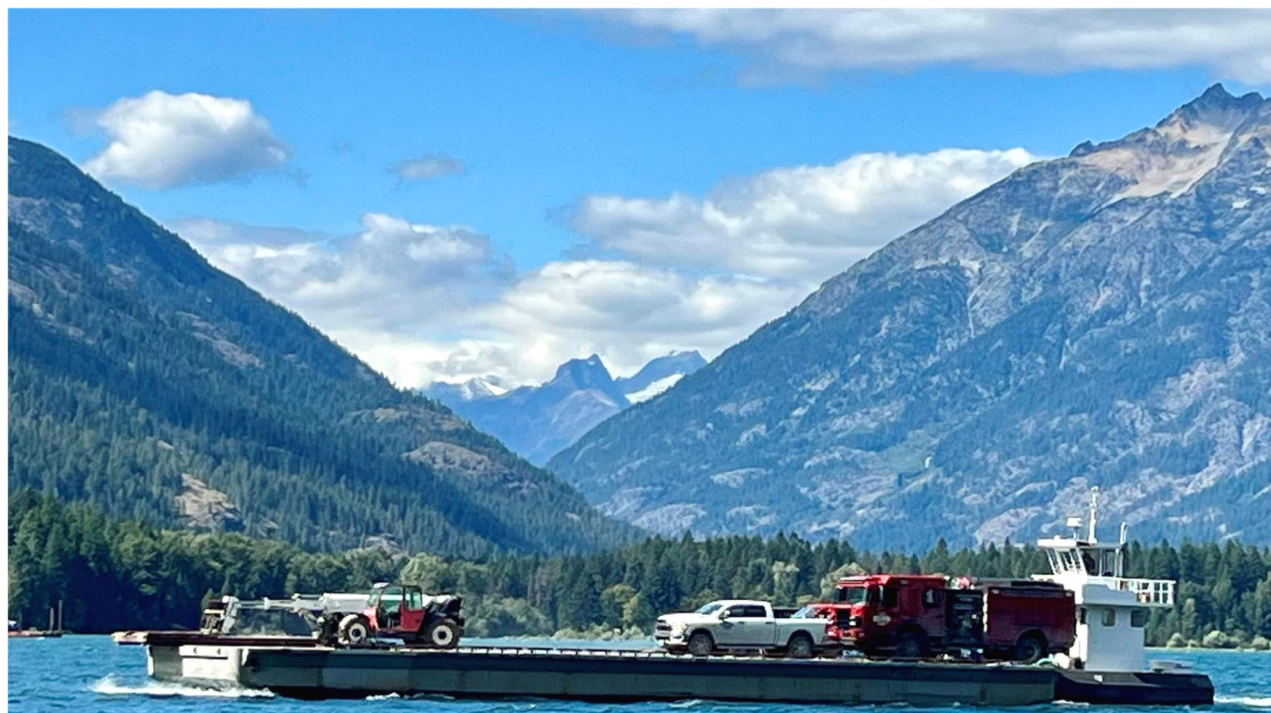


CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



The year 2024 was another busy one for Chelan Fire and Rescue. Our fleet saw many improvements come to fruition. We took delivery and placed our two new Type 1 Spartan 4x4 engines in service. This was highlighted with Chelan Fire and Rescues first traditional “Push In” ceremony that was well received by the community. We also purchased a refurbished Type 3 Pierce brush truck using funds from selling our gas motor 2021 dodge. We surplussed the old Engine 73 that was past its 25-year life expectancy to a department in Montana.

As call volumes have consistently increased year after year, staff has determined that the rising demand during what was once considered the 'off season' now justifies a permanent adjustment to our staffing levels. In response, the hiring of two additional career firefighters was approved at the end of 2024. This will bring our career firefighter staffing to four by the start of the 2025 wildland and tourist season. Additionally, we will continue our seasonal firefighter program to further bolster our capabilities during the peak wildland fire season.

The Pioneer Fire proved to be a big challenge that many members of our department stepped up to meet. The fire lasted over 3 months and required almost daily administrative meetings, our fire boat, a Type 1 engine in Stehekin and a Type 3 engine surrounding Manson. We also experienced the Stayman Flats fire, which brought back memories of 2015 all over again. Aircraft requests through the new House Bill 1498 were instrumental in quickly getting multiple air resources to help slow the fire and ultimately keep it out of town. Thousands of hours were put in by crews to support these and many other fires in state and even California.

I attended the 2024 Spring legislative session to testify regarding TIF (Tax Increment Financing). While some positive changes came from the session, we are still locked into the previous legislation due to the timeframe when the City of Chelan TIF was formed. The City is actively seeking alternate funding for the East Chelan reservoir project and is having success. Mitigation has been negotiated and is ready to be implemented should the City not get outside funding, which could dissolve the TIF. The Fire District is doing all it can to support the city in their efforts.

Chelan Fire and Rescue opened talks with Manson Fire to openly discuss what the future of the fire service in our valley could look like. We look forward to continuing these discussions into 2025.

All the accomplishments of this agency could not happen without the dedication of so many different people doing their part to ensure our success and safety, from the Board of Commissioners, Administration, Career and Volunteer Firefighters, Association Members, and community members who hear our message and take action. I'm continually honored to be a part of this community and Chelan Fire and Rescue.

Brandon Asher
Fire Chief

MISSION STATEMENT, VISION STATEMENT, CORE VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life and safety of our community by protecting lives and property through emergency response, education and prevention.

VISION STATEMENT

To provide quality emergency response to our growing community while responsibly developing a new future that actively focuses on creating efficiencies, professional accountability, effective training of our members, use of emerging technologies, and fiscal sustainability.

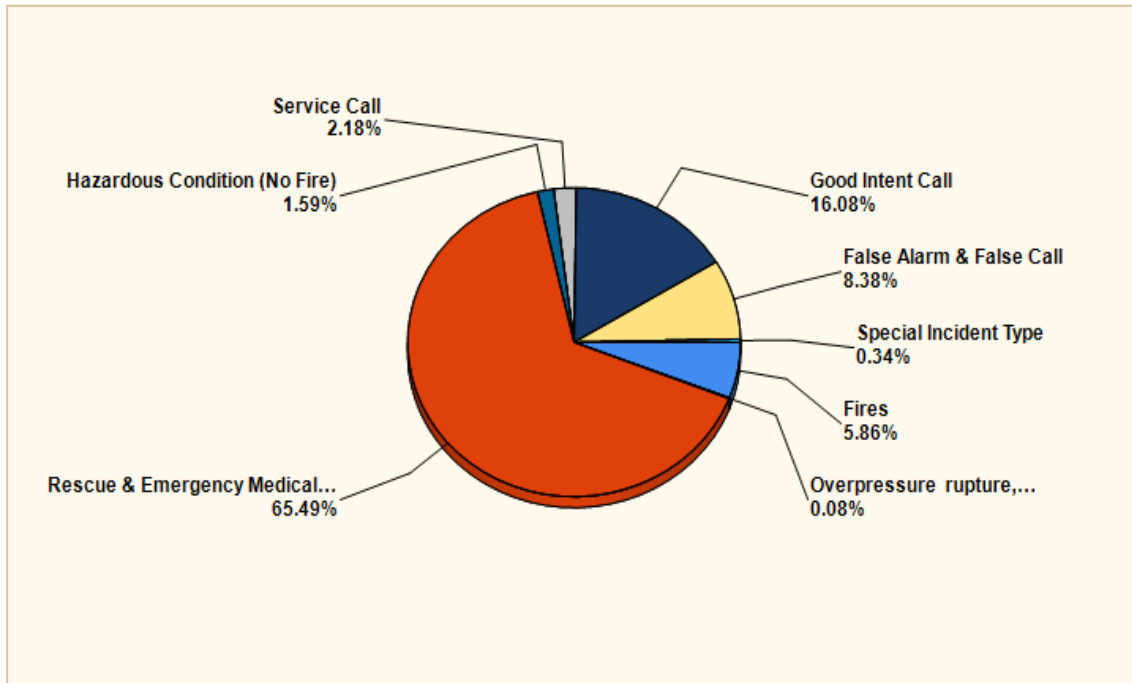
CORE VALUES

- **Professionalism** – showing love for the job by acting with pride, ownership, and passion
- **Respect** – for our co-workers, ourselves, and especially our community members
- **Integrity** – demonstrating ethical and moral character in all of our actions
- **Dedication** – being committed to the mission, values, and core values
- **Empathy** – having compassion for one another and those we serve



2024 INCIDENT STATISTICS

In 2024, Chelan Fire & Rescue responded to 1194 calls for emergency service, which was an increase of 5.0% over our 2023 call volume. We had a structure fire at the iconic Apple Cup that required the building to be torn down. The City of Chelan Transfer Station was completely lost in early summer. Weather events for 2024 included -15-degree temps in January and a few red flag wind days. Most lightning caused fires stayed far uplake.



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	70	5.86%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.08%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	782	65.49%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	19	1.59%
Service Call	26	2.18%
Good Intent Call	192	16.08%
False Alarm & False Call	100	8.38%
Special Incident Type	4	0.34%
TOTAL	1194	100%

Zones are divided geographically into areas with hydrants and areas without.

For all major call types (Fire Brush, Fire Residential, and Fire Commercial), automatic aid is in place.

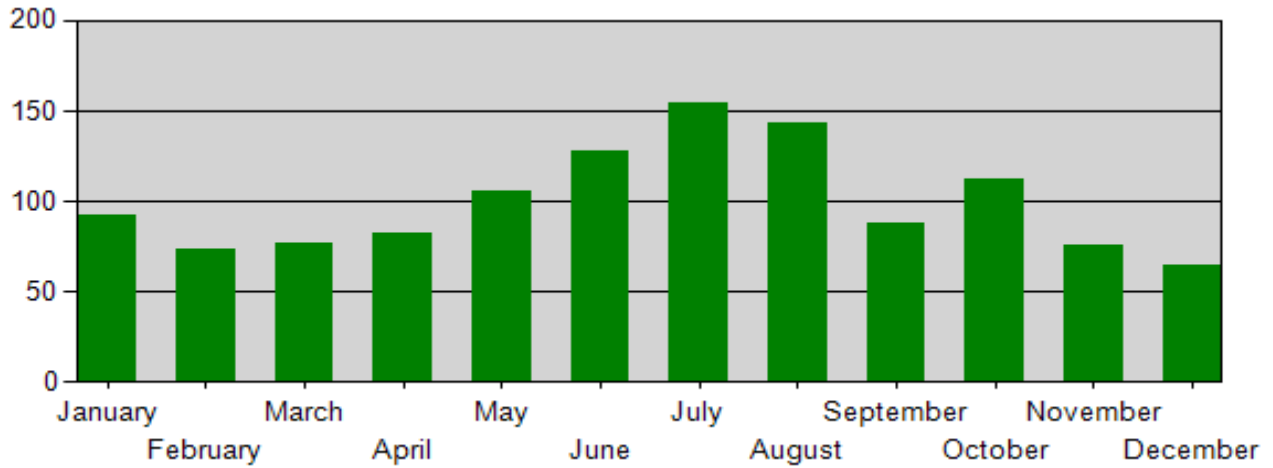
Automatic aid assists in our WSRB score for meeting an effective workforce.

Zone 75N and 77T have automatic aid with Entiat. Zone 72 and 72H have automatic aid with Orondo. All zones 71, 73, 74, and 76 have automatic aid from Manson.

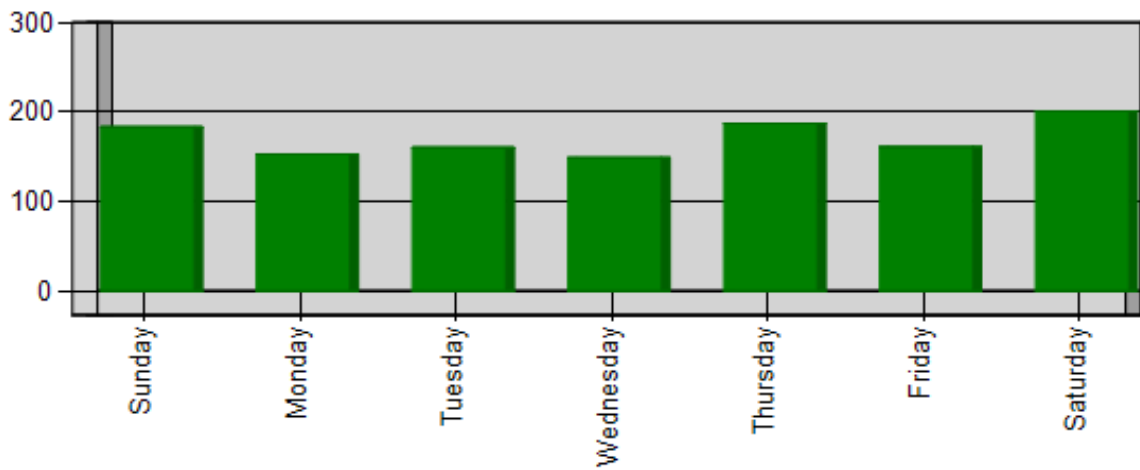
ZONE	# INCIDENTS
Archived	1
71 - City of Chelan (Rural, Outline Areas)	56
71H - City of Chelan (Urban @ Hydrants)	704
71I - City of Chelan Industrial (Urban, Chelan Fruit Area)	24
72 - Chelan Falls (Rural)	15
72H - Chelan Falls (Suburban @ Hydrants)	14
73 - Union Valley (Rural)	20
74 - Howard Flats (Rural)	18
74A - Chelan Airport Area (Suburban)	21
74W - Wells Dam / Zerkial Fruit Area (Rural)	14
75 - South Lakeshore (Rural)	78
75N - Navarre Coulee	14
76 - North-shore (Rural)	47
76H - North-shore (Suburban @ Hydrants)	66
77 - Hawks Meadow, Downy Canyon Area (Rural)	10
77H - Bear Mountain & Clos Chevalle (Suburban @ Hydrants)	19
77T - Knapps Coulee Tunnel	7
C01 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 1	5
C05 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 5	15
C06 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 6	2
C08 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 8	17
C10 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 10	1
CFD - Cashmere Fire Department (Wilderness)	1
D02 - Douglas County Fire Protection District 2, East Wenatchee	1
D04 - Douglas County Fire Protection District 4, Orondo	5
D05 - Douglas County Fire Protection District 5, Mansfield	9
DNR - Department Of Natural Resources	2
OK15 - Douglas/Okanogan County Fire Protection District 15	1
USFS - United States Forest Service	3
WSMOB - Washington State Mobilization	4

TOTAL: 1194

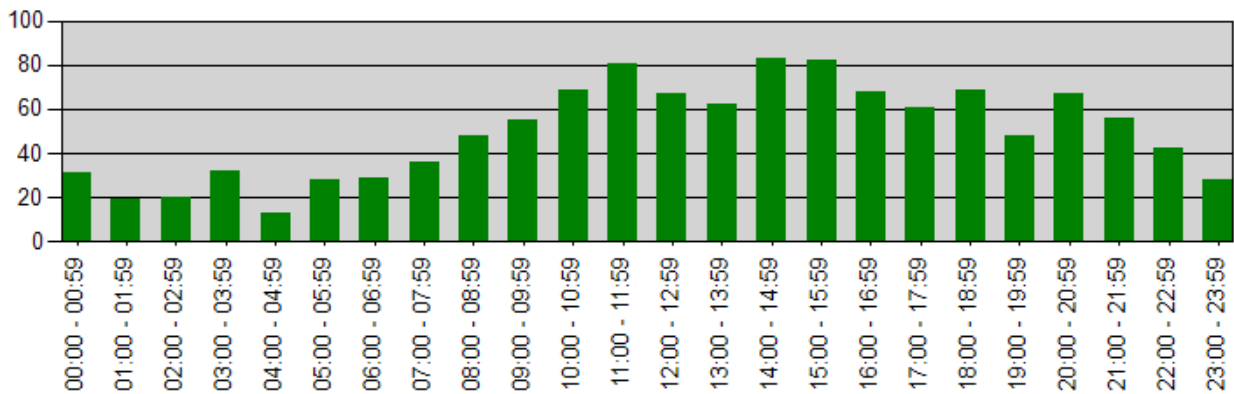
2024 Incidents by Month



2024 Incidents by Day of Week



2024 Incidents by Hour of Day



2024 TURNOUT TIMES AND RESPONSES

Chelan Fire & Rescue has established Response Time Standards outlined in the Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) 010, Service Goals and Objectives. In addition, the service goals and objectives are adapted from NFPA 1710 and NFPA 1720 Standards for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression, EMS, and Special Operations to the Public by Career and Volunteer Fire Departments.

Turnout (Reaction) Time is when responders are notified by dispatch and start moving toward the emergency incident. Turnout Time Standards are identified in SOG 010, Service Goals and Objectives. Station 71 career staff respond to all calls within any zone. All other volunteer stations are unstaffed.

2024 Turnout Times by Station	Turnout Time (min)
71 - City of Chelan (2 minutes)	2:34
72 - Chelan Falls (10 minutes)	NA
73 - Union Valley (10 minutes)	16:31
74 - Howard Flats, Chelan Airport (10 minutes)	24:27
75 - South Lakeshore (10 minutes)	17:29
76 - North Shore (2 minutes)	NA
77 - Bear Mountain, Hawks Meadow, Pat & Mikes (2 minutes)	NA

Response Time is a combination of turnout time and travel time to the incident as identified in SOG 010, Service Goals and Objectives, meaning that we can arrive on the scene within 90% of emergency incidents.

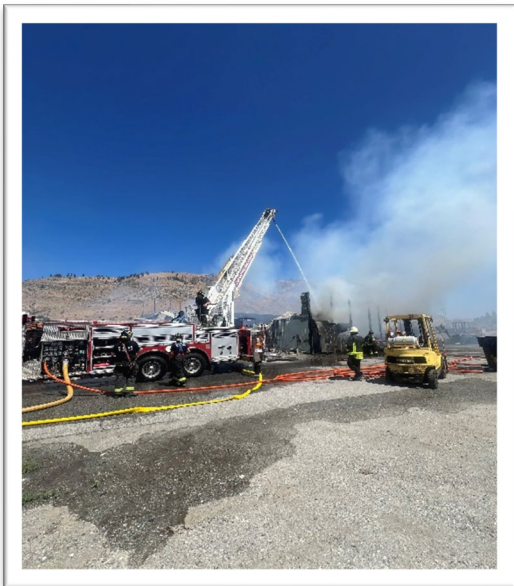
Zone	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME in minutes (Dispatch to Arrived)
DNR - Department Of Natural Resources	75:00
C06 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 6	71:13
C08 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 8	63:50
C01 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 1	57:53
D02 - Douglas County Fire Protection District 2, East Wenatchee	57:09
D04 - Douglas County Fire Protection District 4, Orondo	54:26
CFD - Cashmere Fire Department	52:00
77 - Hawks Meadow, Downy Canyon Area (Rural)	42:40

D05 - Douglas County Fire Protection District 5, Mansfield	32:34
USFS - United States Forest Service	31:15
77T - Knapps Coulee Tunnel	29:30
74W - Wells Dam / Zerkial Fruit Area (Rural)	19:07
75 - South Lakeshore (Rural)	18:04
75N - Navarre Coulee	17:39
OK15 - Douglas/Okanogan County Fire Protection District 15	15:42
73 - Union Valley (Rural)	15:02
74 - Howard Flats (Rural)	14:37
76 - North-shore (Rural)	13:34
C05 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 5	11:46
77H - Bear Mountain & Clos Chevalle (Suburban @ Hydrants)	11:31
72H - Chelan Falls (Suburban @ Hydrants)	11:10
71 - City of Chelan (Rural, Outline Areas)	10:05
72 - Chelan Falls (Rural)	9:49
74A - Chelan Airport Area (Suburban)	9:28
76H - North-shore (Suburban @ Hydrants)	8:46
71I - City of Chelan Industrial (Urban, Chelan Fruit Area)	5:53
71H - City of Chelan (Urban @ Hydrants)	5:42
C10 - Chelan County Fire Protection District 10	0:00
WSMOB - Washington State Mobeilization	0:00

*Station 71 has 24/7 career personnel staffing, with volunteer members responding from home, impacting average turnout and response times. However, career staff turnout and response times were consistently within the 90 Percentile Time Standard for 2024.

Chelan Fire and Rescue responds to all EMS calls within the Fire District. Transport is done by Lake Chelan Community Health.

2024 Patient Transport Apparatus Totals	
Medic 311	2
Medic 312	11
Medic 3152	76
Medic 3171	457
MSO 31 Response	314
No	195
Other	6





Chelan Fire and Rescue had another successful year at keeping wildfire from burning any primary residences within the district. Responses outside the district for 2nd and 3rd alarm fires were numerous as we remain very engaged in helping our neighbors. Locally, we played a very busy role in supporting the 3-month long Pioneer Fire. We provided a meeting room, type 3 brush engine, type 1 engine, task force leader, agency representative, and logistical support. The Stayman flats fire also presented a large threat to our community, but aggressive air resource allocation helped in keeping the fire out of town. CFR also sent a Type 1 Engine and STL on an 18-day EMAC deployment to San Bernadino County, California.

STATE MOBILIZATIONS

State Mobilization Location	Units Responded
06/09/2024 Pioneer Fire, Chelan WA	BT71, B71,CH71,E79
06/15/2024 Zillah, WA	UT71 STL
07/23/2024 Black Canyon and Reach Fires Yakima/Naches, WA	UT71 STL
08/11/2024 R. 9 Fire Mansfield, WA	B78, CH71,UT71 STL
08/20/2024 Stayman Flats Fire Chelan, WA	All Chelan except L71
08/28/2024 Schrag Rd. Lind, WA	B71
09/12/2024 EMAC deployment San Bernadino County, CA	CH71 STL, E79



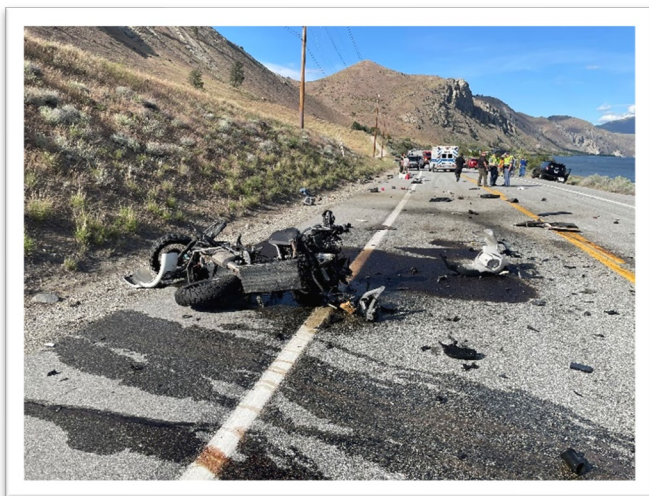
2024 PRE-FIRE PROPERTY VALUES VS. FIRE LOSS

Pre-fire property Values Versus Fire Loss validate the agency's ability to respond quickly to prevent property loss safely and effectively. Any value loss directly impacts the economics of a community and our continued ability to provide emergency operations due to loss-assessed property valuation.

INCIDENT #	PRE-INCIDENT VALUE	LOSSES	SAVED
2024-2	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00
2024-533	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$0.00
2024-550	\$73,000.00	\$0.00	\$73,000.00
2024-585	\$350,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$130,000.00
Totals:	\$2,528,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$2,203,000.00

2024 PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

- Chelan Fire & Rescue maintained adequate staffing throughout 2024 with volunteer, career, seasonal, and support personnel to meet the organization's mission.
- Administrative Office Manager Carol Kibler retired and was replaced by Misty Fifield who did the books for Fire District #8. A contract with Fire District #8 was put in place to allow her to continue their administrative duties as well as Chelan Fire and Rescue.
- Chief Asher is still the Fire Defense Coordinator for Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Adams, and Okanogan Counties.
- Chief Asher is still the Vice President of the North Central Washington Fire Chiefs Association.
- Chief Sherman is the CFR representative for the Region 6 training council.
- Chelan Fire and Rescue added 4 new Volunteers that went through the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department led academy.
- Fire Mechanic Jason Miller successfully balanced all mechanical work with Chelan and Manson and contract work for Entiat.
- We maintained seasonal staffing of 4 until one resigned in September. Additional staffing provided increased flexibility on State Mobilizations and helped cut back on overtime for daily scheduling.
- Captain Jones and Firefighter Steady are part of the local task book peer review process.
- We had a 2-month injury in April to one of our Captains.
- A testing process began in December to hire 2 additional career firefighters who will start the academy at end of January, 2025.
- Commissioner Karyl Oules resigned from her post one year early and Ron Simmons will be sworn in first month of January to fill the remaining year.



At the end of 2024, Chelan Fire & Rescue membership included the following:

- 3 Commissioners
- Administrative Office Manager
- Administrative Office Assistant
- Fire Mechanic
- 2 Fire Chaplains
- Fire Chief
- Assistant Chief
- 3 Career Fire Captain/EMTs
- 7 Career Firefighters/EMTs
- 34 Volunteer Members (23 wildland qualified, 16 structure qualified, 8 certified EMTs)
- 3 Marine Operators

VOLUNTEER TREND COMPARISON

STATION	2013	2018	2021	2023	2024
71	13	24	19	17 (8 CF)	22 (11CF)
72	6	5	1	0	0
73	6	11	7	6 (4 CF)	6 (2 CF)
74	5	5	4	2 (1 CF)	1 (1 CF)
75	6	7	8	3 (1 CF)	3 (2 CF)
Total Vol	36	52	39	28	34
CAREER	7	12	7	10	10

CF= COMBAT FIREFIGHTER

2024 TRAINING

The focus for 2024 training was building relationships and seamless operations with our neighboring departments. The training was very well received by all agencies.

In 2024 Chelan Fire and Rescue had total training hours of **3607** hours.

Annual Training Included:

- Live Fire & Fire Suppression
- Initial and Annual Wildland Refresher Training
- Emergency Medical Training (Initial EMT course and ongoing OTEP)
- Annual Rapid Entry Rescue Swimmer & Marine-71 Operator programs
- Technical Rescue – Low Angle Rope Rescue
- Hazmat Operations
- Hazmat Technician
- Annual EVIP and Driver/Operator Training
- Blue Card Incident Command

Specialized Training Included:

- Firefighter Fogelson and Commissioner Donnell put on an EMT class in the spring.
- All career staff became rescue swimmers and rope technicians.



2024 APPARATUS

- We surplussed the 1996 International Type 1 pumper to a department in Montana for \$45,000.
- The 2 Spartan 4x4 Type 1 Engines were delivered and placed into service in the Spring.
- Took delivery of a refurbished Pierce Type 3 International crew cab brush truck.
- Chelan Fire and Rescue is constantly monitoring its apparatus replacement schedule. We also have an active apparatus replacement committee studying how to downsize or combine the fleet while still meeting WSRB requirements.
- Obtained new motors for BT71 due to Pioneer Fire damage. Also added scene lighting.
- Upgraded BT71 with a pump and turrent for limited firefighting operations.



2024 FACILITIES & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Chelan Fire & Rescue completed several facility projects.

Facilities:

- Completed the apron at Station 74.
- Did a very deep clean and purge at Station 74.
- Moved the heating system at Station 75 to the floor which is helping the current systems efficiency.
- Replaced a broken cable machine with a new Rogue workout cage for Station 71.
- Replaced Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief desks.
- Found replacement motor for Station 71 generator.

Equipment:

- Replacement of hose and appliances necessary for fire suppression.
- Replaced seven outdated Automatic External Defibrillators.
- Replacement of structural and wildland personal protective gear.
- Purchased two mobile radios and ten portable radios with Rivercom funding.
- Purchased new Rogue workout cage and free weights
- Obtained a surplus forklift for St. 74
- Replaced multiple fire shelters with a DNR grant

2024 CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Other:

- 2024 Budget finals within budget.
- Engaged in mitigation efforts with the City of Chelan regarding the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) area.
- The 2025 Budget Process was completed and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Successful awards banquet was held at Laylas in December 2024
- Completed the Chelan County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Completed the Community Wildfire Protection Plan update.
- Managed the NCWFCA radio identifier policy update for Chelan and Douglas Counties.
- Assisted on multiple 2nd and 3rd alarm fires in Chelan, Douglas Counties.
- Participated in Earth Fair, Memorial, and Veteran's Day Parades
- Participated in Third Thursdays at Riverwalk Park.
- Our Fire Commissioners are leaders in helping the state tackle the growing insurance problem that effects so many in our fire district and state.
- Firefighters and association members handed out candy and chocolate for Halloween.
- Promoted the new Association Fire T-shirts that were a huge success.
- Participated in the Fire & Cop on Top event for special Olympics.



2024 BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

Chelan Fire & Rescue closed out 2024 with increased revenues generated through state mobilization reimbursements and increased tax revenue. In addition, our sound financial management practices and annual state/federal audits demonstrate our commitment to financial stewardship of the funds we are entrusted with.

General Fund Account:

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Starting Fund:	\$1,200,227.00	\$1,200,227.00
Tax Revenue:	\$3,801,075.00	\$3,575,359.00
Grants:	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,417.00
Other Revenue:	\$ 151,500.00	\$ 642,577.00
Transfer In	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Sub-Total:	\$5,152,802.00	\$5,459,580.00
Expenses:	\$2,988,028.00	\$3,548,393.00
To Capital Expenditure	\$ 420,803.00	\$ 277,471.00
To General Reserve Investment	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
To Capital Reserve Investment	\$ 294,400.00	\$ 0.00
Transfer Out Bond	<u>\$ 93,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 93,550.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$3,796,431.00	\$3,919,414.00
2024 Year-End Balance:	\$1,356,371.00	\$1,540,166.00
Desired Carry Over	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 1,066,300.00
Uncommitted Funds	<u>\$ 68,372.00</u>	<u>\$ 56,836.00</u>

General Reserve Investment Fund

General Reserve Investments cover contingency expenses, meet seasonal cash flow shortages, and upgrade or maintain the Fire District's credit rating.

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Starting Fund Amount:	\$818,891.00	\$818,891.00
Interest	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 43,779.00
Transfer In from General	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transfer Out to General	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	\$838,891.00	\$ 862,670.00

2024 Year-End Account Balance **\$862,670.00**

Capital Expenditure Fund

The Capital Expenditure fund covers capital budgeted expenses.

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Starting Fund:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transfer in from General	\$ 420,803.00	\$ 277,471.00*
Transfer in From Cap. Invest. Fund	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 323,406.00</u>
Sub-Total:	\$ 420,803.00	\$ 600,877.00
Expenses:	\$ 420,803.00	\$ 552,663.00
Transfer to Capital Investment	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 48,215.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 420,803.00	\$ 600,878.00

2024 Year-End Account Balance **\$0.00**

Capital Reserve Investment Fund

The Capital Reserve Investments are funds allocated for apparatus replacement and capital expenses. Funds from this account are used for apparatus replacement identified under the 2023 Apparatus section and Capital Projects identified in our 2023 Budget. This account is funded through reimbursements received from state mobilizations, sales of surplus apparatus and equipment, and any uncommitted funds at year-end as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Starting Fund	\$623,242.00	\$623,242.00
Interest Earned	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 20,227.00
Transfer In from Capital	<u>\$294,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 48,215.00*</u>
	\$929,642.00	\$ 691,684.00
Transfer Out to Capital Fund	\$ 0.00	<u>\$ 323,406.00</u>

2024 Year-End Account Balance **\$ 368,278.00**

Bond Fund Account

Non-voted bond for the construction of Station 75. Paid out of our general fund. Will be paid in full in the year 2030.

2024 Budget and Actual

Bond Outstanding	\$625,000.00
Principle Payment	<u>\$70,000.00</u>
2024 Outstanding Bonds	\$555,000.00
2024 Interest Payment	\$23,200.00

SATURDAY
APRIL 13TH 2024

JOIN US FOR THE EXCITING DEDICATION CEREMONY OF OUR BRAND-NEW FIRE ENGINE!
WE WILL BE HOLDING A TRADITIONAL WET DOWN AND PUSH-IN CEREMONY TO PAY HOMAGE
TO THE PAST AND WELCOME THE FUTURE TO OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION!

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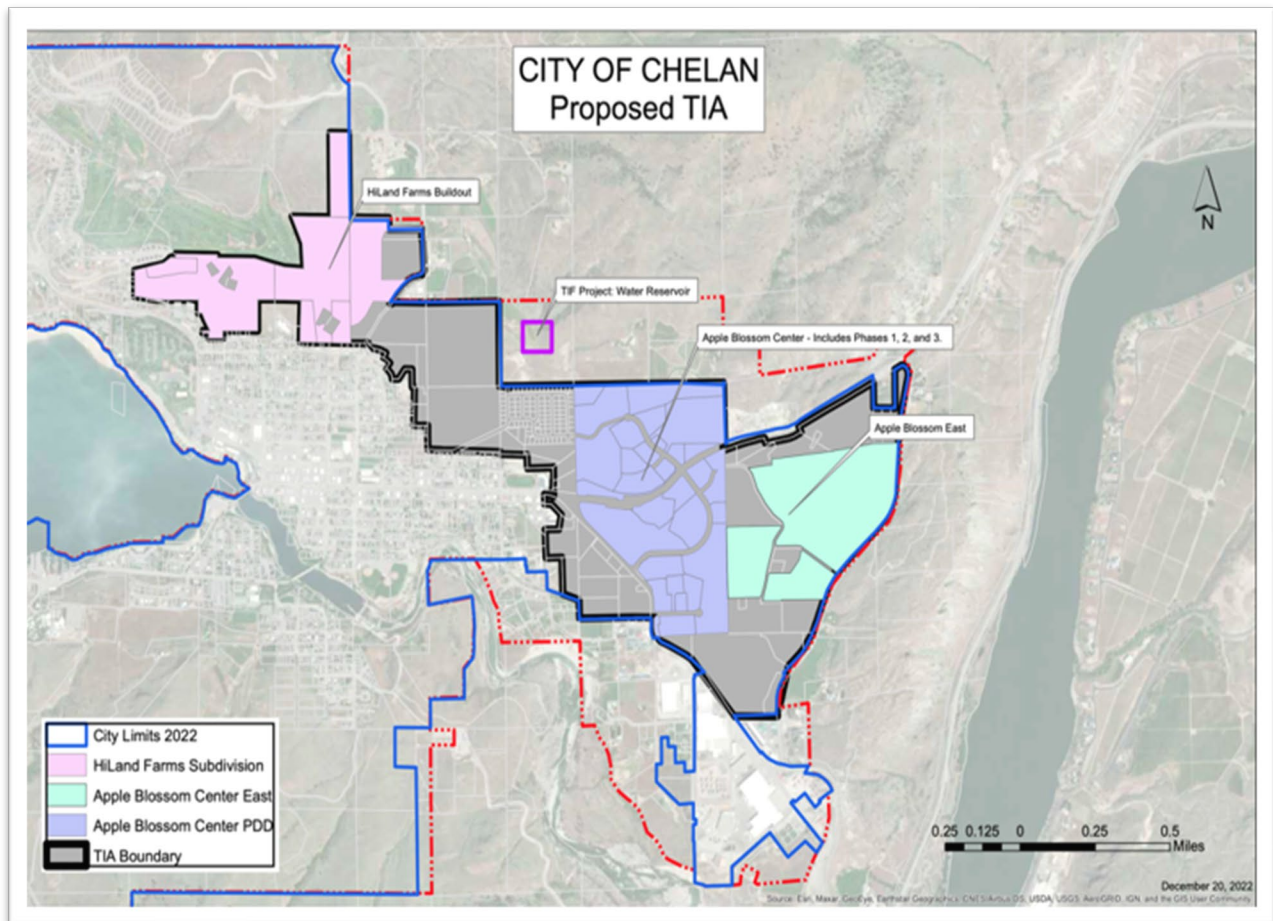
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CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE

EVENT HOSTED BY: CHELAN FIRE AND RESCUE | PAID FOR BY: THE CITIZENS OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 7

TIF-TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Tax increment financing (TIF) is a funding method by the City of Chelan to provide water infrastructure to the East Chelan area. This is done by diverting tax funds received due to the increase in property values over the baseline of when the TIF was established from the fire district to the City of Chelan. A baseline value was set when the TIF area took effect in June of 2023 and could last up to 25 years. Mitigation must take place if there is an increase in calls to the TIF area, as shown in the annual report. In 2024 the TIF area saw a 36% call increase. Widner is in the permitting phase to add over 800 residential units and 1000's of feet of retail space. This will create the need for more staffing and station improvements.



The table below shows all streets that are within the approved TIF boundary and the number of calls on each street. The table is the baseline for determining increased calls to the TIF area for future mitigation purposes. If any new streets within the area are created, they will be added to the list.

TIF RESPONSE AREA

Street Name	2021 Calls	2022Calls	2023 Calls	2024 Calls
No See Um Rd	2	3	4	3
N. Bradley St 700+ blk	0	2	0	2
N. Wilson St. 300+ blk	2	0	1	1
Sunny Brooke Ln.	4	0	2	2
Sunset Ln.	1	3	5	10
Hilltop Pl.	1	2	0	0
Whisper Pl.	0	1	0	0
Spring View Pl.	0	4	1	5
N. Apple Blossom Dr.	9	17	17	14
Golden Ave	0	0	1	2
Godfrey Springs Ln	0	0	0	0
S. Apple Blossom Dr.	8	10	11	20
Pinata Dr.	0	0	0	0
Edwin Rd.	0	0	1	0
Willmorth Dr.	1	1	3	4
Gala Ave.	0	0	0	0
Shop Ave.	0	0	0	0
E Chelan Ave 800 - 900 blk	0	0	1	0
Green Tree Rd.	0	0	0	0
SR150 mp 235-237	2	2	0	1
Jessie St.	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	30	45	47	64



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