

Altoona Fire Department



2022 Annual Report

MISSION

The AFD is dedicated to preserve life and property in our community through efficient service, public education and hazard mitigation.



VISION

AFD will be a community leader in Fire/EMS service to make our city a great place to live, work and recreate. AFD promotes the desire to serve, the courage to act and the ability to perform.



VALUES

Community
Pride
Honor
Integrity
Teamwork



FIRE CHIEF - JARED OGBOURNE



FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

The year 2022 has been a record year for the Altoona Fire Department. The dedicated men and women of AFD responded to 3272 calls for service. Our employees' dedicated work ethic along with their attention to detail continue to amaze me. Our employees embody the AFD vision statement that "AFD will be a community leader in fire/EMS service to make our city a great place to live, work, and recreate. AFD promotes the desire to serve, the courage to act and the ability to perform".

The level of service provided by AFD to our citizens and visitors has been and will continue to be the first and foremost priority of our organization. The level of service provided and the professionalism that was displayed did not go unnoticed. I would like to thank all employees for the great work.

The training our employees receive and will continue to receive is exciting for all. The addition of a state-of-the-art training facility approved and funded by the Altoona City Council along with grant funding through Prairie Meadows allow our employees to train in real life environments. The training provided in the facility will contribute to our employees' knowledge, skills, and abilities along with enhancing our service delivery.

I would like to welcome John Kraemer to the Altoona Fire Department. John is the first Deputy Chief Fire Marshal at AFD. Fire Marshal Kraemer provides the knowledge and abilities to establish a first-class community risk reduction program for the business and citizens of Altoona.

I thank everyone for your efforts this past year. I also offer sincere gratitude to your families for their continued support of AFD.

COMMAND STAFF



Fire Chief
Jared Ogbourne



Deputy Chief/OPS
Lance Routson



Deputy Chief/EMS
Jay Pratt



Deputy Chief/Fire
Marshal
John Kraemer



Lieutenant/ 1st
Blaine Lefler



Lieutenant/ 2nd
Jessica Smith



Lieutenant/ 3rd
Sean McAndrew

1ST BATTALION



**Firefighter/Medic
Joe Bonewitz**



**Firefighter/Medic
Grant Dishinger**



**Firefighter/EMT
Gabe Rivera**



**Firefighter/Medic
Josh Snetzler**



**Firefighter/EMT
April Curran**



**Firefighter/EMT
Stephanie
Shepherd**

2ND BATTALION



**Firefighter/Medic
Adam Retzlaff**



**Firefighter/Medic
Andrew Simoni**



**Firefighter/EMT
Kyle Mason**



**Firefighter/Medic
Ben Sieve**



**Firefighter/EMT
Keaton Duckett**

3RD BATTALION



**Firefighter/Medic
Dalton Roland**



**Firefighter/EMT
Chris Monley**



**Firefighter/Medic
Zachary Stebniski**



**Firefighter/EMT
Nolan Brunsen**



**Firefighter/EMT
Aaron Renslow**

DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

22

square miles

**Population
served**

23,000

Annual Budget

3,396,086

23

**Sworn
Firefighters**



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

3272

calls for service
9 calls per day
9.6% increase over
2021

2304

EMS calls for service
70% of calls

103 fire calls

48 HAZMAT calls

291 service calls

236 good intent
calls

232 false alarm
calls

47 special
incident calls

9 overpressure,
rupture, explosion



MUTUAL AID

GIVEN

- Pleasant Hill- 103
- Delaware Township- 93
- Des Moines- 67
- Mitchellville- 65
- Bondurant- 30
- Ankeny- 13
- Runnells- 12
- Prairie City- 7
- Saylor Township- 6
- Colfax-4
- Johnston/Grimes- 1

- Total= 401



MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

- Mercy- 153
- Pleasant Hill- 88
- Bondurant- 53
- Des Moines- 52
- Ankeny- 30
- Mitchellville- 5
- Delaware
Township- 4
- Saylor Township- 3

- Total= 388



RESPONSE TIMES

- **2022 Average
Turnout Time
1:20**
- **2022 Average
Response
Time
6:37**

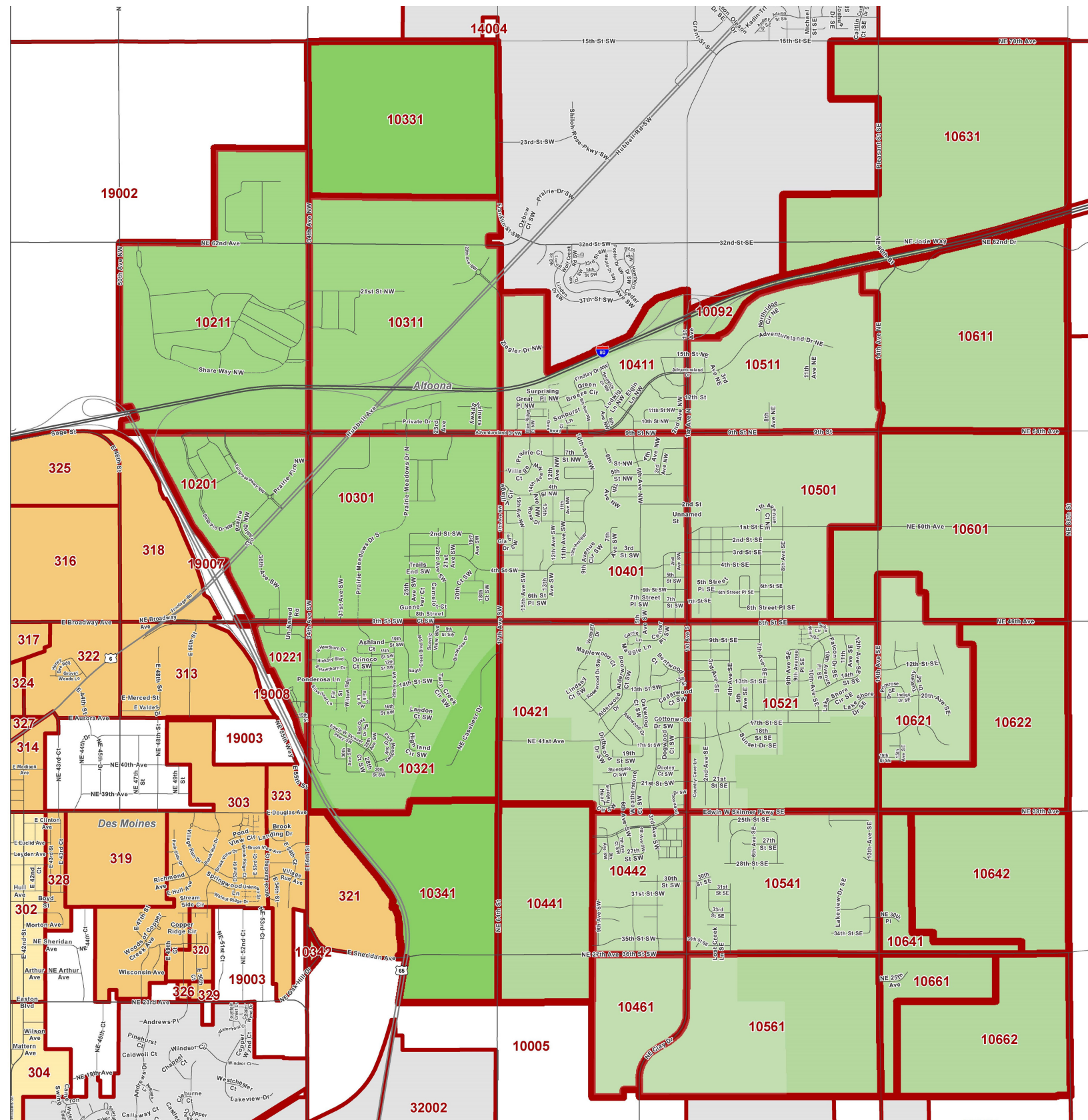


CALLS BY DISTRICT-ESZ

- 10201- 149
- 10211- 51
- 10221- 68
- 10301- 262
- 10311- 162
- 10321- 349
- 10341- 4
- 10401- 531
- 10411-155
- 10421- 251
- 10441- 3
- 10442- 106
- 10461- 3
- 10501- 87
- 10511- 321
- 10521- 269
- 10541-160
- 10601- 12
- 10611- 3
- 10621-132
- 10622- 8
- 10631- 8
- 10641- 10
- 10642- 2
- 10662-4



DISTRICTS- ESZ'S



DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS- LANCE ROUTSON



**2022 Training
Hours= 7136.27
2022 Physical
Fitness hours= 550
2022 Live Fire
Training Hours= 289**



DEPUTY CHIEF OF **OPERATIONS- LANCE** **ROUTSON'S** **COMMENTS**

It has been a busy year in the Operations division! Our commitment to training remains a top priority and our staff has worked hard to continue to improve. This year, we logged 7,136 training hours. Our department continues its commitment to the health and wellness of our staff. Collectively, our department recorded nearly 550 hours of physical fitness training while at work.

Perhaps the biggest development of the year was the establishment of Phase 1 of the Altoona Fire Department Live Fire Training Facility, located at 1050 Venbury Drive. This facility is the first of its kind in the area and was made possible through the generous contributions of the City of Altoona and grant funding from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. Our staff logged 289 hours of live fire training in 2022. This type of training could not be provided without this new facility, and we are proud to have the facility right here in Altoona! This facility also allowed enhanced training with our mutual aid partners!

We also made significant equipment upgrades to our operations this year. Some of our improvements include additional vehicle stabilization struts, an all-terrain UTV vehicle, a new command vehicle, and new battery-powered smoke removal fans and lighting. These updates have placed us in a great position for future growth as our city continues to expand and call volume continues to increase.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF EMS- JAY PRATT



Common chief complaints in 2022:

1. General Sickness/Weakness
2. Abdominal Pain
3. Chest Pain
4. Syncope/Fainting
5. Behavioral/Psychological



DEPUTY CHIEF OF EMS- JAY PRATT'S COMMENTS

Calendar year 2022 brought us balance. We provided both basic and advanced level EMS care to the citizens and visitors of Altoona. As a department we answered 3272 calls for service. Seventy percent of those calls (2,304) fell under the umbrella of EMS. We provided 1,198 advanced life support and 1,106 basic life support patient assessments and treatments. Those patient encounters resulted in 1,485 transports to area hospitals. The remainder of the 819 patient encounters resulted in them refusing further care, treatment and transport to the hospital.

Also of note, we responded to 18 cardiac arrest events in 2022. Due to EMS interventions, we were able to help restore heart function and blood flow in 5 of these patients before reaching the hospital. The national average for a patient to have return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) in the pre-hospital setting after suffering a cardiac arrest is 11% (American Heart Association). The Altoona Fire Department's average was 27%. This is due in part to individuals recognizing a cardiac event, calling 911 immediately, timely arrival of well-trained advanced life support providers, early initiation of CPR and defibrillation, and rapid transport to a cardiac care facility.

The EMS Division is proud and pleased to provide the best pre-hospital care to our community. We are constantly striving for improvement and will continue to stand ready to respond to any medical or trauma emergency that may arise at a moment's notice.

DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL- JOHN KRAEMER



Liquor License Inspections- 123

Fire Investigations- 13

Explosion Investigations- 1

Fire Safety Outreach- 39

Tours- 8

Elementary School Talks- 17

Pre-School Talks- 6

Fire Extinguisher Training- 4

KNOX Box -27



DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL- JOHN KRAEMER'S COMMENTS

The Division of Fire Prevention has four primary responsibilities, which are performing fire inspections, fire investigations, fire plan reviews and conducting public fire safety programs and outreach. Each of these functions serves a purpose in helping prevent fires in our community.

During National Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15, 2022) the Altoona Fire Department hosted its first Open House on October 9th and drew over 420 visitors. The year's theme was "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." Activities conducted during this Open House included station and apparatus tours. Individual learning stations were also offered and included learning how to call 911, stop, drop, and roll, creating a home escape plan, fire extinguisher training, and a vehicle extrication demonstration.



FIRE MARSHAL- JOHN KRAEMER'S COMMENTS CONT.

In addition, the Altoona Fire Department participated in the long-standing Altoona Chamber of Commerce's Trunk & Treat Activity. AFD crews served candy, gave out fire prevention swag and got a chance to interact with approximately 1,000 members of the community, spreading fire prevention messages.

The AFD performed a total of 13 formal fire investigations and 1 formal explosion investigation. Formal fire and explosion investigations are conducted when there is a significant fire loss to property and/or there are associated injuries or fatalities from said incidents. Of the 13 formal fire investigations conducted, 3 were performed outside of the Altoona City Limits (Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, and Saylor Township) to aid neighboring jurisdictions who did not have trained and certified fire investigation resources.

One formal explosion investigation was conducted within Altoona in 2022. This explosion was the result of a leaking propane tank that resulted in serious injuries to the homeowner.



FIRE MARSHAL- JOHN **KRAEMER'S COMMENTS** **CONT.**

Injuries and fatalities arising from fire and/or explosions for the calendar year 2022 are categorized below:

- Injuries due to fire- 4**
- Deaths due to fire- 1**
- Injuries due to explosions-1**
- Deaths due to explosions- 0**

It is the goal of the Division of Fire Prevention to be proactive in prevention and mitigation of fires and other hazards, and to be a resource to our residents and visitors in helping ensure a safe and vibrant community.