

# NORTH LAS VEGAS FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## *Message from the Fire Chief*



Over the past several years, the North Las Vegas Fire Department has had significant challenges providing emergency services to one of the fastest growing communities in the country. During the current economic slow-down, we must continue to plan and build for the growing needs of our citizens. I hope this report provides much needed information to the members of City Council, the City Staff, and to the citizens of our great community. We are striving to provide the best service possible, while making sure that we are fiscally responsible.

Many people are surprised at the scope of services provided by the North Las Vegas Fire Department. As with most fire departments across the nation, our mission is ever expanding to meet the needs of our citizens. We respond not only to fires, but to a variety of calls for service. Many calls are medical in nature, but others require a need for technical expertise to mitigate the problem for which we are called. Responding to and extinguishing fires is an extremely important part of what we do, and our firefighters are well trained and experienced in providing that protection. In almost every situation that a citizen calls 911 for an emergency response, they can expect the fire department will have a role in helping resolve their emergency. And yet, as you will see, emergency response is only a fraction of the services that we provide.

In this report, you will receive information on the missions of all our divisions and the diverse services we proudly provide to our community. I hope you find this report interesting and informative. We, the men and women of the North Las Vegas Fire Department, thank you for your support and allowing us to serve you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lytle  
Fire Chief



# North Las Vegas Fire Department

## Our Mission

To advance the City of North Las Vegas vision by providing dedicated emergency and community services in a professional manner.

## Our Vision

We will be a leader in emergency services.

We will be a diverse workforce that provides quality fire and life safety services through proactive and innovative training, education, code enforcement, risk assessment, and community involvement.

We will be vigilant, brave, and prepared.

## Our Values

### NLVFD – PRIDE

<b>Noble</b>	We will possess all the characteristics and qualities of professional fire and life safety emergency service providers.
<b>Leadership</b>	We believe in positive leadership with vision toward the future. We will mentor and empower ethical leaders throughout the organization. We will conduct ourselves as leaders in the community
<b>Vigilant</b>	We will diligently watch over ourselves, our family, and our community.
<b>Family</b>	We will remember, what affects one, affects all.
<b>Diligent</b>	We will enthusiastically complete all tasks safely and with detailed perseverance. We will promote fiscal responsibility and accountability.
<b>Professionalism</b>	We will remain skilled, knowledgeable, and ready to serve. We believe training and education are the foundation of professionalism.
<b>Respect</b>	We will treat others with compassion, in a dignified and courteous manner.
<b>Integrity</b>	We will conduct ourselves in a way that brings honor and respect to our profession. We believe that maintaining public, personal and professional trust is paramount.
<b>Diversity</b>	We will embrace diversity and foster a workplace reflective of our
<b>Excellence</b>	We will continually strive for performance that surpasses all expectations. We believe that a quick and safe response, training, education and preparedness are the keys to excellence.

## Our City, Our People, Our Duty

## Services Provided

The North Las Vegas Fire Department currently operates out of eight (8) strategically located fire stations with operations personnel divided into two (2) battalions and three (3) platoons (A, B, C), with 1/3 of the department on duty at a time. Firefighters work a 48-96 schedule, meaning that they are on duty for forty-eight (48) hours straight. Each battalion is supervised by a Battalion Chief and overseen by the Assistant Fire Chief of Operations. Service is delivered utilizing six (6) engine companies, two (2) truck companies, one (1) air resource/rehab unit and one (1) rescue unit.

### 2014:

2014 Calls: 25,524  
2014 Unit Responses: 29,241  
2014 Auto Aid Responses Received: 5,119  
2014 Auto Aid Responses Given: 3,322  
2014 Public Education Attendees: 506,372\*  
2014 Public Education Events: 307  
2014 Population: 229,314 (2014 Community Report)  
2014 Area: 100.4 sq. miles



### 2013:

2013 Calls: 24,780  
2013 Unit Responses: 28,907  
2013 Auto Aid Responses Received: 5,844  
2013 Auto Aid Responses Given: 3,968  
2013 Public Education Attendees: 388,777\*  
2013 Public Education Events: 259  
2013 Population: 224,003 (2013 Community Report)  
2013 Area: 100.4 sq. miles



### 2012:

2012 Calls: 24,733  
2012 Unit Responses: 32,366  
2012 Auto Aid Responses Received: 4,665  
2012 Auto Aid Responses Given: 4,588  
2012 Public Education Attendees: 226,261\*  
2012 Public Education Events: 241  
2012 Population: 227,585 (2012 Community Report)  
2012 Area: 100.4 sq. miles



\*NLVFD also participates in Opportunity Village's Magical Forest, where there are 250,000 visitors each season.

## Fire Administration Building

4040 Losee Road

Houses the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Community Liaison / Public Information Officer, Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Investigator, (2) Training Captains, Training Battalion Chief, EMS Chief, EMS Educator, Fire Logistics Officer, (4) Fire Inspectors, Public Education Specialist, Executive Secretary, Office Assistant, Financial Analyst and Fiscal Technician.



## Station 50

Built in 2012

105 East Cheyenne Avenue

Units –

1 Engine

Assigned Personnel – 4

## Station 51

Built in 1973

2626 East Carey Avenue

Units –

1 Engine

1 Rescue

1 Battalion Chief

Assigned Personnel – 7



## Station 52

Built in 2001

4110 Losee Road

Units –

1 Truck

1 Technical Rescue

Assigned Personnel – 4



### Station 53

Built in 2008  
2804 West Gowan Road  
Units –  
1 Engine  
1 Air Resource  
1 Brush Engine  
Assigned Personnel – 6



### Station 54

Built in 1994  
5438 Camino Al Norte  
Units –  
1 Engine  
Assigned Personnel – 4

### Station 55

Built in 2003  
5725 Allen Lane  
Units –  
1 Engine  
1 Battalion Chief  
Assigned Personnel – 5



### Station 56

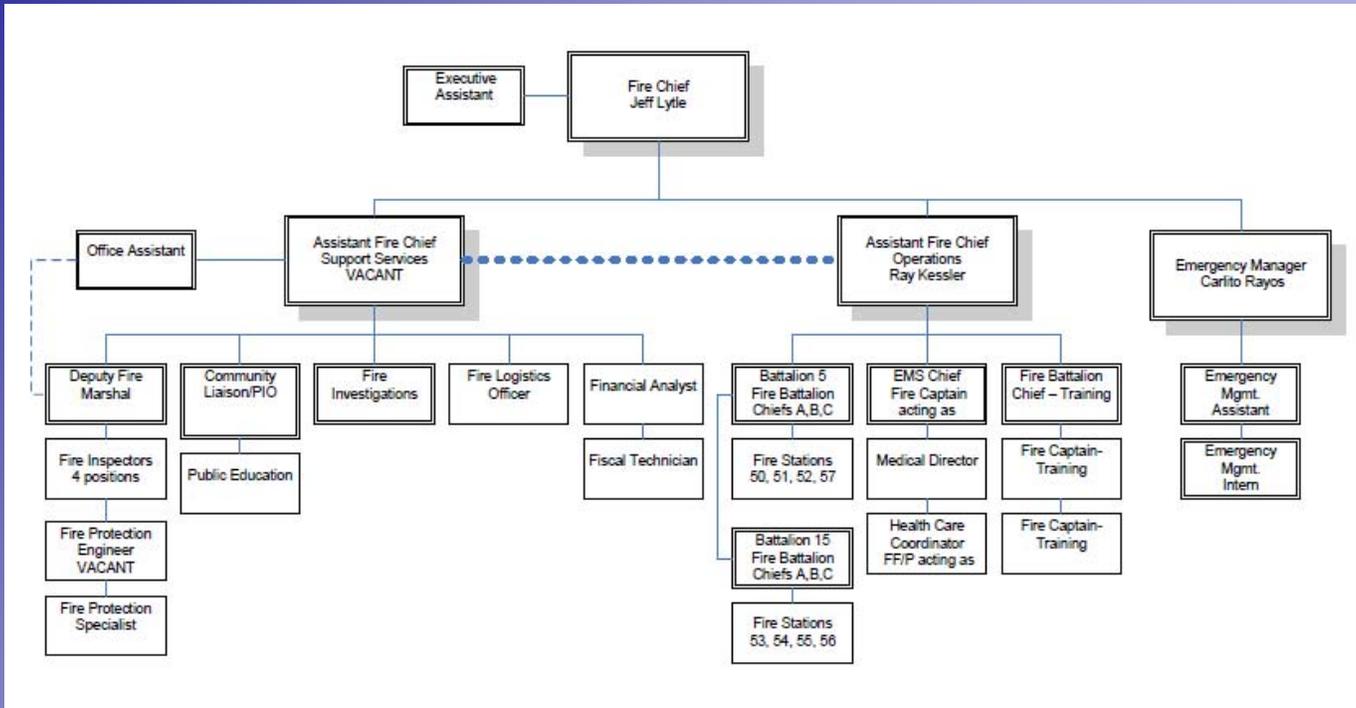
Built in 2004  
3475 West Elkhorn Drive  
Units –  
1 Truck  
Assigned Personnel – 4

### Station 57

Built in 2007  
3120 East Azure Avenue  
Units –  
1 Engine  
Assigned Personnel – 4



# Fire Department Administration



The Administrative Division consists of the Executive Management Team, which includes the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, and the Emergency Manager. The Executive Team is supported through the services of the Executive Secretary to the Fire Chief.



The Fire Logistics Officer is responsible for the purchasing, testing and maintenance of all fire department equipment, including but not limited to, apparatus, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hoses, ladders and personal protective equipment (PPE). Duties also include coordinating fire station and administrative office maintenance and repairs.



The Fiscal Services Division assists in developing and maintaining the financial and budget process of the NLVFD. This division manages the department's time entry, payroll, accounting and budget responsibilities.

## Operations

The Operations Division is responsible for emergency and non emergency response services. Eight (8) strategically located fire stations deploy personnel for twenty-four (24) hour emergency response to fires, medical emergencies, natural and man-made disasters, and various other calls for service. Uniform personnel participate in training, conduct fire safety inspections, initiate life safety drills, maintain equipment in a state of readiness, and interact with the public on fire prevention related matters as part of their daily routine.



## Training

The Training and Safety Division is responsible for the personal safety, training and professional development of all department personnel. The Training Division conducts scheduled training for a vast variety of subjects including fire operations, hazardous materials, technical rescue, emergency medical services, personnel management and leadership, etc. The division is also responsible for providing guidance and oversight in the areas of continuing education and professional development.

### 2014 Training Summary

- 27,785 training hours for department

### Special training exercises/classes

- 8 Functions of Command
- NLV Airport Familiarization
- Truck Company Operations
- Hostile MCI (MACTAC) Training
- Multi-company Drill
- Tactics 101
  - Residential Fires
  - Apartment Fires
  - Strip mall fires
- HAZMAT Training
- QAP Re-Training
- Truck company advanced extrication class
- Multi-company HAZMAT Drill
- Task Specific Training
- Alpha Side Training



## Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Division, under the direction of the Deputy Fire Marshal and supported through the services of an Office Assistant, consists of the Fire Engineering and Fire Inspections sections. The Fire Prevention Division provides professional, efficient and effective plans examination, inspection and investigative services to reduce the loss of life and property and improves the quality of life for our community of choice.

The Fire Engineering Section provides professional plans review for conformance with all applicable building, fire and life safety codes, assists in development, implementation and application of City fire and life safety codes and regulations to ensure compliance and uniformity, and provides technical assistance to architects, engineers, developers, contractors and building owners in interpreting and complying with current fire and life safety codes, regulations, and standards.

The Fire Inspections Section is responsible for fire and life safety code compliance during new construction inspections, business license inspections, citizen complaint follow up, renewable permitting, new and annual permitting, and temporary activity permitting. The Fire Inspections Section is also responsible for the oversight of fireworks sales and assisting with fire cause and origin investigations.

### Inspections/Plan Reviews:

- 2014 Plan Reviews: 1,216
- 2013 Plan Reviews: 1,351
- 2012 Plan Reviews: 1,187
- 2014 Fire/Business Inspections: 5,748
- 2013 Fire/Business Inspections: 6,228
- 2012 Fire/Business Inspections: 5,982



### Accomplishments

- Fire Plan Review met the operational goal of providing two-week or less turnaround times for customers obtaining construction permits 97.50% throughout the entire year.
- Maintained next day inspection service for new construction requests throughout the entire year.
- Inspected Annual Operational Permits in our current database within their month of expiration 81.75% of time.
- Prepared and adopted 2012 International Fire Code and associated National Fire Protection Association standards with neighboring jurisdictions to form consensus fire code amendment in the Las Vegas Valley to coincide with the 2012 International Building

## Public Information

The Public Information Officer is responsible for coordinating the department's public, media, marketing and intergovernmental relations. This office is further tasked with the organization of seasonal activities, publicity/marketing campaigns, managing crisis and addressing negative publicity. Other duties involve developing the day to day management of all internal and external communication strategies as well as long term strategies for both. The Public Information Office is also responsible for producing professionally written documents, brochures, summaries, books and manuals, reports of all pertinent fire department activities as directed by the Fire Chief.

The role of the Public Information Officer is quite diverse in the sense that he/she must function in dual or multiple roles to meet the demands for public information in this present era. The PIO is an intricate part in establishing positive relationships with all outside entities and the community. The primary goal of the position is to disseminate information and keep the public informed, in conjunction with working with the media to allow this to happen.

As the Community Liaison Officer he/she is the Supervisor for outreach programs for public education and prevention, supervised tours of the department, planning, organizing, and creating community events as well as participating in other programs via partnerships. This position can be very diverse and all inclusive with the range of activities as well as demands of the community.



## Public Education

The Public Education Division focuses on reducing our highest community risks. The North Las Vegas Fire Department remains committed to actively educating citizens in an effort to make our community a safe and secure place to live, work and play. While a significant amount of our service to the community is reactive in nature, public education provides an effective avenue for proactively reducing hazards and loss of life and property while simultaneously strengthening the ties between the department and the people we serve.

### Accomplishments

- Assisted with the annual Emergency Evacuation drill for CNLV City Hall.
- Continued restoration of 1960 Ford Fire Engine for public education/awareness.
- Published the first ever NLVFD historical book capturing the history of the department and its' members.
- Participated in Valley Wide April Pools Day, a Drowning Prevention Awareness Campaign.
- Conducted National Earthquake Preparedness Drill in conjunction with the Great Nevada Shake Out.
- Senior Fire Safety and Fall/Tripping Prevention Training for Older Adults
- Youth Burn Camp Fire & Life Safety Presentation
- \$500 Walmart Foundation Grant for seniors and people with disabilities smoke alarm program
- North Las Vegas Citizen Award presentation for above and beyond assistance in emergency scenario
- Principal for a Day – Legacy High School
- 2010-2013 NLVFD Award and Promotion Ceremony
- 88.1 Radio - Monthly PSA's on fire and life safety issues
- First Annual Fire Chief's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in collaboration with Three Square Food Bank
- 2014 NFPA Conference & Expo
- Crew recognitions: Elks Lodge, Aliante Clubhouse, Hometown Heroes Event



## Emergency Medical Services

The EMS Division is responsible to ensuring all North Las Vegas Fire Department personnel provide the highest quality emergency medical care to the citizens and visitors of North Las Vegas. The EMS Division supports fire and rescue operations with supplies, oversees compliance with ambulance contractor agreements, provides medical disaster planning for the community, and serves on various local, state and national EMS committees.



- Received a donation of (8) eight CPR training manikins from the Southern Nevada Las Vegas Burn Foundation.
- Assisted in the development and deployment of a SNFO Hostile MCI Policy in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies.
- Trained all personnel and stocked all apparatus with CAT Tourniquets for the treatment of life threatening traumatic injuries.
- Received, trained and placed Autopulses on all engines and trucks.
- Received, trained and placed new Zoll X series defibrillators/monitors on all apparatus.
- Trained American Heart Association (AHA) Instructors: nine (9) BLS (Basic Life Support), three (3) ACLS (Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support), three (3) PALS (Pediatrics Advanced Life Support), and three (3) Heartsaver.
- EMS Division taught approximately fifty (50) members of Parks and Recreation CPR/First Aid May - June.
- Provided monthly ACLS and PALS recertification training.
- Provided ongoing EMS training to keep Continuing Education requirements current.
- Developed and taught Shared EMS Education classes from Valley Wide EMS dropbox.

## Fire Investigations

The Fire Investigations Division is responsible for investigating fires to determine the origin and identify cause in an effort to prevent fires. If the cause of the fire is determined to be negligent, careless, or incendiary, the Fire Investigations Section will enforce local, state, and federal codes, laws and ordinances as applicable.



### Statistics:

- 2014 Fire Investigations: 166
- 2014 Arson fires: 64
- 2014 Accidental fires: 102
- 2014 Fire Investigations closed cases: 162
- 2014 % of cases closed with arrest – 48%
- 2014 NLVFD % conviction rate – 100%
- Fire fatalities
  - 2014 – 0
  - 2013 – 3
  - 2012 – 2



## Office of Emergency Management



- Secured \$303,000 in federal funding to maintain an Emergency Management Program for the City of North Las Vegas.
- Secured 80,000 in de-obligated and overmatching funds in order to facilitate Valley-Wide Incident Management Team training.
- Secured \$70,000 in de-obligated federal funds to maintain NLVPD Intelligence Analyst position and critical interagency coordination within the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center.
- Secured \$13,000 in de-obligated federal funds in order to replace expired chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) respiratory protection cartridges for NLVPD.
- Improved National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training compliance from 31 to 71 percent.
- Increased constituent enrollment in the Early Notification System by 100 percent.
- Facilitated integration of federally funded state/military response assets for the first time in NLV history during the "Rebel Oil Incident". First response of this nature/composition in 7 years Valley-Wide.
- Provided extended mutual aid to LVMPD in support of the "Goldring Incident" as well as both memorial services after being request by name and resource type.
- Leaned forward to assist with the development and facilitation of the Safety and Preparedness Committee in support of North Las Vegas' health and safety core mission which resulted in significant increase to operational efficiency and city-wide preparedness.
- Conducted a large scale functional exercise, "Rhino14", which involved a fully staffed Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Policy Group, Joint Information Center (JIC), Incident Command Post (ICP) comprised of 100 participants and personnel from 25 external response agencies. Measured 8 key objectives and established a corrective action plan to fix deficiencies by 2016.
- Helped establish guidelines for liquefied natural gas (LNG) operations within North Las Vegas.
- Conducted interagency coordination with DHS, FBI and Las Vegas Security Chiefs Association to ensure that NLV remains a hardened target from terrorism.

## Office of Emergency Management *(continued)*

- Established and maintained a partnership with NV National Security Site and Department of Energy Nevada Field office in order to be best prepared for All-Hazards.
- Created formal partnership with UNLV, Greenspun School of Urban Affairs, Crisis and Emergency Management Program in order to develop first inaugural graduate student externship.
- Conducted interagency coordination with Union Pacific Rail Road and the Chlorine Institute in order to identify hazards and assess risk of toxic industrials chemicals and materials along rail corridor.
- Conducted interagency coordination with Regional Transportation Commission regarding lessons learned at call for service involving a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered bus on 03JUNE14 in order to improve hazard identification and critical resource management to reduce risk valley-wide.
- Continue to grow and utilize Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer pool for a variety of city-wide functions/missions and increase resiliency.
- Established formal partnership with US Coast Guard Auxiliary to augment CERT and further develop a trained volunteer pool and increase community preparedness.
- Planned and participated in four major preparedness exercises including three Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations.
- Planned and facilitated 10 public outreach events to promote All-Hazards Preparedness at the constituent level.
- Conducted outreach to the majority of HazMat locations in industrial corridor securing 8 pre-plans and reducing risk for responders.
- Appointed as the Local Emergency Management Planning Committee (LEPC), Satellite Communications Subcommittee Chairperson.
- Appointed to LEPC, Geospatial Intelligence System (GIS) Subcommittee.
- Assisted Neighborhood and Leisure Services develop Incident Action Plan (IAP) for Independence Day Jubilee 2014.
- Assisted NLVPD in outreach efforts such as "National Night Out".



## Special Operations Nevada Task Force 1

Nevada Task Force 1 (NVTF-1) is one of twenty-eight (28) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Forces that are prepared to respond to state or federal disasters throughout the United States. These task force teams, complete with necessary tools, equipment, required skills and techniques, can be deployed by FEMA for the rescue of victims of structural collapses due to man-made or natural disasters. A USAR team consists of seven components: Command, Search, Rescue, Medical, HazMat, Planning, and Logistics. A manager coordinates each of the components; the task force leader coordinates the team. Its members include doctors, structural engineers, riggers, technical information specialists, hazardous materials technicians, rescue specialists, search specialists, K-9 search specialists, communication specialists and others.

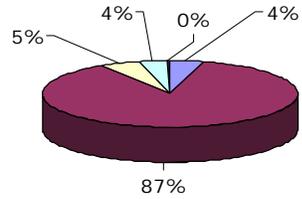
NVTF-1 consists of members from Clark County Fire Department, Henderson Fire Department, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, and North Las Vegas Fire Department, as well as civilians from several private companies. North Las Vegas Fire Department has twenty (20) members on the team.

In April 2014, NVTF-1 members participated in the drill TREMORS 14, which was held at the Nevada Test Site. NVTF-1 and AZTF-1 participated and were evaluated by FEMA. On September 14, 2014, 12 NLVFD members deployed to the Colorado Floods and returned on September 22.



## Fire Department Budget:

- FD-Administration: \$1,346,781
- FD-Fire Support Operations: \$28,800,822
- FD-Fire Support Services: \$1,646,238
- FD-Community Life Safety: \$1,191,803
- FD-Emergency Management: \$130,207
- Total FD Operating Budget: \$33,115,851

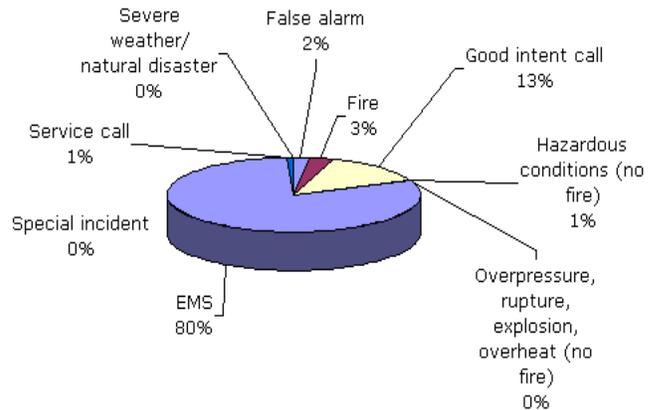


# Statistics

## Call Types:

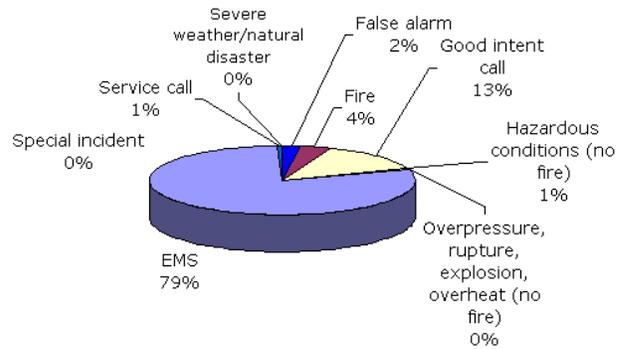
### 2014

- False alarm: 499
- Fire: 737
- Good intent call: 3,322
- Hazardous conditions (no fire): 184
- Overpressure, rupture, explosion, overheat (no fire): 2
- EMS: 20,019
- Service call: 170
- Severe weather/natural disaster: 0
- Special incident: 8



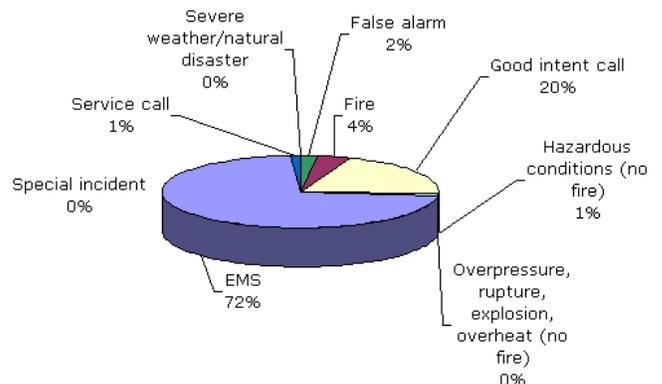
### 2013

- False alarm: 534
- Fire: 915
- Good intent call: 3205
- Hazardous conditions (no fire): 221
- Overpressure, rupture, explosion, overheat (no fire): 5
- EMS: 19405
- Service call: 161
- Severe weather/natural disaster: 0
- Special incident: 4



### 2012

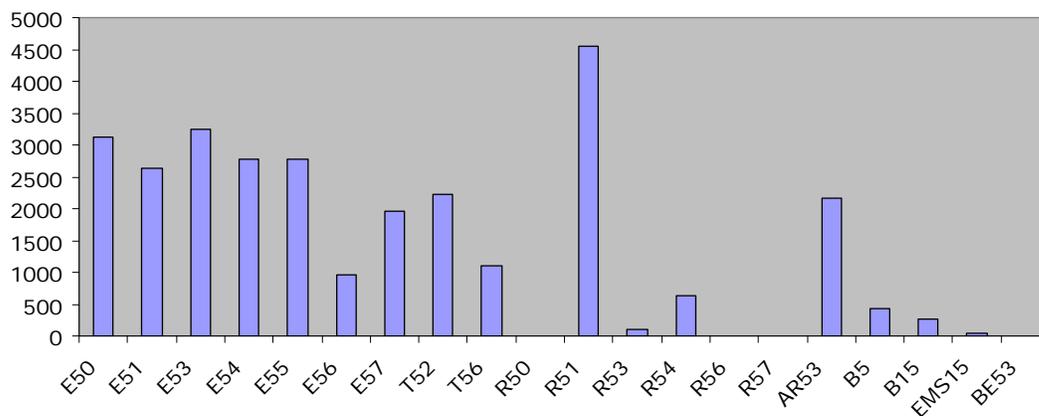
- False alarm: 500
- Fire: 904
- Good intent call: 4812
- Hazardous conditions (no fire): 244
- Overpressure, rupture, explosion, overheat (no fire): 6
- EMS: 17568
- Service call: 235
- Severe weather/natural disaster: 2
- Special incident: 5



## Statistics (continued)

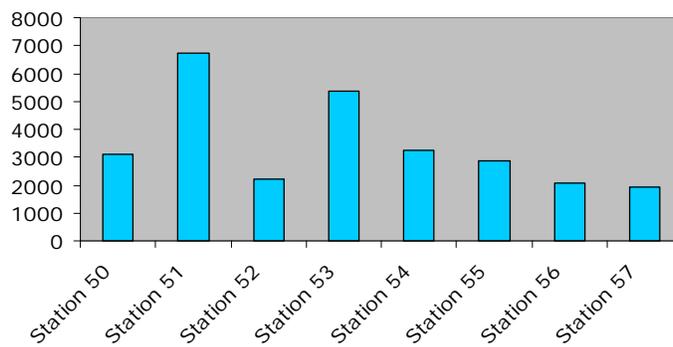
### 2014 Calls per Unit

- E50: 3,124
- E51: 2,642
- E53: 3,253
- E54: 2,779
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- E56: 968
- E57: 1,950
- R50: 3
- R51: 4,542
- R53: 99
- R54: 631
- R56: 5
- R57: 3
- T52: 2,224
- T56: 1,092
- AR53: 2,159
- B5: 433
- B15: 257
- EMS 15: 47
- BE53: 3



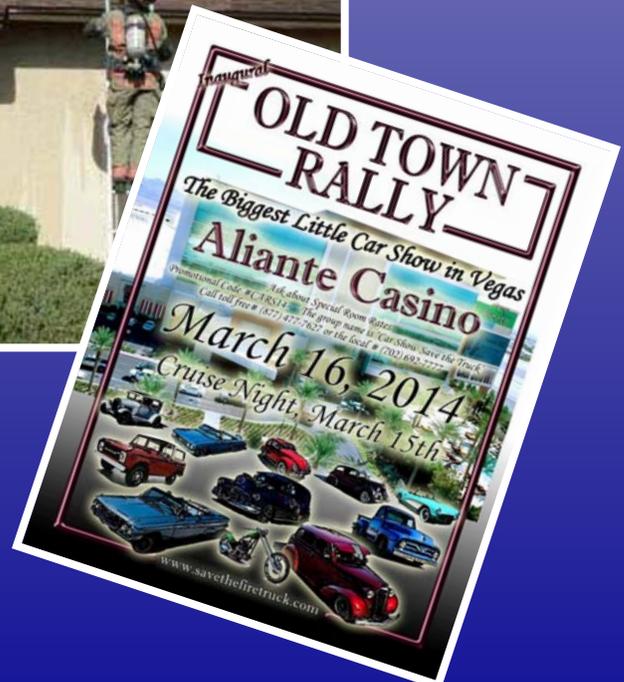
### 2014 Calls per Station:

- Station 50: 3,112
- Station 51: 6,719
- Station 52: 2,210
- Station 53: 5,385
- Station 54: 3,267
- Station 55: 2,884
- Station 56: 2,053
- Station 57: 1,937



## Significant Events 2014

- **January 14** – 5706 Oasis Ridge - Four juveniles arrested on arson and burglary charges; \$20,000 damage
- **January 30** – 2366 Daley Avenue – Apartment fire reported by firefighters who arrived within two minutes to contain the blaze; \$60,000 damage
- **March 16** – “Old Town Rally” car show to benefit Save the Fire Truck
- **March 21** – 6345 Losee Road – Fire at Jack-in-the-Box ; \$185,000 damage
- **March 28** – Media Day
- **April 1** – 2255 Crestline Loop – Business suffers fire damage; \$40,000 damage
- **April 1** – April Pools Day
- **April 3** – 3005 St. George Street – Firefighter emergency mayday call
- **April 9** – North Las Vegas reaches agreement with unions on \$7.7M settlement
- **May 4 - 10** – Arson Awareness Week
- **May 5** – 3714 Blake Canyon Drive – Residence suffers extensive damage; \$300,000 damage
- **May 6** – North Las Vegas honored with the Golden Boot Award
- **May 18** – NLVFD softball team wins 1st place in National Fallen Firefighter tournament
- **May 19** – 333 West Gowan Road - NLVFD battles wind and flames at recycling plant; 28 units and more than 100 firefighters respond
- **June 11** – Woman shot several times by boyfriend who then turned gun on himself; she survives
- **July 11** – Save the Fire Truck Charity Poker Tournament



## Significant Events 2014 *(continued)*



- **August 2** – 5095 El Campo Grande Avenue – Workplace incident claims the life of a worker inside a railcar
- **August** – National Preparedness Month
- **August 19** – NLVFD participates in the backpack challenge
- **August 25** – Toddler found unconscious/unresponsive in family swimming pool; dies two days later
- **September 20** – Dean Tajima's name added to National Fallen Firefighters Memorial
- **September 29** – 2604 Stanley Avenue – Pet oxygen masks credited in saving dogs in fire; approximately 41 of the 93 dogs perished.
- **October** – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- **October 4** – Open House at 5 fire stations to kick off Fire Prevention Week
- **October 5 - 11** – Fire Prevention Week
- **October 16** – The Great Nevada Shake Out Earthquake Drill
- **October 25** – Get Outdoors Nevada Day at Craig Ranch Park
- **October 28** – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation presentation/demonstration of awarded equipment
- **November 27** – 4515 Buddy Holly Court – North Las Vegas resident injured during house fire; \$50,000 damage to home and \$25,000 damage to vehicle
- **December 9** – 3223 West Craig Road – Nevada State Department of Welfare and Social Services HazMat incident; fumes from graffiti remediation found to be the cause
- **December 15** – NLVFD honors community heroes at Awards Ceremony
- **December 22** – 1705 James Street – High angle extrication of local tree trimmer
- **December 24** – Firefighters delivered gifts to local family for annual "Emergency Holiday Cheer"
- **December 28** – 1705 Yale Street – Senior citizen transported to hospital after apartment fire; \$12,000 damage
- **December 30** – 16 year old female jumps from Cheyenne pedestrian bridge; survives
- **December 30** – 2537 Las Vegas Boulevard – Mobile home fire caused by unattended candle displaces four people; \$12,000 damage

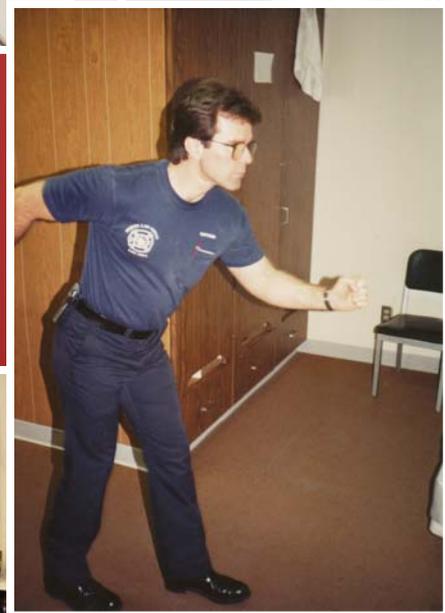
## Awards and Recognition Individuals and Department:

- 2/12/14 – Scott Schuster – Promotion to Fire Logistics Officer
- 3/8/14 – Dale Way – Promotion to Deputy Fire Marshal
- 5/6/2014 – NLVFD honored with Golden Boot Award
- 6/17/14 – Jay Wittwer – Employee of the Quarter
- 6/17/14 – NLVFD Tactical Medic Team – CNLV Team of the Quarter
- 7/12/14 – Jeff Lytle promoted to Fire Chief
- 9/8/14 – Steve Susca – SOAR Award
- 11/29/14 – Gary Stover – Promotion to Battalion Chief



## Retirements

- Bob Huntly – Hired: 09/10/84; Retired: 09/20/14
- Frank Taylor – Hired: 07/30/85; Retired: 07/30/14
- Jay Craddock – Hired: 09/09/87; Retired: 07/24/14
- Elmore Williams – Hired: 03/06/1989; Retired 07/24/2014
- George Hall – Hired: 07/05/91; Retired: 07/24/14
- Sheri Byrne – Hired: 09/30/1994; Retired 10/30/14
- Jeff Buchanan – Hired: 07/16/2001; Retired 06/26/2014



## Explorer Program

North Las Vegas Fire Department provides the opportunity for high school and college students to become familiar with career opportunities available in the fire service. Through classroom instruction, hands-on training, and volunteer work, explorers are provided a base of knowledge & experience that will benefit them not only in fire service careers, but also in all future endeavors. The program is designed to encourage and promote being safe, accountability, communication, teamwork, fitness and develop leadership skills.

It is the intent of North Las Vegas Fire Department to organize the Explorer program to operate in an environment that promotes maximum internal management. Explorers are offered the opportunity to advance to leadership positions to develop interpersonal effectiveness and management skills. Each meeting consists of classroom instruction covering a variety of subjects related to the fire service, and a number of hands-on drills allowing exposure to fire equipment and suppression techniques.



## Goals for 2015

### **OPERATIONS**

- Complete the remodel of Fire Station 51.
- Reduce department wide turnout times by 10%.
- Continue to monitor and update the current response matrix to ensure the most effective standard of cover for emergency response throughout the city.
- Standardize emergency response polices and put specific emphasis on fireground accountability and command & control operations.

### **TRAINING**

- Complete Tactics 101 document and train all crews.
- Conduct Officer Development and Engineer Development certification training for all eligible members of the department.
- Provide Incident Safety Officer and Health and Safety Officer training to all Engineers, Captains and Chief Officers within the department.
- Host up to three (3) National Fire Academy (NFA) hand-off courses.
- Conduct a New Recruit or Lateral Firefighter Training Academy to fill existing openings.
- Increase department wide compliance for daily/annual training requirements of the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

- Continue to monitor and evaluate EMS quality improvement/assurance program.
- Increase early identification and treatment of acute coronary syndrome.

- Provide a minimum of three (3) hours of EMS continuing education each month.
- Provide monthly ACLS and PALS recertification training.
- Provide First Aid/CPR training for the Parks and Recreation department.
- Provide mock code drills for individual station crews.
- Integrate and better utilize current video conferencing.
- Provide a Primary EMS Instructor course.

### **FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

- Continue to provide timely turnaround for Fire Plan Review submittals.
- Provide next day inspection service for new construction requests.
- Inspect Annual Operational Permits within our current database within the month of their expiration.

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

- Conduct Annual Media Awareness Academy.
- Continue to seek funding for the North S.T.A.R.S. Safety Village.
- Finalize 501 (c) 3 status of Northern S.T.A.R.S. Safety Village.
- Establish video education program for community outreach.
- Refurbish donated fire engine to support prevention/public education training.
- Conduct Safety Awareness/Bike Rodeo Community Outreach event.
- Prepare and implement home safety visits for people with disabilities.

The Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial is a permanent remembrance of firefighters and emergency medical personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. The mission of the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, which is located in the shadow of Pike's Peak, is to honor the sacrifice made by IAFF members who serve as professional fire fighters and emergency medical personnel who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Members of the NLVFD Honor Guard as well as many of Dean's NLVFD brothers and sisters traveled to Colorado Springs to honor his name being added to the wall on September 20, 2014.



2013	LOCAL
MICHAEL ANTHONY NICHOLSON	MA 1347
DEAN K. TAJIMA	NU 1607
ROBERT RYAN BEBEF	TX 341



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