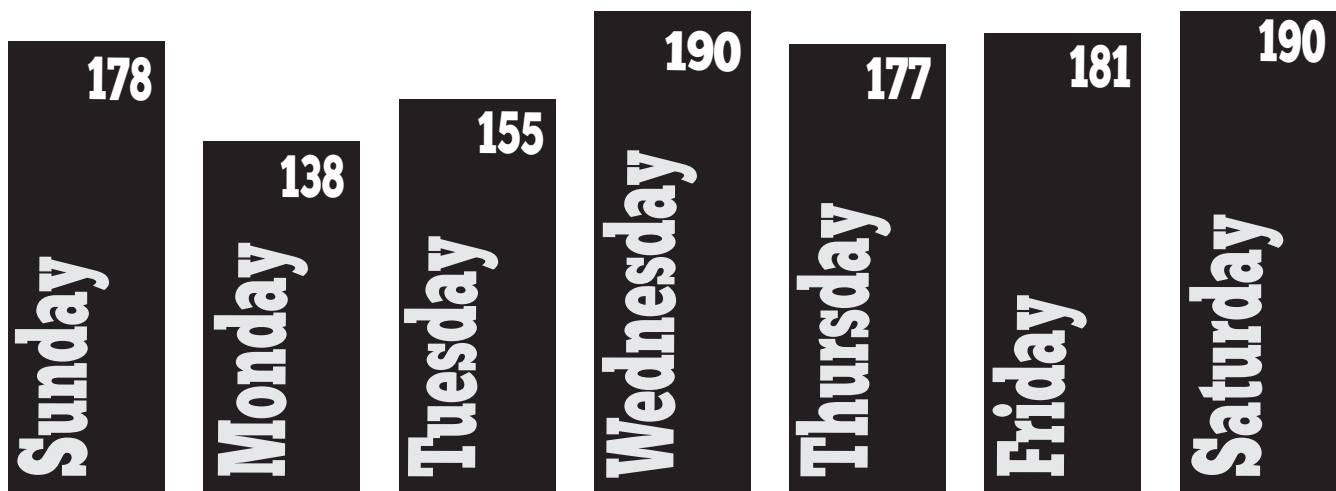
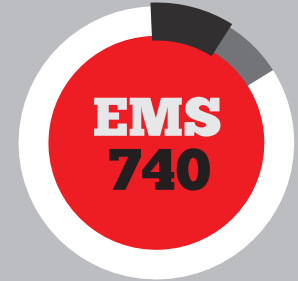
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 354,010	\$ 309,691
Operating grants and contributions	196,936	25,250
Capital grants and contributions	231,819	33,789
General revenues		
Property taxes	2,756,986	2,369,614
Specific ownership taxes	485,879	469,391
Investment earnings	12,236	28,591
Other	19,841	11,827
Gain on sale of capital assets	19,500	-
Total revenues	<u>4,077,234</u>	<u>3,248,153</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Public safety - Fire	3,310,879	3,220,250
Interest and fiscal charges	44,981	39,788
Total operating and debt service	<u>3,355,860</u>	<u>3,260,038</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	721,374	(11,885)
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,652,146</u>	<u>1,664,031</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 2,373,520</u>	<u>\$ 1,652,146</u>

# YEARLY TOTALS

## 2020



### Service Breakdown



### DAYS OF THE WEEK

# MEET THE NEW BATTALION CHIEFS



## Battalion Chief of Operations

Jeff Brown

A-shift

**How long have you been with the organization?** I started as a volunteer in 1997 and hired as a full-time firefighter in February of 1999.

**Tell me about how you got into your line of work?** I was a deputy with Elbert County Sheriff's Office. After seven years, I needed a career change. I wanted to stay in public service, but I wanted a branch of service that shared my same values and priorities. I worked many calls with Elizabeth Fire, and I saw how the members were a team. As a volunteer agency, they were committed to their work. They trained together regularly, and above all, they were dedicated to their community. These were all qualities that I envied and wanted to be a part of the greatness. So I had lunch with Chief Steck and a prior training captain, and the rest is history.

**What lessons has your work life taught you?** There is a lesson to learn here regularly. I have learned that the fire service is susceptible to fads like everywhere else and more. A new technique, new matrix, or new buzzword comes around all the time. We tend to spend a significant amount of time and effort focusing on them. I have learned that our industry certainly changes, but our job comes down to a few simple tasks and concepts. You maintain a solid work ethic, have a sharp focus on the basics of firefighting, and a personal commitment to provide the best service to your customers. You are probably going to end up as a fine firefighter.

**What is your favorite thing about your career?** A man who lived in the District was highly influential in my life; his son-in-law was my closest friend. While responding to the man's house several times while he was dying, I spent quite a few hours with his son-in-law. At the man's funeral, my friend asked me how I do this job in the same place I live? How do I go to people's homes where there is a chance I would know them during such a difficult time? I told him I had thought about this many times. If this were my family going through a difficult time, I would want a friend. A person that my family and I trusted to be there to lean on. I have always felt honored being that person in the worst of times. We have a quote above one of our doors that says:

"Today, you have the honor of providing assistance in a time of need." I truly believe in that.

**What would be your personal motto?** If you ask my kids, they will give you a bunch that I've preached to them over the years. However, I recently listened to a leadership conference and heard a Chief mention a motto that resonates with me currently. "Never walk by a problem that you can solve."





**Battalion Chief of Training**  
Nick Carnesi  
B-shift

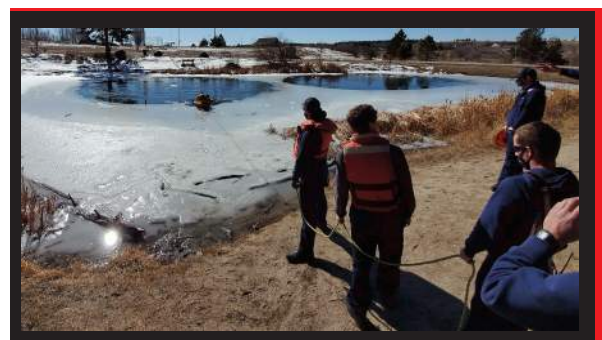
**How long have you been with the organization?** 17 Years

**Tell me about how you got into your line of work.** I went through the reserve fire academy at Elizabeth Fire with the intention to become a volunteer firefighter in my spare time. I had a great career in the corporate world, but it didn't take long for me to realize that the fire service was a good fit for me. I volunteered at Elizabeth Fire for 4 years before being offered a full-time position.

**What lessons has your work life taught you?** It sounds cliché, but I've learned that life is short, and nothing is guaranteed. Appreciate little things and make memories.

**What is your favorite thing about your career?** I have the opportunity to serve the community that I grew up in. I get to interact with people who I knew in school, their parents, and even their children. People often call on us when they are having the worst day of their lives, and sometimes seeing a familiar face can reduce the stress of their situation.

**What would be your personal motto?** It makes much more sense, to live in the present tense.





Battalion Chief of EMS  
Sean Mackall  
C-shift

**How long have you been with the organization?** Since September, 2008

**Tell me about how you got into your line of work?** I got out of the Marine Corps in 2008 and wanted to start a career that would be “similar” in nature and rewarding. Shortly after my discharge from active duty, I applied with Elizabeth Fire and was offered a volunteer position. I haven’t looked back since!

**What lessons has your work life taught you?**

Find something you enjoy, and if you enjoy it, you’ll be good at it! Don’t be afraid to be uncomfortable!

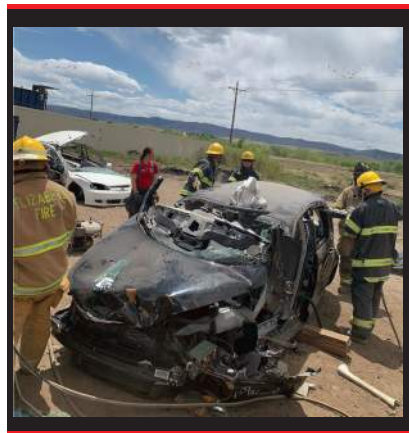
**What is your favorite thing about your career?**

The people I work with and knowing that every time I go home, I made a positive impact on someone’s life, however big or small that impact may be.

**If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?** Unlimited wishes.

**Do you have any skills or talents that most people don't know about?** I used to home-brew my own beer, and it was really good...then a fermenter exploded in my basement. Happy wife, happy life... I don’t brew anymore.

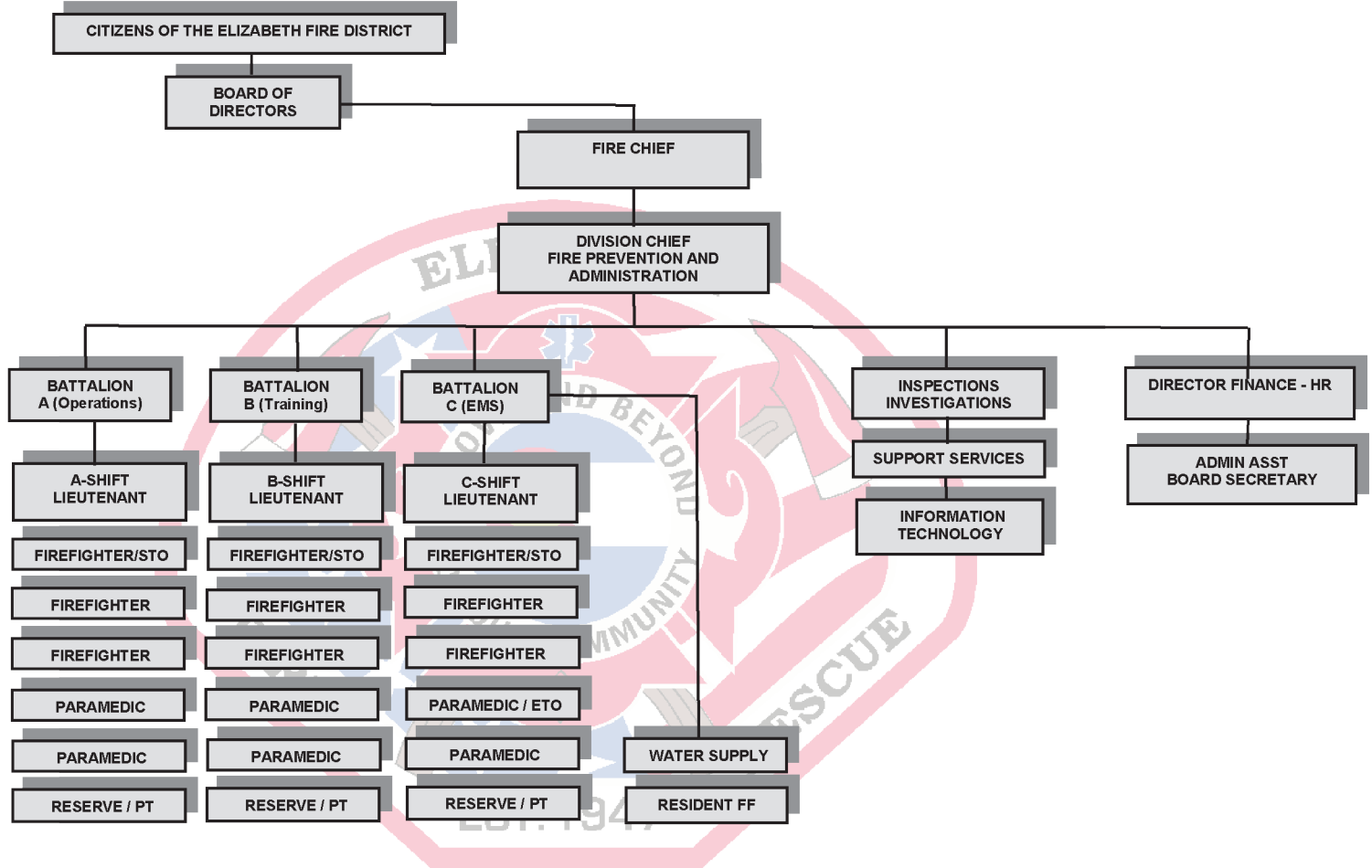
**What would be your personal motto?** Trust is the hardest thing to gain and easiest to lose.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

2021-2022

ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART 2021-2022



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Rick Young  
President  
May 2018 to May 2022



Scott Christensen  
Vice President  
May 2020 to May 2023



Wayne Austgen  
Secretary  
May 2020 to May 2023



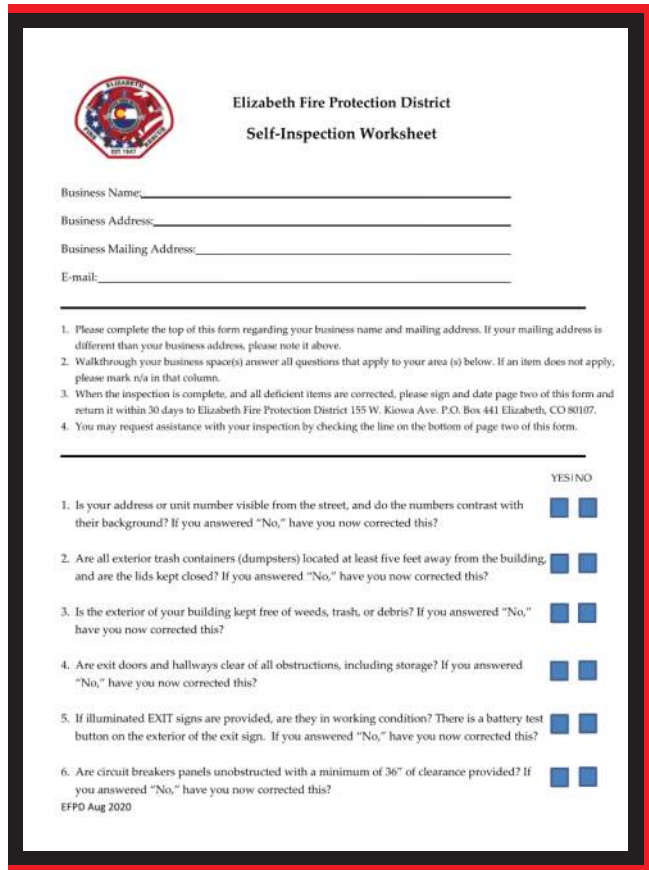
Mike Graeff  
Treasurer  
May 2018 to May 2022



Don Means  
Director  
May 2020 to May 2023



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



**Elizabeth Fire Protection District**  
**Self-Inspection Worksheet**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please complete the top of this form regarding your business name and mailing address. If your mailing address is different than your business address, please note it above.  
 2. Walkthrough your business space(s) answer all questions that apply to your area (s) below. If an item does not apply, please mark n/a in that column.  
 3. When the inspection is complete, and all deficient items are corrected, please sign and date page two of this form and return it within 30 days to Elizabeth Fire Protection District 155 W. Kiowa Ave. P.O. Box 441 Elizabeth, CO 80107.  
 4. You may request assistance with your inspection by checking the line on the bottom of page two of this form.

	YES	NO
1. Is your address or unit number visible from the street, and do the numbers contrast with their background? If you answered "No," have you now corrected this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are all exterior trash containers (dumpsters) located at least five feet away from the building, and are the lids kept closed? If you answered "No," have you now corrected this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the exterior of your building kept free of weeds, trash, or debris? If you answered "No," have you now corrected this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are exit doors and hallways clear of all obstructions, including storage? If you answered "No," have you now corrected this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. If illuminated EXIT signs are provided, are they in working condition? There is a battery test button on the exterior of the exit sign. If you answered "No," have you now corrected this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are circuit breakers panels unobstructed with a minimum of 36" of clearance provided? If you answered "No," have you now corrected this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

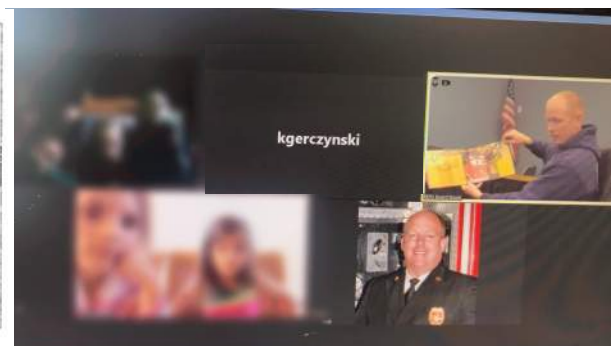
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2020 Was a challenging year for outreach to our community but with some creative thinking and technology were still able to reach out to our **community** during that challenging time. We used zoom to read to the kids in schools and our firefighters were able to wish kids a **happy birthday** by driving by their house and turning on the lights. **Business inspections** are used to educate our business owners how to keep their business safe for the community and employees. We utilized our self-inspection program for all businesses so that we can keep safety in the forefront of our business owner's minds.



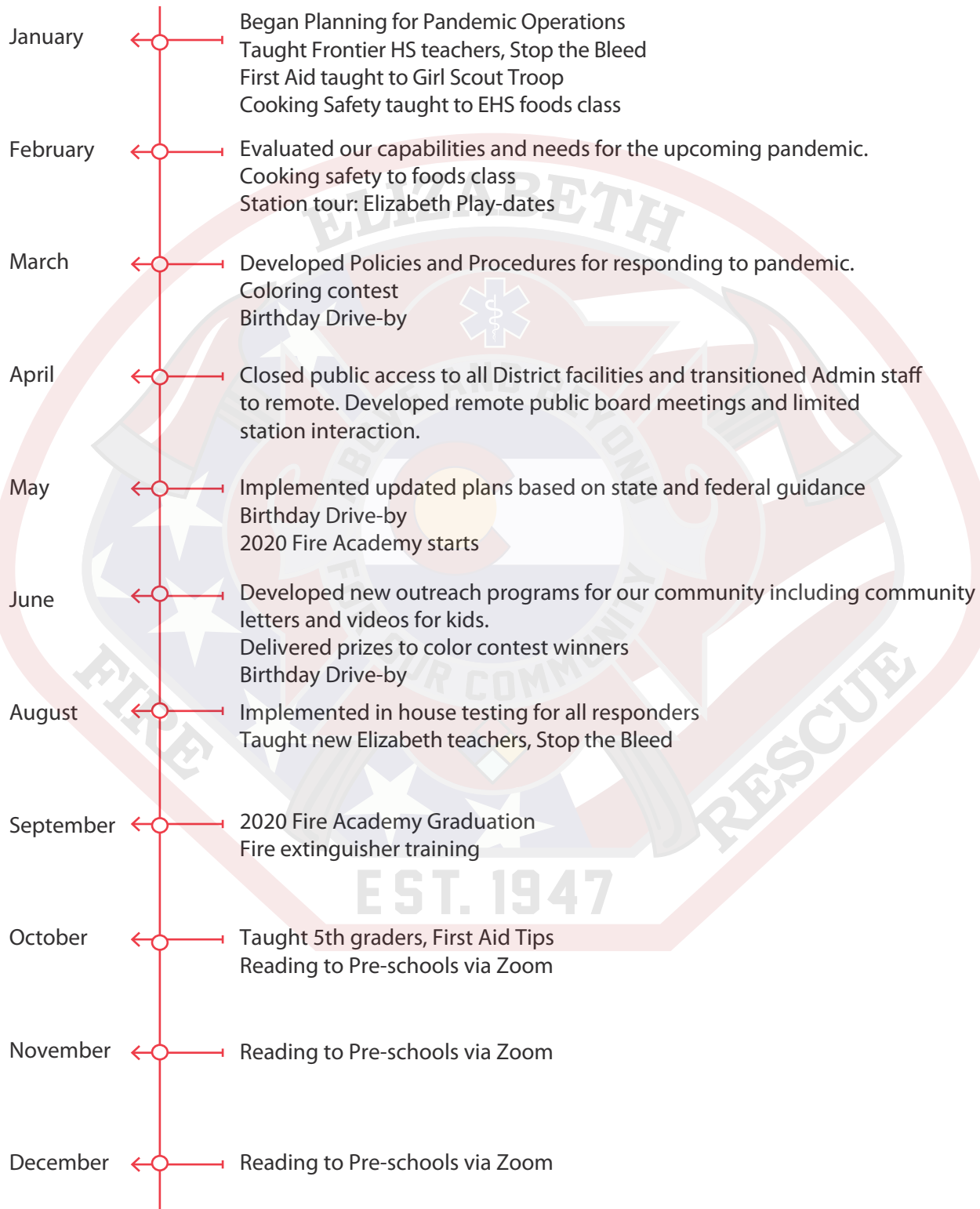
Year	Number of Plan Reviews	Number of Review Hours	Square Footage Reviewed	Acres Reviewed
2015	28			
2016	40			
2017	56	98	51087	
2018	36	123	72700	
2019	68	186	82936	
2020	95	256	200311	14,120

2020 Still a busy year for new construction around the District and the pandemic did not affect the growth in the District.



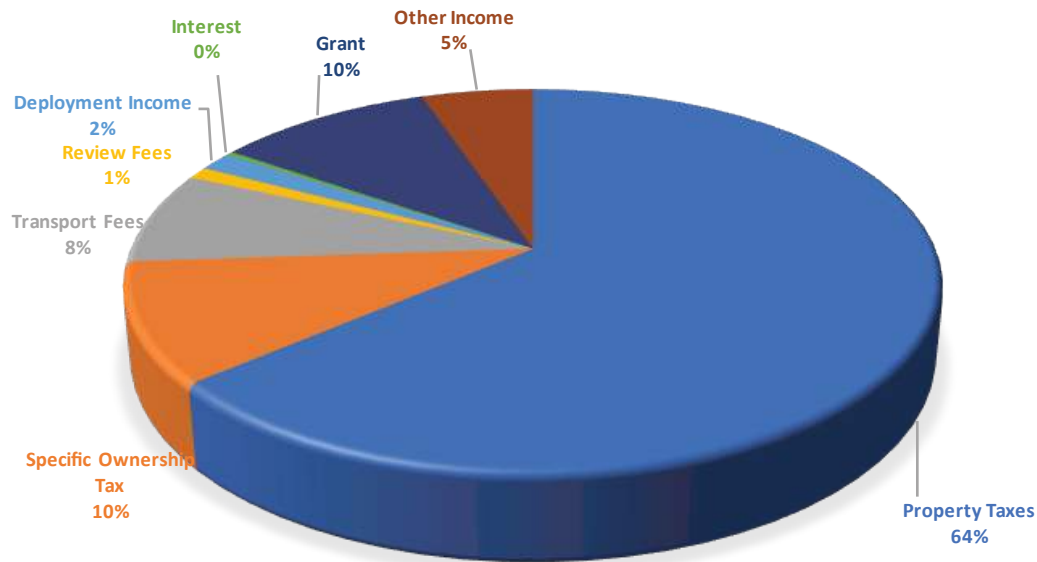
# WHAT WAS NEW IN 2020

## Year in Review

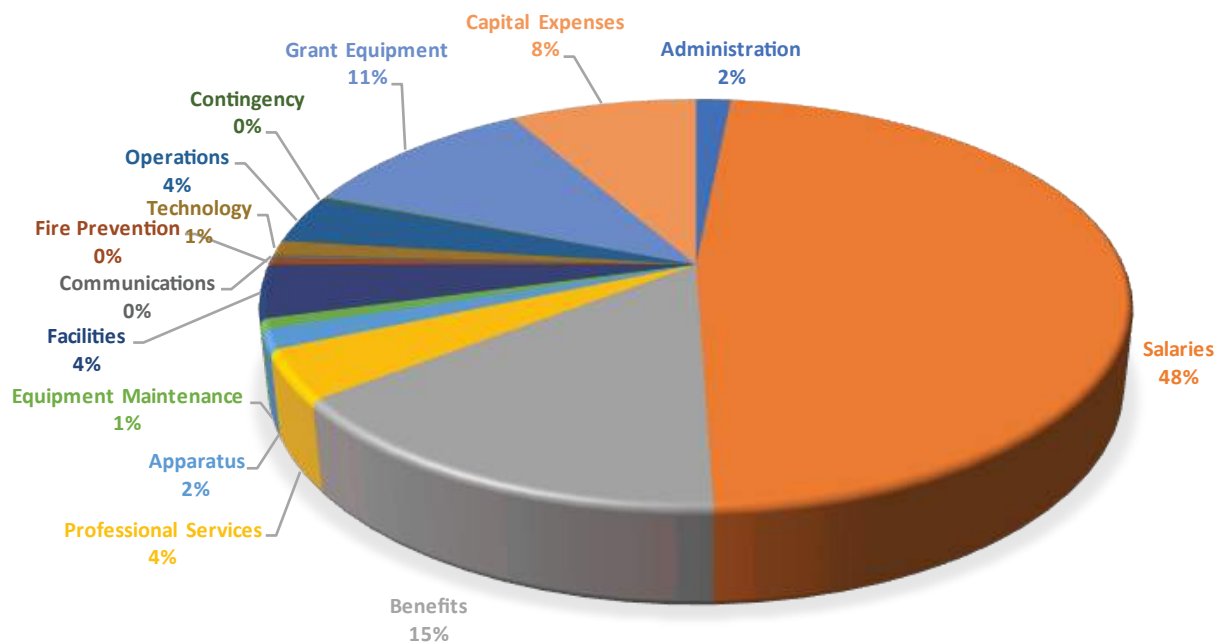


# LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

## 2021 BUDGETED REVENUES



## 2021 BUDGETED EXPENSES



# ELIZABETH FIRE FIGHTERS 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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