



## MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Independence Fire Department is to provide the highest level of life and property safety through the extension of fire prevention, emergency medical, fire control and public education services.

## IMPORTANT FIRE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....	911
Fire Administration.....	325-7123
Emergency Preparedness.....	325-7133
Web Address.....	www.indepno.org/fire

## 2012 COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS

Pumper 1 .....	3,001	HazMat 1 .....	21
Pumper 2 .....	755	Quint 7 .....	2,151
Pumper 3 .....	2,779	Rescue 1 .....	1,335
Pumper 4 .....	2,161	Rescue 2 .....	2,402
Pumper 5 .....	2,513	Rescue 4 .....	5
Pumper 6 .....	1,773	Rescue 8 .....	373
Pumper 8 .....	155	Special Rescue .....	45
Pumper 9 .....	293	Truck 1 .....	794
Pumper 10 .....	1,225	Truck 2 .....	1,585

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### Emergency Operations/Mobile Command Center Activations

Severe Weather.....	21
Exercises.....	4
Hazardous Materials.....	1
IFD, IPD, Large Gatherings and Events.....	14

### Volunteer Organizations Training\*

Classes/Training Sessions.....	156
Participants Trained.....	1,716
Exercises.....	6
Exercise Participants.....	354
Volunteer Exercise Hours.....	3,078
Volunteer Training Hours.....	24,009

### Community Workshops and Presentations

Local Events.....	34
Regional, State or Federal.....	4
Participants.....	2,000

### Grants Received

EMPG.....	\$202,000
EOC Renovations (from 2010).....	\$250,000

\*Includes CERT, DART, EOC Management Team, ECS

## AVERAGE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TOTALS

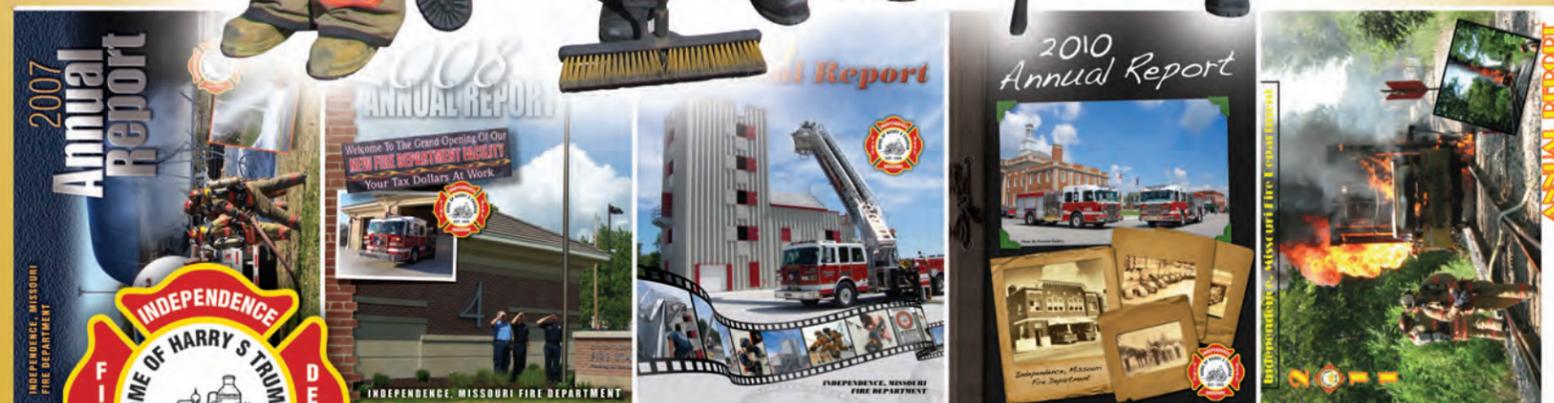
	2010	2011	2012
Average time in minutes from dispatch to arrival.....	4.50	4.38	5.24
Percentage of structure fire calls responded to in under six minutes.....	78.00%	83.00%	87.00%
Percentage of emergency EMS calls responded to in under six minutes.....	78.00%	77.00%	78.00%

## FIRE PREVENTION

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS</b>					
Occupation License Received.....	659	649	737	657	667
Occupation License Inspections & Re-Inspections.....	854	818	857	712	807
Company Inspections.....	2,911	2,971	2,673	2,337	2,763
Company Re-Inspections.....	1,507	1,781	1,536	727	807
Santa-Cali-Gon Inspections.....	695	540	521	559	485
<b>Total Commercial Inspections.....</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>5,529</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>					
Citizen Requests & Special Inspections.....	109	363	195	270	452
Burning Permits.....	121	113	117	123	93
Underground Tanks Removed.....	0	0	0	1	2
Blasting Permits.....	4	1	0	1	0
Smoke Detectors Distributed.....	86	63	144	85	274
Environmental Research Projects.....	8	5	6	3	17
Juvenile Fire Setter Interventions.....	20	14	15	4	6
Fire Drills Conducted.....	8	18	6	13	12
Fireworks Inspections.....	*	162	203	234	245
<b>Total Other Activities.....</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1,101</b>
<b>PLAN REVIEW/CONSTRUCTION</b>					
Plans/Zoning Projects Reviewed.....	413	283	346	374	300
Inspections - Reinspections.....	309	183	236	296	256
<b>COMMUNITY EDUCATION</b>					
Fire Safety Talks & Job Fairs.....	207	175	202	99	191
Audience.....	12,594	17,397	19,996	29,723	23,365
Website Visitors.....	*	*	34,720	26,423	30,546

\*Statistics not available

# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



## INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI FIRE DEPARTMENT



# 2012: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Putting 2012 into perspective for the Independence Fire Department means recognizing the accomplishments that were achieved and the challenges that were faced. Recorded in these pages are numbers and information that reflect the efforts of the members of this fire department to serve this community. Despite the challenge of reduced staffing across all divisions, more calls were answered, many lives were saved, life safety education reached the community, building plans were reviewed and safety codes enforced. With the economic downturn, Fire Safety Tax revenues remained below expectations, but resourcefulness and hard work allowed needed replacements of firefighting and rescue

equipment and staff cars to continue, as well as station and equipment maintenance and even upgrades to the Emergency Operations Center. The Fire Department also managed to host the 2012 Missouri Valley Fire Chief's Conference which brought in fire chiefs from seven states to learn new ideas and enjoy what our City has to offer during their stay. In conjunction with this conference the International Association of Firefighters Local 781's Good and Welfare Corporation held their first ever charity golf tournament and raised over \$6,000 for area organizations to help those in need. Thank you for taking the time to review this report and, should you have any questions, please contact us.

## ADMINISTRATION

- Using grant funds, new analytic software was installed that provided easier access to incident report information and allowed for identifying and improving report accuracy.
- A reorganization of the department provided funds to fill two unfunded vacant positions.
- City Council provided funds in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget process to fill three of the seven vacant firefighter positions that were unfunded in the previous budget year due to economic conditions.
- Grants were written and submitted to provide funds to hire four firefighters and develop a public education campaign to

target neighborhoods with increasing risks of fire. The Fire Department is awaiting announcement of whether it will be awarded these grants.

## EMS

- 27 documented emergency medical life saves including medical and trauma.
- 39 referrals to the Citizen Assist Program (CAP) providing help to citizens in need.
- 5 new paramedics added to our staff for a total of 53 paramedics in the Operations Division.
- 10 Pet Oxygen Mask Kits donated by the Kansas City Veterinary Medical Association were placed on our pumpers.

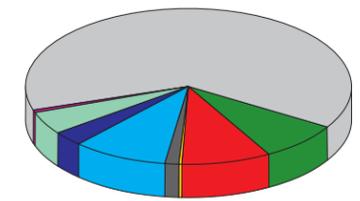
## OPERATIONS

- Firefighters responded to 17,095 calls for service, a 2.6% increase from 2011's total of 16,659.
- In coordination with the Independence School District, the Operations Division personnel conducted four pre-incident response plans for schools within the city.
- Firefighters successfully rescued three individuals from fire emergencies.

## TRAINING

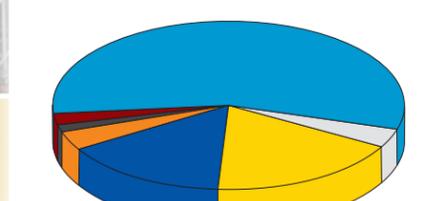
- 2012 marked the beginning of our new Modular Training System for basic skills drills. The Fire Training Center was utilized for the majority of the drills which included live fire tactical scenarios and a variety of hands-on skills training.
- 128 personnel attended Positive Pressure Attack live fire training at the Fire Training Center.\*
- 107 personnel attended further orientation and training on the New World Records Management System. This covers tracking of on-shift personnel, run report, and training report entry.
- Two firefighter recruit classes totaling ten personnel were trained in 2012.
- A Battalion Chief Assessment Process was conducted for the hiring of three vacant Battalion Chief positions.
- 133 personnel attended Hazardous Materials Refresher Training.

## 2012 TRAINING HOURS



Auto Aid	=	3.50 Hrs.
Single Company Drills	=	235.00 Hrs.
Multi Company Drills	=	2,989.50 Hrs.
HazMat	=	923.00 Hrs.
Driver Training	=	1,510.50 Hrs.
New Driver Training	=	106.00 Hrs.
Company	=	19,894.25 Hrs.
Officer Training	=	2567.50 Hrs.
Recruit Training	=	2698.75 Hrs.

## 2012 RESPONSE BREAKDOWN



Medical Calls	=	9,607 (56.2%)
Fire Calls	=	621 (3.6%)
Service Calls	=	3,024 (17.7%)
Cancelled En Route	=	2,658 (15.5%)
Automatic Alarms	=	594 (3.6%)
False Alarms	=	226 (1.3%)
Other Calls	=	365 (2.1%)

## 2012 RESPONSE TOTALS

<b>FIRE CALLS</b>	<b>621</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>28</b>
Public Assembly	4
Schools and Colleges	3
Health Care/Penal	2
Stores and Offices	4
Industry Utility	2
Storage in Structures	9
Other Structures	4
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>143</b>
Private Dwellings	112
Apartments	27
Hotels/Motels	2
All Other Residential	2

<b>OTHER FIRES &amp; INCIDENTS</b>	<b>450</b>
Highway Vehicle	57
Other Vehicles	18
Non Structure/Non Vehicle	52
Brush/Grass/Wildland	122
Rubbish/Dumpsters	151
All Other Fires	50

## MEDICAL.....9,607

*Includes Medical, Vehicular with Injuries, Vehicular Unknown Injuries, Extrications and Medical Search and Rescue*

## ALL OTHER RESPONSES/ SERVICE CALLS.....3,024

*Includes Explosive Devices, Carbon Monoxide, Explosion in Area, Gas Leak, Good Intent Call, Lock Out, Odor Investigation in Area, Power Lines Down, Service Calls, Smoke In Area, Smoke/Odor Removal, Weather Related Incidents and Miscellaneous.*

## DISPATCHED AND CANCELLED EN ROUTE...2,658

## HAZMAT RESPONSES .....193

**OTHER HAZARDOUS RESPONSES .....149**  
*Power Lines Down, Electrical Wiring Problems, Shortage and Arching*

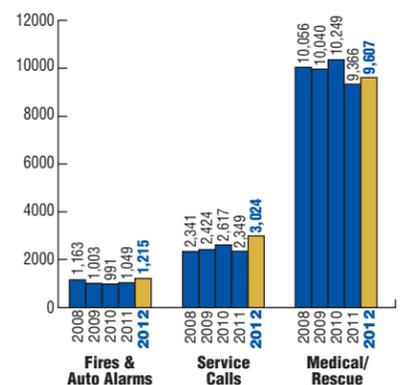
## FALSE ALARMS .....226

**AUTOMATIC ALARMS .....594**  
*Including System Malfunction and Unintentional Alarms*

## MUTUAL AID GIVEN .....23

## TOTAL: 17,095

## 5YR. ALARM COMPARISON



## 10 YEAR TREND

