

City of Copperas Cove Fire Department



COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Proudly Serving The Citizens Of Copperas Cove

The Mission of the Copperas Cove Fire Department is to protect and enhance the quality of life in the *City Built for Family Living* through a comprehensive program of services delivered by an excellent team directed towards providing education, prevention, and control in the areas of fire, rescue, medical emergencies, and disasters.



The Copperas Cove Fire Department will continually strive to exceed our citizen's expectations working within a healthy, safe and innovative environment that enhances the professional and efficient delivery of emergency services. We will strive to be an organization providing community safety education and information, keen to anticipate, influence and embrace change.

CORE VALUES

Professionalism
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Excellent Service

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“TEAMWORK IS THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON VISION. THE ABILITY TO DIRECT INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT TOWARD ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES. IT IS THE FUEL THAT ALLOWS COMMON PEOPLE TO ATTAIN UNCOMMON RESULTS.”



CITY OF COPPERAS COVE



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is with great pride and honor that the officers and members of the Copperas Cove Fire Department present this FY 2009-2010 Annual Report. The data contained in this report serves as testament to the professionalism and dedication of our firefighters and staff.

We are thankful for the tremendous support received from our citizens, City leaders, and the other departments we work along side during the reporting period.

Our value to the community is measured directly by the services we provide. We pride ourselves on delivering the highest quality services to those who live, work and visit our community.

Our promise is to always try our best and to never stop trying. Some choose to see problems with every opportunity but we choose to see opportunity in every problem. Our slogan is to treat everyone we meet like family.

We invite everyone to visit the Copperas Cove Fire stations and meet the wonderful people who make it all happen.

Fire Chief J. Mike Baker



Robert Martin
Division Chief
of Fire Prevention



James Bednar
Fire Inspector/ Investigator



Kimberly Baxter
Administrative Assistant
Fire/EMS



Kathleen Wolf
Administrative Assistant
Support Services/Emergency Mgmt.

OPERATIONS DIVISION



The Operations Division of the Copperas Cove Fire Department is staffed by 47 members led by Deputy Fire Chief Gary Young. With the exception of the Deputy Chief and administrative assistant, all department members work 24 hour shifts in a rotating 24 on/48 off manner. They operate out of three fire stations strategically located in the city.

The Operations Division is responsible for emergency responses inside the city limits of Copperas Cove as well as over 100 square miles outside of the city limits. Responses outside of Copperas Cove include Bell, Coryell, and Lampasas Counties as well as Fort Hood.

The Operations Division is tasked with fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical services responses. Other responsibilities include daily maintenance of all apparatus and equipment; daily maintenance of the facilities; and assuring preparedness levels of all personnel. Firefighters train daily on all types of life and fire safety procedures and policies.

The members of the Operations Division stand ready to respond 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The professional women and men who staff this division work very hard to keep the trust of the citizens by providing rapid responses, fast solutions to problems, and to treat each person with the dignity and respect that they deserve during what most consider to be one of the worst moments in their lives.

The Operations Division received a replacement fire engine and ambulance. The Fire Engine was purchased in cooperation with Coryell County.

More than 4,400 calls for service were answered during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This number includes 1,933 fire calls and 2,503 EMS calls.

Deputy Fire Chief Gary D. Young



Michael Ramminger
Battalion Chief



Eric Watson
Captain



Walter Munsel
Lieutenant



Michael McGuire
Lieutenant



Ryan Baker
Fire Fighter



Carol Ballesteros
Fire Fighter



Rebecca Brand
Fire Fighter



Dwane Cummings
Fire Fighter



Brian Jones
Fire Fighter



Jay Louder
Fire Fighter



John Moser
Fire Fighter



Monte Priest
Fire Fighter



George Romfh
Fire Fighter



Steve Wright
Fire Fighter

'A' Shift



Steven Spink
Battalion Chief



Michael Holt
Captain



Rowan Arnold
Lieutenant



Steven Howard
Lieutenant



Cody Bible
Fire Fighter



Christina LaGasse
Fire Fighter



Mark DiGiacomo
Fire Fighter



Jeremy Lydon
Fire Fighter



Alan Mainville
Fire Fighter



Tanja Martin
Fire Fighter



Shelli Miller
Fire Fighter

'B' Shift



Jamie Stayton
Fire Fighter



Allan Thompson
Fire Fighter



Brandi Wolfe
Fire Fighter



Jeff Young
Fire Fighter



Michael Fleming
Battalion Chief



Carla Polidoro
Captain



Steven Clendenen
Lieutenant



Robert Hicks
Lieutenant



Brent Bosko
Fire Fighter



Michael Brazill
Fire Fighter



Chris Cox
Fire Fighter

IC Shift



Heather Frink
Fire Fighter



Kris Hurst
Fire Fighter



Carlos Maridueno
Fire Fighter



Mike Mayfield
Fire Fighter



Kellie Mozek
Fire Fighter



Cody Scaff
Fire Fighter

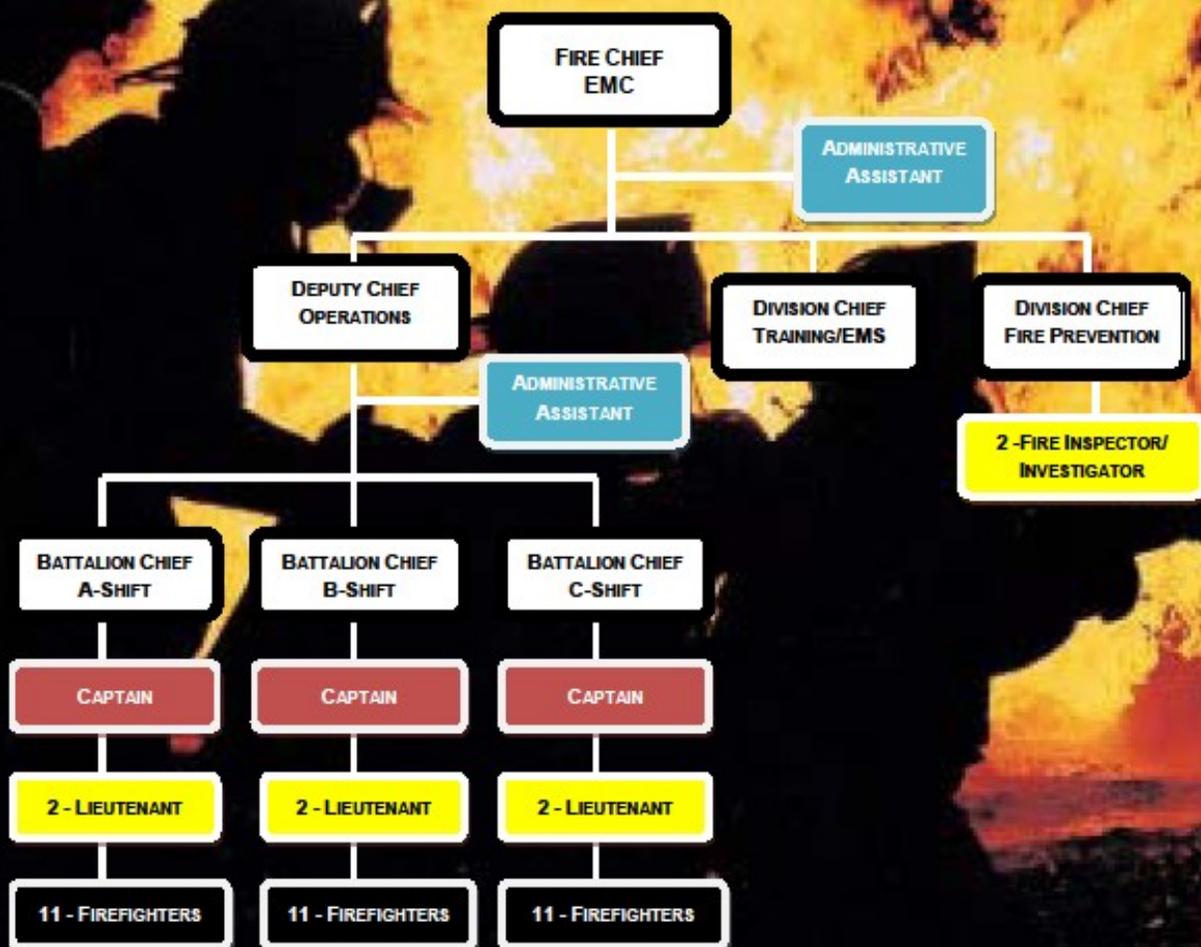


Andy Smith
Fire Fighter

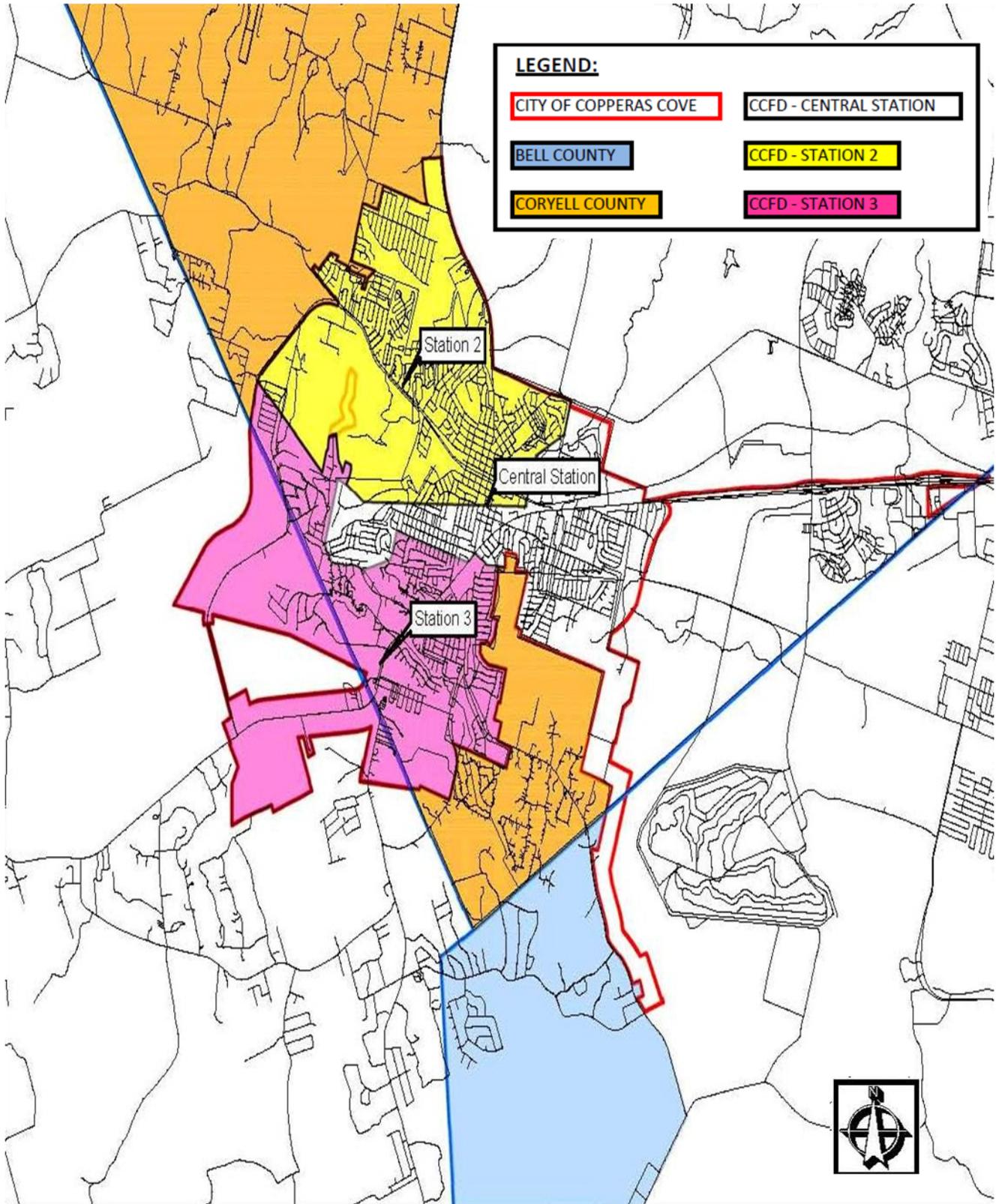


Marcus Waechter
Fire Fighter

ORGANIZATION CHART



AREA MAP COVERAGE



Stations



Station 1
415 South Main Street

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Description</u>
Engine 1	Pumper
Ladder 1	75' Ladder Truck
Medic 1	Ambulance
Medic 11	Ambulance (Reserve)
Booster 1	Brush Truck
Command 1	Command Vehicle



Station 2
1208 West Avenue B

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Description</u>
Engine 2	Pumper
Medic 2	Ambulance
Medic 22	Ambulance (Reserve)
Booster 2	Brush Truck



Station 3
1050 West US Highway 190

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Description</u>
Engine 3	Pumper
Medic 3	Ambulance

FIRE PREVENTION

The Division of Fire Prevention gets its authority from the adopted Fire Code and from City Ordinances, and is responsible for three (3) main support areas of the fire department.

- Fire Code Development and Enforcement
- Fire Investigations (Origin and Cause)
- Public Education and Community Safety

Fire Code and Development - Fire Inspectors work closely with the City Building Department to ensure that all new buildings meet the requirements of the International Fire and Building Code, and the City Code of Ordinances. This includes:

- Plans review for new construction and alterations/remodeling
- Inspections of all new buildings
- Routine inspections of existing buildings
- Review and inspection of fire protection systems
- Enforcement of applicable codes
- Development and communications of fire codes.



Fire Investigations – Fire Investigators are charged by city charter to investigate the cause of all fires within the city limits of Copperas Cove. If the fire is determined to be intentional (arson), the investigator(s) will closely work with the police department to identify the perpetrator(s) and to file criminal charges.

Public Education and Public Safety – The Division of Fire Prevention (with the assistance of the entire Fire Department) is responsible for spreading the message about fire and life safety throughout the City of Copperas Cove. The division develops and implements programs that teach children and adults about fire and life safety, and emergency prevention. This is accomplished through public appearances, demonstrations, and station tours. Fire Prevention Week is the pinnacle of public education with assemblies in every elementary school and a city wide fire prevention poster contest. Department personnel also participate in health and safety fairs, career days, witnessed fire drills and fire extinguisher training for the public.

Sparky the Firedog – Sparky is the official Copperas Cove Fire Department mascot making several appearances at many different community events. Sparky is known nation wide and when children see him they relate him to fire safety. Sparky is a registered trademark of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The Fire Prevention Division can be reached by calling 254-547-2514. You may also come by the Central Fire Station at 415 South Main Street. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m, Monday through Friday.



TRAINING DIVISION

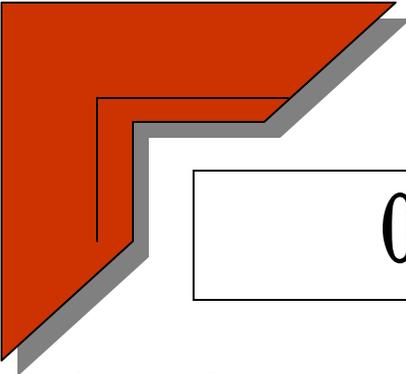
The Training Division of the Copperas Cove Fire Department supports the training and education requirements of the fire department employees. Every uniformed member of the fire department holds, at a minimum, certification in both Basic Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and Texas Department of State Health Services. Both of these agencies offer various levels of advanced certification including, Intermediate/Advanced/Master level Firefighter, Fire Instructor, Fire Investigator, Paramedic, and EMS Instructor. Each employee is required to obtain a minimum amount of continuing education hours each year in order to renew their certifications with each of those state agencies.

The Training Division provides numerous opportunities for continuing education as well as opportunities for higher education, advanced certifications, and even assists with obtaining college credit through state universities offering degrees in fire and emergency services management. Additionally, the Training Division is responsible for coordinating the renewal of all the certifications held by fire department employees.

The Training Division works very diligently to meet the needs of fire department employees and more. It also serves as the logistical and administrative hub for all Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operations. The Training division works intently to ensure continued smooth operation and outstanding medical care for the citizens of Copperas Cove.

In 2010, an update was performed on the fire department classroom that also serves as the backup Emergency Operations Center for the city. The technology in the room was updated to allow for integration of more digital methods of class delivery and increase the ease of use for instructors and visitors to the classroom.

Division Chief James A. Piper



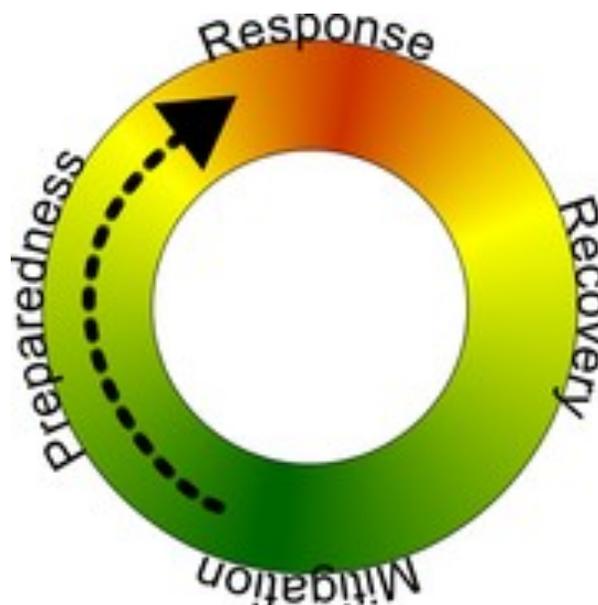
Office of Emergency Management

The City of Copperas Cove's Office of Emergency Management is charged with maintaining the City's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. Included in these duties are maintenance of the plan documents, security of the plan, and training on and dissemination of the plan. The City currently has an Advanced Level Plan approved by the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

The goal of Emergency Management is to provide preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery to our community in the event of disaster.

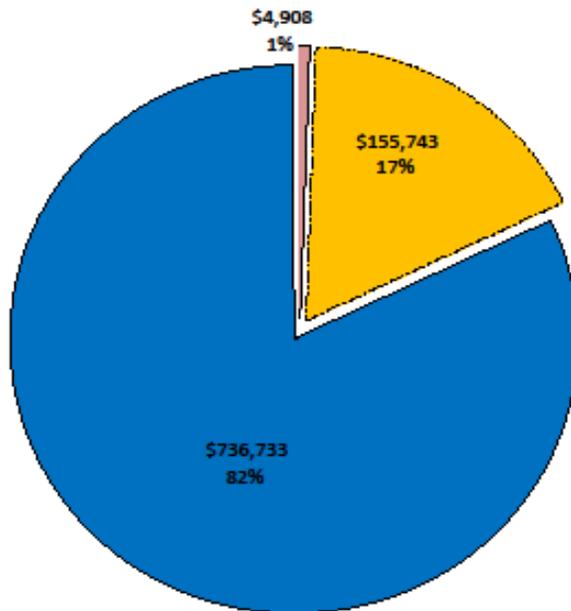
During the year we held public meetings on emergency preparedness, conducted exercises, and participated in regional disaster exercises. We have also participated in regional events through our mutual aid agreements.

We will continue to deliver preparedness information and training for the community and staff. Updates to the plan documents are ongoing in accordance with State requirements.



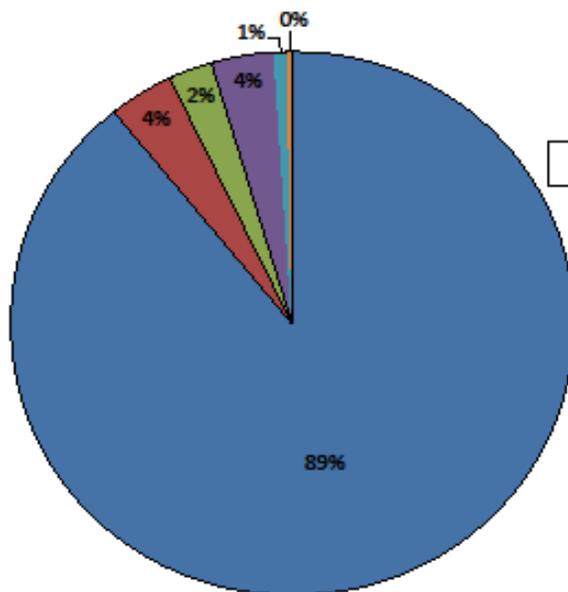
Fiscal Management

COPPERAS COVE FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES



REVENUES \$1,050,330.68

- FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS
 - Kempner Water - \$4,408
 - Other Donations - \$500
- FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS
 - Texas Forest Service - \$1,180
 - SAFER - \$105,891
 - Emergency Mgmt Program - \$37,500
 - Homeland Security - \$11,172
- FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE REVENUE
 - Burn Permits - \$900
 - Fire Inspection/Testing - \$1,430
 - Ambulance Fees - \$636,946
 - County Mutual Aid - \$37,200
 - Bell Cnty Fire Runs - \$257
 - County EMS Revenue - \$60,000



EXPENDITURES \$3,034,230.39

- Personnel Expenses - \$3,012,177
- Supplies & Materials - \$125,230
- Maintenance & Repairs - \$85,000
- Contractual Services - \$121,816
- Designated Expenses - \$24,873
- Capital Outlay - \$9,473

Capital Projects

The Fire Department purchased a new MSA Evolution 5200 thermal imaging camera in March 2010.



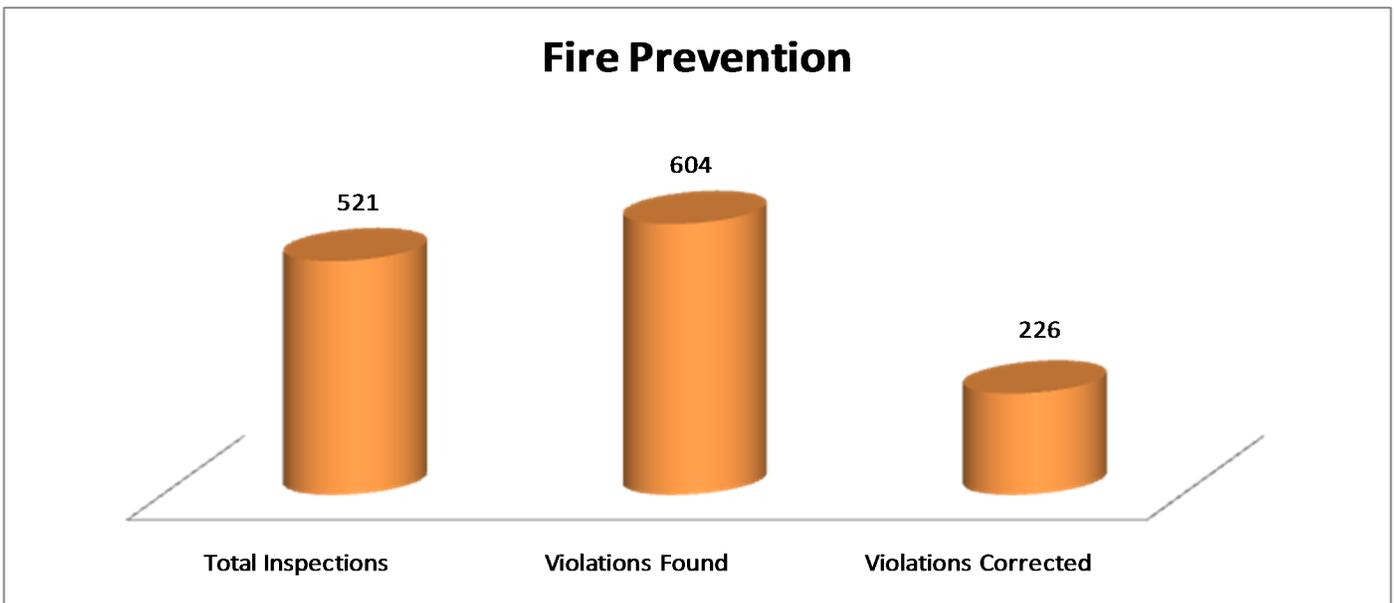
The Fire Department purchased (6) new sets of personal protective equipment in June 2010.



Fiscal Year 2010 Statistical Data

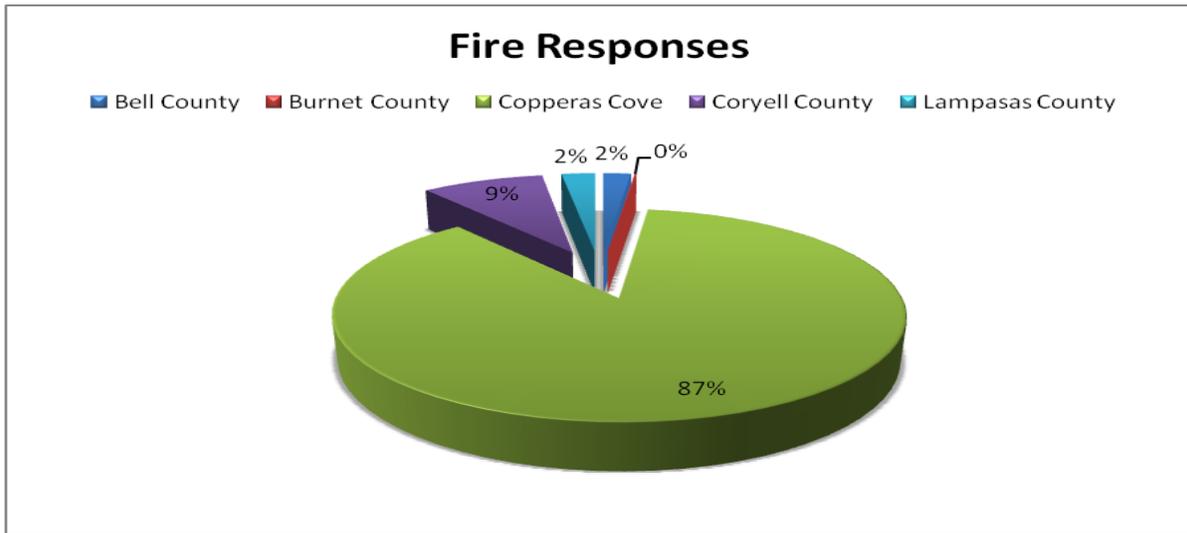


- 5889.90 Total training hours

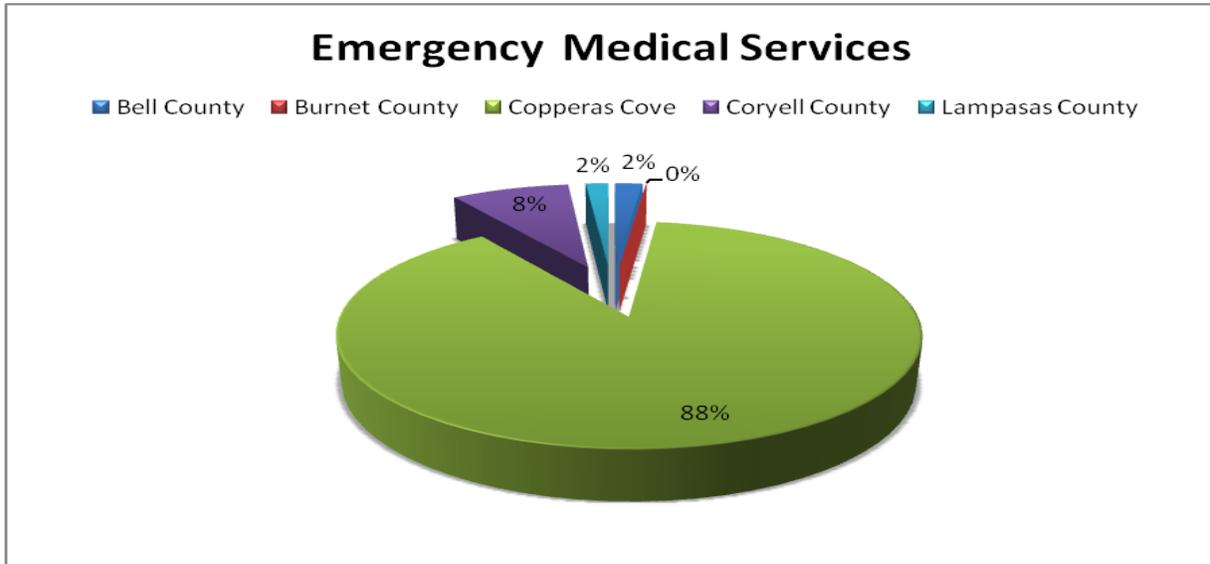


- Violations corrected may include violations found during inspections from previous year.

Fiscal Year 2010 Statistical Data



- A total of 2 fire responses were in Burnet County
- 1694 total Fire Responses



- A total of 1 emergency medical service response was in Burnet County
- 3078 total Emergency Medical Responses



Citizens Fire Academy

The Citizens Fire Academy is a public education class provided to the citizens of Copperas Cove so that they can learn about the services that the Copperas Cove Fire Department provides. The goal of the course is to increase fire and life safety awareness, as well as to promote a positive image of the department to the community.

The Spring Academy is an eight week program consisting of classroom and hands-on participation with rescue tools, hose lines, and fire extinguishers. Participants ride-out with firefighters to experience first hand the responsibilities and capabilities of their firefighters in a real world setting. The highlight of the academy is a Saturday "play day" where attendees experience actual firefighting of a car fire while wearing full protective equipment. They also use rescue tools to cut doors and roofs off of cars and perform a search for victims in a smoke-filled environment with a thermal-imaging camera.

Please visit WWW.COPPERASCOVE.ORG for class times, and application.

Shots through the Firehouse

The Copperas Cove Fire Department has provided the "Shots through the Firehouse" program since 2000. It was the first department in the State of Texas to have children's immunizations available on a monthly basis and free of charge to everyone, regardless of circumstances.

Immunizations are provided by firefighter/paramedics quarterly. Please contact the Copperas Cove Fire Department for dates, and times.

Mentoring Industrious Minds and Educating Students (M.I.M.E.S.)

Each year the Copperas Cove Fire Department sponsors the M.I.M.E.S. camp for 7th grade students. These students are selected from Copperas Cove Junior High School and S.C. Lee Junior High School for a week long glimpse into the fire service.

The students spend five full days at the fire station interacting with firefighters and learning how math and science skills apply in the working world. They are also mentored in leadership roles by serving as a "Company Officer" of the day. Firefighters reinforce character and conduct standards such as honor, integrity, honesty, and professionalism. The students also learn about basic first aid and CPR; city government and how it applies to the structure of the fire service; fire science; math; and many other subjects.

The week ends with the history and traditions of the fire service and an exercise where the students wear full protective clothing and breathing apparatus to search a smoke filled room. It is a very educational and exciting week for both the students and the firefighters that participate!

For More Information on Community Services and Programs,
Contact the Copperas Cove Fire Department at (254) 547-2514