

**TRAINING FOR EXCELLENCE!**  
*Fire & Rescue Training is a daily focus for the firefighters who obtained a total of 15,530 hours of new & continuing education hours in 2008. Career Firefighter Average: 480 Volunteer Firefighter Average: 120*

**Certification Training Highlights:**

**FIREFIGHTER I & II**

Jerry Whitworth Phillip Harris

**BASIC PUMP OPERATIONS**

Jerry Whitworth

**DRIVER OPERATOR**

Ben Bonner Jon Butler  
 Chris Chindlund Matt Eaves  
 Brian Heppner Jason Gagnepain  
 Jerry Leonardo Doug Orle

**FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR I**

Chris Chindlund Stephen Layton

**FIRE OFFICER I**

Jimmy Nivens

**INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER**

Ben Bonner Paul Harkins  
 Kenny Marshall Mike Novak

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN**

Josh Boehm Phillip Harris

**CPR INSTRUCTOR**

Jon Butler Matt Eaves  
 Randy Fogle Brian Heppner

Mike Novak

**NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY**

Scott Cizek Randy Fogle  
 Jason Gagnepain Kenny Marshall  
 Ted Martin Chris Morgan  
 Mike Novak



**CERT-Community Emergency Response training occurs annually. To date, over 100 citizens have been trained & equipped for disaster response.**

**FIREFIGHTERS AND AUXILIARY "ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL"**

The Firefighters and Auxiliary made a huge impact above our "routine" services provided. "Every FireFighter Offering Relief Together" is a special fund that provides emergency financial relief. This year over \$7,000 was raised supporting several needs within our community. Engineer Clark Bogle was honored with the "Avenue of Freedom Award" for saving the life of a pilot involved in a deadly plane crash last spring - while off duty.



*Firefighter Matt Eaves and Engineer Clark Bogle serve as two of our Honor Guard members. This year this team posted colors at several local events, and even a Royals baseball game in Kansas City, Missouri.*

**2008 Performance Report**

**CITY OF BRANSON FIRE & RESCUE**



**FIRE - RESCUE SERVICES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**OPERATIONS**

- Fire Suppression
- Rescue/Extrication
- Medical Response
- Fire/Rescue Training

**TECHNICAL SERVICES**

- Fire & Life Safety Public Education
- Fire Code Enforcement
- Fire Investigation

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Find us on the Web at [www.bransonmo.gov/fire](http://www.bransonmo.gov/fire)

**2008 in Review... a Year of Community Safety & Measurable Accomplishments!**

*It is my pleasure to share with you the accomplishments of your Fire Department in 2008. We experienced another safe year with relatively low fire losses and no civilian injuries or deaths. This is only accomplished because of the partnership and support of the City administration & aldermen, our community members, plus our firefighters. Thank You!*

*I invite you to read through this document and see first-hand how the Fire Department is committed to our core City values focused on customer service, constant improvement of our fire & rescue services provided, responsible stewardship of our financial resources, and teamwork, for example.*

*The invitation is always open to visit a fire station and we look forward to a Fire-Safe year in 2009!*

*Carl Sparks, Fire Chief*

**BRANSON FIRE & RESCUE**  
**Mission Statement**

Through teamwork, communication, and professional career development, the Branson Fire Department is committed to providing prompt and reliable fire and life safety services to the residents and visitors of Branson. Firefighters promote an environment that encourages innovation and creativity from within, while maintaining a positive public image.



**Over 2000 Adult and 8,000 Kid contacts made teaching fire & life safety skills**

**2008 HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Captain Doug Orle, Engineer Jason Gagnepain, Firefighters Rick Ivey & Chris Chindlund staffed Engine 10 for coverage in Newton County following a devastating tornado outbreak in western Missouri.
- Division Chief Ted Martin was presented with the "An Apple From the Teacher Award" by the Tri-Lakes Retired Teachers Association for his work in teaching fire & life safety skills to children
- New "Branson Alerts" established through a partnership with Hometown Radio KRZK/KOMC providing text messages alerting residents to tune to the radio station for emergency information.
- Two new storm sirens added for early warning.
- Branson Firefighters and their families raised \$14,197.51 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during their annual Boot Block for MDA Patients.

**593 Inspections performed on new commercial construction**

**1,135 Inspections performed on existing commercial properties**

**2008 SPECIAL PERMITS**

Tents	32
Open Burning	33
Burn Extensions	64
Blasting	22
Blasting Extensions	58
Fireworks Sales	09
Fireworks Displays	11
Indoor Pyrotechnics	08
Tank Set	06
Tank Removal	00

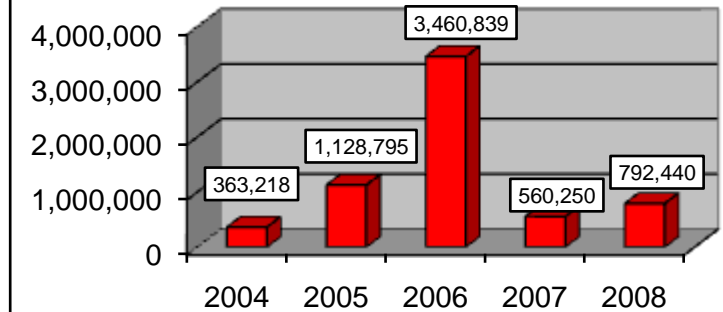
**SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES... HAVE YOU TESTED YOURS THIS MONTH?**

Thanks to the financial support of the Golden Corral Restaurant, firefighters were able to distribute 100 Smoke Alarms in the Branson community for early smoke detection & warning!

**FIRE LOSS - TOP 10**

Restaurant	\$250,000
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Condominium	\$120,000
Bulldozer	\$75,000
Condominium	\$35,000
Motel	\$30,000
Condominium	\$10,000
Residence	\$10,000
Pole Barn	\$10,000
Vehicle	\$8,000

**FIRE LOSS IN DOLLARS 2004-2008**



**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

*Our goal - maintain an emergency response average of 5 minutes.*  
**2008: 4.02 Minutes**



**Branson Fire & Rescue Alarm Response 2004 to 2008**

