



# NORTH KANSAS CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2013

## North Kansas City Fire Department Mission

To enhance our community's quality of life by providing life safety, property/environmental preservation, and emergency management through professional prompt response, training and community education.





## FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



On behalf of the fifty-eight professional men and women of the North Kansas City Fire Department, I am very proud to present the North Kansas City Fire Department's 2013 Annual Report. I think you will find this report interesting and informative.

In April, our community driven strategic planning process was conducted bringing people from the community together with members of the fire department. The input from these stakeholders led to the development of the department's Strategic Plan, our planning tool for the next three to five years. This will allow the department to focus on specific goals and objectives in order to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and delivery of emergency services. Many of our goals are already well underway such as expanding our public training programs in the area of fire extinguisher and CPR training.

A major initiative in 2013 has been our enhanced collaboration with our police and fire communications center. With the support of the personnel in the Dispatch Communication Center, we have significantly enhanced our dispatching capabilities, improving customer service and ultimately firefighter safety. We owe a debt of gratitude to the professionals that make our communications systems work so well. We are continuing to focus on improvements, refining our data collection systems to better measure how and where we need to improve.

2013 was a year of renewal as it relates to our fleet. Council provided funds for the replacement of some aging equipment in 2013. Specifications were developed and an order was placed for a new Pierce fire engine with an anticipated delivery date of April 2014. Specifications are also under development for the purchase of a new ambulance and ladder truck. These purchases will assist the department in moving toward a more reliable, efficient and environmentally friendly fleet.

The North Kansas City Fire Department's partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and Head Start Child Safety Seat Program was also expanded in 2013. Eleven department car seat technicians oversaw the donation and installation of 337 child safety seats. Fire department personnel also provided and installed free smoke detectors to residents of the city in cooperation with a regional grant from the Heart of America Fire Chiefs Association.

This past year the department participated in brightening a child's day with a ride in a fire truck and fun at the fire station through the Children's Miracle Network. In October, we collaborated with the City Community Center with helping out with the city's "Halloween Spooktacular". And finally, we had several appearances by "Sparky the Fire Dog" at the library throughout the year.

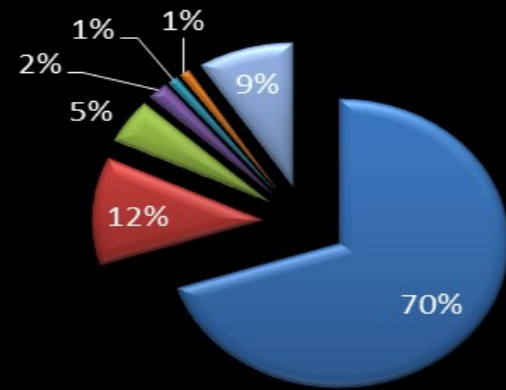
Truly the department has accomplished much in 2013 and is moving forward focusing on the future to maintain our commitment to providing the highest level of safety to our residents and visitors. I cannot overstate my gratitude to the men and women of the North Kansas City Fire Department and Communications Center for their commitment, hard work, and outstanding efforts to make this department all that it is. And I would be remiss if I did not convey my sincere thanks to the citizens, city council and city administrator for their continued support of our personnel and mission.

Gary Fisher  
Fire Chief EFO, CFO



# Incidents

- Rescue/EMS
- False Alarms
- Mutual Aid (given)
- Fire/Explosions
- Hazmat Responses
- Other Hazardous Conditions
- Service Calls



## Risk Reduction Activities

Smoke detector installations -	141
Car Seat Installation-	368
Occupancy Inspections -	184
plan Reviews-	218
Preplans-	720
Operational Permits-	13
Public Education events-	12
CPR Classes-	9
Citizens Trained in CPR-	58
Fire Inspections-	310

### Incident Types

#### Number

Total Reponses	1,702
Rescue/Emergency Medical	1,186
False Alarms	205
Mutual Aid (Given)	86
Fire/Explosions	32
Hazmat Responses	19
Other Hazardous Conditions	25
Service Calls	149

### Administration

#### Financial

FY 2012/2013 \$5.5 Million

#### Staffing

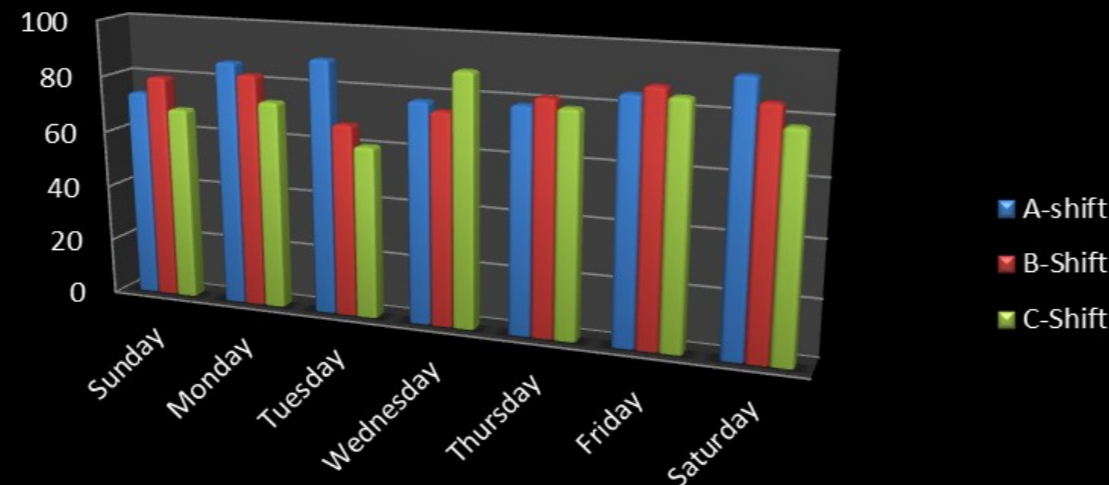
Uniform Career -54  
Administration -3  
Inspections -1



## Fire Department 2013-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN



### Incidents by Shift and Day of the Week



### Training

Structural Fire Training	3,028 hrs.
Non-Structural Training	3,738 hrs.
Emergency Medical Training	2,221 hrs.
<b>Total Training Hours</b>	<b>8,987 hrs.</b>

- Conducted Battalion Chief testing process
- Conducted Fire Engineer testing process
- Conducted Firefighter hiring process

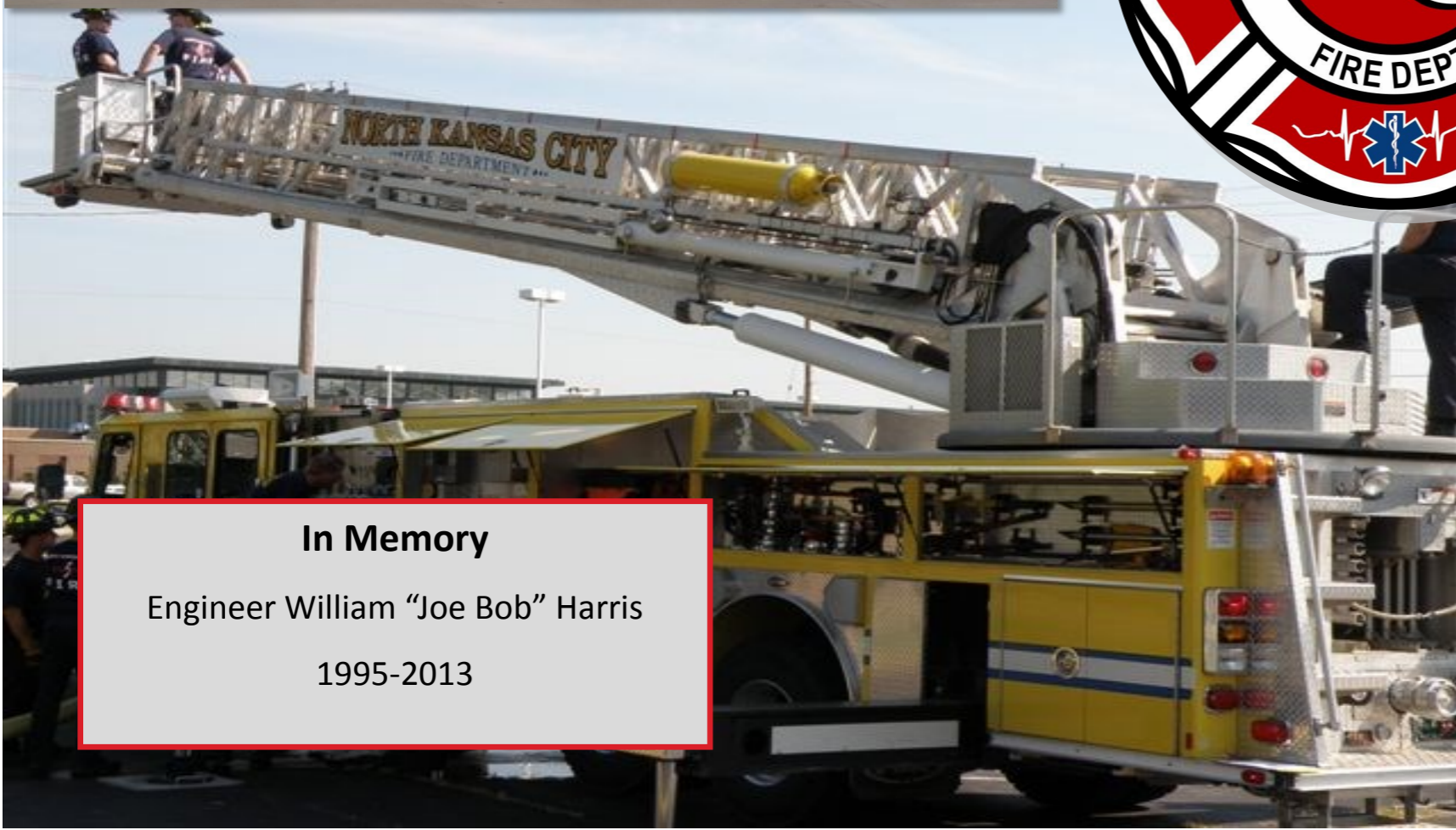
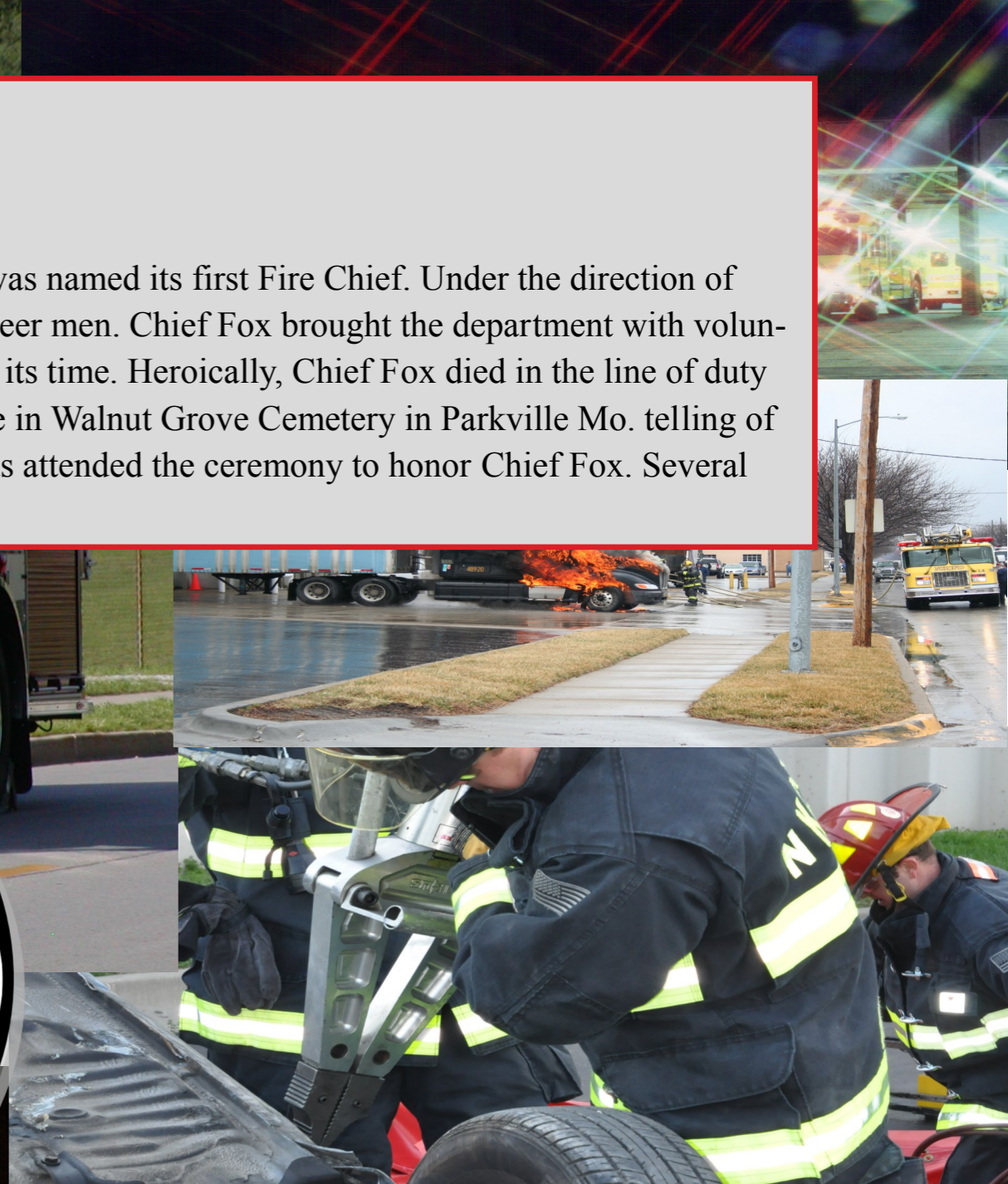




**Fire Chief D.W. Fox**

1924-1935

In 1924, the City of North Kansas City formed its first fire department and Doris Winn Fox was named its first Fire Chief. Under the direction of Chief Fox, a volunteer department was officially formed numbering approximately 20 volunteer men. Chief Fox brought the department with volunteer fire fighters to a full time professional department with the most up to date equipment of its time. Heroically, Chief Fox died in the line of duty on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1935. In 2013, the department honored Chief Fox by dedicating a new headstone in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Parkville Mo. telling of his heroic sacrifice. Mayor and Council members, several fire departments, family and friends attended the ceremony to honor Chief Fox. Several businesses in North Kansas City graciously donated to the dedication for Chief Fox.



**In Memory**

Engineer William "Joe Bob" Harris  
1995-2013

**2013 RETIREES**

- Captain Doug Hobbs- 1988-2013
- Captain Sam Byler-1972-2013
- Captain Kevin Roumas-1990-2013