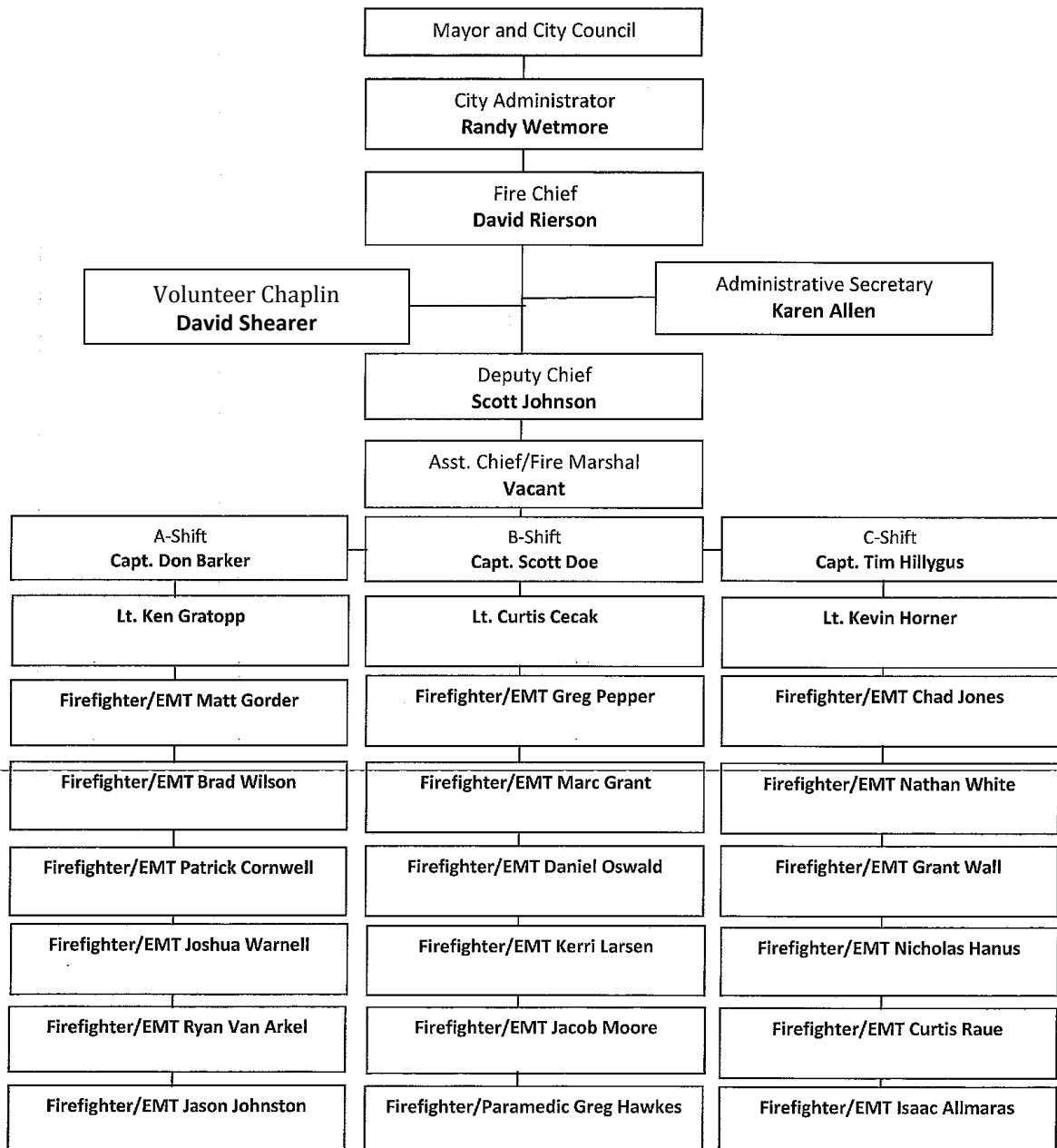


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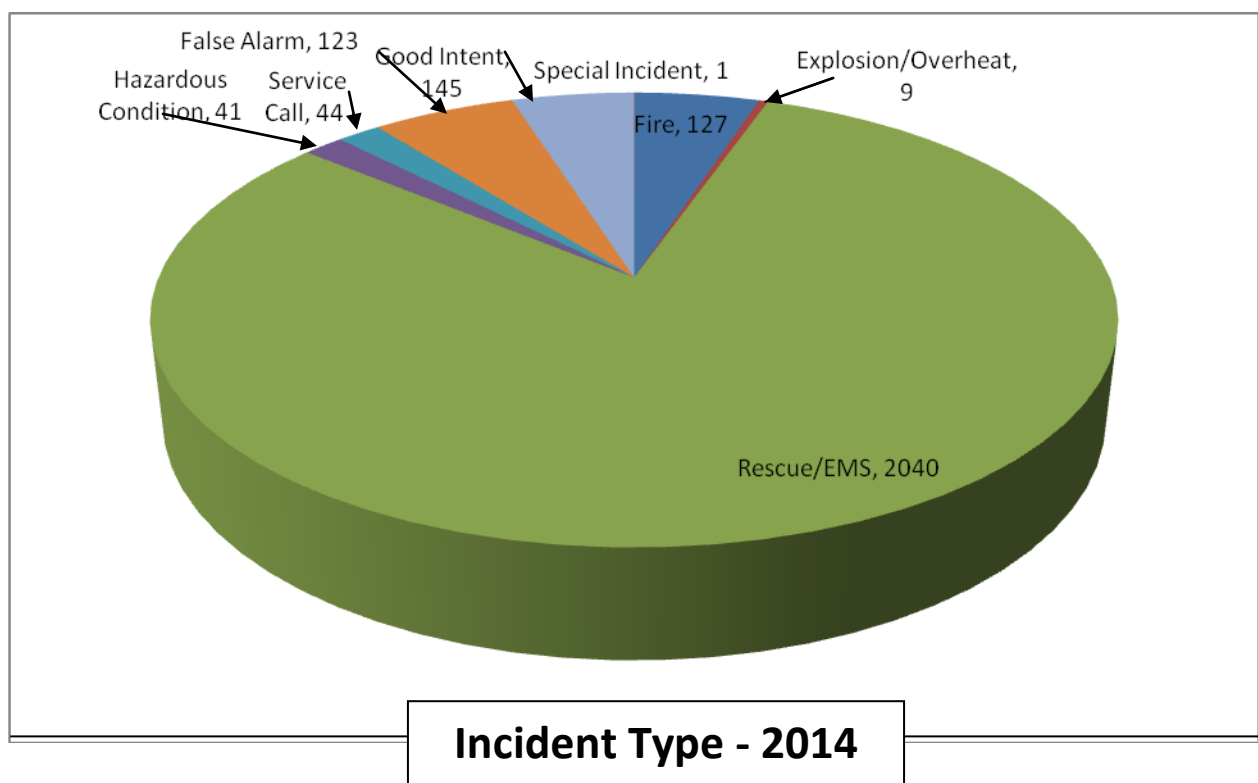
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Marshalltown Fire Department Organizational Chart

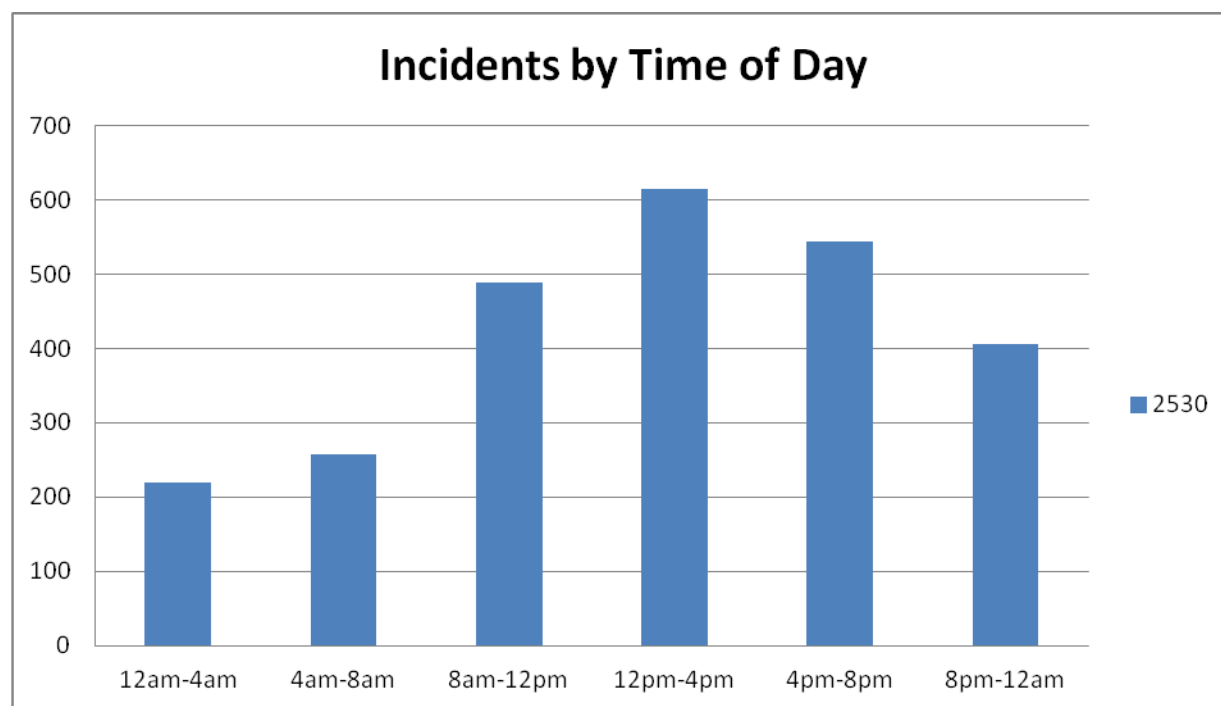
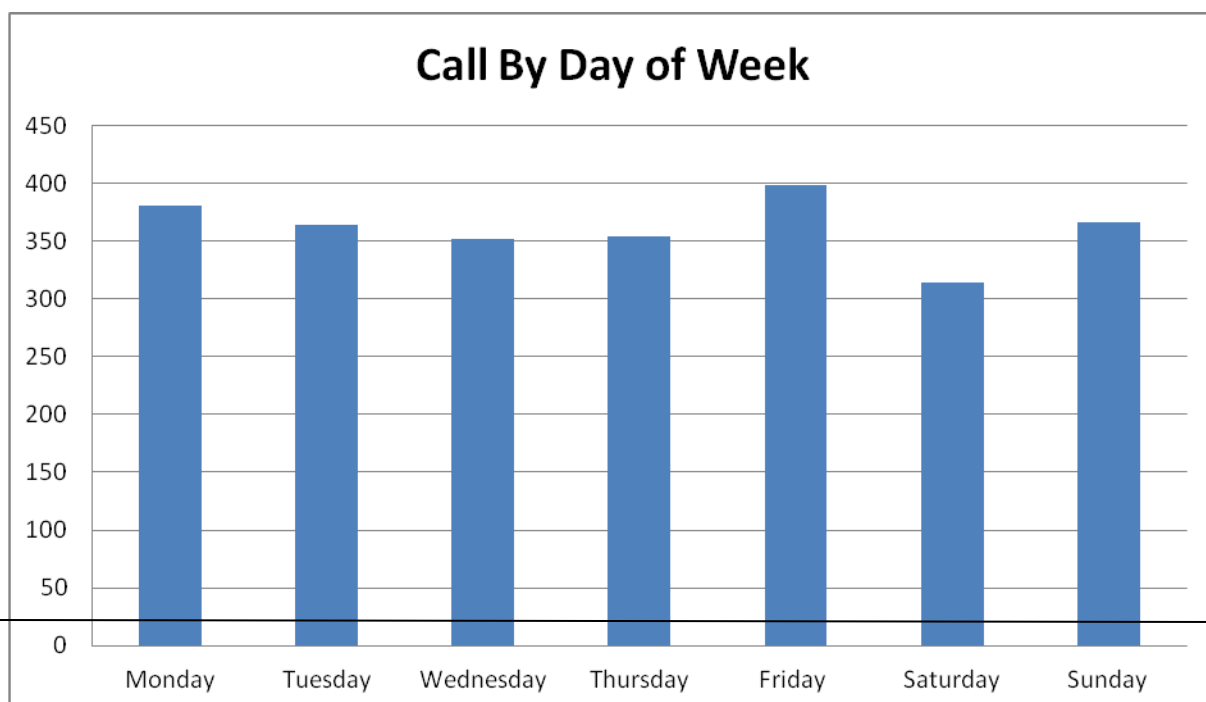


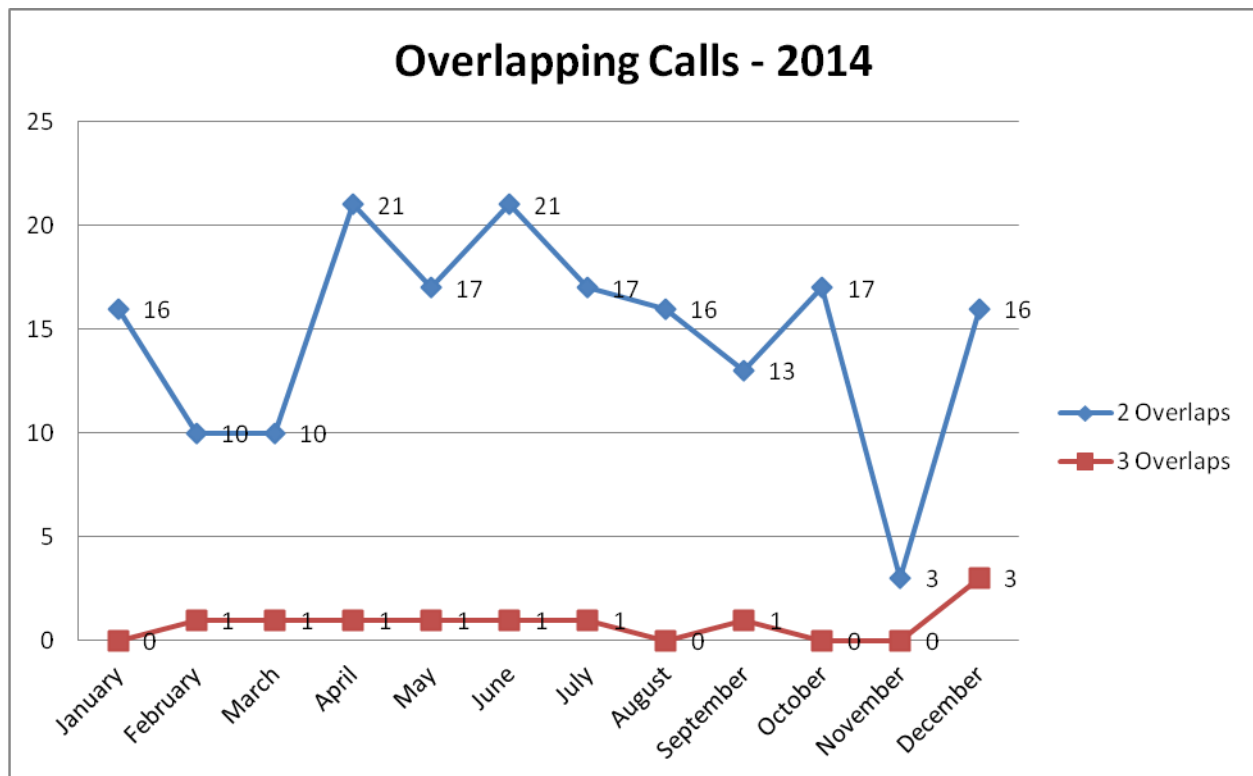
As the Fire Chief of Marshalltown Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present this summary of activities for the year 2014. Your department continues to accept the economic challenges presented, increased demands for service, and changes in the administrative staff.

In 2014, Marshalltown Fire Department responded to 2,530 requests for emergency service, the most in its history. This number represents an increase of 8.25 percent over that of 2013. As an all-hazards agency, Marshalltown Fire Department responds to emergency situations that include fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous material incidents, water and ice rescue, trench and confined space rescue, and vehicle extrication.



In addition to incident type, calls were reviewed by day of the week, hour of the day, and number of overlapping calls. The latter is a new measurement based on previous annual reports, but is an important trend to follow. Overlapping calls identifies the times when multiple requests for service occur. This is important from a response point of view as unit responses will be delayed, or in a worst case scenario, no unit would be able to respond to a request for service. In 2014 the department experienced 187 incidences of overlapping calls, up 40% (111) from 2013.





In 2014, the department responded to 127 fire incidents. This represents an increase of 15 incidents (12%) from 2013. While the number of fire incidents increased in 2014, the total dollar loss decreased by \$21,995 for a total dollar loss of \$512,905. Sadly, I must also report that there was one (1) civilian fire death in 2014.

Fire Type	Number of Incidents	Dollar Loss
Fires in Structures Other Than Buildings	5	160,060
Building Fires	21	266,470
Cooking Fires	4	0
Passenger & Mobile Vehicle Fires	16	50,100
Water Vehicle Fire	1	35,000
Trash/Rubbish Contained	1	25
Brush/Grass Weeds	7	0
Outside Dumpster/Trash Fire	72	1,250
	Total 127	Total \$ 512,905

In addition to emergency situations, Marshalltown Fire Department provides a number of non-emergent services and activities that include public education, fire code enforcement, building plan review, fire investigation, station tours, smoke detector installations, and public relations events in the community. These services are designed to educate and keep our community safe during their daily activities. Again in 2014, the department sponsored the Fire Safety Poster Contest in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Open to students in second through fifth grade, 519 students participated with Enlin Garcia Hernandez of

Rogers Elementary being chosen the city-wide winner. The department also assisted the YMCA with their Summer Safety Camp.



Activity included the following:

Smoke Detector Installations: 41
Public Education Events: 26 with 1,207 attendees
Permit Inspections: 140
Building Inspections: 218
Plan Review: 5
Fire Investigation: 14

The fire service is an organization steeped in tradition. Of those traditions, brotherhood and family is high on the list. Like our civilian families, our fire service family experienced some losses and additions. Retired members Captain Carl Giannetto, Firefighter/EMT Bob Jacobson, and Firefighter Charlie Russell passed away in 2014 leaving a void in the connection to our past.

In 2014, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Deb Lundgren announced her retirement from the organization effective January 2, 2015, ending a 30 year career. We wish her well in retirement.



Also in 2014, Firefighter/EMT Mark Malcolm retired from the department after serving the community for 22 years.



2014 also marked the promotion of Curtis Cecak from Firefighter/EMT to the rank of Lieutenant.

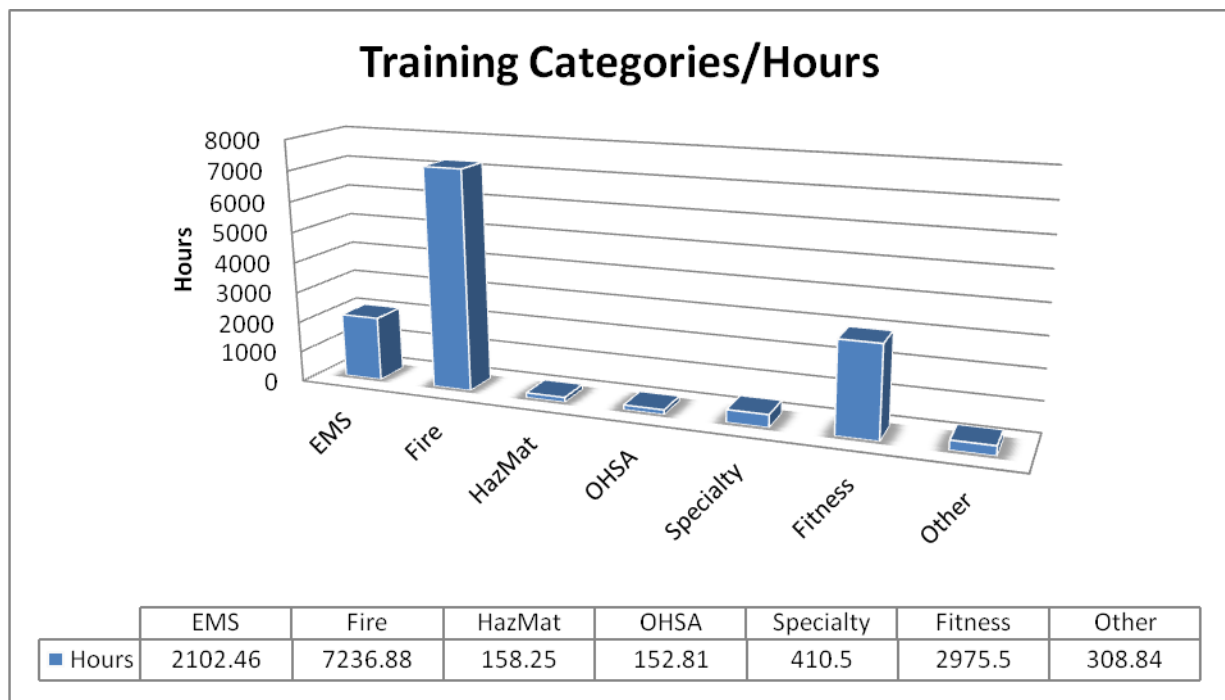


Lastly, our fire service family experienced some additions in 2014. Firefighter/EMT's Isaac Allmaras, Ryan Van Arkel, and Jason Johnston, and Firefighter /Paramedic Greg Hawkes joined Marshalltown Fire Department.





As an all-hazards department, training is an important part of our annual activity. Training is provided through a combination of in-house instruction, outside instruction, and on-line courses. In 2014, 13,345 man hours were spent in training. Below is a breakdown of the training categories and hours.



Started in 2011, the department's Citizens Academy is an annual event designed to teach and inform citizens of the community what it's like to be a firefighter. Through hands on learning, members of the Citizens Academy are taught how to properly put on firefighting gear and breathing apparatus, extend and move hoses, raise ladders, conduct auto extrication, and apply water to extinguish a fire. In 2014, eight (8) participants completed the six (6) week course.



In 2014, the department completed a community risk assessment and submitted it for City Administrator and City Council review. The purpose of the risk assessment was to determine level and types of risk, risk factors, and identify critical tasks associated with the level of risk. The assessment is a guide and tool to be used for determining service levels and associated staffing.

As the department has searched for ways to deal with difficult economic times, public and private grant opportunities have been explored and two (2) were applied for. The Martha-Allen Tye Foundation provides grant opportunities to organizations for the purpose of meeting and addressing community needs. While their emphasis is aimed at cultural, educational, and human service needs, the Foundation generously accepted and approved our grant request in the amount of \$9,055. This funding will be used to replace the paging/alerting system in the fire station. The department wishes to acknowledge their kindness and generosity. The department also applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$172,000. If awarded, the funding would be used to replace our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Notifications of awards begin approximately March of 2015.

2015 will continue to present challenges to the department as we explore and implement ways to improve services and efficiencies. Examples include:

- Continued pursuit of public and private grant funding opportunities
- Expanding the small response vehicle concept into other areas of our operations
- Continued shared resources with Marshall County

Professional development will become a focus for the department as we prepare members to step in for future retirements and fill the void in our Fire Marshal's Office. Classes planned include:

- Fire Officer I and II
- Fire Inspector I
- Fire Investigator
- Leadership
- Plans Review
- Protective Structures and Systems

2015 looks to be another active year in the area of inspection and codes enforcement. Inspection and consultation work will continue on the following projects:

- Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center
- Thiessen's
- Hobby Lobby
- Dunkin Donuts
- A.T. & T.
- Iowa Wholesale rehabilitation
- Menards Distribution Center
- Marshalltown Mall rehabilitation

Lastly, I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council, City Staff, and members of the Marshalltown Fire Department for allowing me the opportunity to lead this organization. I consider it an honor to be the Marshalltown Fire Chief and will work diligently to ensure a service that meets the needs of the community, both now and in the future.

