

# CITY OF STREATOR FIRE DEPARTMENT



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**RESPECT      COMPASSION      INTEGRITY**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Thank you for reading our 2025 Annual Report.

This report has been completed for a few different reasons. First, we want the public to be informed of our call numbers, performance, and significant events of 2025. Secondly, to preserve the year's events as a history of our fire department. Preserving our history is important to maintain our culture.

In compiling the numbers of this report, all information including operational response numbers are factual based on department-wide reporting software. These numbers provide a basis to analyze our operations and help to judge performance and determine trends in service.

Operations in 2025 show that our fire department continued to fulfill its mission as an all-hazard department. We have continued our excellent fire suppression and rescue operations. Our EMS responsibilities have proven to be successful with consistent responses and positive patient outcomes with feedback. Most importantly, we continue to see improvements in the services that we provide.

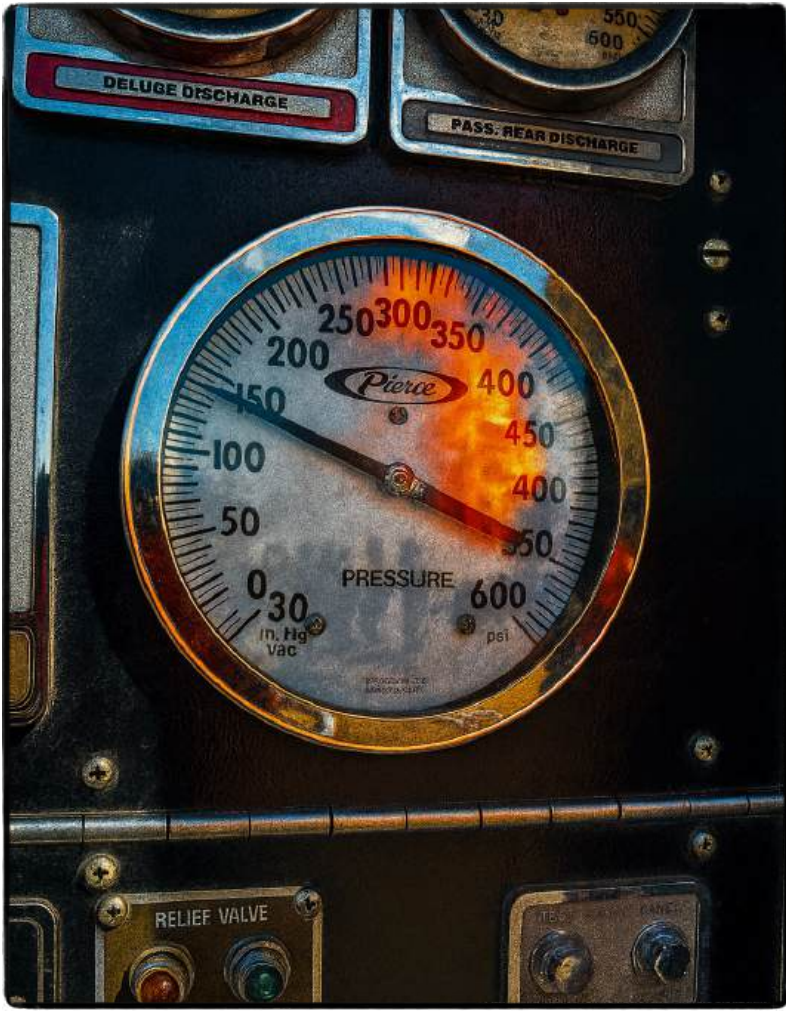
Thank you to the Streator City Government for providing the resources needed and to all Streator Fire Department employees for your dedication to our community. Last but not least, we would like to thank the citizens for which we serve.

In Service,

Gary Bird

Streator Fire Chief





# ABOUT THE SFD

## MISSION

To provide the citizens and visitors of Streator with the best possible protection utilizing an all hazards approach. With our solid foundation in fire protection and emergency medical response, the Streator Fire Department provides the community service in the areas of aggressive fire suppression, prevention, community risk reduction, inspection, investigation, fire code enforcement, and medical services. The Streator Fire Department will strive to accomplish our mission by incorporating knowledge and applying our core values of respect, compassion, and integrity.



## VISION

A fire department that provides the best fire protection and medical care. A department that does the right thing at the right time for the right reasons. A fire department that fills the needs and gaps in the community and completely fulfills the mission of the fire department.

## MOTTO

The desire to serve, the courage to act.



# PERSONNEL

## ADMINISTRATION

Fire Chief Gary Bird

## A SHIFT

Captain/EMT David Kupec

Lieutenant Kurt Snow

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Arendell

Firefighter/EMT Phil Durdan

Firefighter/EMT Andrew Cooke

Paramedic Eli Wesselhoff

Paramedic Alexandria Smith

EMT Haley Campos

EMT Madison Aylsworth

## B SHIFT

Captain/EMT Bryan Park

Lieutenant/EMT Tim Redd

Firefighter/EMT Billy Missel

Firefighter/EMT Connor McMenamin

Firefighter Dustin Holland

Paramedic Jon Frey

Paramedic Heidi Brauch

EMT Dani Frey

EMT Kyle Summers

## C SHIFT

Captain Fred McClellan

Lieutenant/Paramedic Ed Levy

Firefighter/EMT Ian Rogers

Firefighter/EMT TJ Renner

Firefighter/EMT Caleb Swett

Paramedic Tyler Blackard

Paramedic Tori Davis

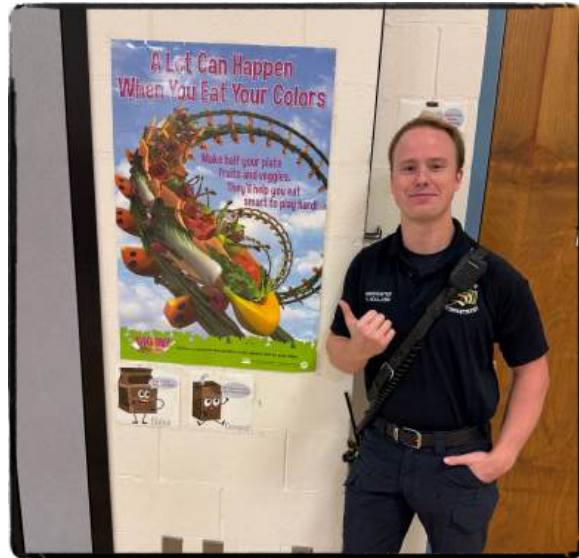
EMT Teresa Beckett

EMT Bri Kelly

## NEW HIRES

### FIREFIGHTER DUSTIN HOLLAND

Hired on February 17, 2025



### FIREFIGHTER CALEB SWETT

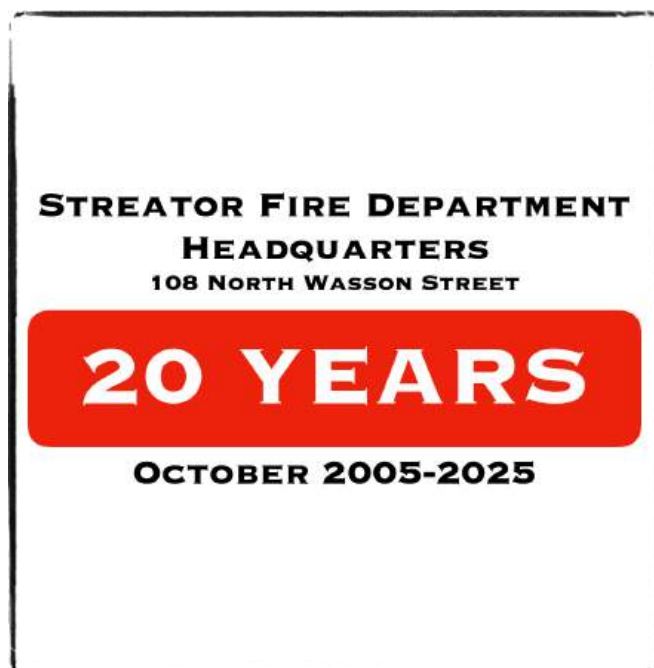
Hired on September 2, 2025





# FIRE STATION

The Streator Fire Department operates out of a single station located at 108 North Wasson Street in Streator, Illinois. The 14,000 square foot building was constructed in 2005 and houses all Administrative offices, all Fire and EMS apparatus, and living quarters for all on-duty personnel. The location of the fire station in the center of the city provides the SFD with quick access to all locations in the city limits and the surrounding area. In 2025, we celebrated the 20th year in our facility.



# APPARATUS

**Engine 3**



2018 Pierce Enforcer Pumper

**Tower 5**



2008 Pierce ArrowXT 100' Tower



**Engine 2**



2000 Pierce Saber Pumper

**Engine 1**



1989 Pierce Arrow Pumper



### Rescue 4



1999 Ford F-350 Rescue

### Medic 8



2022 Wheeled Coach



### Medic 9



2015 Osage

### Medic 10

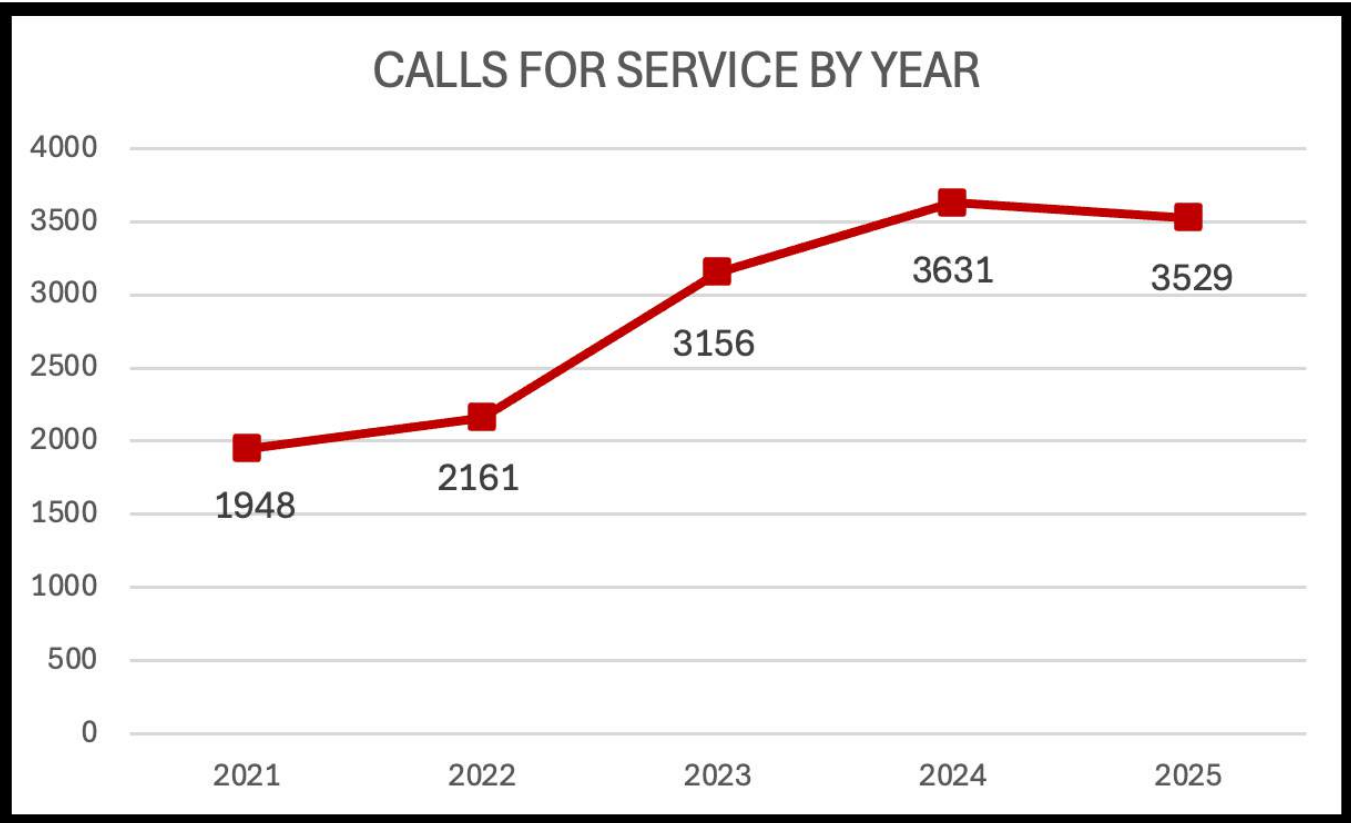


2022 Wheeled Coach



# BY THE NUMBERS

Fire Response	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fire	646	634	706	901	824
Structure Fires	26	26	28	19	13
EMS	1302	1527	2450	2730	2705
Total Calls	1948	2161	3156	3631	3529



# PERFORMANCE

## RESPONSE TIMES

Response times are key to the mitigation of any emergency. With a staffed and centrally located fire station, Streator Fire units are able to respond to emergencies in a quick manner. The fire department conducts training daily to reinforce our knowledge of our response district. An important note, not every request for service requires an emergency response. The use of lights and sirens increases risk to the public and responders. In the interest of safety, the department has begun responding to many scenes non-emergent (no lights or sirens). These changes have begun to reflect in our on scene times.

Response Times	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Unit on scene within 4 minutes	71.56%	66.34%	60.85%	60.85%	58.61%
Unit on scene within 8 minutes	97.08%	95.72%	93.18%	93.18%	92.51%

## TOTAL TRANSPORTS

The Streator Fire Department began providing ambulance service to Streator and the surrounding areas in October 2022. Since then, the number of patients transported has increased each year.

Total Patient Transports	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Transported	0	478	1919	2196	2062

## VALUE LOST VS VALUE SAVED

Each year, the Streator Fire Department monitors the amount of value saved from firefighting efforts. Fire prevention efforts for higher value commercial properties should help the amount of fire loss year over year.

Value Lost vs Saved	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Losses	\$124,100.00	\$246,000.00	\$546,100.00	\$357,500.00	\$416,050.00
Pre-Incident Value	\$4,718,200.00	\$2,820,700.00	\$6,442,200.00	\$1,590,000.00	\$2,982,100.00
Percentage Saved	2.63%	8.72%	8.48%	22.48%	13.95%

# FIRE CONTAINMENT

The Streator Fire Department measures the effectiveness of firefighting tactics with statistics based on fire containment. While the data may vary based on the type and conditions of each fire, this metric provides a worthy measure of performance.

Fire Containment	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Object of Origin	33.33%	15.78%	23.07%	18.02%	0.00%
Room of Origin	14.28%	21.05%	23.07%	61.32%	76.92%
Floor of Origin	4.76%	5.26%	0.00%	2.00%	15.38%
Building of Origin	9.52%	16.31%	15.38%	4.38%	7.69%
Beyond Building	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	0.00%	0.00%

# OVERLAPPING CALLS

The Streator Fire Department began monitoring the number of overlapping calls in 2023. An overlapping call is the number of times an ambulance is requested while another ambulance is already on a call. By tracking this number, the goal has been to decrease the number of times that all ambulances are tied up on calls. With two fully staffed ambulances, overlapping calls takes both ambulances out of service and leaves the city without coverage for a time. In the past 2 years, overlapping call numbers have decreased to 24%. And in 2025, our overlap percentage is exactly the same as 2024.

Overlapping Calls	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	No data	No data	39.25%	24.91%	24.91%





# CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE IN RESUSCITATION

**52.9%**  
ROSC Percentage

Out of hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) is one of the most critical calls to which the Streator Fire Department responds. An OHCA is defined as any event in which an individual's heart stops beating in a manner that is compatible with sustained life outside of the medical setting. The goal of all emergency medical crews is to achieve a Return Of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC). The

SFD Culture of Excellence program doesn't only strive to achieve ROSC but also aims to provide patients with the highest possible quality of life with a neurologically intact discharge from the hospital. The national average for achieving ROSC in the field is 24% and the national average for a neurologically intact survival is 9%.

All data is filtered to remove situations where bystanders did CPR that was not indicated, the patient's injuries or illness were inconsistent with life, the patient had a do not resuscitate order, or if there was a duplicate report.

**18%**  
Neurologically  
intact

In 2025 the Streator Fire Department responded to 17 OHCA and achieved ROSC on 53% of those cases. This includes calls that are in the unincorporated areas of Streator primarily staffed by Reading Fire Protection District. Within the incorporated city limits of Streator, the Fire Department responded to 12 OHCA and achieved a ROSC on 58% of those cases. This is more than twice the national average.

In 2025 the Streator Fire Department achieved a neurologically intact discharge on 18% in its response area. This is twice the national average.



# FIRE PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Streator Fire Safety Initiative was started in 2016. In the 9 years since the program's inception, a total of 3,531 smoke alarms have been installed in Streator and the surrounding area. The American Red Cross continues to be an outstanding partner with the Home Fire Campaign. All smoke alarms have been provided by the Red Cross free of charge.

**3,680**  
Smoke alarms installed

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

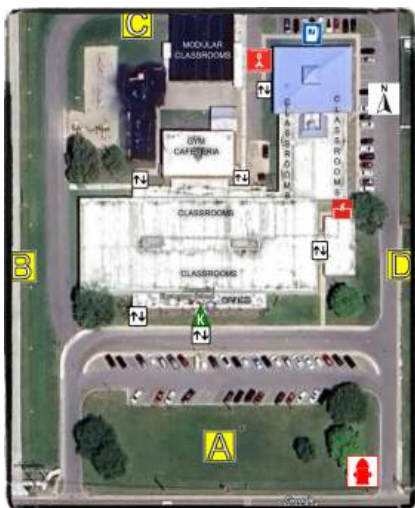
The Streator Fire Department has continued in its mission of public education through station tours, school visits, and community outreach. Over 1,000 fire prevention packets were handed out to K-4th graders in the Streator community. A special Thank You to Theresa Solon-Wargo State Farm for assistance in helping to reach our pre-school community as well!



## BUSINESS INSPECTION/PREPLANNING PROGRAM

The Streator Fire Department commercial business inspection program began in 2016. Since then, Streator Fire crews have routinely inspected all public buildings in Streator to look for potential fire hazards and fire code issues. With this hands on approach, the department has noticed a sharp decrease in avoidable commercial fires.

**502**  
Business Inspections



In addition to fire code inspections, Streator Firefighters have also been to preplanning every commercial business in Streator. These preplans will provide the department with the ability to prepare for any major event that may occur in a commercial building. The preplans also give the department an opportunity to interact with business owners to ask about their needs and answer any questions. Streator Fire utilizes FlowMSP software (developed in Streator) to document all photos and preplan information for future use. All information gathered remains strictly in house and is available on all fire apparatus at the touch of a button.

## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

In 2024, the Streator Fire Department completed 67 fire inspection reports. Any call with active fire involvement is investigated by the Streator Fire Department to determine the origin and cause of the fire. Data from these fire investigations is compiled to determine trends in the cause(s) of fire. The Streator Fire Department has eight certified fire investigators on staff.

**77**  
Fire Investigations





# TRAINING

Training remains the foundation of our performance. Using the Streator Public Safety Training Complex and other infrastructure like the Streator Incubator we hosted 5 outside classes to 139 students from 75 different police, fire, and other government agencies in 2025. Partnerships like this allow agencies to receive this training close to home and provide an opportunity for individuals from different backgrounds to work together as they might in a larger emergency.

Classes hosted include:

- Basic Operations Firefighter (BOF) – 37 Students / 27 Fire Departments
- Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) – 23 Students / 13 Police & Fire Depts
- School Safety & Violent Event Incident Management (SSAVEIM) – 41 Students / 29 Schools, Police & Fire Departments
- Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO) – 25 Students / 15 Fire Departments
- First Due for Fire Alarms – 13 Students / 4 Fire Departments

In addition to training outside the Streator Fire Department, all Streator Firefighters complete the following training on an annual basis:

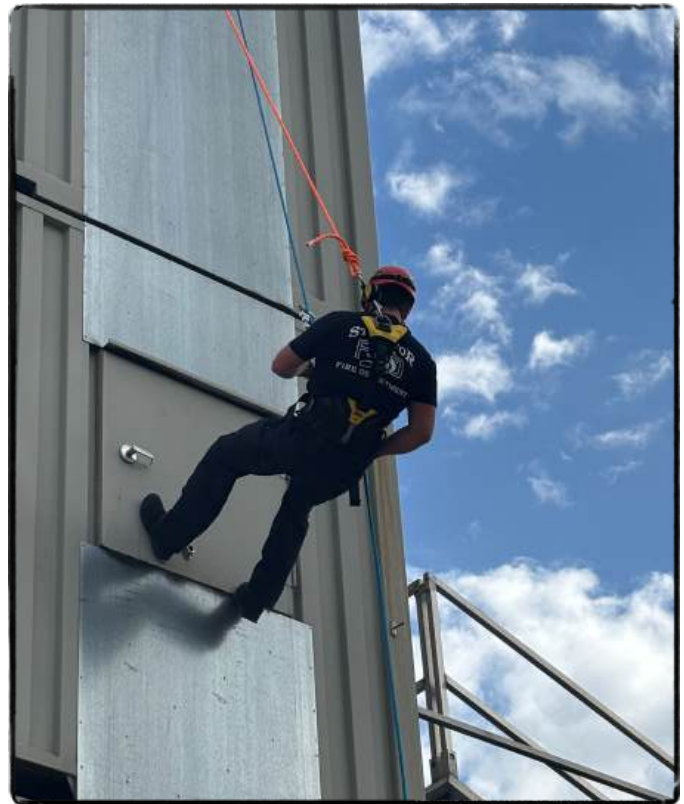
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support
- EMS Continuing Education (25 Hours)
- Driver Training (12 Hours)
- Live Fire Training and Facility Training (18 Hours)
- Hazardous Materials Training (6 Hours)
- Company Training (192 Hours)
- Officer Training [Officers Only] (12 Hours)

**4,451**  
Total hours of training

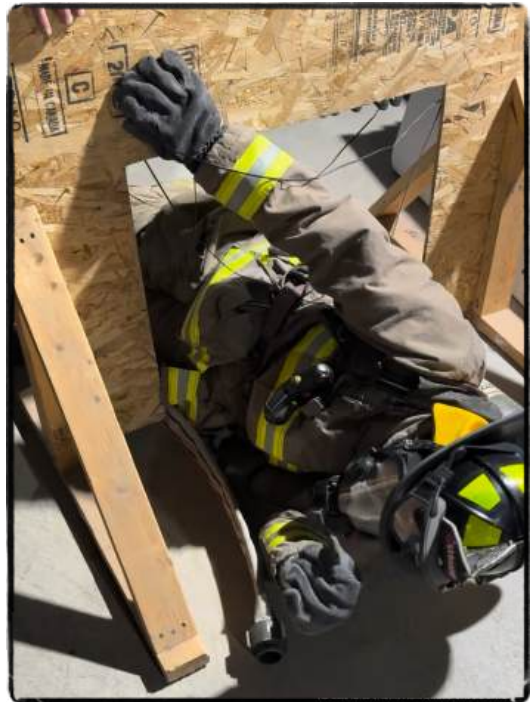


Streator Firefighters also traveled throughout the State of Illinois to attend the following training:

- Elevator Rescue – 2 Students
- Search Techniques for the Fire Ground – 2 Students
- Firefighter Academy – 2 Students
- Hazardous Materials Operations – 2 Students
- Fire Service Vehicle Operator – 2 Students
- Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue – 2 Students
- Leadership Development & Decision Making – 2 Students
- Fire Apparatus Engineer – 1 Student
- Rope Rescue Technician – 2 Students
- Hazardous Materials Technician – 1 Student
- Emergency Medical Responder – 1 Student
- Emergency Medical Technician – 1 Student











# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF 2025

## January 7, 2025

### 43 Stanton Place - Rescue/House Fire

On January 7, 2025, the Streator Fire Department was called to 43 Stanton Place for a reported house on fire with occupants trapped inside by the smoke. Fire department units quickly arrived on scene and were able to locate the occupants in a window in the rear of the home. Firefighters used a ladder to rescue the residents from the home. At the same time, firefighters entered the smoke-filled home with hoselines to extinguish the fire. It was later discovered that the occupants of the home were sleeping with a closed door when the fire started and that the closed door saved both lives. The occupants were treated for smoke inhalation and released. Unfortunately, the three family dogs perished from smoke inhalation.



**January 13, 2025**



A fire was noticed and extinguished in a storage building at 609 E Hickory on a cold, January day.

**January 15, 2025**



Cardiac save percentages are compiled and released with the SFD substantially exceeding national averages.

**January 16, 2024**

A suspicious fire is extinguished at 611 North Sterling Street.

**February 17, 2025**



Firefighter Dustin Holland starts his career at the Streator Fire Department.

**March 28, 2025**



Quick thinking by a young sibling leads to the full evacuation of the house on fire at at 302 W Larue



**April 17, 2025**



The Streator Fire Department becomes licensed to upgrade to Advanced Life Support for non-transport response vehicles. This provides a key personnel and skills on scenes if all ambulances are busy on other calls.

**April 18, 2025**



Firefighter Dustin Holland graduates from IFSI Fire Academy

**April 24, 2024**



Over 4600 feet of hose is donated by the Cottleville FPD in Missouri

**May 15, 2024**



Eight Streator Firefighters were awarded Firefighter Excellence Awards or Unit Citation Awards for their heroic actions on January 1, 2024.

**June 3, 2025**

House fire extinguished at 1001 N Everett Street

**September 2, 2025**



Caleb Swett begins his career with the Streator Fire Department

**September 26, 2025**



Streator Firefighters Jeff Arendell and Phil Durdan complete Rope Rescue Technician certification

**October 16, 2025**



The Streator Fire Department is notified of a grant award for the purchase of hazardous materials detection equipment. The grant is worth \$112,363.

**October 24, 2025**



FF Caleb Swett graduates IFSI Fire Academy

**December 22, 2025**

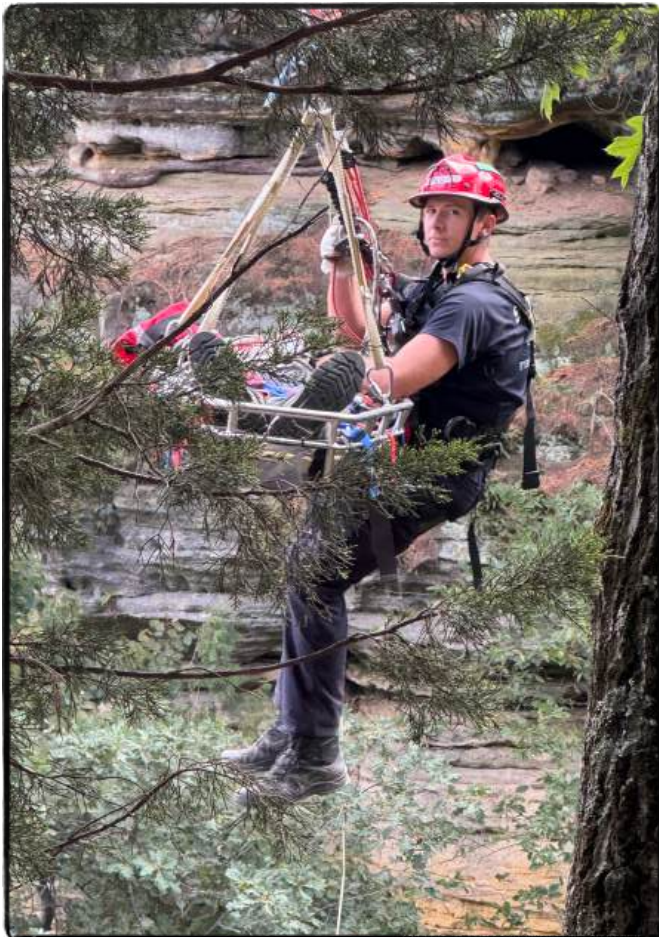


A house fire at 703 N Park Street is extinguished











# IN REMEMBRANCE

## CHIEF WILLIAM WISSEN

Honorably served the City of Streator from 1980-2006



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FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**



# **2025 CALL VOLUME**

**FIRES: 56  
RESCUE/EMS: 2,705  
HAZARDOUS CONDITION: 96  
SERVICE CALLS: 268  
GOOD INTENT CALLS: 105  
FALSE ALARMS: 282  
SEVERE WEATHER: 2  
SPECIAL INCIDENT: 2**

**TOTAL CALLS: 3,529**





**THE DESIRE TO SERVE,  
THE COURAGE TO ACT**