



# THE FDC – FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

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## UPCOMING

### JANUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Drill – EMS (CPR Re-Cert.)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Academy Start
- 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> MLK Jr. Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Drill – FF Skills
- 24<sup>th</sup> Active Shooter Training- SPD
- 24<sup>th</sup> Drill – FF Skills
- 26<sup>th</sup> Banquet Nominations Due
- 31<sup>st</sup> Drill – Officer Training MVA IC



## SPOT OF RECOGNITION

The following individuals have resigned from their volunteer position at Silverton Fire District. Thank you for your service!

- Mitchell Stephens
- Ed Grambusch
- Chloe Santana
- Phil Sowa
- David Kneeland

A warm welcome to the new recruits currently going through the 2024 Academy!

- Henry Butsch
- Casey Dahlberg
- Diego Flores
- Nathan Howell
- Ian Isherwood
- Clayton Kuenzi
- Weston Luthi
- Johnathan Milner
- Noah Price
- Rochelle Schmidt
- Brandon Schurter
- Abigail Tallent
- Darrin Warriner

### FEBRUARY

- 7<sup>th</sup> Drill – EMS (Airway Adjunct)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> President's Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet
- 21<sup>st</sup> Drill – Fundamentals of Extrication
- 28<sup>th</sup> Drill – Extrication Practice

### MARCH

- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Academy Start
- 6<sup>th</sup> Drill - EMS (Respiratory Emergencies)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> MLK Jr. Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Drill – Pt. Handling at MVA's & EV's
- 26<sup>th</sup> Banquet Nominations Due
- 27<sup>th</sup> Drill – MVA Scenario

### MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

- CPR Recert
- Wildland PPE

### CERTIFICATE COURSES:

- FF1 Academy
- Driver



## FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Bill Miles



It's hard to believe that 2023 is over and 2024 is here. As we finish 2023 and we look back at all we have accomplished, there is a lot to be proud of.

I am very proud of everyone's hard work and dedication and there has been many in the past year who have accomplished obtaining certifications as instructors, EMR's, Drivers, Pumper Operators, Haz-Mat IC's, Fire Investigator, Public information Officers, Fire Officer and the list goes on. Thank you for your continued commitment to the community and for your personal commitments of continuous improvement to deliver the highest level of service we can. In the fire service we are always training and improving ourselves. From the day we join the Academy till the day we retire, our training is continuous. That's the fire service culture and that's what we have to do to be the best we can be!

The 2024 Training Academy starts Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> with 21 students, 15 from Silverton Fire, 4 from Mt. Angel, 1 Monitor, and 1 from Drakes Crossing. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> year that Silverton Fire has held a formal weekend training academy, beginning in 1994. Thanks to Lt. Dan Brown for a great job of recruiting this past year and bringing in 11 combat and 3 support volunteers and thanks for all the hard work of organizing and running the Academy. There is a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to

make the Academy go. I also want to give a big thanks to all the volunteers and staff that give up their weekends to instruct and assist training these new volunteers. Training new volunteers is one of most vital programs we have and it is one of the most rewarding and important things we do as trainers and mentors.



I want to give a huge thank you once again to Lieutenant Ray Dandeneau for his leadership and his tireless dedication in running another successful Food and Toy drive this year. His efforts in spite of many challenges continue to produce huge food and toy donations which coupled with his partnerships with Zenith Women's club, SACA and several other community groups, go to help hundreds of families in the Silver Falls School District. Thank You Lt. Dandeneau!

Congratulations to Captain Steve Baker on his promotion and new assignment as Captain of Station 8. Thank you to Captain Hulett for covering the vacancy on B407 while we work on appointing a replacement.

## ASSISTANT CHIEF

Keith Veit



### Join the Safety Committee - Make a Difference

As we embark on a new year, we are excited to reinforce our dedication to maintaining a safe and secure workplace for all. To achieve this, we are actively seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our Safety Committee, a crucial team that plays a pivotal role in shaping and enhancing our safety practices. The Safety Committee meets once monthly to discuss and evaluate new/old business, injury reports, accident reports and exposure reports. Safety Committee meetings are always open for all members of the district to attend. If you are interested in joining the Safety Committee or would like additional information, please send me an email.

### Academy 2023: Congratulations on Completing Probation!

In the spirit of recognizing dedication and hard work, we extend congratulations to the 2023 Academy members who have successfully completed their probationary period.

### ESO Update

When completing your ESO reports please remember to add your crew on the unit report, response priority and the date you completed the report.

### Annual Firefighter Physicals

As the new year is upon us it is a great time to think about getting your annual physical exam completed. We are exposed to several inherent risks that are unavoidable, we do our absolute best to minimize these risks however they are still present. There are exposures to chemicals that can increase the risk for specific cancers and the physiologic strain of the fireground that increases risk for cardiac events. We need to be proactive and utilize physicals to detect any new or underlying health conditions or concerns. The reality is that regular annual physical exams are just another tool in the toolbox that we can and should utilize to ensure our safety and overall health.

You have the option to utilize your regular primary care provider -OR- Township Health here in Silverton (Township medical bills the district directly). The district will reimburse out of pocket costs not covered by your insurance associated with annual physical exams should you choose to use your PCP. Please contact Candace with any question related to scheduling or reimbursement. Contact information for Township Health in Silverton: Tel (503) 836-7455, located at 113 S Water St. Silverton, OR.

# TRAINING & RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Lt. Dan Brown



## LOOK WHAT WE DID!!!

By now you may have noticed the 2024 Silverton Fire District Academy has begun! Once again, we are training MAFD, Monitor Fire District, and Drakes Crossing Fire District recruits along with our own 12 Combat (including Corey Selfridge, kickin' it up a notch!) and 3 Support Services recruits! We are expecting to have 22 students total; the outside agencies will be providing instructors and apparatus for the Academy as well. We have posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for assistant instructors, and have issued signup sheets to the other agencies as well. If you are interested in being an Assistant Instructor for Academy, please check it out!

Noah Smith (Clackamas Fire) is rejoining the Fire District as a Station 3 responder (if he's not already on by now), as well as an additional prospective Task Performance for Station 8<sup>09</sup> coming to us from the Portland Fire Bureau.

To quote Assistant Chief Veit: "Our best recruiting tool is ourselves, the membership". Talking to and informing our friends and neighbors is an extremely effective way to bring in new members. If you find yourself needing information or materials to share, please feel free to reach out to Lt. Dan!

We did an AMAZING job of gaining certifications this year!! The list is long, and includes LOTS of names...check it out! You all should be as proud of yourselves as I am. Truly an excellent way to give to the communities we serve, by "upping our game" with training. Drill attendance has been climbing as well...Keep it up! If you have ideas for training, or have connections for props; etc. Let the Training Advisory Group know...we meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

As I learn more about Target Solutions, categorizing and keeping track of training hours will get better. I'm working on streamlining, and improving "the look" on our home page... I've been pleasantly surprised every time I snoop through profiles to see the number of hours folks have...very impressive! We are also planning our own Fire Officer 1 and Mobile Water Supply certification classes this year. Keep up the good work, and let's make 2024 a great training year!



# 2023 NFPA/NWCG/DPSST CERTIFICATIONS

\* Not including outstanding applications for certification

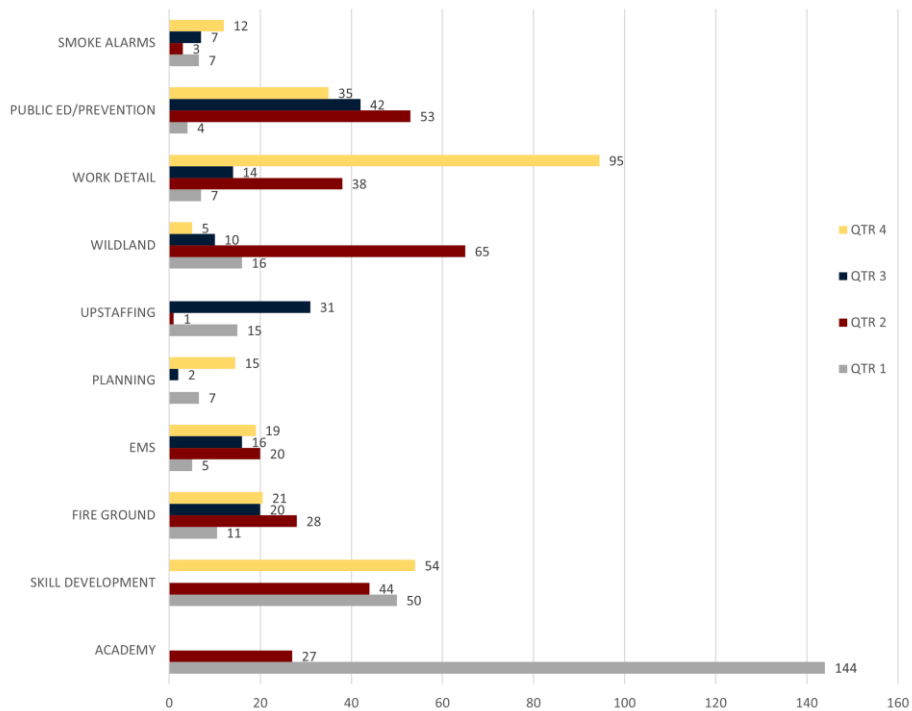
- **NFPA Firefighter 1**  
Jared Breitbach  
Natel Gubbels  
Derek Hoagland  
Abby Hulett  
Isaac Kuenzi  
Joseph Marinos  
Ashton Martin  
Don Matteson  
Jamie Morrison  
Ben Netter  
Giovanni Neves  
Kaleb Schurter
- **NFPA Firefighter 2**  
Steve Baker  
Spencer Beachy  
Jared Brown  
Deb Conner  
Mark Crawford  
Ray Dandeneau  
Ginny Miller  
Claire Varney  
Cleo Zars
- **NFPA Fire App. Driver/Op**  
Jared Breitbach  
Julie Hansen  
Joe Homutoff  
Abby Hulett  
Joseph Marinos  
Ashton Martin  
Don Matteson  
Dawn Montoya  
Ben Netter  
Ryan Redman-Brown
- **NFPA App. Equipped w/Fire Pump**  
Julie Hansen  
Ted Klopfenstein  
Ryan Redman-Brown  
Wyatt Tegen
- **NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations**  
Jared Breitbach  
Nate Gubbels  
Robert Guenther  
Derek Hoagland  
Abby Hulett  
Isaac Kuenzi  
Joseph Marinos  
Ashton Martin  
Don Matteson  
Jamie Morrison  
Ben Netter  
Giovanni Neves  
Kaleb Schurter
- **NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness**  
Jennifer Homutoff  
Joseph Hughes
- **NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander**  
Daniel Brown  
Ray Dandeneau  
Ben Netter  
Randle Redman-Brown  
Keith Veit
- **NFPA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1**  
Jared Brown  
Joe Homutoff  
Jesse Hulett  
Ted Klopfenstein  
Ashton Martin  
Ryan Redman-Brown  
Wyatt Tegen  
River Valdez-Savage  
Cleo Zars
- **NFPA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 2**  
Daniel Brown  
Cleo Zars
- **NFPA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 3**  
Rick Heuchert  
Keith Smith
- **NFPA Live Fire Instructor**  
Daniel Brown  
Ray Dandeneau  
Max Hughes  
Jesse Hulett  
Kyle Miller  
Randle Redman-Brown
- **NFPA Live Fire Instructor in Charge**  
Rick Heuchert  
Keith Veit
- **NFPA Fire Officer 1**  
Mark Crawford  
Ray Dandeneau  
Max Hughes  
Kyle Miller  
Keith Veit
- **NFPA Fire Investigator**  
Mark Crawford
- **NFPA Public Information Officer**  
Candace Cantu  
Bill Miles
- **NFPA Maritime Fire Service Deck Hand**  
Jimi Tolmachoff
- **Wildland Firefighter Type 2**  
Jared Breitbach  
Ryan Breitbach  
Aaron Graf  
Abigail Hulett  
Isaac Kuenzi  
Joseph Marinos  
Don Matteson  
Dawn Montoya  
Jamie Morrison  
Ben Netter  
Ryan Redman-Brown  
Kaleb Schurter  
Corey Selfridge  
Emily Zars
- **Wildland Firefighter Type 1**  
Deb Conner  
Jesse Hulett  
Ted Klopfenstein  
Randle Redman-Brown  
Ryan Redman-Brown  
Wyatt Tegen  
Andrew Terhaar
- **Wildland Engine Boss, Single Resource**  
Kyle Miller  
Ian Peterson  
Randle Redman-Brown
- **Strike Team Leader Engine**  
Buck Pilmore
- **Task Force Leader**  
Buck Pilmore
- **Oregon Emergency Medical Responder**  
Steve Baker  
Matt Kaufman  
Isaac Kuenzi  
Joseph Marinos  
Don Matteson  
Jamie Morrison  
James Ruks  
Kaleb Schurter  
Corey Selfridge  
Jason Tarpley
- **Oregon Emergency Medical Technician**  
Aaron Graf  
Julie Hansen  
Abigail Hulett  
Ben Netter  
Ryan Redman-Brown  
River Valdez-Savage

2023 WEBSITE VIEWS



ACTIVITY HOURS  
Quarter 4

Activities by members are hours beyond regular Wednesday night drills. These include Academy training and other training completed by members on their own accord. Public education and public assistance events can include many different functions; school assemblies, first Fridays, installing smoke alarms and batteries. Work Detail is when a volunteer(s) help with maintenance, cleaning, EMS Standby for sports etc.



## DRILL PARTICIPATION

### Quarter 4

Data used for this report is rendered from the number of current active firefighters on our roll sheets divided by the number of personnel that attended drill night.

Additionally, drill nights typically follow a consistent training activity schedule as listed below:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Safety Committee, Apparatus Inspections, EMS Related Topic

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Officer's Meeting, Apparatus Inspections, Association Meetings

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

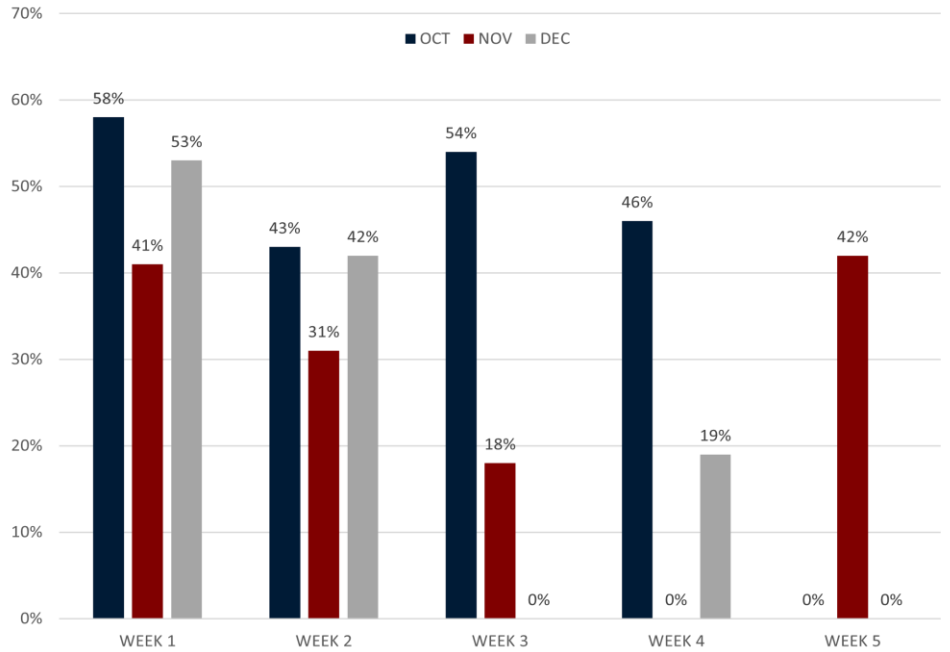
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

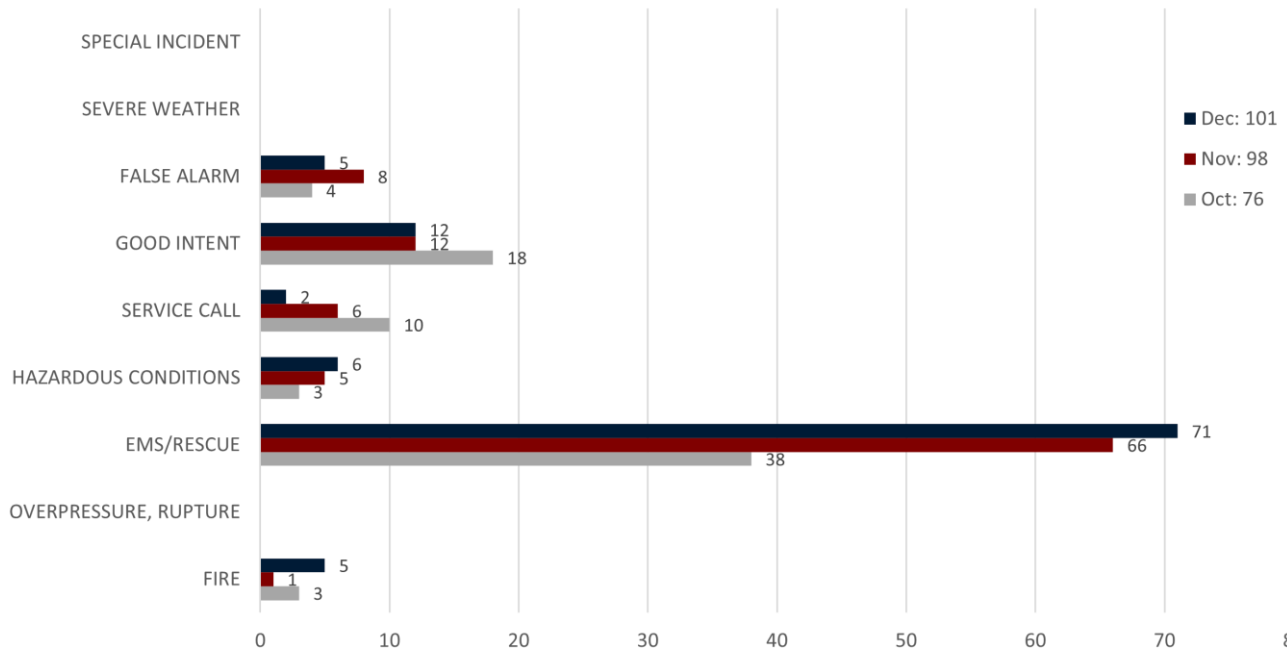
#### 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

When fifth Wednesdays are present in the month, Officer or specialty training is given



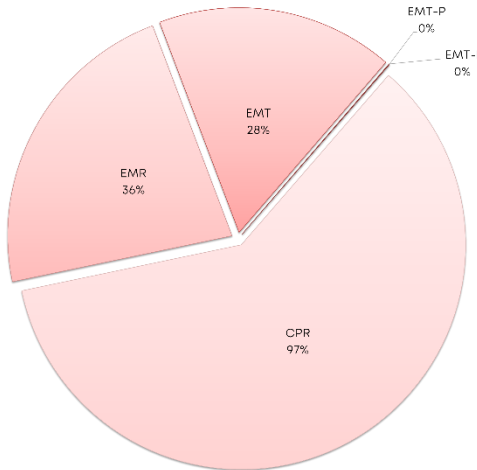
## CALL DATA

### Quarter 4





First off, congrats to our newly certified EMR's! Remember to keep up on your training hours. Currently, the District has 25 EMR's, 19 EMT's, 1 EMT-I, & 4 Paramedics, and 67 CPR certifications. That is approximately 50 percent of our membership certified in providing a higher level of care to our community.



Our burn room sensor module is at Fire Facilities for a wiring harness repair. I am hoping to get that part back quickly. Then I will get that installed ASAP.

A big thanks to Chief Viet and Lt. Dan in purchasing new CPR dummies and getting new CPR instructors certified.



## FIRE PREVENTION

Max Hughes



We're excited to share news about the recent upgrades to our Public Education and Fire Prevention closet – a valuable resource right here within our department.

Inside, you'll discover a range of materials dedicated to enhancing our community safety efforts. This includes essentials like materials for smoke detector replacement and rural address signs, specifically chosen to support our emergency response capabilities.



The heart of the closet lies in its extensive collection of public education materials. From informative pamphlets to practical props, we've carefully organized resources to aid our ongoing education initiatives. This closet is designed to be a year-round asset, catering to our in-season events and continuous fire prevention efforts.

Feel free to explore and familiarize yourself with the updated space. It's a hub created with our collective safety and education in mind.



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## MAINTENANCE

Ian Peterson



All annual testing for 2023 has been completed. Annual testing timeline for 2024

### January- March

- Hydro cylinders that needed to be tested.
- Service oil change for all midsize vehicles.
- Annual aerial testing L408.
- Annual service on the breathing air compressor Station 1.
- Annual testing of sprinkler system, backflow and smoke detectors Station 1.
- Annual service for generators Station 1,8 and Eastview radio site.

### April-July

Pump testing and annual service oil change. Engines, brush trucks and tenders. Annual service on AC units Station 1 and 8.

### July-September

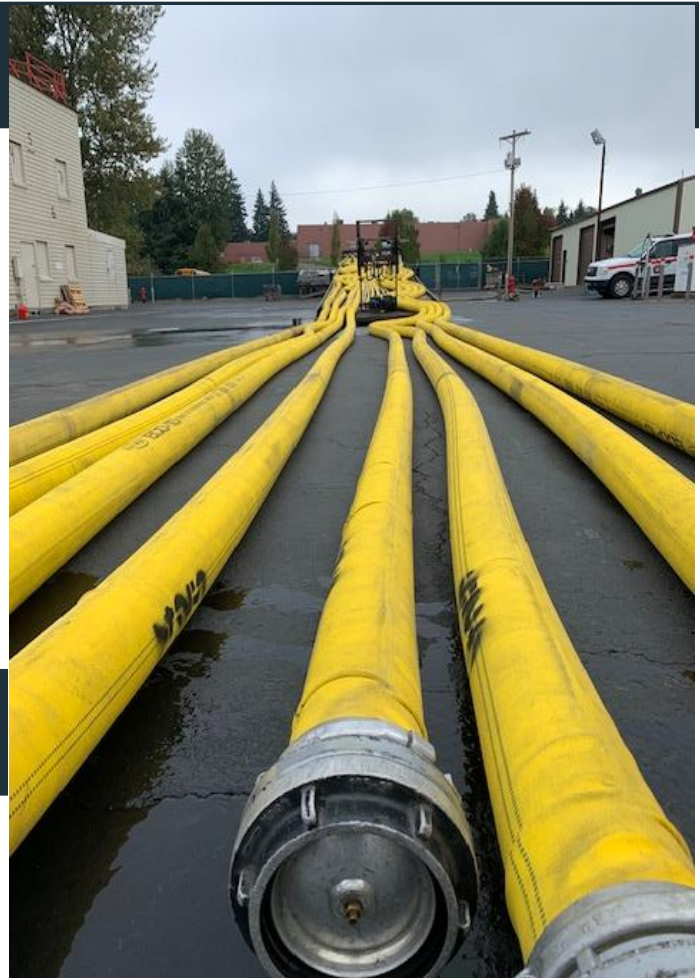
Repairs and or finish up service. Fighting wildland fires.

### October

Annual hose testing and ground ladder testing. Annual service on furnace units at Station 1 and 8

### November-December

Annual SCBA flow testing.



## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Candace Cantu

### 2023 W2's were mailed January 24, 2024

We look forward to seeing each of you at the **2024 Annual Awards Banquet on February 17, 2024**. Social hour will begin at 6:00pm at the Silverton Elks Lodge!

The District Award Program will recognize individuals who provide a standard of excellence to the District and its citizens through outstanding participation in training, alarms, and volunteer activities. The awards are: Firefighter of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Medic of the Year, Officer of the Year, Support Member of the Year. The nominations for awards will be from the Volunteers. Any member may nominate anyone. Please complete a new form for each nomination-nominee. Selection of award recipients will occur during the month of January. The Nominations will then be reviewed by chief officers who will select the award recipients. All personnel who are nominated will be recognized at the annual awards banquet in February. **Nominations are due by 5:00pm on January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

