

TWIN FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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City of Twin Falls Fire Department

Mission Statement

As the Professional Fire Fighters of Twin Falls, we are dedicated to the continued excellence of life safety, fire suppression, education and community involvement. We affirm our loyalty to our members, our profession and to the citizens we serve.

Value Statement

We, the members of the Twin Falls Fire Department, believe in and promote the growth and development of the following values.

Attitude

By serving with respect and compassion, our attitude reflects our pride, dedication, and enthusiasm to our profession, peers, and those we serve.

- I accept responsibility for my actions.
- I understand my attitude affects others.

Behavior

Our behavior will be ethical and responsible. We treat all people with dignity, compassion, and without prejudice.

- I accept responsibility for by behavior.
- I strive to behave in a positive and professional manner.

Commitment

We are committed to each other and to the community we serve, cooperating as a team in the pursuit of excellence.

- I am committed to the improvement of the Twin Falls Fire Department.
- I am a dedicated part of the team.



A Message from Fire Chief Les Kenworthy

It is my honor to present the 2018 Twin Falls Fire Department Annual Report. Our mission is to provide the highest level of public safety services for the community. We will protect lives and property through Fire Prevention, Public Education, Firefighter Safety, Fire & Rescue Operations, Emergency Medical First Response and Disaster Management.

Twin Falls Fire Department (TFFD) is divided into three platoons and each Battalion Chief is tasked to oversee; Emergency Operations, Training and Safety, Communications, Fleet and Equipment, EMS, Special Operations, and Fire Suppression. In 2018, the fire department had a total of 44 personnel. This report will provide you with an overview of the department. We will provide a snap-shot of each of our department' responsibilities and accomplishments.

During 2018, TFFD responded to over 5,000 calls for service. These calls include fires, rescues, medical emergencies, hazardous material spills and general public service requests. We also respond when requested to assist other fire departments within Twin Falls and Jerome County. In turn, these departments provide us assistance when we need them.

You will read in the following comprehensive report how the fire personnel of the Twin Falls Fire Department take great pride each day to serve the citizens and visitors. This is evident in the amount of training, fire prevention and community involvement that each and every member of your fire department has committed to during 2018.

I am proud of all of our uniformed and civilian personnel for their efforts to come together, adjust to change and achieve successes. I want to particularly express my deep appreciation for those men who work for our organization to include all line personnel, the Fire Marshal's office, and our Administrative Assistant. They embody the best of our traditions. Day-to-day, shift-by-shift, incident-by incident. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Fire Chief and lead such a great group of fire professionals each and every day.

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Stations and Apparatus Information

Fire Station 1

Incidents (518 Fire Related/1,353 Medical and Rescue) (1,871 Total)

Twin Falls Fire Departments Fire Station 1 is located at 345 Second Avenue East, in the City of Twin Falls. It houses one Type 1 engine, one 102-foot aerial apparatus, one 3,000-gallon water tender, one Type 6 brush engine, one command vehicle, and numerous staff and utility vehicles.



Fire Station 1 serves mostly a residential/commercial area in the heart of downtown Twin Falls. In addition to residences, Fire Station 1 protects nostalgic historic buildings, which include the original county courthouse, library, and many heavy timber structures built in the early 20th century.

Fire Station 1 is staffed with one shift Battalion Chief, plus a four-man engine company, which includes one Captain, one Driver/Operator, and two Firefighters. The fire department's administrative staff, including the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Training Officer, Administrative Assistant, are also located at this station.

Fire Station 2

Incidents (680 Fire Related/1,563 Medical and Rescue) (2,243 Total)



Fire Station 2 is located at 635 Falls Avenue, on the CSI campus by Frontier Field. This fire station houses one Type 1 engine, Type 1 reserve engine, one Type 4 brush engine, one rescue rig, and our Fire wise trailer. This fire station has one three-man engine company, which includes a Captain, a Driver/Operator, and a Firefighter.

Fire Station 2 protects light commercial/residential and urban interface. Some of the notable structures located in Station 2's area are the Magic Valley Mall, Costco, C3, Etc. They also respond to the canyon and Perrine Bridge for high angle rescues.

Fire Station 3

Incidents (317 Fire Related/500 Medical and Rescue) (817 Total)

Fire Station 3 is located at 911 Washington Street South. Station 3 houses one Type 1 engine, one 3,000-gallon water tender, one Type 4 brush engine, and one hazmat/special operations trailer.

Stations and Apparatus Information

Station 3 also has a three-man engine company, which includes a Captain, a Driver/Operator and a Firefighter.

Station 3 serves a diverse area consisting of heavy commercial and residential area as well as the largest portion of our Fire District. Some notable areas in Station 3's area are the commercial structures on South Park Avenue West along with those in the area of Eastland Drive South.

Fire Station 4

Incidents (33 ARFF Related/6 Medical and Rescue) (39 Total)

Fire Station 4 is located at the Twin Falls Airport. Station 4 houses one 1996 Oshkosh T1500 and one, additional reserve pumper. Station 4, is manned by one Driver/Operator a position mandated by the FAA. The Driver/Operator at this station is specially trained in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting. Station 4 responds to incidents on the airport grounds and immediate surrounding area.



After the last scheduled commercial flight has safely landed, the Station 4 Driver/Operator then travels to Station 3 to create a four-man engine company at Station 3. The Station 4 Driver/Operator returns to the airport around 6:00 am to standby for the morning flight.

All Stations

No Alarm No Response – (33 Total)

PERSONNEL STATISTICS

RANK	NUMBER
Fire Chief	1
Battalion Chief	3
Fire Marshal	1
Part Time Fire Inspector	1
Fire Captain	9
Driver/Operator	12
Firefighter	16
Administrative Assistant	1
Total:	44

TFFD Retirements and New Hires

2018 Twin Falls Fire Department's Retirements

Name:	Rank:	Start and Retirement Date:	Years of Service:
<i>Haszier, Steve</i>	<i>Driver/Operator</i>	<i>10/18/1993 - 01/16/2018</i>	<i>25 Years</i>

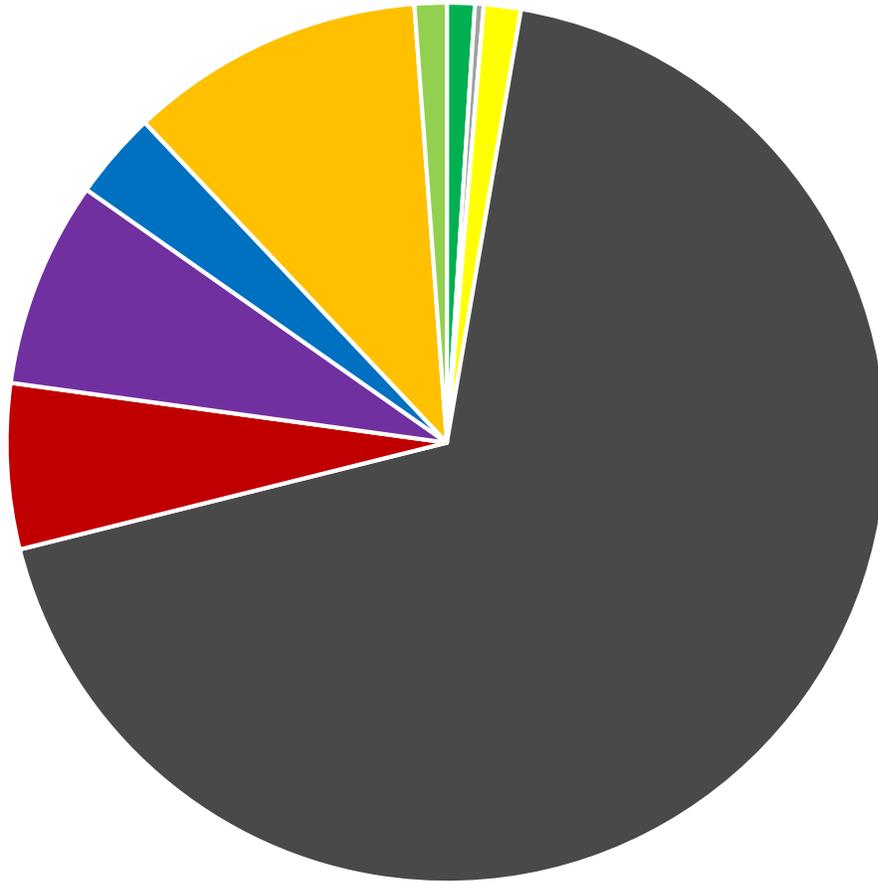


2018 Twin Falls Fire Department's New Hires

Name:	Rank/Position:	Start Date:
<i>Kenworthy, Les</i>	<i>Fire Chief</i>	<i>03/12/2018</i>
<i>Patterson, Braden</i>	<i>Firefighter</i>	<i>04/30/2018</i>
<i>Bagley, Mike</i>	<i>Firefighter</i>	<i>09/10/2018</i>
<i>Fisher, Jared</i>	<i>PT Fire Inspector</i>	<i>10/01/2018</i>

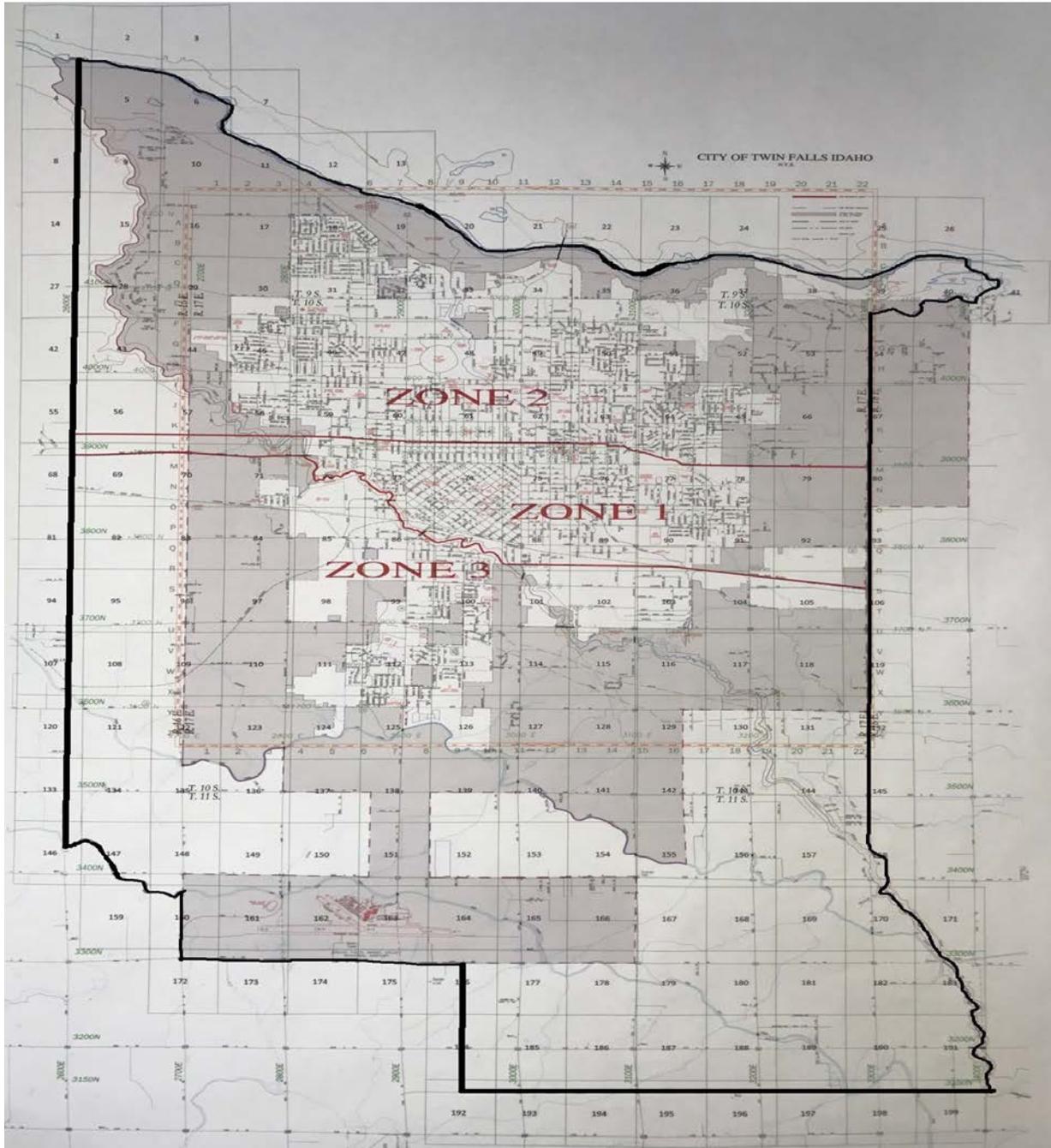
2018 TFFD Response Types

5,003 INCIDENTS



- Structure Fires - 51
- Vehicle Fires - 16
- All Other Fires - 68
- EMS/Rescue Calls - 3,422
- Service Calls - 304
- False Alarms/False Calls - 379
- Hazardous Conditions - 161
- Good Intent Calls - 543
- All Other Calls - 59

Response Area



Twin Falls Fire Department Response Area
Approx. 70 square miles
Boundaries
2600 E – 3300 E
3150 N – Snake River

Twin Falls Fire Department Fire Prevention and Fire Investigation Division



In 2018, the Fire Prevention Division continued to support the Twin Falls Fire Department. This is accomplished through plan reviews of all new or remodeled buildings within the Twin Falls Fire District, fire safety inspections of commercial buildings, schools and nursing homes, daycare inspections, fire education programs, and fire investigations.

In 2018, the Engine companies inspected 18 schools, and 8 nursing homes. With Justin James miss fortune of being hurt we were able to use him to help inspect per existing buildings. Justin and the Engine Companies were able to inspect 231 businesses. This was a huge increase from the previous year's 93. These inspections are a vital part of our customer serves. Not only do they help keep our customer safe, by insuring codes are maintained, but it gives our firefighters the best chance at staying safe as well.

The Fire Prevention Division also reviewed 1,005 building plans, and completed 117 final inspections. Along with the building permits, we inspected 18 firework stands, 4 firework display, and 19 daycares. We also inspected and/or tested 260 fire sprinklers systems, 128 fire alarms systems, and conducted 13 new commercial kitchen hoods test.

This year was the second year for the fire prevention open house and it was a huge success. We had 450 people attend. They not only learned about fire safety, and the how a fire station operates, but were able to get there blood pressure checked by CSI EMT students. Red Cross also helped us out and we had 26 homes sign up for smoke detectors to be installed. Red Cross donates the smoke detectors and we install them at no cost to our customers. In 2018, we installed 40 smoke detectors and 4 bed shakers in people's homes.

This year the Youth Fire Education and Intervention program was approved by the Twin Falls Prosecutor's office and I had 12 kids go through the program. This program not only helps kids that have started fires, but it also gives the court system an option to not send kids to jail. Once in the program we meet once a week for five weeks, and have a follow up meeting 3 month later. So far the program has been a huge success and we have not had a single repeat offender. I have also had some amazing feedback from some of the parents. One mom told me this is the first year her 8th grade son has had all A's and B's, and he has a much better attitude. She contributes these changes to what he has learned in the Youth Fire Education and Intervention program.

The fire investigators were once again busy. We conducted 14-fire investigation, with three of them leading to arrests. One of this arrests has led to a felony conviction and the other two will appear in court later this year.

As we look forward to 2019, the Fire Prevention Division will continue to look for additional ways to provide excellent customer service and a safer community.

Tim Lauda
Fire Marshal
Twin Falls Fire Department



Public Education

The mission of the Twin Falls Fire Department's public education program is to educate our citizens, of all ages, in the prevention of fires and what to do in the event of a fire related emergency by providing programs and materials to: schools, churches and other organizations. In 2018, we have had the opportunity to reach 17,115 members of our community through four distinct public education categories.

Learn Not To Burn (LNTB):

This program is designed to provide an outreach to second grade students in the Magic Valley where our Public Education Coordinator visits ten, schools four times per year. Dave Owens was the coordinator for the past year and has done an amazing job. Dallas Williamson has recently taken over the coordinator position. Each visit comes with a specific topic ranging from home escape plans, to what to expect when you call 911, and ending the school year with the always-anticipated safety puppet show. The LNTB program reached 868 students with 11 events.

Station Tours:

One of the most exciting events we hold in our fire stations are the station tours. The whole department participates in tours on a regular basis. We take this opportunity to educate the community on the internal workings of the Fire Department as well as give the participants a hands on tour with equipment, apparatus, and firefighting drills. Through station tours, we were able to reach 1,329 community members with 56 events.

Extinguisher Demonstrations:

Many of our community members in partnership with local businesses take it upon themselves to provide annual fire extinguisher training for their employees. With some help from a local individual we have designed and manufactured two extinguisher props that have helped in making the demonstrations safer and a more efficient training opportunity for the members we serve. Through our extinguisher demonstration program, we were able to educate 419 members of our community with 19 events on proper use and extinguishment of all 4 classes of fires.

Fire Safety Programs and Fairs:

The Twin Falls Fire Department also attended 69 fairs and programs, such as, the City Park's 911 ceremony, the annual CSI Safety Fair, the Salvation Army's Kettle Bell Standoff (Fire VS. Police) in which together raised a total of \$6,885.33 for our amazing community, and so many more programs that were geared toward educating attendees on subjects such as: stop, drop and roll, fire escape plans, match and lighter safety and, rolls that the TFFD plays in public safety in our response areas. While attending these events the TFFD was able to reach 14,499 members of the community.



Twin Falls Fire Training Report

The Twin Falls Fire Department has brought another year of training to close. The Training Office was busy as ever in 2018. In the following paragraphs we will discuss the training hours, training courses, training programs, and notable training opportunities accomplished this year.

First we should probably include some back ground information on the TFFD Training Office. The Training Office typically consists of 1-2 members of the fire department who fill the position of Training Officer on days they are not working their regularly scheduled shifts. The Training Officer coordinates training, certification, and recertification for all 39 line personnel. Included in these duties is the facilitating, grading, and testing of students, who are currently participating in the Firefighter Level I, Firefighter Level II, Fire Officer I, and or Fire Officer II programs. The Training Officer also oversees the initial training of all new recruits prior to the recruits being assigned to a shift and Engine Company.

This year TFFD members combined logged nearly 6,000 training hours. These training hours consisted of classroom time, practical exercises, company, as well as, individual drill time, and self-study hours. The subjects covered this year included a variety of categories such as; Structural Firefighting, Emergency Medical Care, Hazardous Materials, High Angle and Confined Space Rope Rescue, Incident Command, Driver/Operator Training, and Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting. The training sessions completed this year were provided by both TFFD and outside agencies and were held both here in Twin Falls as well as other locations.

One of the programs put in place this year, was a computer based training program, FireRescue1 Academy, which provided a monthly training session for EMS training to all members. This program provides the needed Continued Education Units for all members to recertify our EMT certifications over a two year span and makes recertification a breeze. We are also happy to announce that at the end of 2018 we were able to purchase any additional module from this program that will allow us to provide computer based training on a monthly schedule for Firefighting Essentials, Hazardous Material training, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting training, as well as a way to introduce new SOP's and other important information to all members from one location. This program is also able to track who has completed specific training sessions and provides reminders to members when due dates are imminent. By purchasing this additional module, we are able to ensure that the needed training is provided to all members without having to hold a physical class, which has proved to be quite difficult this past year with the increased workload put on Engine Companies.

Some of the notable training opportunities that took place this year included;

- TFFD Driver's Academy: a four month long academy that produces safe, knowledgeable, and experienced Driver/Operators.
- Live Fire Aircraft Training: this training is accomplished at a training facility near the Salt Lake City International Airport. The 12 members of the fire department that hold the position of Driver/Operator are required to attend this training yearly. Unfortunately this training site was closed indefinitely in June of 2018, so we are in the process of looking for a new training center to provide this needed training to our members.
- Managing Company Tactical Operations or MCTO for short: this two day course is one of a three part series that was provided to all members of the Fire Departments this year. We hope to provide one part of the series each year to all members in the years to come.

- Anniston HAZMAT Training: several members of our Hazardous Materials Response Team traveled to Anniston, Alabama for technical hazardous materials training. In addition to this training we were provided an opportunity to participate in a large scale drill with Idaho's 101st HazMat Team the most advanced team in the state and look forward to training with them in the future.
- MRI Safety Training: this training was provided by SLMV Hospital and provided us with knowledge of how to safely operate around MRI machines if an issue should arise, both with mobile and stationary MRI machines.
- Incident Safety Officer Course: this course was provided for all Engine Company Officers, Swing-up Engine Company Officers, and Battalion Chiefs. This course has enabled us to be more cognoscente of and safety conscious while performing firefighting operations at emergency incident scenes.
- Fire Instructor 1 course: this course has enabled us to add a few more in-house as well as State Certified instructors to our roster. Members who participated in this class are now able to instruct or help instruct needed classes and training sessions for our members as well as members from neighboring departments.
- Full-time Training Officer: at the end of 2018 we were approved to promote or assign a member of the Fire Department to a full-time Training Officer position. This isn't so much a single training opportunity as it is a shift toward better, more complete training. Having a full-time Training Officer will help ensure training is staying on track as needed, provide more training opportunities, help keep certifications current, and provide a single point of contact for all training needs, by having one individual who will concentrate and work solely on performing these tasks.

As you can see the Fire Department was quite busy in 2018 as it pertained to training and we hope to continue this momentum into the coming years. The goal of the Training Office is to introduce new ideas and methods while continuing to improve on current skills and knowledge for all 39 members of TFFD.

Tom Bloxham
Training Officer
Twin Falls Fire Department

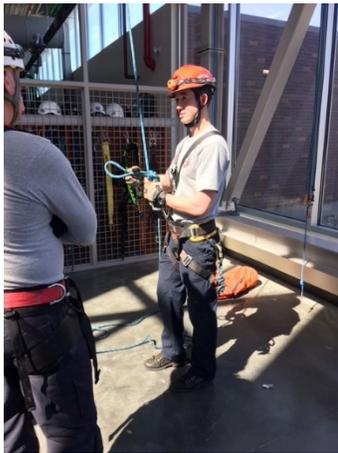


Technical Rescue Annual Report

Technical Rescue is a fire service discipline that requires specialized training and equipment. This training and equipment allows firefighters to respond to and successfully mitigate rescue situations that are less frequent but more challenging than normally encountered. These situations include but are not limited to elevated geographic locations within our response area as well as commercial and industrial confined spaces and the use of rope equipment may be needed at any time. Technical rescue requires high levels of commitment and many hours of training from those involved. The Twin Falls Fire Department has 38 members that are trained to the Operations Level in rope rescue and 13 of those 38 personnel are trained to the Technician level. The latter comprise our technical rescue team and respond as needed to assist on duty engine companies with technical rescue incidents. The Technicians train on a monthly basis and the Operation Level training every other month to maintain their skills. In 2018, the Twin Falls Fire Department responded to four search related events and two technical rescue incidents.

The Twin Falls Fire Department just recently took possession of our new trench rescue trailer and equipment. The crews will be mounting the equipment and making the final adjustments to the trailer for the upcoming training this spring. Our goal is to train everyone on the department to the operation level and then develop a specialized technical team in the future.

The Twin Falls Fire Department recognizes that technical rescue capabilities need to be ever expanding as our community continues to grow. Future plans currently involve broadening our “all-hazard” response by budgeting for additional training and equipment on various other potential rescue situations involving heavy rescue, building collapse, ice and swift water rescue incidents.



Special Operations Hazmat Team

The Twin Falls Fire Department Special Operations Hazmat Team consists of 12 hazmat technicians. Those are Mitchell Brooks, Devin Slagel, Corey Beam, Josh Kliegl, Joell Miller, Andy Stephenson, Jesse Bowman, Tom McCully, Fred McDonald, David Owens, Rick Hatridge and William Blanton.

In April all team members responded to a simulated emergency at the CSI Expo Center. The scenario involved suspicious packages containing hazardous materials and explosives. Our team along with the Idaho 101st Civil Support team, Twin Falls Bomb Squad, CSI Security, Magic Valley Paramedics and several community partners were able to work together in order to come to a safe conclusion.

In May, 3 members attended a course in Anniston Alabama titled **Hazardous Materials Technologies: Sampling, Monitoring and Detection**. This class was a demanding five-day course that challenged the technicians with extensive hands-on training scenarios. They learned new skills to aid in their response to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear or explosive weapons of mass destruction.

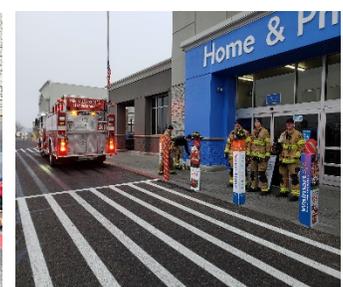
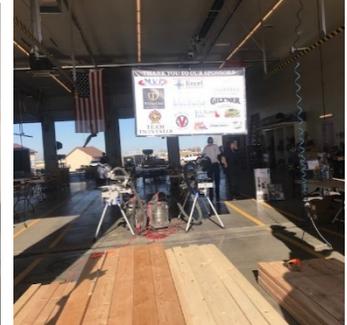
Henningsen Cold Storage held their annual hazmat drill that was designed to test their employees as well as our response. This year the scenario was a little more complicated requiring us to utilize our rope rescue skills along with wearing the hazmat suits. The live drill went very well for both sides and allowed us to evaluate some of our training and equipment needs.

Several team members attended training in Boise with their hazmat team. We have enjoyed branching out and seeing how other specialized teams are operating.

The team continues to develop department new training curriculums and SOG's. In order for our team to stay proficient, we train at least quarterly on technician based skills. As always, we are looking for ways to improve our response capabilities and equipment in order to better serve our community.



Twin Falls Fire Department Community Events 2018



FAQ's

How do I get a copy of an Incident Report?

Call the Twin Falls Fire Department Administrative Office at (208) 735-7266, during our regular business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00/NOON and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday, for proper procedures to obtain a report.

What is a "Knox Box" and where can I obtain one?

A Knox Box is a secured locked box that is placed on the front of a building/house and contains keys to the building or residence. The fire department keeps a key that opens the Knox Box locked and secured on their vehicles. This allows the fire department easy access to a home or business even when the building may be secured, i.e. after hours or when occupants have limited mobility. Information to purchase a "Knox Box" can be obtained by calling the Twin Falls Fire Department at (208) 735-7266 or online at www.knoxbox.com.

If my Carbon Monoxide detector activates, what should I do?

Carbon Monoxide (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SILENT KILLER) is a colorless/odorless gas that is created by the incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels. It also connects to blood cells at a rate 200 times faster than oxygen. It is recommended that you install a Carbon Monoxide detector on each level of your home and if a detector activates, call 911 and leave your home. The fire department will come to your home and check the level of Carbon Monoxide (if any).

Why do firefighters cut holes in the roof and break windows of a building on fire?

This is called "VENTILATION". There are two basic reasons for ventilating a structure. The first is removal of dangerous gases, heat, and dark smoke that accumulate in a burning building reducing visibility and greatly impeding rescue and firefighting efforts. Second, ventilation allows firefighters to relieve the structure of superheated gases and smoke which spread fire and contribute to dangerous situations like flashover and backdraft explosions.

What should I do with HOT fireplace ash?

DO NOT remove hot ashes from the fireplace immediately. Wait up to 2-3 days and let the ashes cool completely in the fireplace until there are no remaining hot embers before removing them. Place cool ash in a metal container and store outside away from the home and all combustibles.



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