



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Platteville Gilcrest  
Fire Protection District  
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# Who We Are

## Mission Statement

Through integrity, respect, and experience, the Platteville Gilcrest Fire Protection District is committed to serving the needs of the community.

## *PGFPD Creed*

**INTEGRITY** - *The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.*

- I will hold myself accountable to uphold the highest standards of what a Professional Public Servant should be.
- I will strive to be more intuitively and empathetically connected with all, which requires me to be more self-aware about my overall behavior.
- I will honor the confidentiality of information.
- I will assume positive intent and I will not tolerate attitudes and behaviors that demoralize and demotivate the team.
- I will practice humility.
- I will be responsible for my health and safety in order to maximize my career and life after I retire.

**RESPECT** - *Due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights or traditions of others.*

- I will treat all people, departments and properties with the utmost care and regard.
- I will remain open to expression and creativity.
- I will practice patience with others and the process it takes to constantly improve.
- I will be a compassionate listener, taking time to understand both my colleague's words and intentions to help us build great relationships.
- I will have courageous conversations.
- I respect and encourage work-life balance.

**LIFE EXPERIENCE** - *Knowledge, skills, and abilities acquired over a period of time.*

- I will practice trust by setting expectations and goals and have faith my team will do their job.
- I will take personal responsibility for my own learning, and leadership development, seeking to constantly improve my knowledge base.
- I will ask for help when needed and remain open to the feedback, knowing that it is provided for my growth.
- I accept my assigned role within the organization because all assignments contribute to the team's overall success.

**SERVICE** - *The action of helping or doing work for others.*

- I will acknowledge that I am not here for me, I'm here for we and we are here for all.
- I will be aligned and cohesive as a member of the District.
- I consider myself a mentor and will seek opportunities to be of assistance to others and support their growth as much as my own.
- I will practice clear and concise communication.
- I will take pride in all that we do.



# Message from the Chief

We are pleased to present our 2023 annual report! It is my honor and privilege to serve the residents, businesses, members, and Board of Directors of the Platteville Gilcrest Fire Protection District as their District Chief. I have the privilege to work alongside well-trained and highly skilled professional firefighters, paramedics, engineers, specialists, fire officers, chief officers and administrative staff members. We provide high-quality all-hazard emergency response to residents within our 144 square mile fire district including ALS transport service that serves the residents of our fire district at no charge for the service.



**Dan Durkee**  
**Fire Chief**

In 2023, PGFPD ran 1,167 total calls, which was an increase of 7% from 2022. In fact, in 2023, A-Shift broke a PGFPD record by running 34 calls in one tour! In June, PGFPD was called to a fully-involved structure fire in Platteville. This was a very serious event and the crews responded quickly and did a great job of extinguishing the fire and saving the house. We called in our neighbors from LaSalle Fire and Ft. Lupton Fire to help and

the strong relationships we have built with our surrounding agencies made for a very efficient and professional response. Everyone worked together to manage the incident and help the affected family recover. Simply great work from our membership and the many entities that assisted on the incident! Very proud of everyone involved!

Another major milestone accomplished in 2023 occurred on October 15th when PGFPD held our first Community Safety Day in Platteville! The event was a huge success with approx. 700 people attending! It was awesome getting to interaction with so many of our community members and pass on a lot of valuable safety information.

2023 also showed some great additions to our membership! We were able to bring on seven new career firefighters, Luke Logsdon, Taurean Wilson, Jake Regan, David Aguirre, Kevin Balsarak, Ryan Scheuerman and Trace Kruetzer. Additionally, four new paramedics, Kim Wheelock, Matt Thompson, Justin Loera and Nick Ambrose were also hired! These eleven individuals were excellent additions to the PGFPD family and we look for great things from them in the future!

2023 also showed PGFPD continuing to step up and in roles that benefit the entire county. Chief Matt Concialdi continued as President of the Weld County Emergency Medical Trauma Services Council, and I continued as President of the Weld County Fire Chief's Association. Also, Chief Dan Bass was selected to be part of the Weld County Fire Efficiency Committee helping address County-wide communications issues. These are important roles to help guide emergency services to all of our county residents and we are proud to represent PGFPD in these leadership roles.

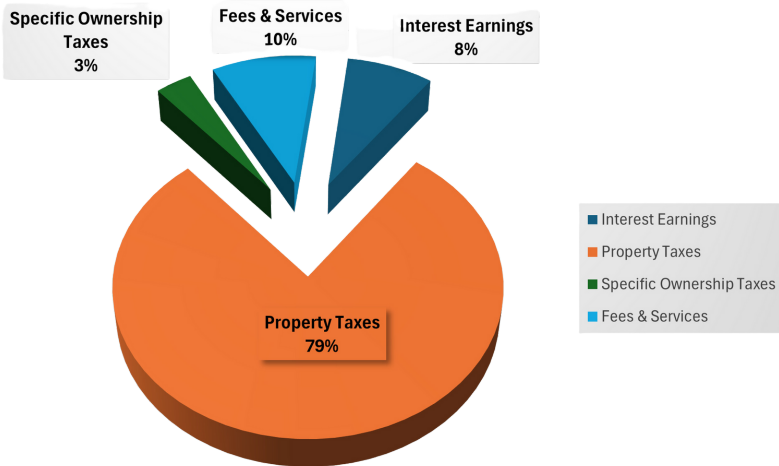
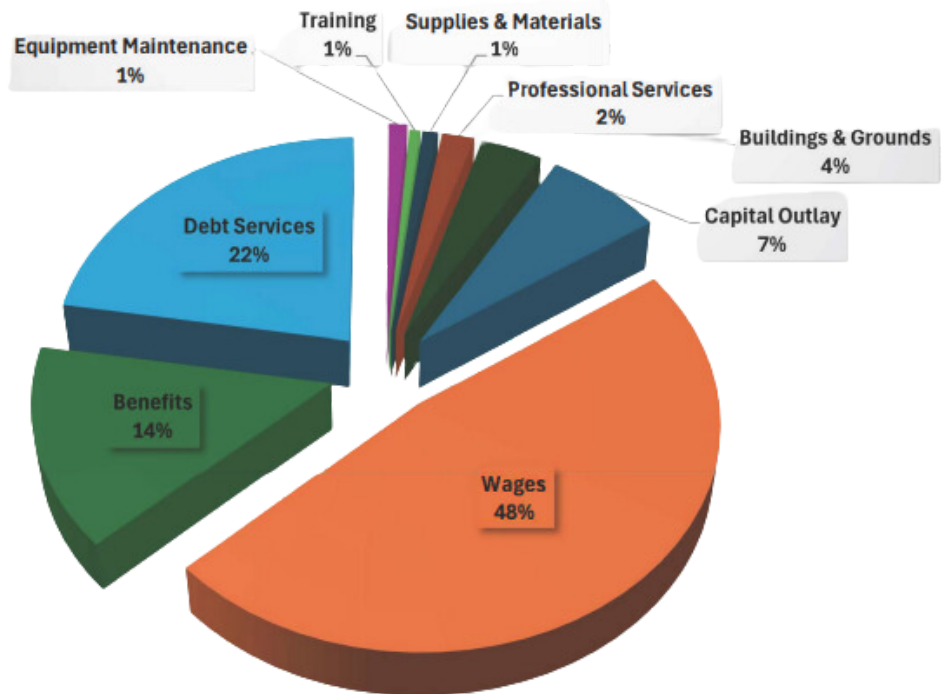
2023 was a year we will never forget. We continued to deal with challenges that we had never experienced before, but still managed to stay positive, support each other, accomplish some major goals, and provide excellent service to the community. I am very, very proud of our membership and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2024!



# Finance

The Platteville Gilcrest Fire Protection District is governed by a 5 member Board of Directors elected by our citizens. The Board serves as custodians of our taxpayers' money and assures our citizens and those we serve that the District is well managed financially and is in sound fiscal condition. As a local governmental special district, we are primarily funded through property taxes and fees for service collected from health insurance and non-citizens for ambulance service in addition to a federal EMS cost recovery program.

## Where Our Money Goes



## Where Our Money Comes From



# Personnel

Part of the District's Strategic Plan for 2023 was to increase the minimum staffing on our fire apparatus. Full Time Employee (FTE) line staffing was increased to provide safer and more efficient emergency response capabilities.

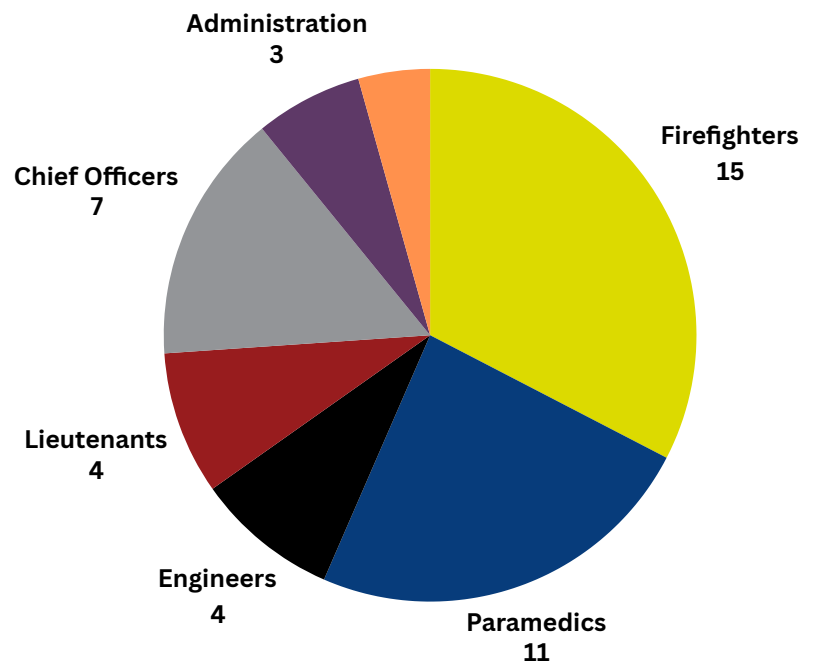
## Hired 11

- 4 Paramedics
- 7 Firefighters

## Promotions



**Captain Ben Krapes**  
**Fire Prevention Specialist Dave Sutton**  
**Lieutenant Randy Greenbaum**  
**Paramedic FTO Jennifer Hogestad**



**46 FTEs (End of Year 2023)**

## Years of Service Milestones

- 5 Years of Service** - Matt Concialdi
- 10 Years of Service** - Andy Wazny
- 10 Years** - Jolene Schneider
- 10 Years of Service** - Chad Greene
- 20 Years of Service** - Randy Rutheford

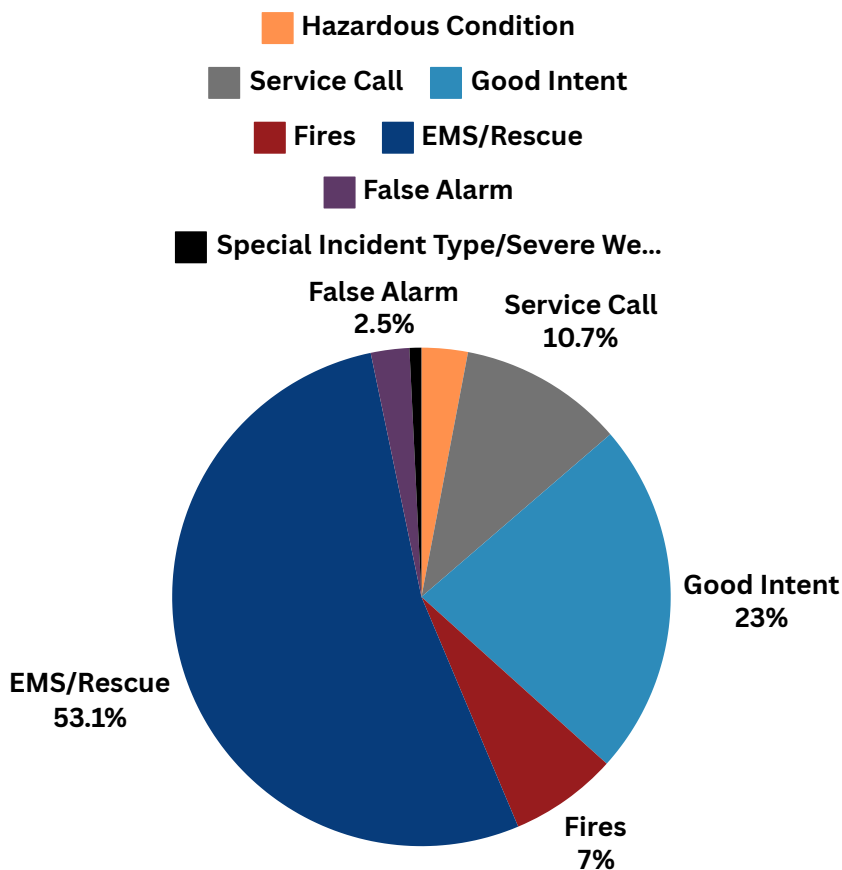




# Operation Division

The Operations Division is an all hazards response function of the Fire District and is responsible for fire response, emergency medical services, and hazmat mitigation. Full time employees staff 2 ambulances, a fire engine, fire truck, and a battalion chief command vehicle, 24/7, 365 days a year. These members work three different shifts (A, B, C) and are trained and certified to stabilize and mitigate hazards that occur within our district and surrounding areas. We also have Red Card certified staff and fleet to operate on large scale incidents across the country.

## 2023 Breakdown by Major Incident Type



**TOTAL Incidents 1167**

### Notable Events:

- 10-day wildland deployment to the Chris Mountain Fire in Pagosa Springs.
- Landspout tornado touched down along the southeast portion of the district
- Structure fire resulting in 3 dogs being saved
- Multiple Casualty Incident with 10 patients in 1 vehicle. 1 fatality and 1 extrication. Multiple patients transported off scene.

**19.11% or 223 calls were overlapping**

Average Response time: **6:47**

Average Turnout time: **0:47**

Automatic aid given: **102**

Automatic aid received: **66**

Busiest day of the week: **Wednesday**

Busiest time of day: **1400-1459**

Busiest Ambulance: **3621**

Busiest Apparatus: **3613**

Busiest Shift: **B-Shift**



# Training Division

The Training Division orchestrates the delivery of an ever-changing and growing array of training topics and the specialized skill set it takes to be a firefighter. 2023 was a year of growth and change at PGFPD. One of the greatest responsibilities was the training of new firefighters and paramedics. In 2023, PGFPD conducted two academies of new personnel. It took the entire organization to deliver this base of training to the recruits.

The Division purchased a forcible entry prop and digital fire panel. PGFPD prides itself on always being mission-ready and trained to handle any call for help no matter the type or circumstance.

## 2023 Training Disciplines

- Victim search and rescue
- Ice rescue
- Elevator rescues
- Wildland firefighting operations
- Live fire attack
- SCBA air management
- VEIS (vent, enter, isolate, search)
- High angle/low angle rope rescue
- Driver operator pumper and aerial certifications
- Hazmat technician team training
- Drone Operations



## Division Led Training By the Numbers

**320** hour in-house fire academy

Total training hours: **2,739**

Average training hours for firefighters: **88 hours**

Average training hours per month per firefighter: **7.5 hours**





# EMS Division

The EMS Division is responsible for the treatment and transportation of patients who are sick or injured. The Division conducts annual continual medical education training for 29 EMTs and 14 paramedics for certification upkeep as well as provides DUI blood draws for Platteville Police, Senior Center blood pressure checks, car seat installations/inspections, and community CPR/AED and first aid classes.

PGFPD responded to **620 EMS** related responses, which is a **5% increase** from last year and a **31% increase** from 2020.

We transported **360 patients**, which was **70%** of our patient contacts. 3621 had **68%** of the transports.

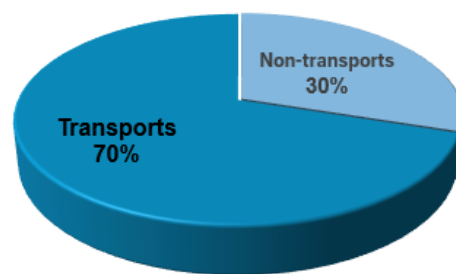
The EMS Division logged a total of **2,335 EMS training hours**, which included **187 hours** of academy instruction between two new hire academies. **Major training conducted:** ACLS, BLS, PALS, PHTLS, Active Threat, and Helicopter MedEvac Training.

### Life Saving Awards were given out to:

PM Jen Hogestad	FF/EMT Chris Haley
PM Chuck Parras	FF/EMT Kalob McCarthy
Eng Tony Pierce	Eng Russ Kissler



### Patient Disposition

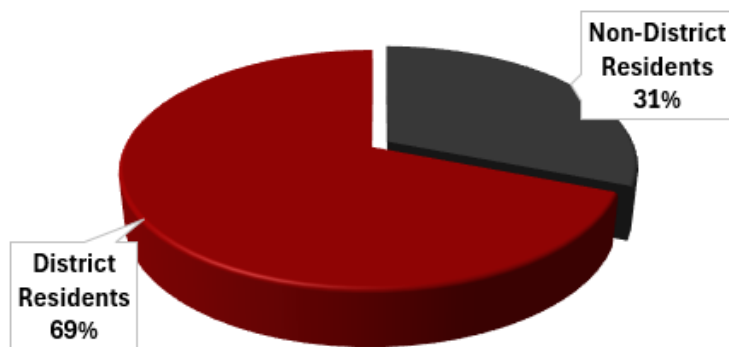


### Technology Purchased:

McGrath Video Laryngoscopes



### Resident Status



### Ambulance Transport Breakdown

# Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention is responsible for all public outreach for fire prevention, conducts annual fire inspections, performs plan reviews, coordinates fire hydrant flow testing, fire extinguisher training, and performs fire investigations.



Fire and Life Safety Inspections  
**154**



Hydrants Tested for Flow and Pressure  
**248**



Over **500** school aged children educated during fire prevention week



Fires investigated for origin and cause  
**42**



Compliance on Fire Protection Systems  
**97%**



High Hazard Inspections  
**15**



Construction Plans Reviewed  
**47**



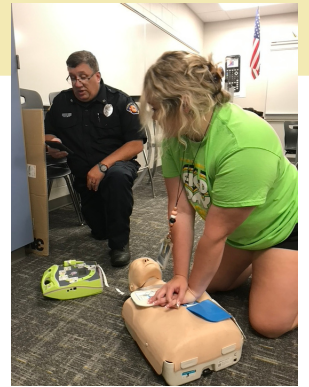
Fire Extinguisher Use Trainings  
**10**



# Community Outreach

Majority of the community outreach is managed and coordinated through the various divisions, in addition to specialized committees made up by Fire District member's volunteering as a side assignment to their normal job responsibilities.

- Participation in high school and elementary school **career** days
- Staffed a **medical tent** and roving gator for Harvest Daze
- **4** Smoke alarm and **1** CO alarm install
- Monthly **blood pressure checks** at the Platteville Senior Center
- **23** Child story time readings at the libraries
- **6** Car seat installs/inspections
- **9** community CPR/AED/First Aid Classes
- **5** Address sign installs
- **40** File of Life's sent out



## Community Safety Day

Approximately **700** community members attended the event which was a success due to the partnership and support from various governmental and non-governmental organizations. The event was held at the PGFPD Headquarters station in Platteville and focused on:

- Home fire prevention and education for adults and children
- Bicycle safety for children
- File of Life medical card distribution
- Car seat safety
- Hands only CPR and Stop the Bleed training
- Fun activities and games for children



# Fleet Division

The Fleet Division is responsible for managing and maintaining the District's fleet, ensuring that all apparatus are operational and safe. The division collaborates closely with District members to coordinate vehicle usage, prioritize maintenance schedules, and address any fleet related issues. The goal of the division is to optimize the utilization, maintenance and repair of apparatus to minimize downtime and ensure cost efficiency. PGFPD also provides apparatus maintenance to neighboring fire districts.

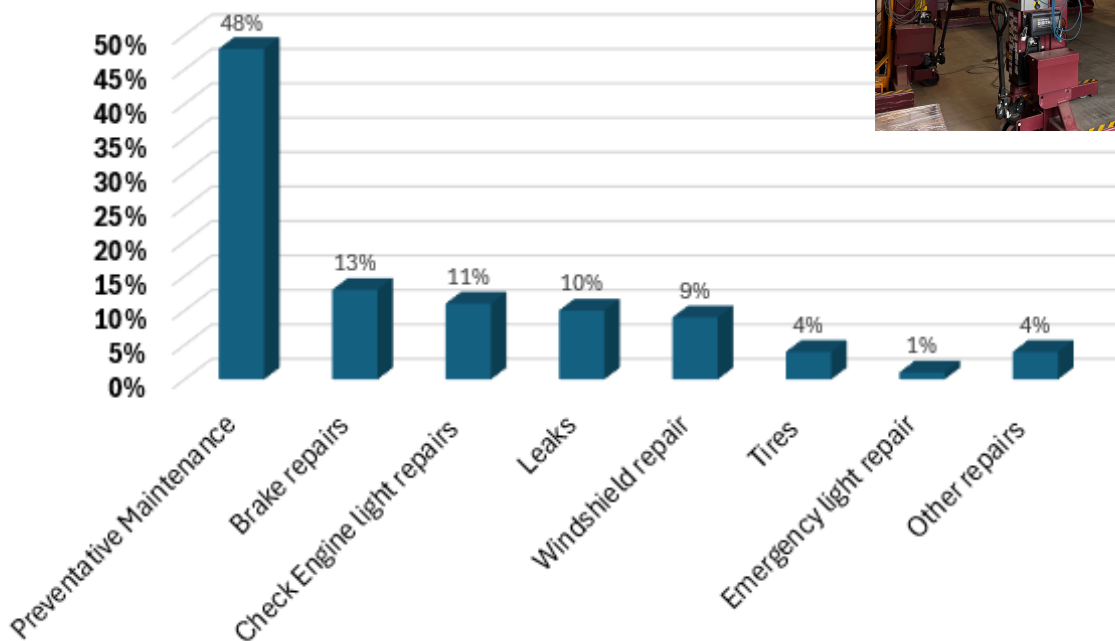
## Highlights

The Fleet Division worked with the apparatus committee in designing and building one new engine and one new brush truck. The brush truck is anticipated to arrive in 2024 and the engine is slated to arrive in late 2025.

PGFPD Mechanics in 2023 were certified through Pierce to safely and effectively diagnose and repair Side Roll Protection & Frontal Impact Protection Systems (SRP/FIP).

**Total Services Completed: 138**

Service Types





# 2023 Apparatus

## Primary Response

### Truck



3613  
2018 Pierce  
Ascendant 107'  
Quint Ladder

### Ambulances



3621, 3622, 3623, 3624  
2018 / 2019 Ford  
E450 167"  
Lifetime Superliner  
Type III

### Engine



3602  
2016 Rosenbauer

### Batallion Chief



3660  
Ford F-350

## Cross-Staffed

### Water Tenders



3641  
Kenworth  
SuperVac  
3,500 gallon tank

### Brush Trucks



3631  
2014 GFE  
400 Gal Tank  
Type 6



3642  
2009 Kenworth  
Fouts Bros  
3,000 gallon tank  
500 gpd Darley pump



3632  
2020 Rosenbauer  
Timberwolf  
500 Gal Tank  
Type 3

# 2023 Apparatus

## Support

### Reserve Engines/Brush Truck



3603  
2010 Spartan Gladiator  
Rosenbauer



2001 International  
SVI  
Light/Air/Rehab  
Hazmat



3604  
2009 Spartan Gladiator  
Rosenbauer



Water Rescue Boat



3633  
1997 International  
Type 6



Ice and Water  
Rescue Boat





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