

Shawnee Heights Fire District 2024 Annual Report



**Proudly protecting
Topeka, Tecumseh, Monmouth and Williamsport Townships**

19,000

Population Protected by SHFD

(USA.com)

144

Square Miles Protected by SHFD

(USA.com)

1,606

Total Calls for Service in 2024

1,060

Rescue/ Emergency Medical Service

9:16

Average Response Time in 2024

20

Structure Fires Extinguished in 2024

\$476,475

Estimated Fire Property Loss in 2024

0

Civilian Fire Injuries in 2024

0

Civilian Fire Fatalities in 2024





Fire Chief's Message

I am pleased to present the annual report for the year 2024. I am grateful to write this as I finish my first full year as Fire Chief. It has been a great honor to serve the patrons of our District. I was very humbled to be selected to take on the task of leading such a great organization. To repeat Chief Deibert's words, the Fire Board has a vision of what SHFD will look like in the future. They have been proactive in taking care of the needs of the department to reach that vision, while at the same time minimizing the financial impact to the citizens of the district.

As we end 2024, we are in the beginning stages of the construction of our two new buildings. The bond was approved this past year to fund a new Station 27 and to replace Station 21. Architects are on board and design work is done. Preliminary bids are being prepared to be released as this report is written. Chief Gatewood was brought on board to fill the vacant Assistant Chief position. He was given the task of staff development. He and I share the common goal of developing our members so that our replacements can be hired from within this agency if the Board should so chose.

SHFD responded to 1606 calls for service in 2024. EMS calls are still over 60 % of our calls and we continue to see a large number of lift assists. We had several more structure fires in 2024 than we had in 2023. One item of note was that we saw a marked decrease in the dollar loss from fires. Taking out the warehouse fire of 2023, we still saw a decrease in fire loss. This speaks to the additional manning we are now seeing and the stepped up training being done by our on duty staff and overseen by Chief Gatewood.

Another notable item is that we had three code blue field saves in 2024. That is another reflection of the increased staffing and the organizational commitment to focus on ALS care and timely delivery of ALS care on scene. This speaks volumes to the vision of the Fire District governing body and leadership of both the past and the present. They have set the table for a fantastic future.

In December of 2024 a new 2000 gallon tanker was ordered to replace one of the existing 2006 era tankers. Money was also approved to refurbish a few of the brush trucks and reserve engine and tanker. The hope is to start utilizing these reserve apparatus as deployable equipment during the year as part of a wildland taskforce in Shawnee County to participate in statewide fire deployments. April of 2024 saw our agency participate in this and several of our members gained a very good overview of a large scale incident and saw first hand how big incidents really work. It was an invaluable tool for learning.

As we move into 2025, we continue with the second strategic plan by researching the ability to staff the two new stations when they are complete. It is impossible to meet the NFPA standard for staffing without the additional space for personnel. Research into alternate funding such as grants will be done, as well as how best to look at budgetary sources to keep impacts minimal to our patrons yet provide excellent service to all. All alternatives including partnerships and auto aid will be explored. I look forward to seeing the exciting future of this agency in 2025!



Mission Statement

“It is the mission of the Shawnee Heights Fire District to provide the best fire and EMS service and exceed the expectations of the community”. We will accomplish this through rapid safe response, quality training and effective community risk reduction programs.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the finest fire and EMS service organization by utilizing and developing our members to their fullest potential, maximizing our use of resources available to us, and being responsive to the changing needs of the community we protect.

Core Values

Integrity—We will make every effort to establish and maintain the trust of our community.

Personal accountability— We will take ownership of our conduct and actions on and off duty.

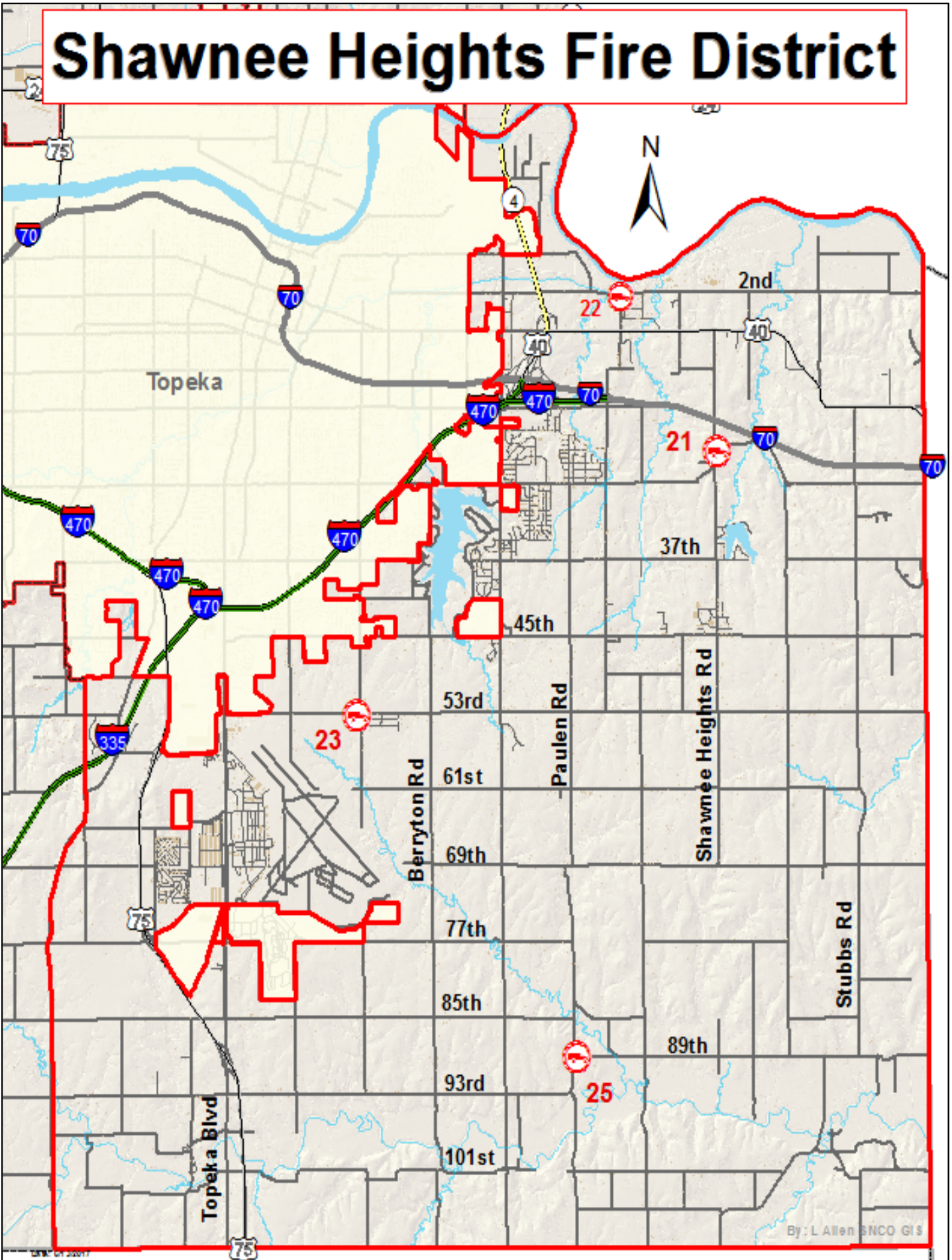
Respect— We believe in the dignity of all individuals and value all members of the community and the department.

Compassion— We will show compassion to our citizens and make every effort to empathize with them during their time of need.

Dedication— We will be prepared to respond to emergency and non emergency needs of our community through a commitment to training and preparation.

Pride— We will strive for excellence in all we do. We will be active participants in the community we serve.





INCOME

Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 2,815,501
Other Taxes	\$ 374,878
Williamsport Contract	\$ 613,342
Reimbursements	\$ 56,381
Grants	\$ 30,711
Interest	\$ 54,856
Equipment Sale	\$ 32,520
Misc	\$ 888
	\$ 3,979,077



EXPENDITURES

Compensation	41%	\$1,604,489
Employee Benefits	19%	\$755,011
Professional Services	1%	\$49,529
Improvements	9.5%	\$381,271
Fuel	2%	\$77,520
Maintenance	3%	\$92,017
Utilities	1%	\$55,068
Insurance	3%	\$94,868
Training	1%	\$59,582
Other	2%	\$63,775
Special District Reserve	17.5%	\$745,947
		\$3,979,077



Community Outreach

141.25 Hours



Training Hours

5077



2024 Incidents By Type of Incident

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	120	7.48%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1060	66.0%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	63	3.92%
Service Call	129	8.03%
Good Intent Call	166	10.34%
False Alarm & False Call	65	4.05%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.06%
Special Incident Type	2	0.12%
TOTAL	1606	100%

2024 Incidents By Township/Station

Township	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
KTA	47	2.93%
Tecumseh	681	42.4%
Topeka	154	9.59%
Monmouth	238	14.82%
Williamsport	478	29.76%
Mutual Aid	8	0.50%
TOTAL	1606	100%
Station 21	773	48.2%
Station 23	656	40.8%
Station 25	177	11.0%



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