



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2022 – January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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LETTER FROM CHIEF THOMPSON

If you live or work in Basalt, El Jebel, Snowmass Village, Old Snowmass, Emma, Frying Pan Valley, or Missouri Heights in Eagle County, you are proudly served by Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority. We strive to protect life and property with a combination of talented career and volunteer firefighters and paramedics while utilizing the latest and most advanced equipment and apparatus.

Again, I am proud of our staff's resilience, professionalism, and commitment this year. We have experienced incidents that were unique and stretched the bounds of our abilities to adapt and overcome, and together with our partners, we succeeded. Our amazing men and women serving in each Division of our department continue to take us to the next level of professionalism and proficiency.

The Authority saw increased call volume and service levels of 10% over 2021. In 2022 we were called upon for 2,467 incidents which, of course, challenged our team. We managed to extinguish several small wildland fires this last year, which I give credit to our exceptionally skilled staff. We did respond to and manage a devastating double fatality home fire, which was a very unfortunate experience we will never forget.

Thank you to our Fire Prevention Division. They have managed an increased workload with over a million square feet of new construction. They complete plan reviews, construction inspections, and final inspections on all the new and remodeled buildings you see in Snowmass Village and Basalt. With the increased number of fires, we have also seen an increased demand for fire investigations, which adds to the workload. The Division continues to be challenged but strives to keep residents and firefighters safe with all new construction.

We are still wrestling with COVID in our staff and community. We have continued with protocols in place to keep our workforce healthy and able to respond with an appropriate number of firefighters and medics. COVID continues to be a challenge that we face nearly daily with either our staff out sick or responding to ill people in our community. Unfortunately, there seems to be no end in sight.

The past year we marked many successes, including implementing one of our Strategic Initiatives and our first Cultural Handbook. We added a needed training lieutenant to our staff. We hired four seasonal wildland firefighters, which helped locally and benefited our agency with being able to respond to out-of-area fires for experience and training. We completed a master planning document to guide us into a successful future. We finished and occupied our 6th fire station on West Sopris Creek Road with three employee apartments, Station #46.

By all measures, 2022 was a successful year. Our firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, fire prevention staff, fleet, and support staff continued to demonstrate professionalism and excellence despite all they faced.

We continue to be supported by outstanding community members and visitors, which we are incredibly grateful for. Our community's support is necessary to accomplish what we do.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Thompson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Scott Thompson, Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT FLEET

The RFFRA Fleet Division maintains all vehicles and small power equipment. Currently, one full-time fleet mechanic performs repair and preventative maintenance on 55 vehicles. Our fleet includes 18 utility vehicles, six ambulances, seven engines, six wildland apparatus, and two aerials. In 2022, RFFRA replaced the old Command Trailer pull truck with a 2004 GMC Sierra pull/plow truck completing our fleet.



DEPARTMENT PROFILE

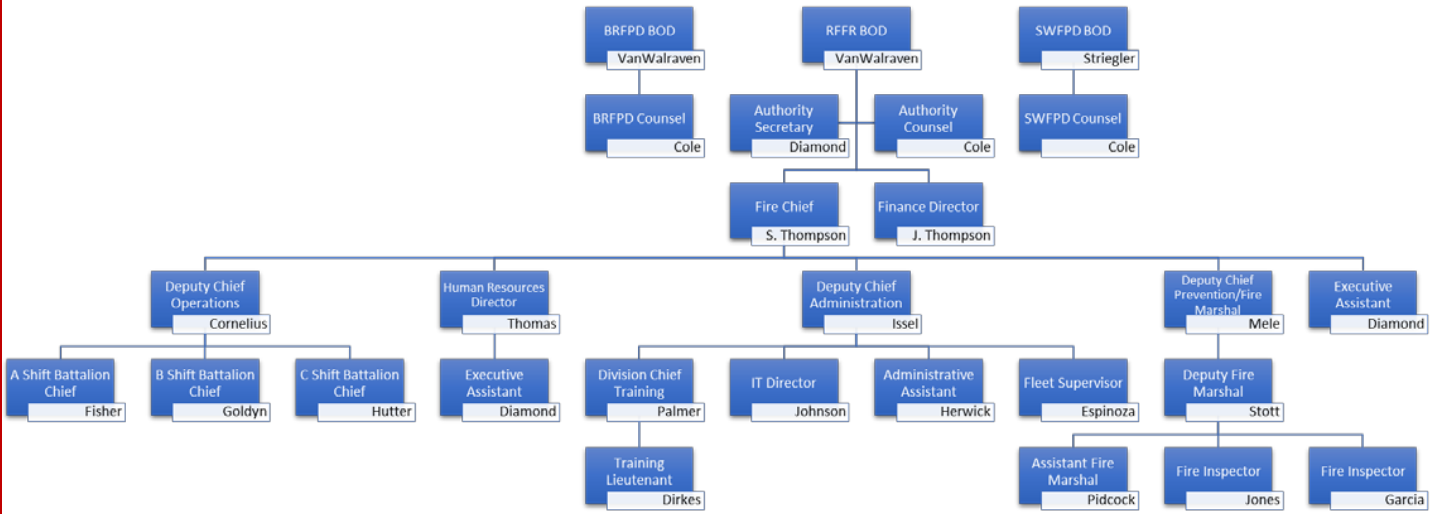
The Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority (RFFRA) was established in 2018, combining the Basalt and Rural and Snowmass Wildcat Fire Protection Districts. The Board of Directors is the general governing body of both Districts, which oversees all aspects of the Districts and carries out the business of the District in public meetings. RFFRA Board of Directors comprises six Board Members, three from Basalt and Snowmass District Boards. The primary responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to; approve the policies of the Fire Districts and Authority, approve the budget, review expenditures, and provide direction to the Fire Chief.

The Roaring Fork Fire and Rescue Authority is an all-hazards emergency services provider operating six stations with a combination of volunteer, part-time, and full-time staff. Three of our six stations are staffed. Station 41 is in the downtown area of the Town of Basalt. Station 42 is located near the business corridor of El Jebel. Station 45 is in Snowmass Village. All three staffed stations were placed in these locations based on available property and proximity to local business districts. RFFRA also has three unstaffed stations. Station 43 is 26 miles up the Frying Pan River in Thomasville, and Station 44 is two miles from Highway 82 on Snowmass Creek Road. Our newest station, Station 46 is near Sopris Mountain Ranch on West Sopris Creek Road.

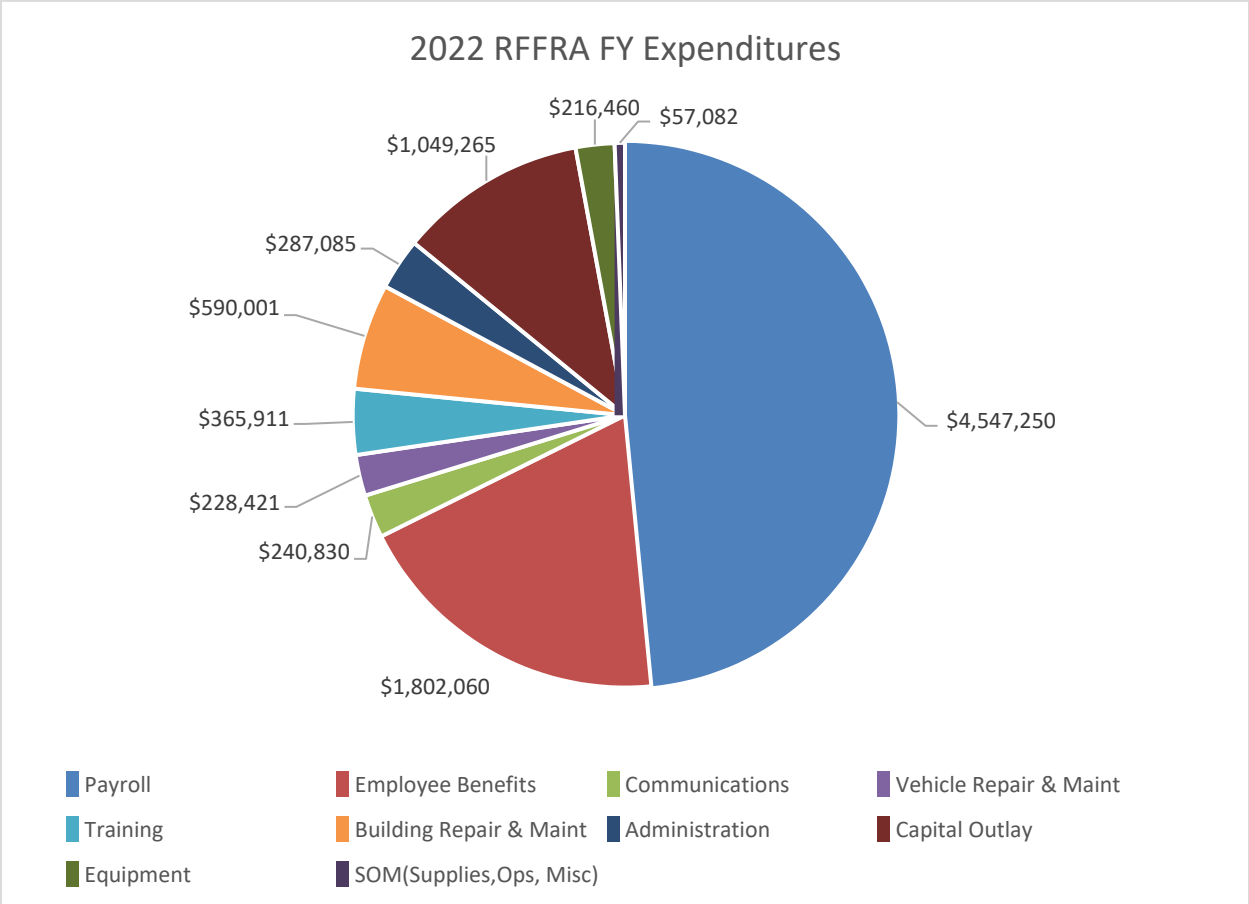
A Fire Chief leads the Authority with the support of two Deputy Chiefs. Two Administrative Assistants also work 40 hours a week, along with one Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal supported by four full-time staff. Other administrative staff in Finance, Human Resources, Fleet Management, and Information Technology work to support the entire organization's mission. The on-duty crew consists of three Battalion Chiefs, six Lieutenants, and 21 full-time Firefighters / Paramedics who work a 48-hour on/96-hour off rotation (Ten full-time members assigned per shift) supplemented with Volunteer and Part-Time Firefighters.

The Authority is a full-service Class 3 fire and emergency medical service agency delivering suppression services, EMS as advanced life support, and a variety of rescue services. The Authority also provides emergency management, fire prevention inspections, post-fire investigations, pre-plan review, and public fire and life safety education.

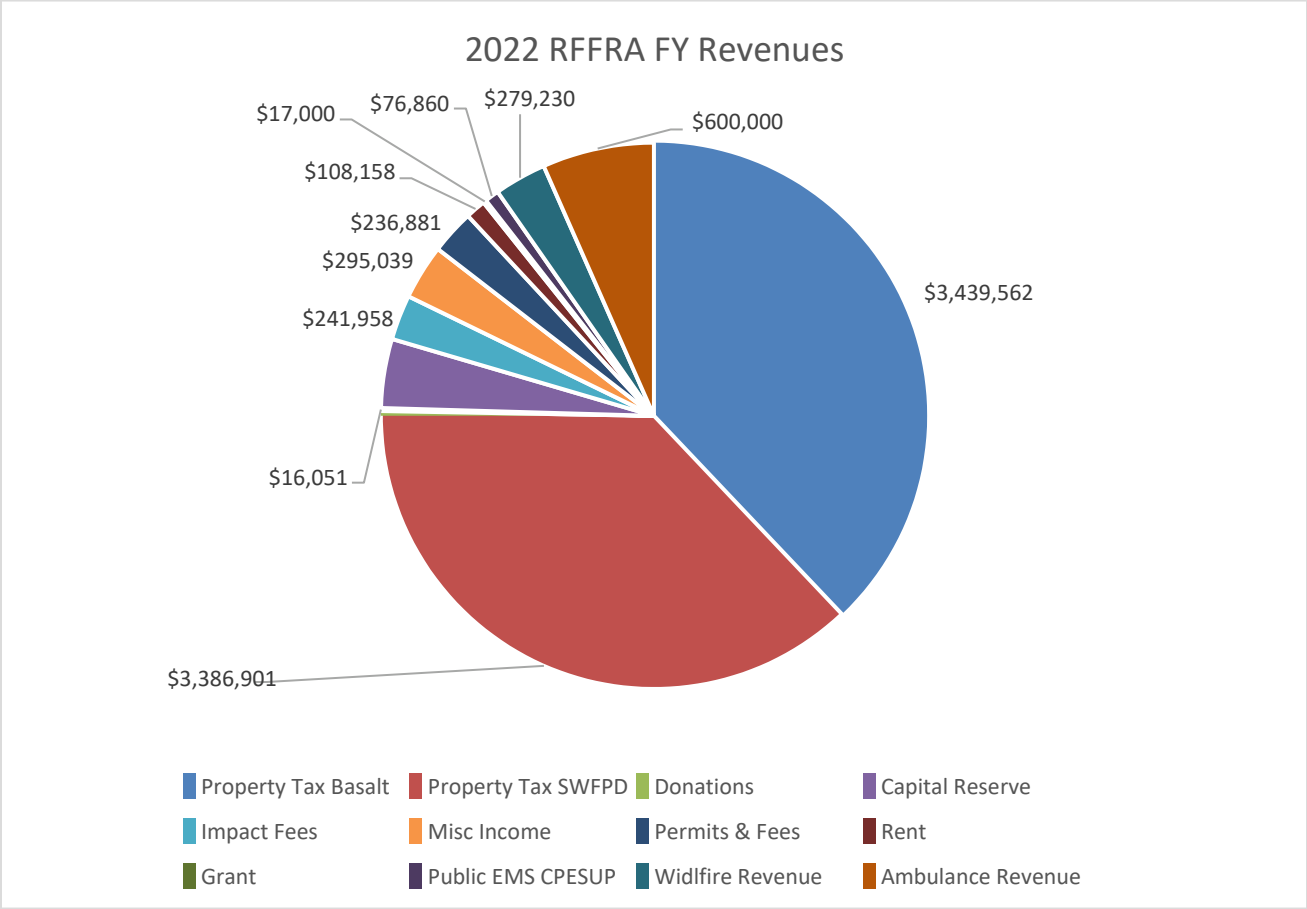
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



FINANCE

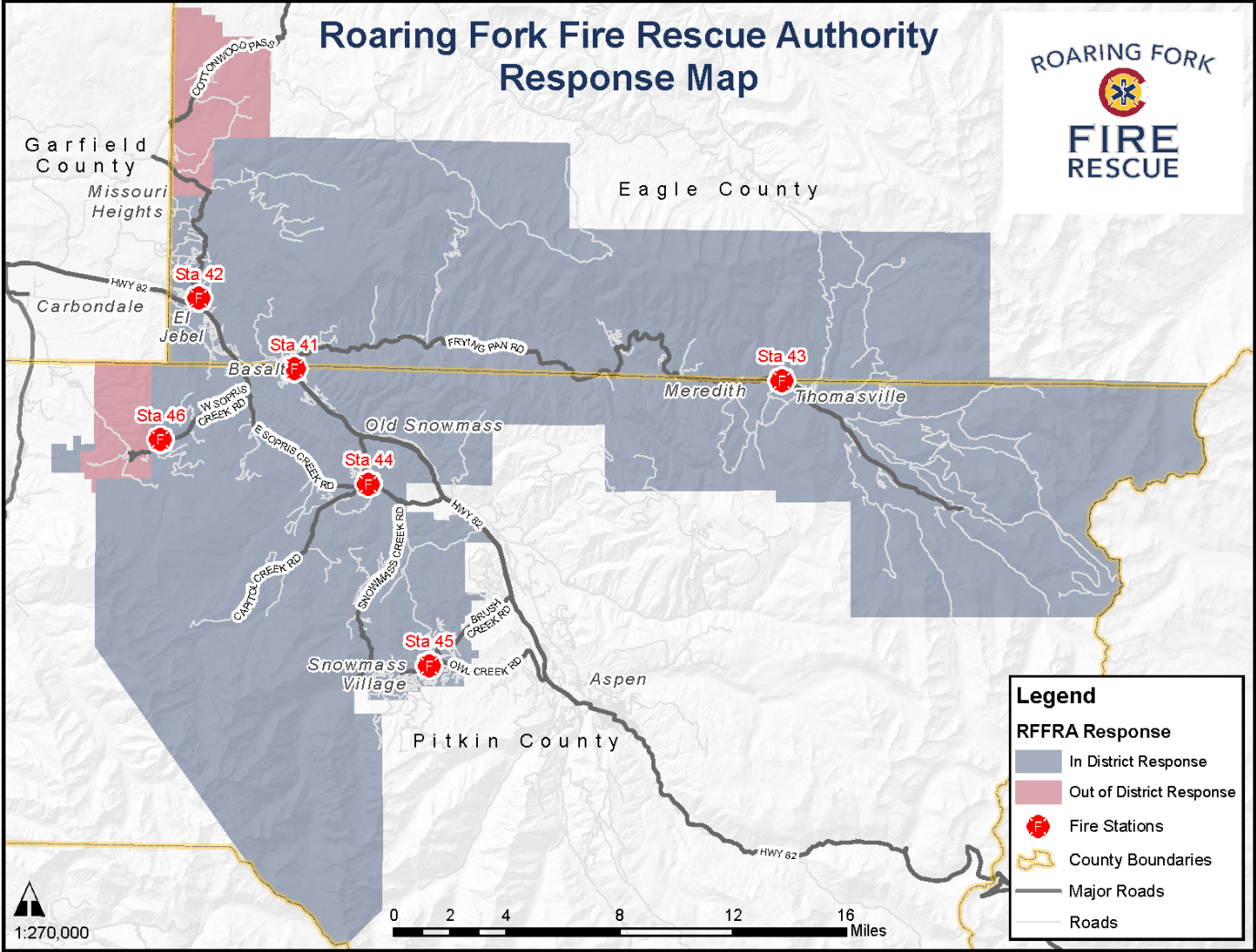


Approximately 70% of the Authority budget was spent on salary and benefits for our employees in 2022. This percentage does not include the amount of the budget earmarked for the continuous training of all staff. The largest non-personnel cost is associated with the ongoing maintenance of our growing infrastructure. By the end of 2022, the Authority will be served by 6 fire stations. These stations are in El Jebel, Basalt, Thomasville, Old Snowmass, Snowmass Village, and West Sopris Creek. The Authority also maintains 17 employee rental units, with 7 in Snowmass Village, 1 in Old Snowmass, 4 in the Town of Basalt, 2 in Willits, and 3 in our newest station located on West Sopris Creek Road. The construction of the West Sopris Creek Station was due to the Basalt District obtaining a \$975,000 matching grant from the State of Colorado in 2021. Homeowners in West Sopris Creek Valley donated matching funds in excess of \$975,000. Due to increased construction costs, the Authority Board funded \$500,000 to complete the station.



The Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority is funded by Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District and the Snowmass Wildcat Fire Protection District property taxes. This accounts for \$7,439,141 in property tax revenue, which the Authority receives from both Districts. In 2022, the Authority initiated a Wildfire Severity program of 4 seasonal firefighters. The Authority sent out teams on two separate fires resulting in \$279,230 in additional income for 2022. This program is slated to continue in 2023 due to its success in the first year. Fire Prevention permit fees have become a staple in our revenue budget, this year bringing in \$236,881 in revenue. Another significant source of the Authority’s revenue is ambulance transports. After an extensive analysis of our ambulance transport and treatment costs, the Board increased charges in July. The Authority is continually looking to create new paths to increase revenue to offset the growing costs associated with protecting communities in our area.

DISTRICT MAP



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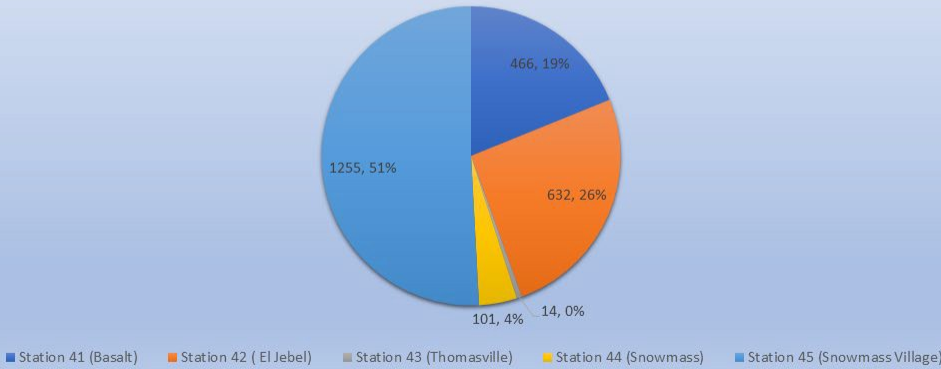
DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

JANUARY 1, 2022, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority

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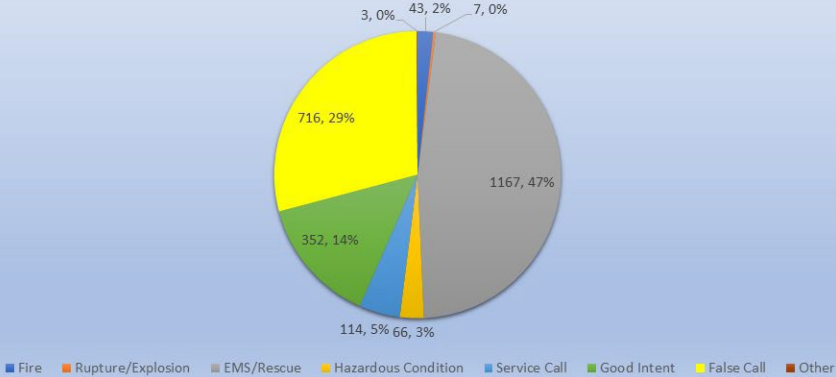
Incidents by Station, 2022 YTD



Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority

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Incidents by Incident Type, 2022 YTD



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Incidents by Day of Week, 2022 YTD



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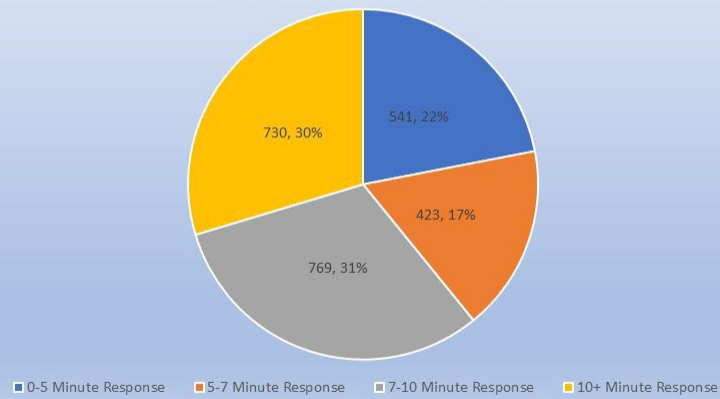
Incidents by Month, 2022 YTD



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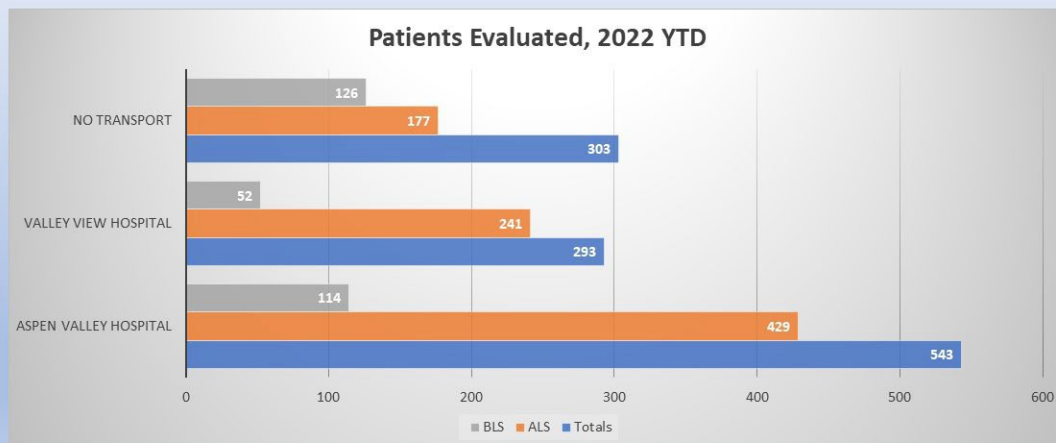
Response Times, 2022 YTD



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Patients Evaluated, 2022 YTD



TRAINING DIVISION

The Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority provides highly skilled firefighters, emergency medical technicians, company officers, and chief officers that respond to emergency calls in the community. Because we respond to a diverse range of calls, we cross-train in various disciplines. This training prepares us to meet the needs of the citizens we are sworn to protect. Our members participate in year-round weekly training in areas such as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), search and rescue, fire attack, ventilation, and auto extrication. Our members attend classes throughout Colorado and even across the country to stay on top of current trends, new equipment, and advanced methods. The Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority also trains with our mutual aid partners to ensure smooth operations and seamless transitions when working on multi-agency calls for service. Many of the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority members receive specialized training to serve on Specialized Response Teams in Pitkin and Eagle Counties. These disciplines include ice rescue, swift water rescue, rope rescue, wildland, hazardous materials, and incident management teams.

The Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority is a state recognized by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as an Education Group for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic levels. Recognized Education Groups can provide continuing education for Colorado and NREMT certification renewal.

Each month continuing education is provided to RFFRA members. Topics vary and generally cover medical or trauma emergencies. The RFFRA Medical Director also provides annual training and case review. RFFRA members can earn approved distributive education online at any time through our training platform. Various outside continuing education is also available to RFFRA members.

In 2022 Roaring Fork Fire Rescue members completed 7,490 aggregate training hours, almost double the amount from 2021. Our members refused to be dissuaded from maintaining the skill and knowledge required to Solve, Serve, and Save our valued community.





Chimney Fire and Ice Rescue Training





EMS SafeTech Solutions Leadership Course



Dr. Waqqar Khan-Farooqi – Steadman Orthopedics



Fog Nail





Active shooter



State Mobile Live Fire Trailer, Mobile Pump Trailer and Mobile Drive Simulator













FIRE PREVENTION

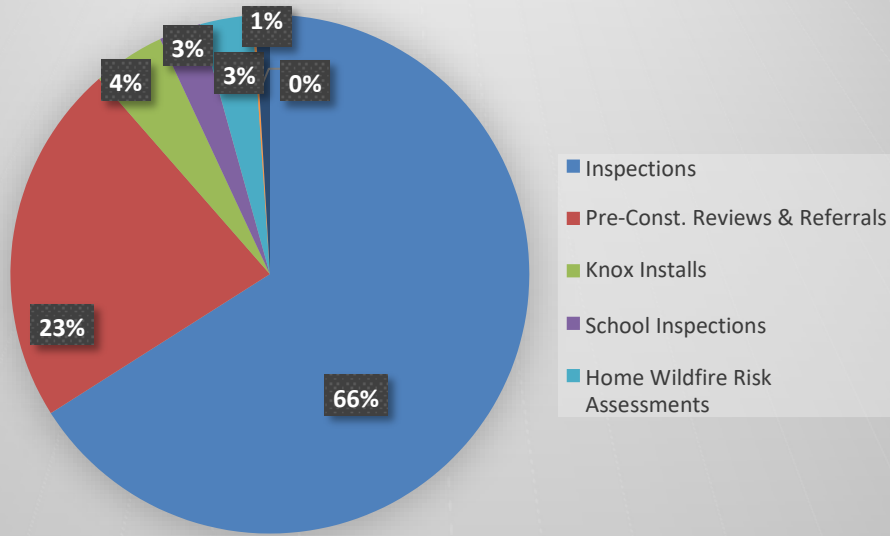
Roaring Fork Fire Rescue continues to build on the seven components of fire prevention, including code enforcement activities, new construction planning and inspection, fire and life safety inspections, educational programs, fire investigation, pre-incident planning, and data analysis. Our fire prevention team had a very successful and busy 2022. Frank Rudecoff and Sarah Pickard retired, and we hired two fire inspectors, Brad Jones and Jesse Garcia. Brad and Jesse bring exceptional qualities to our team, including Jesse's bilingual skills, which have enhanced our connection with the Hispanic community.

- John Mele, Fire Marshal
- Brooke Stott, Deputy Fire Marshal
- Jim Pidcock, Assistant Fire Marshal
- Brad Jones, Fire Inspector
- Jesse Garcia, Fire Inspector

Fire Prevention Activities

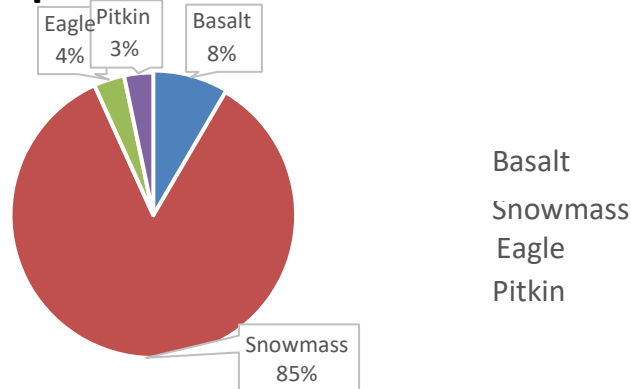
	2021	2022	Increase
Inspections- General Fire & Life Safety	272	427	56.99%
Pre-Construction Reviews & Referrals	137	146	6.57%
Knox Installs	19	29	52.63%
School Inspections	10	17	70.00%
Home Wildfire Risk Assessment	11	21	90.91%
Fire Extinguisher Classes	4	1	0.00%
Fire Investigations Observations	4	6	50.00%

Fire Marshal's Office Activities 2022



Inspections	427
Pre-Const. Reviews & Referrals	146
Knox Installs	29
School Inspections	17
Home Wildfire Risk Assessments	21
Fire Extinguisher Classes	1
Fire Investigations Observations	6

Square Feet Under Review in 2022



Basalt	31,317
Snowmass	315,308
Eagle	12,956
Pitkin	12,251
Total	371,832

Mitigation Projects

Wildfire mitigation work fire fuels break Faraway Road and View Ridge Lane in Snowmass Village. Hazardous dead tree removal along Owl Creek Trail. This is an annual collaborative effort between the Town of Snowmass Village, Snowmass Homeowners Association, and the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority.



HUMAN RESOURCES

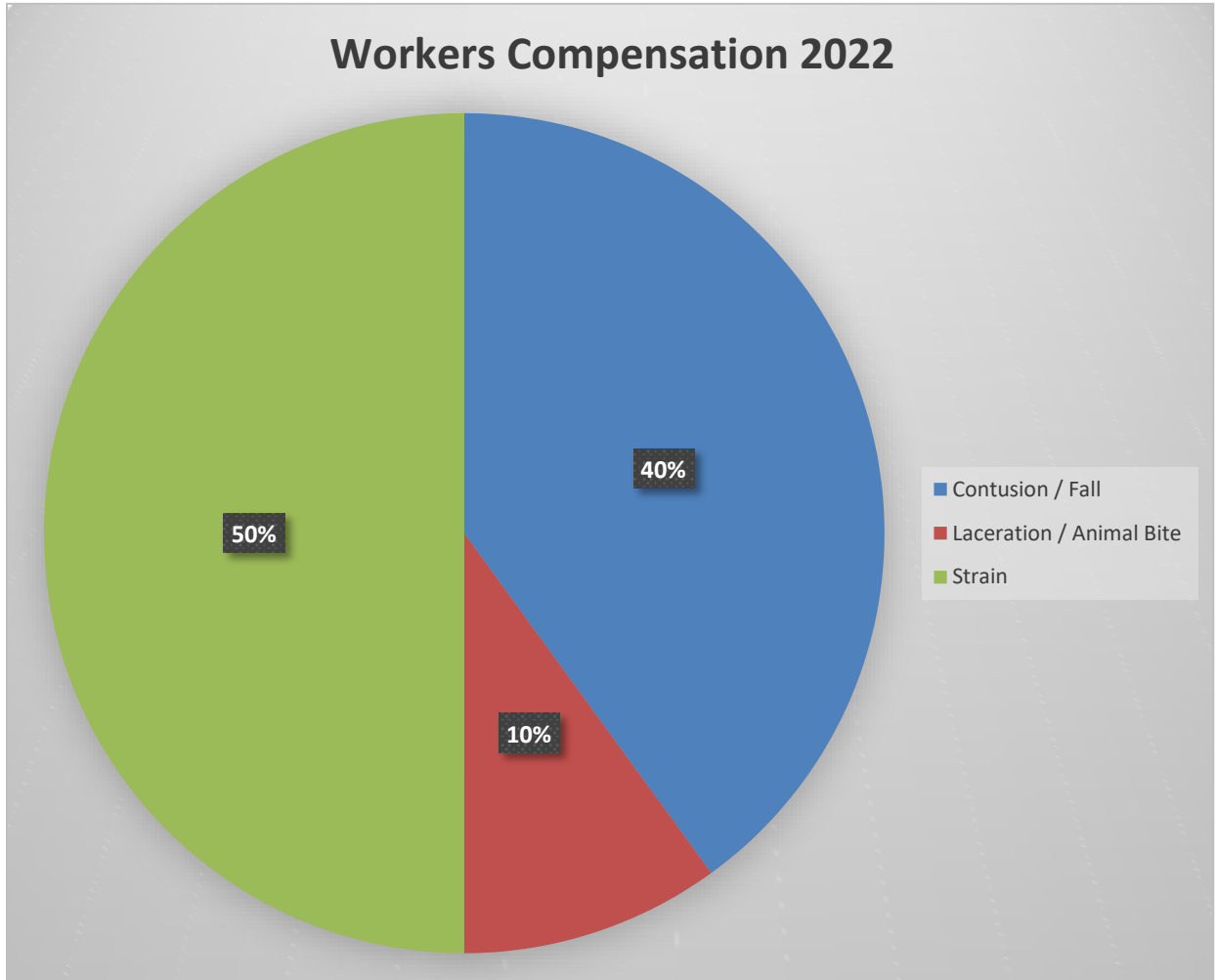
Recruitments

The graph below represents the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority recruitments in 2022. The Authority held ten separate recruitments, processed 105 applications, and hired or promoted 23 people. We recruited internally/externally for these positions.



Work-Related Injury/Illness

The graph below represents the overall causes of the Authority's work-related injuries/illnesses in 2022. The Authority had 10 injuries/illnesses whose overall cost was \$97,974.00. Falls resulted in the cost of \$63,134; strains cost \$35,433.36; and \$407 for the laceration.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RFFR relies heavily on technology to support all areas of operations and administration. A modern and efficient workforce contributes to the overall effectiveness of our organization and helps us in Serving, Solving, and Saving throughout our community. The highest daily priority remains focused on security in the context of our global operating environment and the ever-pervasive use of technology. In addition to keeping every staff member's technology functioning daily, other completed and in-progress projects worth noting are listed below.

- ✓ Editing of 2021 Annual Report
- ✓ 2,479 Lifesize meetings totaling 91,797 minutes
- ✓ Hardware, software, and firmware upgrades in sync with vendor support lifecycles
- ✓ Windows 11 upgrades
- ✓ Hardware replacement cycle consistent with the district's amortization schedule
- ✓ Regular review of security effectiveness and procedures
- ✓ Ongoing security awareness training
- ✓ Network infrastructure and wiring projects at several stations
- ✓ Station alerting at Station 42
- ✓ Centralized backups
- ✓ Security cameras installed at all stations
- ✓ Station 44 high-speed Internet installation and network integration
- ✓ Technology build-out of new Station 46
- ✓ Colorado Cyber Resource Center Security member
- ✓ Contributed to RFFRA's Master Plan
- ✓ Continued work on RFFRA's Strategic Plan
- ✓ Attended Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center annual meeting in Baltimore, MD

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Basalt, CO 81621-8247

Fire/EMS Emergency: 911
Fire Department: (970) 340-7040
Chief Scott Thompson: (970) 340-7031

Station 42
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Carbondale, CO 81623-9587

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Station 43
24265 Frying Pan Road
Meredith, CO 81642

Station 44
1909 Snowmass Creek Road
Snowmass, CO 81654

Station 45
5275 Owl Creek Road
Snowmass Village, CO 81615

Station 46
3705 W Sopris Creek Road
Basalt, CO 81621-9181