

City of East Point
Fire Department

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Fire Chief Corey Thornton



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

by Fire Chief Corey Thornton

Dear Residents, Supporters, and Stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year, it is with great pride and gratitude that I present the annual report of the City of East Point Fire Department. Serving as your Fire Chief has been a privilege, and I am honored to lead a department that is committed to excellence, innovation, and the safety of our community.

Rooted in a deep appreciation for education, our firefighters have dedicated themselves to continuing to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the evolving challenges of our profession. This commitment is not merely individual but extends to every member of our team, creating a synergy that elevates our collective capabilities.

Education is the cornerstone of our approach to firefighting and community service. It empowers us to refine our strategies, broaden our perspectives, and adapt to the ever-changing landscape of emergency response. Through ongoing learning, we ensure that our department remains at the forefront of advancements, providing the highest level of professional service in Fire, Rescue, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services.

The FY23 Annual Report, provides a comprehensive overview of our achievements, statistical data, and the various programs offered by our department. It is a testament to our collective commitment to service, safety, and community well-being.

Honored to Serve,

Chief Corey Thornton



EAST POINT FIRE AT A GLANCE



2,111 Fire Calls



7,216 EMS Calls



**233 Fire Sprinkler
Inspections**



**11,119 Hours of
Company Training**



**Taught CPR Classes
to 180 people**



**1,276 Food Deliveries
for Local Residents**



**Reviewed 800
Building Plans**



**Attended 108
Community Meetings**

**Our mission is to prevent disastrous incidents from occurring
and to minimize damage to life, property and the environment.**

FIRE HEADQUARTERS

3121 Norman Berry Drive

STATION 2:

3171 Norman Berry Drive

Engine 2, Rescue 2, Battalion Chief

Personnel: 6

STATION 3:

3800 North Commerce Drive

***Under Renovation**

STATION 4:

2222 Ben Hill Road

Engine 4, Ladder 1, Rescue 4

Personnel: 8

STATION 5:

3949 Washington Road

Engine 3

Personnel: 3

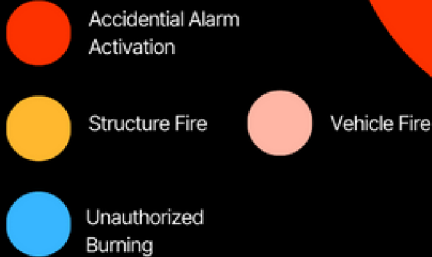
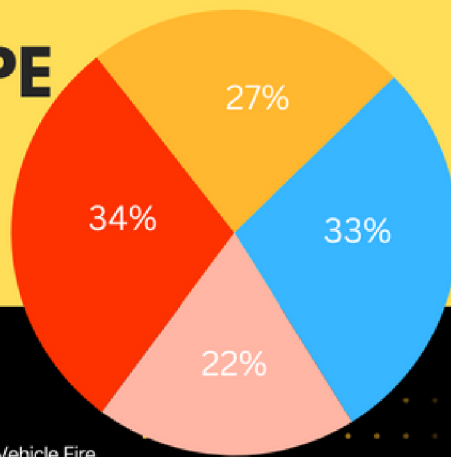
FIRE OPERATIONS

The Operations Division is the heart of the East Point Fire Department. It consists of three Fire stations, located throughout the city, consolidated into one Battalion. The three fire stations are equipped with three engines, one ladder truck, two advanced/basic life support rescue units, one Air/Light vehicle and a battalion command vehicle

Employees assigned to this division are distributed on three shifts A, B, & C, working twenty-four 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty. All operations employees are certified as emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

TOP FIRE CALLS BY TYPE

2023



2023 Individual Unit Responses

Rescue 2	3381
Rescue 4	3272
Engine 2	858
Engine 4	754
Engine 3	687
Ladder 1	327



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Employees on shift and in Fire Administration instruct a variety of Fire Safety classes to neighborhood associations, civic groups, schools and churches. The Fire Safety House, station tours, special community events and neighborhood association meetings are a sampling of the platforms used to convey this information.

Additionally, Fire Crews canvass the neighborhood after fires, conduct home inspections, install smoke detectors, child safety seats and provide blood pressure checks at Fire Stations.

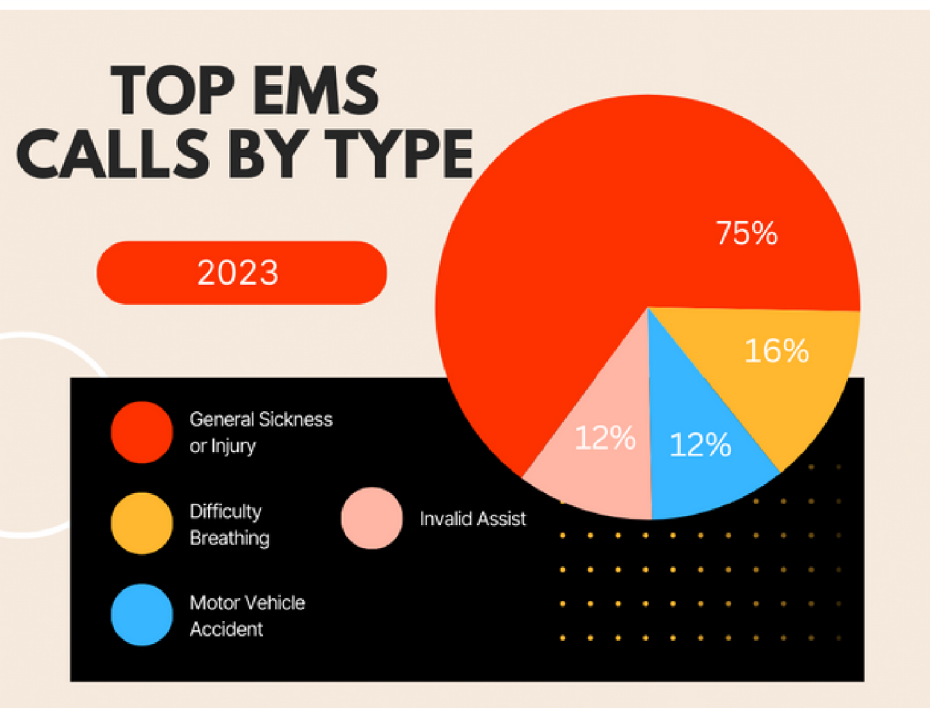
Smoke Detector/CO Installations: 81
Special Community Events: 27
Home Inspections: 2



EMS/FIRE TRAINING AND RESPONSE

The EMS/Training Division is responsible for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Rescue Training. One of the core responsibilities in this division is to provide standards and training and to ensure that all citizens of East Point receive the highest level of professionalism and standard of care.

The Training Division ensures that firefighters comply with all state and national standards for fire and emergency medical services.



2023 Training

- 11,119 hours of Company Training
- 2,064 hours Officer Training
- 1,919 hours Driver's Training
- 585 hours Hazardous Materials Training
- 165 hours Fire Inspector Training
- 150 hours Life Safety Educator Training



RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

FIRE ACADEMY TO ADVANCED EMT TRAINING

Fire Department professional development programs provide an educational foundation for preparation of our Firefighters to meet professional standards.

These programs also provide credentials and meet qualifying requirements in advance of serving in step-up roles and in preparation for future promotional opportunities.

In 2023, a total of 11 new Firefighters were hired.

FIRE OFFICER ON-BOARDING AND PREPARATION

In May of 2023, meetings were held by the Fire Chief to plan and develop the system for on-boarding new officers and creating a pathway for future promotions.

This was in response to the service retirements expected in the new few years.

The Career Path Book (CPB) provides our staff with suggested classes and training to help them progress within the department.

EAST POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT CAREER PATH



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXPANDS IN 2023

The East Point Fire Department continues to actively engage in Community Risk Reduction through various programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing public safety and awareness. Programs like "Be Cool About Fire Safety" offer interactive education to students through skits, puppet shows, and songs during National Fire Prevention Week and throughout the year.

The Fire Safety House, an inflatable teaching tool, educates children on home dangers. Regular presentations at neighborhood associations and schools cover emergency planning, fire prevention, and home safety. Fire personnel conduct free home inspections, install smoke alarms, and offer CPR/AED training for residents and businesses. Overall, these initiatives reflect a dedicated commitment to community well-being and risk reduction.

927

People were educated during 2023 in fire and life safety through in-person sessions.

FIRE PREVENTION



The Fire Prevention Division oversees the Fire Prevention and Fire Investigation programs. Fire Prevention is responsible for enforcing the Fire Codes of the City of East Point and the State of Georgia, conducting annual business inspections, determining the cause and circumstances of fires and explosions, reviewing building sites, detection, and suppression plans to ensure code compliance, reviewing fire lane plans, and issuing Certificates of Occupancy to new businesses.

800 sets of Building Plans Reviewed
255 Certificate of Occupancy Inspections
233 Fire Sprinkler Systems Inspections
30 fires Investigated
15 Fire Alarm Systems Inspections
7 Ceiling Cover Inspections

Fire Chief Corey Thornton and Battalion Chief George Toney Achieve Certified Fire Chief Certification



We are proud to announce the achievements of Fire Chief/Chief Fire Officer Corey Thornton and Battalion Chief George Toney, who have both been awarded the prestigious Certified Fire Chief Designation from the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs. This recognition represents their unwavering dedication to leadership, professional development, and their continued commitment to enhancing the fire service in our community.

To attain this esteemed certification, Chief Thornton and Battalion Chief Toney underwent a rigorous evaluation that reviewed their extensive qualifications, credentials, and contributions to the fire service. This accomplishment not only underscores their personal commitment to excellence but also elevates their respective departments to new heights of proficiency and effectiveness.

Chief Thornton and Battalion Chief Toney's successful attainment of this certification is a testament to their leadership skills, extensive experience, and commitment to ongoing education within the fire service. Their dedication not only reflects positively on their own professional journeys but also serves as an inspiration to fellow firefighters and officers across the state.

