



# Savannah Fire Rescue

Quarterly Update: August 2019

Fire Chief: Derik Minard





## Savannah Fire Rescue

- “All Hazards” fire department
  - Fire
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Technical Rescue
  - Marine 1 – All Hazard Response
- 336 uniformed and civilian employees.
  - 318 Sworn Firefighters
  - 18 Civilian



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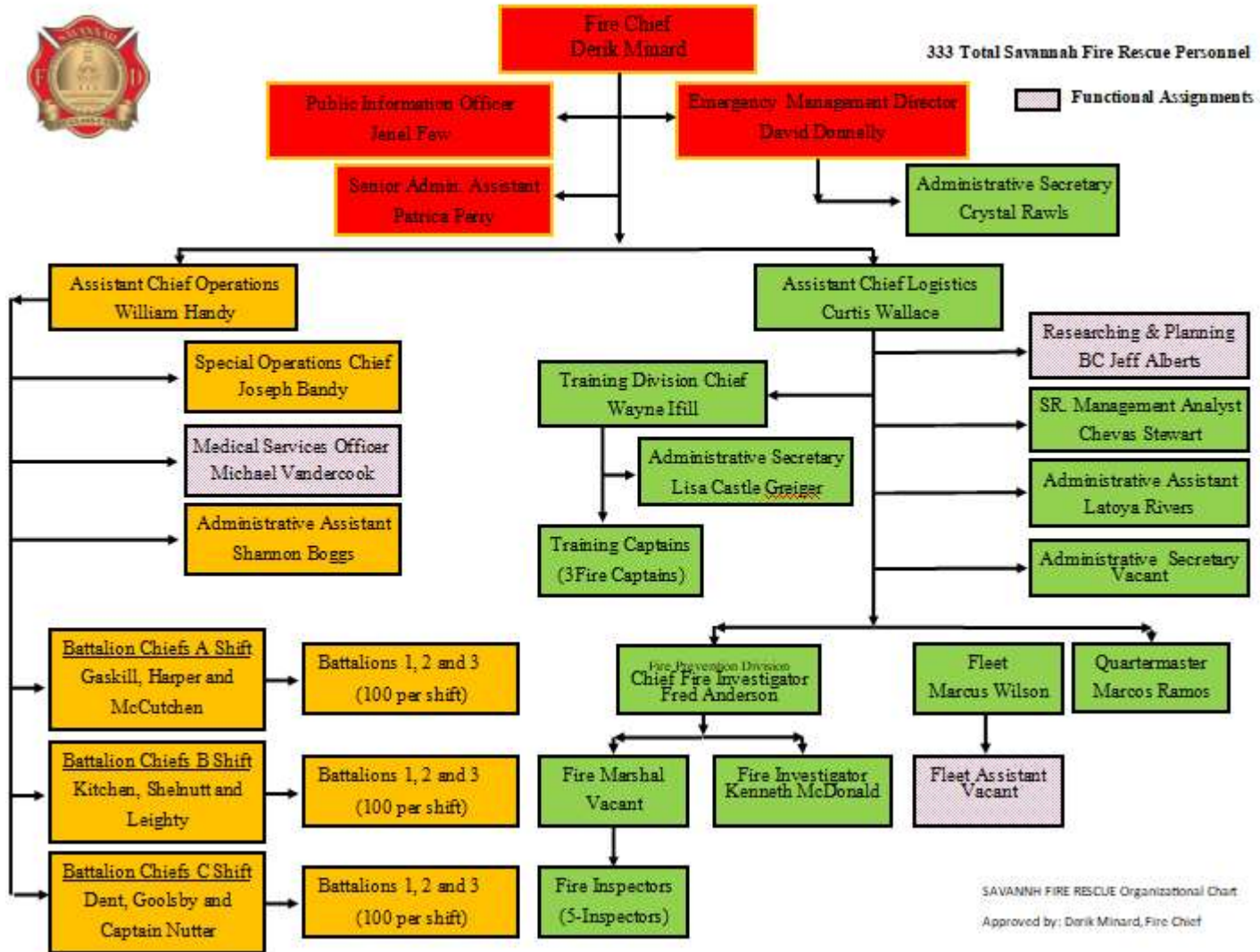
- 15 fire stations (covering 108 square miles)
  - 15 Engine Companies
  - 5 Truck Companies
  - 2 Heavy Rescues
- Over 7,700 calls for service
- Customer Service Rating Positive or Better: 96%



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## Organizational Chart

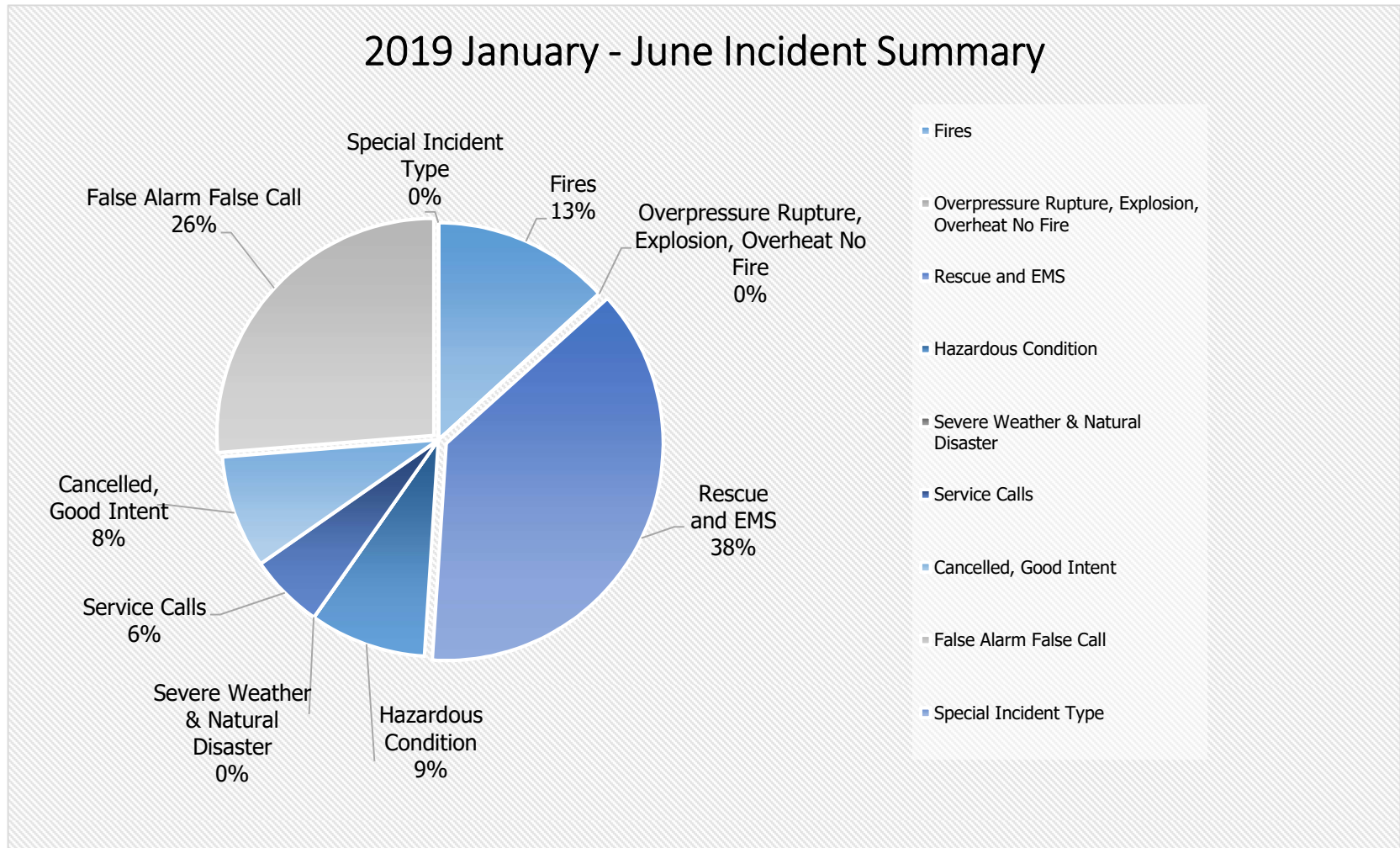




# 2019 First and Second Quarter Review



## General Overview





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- 3,788 calls for service
- 500 Fires - all types
- 5 Vacancies, 1 Fire Marshal Vacancy, 1 Administrative Secretary Vacancy
- All Calls Emergency and Non-Emergency - 90th Percentile - 0:07:16
- First Unit on Scene on Building Fires - 90th Percentile - 0:03:20
- Meeting the goal of having initial Effective Response Force on-scene in under 9:20, 98% of the time



## Highlights

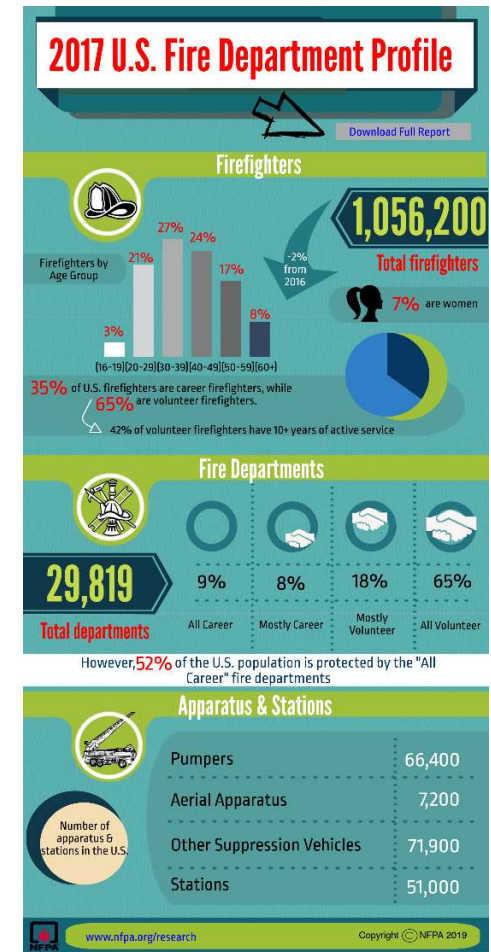
- Continue to have the top-tier fire fighting and emergency response force in the country providing exceptional service to the community
- Reclassified as ISO-Class I
- Preparing for Re-Accreditation – On-Going
  - Currently Developing the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
  - Community Risk Assessment





## Highlights

- Savannah Fire Rescue is in the top .002% of all fire departments in the United States with ISO Class I and CFAI Accreditation. SFR is in the top .013% of all professional departments.
  - 266 accredited
  - 77 ISO-Class 1 and Accredited





## Highlights

- New Fire Chief – Derik Minard
- Received two new Fire Engines (pumpers) and 1 Aerial Tower Truck
- Hazardous Material Exercise with the Coast Guard utilizing all-hazards Marine 1





## Highlights

- Recruit Class Graduation – 22 New Firefighters





## Highlights

- Significant Fires
  - Gateway – Travel Inn Motel - Vacant
    - Worked with Chatham
  - 37<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson
    - Three structures including the First Metropolitan Baptist
  - Brownville Court - Home – Fully involved





## Highlights

- Station 7 Remodel





## **Current Projects and Future Goals**



## Strategic Plan



- Currently Developing the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
- Strategic Planning Committee has met 3 times and comprises of 24 members from a variety of community affiliations
- Currently, both internal and external customers are involved in strategy and objective development





## City-wide Risk Assessment

- SFR units are conducting Fire Risk Assessments
- Each assessment changes the parcel to a specific color representing a risk factor
- Completion date will be December 2019



Survey123 for ArcGIS

### Fire Risk Assessment

Building Length : 75

Building Width : 50

Building Height (No. of Floors) : 3

Fire Flow : 1874

Building Category Description:

Industrial  Commercial

Hospital/ Government  Hotels/ Apartments

Single/Multi-Residential

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## EMS Implementation

- Trained 95 personnel to the EMT Basic Level
- Several meetings to discuss ideas and concepts to meet the needs of Savannah
- On track to meet the Savannah Forward's goal on training EMT's
- Currently researching best practices and analyzing data from current EMS provider.



## SFR Comparison

- In 2018 Savannah Fire Rescue responded to 222 structure Fires
- Since 2018, the City of Savannah has experienced 11 fire related fatalities
- The City of Savannah ranks number 1 in fire related fatalities in the State of Georgia
- Need to develop and enhance Community Risk Reduction plan/FBP

City	Structure Fires	Population	Structure Fires per 100k
Philadelphia, PA	2,517	1,565,000	161
<b>Savannah, GA</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>145,000</b>	<b>153</b>
Phoenix, AZ	775	1,583,000	49
Houston, TX	1,034	2,285,000	45
Chicago, IL	1,148	2,714,000	42
Los Angeles, CA	708	3,949,000	18

source: FireCares.org



## SFR's Future

- Continue to evaluate the Department and implement 100 day plan
- Identify departmental priorities through meeting with Department Staff, internal and external stakeholders, elected officials, and community leaders
- Complete Strategic Plan and Community Risk assessment to assist in development priorities
- Develop vision to move the Department forward as one team in the same direction and meeting Savannah's strategic goals



## SFR's Future

- Analyze data for future station locations
- Continue the process for implementing Emergency Medical Services.
- Develop response plans/needs for annexed areas to ensure citizens receive same level of service
- Develop automatic aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions

