

serving with:

strength
honor
compassion



2002 Annual Report



message

from the Fire Chief



2002 was another busy year for the Peoria Fire Department. Our City continued to experience rapid growth in both land area and population, and the department adapted to meet the ever-increasing needs of our growing community. During the past year we broke ground on a new Public Safety Administration Building, started the design/build process for two new fire stations, equipped all of our apparatus with thermal imaging cameras, and completed a twenty-year Fire Department Master Plan.

It is to the credit of such a fine group of individuals that we are able to effectively meet all of the increasing demands for service. The members of this department have dedicated their lives to serving their community and do so with strength, honor, and compassion. It is these tenets that have become the cornerstones for which we provide our services, including fire prevention, public education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and technical rescue. I thank the members of this department for their unparalleled service.

I would also like to thank our City Management, City Council, and our Citizens. Without their continued support we would not be able to carry out our mission.

Thank you for your interest in the Peoria Fire Department. We trust this Annual Report will provide an informative summary of our accomplishments in 2002.

Robert McKibben
Peoria Fire Chief



awards

PRESENTED IN 2002:

JOHN VALENTINE AWARD
Battalion Chief Rick Picard

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Executive Assistant Beverly Blackwell

COMPANY OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Captain Gary Bernard

FIREFIGHTER/ENGINEER
OF THE YEAR
Engineer Roy Noriega

COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Engine 191 - A shift

2002 EMS PROVIDER
OF THE YEAR
Firefighter/Paramedic Ross Kafer

CHIEF'S AWARDS
For SERVICE EXCELLENCE
Captains Gary Bernard and Bruce Jenkins
Firefighters Kevin Moore and Rich Rooney

Cecil Lamphier, Sr. Mechanic
Deputy Chief Scott Ferguson and
Executive Assistant Beverly Blackwell

For OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT
Firefighter Mandy Arnspiger

For EDUCATIONAL
ACCOMPLISHMENT
ASSOCIATES DEGREE
Firefighter Bill VanGotum

BACHELORS DEGREE
Captain Dave Haverly
Engineer Phil Rogel

MASTERS DEGREE
Deputy Chief Larry Rooney
Captain Gary Bernard
Captain Stacy Irvine
Captain Mike Munoz

2002 services

The following describes the breadth of programs and services provided by each of the four divisions of the Peoria Fire Department:

The Fire Administration Division

provides leadership, long-range planning, budget development, financial management, personnel, payroll and contract administration, interdepartmental coordination, grants and project management, and general customer service, in order to ensure the efficient daily operations of the Fire Department.

The Fire Community Services Division

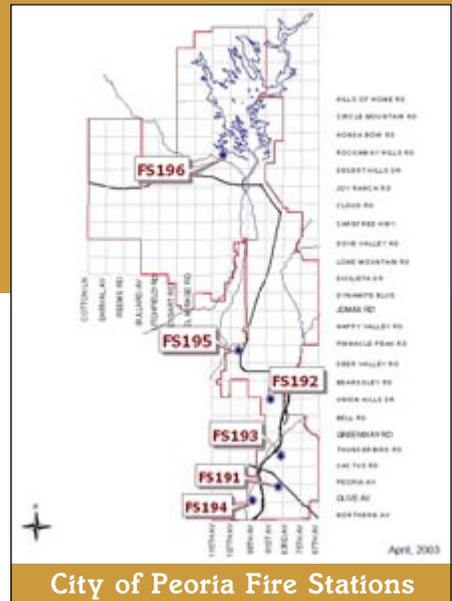
provides inspection services, plan review, issuance of permits, fire code enforcement, fire cause investigations, internal safety investigations, citizen safety awareness programs, public fire education, public information services, and fire department community relations events.

The Fire Support Services Division

is responsible for computer aided dispatch coordination and database maintenance, capital construction, facility and equipment maintenance and repair, including fleet, EMS administration including supply acquisition, training and certification, ambulance transportation coordination, delivering continuing education in fire suppression and rescue, and supervisory and managerial development, and personnel training.

The Fire Operations Division

provides fire protection, emergency medical services. The Operations Division currently staffs five pumper trucks with paramedic capabilities and one ladder truck with fire support and technical rescue capabilities (i.e. swift water, trench, confined space and high angle rescue).



statistics

city information

Land Area – 175 square miles
Population – 121,000
Firefighters per 1000 Population – .8
Sworn Personnel – 100
Civilian Personnel – 12

budget

2002-2003 Operating – \$10 million
2002-2003 Capital – \$5.3 million

operations

Total Calls – 10,268
Fire Calls – 992
EMS Calls – 8364
Service and Other Calls – 912
Average Response Time – 4:19
(enroute to onscene)
Total Fire Loss – \$1,236,125
Total Fire Loss Per Capita – \$10.21

fire prevention

Occupancies Inspected – 1,200
Permits Issued – 106
Fire Investigations – 51
Number of Community Events – 458
Number of elementary school children attending safety presentations – 21,651
One Citizen's Fire Academy and One Youth Fire Academy held

equipment & facilities

Stations – 5 Full-time
1 Part-time
1 Fire Administration Building
1 Fire Community Services Building
5 Fire Engines (front-line)
2 Fire Engines (reserve)
1 Ladder Truck
1 Ladder Reserve Truck
1 Ladder Tender
1 Technical Rescue Support Truck
2 Brush Trucks
1 Fire Boat
1 Battalion Command Vehicle

2002 highlights

■ ■ ■ Commenced design/build processes for District Fire Station 191 and Neighborhood Fire Station 192. These projects are both relocations and expansions of existing fire stations.



■ ■ ■ Took delivery of new ladder truck (L193).

■ ■ ■ Took delivery of new fire engine (E192).

■ ■ ■ Equipped all pieces of apparatus with thermal imaging cameras (12) allowing firefighters to see through smoke and detect hidden fire or trapped people.

■ ■ ■ Equipped each firefighter with his/her own portable radio to enhance on-scene communications and personal safety.

■ ■ ■ Purchased twelve new Lifepak 12 heart monitors for the latest technology in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac patients.

■ ■ ■ Completed 20-Year Fire Department Master Plan to help manage the growth and changes our department will be experiencing and to allocate resources effectively into the future.

■ ■ ■ Broke ground on new Public Safety Administration Building (PSAB) which we will share with the Peoria Police Department. This move will allow all of the administrative functions of the Fire Department to be centralized at one location.



■ ■ ■ Participated in combating the Rodeo-Chedeski Fire with the contribution of personnel and equipment.

■ ■ ■ Hired a fire apparatus mechanic and initiated an in-house Fire Department vehicle maintenance program, which has thus far resulted in a reduction in apparatus downtime from 16% to 3.5%, several percentage points below the valley average.

■ ■ ■ Upgraded EMS and Training Captain positions to Battalion Chief positions.

■ ■ ■ Hired new Deputy Chief of Operations.



■ ■ ■ Hired an additional Fire Inspector.

■ ■ ■ Fully outfitted our two reserve fire engines with tools and equipment to reduce the out-of-service time taken to transfer equipment from one rig to the other.

■ ■ ■ Expanded fire and EMS service to Lake Pleasant to include 7-day/week, 10 hour per day coverage. Two Captains and two Engineers are assigned to Lake Pleasant on a full-time basis. These firefighters received specialized training in water rescue in preparation for this assignment.

■ ■ ■ Entered into a contract to implement Telestaff Staffing Solutions software to assist in the management of staffing for 5 fire stations, 24 hours/7 days and 1 part-time station. The software will automatically plan for staffing as well as contact employees via telephone for scheduling when replacements are needed and is expected to be implemented in 2003.



mission

We are committed to protecting and caring for our neighbors, our guests, and each other while maintaining the community's trust and respect through superior life safety services.