



# Stillwater Fire Department 2021 Annual Report





# Our mission

Be fully prepared to respond swiftly to any situation to help those in need.

Honor our heritage while moving boldly into the future.

Relentlessly serve others with kindness, courage, and professionalism.





The Stillwater Fire Department is a professional municipal department, comprised of 74 uniformed personnel and 2 non-uniformed, serving a jurisdiction of 32 square miles within Stillwater city limits and an estimated population of 49,000 and Oklahoma State University campus with an enrollment of more than 20,000. The fire service area includes all of Payne County and parts of Noble, Pawnee and Lincoln counties with a combined population of approximately 82,000.





# Message from the Fire Chief



On behalf of the men and women of Stillwater Fire Department, we are proud to present the 2021 Annual Report. We are committed to providing excellent service to over 50,000 residents, Oklahoma State University, and thousands of visitors within our service area. As you read through this report, I hope you will grasp the magnitude of services and resources we proudly provide to our diverse community.

Our department has a rich history in the Fire Service, and as an all-hazards public safety organization we are relentlessly committed to providing the very highest levels of service to our community and surrounding areas.

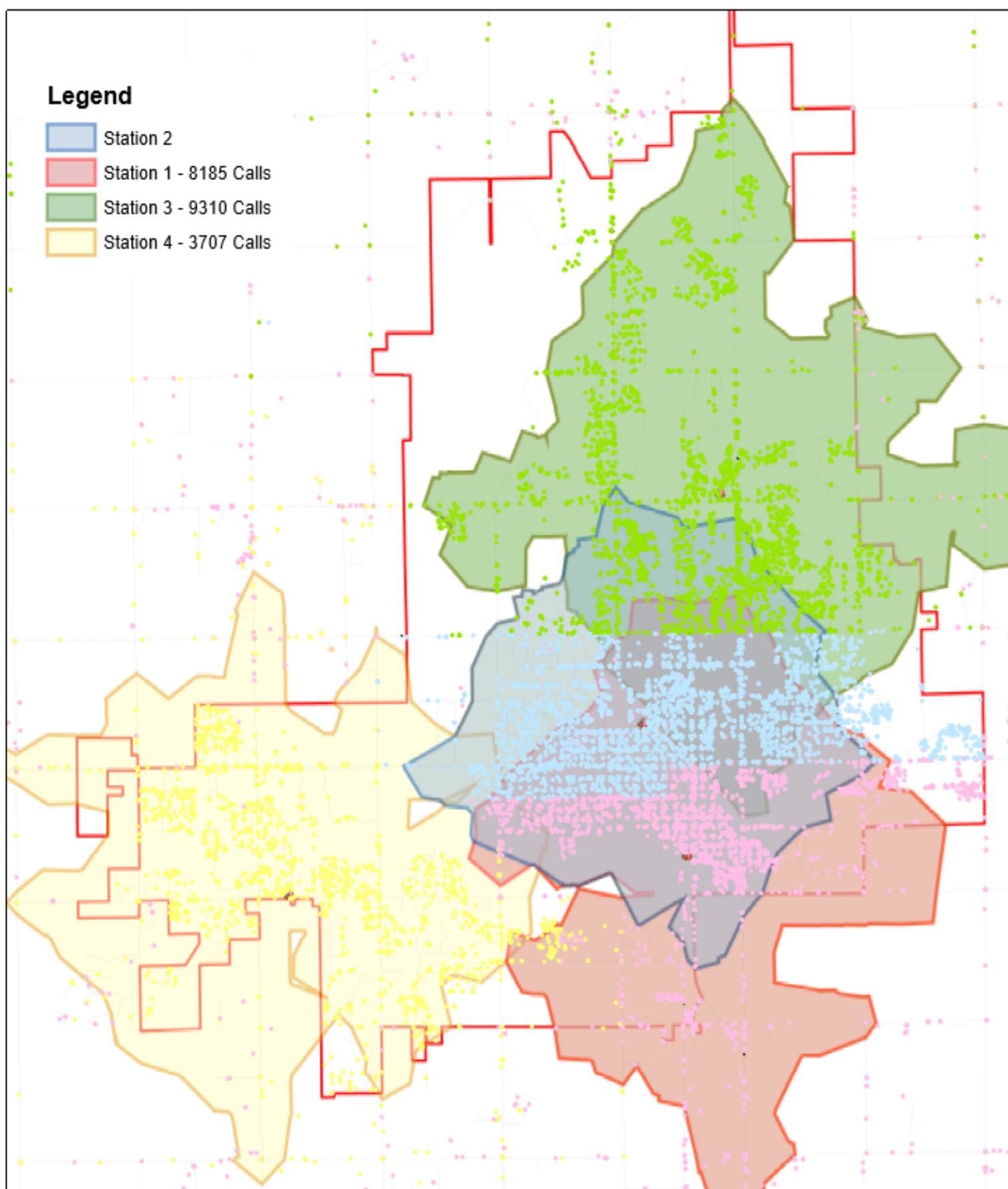
I am extremely thankful for being able to serve such a vibrant and caring community, and I am proud of each and every one of our men and women who serve our community with passion, professionalism, and honor.

The future of our department, and community is extremely bright, and it is such an honor and privilege to lead our amazing team of firefighters into the future by focusing on ethical leadership, collaborative partnerships, innovative thinking, and strategic action.



## Legend

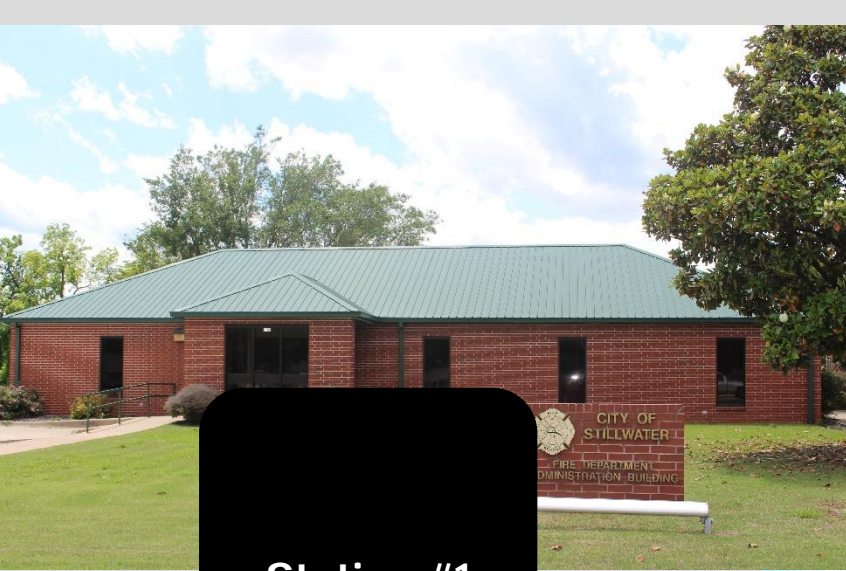
- Station 2
- Station 1 - 8185 Calls
- Station 3 - 9310 Calls
- Station 4 - 3707 Calls



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**Administration Building**  
1510 S.  
Main St.

**Station #1  
(Headquarters)**  
1506 S. Main  
St.



**Station #2  
(SFD  
Campus Fire  
Station)**  
600 W.  
University  
Ave.



**Station #3**  
416 E.  
Lakeview  
Road



**Station #4**  
4501 W.  
19th Ave.







# Statistics

*TOTAL 2021  
CALL VOLUME:*  
**3,888**





***September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Fire Call,  
Mission Tow Recovery***



# 2021 Accomplishments

- Provided a second set of bunker gear for all front line firefighters
- Provided a new set of wildland / rescue gear for all firefighters.
- Placed new Pierce ladder truck into operational service.
- Implemented compliance engine to assist the Fire Marshall's office.
- Implemented a new awards program.
- Placed new thermal imaging cameras into operational service.
- Added new protocols for investigations, funerals, awards and commendations, and high fire danger days.
- Designed and ordered two Pierce Engines to replace Engine-1 and Engine-4.
- Developed and implemented a Chief's newsletter to improve communication from administration to the company level.
- Sent two of our members to the National Fire Academy.

Year in Review

# 2021 Accomplishments, Continued.

- Made improvements to our facilities to include:
  - New HVAC units at station 2, 4, and Fire Admin.
  - Replaced showers at fire station one.
  - Replaced the entire back ramp behind station one.
  - Replaced a bay heater at fire station one.
  - Replaced the main sewer line at fire station three.
  - Replaced a gear washer extractor at fire station one.





## 2021 Wet Down Ceremony

In August, the Stillwater Fire Department hosted a wet down ceremony to welcome our new Pierce 107 foot Ladder Truck. The wet down ceremony event is a tradition celebrated by fire departments to commission new fire apparatus by anointing it with water sprayed from the retiring fire truck.





# Training



## 8,300 total hours of training.

SFD SFD is always training. Training is the key to success in carrying out the mission of the Stillwater Fire Department to protect our community. The Training Division supervises, and coordinates the department training programs to ensure the Department is prepared for any and all emergencies. Examples of these training programs include EMS, Fire, Rescue, and Haz-Mat Operations.

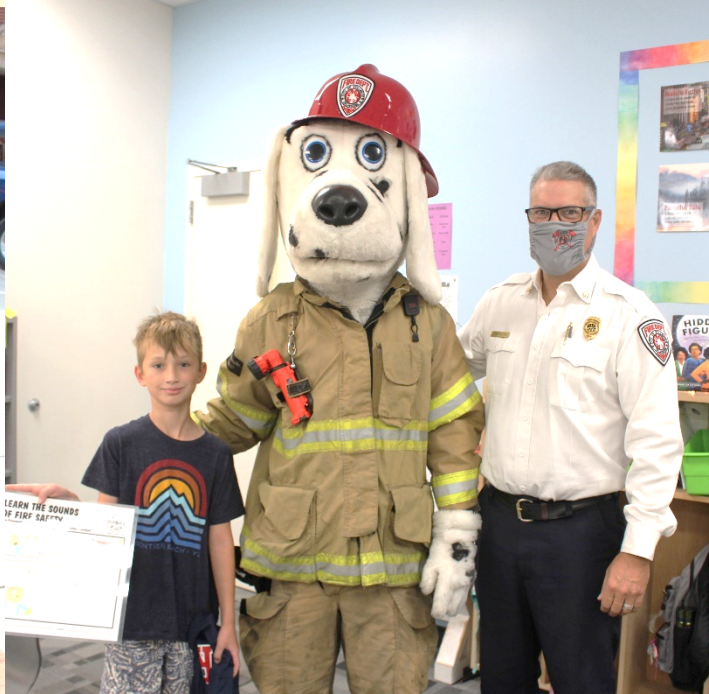


The Training Division is led by the Chief of Training who is responsible for the overall administration and management of the Fire Department Training Program. This includes compliance with applicable federal, state and local mandates while producing meaningful training sessions aimed at personal and professional development.

**In 2021 the members of the Stillwater Fire Department completed over 8,300 hours of training.**







# 2021 Public Education

The Stillwater Fire Department is responsible for educating the public about fire safety and fire prevention. This year, we were able to participate in back to school events, car seat checks, show and tells, career fairs, station tours, and more. SFD was also able to visit all 6 Stillwater Public Schools for Fire Prevention Week 2021.





# 2021 Promotions and Retirements

## Promotions:

Kevin Roach to Battalion Chief

David Portman to Captain

Michael Miller to Captain

Robert Webb to Lieutenant

Scott Johnson to Lieutenant

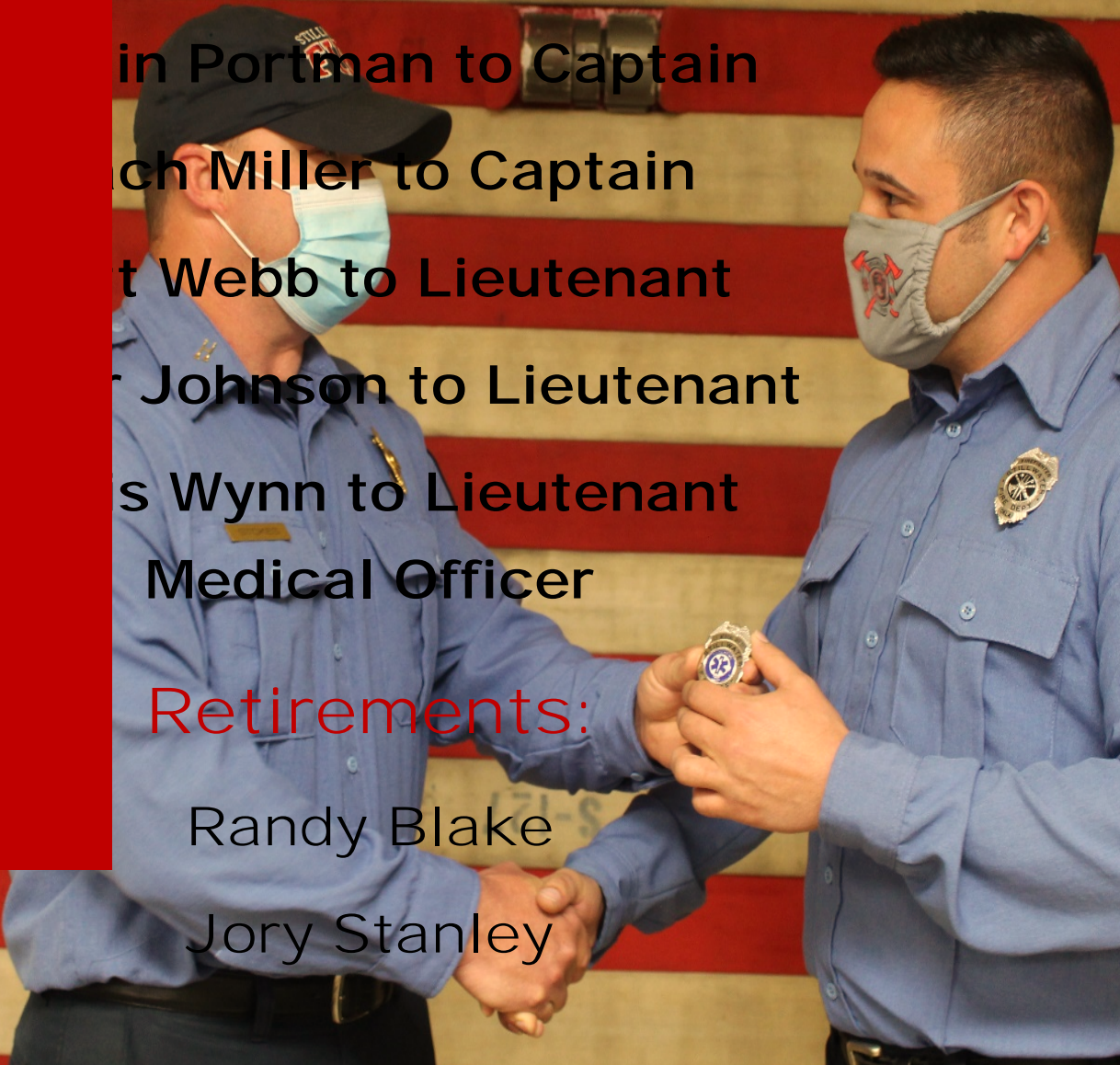
James Wynn to Lieutenant

Medical Officer

## Retirements:

Randy Blake

Jory Stanley





# Goals for 2022

- Implement a new radio system.
- Take possession of two new pierce engines.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive safety, health and wellness program.
- Install countdown timers into apparatus bays to help reduce response times.
- Implement new tracking and record keeping software.
- Develop an officer training program.
- Plan for the relocation of fire station 2, and implement operational enhancements into the station design.
- Initiate quarterly meetings between the Fire Marshal's office and front line personnel.
- Conduct a new Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluation.
- Complete Assistant Chief's promotional assessment.
- Review all administrative processes to find inefficiencies and outdated practices.

Going Forward

# SFD Administration Office

The Administration Office serves as the Stillwater Fire Department's headquarters from which primary coordination and oversight of all programs and services occur. The department, which is comprised of Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical, Hazardous Materials and Fire Prevention Division, is overseen by the fire chief.



**Fire Chief**  
Terry Essary



**Fire Marshal**  
Steve Sylvester



**Deputy Fire Marshal**  
Thomas Tharp



**Chief of Training**  
James Holly



**Administrative  
Coordinator**  
Ruby Osborn





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