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Terre Haute Fire Department

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The Terre Haute Fire Department:

- 8 Firehouses
- 1 Battalion Chief
- 6 Engine Companies
- 2 Ladder Trucks
- 3 ALS Ambulances
- 1 Support/ Rescue Truck

Responsibility of Fire Apparatus

- Fire Engines - Fire, EMS, Car Accidents, Service/ Specialty Calls, Lifting Assistance, Community Events
- Ladder trucks - Fire, EMS, Car Accidents, Service/ Specialty Calls, Lifting Assistance, Community Events
- Ambulances - Fire, EMS, Car Accidents, Service/ Specialty Calls, Community Events
- Support/ Rescue Truck- Fire, EMS, Car Accidents, Service/ Specialty Calls, Community Events

The City of Terre Haute Fire Department Stats from Facebook:

Terre Haute Fire Department January Run Count

1,216 calls for service

870 – EMS calls

218 – Good intent calls/false alarms

79 – Service calls (lift assists, illegal burns, animal rescues)

28 – Hazard calls (gas leaks, power line down, HAZMAT spills)

21 – Fires (buildings, vehicles, dumpsters, cooking incidents)



The City of Terre Haute Fire Department Stats from Facebook:

Terre Haute Fire Department February Run Count

1,130 calls for service

791 – EMS calls

172 – Good intent calls/false alarms

73 – Service calls (lift assists, illegal burns, animal rescues)

16 – Hazard calls (gas leaks, power line down, HAZMAT spills)

43 – Fires (buildings, vehicles, dumpsters, cooking incidents)

35 – False alarms



The City of Terre Haute Fire Department Stats from Facebook:

TERRE HAUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT MARCH RUN COUNT

1,156 calls for service

842 – EMS calls

172 – Good intent calls

48 – Service calls (lift assists, illegal burns, animal rescues)

16 – Hazard calls (gas leaks, power line down, HAZMAT spills)

48 – Fires (buildings, vehicles, dumpsters, cooking incidents)

30 – False alarms



The City of Terre Haute Fire Department Stats from Facebook:

Terre Haute Fire Department April Run Count

1,203 calls for service

861 – EMS calls

186 – Good intent calls/false alarms

68 – Service calls (lift assists, illegal burns, animal rescues)

24 – Hazard calls (gas leaks, power line down, HAZMAT spills)

27 – Fires (buildings, vehicles, dumpsters, cooking incidents)

38 – False alarms



The City of Terre Haute Fire Department Stats from Facebook:

Terre Haute Fire Department May Run Count

1,230 calls for service

874 – EMS calls

186 – Good intent calls/false alarms

68 – Service calls (lift assists, illegal burns, animal rescues)

21 – Hazard calls (gas leaks, power line down, HAZMAT spills)

35 – Fires (buildings, vehicles, dumpsters, cooking incidents)

46 – False alarms



Total run stats from January 1st , 2024- May 31st , 2024

- Facebook run statistics posted by Terre Haute Fire Department
- 4238 Ambulance Runs
- 934 Good Intent
- 174 Fires
- 590 Service/ Specialty Calls
- 5936 Total Runs
- 1698 Engine/Ladder Non-EMS Response
- 3055 Engine/ Ladder EMS Response

Total run stats from January 1st , 2024- May 31st , 2024

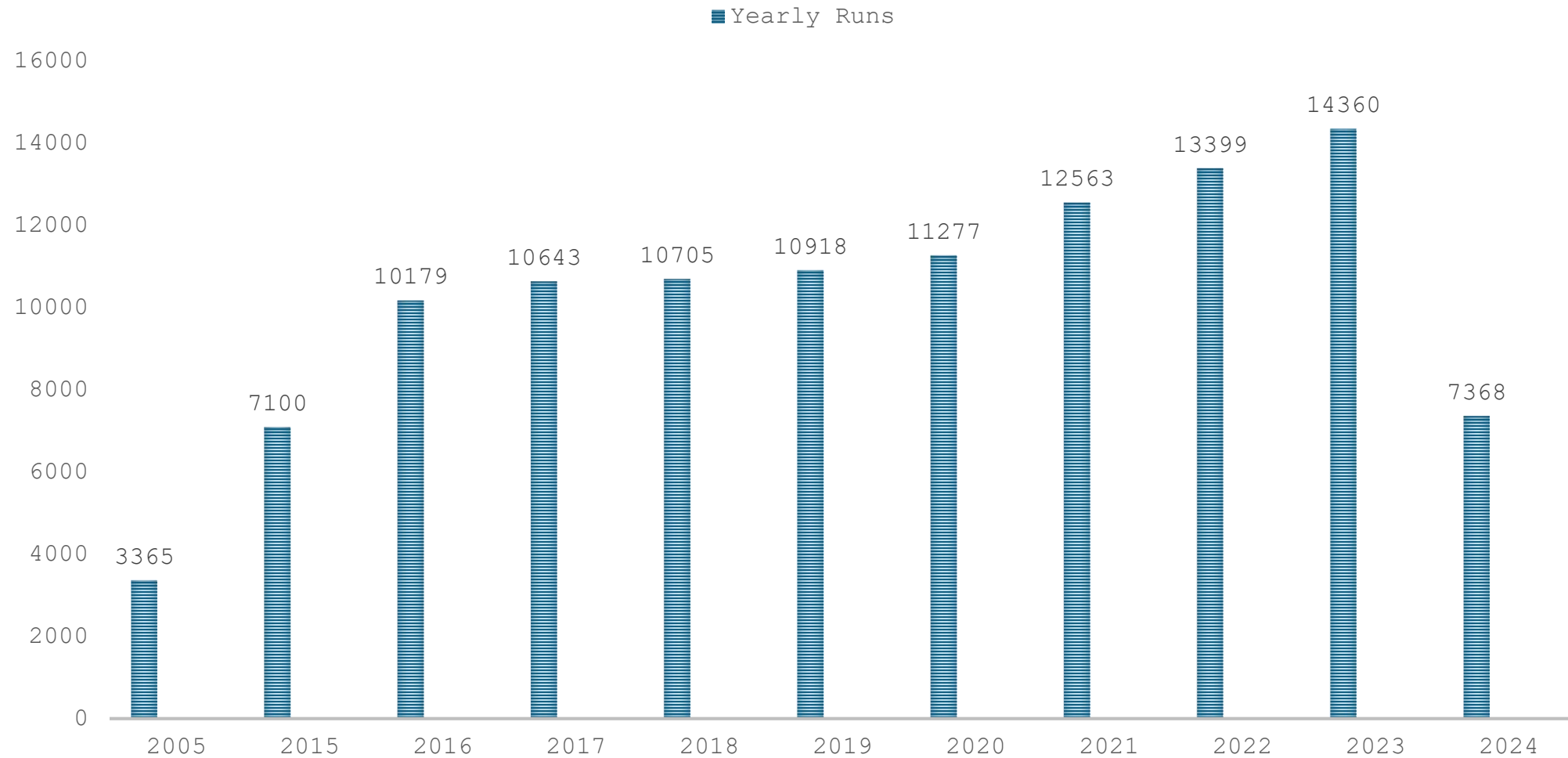
- This puts our Ambulances making 73% of EMS runs.
- This also has our Fire Engines and Ladder Trucks making 51% of EMS runs.
- Fire Engines and Ladder Trucks are also making 1698 non-EMS runs.
- Ambulance are also making 837 non-EMS runs.

Terre Haute Fire Department Run Totals for Year:

Year	Number of Runs Made
2005 GIS Study	3365
2015	7100
2016	10179
2017	10643
2018	10705
2019	10918
2020	11277
2021	12563
2022	13399
2023	14360
2024-July 4 th (8pm)	7368

***2002-2024
The Terre
Haute Fire
Department
has been
operating
with the
same amount
of apparatus
and
manpower.**

Terre Haute Fire Department Run Totals for Year:



2006 GIS Study Recommendations:

"...recommendation of this study that the City of Terre Haute Fire Department add an additional primary Medic Company to the proposed scenario.

The future scenario the Fire Department has created shows an additional fire station and additional fire suppression apparatus with appropriate personnel to the existing stations.

However, the Fire Department does not add additional Medic Companies to any of the proposed station locations. Existing Basic Life Support assignment covers the least amount of 4-minute road coverage compared to any other 4-minute apparatus or current assignment.

In addition, the city boundary and amount of roads will increase in the future scenario as the city of Terre Haute will annex additional areas. Therefore, the 4-minute Medic Company road coverage will decrease.

EMS related emergencies comprise of nearly 70% of the total emergencies the City of Terre Haute Fire Department responds to on a

2006 GIS Study Recommendations:

These measures will work to ensure that the City of Terre Haute Fire Department remains in compliance with established OSHA regulations and NFPA industry standards.

Furthermore, it promotes safer and more effective fire suppression and disaster incident mitigation, while expediting the delivery of essential emergency medical services to those residing in and visiting the City of Terre Haute.

Terre Haute Fire Department

Ambulance Shortage:

- 6/22/2024 Engine 9 was removed from service to put a 4th Ambulance into service due to all City and County Ambulance being assigned on other EMS runs.
- Engine 9 is the ONLY Hazmat Specialty Apparatus.
- Hazmat runs in the City are a low call volume. But Hazmat runs every where are a low call volume. The City of Terre Haute has an extremely high possibility of a major incident due to the interstate and major highways, railroad usage, multiple business with large quantity of stored chemicals.
- Within three hours after Engine 9 returned to service a first due structure fire was dispatched in their district. Engine 9 was on a structure fire prior to going out of service this day as well.
- Since this incident on 6/22/2024 there has been at least two instants where there has been a delay in response on EMS runs due to no ambulances being available for minutes, to respond on the next emergency.

Assistance to cover City EMS runs:

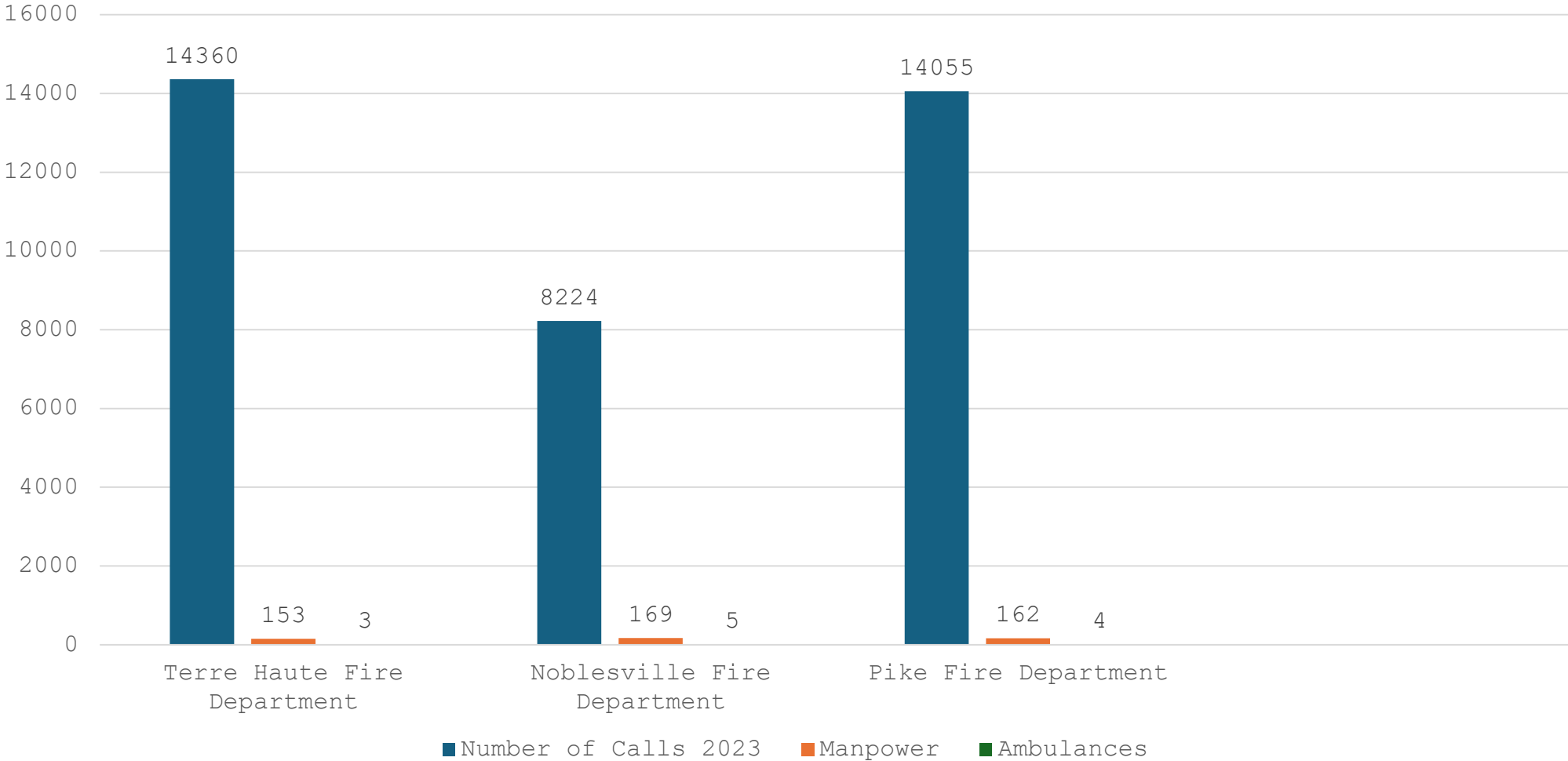
- The County Ambulance Service has been dispatched on 452 runs in 2023 when City Ambulances were on other emergencies. Terre Haute Fire Ambulances were able to complete from prior emergencies and respond to all but 108 of these dispatched runs.
- The County Ambulance Service has been dispatched on 264 runs in 2024 when City Ambulances were on other emergencies. Terre Haute Fire Ambulances were able to complete from prior emergencies and respond to all but 80 of these dispatched runs.
- When these instants happen this can cause a delay in emergency response due to transferring runs from one agency to another.

City of Terre Haute Needs a 4th

Ambulance

- We currently have a brand new 4th Ambulance stocked and ready for service at the Terre Haute Fire Department garage.
- This expense of \$518,000.00 has already been purchased.
- It takes a minimum of 6 full-time positions to fill this ambulance.
- It take a minimum of 9 positions to fully staff this ambulance.

Ambulance Service Comparison



Terre Haute Fire Current Important Positions

- The Terre Haute Fire Department has Apparatus that make anywhere from an average of 12.07 to 1.77 runs a shift.
- Our three Ambulances are our Apparatus that our making the most runs in a shift. The Mayor has stated they are making 18 runs a shift. That statement isn't a false statement. Yes, their average is 12.07 runs per ambulances in a shift but there are multiple days they are doing 18 or more runs a shift.
- Our Support/ Rescue truck makes the lowest amount of runs in a day which is about 1.22 runs per shifts. With that being said this apparatus has two full time positions which are the second and third most important position on the fire ground. The runs this apparatus makes average over one run per day that are our highest risk and the most dangerous runs we make throughout the year.

All of our apparatus are currently in the shop for maintenance and we are currently in the process of purchasing new apparatus.

Safety and Accountability Full-Time Position

- Established after the line of duty death of Terre Haute Fire Department Capt. Ralph Stott on 9/30/2002.
- These dedicated full-time positions were established and have been in place for 22 years to provide a higher level of safety and accountability recommended by the NIOSH report.
- Multiple NIOSH reports since this incident recommend safety and accountability positions.
- Terre Haute Fire Department just purchased the most advanced accountability software in the state of Indiana.
- Terre Haute Professional Firefighters Local 758 believes with this advanced software a full-time accountability position will allow us to optimize this software for the safety of the Terre Haute Firefighters.
- With the Terre Haute Fire Department being one of the most aggressive Fire Departments in the State of Indiana, a lack of a dedicated accountability position is a LIABILITY to the Terre Haute Firefighters.

The Need for a 4th and a 5th Ambulance

- The Terre Haute Fire Department is beyond due for not only a fourth, but a fifth Ambulance to provide the best service for the City of Terre Haute.
- Due to the amount of mutual aid assistance covering the volume of Ambulance runs for the City of Terre Haute, the need for additional ambulances is vital.
- When the County Ambulance Service responds to an EMS run in the City of Terre Haute, there is NO GUARANTEE that it will be an ALS Ambulance responding.
- With the growth of Terre Haute and the amount of visiting population due to the Casino, Convention Center, The Mill and many more community events adding only a fourth Ambulance WILL NOT keep up with the increasing EMS run volume.
- With the upward trend of Ambulance runs, a fifth Ambulance is needed to provide safe and adequate service for the City of Terre Haute and the Terre Haute Firefighters.

Staff Retention

- Due to the projected increase in City Insurance cost up to 30% coupled with the spousal carve out (2025) and a 4% raise offered by The City of Terre Haute, most Firefighters will not benefit from the salary increase due to the higher insurance cost.
- If the volume and overall workload of the Ambulance service are not enhanced appropriately, The City and Firefighters are in jeopardy of losing many more dedicated Terre Haute Firefighters to surrounding Cities within a 60-mile range, who offer more profitable benefit packages and better working conditions.
- So far with our current conditions we have lost 7 highly trained firefighter in the last 2 years to better opportunities.

In Closing

- With the top priority being Public Safety as expressed by City Officials, Local 758 does NOT believe a temporary fix is the solution.
- By eliminating valuable positions from the Terre Haute Firefighter's staffing numbers and eradicating one position to create a new position is putting the community and responders at risk as well as providing a subpar service.
- Adjusting shifts or changing schedules of firefighters is not a viable solution when emergency calls cannot be predicted throughout a shift.
- A fourth ambulance will not adequately lower the amount of runs an ambulance will make in a shift as they will still be averaging 18 runs a shift.
- The solution to correcting fatigue and burnout is by adding both staffing and ambulances to combat the amount of runs per shift. By doing this we will increase the SAFETY of the Terre Haute Firefighter's and provide a better service for the City of Terre Haute.