



City of Coeur d'Alene Fire Department

2024 Annual Report

SUMMARY

Land Area: 16 Sq. Miles

City Population: 56,894

Fire Budget:
\$13,661,623

4 Stations

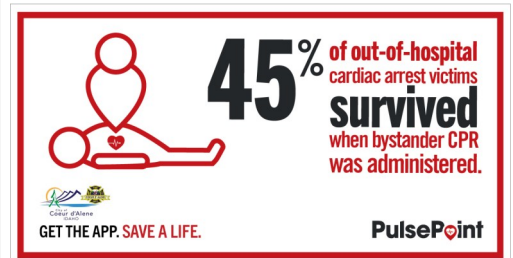
Personnel Total:
63 Line personnel
(33 Paramedics)
1 Fire Chief
3 Deputy Chiefs
1 EMS Officer
2 Deputy Fire Marshals
3 Administrative Staff



Engineer Josh Hoston was awarded 2023 **Employee of the Year** at our awards ceremony in March 2024.

PulsePoint Mobile App

In October, we introduced PulsePoint in the City of Coeur d'Alene — a mobile app designed for CPR-trained citizens. This innovative tool alerts users when someone nearby is in need of CPR, empowering them to respond quickly and potentially save lives.



UNITS

1 - 100' Ladder Truck
4 - Engine/Pumpers
1 - Heavy Rescue Truck
2 - Fireboats
1 - Back-country Rescue with tracked UTV
4 - Ambulances
2 - Fire Prevention/Investigation Vehicles
2 - Type 6 Wildland Engines
5 - Chief Officer Vehicles
3 - UTV's for Special Events
1 - Mass Casualty/Rehabilitation Truck



Firefighter Zackary Brawley had the highest number of individual runs at **1,154**.



Firefighter-Paramedic Chad Matchell & K9 Scout were honored to deploy to the southeast with WA TF-1 to aid in the rescue & recovery efforts following hurricanes Helene & Milton.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE COEUR D'ALENE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS AND VALUED GUESTS OF THE CITY OF EXCELLENCE. WE ARE DRIVEN BY PERFECTION AND STEERED BY KNOWLEDGE, TRADITION AND INTEGRITY.



2024 BY THE NUMBERS

**TOTAL CALLS
FOR SERVICE**

10,591

**FIRE
RESPONSE**

2,710

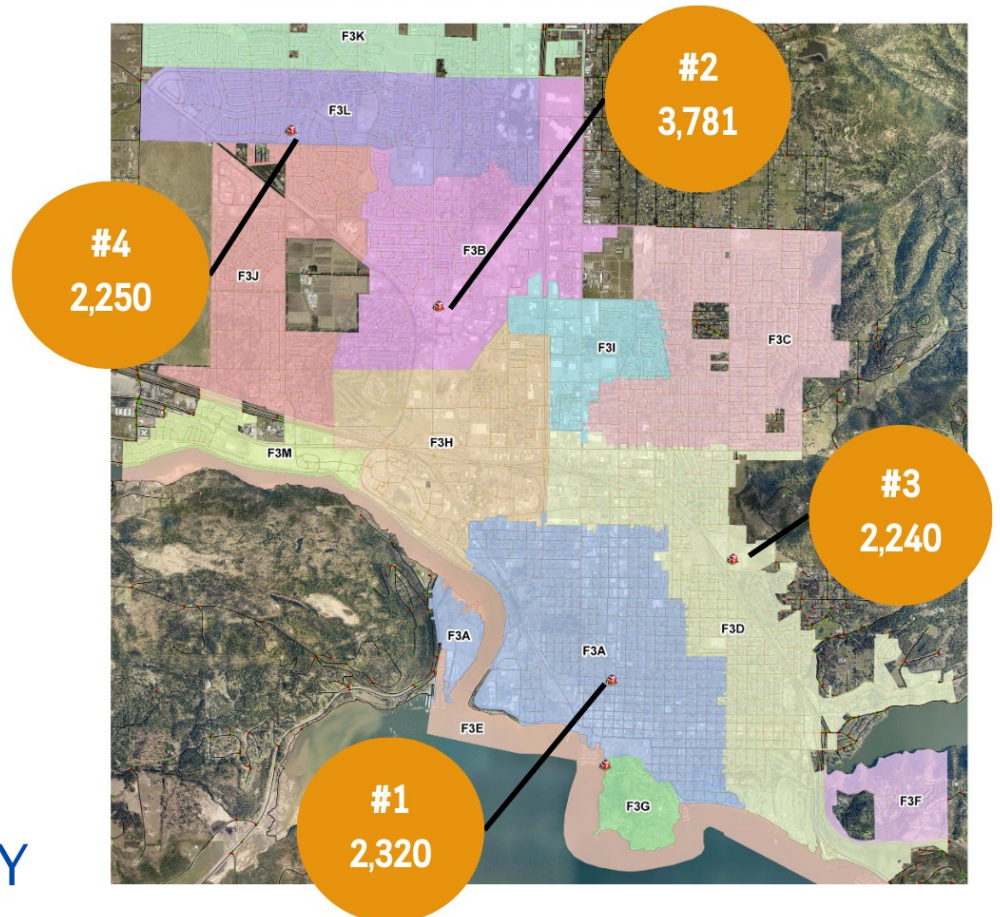
**EMS
RESPONSE**

7,881

**AVERAGE
CALLS PER DAY**

29

CALLS BY STATION



MUTUAL AID

280

CARDIAC ARRESTS

118

**AMBULANCE
TRANSPORTS**

5,591



HIGHLIGHTS of the YEAR



Three of our firefighters participated in the LLS Firefighter Stair Climb Fundraiser in the Spring. Together, their team raised an impressive \$17,480 to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in its mission to combat blood cancers.

Firefighter and Shift Investigator, Justin Torfin has tested for and earned the designation of FIT (Fire Investigation Technician) from the International Association of Arson Investigators. This certification is a great first step toward earning the designation of Certified Fire Investigator.



This year, Fill the Boot fundraising looked a little different than years past. L710 had the opportunity to partner with the CDA Downtown Association and collect funds during the Car d'Alene cruise and car show. Due to the generosity of the community, firefighters were able to raise a total of \$2,782 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

In August, we were called upon to deploy wildland medical resources to support two separate fire incidents. Firefighter Keith Benz was assigned to the Whisky Fire near Hood River, Oregon, while Firefighter Travis Georgius was deployed to the Sharrott Creek Fire near Hamilton, Montana.



In September, we had the honor of presenting Dave Powell with a Life-Saving Award. He jumped into action when a young man called for help from the water at City Beach. He swam out to the young man and brought him back to shore where he was able to recover from the near-drowning while waiting for fire department personnel to arrive. We are so proud of Mr. Powell for his courage and swift actions that day to save a life.

Local 710 coordinated two food drives this year. In September, the Back-to-School food drive resulted in 1,028 lbs of food and \$1,062 cash given. In December, the Mobile Santa food drive collected 7,523 pounds of food and raised \$3,326 for the local food bank. We are thankful to our community for their generosity and support!



Congratulations!

5 years of service

FF/P Lavoryn Nguyen
FF Zackary Brawley
Admin Asst Margo Cole
Admin Asst Amy Valadez

20 years of service

Deputy Chief Bill Deruyter
FF Blaine Porter
Engineer Jesse Freije
FF Keith Benz

25 years of service

Captain Matt Sowa
Captain Greg Rod

Promotions

Battalion Chief Joe Lind
Captain Greg Thaxton

Retirements

Battalion Chief Lee Holbrook

Fire Prevention Division

- ♦ Investigated 25 fires
- ♦ Conducted 4 juvenile firesetter intervention evaluations.
- ♦ Attended 21 project reviews for new construction or remodel projects within the City (10 new, 11 remodels).
- ♦ Reviewed 437 permits (55 residential, 382 commercial) for new construction or remodels and performed required code inspections for all.
- ♦ Public Education and Community Outreach:
 - 61 - Smoke detector assistance/replacements
 - 58 - Public Relations/Education events
 - 42 - Station tours
 - 92 - Ride alongs
 - 22 - School visits
 - 4 - Fire/life safety classes



Deputy Fire Marshal Bobby Gonder



Deputy Fire Marshal Craig Etherton

Looking forward . . .

In 2025, our fire department eagerly anticipates achieving new heights in community safety and service. Our goals include:

- ♦ Successful G.O. Bond election in May 2025
- ♦ Begin capital improvement projects and apparatus purchases
- ♦ Begin implementing strategic plan goals and review progress quarterly
- ♦ Auto-Aid agreement with KCFR
- ♦ Implement “closest resource” within the county CAD system
- ♦ Acquire property for future Station 5
- ♦ Increase Medic 34 funding through KCEMSS
- ♦ Contract with 3rd party commercial inspection company
- ♦ Propose dedicated FD mechanic/preventative maintenance program through budget process
- ♦ Explore administrative restructure to promote succession planning
- ♦ Conduct bi-annual Battalion Chief and Captain testing processes in April and May
- ♦ Conduct entry level FF and lateral FF/PM testing process in June
- ♦ Implement annual DOT inspections on all line apparatus
- ♦ Finalize self-inspection program for low hazard occupancies
- ♦ Increase number of shift fire investigators
- ♦ Bolster public education opportunities
- ♦ Continue to enhance community partnerships

With these objectives in focus, we are poised to meet challenges head-on and continue safeguard-