City of Conroe
Fire Department

2012 Annual Report
It has been a number of years since the Fire Department has produced an Annual Report. I hope to continue this tradition in an attempt to capture, for history, the key events that happen throughout the year. The year of 2012 will be one that is remembered as a recovery year. After some years of stifled growth, the economy in Conroe seems to have made a strong rebound. Some of the key events were the life-saving awards given out and the farewell salute to three of our former and retired personnel. The department responded to 6,551 calls for service, but also performed over 1,805 Fire Safety Inspections, and reached over 11,000 people with Public Safety Training. All of these efforts, we hope, are part of the reason why the City did not experience any fire casualties during the year.

I believe that we can say that we accomplished our City’s Mission Statement: “Protect and Serve the Citizens of Conroe and exceed their expectations.”

Sincerely,

Ken Kreger

Fire Chief / Emergency Management Coordinator
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APPARATUS & FACILITIES
**Fire Department Equipment**

**Ladder 1**

1997 Pierce Arrow 100 foot aerial platform ladder with 2000 GPM pump and a 200 gallon water tank, a complement of ground ladders and technical rescue equipment, two 1000 GPM nozzles are pre-piped to the aerial platform.

**E-1**

2011 Pierce Quantum Pumper with a Cummins ISM 500 horsepower diesel engine and Allison Gen IV 4000 EVS 6 speed transmission and is equipped with a Jacob’s engine break and Oshkosh TAK-4 suspension, which allows for excellent maneuverability, improved stopping power, and safer handling. Engine 1 is equipped with 1500 GPM Waterous pump that is paired with a Husky 12 GPM foam system. The combination of the two enables Engine 1 to provide both Class A and B foam solutions to extinguish anything from common wood fire to gasoline and alcohol fires. The pumper is capable of discharging both types of foam through 5 hand lines as well as through the master stream monitor located on top of the truck. Engine 1 carries 750 gallons of water, 20 gallons of Class A concentrate, and 100 gallons of Class B concentrate. Engine 1 is also equipped with a 10 foot telescoping Night Scan light tower that allows the pumper to illuminate hazardous areas allowing emergency personnel to work faster and safer.

**E-2**

2010 Pierce Quantum Pumper with a Cummins ISM 500 horsepower diesel engine and Allison Gen IV 4000 EVS 6 speed transmission and is equipped with a Jacob’s engine break and Oshkosh TAK-4 suspension, which allows for excellent maneuverability, improved stopping power, and safer handling. Engine 2 is equipped with 1500 GPM Waterous pump that is paired with a Husky 12 GPM foam system. The combination of the two enables Engine 2 to provide both Class A and B foam solutions to extinguish anything from common wood fire to gasoline and alcohol fires. The pumper is capable of discharging both types of foam through 5 hand lines as well as through the master stream monitor located on top of the truck. Engine 2 carries 750 gallons of water, 20 gallons of Class A concentrate, and 100 gallons of Class B concentrate. Engine 2 is also equipped with a 10 foot telescoping Night Scan light tower that allows the pumper to illuminate hazardous areas allowing emergency personnel to work faster and safer.
E-3
2008 Pierce Quantum pumper. It has a 1500 GPM pump with a 750 gallon poly water tank. Engine 3 is also equipped with a Husky 12, Class A foam system fed by a 20 gallon Class A foam cell. Other features of E-3 include a raised roof, air conditioned four door cab. It also has a hydraulic ladder rack with a 24’ extension, 14’ roof, and 10’ attic ladder, as well as, 6’, 10’ and 8’ two –man pike pole.

E-4
2006 Pierce Quantum pumper, 1500 GPM Waterous pump with 750 gallon water tank, 30 gallon Class B foam tank with 1% AFFF foam, 20 gallon Class A foam tank with National Knockdown Class A foam, hydraulic ladder rack with a 24’ extension, 14’ roof and 10’ attic ladder, also 6’ and 10’ pike poles.

E-5
2007 Pierce Quantum that can seat 5 crew members; the interior has the state of the art headset communications for both 800 MHz two way radios and personnel. This truck is powered by a Big Block ISM 500 hp Cummins engine with an Allison 4000EVS transmission. This truck also has a 730 gallon water tank with a 20 gallon foam cell that has Class A foam. This is all powered by a 1500 GPM Waterous pump and built in Huskey foam system. The Harrison 8K generator on the truck powers the external scene lights and plugs. Engine 5 runs all calls from fire, medical, as well as, support to Hazmat operations for leaks and spills.
Fire Department Equipment

**E-6**

2002 Pierce Dash that is equipped with a Series 60, 500 HP Detroit Diesel engine and an Allison 5 speed automatic transmission. The engine is also equipped with a New Generation Jacobs engine brake which will assist with braking the 50,000 lbs vehicle. The newly introduced Tak-4 independent front suspension will provide for safer handling, as well as, improved braking and a sharper turning radius. The cab is the first of a kind for the Conroe Fire Department because the entire cab can be raised to provide improved access to the trucks power plant and all related equipment. Engine 6 is equipped with a 1500 GPM Waterous pump, Hercules C.A.F.S (Compressed Air Foam System) and a Foam Pro 2002 foam system. This unit can be used with either Class A or Class B foams to fight anything from wood and paper fires to gasoline and alcohol fires. The foam tanks are built into the water tank to form one unit, which is comprised of a 700 gallon water tank, a 30 gallon Class B tank, and a 20 gallon Class A tank. There are 5 hand lines on this truck that are capable of flowing both types of foam.

**E-7**

1993 Pierce Arrow, 1250 GPM pumper with a 750 gallon water tank, rescue body, hydraulic ladder racks, 4-door, and medical and rescue equipment.

**E-8**

1990 Pierce Arrow, 1250 GPM pumper with 750 gallon water tank, rescue body, hydraulic ladder racks, 4 door, and medical and rescue equipment.
Fire Department Equipment

Haz Mat 5

2005 Enforcer Pierce truck. This truck is capable of a 5 man hazmat technician level regional response crew and is powered by a 400 HP Cummins engine, and a 300 EVS Allison transmission. This truck is housed at Station 5 that is located on F.M 3083. The truck has an array of the latest technology in emergency lighting with an LED warning system and top mount 9000 watt light tower. The vehicle is used for all types of hazmat situations and has self sufficient capabilities for handling mutual aid calls to other departments outside of the city limits. The cab has a work area that is designed to assist the hazmat teams resource officer in gathering information about certain chemicals or products. This is achieved by the onboard primary set of resource materials and laptop computers.

Hose 1

1948 Mack 500 GPM Pumper, retired from service in 1978. Now used for parades and pumper races.

Fire Safety House

Purchased in 2002, the Fire Safety House is a hands-on learning tool that gives children and their families the knowledge they need to create safer homes and communities. The safety house is used in fire prevention and taken to many schools. There is a kitchen equipped with working appliances and kitchen hazards for a learning tool. There is a smoke system that demonstrates the need to “stay low in smoke” and not breathe toxic fumes in a fire. There is also a low lying fireplace in the living room for teaching purposes of fire place safety.
Fire Department Equipment

Special Equipment Trailer
1998 Haulmark 2-ton utility trailer. The special equipment trailer was built by firefighters and carries specialized support equipment for below ground and technical rescues.

Booster 3
Custom built 2004 F550 extended cab truck. Booster 3 is equipped with the Triton V-10 gasoline engine and 4 wheel drive. Designed to fight grass fires with its 300 gallon water tank, Honda water pump and 20 gallon Class A foam tank and proportioning system. It also has a 9500 lb WARN winch.

Booster 1
2012 Ford F450 single cab with 300 gallon water tank and a 10 gallon class A foam cell. Booster 1 is equipped with a bumper mounted remote control nozzle. This vehicle is used for brush fires and the Wildland urban interface of our city.

Boat 2
2010 Achilles SU-14 equipped with trailer and 30 horsepower Mercury outboard motor. This boat is specifically designed to operate in swift water rescue situations, but can also function under normal lake operations.
Fire Department Facilities

Station 1
300 Sgt. Ed Holcomb Blvd.

Station 2
425 N. Loop 336 E.

Station 3
424 E. Foster Dr.

Station 4
14901 Walter Woodson Dr.

Station 5
1601 N. FM 3083 W.

Fire Admin.
300 W. Davis
Fire Station Logos
Awards & Honors
Promotional Ceremonies

Blaine Pyles and his family after being promoted to Lieutenant on August 17, 2012.

Lt. Pyles moved to the Fire Marshal’s office as a Deputy Fire Marshal.

Engine Operator Byron Neidigk and Lieutenant Blaine Pyles with their Certificates of Promotion.

Byron Neidigk with his family after being promoted to Engine/Operator on August 17, 2012. E/O Neidigk is on B-Shift at Station 4.
1 Year Ceremonies

A ceremony was held for Firefighter Donald Staton on April 18, 2012, as he completed his first probationary year with the CFD. Pictured to the Left: Fire Chief Ken Kreger, City Administrator Paul Virgadamo, FF Staton and his family.

Pictured to the Right: Firefighter Michael Painter and his family at his 1 Year Ceremony.

Service Awards

Lt. Andy Nokes received his 25 Year Service Award in October 2012. He was also recognized at the City’s Quarter Century Club Luncheon on December 13, 2012.

City Administrator Paul Virgadamo, Fire Chief Ken Kreger, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Sims, and Mayor Webb Melder present Lt. Chris Brooks with his 20 year service award at the Council Meeting on November 8, 2012.
Century Club Awards


These firefighters arrived at a house fire where heavy fire and smoke conditions were consuming the residence. The arriving units were alerted of the possibility of someone being trapped in the inferno. Both Lt. Turner and Firefighter Painter entered the burning structure to conduct a search for victims. Within a matter of a few moments they found an unconscious person near a back bedroom. The duo were able to get the individual to safety where additional personnel began life saving procedures. This victim and another rescued by a Conroe Police Officer were transported to a local hospital. The heroic actions of these two firefighters are credited with saving the person’s life.
On February 23, 2012 City Council honored Firefighters and Police Officers for the life saving call they responded to on December 26, 2011.


Employee of the Month

Lt. Lloyd Sandefer is presented with Employee of the Month award at a Council Meeting on November 8, 2012.

Lt. Sandefer started his career with the City of Conroe Fire Department on November 28, 2001. He currently works at Station 3.
Nadia’s story: “My name is Nadia Reyes and here is my story. I am so proud of him that I would like to reward him for doing this for me.

God gave me an angel.

It was the morning of Thursday January 26 around 4:30 a.m. I Nadia Reyes (Carlos Mom) woke up with this horrendous pain. My son Carlos Reyes eight year old was sleeping in his room like an every normal day, when other that suddenly I start feeling really sick to the point that I couldn’t even walk. I thought I was ok but I really didn’t know the seriousness of my illness. I passed out in the floor in my bedroom, I remember before I did that I scream saying Carlitos (My son’s nickname) call mom for help; He called my mom (his grandmother didn’t answer and then he called his dad and since dad didn’t answer he look at me and said I am calling 911 mom and what I want you to do is to control your breathing mom, between the suffering and uncontrollable situation from my part, he was talking to the 911 operator and he gave directions and explain what was happening to me. My son is the best thing ever happen to me, he listen well and follows directions. He knows pretty well the importance of having an emergency call line and knows that you only do it in case of an emergency. Thanks to him I was able to go to the hospital and stop suffering from so much pain. I stayed in the hospital for three days, finally I was home and I tell my son every day how proud of him I am. I really appreciate all the hard work the paramedics do and did for me; their prompt response to my residence was a success. I am very fortunate to be part of this community that I love so much. (My Conroe.)”
Thank You Notes

Thank you firefighters for giving us a tree.

I love firefighters because they are heros.

Thank y'all for sharing yourselves and your fire truck with us. You are truly heros in our eyes!

Mrs. Natalie: # Ms. Jean's 2 year old class
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Emergency Management Coordinator

Fire Chief Ken Kreger is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Conroe.

4 Phases of Emergency Management

Emergency management is a comprehensive system to respond to emergencies or disasters impacting our community. The mission of the City of Conroe Office of Emergency Management is to coordinate activities of the City departments responsible for continued operations during disasters, coordinate agreements for the use of resources, communicate with State and Federal agencies, and provide education and training to citizens and municipal employees.
Remodeled Emergency Operations Center

August 8, 2012, The City of Conroe hosted an Open House for the newly remodeled Emergency Operations Center (EOC). A special thanks to our IT Manager Pam Cobb and her department. They did a great job coordinating the remodel of the EOC. The Conroe Fire Department is responsible for coordinating the Emergency Operations within the City of Conroe. The EOC is the physical location where City of Conroe officials come together during an emergency to coordinate response and recovery actions. The newly designed EOC will greatly benefit this coordination, as well as being utilized as a state-of-the-art training room.
New Emergency Operations Center Tabletop Drill

On August 30, 2012, City of Conroe employees/personnel participated in a Tabletop Drill Focusing on communication during a disaster.
Hurricane Preparedness

A Hurricane Season Reminder:

**Be Ready, Understand, Plan and Act.**

Hurricane Preparedness Week in Texas is the week of May 22 – 28.

It is always a good idea to be prepared before an emergency situation.

**Recommended checklist for home:**

- First aid kit and extra prescription medications, written prescriptions & other medical items. Important documents & record, photo ID's, proof of residence, information needed to process insurance claims. Cash, (line-power outages mean banks & ATM's may be unavailable)

- Coolers for food and ice storage, paper plates, plastic utensils, manual can opener, knife, tools, booster cables, fire extinguisher, duct tape, tarp & rope. Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags & extra clothing, toilet paper, cleanup supplies, personal hygiene products. Battery-operated radio & flashlight with extra batteries

- Phone numbers of family & friends along with road maps, travel plans, hotel reservations, list of places between your town & your destination you can stop if the highways are clogged.

- 3-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day

- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, special supplies needed for babies, older adults or pets and extra keys

- Automobile charger for mobile phone

**Recommended checklist for your car:**

- Automobile charger for mobile phone

- Store emergency supplies in the trunk of your car

- Include a battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, and water in plastic drink bottles, canned goods and manual can opener.

- First aid kit, emergency flares, blankets, extra clothing & rain gear in your car.
More Photos of the EOC
Fire Prevention

The median fire loss in our community over the last five years is $1.1 million dollars. Far too often, it takes the lives of one or more of our fellow citizens. To combat this destruction, the Conroe Fire Department has put into place a comprehensive fire prevention program that consists of the four basic activities of the Conroe Fire Department: public education in fire hazards, fire and building code enforcement, a rapid response to fire emergencies, and a thorough investigation of all fire causes.

The Conroe Fire Department funds the Office of the Fire Marshal to help manage public education, fire and building code enforcement, and fire origin and cause investigations. The Fire Marshal’s Office (FMO) is a division of the Conroe Fire Department with the Fire Chief assigning all personnel within the division. Currently, the FMO is assigned five personnel.

Fire Marshal

Battalion Chief Mike Legoudes is the Fire Marshal for the City of Conroe. Mike began his career with the Conroe Fire Department on July 9, 2001, serving as a Firefighter at Fire Station 1 for six years. On June 1, 2007, Mike was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Fire Marshal’s Office, where he spent three years as a Deputy Fire Marshal working primarily on plan review and new construction inspections. Mike was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief and assigned as Fire Marshal on June 3, 2010.

As Fire Marshal, Mike oversees all fire prevention activities including public information and education, fire and building code enforcement, fire origin and cause determination investigations, and arson case management. To help manage these responsibilities, Mike supervises four Lieutenant Deputy Fire Marshals assigned to the FMO and four Deputy Fire Marshal’s assigned to Operations.

Mike is a 1998 graduate of Sam Houston State University and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Mike is also certified as an Intermediate Texas Peace Officer, Licensed Paramedic, Advanced Firefighter, Advanced Arson Investigator, Inspector, Fire Service Instructor II, Fire Officer I and Driver/Operator. Mike has just completed the first year of the National Fire Academy’s four year Executive Fire Officer Program.

Deputy Fire Marshals

There are currently four Deputy Fire Marshal’s assigned full-time to the FMO. Responsibilities of these Deputies include fire and life safety inspections of current businesses, new commercial construction inspections, public education program design and delivery, fire origin and cause determination investigation, arson investigation, and background investigation of prospective Conroe firefighters. Each Deputy Fire Marshal is a certified Fire Inspector, Arson Investigator, and Texas Peace Officer. Deputies assigned to the FMO are: Lieutenants Blaine Pyles, Andy Nokes, Neal Radford, and Joe Craig. There are currently four Deputy Fire Marshals assigned to the Operations. These Deputies are certified Arson Investigators and Texas Peace Officers. They assist the FMO with after-hours fire investigation, on-call responsibilities and special events. Deputies assigned to the Suppression Division are: Firefighter Jeff Williams, Battalion Chief Mike Loggins, Firefighter Sean Semora, and Lieutenant Branden Ferrell.
Fire Prevention Activities

- Plans Reviewed 393
- Fire Safety Inspections 1805
- Fire Code Violations 1275
- Citations Issued 17
- Total Fines Assessed $8,092.80
- Fire Safety Programs 66
- Number of Persons Attending Fire Safety Programs 11,374

Type and Number of Fires

- Structure Fires Reported 73
- Working Structure Fires Investigated 32
- Vehicle Fires 35
- Grass, Trash, and Woods Fires 84

Losses Due to Fire

- Civilian Casualties 0
- Civilian Injuries 4
- Firefighter Casualties 0
- Firefighter Injuries 1
- Estimated Building/Content Loss $438,600
Fire and Life Safety Inspections

The City of Conroe Fire Marshal’s Office (FMO) maintains records on known commercial addresses within the city limits. These records are located within the Firehouse Software database currently in use by the Department. Currently, there are approximately 2,900 records.

Known businesses are inspected as often as staffing levels permit. Each business is currently inspected at 18-24 month intervals. Efforts are made to inspect higher hazard occupancies at least annually, however. Although the inspection process is designed to identify violations of the fire code, the process is not meant to be adversarial. Efforts are made to first identify the hazards and then to educate business owners as to the reasoning behind the code. A period of time, deemed appropriate by the inspector, is then allotted for correction of the issues identified. Most violations are corrected quickly and willingly. In rare instances, however, citations are issued when it becomes apparent that issues are not being addressed. This action typically occurs after an inspector has performed two or more re-inspections of a given property. In order to evenly distribute the inspection workload among Deputy Fire Marshal’s, the city is divided into four geographic inspection districts:

- **Inspection District 1**: West of Frazier, North of Davis    Lieutenant/Deputy Fire Marshal Neal Radford
- **Inspection District 2**: Frazier and East, North of Davis    Lieutenant/Deputy Fire Marshal Blaine Pyles
- **Inspection District 3**: Frazier and East, Davis and South    Lieutenant/Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Craig
- **Inspection District 4**: West of Frazier, Davis and South    Lieutenant/Deputy Fire Marshal Andy Nokes

Inspection lists are generated in address order in an effort to reduce time driving across districts and to generally maximize use of each Deputy Fire Marshal’s time.

New Construction Inspections

In addition to inspections of existing businesses, there are many inspections required during new construction projects. The economic downturn over the last several years has not produced a notable decrease in the amount of new construction inspections required of the FMO. New construction activity is expected to increase over the next several years. Inspections typically required include underground fire water mains, fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, kitchen hood fire suppression systems, clean agent extinguishing systems, above ground and underground tanks and lines, and fire and life safety for Certificate of Occupancy. These inspections are scheduled, by Deputy Fire Marshals within their inspection districts, throughout new construction projects.

All new construction projects begin with submittal of plans by developers. Working closely with the Building Official all plans are reviewed prior to issuance of permits. Types of plans reviewed are site, building, and fire protection systems. Careful attention is paid, during the review process, to identify items needing attention prior to the beginning of construction. This is done in an effort to ensure city requirements are met as well as minimizing costs due to unforeseen problems for developers. Pre-development meetings are encouraged on larger or more difficult projects prior to submittal of plans. These meetings are scheduled, free of charge, through Public Works and are attended jointly by representatives from the FMO, Public Works, and Engineering.
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Fire Cause Investigations

Each year the Conroe Fire Department responds to many reported structure fires within the city limits. In 2012, the Conroe Fire Department responded to 73 reported structure fires. Of those, 32 structure fires required investigation by the Fire Marshal’s Office (FMO).

Every fire that the Conroe Fire Department responds to is thoroughly investigated by the FMO. There are a minimum of two Deputy Fire Marshals assigned investigative duties 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Deputy Fire Marshals are both certified Texas Peace Officers and Fire Investigators. This extra training is essential when determining the cause or motive for all fires occurring within Conroe. During 2012, 10 fires investigated by the FMO were determined to be arson related. Accurately determining the cause of a fire is essential. In the event of a fire that is started intentionally, prosecution of the responsible offender is critical to prevent additional fires. All crimes of arson are aggressively investigated by the FMO. Criminal charges are filed, whenever possible, through the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office. When a juvenile is found to be the offender, charges are filed through the Montgomery County Attorney’s Office.

Identifying intentionally set fires, as well as understanding how accidental fires start, is paramount in any fire prevention effort. Proper investigation methods are the most effective way to identify fire prevention and public education needs, customizing programs to actual community fire experience. A better understanding of how and why fires occur promotes a safer environment for citizens as well as firefighters responding to these incidents.

Monthly Firearms and Tactics Training

Monthly firearms and tactics training has become a priority of the Fire Marshal’s Office. Due to the nature of their duties, peace officers are required to carry, and be proficient in, the use of lethal and non-lethal weapons. The use of any weapon by a peace officer imposes a grave responsibility on the part of the peace officer, the Fire Department, and the City of Conroe. In addition to their regular duties, Deputy Fire Marshals Joe Craig and Branden Ferrell have taken on responsibility for the FMO’s training program. The result has been increased confidence on the part of our peace officers, as well as, marked improvement in accuracy during annual firearms qualifications.
Public Education

All requests for public education programs are coordinated through the Fire Marshal’s Office. After approval and scheduling, some programs are delivered by engine crews while others are delivered by the Fire Marshal’s Office staff. Some are delivered as a joint effort by both divisions. Types of educational programs delivered are fire safety programs, public appearances (public relations), fire extinguisher classes, and fire station tours. Depending on the particular program, participants are taught how to escape a fire using the mobile fire safety house, are allowed to extinguish a fire using a fire extinguisher, and view fire apparatus, stations, and equipment.

October is Fire Prevention Month and is the busiest time of year for public education. A concentrated effort is made, during October, to visit each elementary school and day care within the city limits. The program delivered this year was based on the NFPA’s Have Two Ways Out theme. Delivery of this year’s program was a joint effort between the Fire Marshal’s Office and Operations.
Public Relations

Engine Operator Tim McNeil and Firefighter Michael Hill check a bicycle for safety at the Oscar Johnson Jr. Community Center

DFM Blaine Pyles helps the children make their way through the smoke house

In 2012, the Fire Department donated two birthday party packages as silent auction items to the Lion’s Club and The Chamber of Commerce. The parties were held at Station 1 where the children went on a station tour, learned about fire safety and prevention, and made their way through the smoke house.

66 Fire Safety Programs In 2012

- 50% Fire Safety Programs
- 42% Public Relations
- 3% Fire Extinguisher Classes
- 5% Fire Station Tours
2012 Annual Report

OPERATIONS
Williams Furniture Fire

On February 13, 2012 crews responded to a building fire at Frazier and Austin.

F.M. 3083 Motor Vehicle Accident

BC-1, E-1, E-2 and E-5 responded to a motor vehicle accident at FM 3083 & FM 1484 on September 8, 2012 with one injury and one fatality.
South First Street House Fire

Gladiola House Fire
Shift Duties

Each shift is assigned several areas of responsibilities. Although one shift will have final responsibility to ensure a project is done, the other two shifts will often help with the time-intensive assignments, such as in the case of our annual hose testing.

A Shift

Battalion Chief Joe Miller is the Shift Commander overseeing the entire suppression and response activities on “A” shift. Chief Miller was hired in October of ‘84 as a Firefighter and was promoted in November ‘88 to the rank of a Lieutenant. He was then promoted to the rank of a Battalion Chief in February ‘05. A-Shift is responsible for the acquisition, placement, and the maintenance of equipment carried on all the apparatus. Chief Miller strives to ensure that our firefighters have state-of-the-art equipment that will enable them to perform their jobs in a safe and efficient manner so that we have the best chance of helping the citizens and visitors of Conroe. Each apparatus carries over 100 individual pieces of equipment at a cost of approximately 100,000 dollars. “A” Shift also maintains the equipment so that it remains in constant state of readiness. The budget accounts for these functions are also managed at the shift level.
B Shift

Battalion Chief Michael Loggins is a Shift Commander overseeing the entire suppression and response activities on the “B” Shift. Chief Loggins was hired in December of ‘90 as a Firefighter and was promoted in December of ‘98 to the rank of Lieutenant. He was then promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief in October of ‘08. Chief Loggins also oversees the Haz Mat operations for the Fire Department. B-Shift is responsible for facility maintenance for all five fire stations, protective clothing, uniforms and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. The budget accounts for these functions are also managed at the shift level.

C Shift

Battalion Chief Michael Gosselin is a Shift Commander overseeing the entire suppression and response activities on the “C” Shift. Chief Gosselin was hired in October of ‘85 as a Firefighter and was promoted in January ‘91 to the rank of Lieutenant. He was then promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief in March of ‘99. His former duties included that of company officer on Engine 2 for eight years, President of IAFF Local 2731, Battalion Chief Training, and for a brief period served as the Assistant Fire Chief. He is a twenty-seven year professional firefighter in Conroe and has moved through the ranks to his present position. Currently his responsibilities include the supervision and support of five fire companies in daily operations and response to emergencies. Additional responsibilities of C– Shift include overseeing and scheduling of daily, annual and biannual apparatus maintenance, radio equipment maintenance, and the budget accounts for these functions are also managed at the shift level.
The Safety Committee for 2012 consisted of: Committee Chairperson Lt. Matt Francis, CFD Safety Officer BC Greg Nesom, Safety Secretary Brittany Moore, Human Resources Risk Manager Sandra Savage, and firefighters David Thompson, John Nobles, and E/O Kevin Murphy.

This Committee serves for two years and is appointed by Fire Chief Ken Kreger. The Committee is responsible to meet monthly and review all safety related issues to the department. They review all injuries, damaged property reports and any other safety related concerns. The Committee determines the facts and creates a complete report of conclusion covering the incident. It is then forwarded to the Fire Chief for review.

The appointed Committee consists of different members from the Fire Department. The Training Officer and Safety Secretary remain the same, as other members are rotated. The Fire Chief appoints one person from the Fire Marshal’s Office and three members from a shift. The Lieutenant chosen from the shift is given the responsibility of the Committee Chairperson, and two firefighters are also chosen. During meetings, it is important that the ranks do not matter, as the Safety Committee is a team. The shift appointed for 2012 was B Shift.
Montgomery County Shattered Lives Program is a non-profit organization that re-enacts scenes to show students the dangers of drinking and driving. Over fifteen-hundred students, parents and school faculty attended. The program is moving and brings tears to many.
City of Conroe Fire Department 2012 Incidents

Total Calls

Medical Calls  56%  3,669
All Others      44%  2,882

Total - 6,551
Personnel
Fire Administration

Fire Chief / EMC
Ken Kreger

Asst. Fire Chief
Paul Sims

Battalion Chief / TRN
Greg Nesom

Office Manager
Sami Schiel

Adm. Asst.
Meloney Taylor

Adm. Asst.
Lucy Barocio
Left CFD Feb 27, 2012

Adm. Asst.
Brittany Moore
Joined CFD May 1, 2012
A Shift

Station 1
LT. - Matthew Perkins
LT. - John Turner
E/O - Gordon Mizrany
E/O - Jason Tucker
FF - William Arnold
FF - Matthew Compton
FF - Christopher George
FF - Michael Painter
FF - Jakob Robinson

Station 2
LT. - Joe Doffing
E/O - Phillip Roy
FF - Joshua Hamilton
FF - Clayton Johnson

Station 3
LT. - Thomas Chavis
E/O - John Dominy
FF - Daniel Foster
FF - Gregory Kasberg

Station 4
LT. - Farand Hardy
LT. - Andrew McMahan
E/O - Allen Huelsebusch
FF - Richard Mayer

Station 5
LT. - Gary Morrison
E/O - Jonathan Wyatt
FF - Jason Antilley
FF - Jeff Williams
B Shift

Station 1
LT. - Branden Ferrell
LT. - Cory Neitzel
E/O - Scott Hippenstiel
E/O - Cody Warden
FF - Miguel Acosta
FF - Jeremy Askins
FF - Andrew Bay
FF - Dustin Spung
FF - Donald Staton
FF - Peter Taylor

Station 2
LT. - Matthew Francis
E/O - Kevin Murphy
FF - John Nobles
FF - David Thompson

Station 3
LT. - John Riddle
E/O - Michael Barker
FF - Bobby Allen
FF - Phillip Johnson

Station 4
LT. - Christopher Brooks
E/O - Byron Neidigk
FF - Paul Cote
FF - Brian Pizzino

Station 5
LT. - Sandra Brautigam
E/O - Clinton Brochtrup
FF - Bud Brooks
FF - Richard McNiece
C Shift

Battalion Chief Michael Gosselin

Station 1
LT. - Micah Dubose
LT. - Dustin McDonald
E/O - Tim McNeill
E/O - Kevin Smith
FF - Caleb Hayre
FF - Michael Hill
FF - Chase Morgan
FF - Luke Skelton
FF - Casey Thompson

Station 2
LT. - Stephan Cottar
E/O - Carey West
FF - Bill Cariker
FF - Robert Woolery

Station 3
LT. - Lloyd Sandefer
E/O - Joseph Maddox
FF - Sean Semora
FF - Shaun Skrehot

Station 4
LT. - Hudson Hudgins
E/O - Tom Garvey
FF - Bill Hart

Station 5
LT. - Darren Hess
E/O - Marco Guillen
FF - Henry Huffman
FF - Kevin King
Fire Marshal’s Office

Fire Marshal
Mike Legoudes

Deputy Fire Marshal
Neal Radford

Deputy Fire Marshal
Andy Nokes

Deputy Fire Marshal
Blaine Pyles

Deputy Fire Marshal
Joe Craig
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*Lt. Andy McMahan served the Conroe Fire Department from 1995 – 2012. He retired from CFD in May 2012. We wish him happiness in his retirement and thank him for his years of service.*
The City of Conroe Fire Department would like to remember and honor the Firefighters we have lost in 2012.

Retired Lieutenant Tommy Graham

Retired Lt. Tommy Graham, who was with Conroe Fire Department from July 1, 1977 until February 28, 2003 passed away Feb 3, 2012 at the age of 67. Several years ago Graham was diagnosed with Polymyositis which is a persistent inflammatory muscle disease that causes weakness of the skeletal muscles, which control movement.

Graham was one of the founding members of Conroe Professional Firefighters Association Local 2731.
Former Fire Chief John Cook

John Lee Cook, Jr. was born April 17, 1950 and passed away on May 5, 2012 in Georgetown, Texas.

John Lee Cook, Jr., aged 62, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Georgetown on May 5, 2012. He received his BA in business administration from Sam Houston State University in 1971 and in 1978 he received his master's in public administration from Southwest Texas State University. John had a long and interesting career in the fire service – his life-long passion. He began his journey in the fire service when he was voted in as a member of the Huntsville, Texas Volunteer Fire Department in 1969. Since that time he served as a Baytown firefighter, a training officer in The Woodlands, the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator in Conroe from 1981 to 1987 and Denton from 1987 to 1995. Then, he moved to Virginia to become the director of the department of Fire and Rescue for Loudoun County from 1996 to 1998. After returning to Texas in 2007, John continued this fire department work by serving as a Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Dallas from 2008 to 2009 and as the interim fire chief for the City of Freeport in 2010.

Retired Lieutenant Robert Capozzelli

“FIREMAN BOB”

Robert Anthony Capozzelli, 55, born July 15, 1956 in Plainfield, NJ went to be with his Lord March 23, 2012 due to complications of Coronary Heart Disease. Robert retired from the City of Conroe Fire Department after more than 20 years of service and worked and volunteered for Needham Fire and Rescue for more than 29 years. He will be best remembered throughout Montgomery County as Fireman Bob. His passion throughout the fire service was to instill in all ages of people the tools to be sure that if there was a fire that they would get out safely.
Spotlight on Fire Chaplain Pete Taraski

Spotlight on Fire Chaplain Pete Taraski

Fire Chaplain Pete blessed CFD for 1 1/2 years. He was the Director of Yahweh Street Ministries in Conroe and was a Disaster Relief Chaplain. He is also a member of Texas Corps of Fire Chaplains and Federation of Fire Chaplains. He was honored in a Council Meeting on January 26, 2012, before he moved out of state to Sweet Home Oregon. He will be missed!

Asst. Chief Sims, Chaplain Pete Taraski and his wife Nelia and Fire Chief Kreger

Back Row L to R: Chief Sims, Chief Kreger, Chief Nesom, E/O Maddox, FF Skrehot, Lt. Sandefer Front Row L to R: Lucy Barocio, Meloney Taylor, Chaplain Pete, Sami Schiel

Fire Chief Kreger, Asst. Chief Sims, Chaplain Pete, Lt. Sandefer, E/O Maddox, FF Skrehot, and Chief Nesom

Chaplain Pete being honored at City Council Meeting
Retiree Breakfast

Fire Chief Kreger started a Retiree Breakfast program that has been a success. The group of retirees and present employees meet once a month and enjoy reminiscing and catching up on current news. The group usually meets for “Dutch Treat”, but in 2012 the CPFA paid for the meal and the firefighters at St 4 & 5 cooked the delicious breakfast menu.

Charlie Womack, Tag Gindrup & Duane Henry

Back Row L to R: CFD Chaplain David Shiftlet, Fire Marshal Legoudes, Chief Sims, Retired Chief Miller, Retired Chief Henry, and Retired FF Case
Front Row L to R: Retired Chief Gindrup, Retired OM Julie Baecker, OM Sami Schiel, AA Meloney Taylor and FF Mayer

Top Row L to R: Retired Firefighters Charlie Womack, Chuck Clark, Retired Lt. Dennis DePaul, Fire Marshal Legoueses, Lt. Craig, Retired Firefighters Ray Murphy, Edwin Mack, and Firefighter Paul Cote
CFD Honor Guard
CFD 2012 Action Shots
Mutual Aid International

A group of Conroe firefighters and paramedics have made it their mission to deliver supplies and knowledge to a country where ambulance drivers must use one pair of gloves for an entire day’s work.

Conroe firefighter Clay Johnson and his developing nonprofit organization, Mutual Aid International, raised $1,100 from its Fill the Bucket fundraiser benefiting an upcoming trip to Guatemala. On May 24, 2012 FF Johnson and four local paramedics will visit various cities to deliver emergency supplies and lead classes for community leaders.

“We’re there to work alongside local emergency response teams and help as much as we can, in any way we can,” Johnson said. May’s trip will be Johnson’s third, and the second for many of his team. In October, several Conroe paramedics visited with firefighters in Guatemala City, giving advice and riding along to medical calls. They also had a chance to see just how little emergency responders have to work with, Johnson said. “They have one neck brace per ambulance, and by the end of the day it’s black, it’s so dirty,” said Krystal Woolery, a former firefighter and current paramedic for the Montgomery County Hospital District. “They just save supplies so they have something to use for the next person.”

With the money raised from Fill the Bucket, Johnson plans to bring plastic tubes used to open patients’ airways, just one of the supplies he will take with him in May. “Every few years, we are required to give our gear away, but it’s still good,” Johnson said. “There’s no point in it going to waste.” The team also will give CPR and first-aid classes to firefighters and community leaders, Woolery said, and teach basic health and hygiene to villagers. “When I first went to Guatemala, it’s easy to see it’s a Third-World country with extraordinary poverty,” Johnson said. “But to see the community’s love and the love people have for one another … those (firefighters) don’t get paid a lot, but they would do anything for each other.”
Training
Training Chief

Chief Greg Nesom is the Battalion Chief responsible for the training division. He began his career with Conroe Fire Department in 1996 as a firefighter. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2001 and then the rank of Battalion Chief in 2011. He has a Master Firefighter certificate and degrees in Fire Department Administration and Fire Protection and Safety. He is responsible for the coordination of training activities for the department, as well as, managing the budget account for training.

Training Hours

Conroe Fire Department personnel attended 10,742 Hours of training in 2012

The top five categories of training:

1.) Fire Apparatus Familiarization - 1,292 Hours
2.) Hazardous Materials Training - 1,167 Hours
3.) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus - 729 Hours
4.) Law Enforcement Training - 477 Hours
5.) Fire Apparatus Pump Operations - 342 Hours

Firefighters attended over 1,600 classes on a wide variety of Fire Service Topics
The following certifications are issued through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and can be obtained through a combination of years of service and educational requirements.

### Certification Summary

As of 2012 the Conroe Fire Department has the following certifications from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

1. **Hazardous Material Technician** 24 Personnel
2. **Driver / Operator** 35 Personnel
3. **Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF)** 18 Personnel

### Certifications

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Physical Agility Testing

Tests #1 and #2 are separately timed events. Test #3 is made up of eight consecutive steps and timed for seven minutes. The timer will stop with the completion of the seventh step. Failure of any one test is considered failure of the entire exam.

Test #1

Don Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for five minutes.

This test is performed at rest

Test #2

Climb an aerial ladder 100 feet at a 70 degree angle within five minutes

Test #3

Step 1.) 1/2 mile run

Step 2.) Don SCBA excluding face piece. All following steps will be performed while wearing SCBA

Step 3.) Carry 50 foot section of 2 1/2 inch hose 180 feet

Step 4.) Drag 90 pound dummy 100 feet

Step 5.) Drive a 230 pound cross tie five feet with a sledge hammer

Step 6.) Advance a charged 2 1/2 inch hose 50 feet

Step 7.) Using a rope and pulley system, hoist one section of 2 1/2 inch hose from ground level up 70 feet. Timer will stop upon completion of this step

Step 8.) Lower the hose, which was raised in Step 7 back to ground level. This must be done in a controlled manner
Fire Training Activities

In December of 2012 Conroe Fire Department personnel participated in a Wildfire Training and assisted Texas Forest Service with a prescribed burn in Jones Forest.
Fire Training Activities

Conroe Fire Department personnel trained at a Wildland Firefighter Course the second week of November 2012 behind the Service Center.

Haz Mat Team Members Quarterly Training

Personnel completed a Forcible Entry Training Program October 2012. The prop on the left was built with the assistance of Station 3 crews.

Res Q Jack Training at Station 3
Fire Training Activities

Foam Drill at Drilling Specialties

A special thanks to Drilling Specialties for donating two (2) 55 gallon drums of foam for this training exercise.

Live Burn Training in Porter, Texas
Fire Training Activities

124 Magnolia Training

Train
Exercise
Educate