

Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District Annual Review 2024 Year in Review



“Protectors of the Hill”

Chief's Message

Having completed 2024, I am excited to report on some of the activities and accomplishments that Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District has completed. We focused our efforts this year on training our team, fostering camaraderie, and strengthening our structure within. Our volunteers logged an amazing amount of hours training towards protecting our community and improving our District. With the addition of two new positions, Lieutenants, we are continuing to work on creating a stronger, safer command structure for incidents. Also, Log Hill Fire was shown an amazing amount of support from our community this past year as we were fortunate to receive several donations as well as grants from both the Woman's Club of Ouray County and the Ouray County Community Foundation which was used to expand our training and service capabilities to treat medical emergencies. We also received donations from other department's as well with the addition of two thermal imaging cameras, an Automated External Defibrillator, and a set of hydraulic extrication tools. These items being donated saved the District over \$15,000. We also passed the kindness forward by donating six (6) new wildland fire shelters to Horsefly Fire Department and approving to donate several sets of used fire gear to the country of El Salvador.

In closing, it's imperative to note that the aforementioned things were made possible only through the unwavering dedication of our District's volunteers, devotedness from my officers, and immense support from our Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

William Martindale

William Martindale, Fire Chief

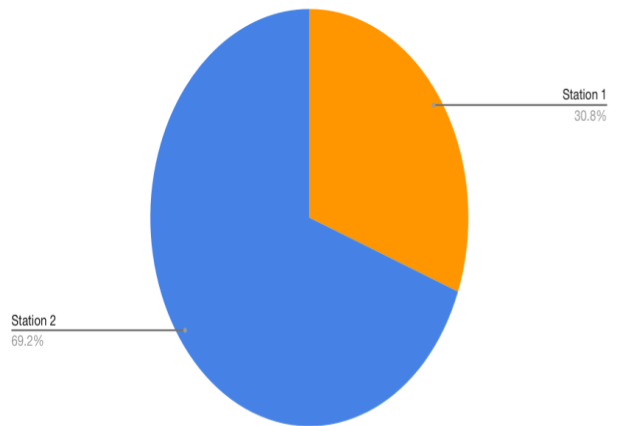
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Incident Response

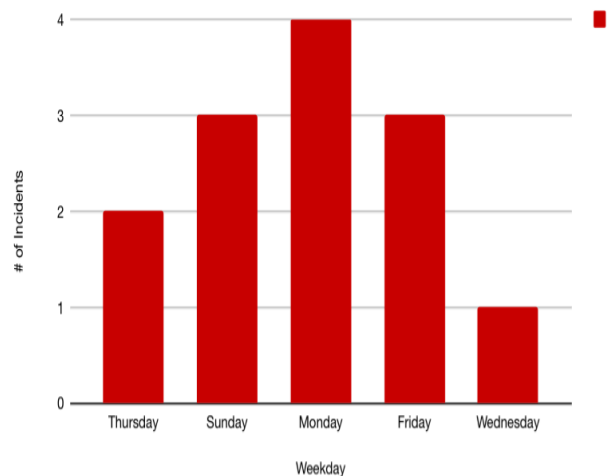
2024 finished with an “average” year for Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District as far as incident response goes with a total of thirteen (13) calls for service. With over ninety-six (96) volunteer responses resulting in over 21 hours of response time accumulated for the year, our average number of volunteers responding to any given incident was seven (7) volunteers per incident. Incidents were most common to occur on Mondays in 2024 with 69% originating in Station 2’s response area. The most notable of which was a structure fire on Melody Lane in which an outstanding volunteer response saved the structure, a family’s home, as well as saving over \$200,000 in property value.



Station Area in which Incidents Occurred



Day of the Week in which Most Incidents Occurred



Training

We had a very successful year with training and logged over 2,297 hours of training. These hours included things such as our bi-monthly fire trainings, apparatus and equipment checks, certification courses, and many other break out trainings between individuals. It's also important to note that nearly 200 more hours were also completed behind these trainings to plan and support them. Some of the major training accomplishments included:

- CPR First-Aid training
- Emergency vehicle driving operations
- Firefighter 1 certification (x4 firefighters)
- Firefighter Instructor certification
- New firefighter orientation (x3 firefighters)



Fleet

Fleet was hard at work over the year getting our apparatus caught up on long pending repairs, necessary inspections, as well as creating a new maintenance schedule. This new maintenance program is one that is both financially maintainable but also allows for better record management. We had no major mechanical issues with any of our apparatus, but we did end up replacing the tires on three (3) engines that required new tires (recommended every 10years).

Stations

We were excited to complete two (2) major projects in 2024. The first was having all of the apparatus bays and parking spots at Station 2 paint striped. The next, which was long overdue, was having Station 2's wood features re-stained.

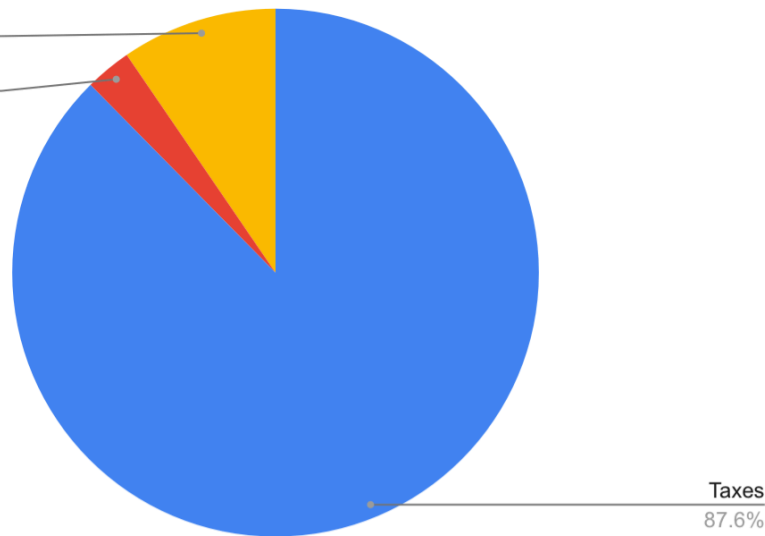


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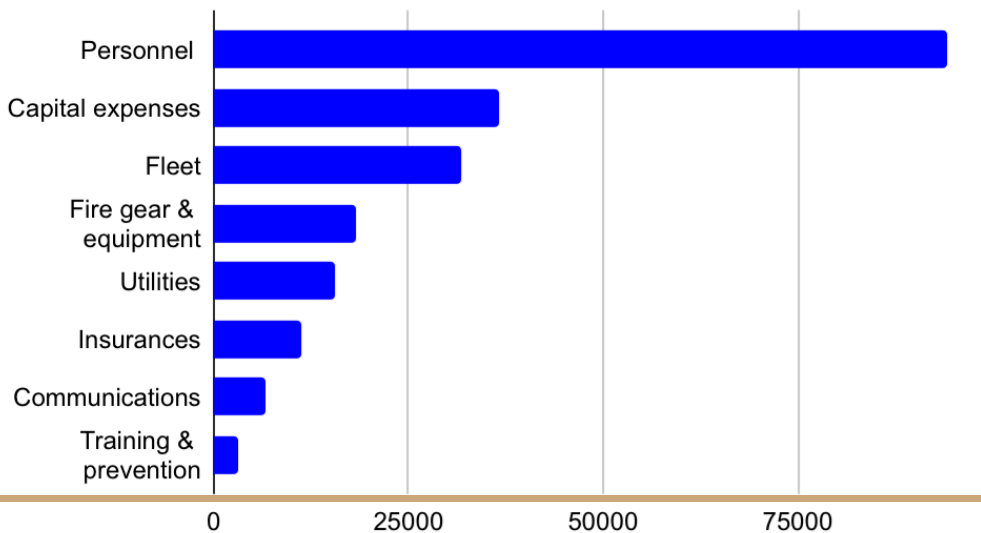
As in years past, our main source of revenue is from monies collected from tax revenue using our mill levy of 3.98 mills. Also similar to years past, our main expenditure remains costs associated with personnel. Having saved nearly \$15,000 on Fire equipment due to donations, collecting nearly 6% more in revenue than budgeted, and coming under budget in most categories (insurance premiums increased more than anticipated in 2024) this helped us retain and add nearly 39% of our budget into reserves. A special thanks to Carol Ashley-Stowers for her diligent and amazing work maintaining all of our financial and administrative interests.

Revenues

Interest & Dividends
9.6%
Gifts/ Grants
2.8%



Expenses



Membership

A special thanks to all of our volunteers! Their hard work, support, and dedication to our community has been amazing in 2024. Over the past year our membership has remained average with three (3) additions and (4) attritions as we averaged twenty-four (24) volunteer firefighters on our roster throughout the year. Our command structure expanded as we added two (2) new Lieutenant positions bringing us to: (1) Fire Chief, (1) Assistant Chief, (1) Operations Chief, (2) Captains, and (2) Lieutenants.

Firefighter of the Year

2024 Firefighter of the Year is Paul Oppenheim. His unparalleled dedication and support to our District has been exemplary.





2024 Board of Directors

Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District is governed by a citizen elected Board of Directors that consists of five (5) citizens that reside within our District's boundaries.

Thank You

For your dedication, management, and support of our District's operations!

Rick Jones, Board Chair

Mike Ryan, Vice Chair *(served until 11/2024)*

Dennis Michaud, Treasurer

Austin Ray, Director

Jeff Davis, Director *(served until 7/2024)*

Jeff Whitney, Director

