

City of Chandler Fire Department

In 1991, the City of Chandler Fire Department and the Chandler Police Department Communications Division moved into their new building located at 221 East Boston Street (grey picture to the right). Fire occupied the first floor and the Communications Division the second floor. The Fire Chief at the time was William "Bart" Beckwith. The Chandler Fire Department has occupied the first floor of this building for 18 years. Time for something new and exciting!

This year has seen many changes. A new Fire Chief, new red fire trucks, and come September 2009, the Chandler Fire Department will be moving into a new three-story, LEEDS Certified building located at 151 East Boston Street. As the Department continues to grow and expand, we will continue to proudly serve and protect our citizens and our community.



2008 / 2009



Annual Report



Chandler Fire Department
Standing Strong Since 1937



George Knight
Fire Chief
1953 - 1973



William "Bart" Beckwith
Fire Chief
1973 - 1993



Jim Roxburgh
Fire Chief
1993 - 2008

From the Fire Chief...

I would like to present the 2008/09 City of Chandler Fire Department Annual Report. This last year has been one of change, challenge and opportunity. We started the year by saying goodbye to long-time Fire Chief Jim Roxburgh. Assuming the challenging role of interim fire chief was Assistant Chief Tom Carlson, while the selection process for a permanent chief was concluded and I assumed the position of Fire Chief on October 1st, 2008.

The economy has taken an unprecedented change for the worst. Throughout this downturn, fire department personnel have stepped up to the challenge to streamline processes, fine tune programs and look for opportunities to do more with less. The long-time partnership between labor and management has continued to be successful during these taxing economic times.

As this report demonstrates, the men and women of the Chandler Fire Department continue to make a difference in someone's life everyday. Professional firefighters continue to provide outstanding customer service to the citizens of Chandler with the full support of the department's EMS, Training, Fire Prevention, Support Services, Community Preparedness and Administration Divisions.

Besides emergency response activity, department members have been busy completing our third Fire Service Accreditation Process, developing a comprehensive Strategic Plan, constructing a Fire Administration building, opening Fire Station 2810, remodeling Fire Station 283, and adjusting to a department reorganization under new leadership.

Moving forward, I am eager to seek out opportunities to further enhance the quality of services provided. The coming year will bring opportunities to further strengthen our commitments and relationships with the citizens of Chandler.

Though economic times are tough and we are all faced with doing more with less, department members continue to demonstrate why the Chandler Fire Department's greatest assets are the people who work here. It is my honor to represent the most dedicated, professional, service-oriented men and women the fire service has to offer. Thank you for your continued dedication and service to this organization and the Chandler community.

Jeff Clark

Jeff Clark
Fire Chief

City Information

Planning Area 71.5 Square Miles
 Incorporated Area 70 Square Miles
 Population 252,056

Department Information

Total Personnel 224
 Sworn Personnel 202
 Firefighters Per 1,000 Population 0.80
 Civilian Personnel 22
 Operating Budget \$29,114,077
 ISO Rating 3

Fire Operations

Total Calls 18,474
 Fire Calls 419
 EMS (Medical) Calls 12,618
 Hazardous Condition Calls 152
 False Calls 932
 Service and Other Calls 2,416
 Out of City Calls 1,937
 Average Response Time 4:16
 Average Travel Time 3:18
 Travel Time for 90% of Calls 5:01
 Average Turnout Time 00:53
 Turnout Time for 90% of Calls 1:30

Incidents by Property Use

Public Assembly 4.50%
 Educational 2.38%
 Health Care 11.29%
 Residential 53.44%
 Mercantile/Business 7.00%
 Industrial 0.33%
 Manufacturing 1.27%
 Storage 0.73%
 Outside 19.05%

Fire Prevention Activities

Plan Reviews 137
 Citizen/Staff Requests 3,374
 Hazardous Material Inspections 308
 Annual Follow-up Inspections 1,556
 Self Inspections 217
 New Business Inspections 1,609
 Other Inspections 1,810
 Investigations 49
 Weed Complaints 83



Staffed Unit Responses

Unit	# of Responses	Calls Per Day
BC281	496	1.36
BC282	437	1.20
BR284	12	0.03
E282	1,723	4.72
E2282	1,457	3.99
E283	1,381	3.78
E284	908	2.49
E285	1,128	3.09
E286	1,885	5.16
E287	943	2.58
E288	1,633	4.47
E289	1,079	2.96
E2810	859	2.35
HM283	51	0.14
L281	1,774	4.86
L283	1,328	3.64
R281	1,784	4.89
R286	1,775	4.86
R287	754	2.07
R289	1,443	3.95
R2810	359	0.98
SQ283	186	0.51
U288	73	0.20
TOTAL	23,468	64.28

Community Services

Public Education Demonstrations 456
 Car Seat Checks 1,241
 Senior Volunteer Hours 562.75
 Smoke Alarms Installed 65
 Fire Extinguishers Checked 160
 Juvenile Firesetter Classes 4



Awards



Firefighter of the Year

Captain Val Gal, born and raised in Chandler, attended Chandler High School and was first hired at the rank of firefighter in July of 1997.

Since his arrival almost 12 years ago, he has been a consistent and dedicated member of our community and department. He has worked diligently in many areas of the department, most recently in the Emergency Medical Services Division.

Val has also been recognized with the Medal of Honor for his heroic act of courage. A few years ago, Val risked his life to rescue a small child from an apartment fire. This man is truly distinguished with exceptional courage and strength.

Captain Gale is honored and recognized not only for his accomplishments, but also for the dedication he gives to a career not yet finished.



**Tom Carlson
2008
Medal of Merit
Award
Interim Chief**



**Richard McBlane
2008
The "Rox" Career
Achievement
Award**



Congratulations!



**William Evans
2008
The "Rox" Career
Achievement
Award**



**Jim Johnson
2008
Medal of Honor
Award**



**Tim Klug
2008
Paramedic of the Year
Award**



**Andre Langley
2008
EMT of the Year
Award**



**Warren Bahle
2008
Civilian of the Year
Award**



**John Gardner
2008
Derrel Crisp
Memorial Award**

2008 Unit Citation

Jim Johnson, Rob Boddy, Sam Humes, Iris Matthews, Craig Leach, Scott Street, and Ben Vargas

Recognized for your on-going dedication, performance, and caring attitude in the work you do, especially over the past year. Their duties and responsibilities have a direct impact on the level of service provided to the citizens of Chandler.
Support Services Motto:
Chandler Fire is our Customer!

2008 Unit Citation

Chandler Fire Pipers & Drummers:
Brigid O'Neil, Paul Nies, Travis McBurney, Tom Curran, Chris Broadley, Dan Morrow, Chad Goswick, Brandt Lange, Gary Vicente, Rob McLeod, Bill Loughran, Duke Burks, Dan Goldstein

Recognized for their hard work, hours of dedication, and excellence in representing the Chandler Fire Department at home and across the United States.

2008 Unit Citation

Chandler Fire Wildland Team
To Butte California
Mark Boulanger, Mike Johnson, Jerry Gerard, Casey Lopez, Dan Morrow, and Tom Curran

In recognition for the evacuation and treatment of Flagstaff Firefighter Jess Maier, who was severely burned during the wildland fire response in northern California.