

City of King Fire Department

2025 Annual Report



To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, City Manager, and Citizens of King,

It is my privilege to present the 2025 Annual Report for the City of King Fire Department. This report highlights the dedication, professionalism, and continued progress of our department as we strive to provide the highest level of service to our community.

The success of our organization is rooted in our commitment to our personnel. As Fire Chief, it is my responsibility to ensure that we not only meet the operational needs of our community but also support the growth, development, and long-term retention of the men and women who serve within our department. Investing in our employees remains a central focus, as their knowledge, skills, and leadership directly impact on the quality of service we provide.

Throughout the past year, our department has continued to evaluate and enhance opportunities for professional development. By establishing clear pathways for advancement and encouraging ongoing education and training, we are building a stronger, more resilient workforce prepared to meet both current and future challenges. These efforts reflect our commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement.

Our personnel consistently demonstrate a desire to advance their expertise in fire suppression, rescue operations, emergency medical services, leadership, and community risk reduction. It is essential that we recognize and support this dedication, as it strengthens not only our department but also the safety and well-being of the community we serve.

The progress outlined in this report would not be possible without the continued support of City leadership and our community. We remain committed to responsible stewardship of resources while pursuing initiatives that enhance service delivery, improve employee development, and ensure organizational sustainability.

As you review this report, I hope it provides a clear understanding of our accomplishments, priorities, and vision for the future. The City of King Fire Department will continue to serve with integrity, professionalism, and pride.

Respectfully,

Steven A. Roberson

Fire Chief



Incident Statistics

The City of King Fire Department provides fire suppression, advanced life support emergency medical response, rescue, and hazardous materials response to the citizens of the City of King and the outlying areas of Stokes and Forsyth County. In 2025 the Fire Department responded to 2,574 incidents including automatic and mutual aid. One of the department's main goals is to provide quality service when requested.

Emergency medical incidents were the highest demand for service in 2025 at 51.94%, equating to a 3.27% increase from 2024. Rescue calls equated to 3.77% of the total number of responses in 2024. Rescue incidents include motor vehicle crashes with and without extrication, high angle, water rescue, etc. Good intent incidents made up 17.48% of the department's call response. These are incidents where someone called 911 believing there was some type of emergency and what was found was not an emergency requiring the fire department's service. Service calls equaled 16.28% of our responses. Incidents that fall within the service call criteria would be lift assist, vehicle lockouts, water problems, illegal burns, and assisting other governmental agencies. 3.61% of the department's responses are fires, a decrease of 5.14% from 2024; 1.63% are hazardous materials; fire alarms equaled 5.32% of all our responses for 2025. Natural disaster and storm related calls equate less than 1% of the fire department's response.

The average response time to fire and EMS incidents is 7 minutes 5 seconds. 3 minutes and 55 seconds longer than the nationally recommend average. 816 incidents of the 2,574 total calls overlapped one another; this equates to 33% of the incidents dispatched. This is a 5% increase from 2024. Once a second emergency call is dispatched this depletes the full-time manpower on duty. These incidents do not include incidents that require all on-duty staff to respond such as structure fires and motor vehicle crashes. When these incidents occur, there is no manpower available to handle another emergency or non-emergency event. The city then relies on part-time

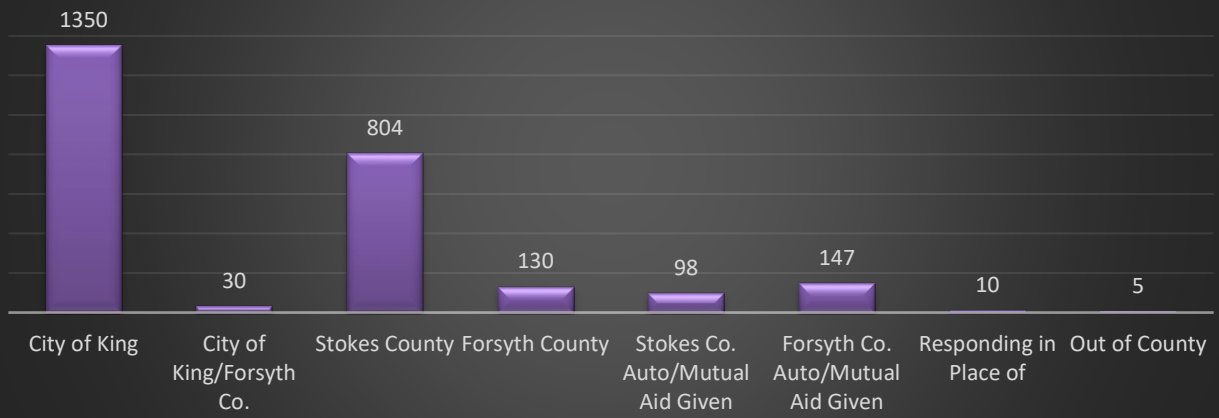
volunteer staffing and automatic/mutual aid response. Their availability, although valuable, is unpredictable and not a guarantee. Further complications arise if one of these duplicate emergency calls is a manpower intensive incident, such as a fire, motor vehicle accident, technical rescue, or cardiac arrest. These are just an example of incidents that would require more than 4 people to safely manage and mitigate the incident.



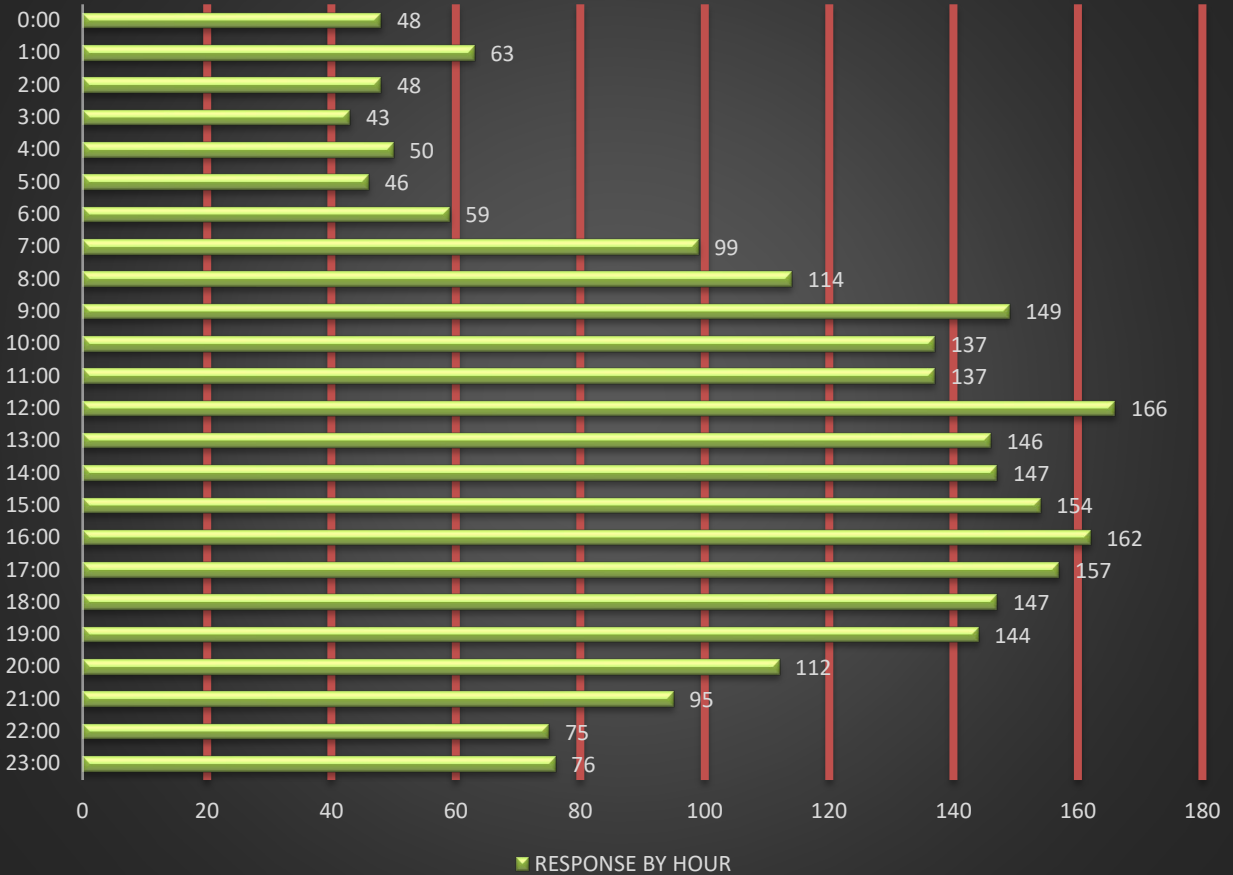
Structure Fires	28	Hazardous Conditions	42
Cooking fires	3	Chimney/Flue Fires	0
Vehicle/Equipment Fires	11	Service Calls	419
Grass/Brush Fires	30	Good Intent Calls	450
Trash/Rubbish Fires	14	Other Non-Fire Calls	0
Fire Alarms	137	Severe Weather	1
Equipment/Electrical Fire	7	High Angle Rescue	5
Swift Water Rescue	1		

TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS	230
TOTAL NON-FIRE CALLS	868
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	42
TOTAL RESCUE INCIDENTS	97
TOTAL MEDICAL INCIDENTS	1,337
TOTAL INCIDENTS	2,574

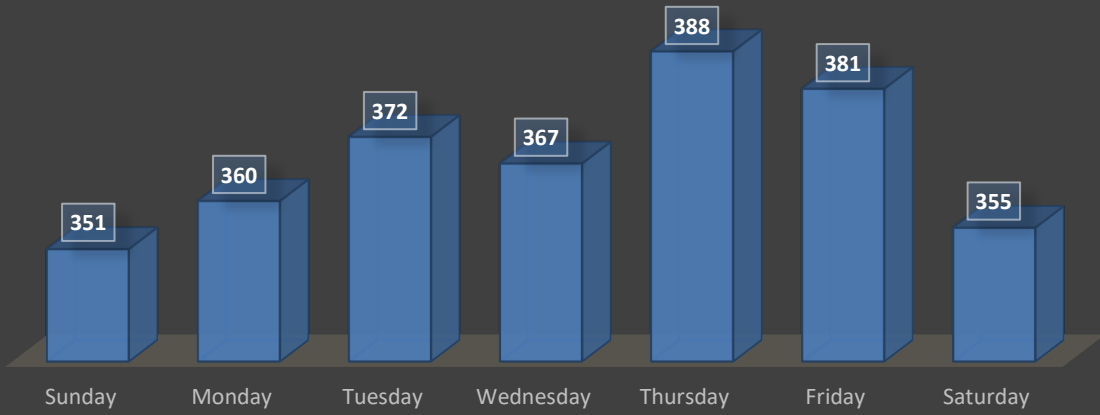
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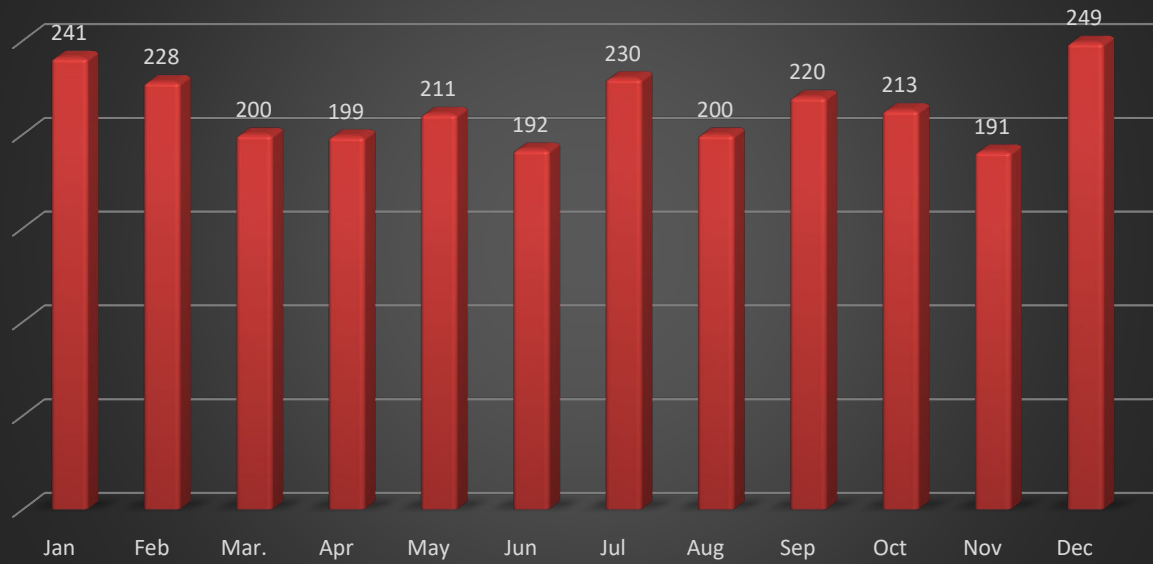
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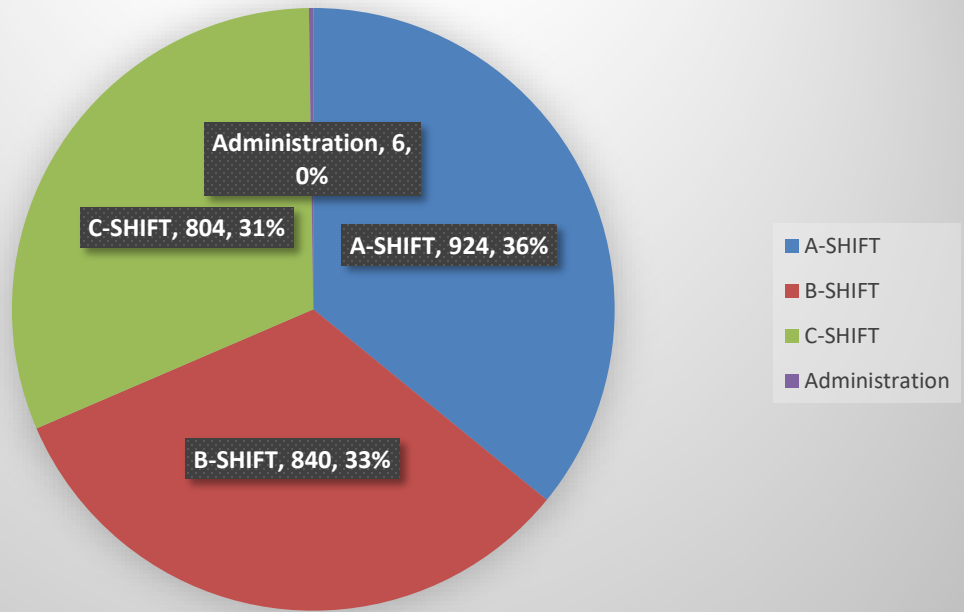
CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



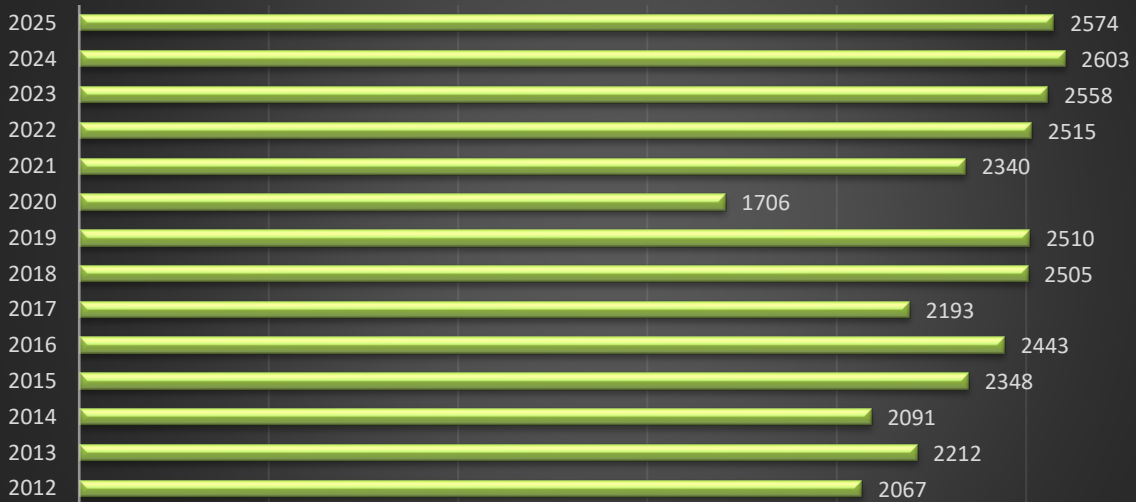
Calls by Month

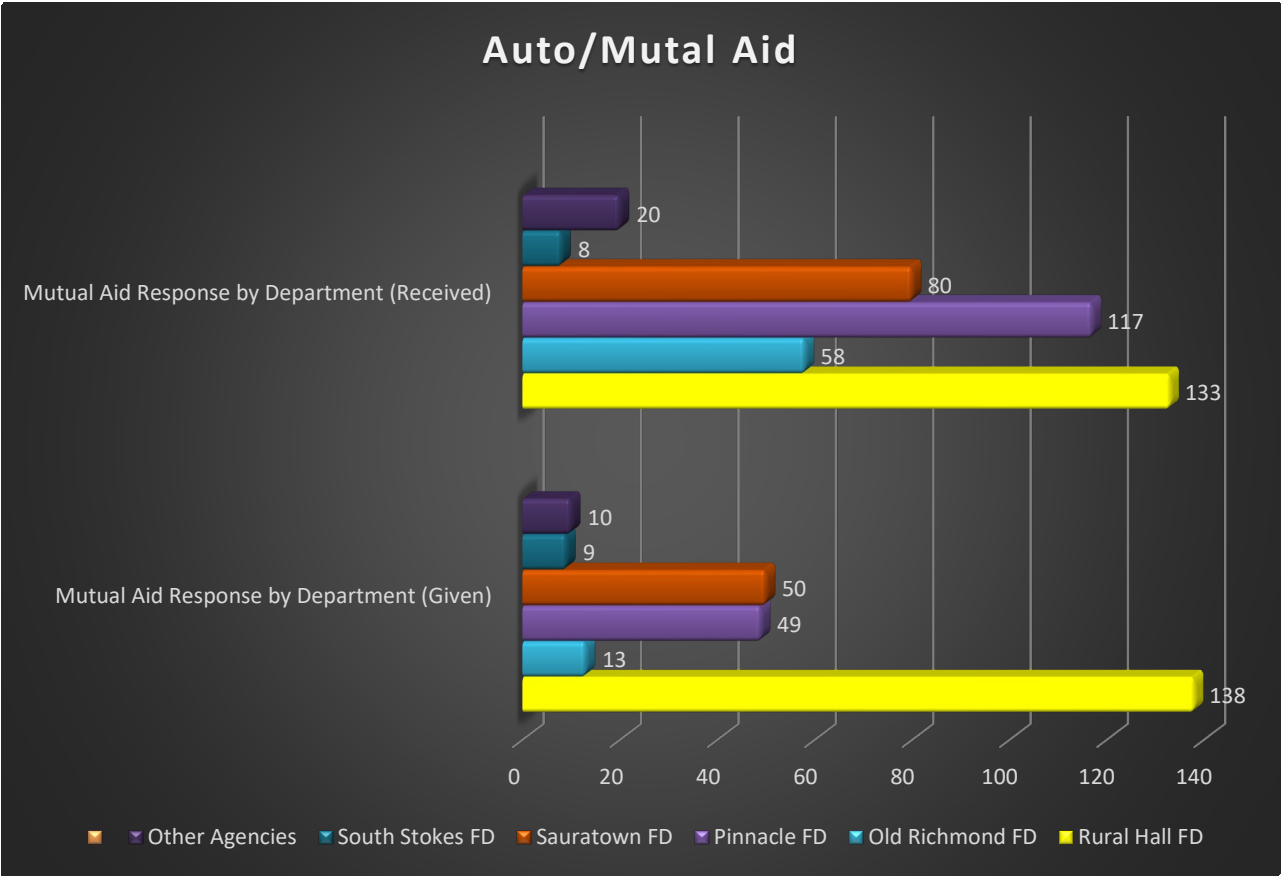
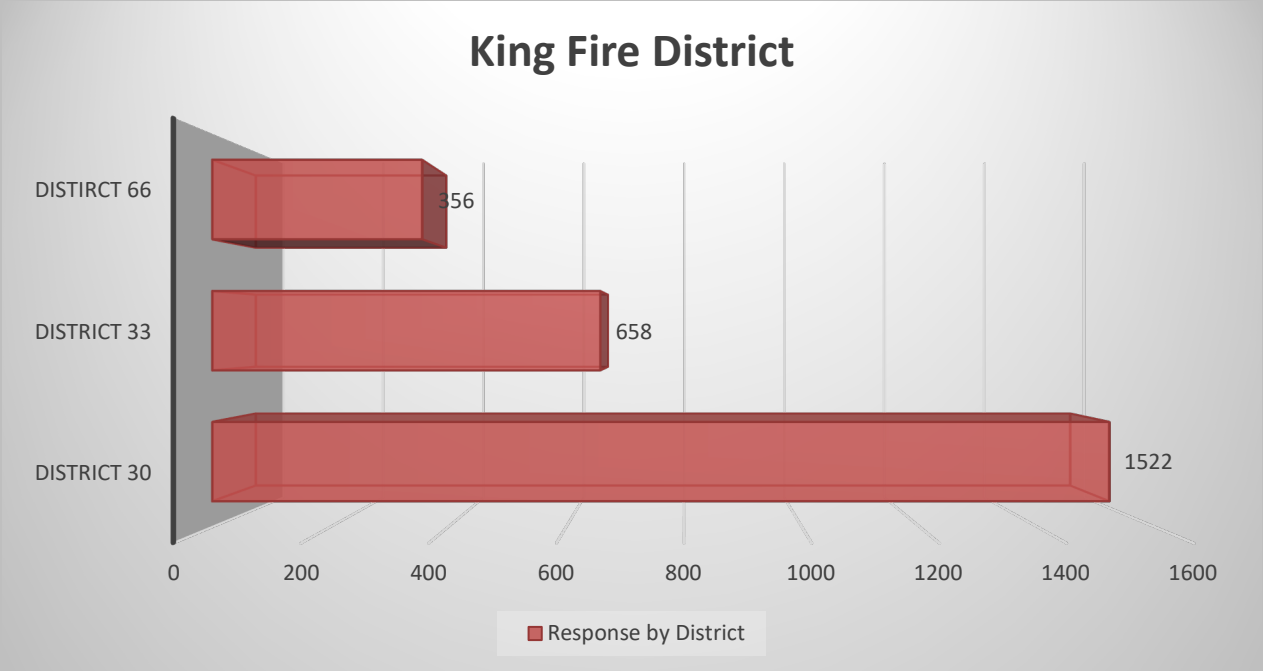


TOTAL CALLS PER SHIFT 2025



Yearly Responses 2012 - 2025





Fire Prevention Services Provided

2025 Annual Fire Prevention Bureau Inspection Activity Report

Inspections

- 24 Hour Fire Alarm Battery Test Inspections – 2
- Acceptance Test-Fire Alarm – 2
- Acceptance Test-Fire Alarm-Attempt – 1
- Acceptance Test-Kitchen Suppression System – 3
- Acceptance Test-Sprinkler System – 5
- ALE Inspection – 5
- ALE Re-Inspection – 1
- Certificate of Occupancy – 24
- Certificate of Occupancy-Attempt – 7
- Consultation Inspection – 26
- Daycare/Pre-School Inspection – 2
- Fire Alarm Rough-In – 5
- Fire Inspection Food Truck – 16
- Fire Inspection – Pre-Fire Survey (Annual Inspections) – 441
- Re-Inspections – 88
- Site Inspections – 30
- Site Inspections – Re-Inspections - 7
- Site Inspection – Blasting – 2
- Special Event Inspections – 5
- Sprinkler System Underground-Piping Flush – 6
- Sprinkler System – Rough-In – 4
- Sprinkler System – Underground Thrust Block – 5
- Sprinkler System – Underground Visual – 6
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – 5
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – Attempt – 1

There are eight inspections left over at present for the current year (2025), which would put us at 449 active annual inspections. This number will increase slightly for the coming year due to new construction coming online as well as the addition of Air B-n-b, Bed and Breakfast occupancies, and we will begin inspecting educational occupancies twice a year no less than 120 days apart. I am expecting the static annual number of inspections to increase to ~460 for 2026.

Permit/Plan Reviews

- Plan Review – Building – 15
- Plan Review – Kitchen Fire Suppression System – 4
- Plan Review - Site – Subdivision – 2
- Plan Review – Sprinkler System – 4
- Plan Review – Upfit/Renovation – 10
- Plan Review – Site – Utility, Other Commercial – 1

Construction Permits

- Gates and Barricades Across Fire Apparatus Access Road – 2
- Automatic Fire Extinguishing System – Initial/Upfit – 2
- Fire Alarm and Detection Systems Initial/Upfit – 5

Operational Permits

- Carnivals and Fairs (Festivals) – 6
- Exhibits and Trade Shows – 1
- Explosives – 2
- Fumigation and Insecticidal Fogging – 3
- Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material – 2
- SOP - Temp Membrane, Structure, Tents, Canopies – 1

Community Events

- 10,911 individuals in countered during fire safety events.
- 423 total man hours conducted for 2025.
- 4th Grade Fire Safety Presentation – 28
- Fire Station Tour – 11
- Career Day – 2
- Community Event – 7
- Child Passenger Safety Event – 1
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Checks – 20
- Educational Fire Truck Display – 11
- Fire Extinguisher Class – 1
- Foster Home Inspections – 6
- School Fire and Life Safety Program – 2
- Smoke Alarm Installation or Distribution – 10
- Smoke Alarm Battery Swap – 6
- Smoke Alarm Evaluation/Troubleshooting – 9

Training

- City of King Fire Department personnel recorded 10,848.5 hours of training in 2024.



Departmental Accomplishments

- Approved a new Swing Firefighter position in FY26 budget.
- Chief Steven Robeson ascended to the President of the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association in August 2025.





The Department at a Glance

Employees

- Full-time Suppression – 22
- Part-time – 11
- Administrative – 4
- Admin. Assist – 1
- Explorers – 1
- Support Service - 3

ISO Rating 3/9e

Resources

- Stations – 1
- Engines – 3
- Squad/Rescue – 2
- Brush – 1
- SRT Trailer – 1
- Water Rescue Trailer – 1
- Ladder Truck – 1

District Serviced ~ 35 sq. miles

Population Served ~ 16,500

FY 25/26 Budget - \$3,247,744.00

City of King - \$1,798,719.00 – 55.38%

Stokes Co. - \$760,161.00 – 23.41%

Forsyth Co. - \$688,864.00 – 21.21%

Staff

Fire Administration

Chief Steven Roberson
Assistant Chief Mike Merritt
Assistant Chief Jonathan Lane
Assistant Chief Josh Francis
Battalion Chief Matt Rohde
Administrative Assistant Diane Marion

Full Time Staff

Capt. Derek Hughes
Eng. Justin Newsome
FF James Sechrist
FF Mike deRidder
FF Kevin Robertson
FF Andrew George
FF Kevin Jenkins

Capt. Tanner Hairford
Eng. Preston George
FF Blake Markle
FF Logan Whitaker
FF Mitch Trone
FF Grant Norman
FF Cody Bennett

Capt. Jason Fariss
Eng. Jason Hill
FF Chad Burrow
FF Tyler Johnson
FF Noah Seagle
FF Brandin Queen
FF Caleb Hardman

Swing FF Michael Mosely

Swing FF Robert Traynor

Volunteer/Part-Time Staff

Chaplain/FF Donald Davis
S/S Anthony Bricolo
FF Luke Sands
FF Patrick Branch
FF. Noah Booe

Lt. Les Collins
S/S Josh Church
FF Matthew Hutchens
FF Adam Bolatto
Exp. Carson Roberson

S/S Blake Luper
FF Justin Ritchey
FF Ben Joyce
FF James Griffin

