

**LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2003**



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Dear Citizens of Lincoln:

As Mayor of Lincoln it is my pleasure to present Lincoln Fire & Rescue's 2003 Annual Report. We are fortunate to live in a city where the women and men of our fire department are so dedicated. It was a great disappointment when our community suffered the loss of two of our residents in an early morning fire in 2003. Every effort should be made by each of us to avoid this type of loss.



This annual report is more than an overview of an excellent city department. This annual report provides a variety of information about Lincoln Fire & Rescue's activities, personnel, and accomplishments during the year 2003. Feedback from many health care professionals in our city indicate that the fire department continues to provide excellent ambulance service.

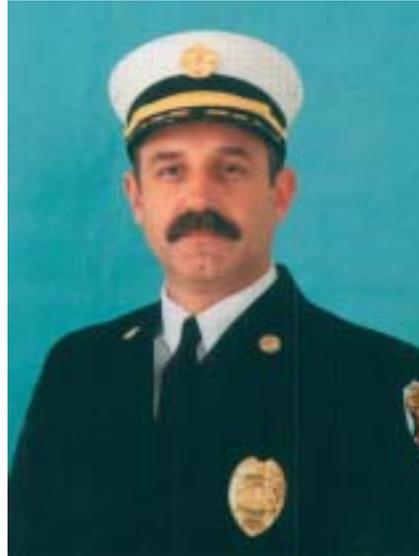
The members of our fire department have the desire to serve, the ability to perform, and the courage to act. We can all take pride and should thank them for their service to our community.

Sincerely,

Coleen Seng  
Mayor of Lincoln

Dear Citizens of Lincoln:

Lincoln Fire & Rescue members continue to provide outstanding services to the citizens of our community. The challenge of providing fire protection, hazardous materials response, emergency medical response, and ambulance services has been met. With the help and support of the entire community, we have a highly efficient response and control system for emergencies that occur. Good building codes, interest by citizens in community safety, fire safety prevention education of our children, and the dedication of Lincoln Fire & Rescue personnel delivering emergency services, all go hand in hand making our community an outstanding place to live. Unfortunately 2003 was marred by a double fire fatality on Christmas eve. We encourage all members of our community to be fire safe, and hopefully in 2004 we will meet our goal of zero fire related deaths.



This year the department's emergency and non-emergency ambulance services have continued to mature and provide excellent transportation and medical care to our residents.

The department pledges to continue to provide the highest quality service possible when people in our community need help.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Spadt  
Fire Chief  
Lincoln Fire & Rescue

## ***Our Mission...***

*To provide the highest level of life and property safety through the extension of fire prevention, fire control, emergency medical services, and public education.*



## Administrative Division

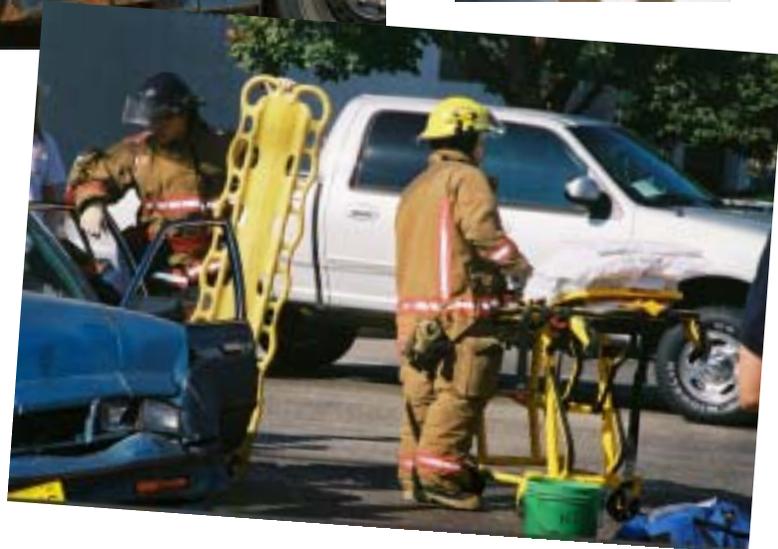
The administrative division coordinates support services for all divisions of the fire department through the assistant chief of support services, six staff personnel, and community volunteers. Daily operations require providing administrative services, human resource management, physical resource management, and developing and maintaining operating policies.



## Emergency Services

Emergencies are responded to from 14 fire stations located throughout our city of 232,362 citizens in an area of 79.55 square miles. The 14 engine and 4 ladder apparatus are staffed by a captain, fire apparatus operator, one firefighter, and one firefighter/paramedic (engines only). The city is divided into 167 fire response zones with an average response time to emergencies of 4.08 minutes from the time of dispatch. Two deputy chiefs are always on duty, and split the city east and west for operational response activities.

A total of 1,427 fire alarms resulted in a fire loss of \$7,251,421.00. Property involved in fire that was saved was \$172,912,891.00. The department responded to 42,447 calls.

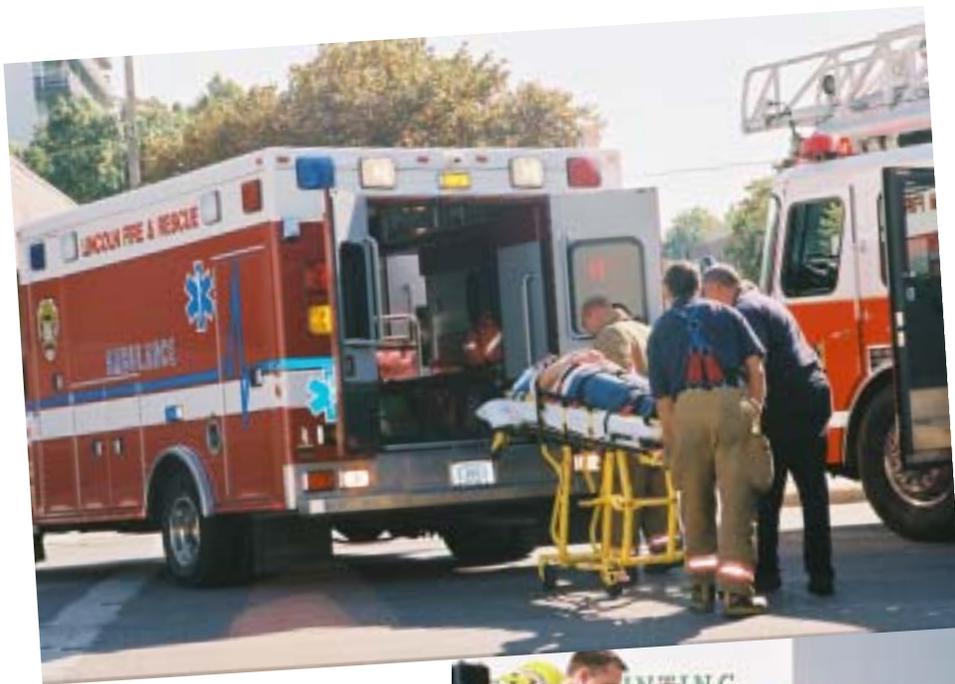


## Emergency Medical Services Division

A paramedic engine company responds to all 911 requests for medical assistance within the city. The average response time for an engine was 4.08 minutes during 2003. Fire department paramedics accompany all critical patients in the ambulance to the emergency department.

Ambulances are stationed in various fire stations throughout the City. Each ambulance is staffed with one paramedic and one EMT. Working as a team with paramedic engines, this EMS system provides two paramedics and four EMT's on the scene of a medical emergency within the City.

During 2003, Lincoln Fire & Rescue paramedics responded to 17,996 calls for emergency medical assistance.



## Fire Inspection Programs

The inspection program includes three areas which give Lincoln Fire & Rescue an opportunity to impress upon the public the need for fire prevention with active participation in preventing loss before it occurs. When fire hazards are located and corrected, the public benefits through the reduction of fire losses, reduction of fire deaths and injuries, and by educating the community to create a fire conscious working environment. The three areas are:

1. Business Inspections
2. Pre-planning
3. Hazardous Material Inspections

A total of 4,616 business inspections/contacts were made by members of the emergency services division.



## Training Division

The training division for Lincoln Fire & Rescue provide knowledge and skills training to all fire department personnel.

Our mission is to provide the highest level of emergency service to the citizens of our community. Those services include: emergency medical response, advanced life support transportation, fire suppression, and new recruit training. Additional technical skills for emergency response include: hazardous materials mitigation, confined space rescue, high angle rescue, dive rescue, auto extrication rescue, collapsed building rescue, and trench rescue.



Many non-emergent training programs are required as well. Those include: fire apparatus operator certification, diversity training, and transfer ambulance training, to mention a few.

Five day captains and the deputy chief of training create and implement a comprehensive training schedule each year to address the Federal, State, and Local regulations, rules and policies. Each emergency services employee receives at least 30 hours of structured fire suppression training and 24 hours of EMS training annually. The division also coordinates and delivers training for members of the Urban Search & Rescue task force.



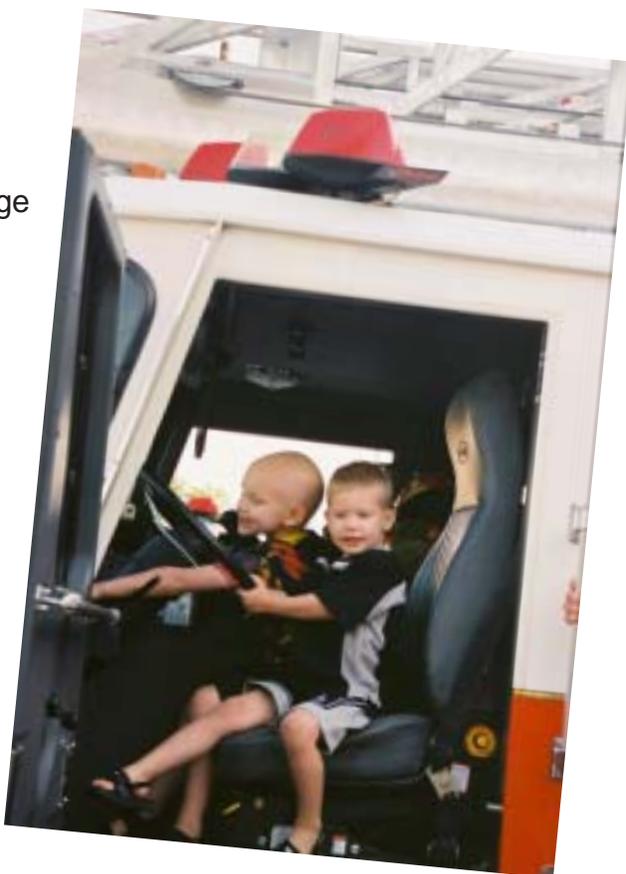
## Maintenance Division

The maintenance division is responsible for a continuous preventive maintenance program for 55 vehicles to ensure cost effective and efficient operation. Emergency vehicles include 14 engine companies, 4 aerial pumper companies, 11 ambulances, 1 brush rig, 1 hazardous materials vehicle, and 1 mobile air unit. The department has 3 reserve engine companies, one reserve aerial pumper, and 19 support vehicles.



## Community Fire Education

Lincoln Fire & Rescue is committed to providing fire safety education to citizens through a variety of programs reaching all age groups, in their living and working settings, and educational units. Coordinating the program requires the commitment of our community leaders, fire administrators, firefighters, civic groups, schools, and businesses.





## Award Recipients

Outstanding efforts by employees deserves recognition. Members of the department and the community receive awards each year for their efforts.



## Personnel

### Battalion 1

Arnold Hart  
Ron Kennett  
Dean Staberg



### Battalion 2

Derald Murrell  
Larry Edwards  
Bruce Sellon

### Administration

Mike Spadt, Fire Chief  
John Huff, Assistant Chief of Support Services  
Rich Furasek, Assistant Chief of Operations  
Sandy Yost, Executive Secretary  
Kim Kabourek, Account Clerk  
Ngoc Dao, Accountant  
Rick Klein, NETF1 Program Coordinator  
Ken Joyce, Fire Systems Programmer  
Julie McGahan, Office Specialist

### Captains

Bill Moser  
Bill Fowler  
Dennis Borchers  
Dave Friedeman  
Dustin Morton  
Michael Hohbein  
Tim Anderson  
Jan Robertson  
John Hibberd  
Leroy Novak  
Guy Pinkman  
Dwayne Novak  
Mark Munger  
Marty Proctor  
Gary Christman  
Francis Tomcak  
Jeff Grasmick  
Steve Dolezal  
James George  
Jay Adams

Bret Davis  
Larry Nelson  
Bruce Elsberry  
Ron Trouba  
Rick Grell  
Randy Bohaty  
Ron Hohbein  
Garry Kuehn  
Michael West  
Tom Priefert  
Lee Peterson  
Julio Talero  
Jon Enevoldsen  
Gregg Wiese  
Kelly Newton  
Hal Kennedy  
Jim Bopp  
Randy Case  
Mark Gronewold  
Scott Bastin

Leo Benes  
Dale Wojtasek  
Dennis Miller  
Greg Contreras  
Tim Sherwood  
Dale Finke  
William Swenson  
Jeanne Pashalek  
Tom Hinzman  
Joe Millard  
Robert Weddington  
Scott Thompson  
Michael Clements  
Robert Cunningham  
Gary Leyden  
John Arnold  
Richard Pickel  
Jeff Hatcher  
Arnold Jensen  
Kenneth Bothwell



### Transfer Medic

Jason Seepersad  
Michele Cavalieri



### Transfer EMT

Justin Henkel  
Dallas Fletcher

### Fire Apparatus Operators

Richard Dillon	Mark Darrington	Mark Linke
Kevin Barry	Jeff Gottbreht	Ron Hassebroek
Mike Schmidt	Dennis Kruse	Terry Bouma
Barry Knopik	Paul Thege	Richard Newell
Ronald Wolf	Terry Houchen	Kenny Lintz
Neil Bell	John Ware	Ron Carlson
Dwayne Koranda	Thomas Mann	Kent Kobza
Bill Hershberger	Kevin Johnson	John Olig
Martin Remmenga	Brad Luedke	Craig Cheney
John Schmidt	Dolyn Meinke	Stewart Shepard
Rogert Dondlinger	Eldon Mannschreck	Dan McIntosh
Dan Piersol	Douglas Dow	David Backhus
Alan Bruns	Chad Roof	Richard Zechmann
Arthur Kavan	Charles Province	Kevin McCoy
Scott Renken	John Lemke	Gary Gauchat
Larry Scranton	Doug Andersen	Charles Struble
Mike Kolb	Dan Bare	Kenneth Payne
Dennis Bohlken	Glen Kempf	Bruce Worth

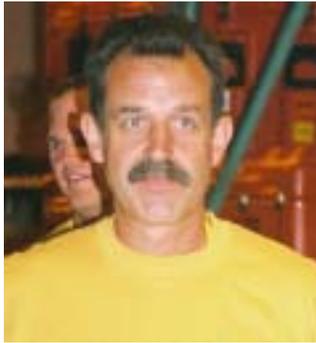
# Personnel

## Firefighters

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Tod Allen        | Gregory Bell     |
| Mike Selvage     | Matt Roberts     |
| Dan King         | Mike Wright      |
| Shawn Podraza    | Mike Moss        |
| Byron Yung       | Shawn Mahler     |
| Mark Eberspacher | Frank Vasquez    |
| Ken Gaughran     | Jayson Layton    |
| Lloyd Mueller    | Bryan Kratochvil |
| Sten Ulrich      | Michael Satorie  |
| Dave Steward     | Greg Connolly    |
| Gary Worster     | Brad Moslander   |
| Jason Schmale    | John Christen    |
| Jeremy Mitchell  | Jeff Topil       |
| Dan Krause       | Kevin Searle     |
| Mike Mayfield    | Steve Saathoff   |
| Guy Jones        | Brian Walters    |
| Dan Harms        | Martha Ortman    |
| Mike Smith       | Jeff Meinke      |
| Jerid Foster     | Dennis Bowers    |
| Jesse Theiler    | Alan Hoback      |
| Annette Woehrer  | Dawn Clements    |
| Mikael Tupe      | Tracy Spivey     |
| Mark Majors      | Mark Heithoff    |
| Dave Allison     | Bob Borer        |
| Andrew Garivay   | Kris Draper      |
| Michael Green    | Nick Thill       |
| Tony Chapp       | Jeremy Hosek     |
| Troy Kash-Brown  | Brad Thavenet    |
| Phillip Ganoung  | Scott Pierson    |
| Jon Colborn      | Tim Chavanu      |
| Brian Giles      | Troy Boothe      |
| Daren Merryman   | Mike Love        |
| Dave Luedtke     | Matthew Dowell   |
| Art Longoria     | Tod Sehnert      |
| Jerry Hesser     | Mike Novak       |
| Larry Rayburn    | Dave West        |
| Shane Cuttlers   | Chuck Carlson    |
| Mark Eberspacher | Marianne Holgate |
| Curt Faust       | Carol Weigand    |
| Mike Meyer       | Jeremy Gegg      |
| Koren Erickson   | Kenny Baker      |
| Kyle Sabatka     | Jason Loch       |
| Ron Trouba Jr.   | Gary Bruns       |

## EMS Division

- Sherrie Meints, Business Manager
- Dick Wenske, Business Manager
- Stacy Burkett, Office Assistant
- Theresa Guenther, Accountant I



## Training Division

- Danny Wright, Deputy Chief
- Kim McKay, Captain
- Nancy Anderson, Captain
- Eric Jones, Captain
- Pat Borer, Captain
- Mike Conditt, Captain
- Jaimie Merryman, Office Assistant

## Maintenance Division

- Dennis Klein, Deputy Chief
- Bob Poe, Fire Equipment Mechanic
- Mark Doehling, Fire Equipment Mechanic
- Robbie Koranda, Fire Equipment Mechanic

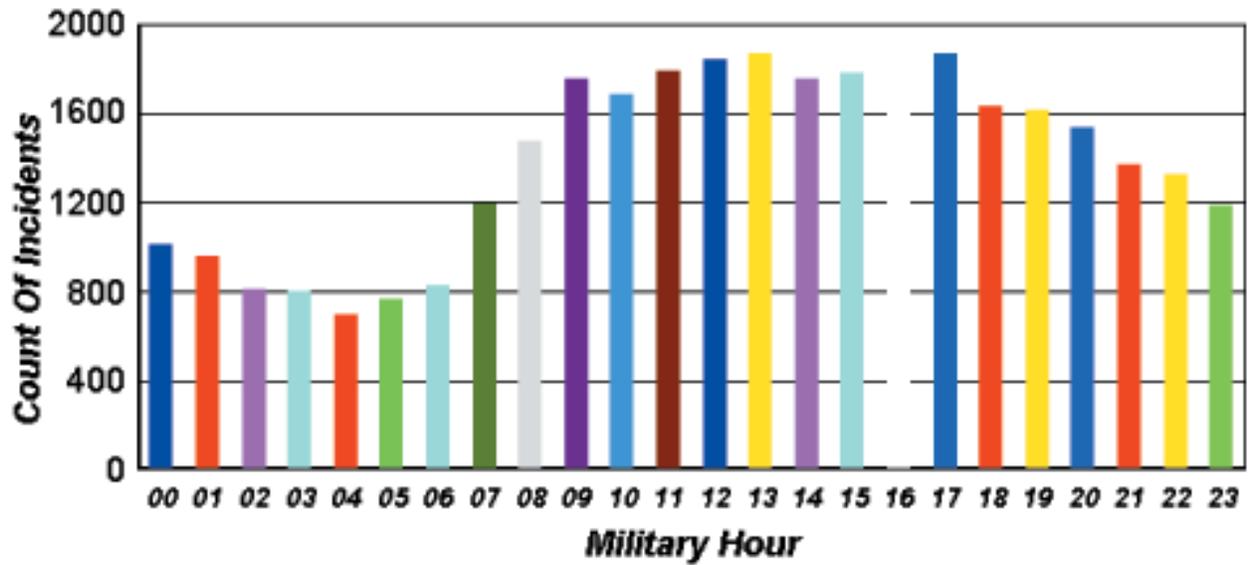


## Firefighter/Paramedic's

- |                |                  |                    |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Scott Wiebe    | Tony Hewitt      | Dean Delany        |
| Dave Kluthe    | Dave Engler      | Peter Eppens       |
| Scott Nydahl   | Joseph Nelson    | Nancy Engelbrecht  |
| Marty Moon     | Michael Cox      | Dennis Clark       |
| JD Johnson     | Travis Schroeder | Aaron Pospisil     |
| Todd Gilkison  | Matt Vonderfecht | Deb Staberg        |
| Daryl Hartley  | Craig Clark      | Dustin Witherspoon |
| Mark Bridwell  | Kyle McCown      | Andrew Evans       |
| Jeff Leaf      | Dan Winkenwerder | Dan Jones          |
| Jeff Gannon    | Devlon Puckett   | Gregg Fisher       |
| Roger Bonin    | Chris Jones      | John Massie        |
| Dan Duncan     | Tim Linke        | Jim Wiese          |
| John Weyers    | Carolyn Magor    | Mark Sullivan      |
| George Gasper  | Rodney Ford      | Francisco Martinez |
| Troy Hurd      | Jon Patton       | Scott Williamson   |
| David Lorenzen | Brent Mehling    | Steve Novak        |
| Damon Robbins  | Aaron Drake      | Greg Shoemaker     |
| Mickey Roscoe  | Danny Scharff    | Shawn Durbin       |
| Marla Fletcher | Victor Stava     | Tim Stohlmann      |
| Mary Jo Nelson | Alan Crist       | Rick Schneider     |

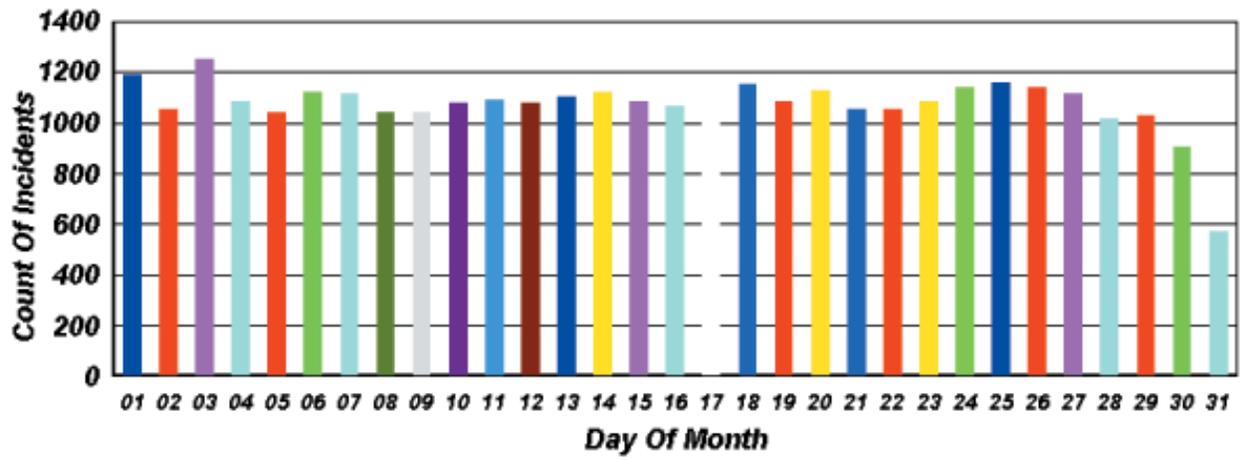
## Statistics

*Count Of Incidents By Time Of Day*



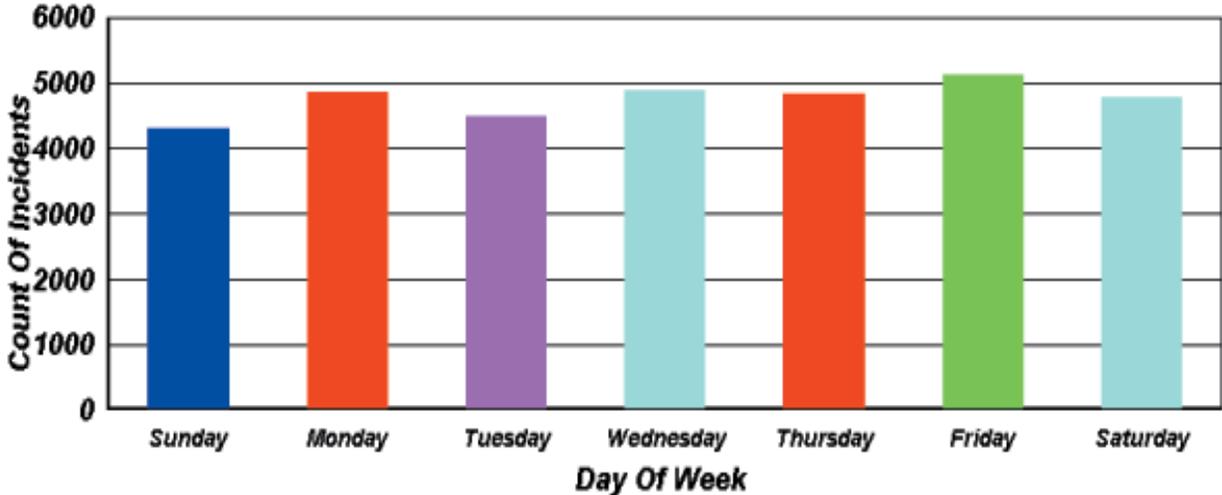
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*Count Of Incidents By Day Of Month*

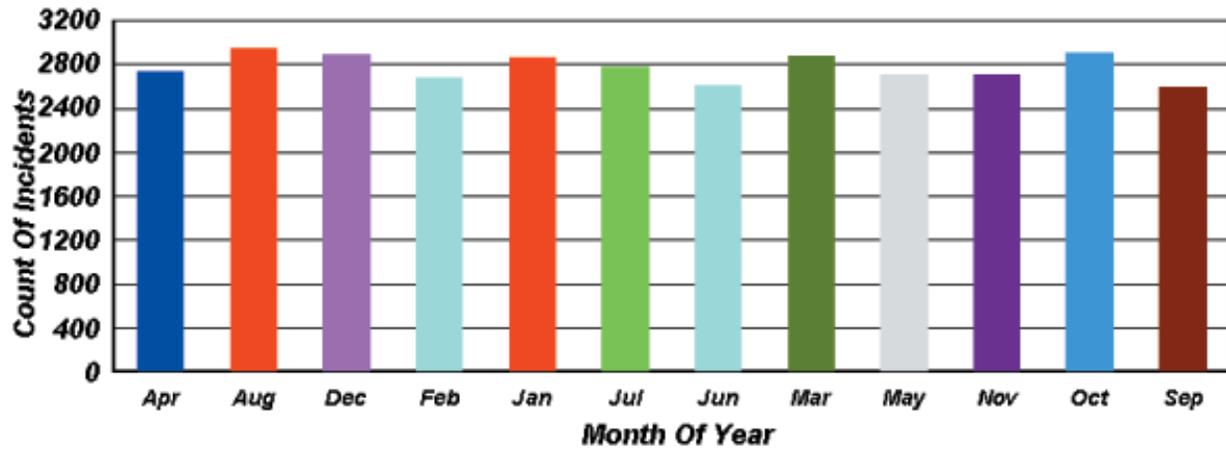


# Statistics

*Count Of Incidents By Day Of Week*



*Count Of Incidents By Month Of Year*



## Statistics

### 2003 Fires by type

Unknown	4
Arcing, Shorted Elec Equip	55
Check Extinguished Fire	97
Chimney Fire, No Damage	7
Controlled Burn - Authorized	1
Excessive Heat	25
Explosive Device - Bomb Rem No Deton	1
False Alarm	1,424
Fire w/Medical	3
Illegal Burning	4
Lightening Strike	4
Medical	3
Mutual Aid	4
Natural Disaster	1
Outside of Structure Fire	22
Outside Spill, Leak w/Ensuing Fire	4
Power Line Down	36
Public Service - Assist Patient	6
Refuse/Garbage Fire	75
Spills, Leaks - Haz. Chem. or Rad.	6
Steam Rupture	4
Structure Fire	122
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	56
Vehicle Fire	113
Water Evacuation	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,084</b>

### False Alarms:

Bomb Scare, No Bomb	2
CO Detector Alarm	0
False Call, Malicious	86
False Call, Medical	0
False Call, Other	302
Medical - No Patient Found	2
Nothing Found at Location	71
Smoke Scare	263
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke	12
System Malfunction	534
Unintentional Trip	150
Wrong Location	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,424</b>

### All Units:

Medical Runs	17,996
Other Runs	24,451
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,447</b>

Population: 232,362

Land Area: 79.55 Square Miles

Fire Stations: 14

### Residential/Commercial Fires:

Residential	341
Commercial	1,743
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,084</b>

### Fire related Deaths: 2

### Public Education

Monday	48
Tuesday	49
Wednesday	84
Thursday	76
Friday	70
Saturday	103
Sunday	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>



## Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1)

Lincoln Fire & Rescue is proud to be the sponsoring agency for Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF1), 1 of 28 Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search & Rescue (FEMA-US&R) task forces. Personnel from Lincoln's US&R task force have responded to incidents such as at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, Oklahoma City, and to assist in the recovery efforts after the loss of the space shuttle Columbia. Approximately 125 of the 150 task force members are fire personnel with Lincoln Fire & Rescue and receive training specific to the location and rescue and/or recovery of missing persons in the aftermath of natural or man-made disasters. Lincoln Fire & Rescue's partnership with the federal government has provided invaluable training and equipment that otherwise would not have been possible. The City of Lincoln and surrounding region benefit from the added knowledge and experience that personnel have acquired due to our participation in this national program since 1991.



## In Remembrance

2003 brought the unexpected loss of one member of the department. Captain Rick Cuba. Rick succumbed to disease after a short illness. He was a valued member of the department.



*Richard "Rick" K. Cuba  
January 27, 1950 - March 13, 2003*

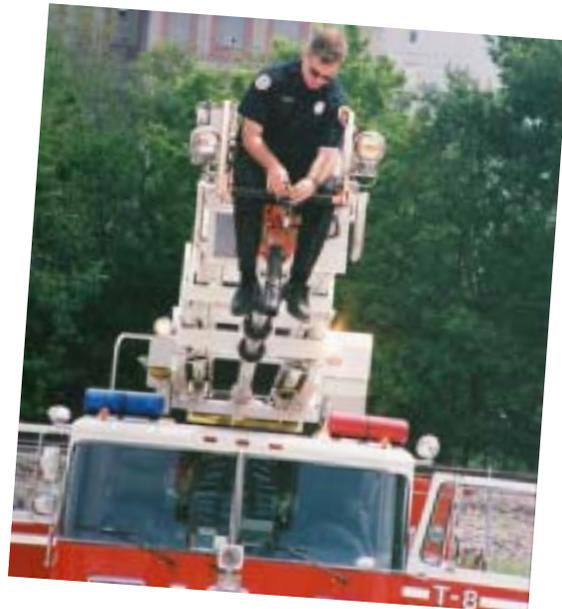


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# We Will Never Forget...



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