



**City of Coeur d'Alene Fire Department**  
**2023 Average Response Time per Zone**



# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

We gave out several awards throughout the year, including Life Saving Awards and Awards of Exemplary Action.



In February, FF/P Justin McGarvin, FF/P Cory Miles, FF/P Ryan Munson, and FF/P James LaVille graduated from our fire academy. These gentlemen were hired as lateral firefighter-paramedics.



Three of our firefighters participated in the LLS Firefighter Stair Climb Fundraiser in the Spring. Their team combined with other local fire departments and together raised \$20,000 to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and their fight against blood cancers.



We held a Grand Opening ceremony for our brand new Marine Facility in May. Mayor Hammond did the honor of uncoupling the fire hose (our version of cutting the ribbon) as the fire boat was steered into the garage. We also had the honor of partnering with the CDA Tribe in naming the fire boat "Chdeln" which means "to guard or protect."



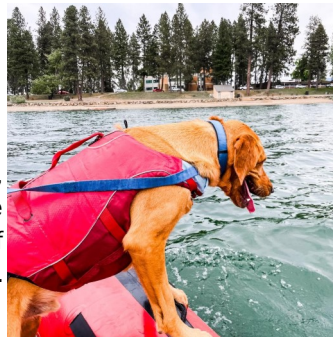
FF-P Cody Moore, Idaho Disaster Dog's team leader, wrote and released a children's book called "Murphy Gets a Job." This is the true story of Moore's K9 Murphy, from puppy to working search and rescue dog.



There were two Fill the Boot events to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association: September 9th at our Annual Open House we set up a dunk tank and September 22nd at Anchored Coffee. Total raised between the two events was \$2,944.



In September, our canine search team, Idaho Disaster Dogs, started training in water recovery. The ability to assist in the recovery of victims under water has been a long-time goal of the canine program.



Local 710 collected 7,777 pounds of food and raised \$2,800 from Mobile Santa in December for the local food bank. We are thankful to our community for their generosity and support!

**Congratulations!**

**5 years of service**  
FF/P Joel Batchelder

**10 years of service**  
FF Greg Thaxton  
Captain Colby Ivey

**15 years of service**  
Engineer Jeff Butcher

## Fire Prevention Division

- ◆ 32 fire investigations were performed.
- ◆ Deputy Fire Marshal Bobby Gonder conducted 4 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention evaluations.
- ◆ Attended 45 project reviews for new construction or remodel projects within the City (26 new, 19 remodels).
- ◆ Reviewed 502 permits (93 residential, 409 commercial) for new construction or remodels and performed required code inspections for all.
- ◆ Public Education and Community Outreach:
  - 43 - Smoke detector assistance/replacements
  - 26 - Public Relations/Education events
  - 58 - Station tours
  - 78 - Ride alongs
  - 16 - School visits
  - 11 - CPR/First Aid classes



Deputy Fire Marshal Bobby Gonder



Deputy Fire Marshal Craig Etherton

## Looking forward . . .

**In 2024, our fire department eagerly anticipates achieving new heights in community safety and service. Our goals include:**

- ◆ Begin planning and educating for the upcoming G.O. Bond in May 2025, as well as outlining a 3 to 5 year strategic growth plan.
- ◆ Identify land location for fifth fire station.
- ◆ Continue emphasis on PTSI and firefighter fatigue.
- ◆ Enhance our physical fitness program.
- ◆ Conduct an Engineer Training Academy.
- ◆ Conduct Engineer testing and promotional processes.
- ◆ Modify current high-rise ordinance and pursue FARS system in high rise buildings.
- ◆ Pursue third party commercial inspections.
- ◆ Work with L-710 on Civil Service revisions and certifications.
- ◆ Continue to emphasize partnership opportunities in the community.
- ◆ Conduct a multi-agency RTF Active Shooter exercise.
- ◆ Pursue sustainable funding for ITRT.

**With these objectives in focus, we are poised to meet challenges head-on and continue safeguarding our community with unwavering dedication.**