

Firefighter Staffing Level Review Cambria CSD Fire Department

DISCUSSION

 4 - person vs. 3 - person engine company constant staffing model

1 Captain

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1 Engineer

1 Engineer

2 Firefighters

1 Firefighter

SELF ASSESSMENT

- NFPA 1710 Standard for Organization of Fire Departments
 - Accreditation through CPSE (Center for Public Safety Excellence)
 - Comprehensive quality improvement model
 - Leads to higher efficiency
 - 239 accredited agencies out of 27,198 in U.S.
 - Lengthy process with great commitments
 - About \$13,000 initial and \$1,000 every year

SELF ASSESSMENT

- Detailed evaluation
- Identifies areas of strength and weakness
- Creates systems for addressing deficiencies
- Encourages professional growth
- Creates a mechanism for developing strategic plans

SELF ASSESSMENT (in process)

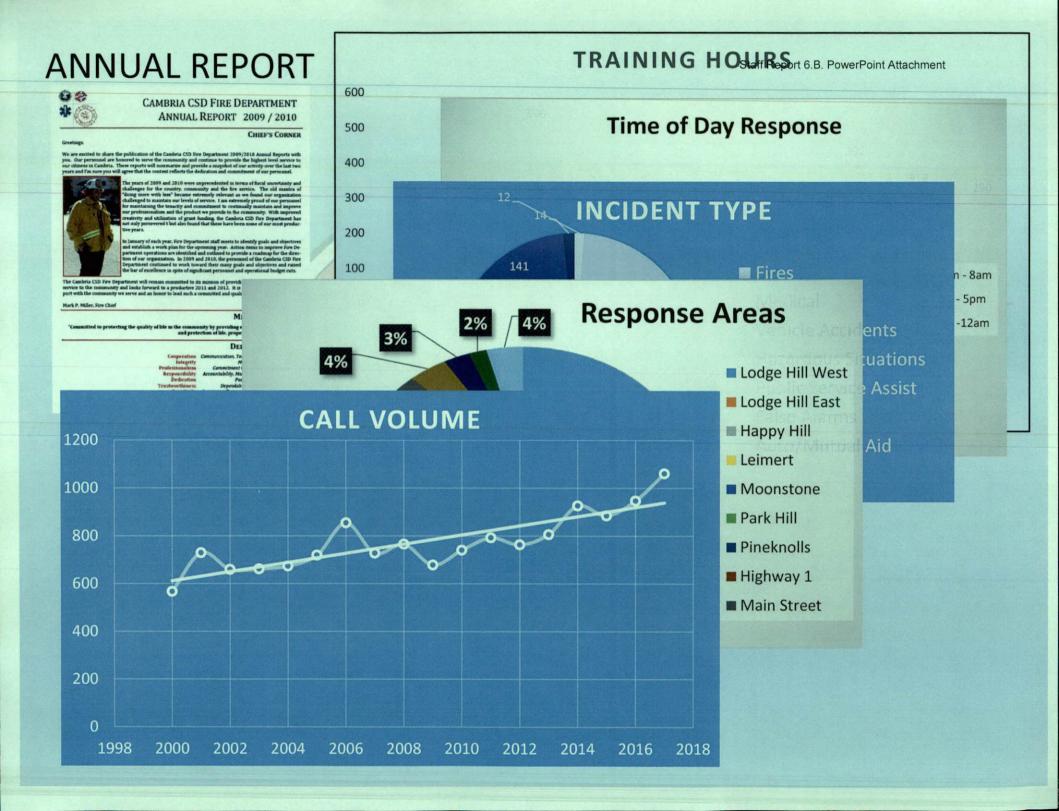
- Apparatus maintenance
- Equipment maintenance
- Training and professional development
- Physical training
- Inspections
- Special projects
- Public education and relations
- Station maintenance
- Cleaning

SELF ASSESSMENT (in process)

Mission
 Tutela, Praevenio, Patronus Muneris
 (Protection, Prevention, Customer Service)

Vision

We bring the highest level of service to the community of Cambria. We regard our citizens, neighbors and guests with dignity and respect. We develop leaders at all levels of the Department through education, training, and high ethical standards.



NFPA 1201 – Standard for Providing Fire Services to Public

 Section A 4.1.1 One model for analyzing the personnel needed to achieve the level service(s) outlined within 4.1.2 is an analysis consisting of a process where the scope of services and duties along with their time requirements are combined to determine the total hours required

SELF ASSESSMENT (in process)

CORE VALUES

Commitment. Dedicated to excellence in service.

Accountability. Upholding fiscal responsibility and the public's trust.

Morale. Promoting a spirit of community, teamwork and brotherhood.

Benevolence. Performing our duties with compassion for others.

Respect. Honoring the traditional values of the Fire Service.

Integrity. Holding our self to high standards both on and off duty.

Achievement. Achieving what others deem impossible.

NIST STUDY (National Institute of Standards and Technology)

- Typical 2-Story Residential Structure Fire Response
 - Hoselines
 - Search and Rescue
 - Ventilation
 - Support Functions
 - Command
 - Minimum Total Personnel Required = 15

NIST STUDY

- More than 60 full-scale experiments
- Identical to provide quantifiable data
- Simulated a typical 2-story residential structure fire as described in NFPA 1710

NIST – 22 MILESTONE TASKS ON A FIRE SCENE

- Stop at hydrant
- Position engine
- Conduct size-up
- Engage pump
- Position attack line
- Establish 2 in/2 out
- Supply attack engine
- Establish RIT
- Gain/force entry
- Advance attack lines
- Advance back-up lines

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- Primary search
- Ground ladders
- Horizontal ventilation 1
- Horizontal ventilation 2
- Control utilities in
- Control utilities out
- Secondary search
- Fire extension walls
- Fire extension ceiling
- Mechanical ventilation

NIST STUDY

Milestone Tasks	3-Person Crew Start Time	4-Person Crew Start Time	Time Differrence	3-Person Crew Duration	4-Person Crew Duration	Time Difference
Ventilation time	11:32	8:48	2:44	7:01	4:42	2:19
Advance attack lin	5:39	5:39	0:00	3:36	3:02	0:34
Advance back-up line	8:35	8:08	0:27	2:58	2:46	0:12
Primary search	9:10	8:47	0:23			
Laddering time	8:44	7:14	1:30	9:35	7:31	2:03

NIST STUDY

4-person crews versus 3-person crews

- Overall scene time: 25% faster
- Time to water on fire: 6% faster
- Ground ladders and ventilation: 25% faster
- Primary search and rescue: 6% faster
- Hose stretch time: 19% faster

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF 4 PERSON STAFFING

- Consistently meet OSHA 2 in/2 out standard
- Improved automatic and mutual aid response
- Third person medical attendant
- Meets Grand Jury recommendation
- Meets MJHMP recommendation
- Safety maintenance projects
- Expanded FHFRP
- Allows for more aggressive firefighting tactics
- Greater potential for property preservation
- Helps maintain ISO 4/4x classification
- Administrative Assistant and Fire Marshal positions

CONCLUSION

- Department recommends 4 person engine company
- The CCSD Board of Directors and public have the right to determine the level of service
- Safety will not be compromised due to level of staffing
- Expectation to meet the needs for emergency response as we move forward

