

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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Who We Are

Princeton Fire Department (PFD) is a combination fire department: meaning we have both full-time paid personnel and a force of volunteer firefighters.

We maintain a staffing level of 13 full-time paid personnel and approximately 5-10 volunteers.

Our Mission:

“Princeton Fire Department exists to prevent harm and make a positive difference in our community.”

We provide primary emergency response coverage for the City of Princeton, WV, and additional coverage to the surrounding communities through automatic/mutual aid agreements. This ensures the residents, businesses, and visitors to the City will receive the best service possible for this area.

PFD holds a Class 2 Public Protection Classification rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Class 2 is the 2nd best rating possible which means residents and businesses in the City of Princeton may receive some of the lowest fire insurance premiums in the region. ISO compiles industry best practices and gives every fire department a rating based on how they're doing compared to those industry standards.

As of 2021, there are only 14 fire departments in West Virginia with a Class 2 rating.

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At a Glance

What Happened in 2021?

2021 saw the retirement of Fire Chief, Chad Bailey and Captain, Keith Gunnoe. Both of these men combined had more than 50 years of service to Princeton Fire Department.

We saw the departure of three more firefighters and the addition of four new personnel.

The City of Princeton, the City of Bluefield, WV, and the Mercer County Commission all contributed financially to refurbish our Fire Training Center. This facility will benefit all fire departments in Mercer County.



9/11 20th Anniversary Stair Climb

2021 marked the 20th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. This anniversary was honored through a memorial Stair Climb at Hunnicutt Stadium in Princeton, WV. Lt. Rick Shagoury took the responsibility of organizing the event. Funds raised from the event were donated to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.



Climbers carried badges with the names and photos of firefighters who lost their lives that day.

Participants climbed the equivalent of 110 stories: the height of the Twin Towers.



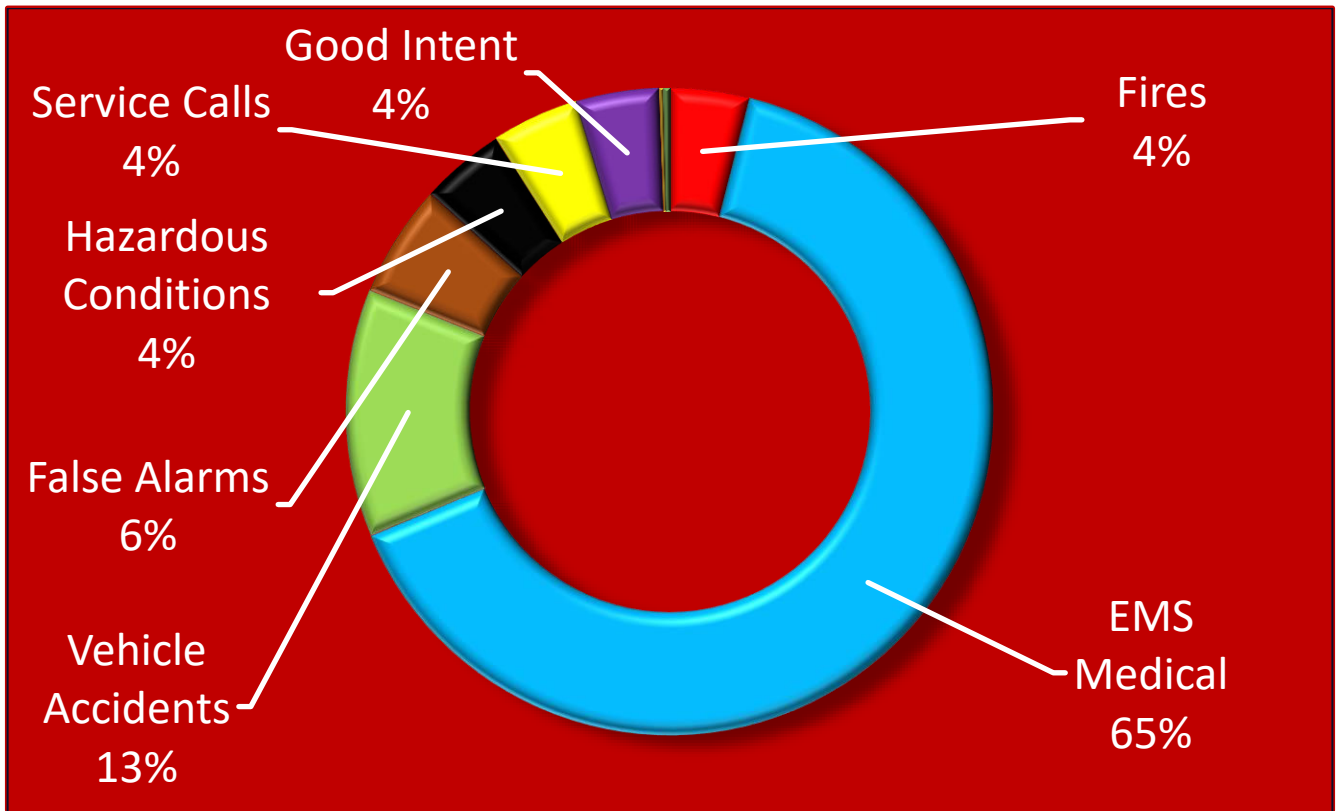
Calls for Emergency Service

We Do More Than Just Fight Fires

- **51 Fires**
 - These may include buildings, brush/outdoor, vehicles, and rubbish fires.
- **830 Emergency Medical Calls**
 - Everything from minor scrapes or cuts to full cardiac and respiratory arrest.
- **159 Vehicle Accidents / Rescues**
 - Anything from a minor “fender bender” up to complex technical rescues.
- **72 False Alarms**
 - Alarm system activations with no fire, malfunctions, or mischievous alarms.
- **52 Calls for Hazardous Conditions**
 - Hazardous Material incidents, electrical problems, and downed utility lines.
- **56 Service Calls**
 - Calls for a person in distress or assisting police, EMS, or other agencies.
- **53 Calls of Good Intent**
 - These can be instances when the Fire Dept is cancelled after initial dispatch, smoke scares, or outdoor fires that are legal and controlled.
- **3 Calls for Severe Weather**
- **4 Calls categorized as “Special Type”**

There were 1,282 calls for emergency service in 2021.

Here are the Categories of Emergency Calls



Mutual and Automatic Aid

We provide services beyond the city limits of Princeton, WV through agreements with other local fire departments and agencies. These agreements also bring other fire departments into the city limits to assist PFD.

In 2021, Princeton Fire Department received aid on 6 emergencies and provided aid for 28 emergencies.

Community Health and Safety

Providing Education and Other Services to the Community

Members of PFD provided education to new firefighters in the form of initial firefighter and hazardous materials certifications. This also includes CPR and First Aid.

Members also provided instruction for basic Emergency Medical Technician certification and recertification.

PFD also provided fire safety presentations throughout the community and station tours for those who wish to visit the firehouse and receive a glimpse of what a day is like for a firefighter.



Don't Wait — Check the Date!
Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

- Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.
- Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.
- Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

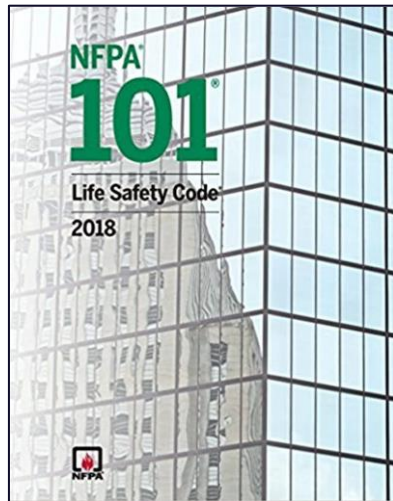
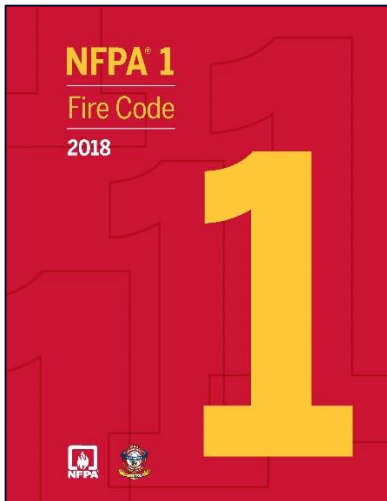
Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.

Fire Code Enforcement

The City of Princeton, WV has adopted the WV State Fire Code as the authority for fire prevention control of buildings and structures within the City of Princeton, WV.

This is accomplished primarily through the application of NFPA 1 – Fire Code and NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code.

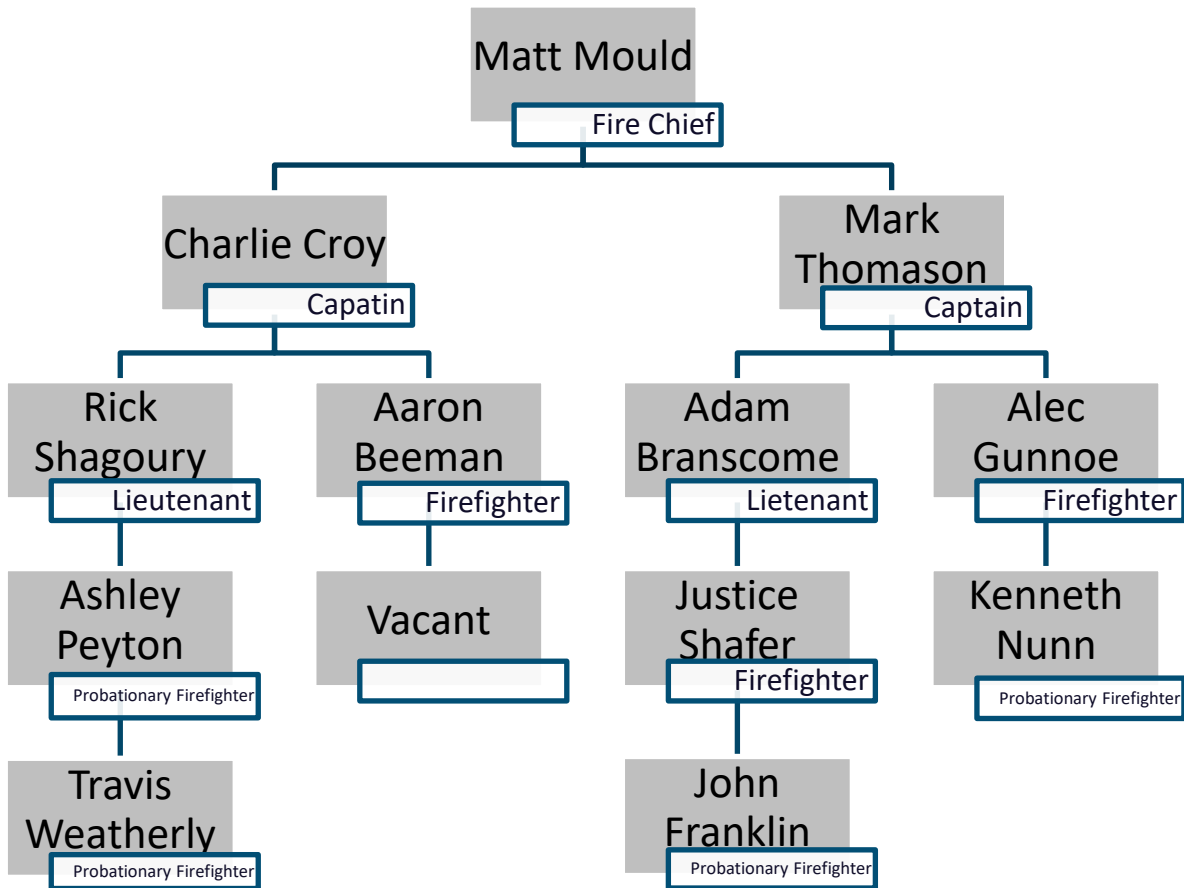


PFD has 4 NFPA-certified Fire Inspectors

243 inspections were conducted by PFD fire inspectors in 2021.

Current Roster

Paid Personnel



Volunteer Personnel

PFD maintains a volunteer force of approximately 5-10 volunteer firefighters. This force is fluid and changes often.

We are always looking for those interested or willing to become volunteers!

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The logo for the Princeton WV Fire Department is a shield-shaped emblem. It features two crossed fire axes at the top. The central part of the shield contains a circular seal with the words "COURAGE", "PRIDE", "COMMUNITY", and "HONOR" around the perimeter. Below the seal, it says "EST. 1911". The top of the shield reads "PRINCETON WV".