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To the Orange County community,

As usual, 2023 delivered numerous calls for service, public education events, weekly training and much more. As your local volunteer fire department, our membership works incredibly hard to maintain a high level of service for our community. We continue to not only add in new members but look to find creative ways to expand our service delivery options. In 2022, our department made a significant change by expanding the area where we accept applications. We are continuing to work through this change and look internally at ways we can use this change as an improvement to our department. In the short term, we have seen an influx of new members both in Town and in the County. As we continue to grow, our organization is committed to looking at every possible opportunity. To keep it short; stay tuned.

Our department will soon be a recipient of a new Brush Truck. The Orange County Board of Supervisors graciously approved the purchase of 5 new Brush Trucks that will be deployed in the future once their build process is completed. This purchase has been part of the development of the new apparatus replacement plan funded from the Orange County fire levy. We are excited to see this new addition go to work to serve the citizens.

In the Town of Orange, we have worked with Town Administration and Council to see the movement of two new initiatives. Due to difficulties at recent fires, our department worked with the Town to see a new change made to business addressing. On the backside of businesses we collectively saw that it was difficult for the firefighters to identify businesses from the rear. These changes directly applied to strip malls, multiple occupancy facilities and our businesses along Main Street. The new change created a policy that works with our local businesses to have them mark their rear doors with a fixed address. In addition to this new change, we are continuing to work with the Town Public Works to improve hydrant coverage throughout the Town. Our department has submitted a replacement plan that is in the works. This plan provides Public Works with a list of areas that need new hydrants or need an upgraded hydrant due to its age. As time permits, we are excited to see this plan develop and serve our citizens, businesses and visitors.

We hope that you find our department working hard for its community. We continue to keep our doors open for new members, welcome in our neighbors and look for opportunities to serve each and every one of you. Please don't be a stranger and look us up online (www.orangevfc.com) and on social media for all that is happening at 205 Caroline Street.

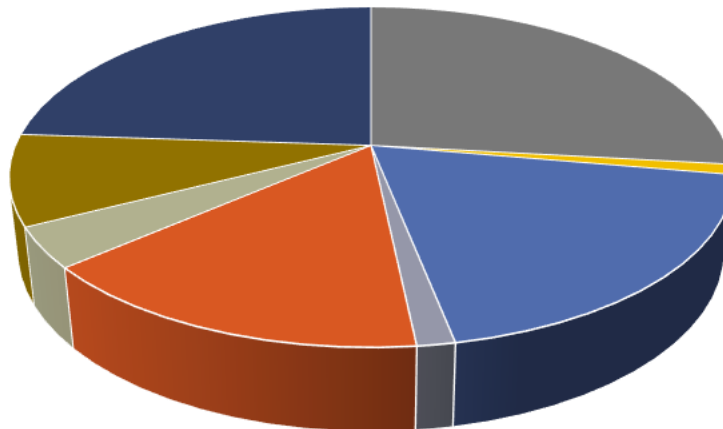
Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. W. Van Dyke", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

2023 RESPONSE STATISTICS

	TOWN OF ORANGE	OUTSIDE TOWN
AUTOMATIC ALARMS	56	71
BRUSH FIRE	2	41
EMS	40	36
HAZMAT	3	6
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	32	111
STRUCTURE FIRES	8	49
VEHICLE FIRES	0	9
INVESTIGATIONS	18	63
PUBLIC SERVICE	50	63
SUBTOTAL	209	449
TOTAL CALLS	658	

TOWN OF ORANGE



- AUTOMATIC ALARMS ▪ BRUSH FIRE ▪ EMS
- HAZMAT ▪ VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ▪ STRUCTURE FIRES
- VEHICLE FIRES ▪ INVESTIGATIONS ▪ PUBLIC SERVICE

2023 TRAINING DATA



**TOTAL
TRAINING
HOURS
1,450**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Each year we recognize people within our organization who have gone above and beyond expectations for bettering their fire company. Each of these rewards is recognition given by their peers or by the Administrative Officers within the fire company. We also recognize a local business or individual each year for their contributions towards Fire & Rescue.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Mekhi Ward

PRESIDENTS AWARD

In Memory of Associate Member Jeff McDaniel

CHIEF'S AWARD

Jessica Gredler

Renee Pope

Randy Williams

April Clark

Barry Jacobs



IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Retention Strategies

- Local tax break incentive program
- Tiered system based upon individual effort
- Our goal for 2024 is to look at every aspect of volunteerism and find ways to encourage our local residents to give back to their community through the fire department.
- We hope we can identify incentive opportunities with Town Administration and Council to boost recruitment and retention within the Town.

