



# City of South Lyon Fire Department



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



## **CITY OF SOUTH LYON FIRE**

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## Message from the Chief

As we reflect on the past year, it is with great pride and a deep sense of responsibility that I present the Annual Report of the Fire Department. This year has been one of both challenges and achievements, where our dedicated team of firefighters have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Throughout the year, we have responded to a number of emergency calls, delivered critical services in times of need, and remained committed to our mission of prevention, protection, and preparedness. The resilience of the South Lyon Fire Department and the unwavering support from the community have been key to our continued success in meeting the evolving demands of modern firefighting.

We are particularly proud of the steps we have taken toward enhancing our training programs, improving our equipment and facilities, and fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation within our ranks. These efforts not only ensure that we are ready to face any emergency but also reflect our ongoing commitment to the safety of our personnel and the people we serve.

In this report, you will find insights into our operational performance, community outreach efforts, and the many accomplishments that have helped to strengthen our department. We also recognize the importance of continuous improvement, and as we look to the future, we remain dedicated to providing the highest level of service to our community.

Thank you for your ongoing trust and support. Together, we will continue to build a safer and stronger community for all. If you have any questions about our work or suggestions on how we can improve, please reach out to me or anyone on our staff.

Sincerely,



**JOEY THORINGTON**

**FIRE CHIEF**



## Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values

### **Mission Statement**

The South Lyon Fire Department is committed to providing fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, and other emergency and non-emergency services. We accomplish this mission through training, education, and dedication to the protection of our fire personnel, residents, and visitors of the community.

### **Vision Statement**

The South Lyon Fire Department will set the standard of excellence through professionalism, progressive practices, and customer service. We will create leaders through training, education, and strong ethical values. We will strive for industry best practices and excellence in emergency preparedness, response, and mitigation.

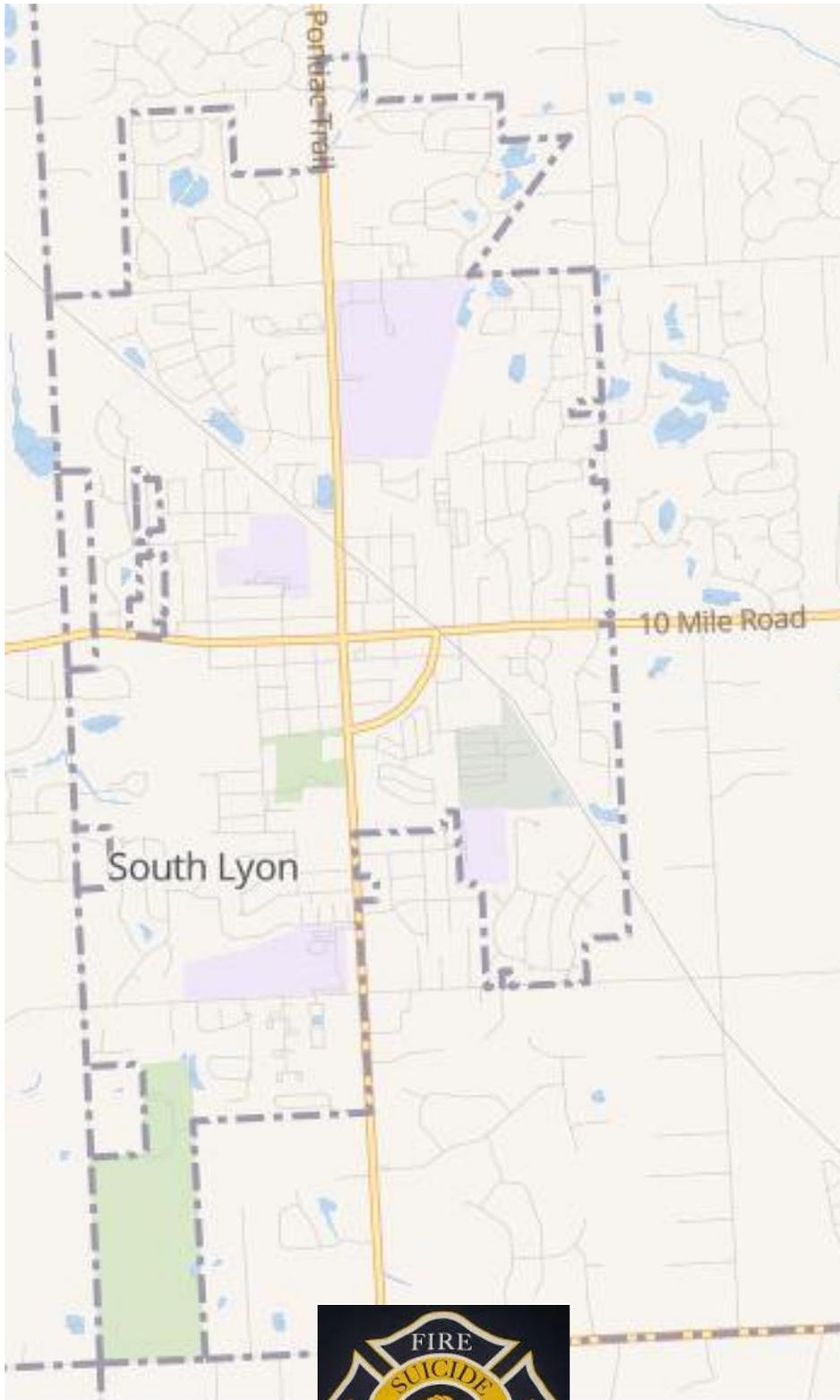
### **Core Values**

We encourage and support excellence in leadership, innovation, and service to all. We aspire to the highest level of competency through training and mentoring. We value teamwork and open communication as the foundation for everything we do. We honor our families and the deep traditions of the Fire Service. We will act with respect and integrity in all situations.





Response Area  
City of South Lyon



## Fire Station

### **South Lyon Fire Station**

**217 Whipple Street, South Lyon, MI 48178**

**248-437-2616**



**The South Lyon Fire Station houses the following fire apparatus and vehicles:**

- Rescue 7-1
- Engine 7-1
- Engine 7-2
- Ladder 7-1
- Chief 7
- Fire Marshal 7-1
- Utility 7-1

**\*\*\* Huron Valley Ambulance also shares space to house an ambulance and crew.**

## Apparatus & Vehicles

**Engine 7-1 – 2016 Pierce Sabre**



**Captain Jeff Noechel  
Station & Apparatus Officer**

**Engine 7-2 – 2008 KME Predator**



**Ladder 7-1 – 2022 Spartan Gladiator**



**Rescue 7-1 – 2010 Ford F-350**



**Utility 7-1 – 2016 Ford Explorer**



## Organizational Chart



- The Fire Chief is a full-time position.
- The Fire Marshal is part-time salaried and works an average of 30 hours per week.
- Two captains are part-time salaried and work an average of 38 hours per week.
- The remaining personnel are all part-time, paid-on-call and may not exceed 1,500 hours of work per year.

\*\*\* Because of limited staff numbers and never knowing who is available to respond to a larger incident, every person on staff regardless of rank can and will work 'on the fireground' as a firefighter at some point.

## Firefighter of the Year

### Alexander Grandy



The Firefighter of the Year award is a prestigious recognition given to a South Lyon Firefighter who has demonstrated outstanding dedication, bravery, and service throughout the year. This honor is awarded to an individual who has gone above and beyond their duties, whether by displaying exceptional heroism during dangerous situations, contributing significantly to community safety and education, or showcasing leadership and professionalism within the department. The recipient embodies the highest standards of the



firefighting profession, serving as a role model and inspiration to their peers and the community. This award not only highlights their personal achievements but also underscores the values of courage, selflessness, and commitment that define the firefighting profession.



**2024 Rookie of the Year  
Lou Soave**



**Impactful & Substantial Contributor  
Brian Hayes**



**Impactful & Substantial Contributor  
Nelson Schilk**



**2024 South Lyon Firefighters**



## Department Personnel

### Firefighters



Joey Thorington



Brad Moynihan



Cynthia Conrad



Jeff Noechel



Jon Soave



Bob Simmons



Eric Mancha



Micah DeMeyer



Alexander Grandy



Nelson Schilk



Tim McGillen



Alex Good



Zach Moreno



Zoe Noechel



Dominic (Lou) Soave



Brendan Conrad



Cameron Smith



Aydin Johnson



Julia Borgman



Shawn McCreedy



Brian Hayes



Aiden Buchholz

\*\*\*Firefighters not pictured: Cannon Hoke and Cameron Adams

### Cadets



Lucas Miller



Nicholas Goettlicher

\*\*\*Cadets not pictured: Michael Ulrich and Ellie Noechel



## Human Resources

### Training

- Alex Good –NFPA Fire Inspector I certificate
- Alexander Grandy –NFPA Fire Inspector I certification
- Brendan Conrad – Licensed as an EMT-B
- Brian Hayes – Licensed as an EMT-B
- Joey Thorington – FEMA Type 3 All - Hazards Incident Management Team certificate
- Jon Soave – Fire Instructor 1 certification
- Brad Moynihan –Fire Instructor 1 certification
- Jon Soave - Live Fire Instructor – Fixed Facility certification
- Aiden Buchholtz – Firefighter I & II certification
- Zoe Noechel – VFIS Emergent Driving certification

### Promotions

- Micah DeMeyer was promoted to Sergeant.
- Alex Grandy was promoted to Fire Inspector.
- Nelson Schilk was promoted to Fire Inspector.
- Aydin Johnson was promoted to Aerial Pump Operator.
- Julia Borgman was promoted to Aerial Pump Operator.
- Zach Moreno was promoted to Engineer.
- Brian Hayes was promoted to Engineer.
- Brendan Conrad was promoted to Firefighter.
- Dominic (Lou) Soave was promoted to Firefighter.
- Aiden Buchholtz was promoted to Firefighter.



Micah DeMeyer  
Promoted to Sergeant

### New Hires

- Jake Dickie – Firefighter
- Connor Hoke - Firefighter
- Cameron Adams - Firefighter
- Michael Ulrich - Cadet
- Ellie Noechel – Cadet



Howell High School  
Fire Academy Graduation

## Grant and Alternative Funding Resources

- \$5,000.00 EMS Jackets
- \$10,000.00 Firefighting Boots
- \$509,000.00 Fire Engine
- \$10,402.00 Turnout Gear
- \$900.00 Fire Instructor I
- \$1,390.00 Fire Academy

- Michigan MIOSHA MIWISH grant
- Michigan Fire Equipment Grant
- Federal Appropriations Grant
- Michigan Dept of Labor & Economic
- Michigan State Fire Works Funding
- Michigan State Fire Works Funding



## Staffing & Schedule

The fire station is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Monday through Friday, there are 2 firefighters on shift between the hours of noon and 6:00 am (18 hours) and 1 firefighter on shift between the hours of 6:00 am and noon (6 hours).
- Saturday & Sunday, there are 2 firefighters on shift 24 hours.
- The Fire Chief works Monday through Friday during the day.
- The Fire Marshal works Monday through Friday (three to four days, depending on the week) during the day.
- Firefighter shifts are 8- or 10-hour shifts each day.
- The Chief and Marshal both respond with shift personnel to emergency incidents as needed.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
0600-0700	FF - FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF - FF
0700-0800	FF - FF	FF - C	FF - FF				
0800-0900	FF - FF	FF - C	FF - FF				
0900-1000	FF - FF	FF - C	FF - FF				
1000-1100	FF - FF	FF - C	FF - FF				
1100-1200	FF - FF	FF - C	FF - FF				
1200-1300	FF - FF	FF - FF - C	FF - FF				
1300-1400	FF - FF	FF - FF - C	FF - FF				
1400-1500	FF - FF	FF - FF - C	FF - FF				
1500-1600	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF
1600-1700	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF	FF - FF
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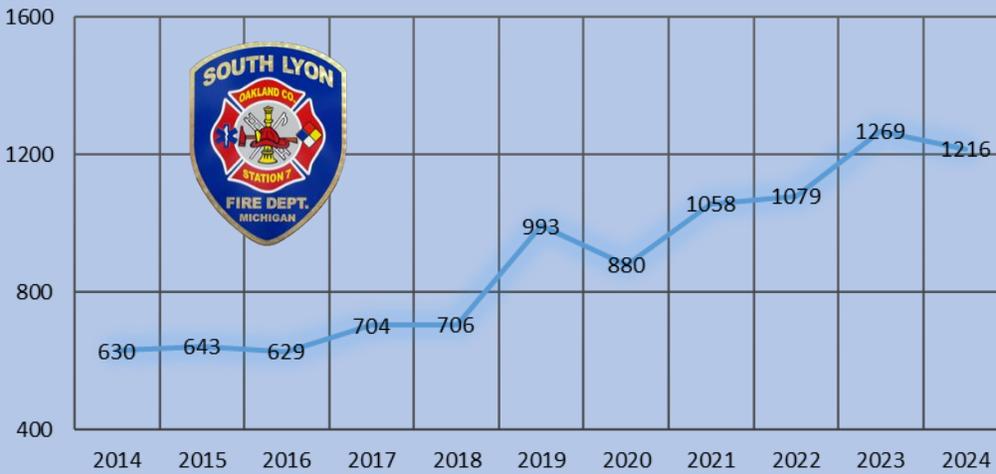
(FF - each color represents a different shift, C- represents the Fire Chief)

Firefighters who work shifts are supported by paid-on-call firefighters when dispatched to incidents. In the event of a significant incident which requires more personnel than the on-duty shift personnel, paid-on-call firefighters will respond to the station, gear up, and then respond in an apparatus to the incident to assist the shift personnel. On minor events, it is common for the shift personnel to respond to the incident and the paid-on-call firefighters respond to backfill the fire station. The backfill personnel prepare for another incident in the event incidents occur concurrently.

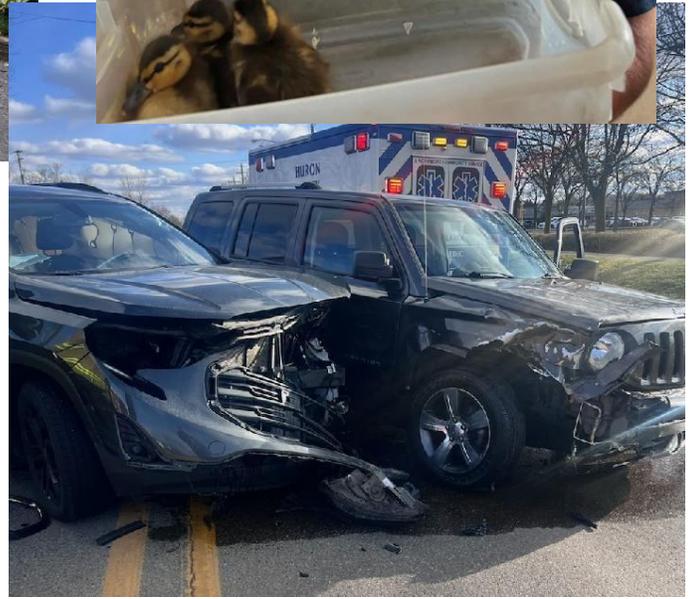
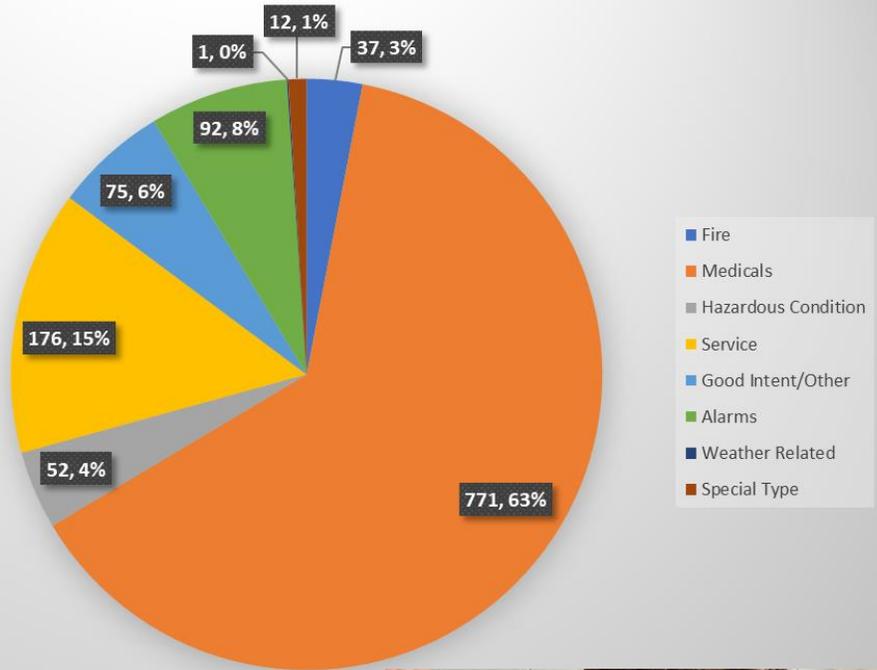
## Incident Responses

For the 2024 calendar year, the South Lyon Fire Department was dispatched to **1,216** incidents.

### SLFD Incidents By Calendar Year



### 2024 Types of Incidents



## Further Details of Types of Incident Responses

Type of Incidents	#	%
Fire	37	3%
Medicals	771	63%
Hazardous Condition	52	6%
Service	176	10%
Good Intent/Other	75	10%
Alarms	92	8%
Weather Related	1	0%
Special Type	12	0%
	<b>1216</b>	<b>100%</b>

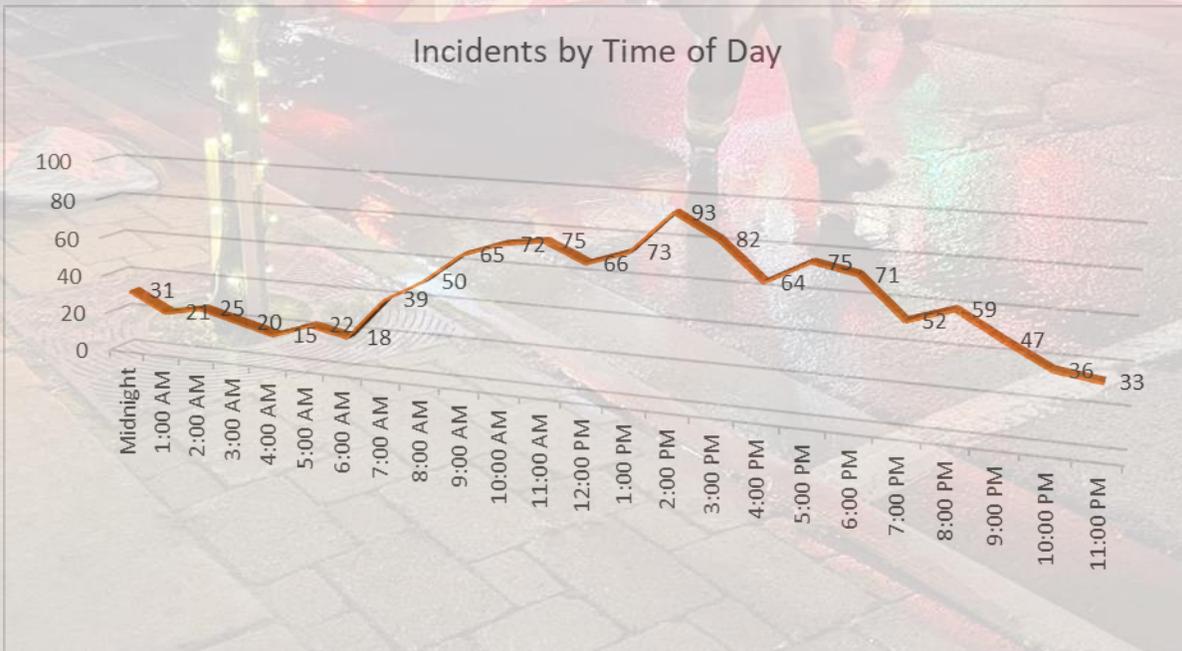
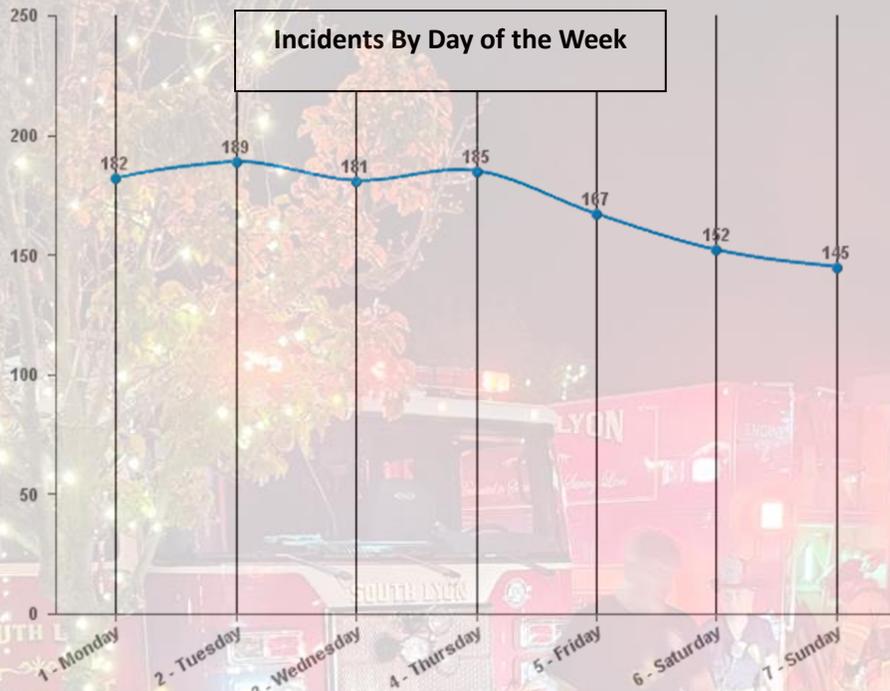
  

Types of Fires		#
Building Fire		22
Cooking fire		1
Vehicle		1
Other		13

Cardiac Arrests	
Gender	2024
Males	7
Females	1

Common Examples of Each Type of Category	
Fire	Structure, vehicle, etc. fire
Medicals	Any EMS type incident, motor vehicle accident with injuries, etc
Hazardous Condition	Gas leak, Carbon Monoxide, Powerlines, Chemical Release, etc.
Service	Assist Invalid, Smoke or Odor Investigation, sprinkler line water break, Assist Police, Public Service, etc.
Good Intent/Other	Canceled in route, Dispatched to Wrong Location, No Incident Found Upon Arrival, Controlled Burn, Vicinity Alarm, Etc.
Alarms	False Alarm, Active Alarm Activation, Bomb Scare, System Malfunction, Extinguishment Activation, etc.
Weather Related	Severe Weather Related
Special Type	Citizen Complaint, dispatch error, etc

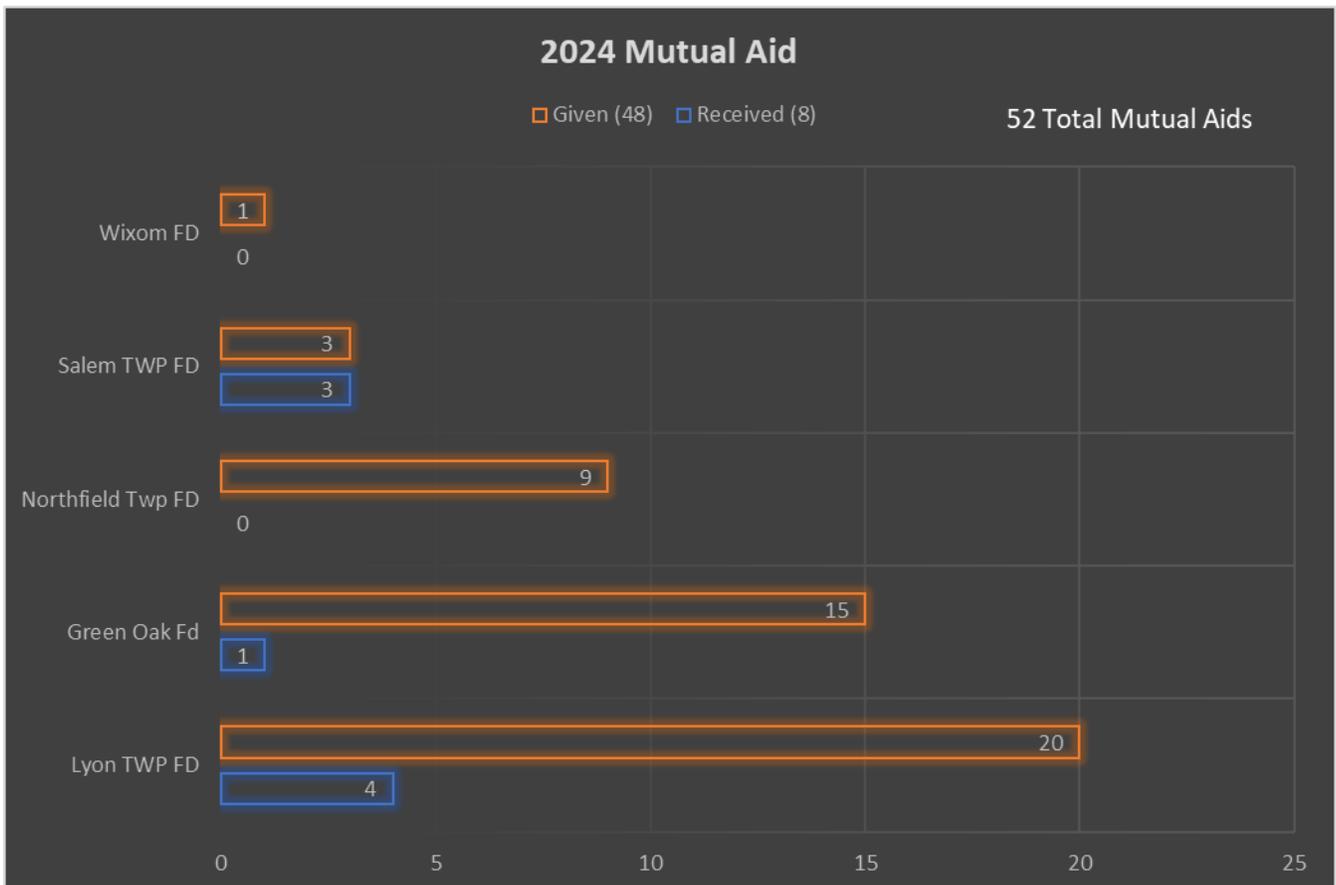


## Mutual Aid

SLFD has reciprocated *automatic* aid agreements with both Lyon Township Fire Department and Green Oak Township Fire Department. On potential or confirmed structure fires within the City of South Lyon, all three fire departments are dispatched simultaneously to assist each other without having to be specifically requested. If there is a fire in either neighboring township, SLFD is simultaneously dispatched to assist them.

SLFD has a mutual aid agreement with Salem Township Fire Department. In addition, SLFD is also a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) 3201 which consists of the northern portion of Oakland County, 30 communities' fire departments. On large incidents, fire departments can request assistance from departments with whom they have agreements and/or who are members of MABAS.

NFPA 1710 recommends there should be a minimum of 15 firefighters on the initial assignment to accomplish all fireground tasks on a structure fire. Mutual Aid is an effective way to attempt to safely reach the staffing standards for incident responses.



## EMS

In 2024, the South Lyon Fire Department continued to deliver exceptional medical services to our community. Our team of dedicated Firefighters and EMS personnel ensured quick, professional, and compassionate care during emergencies.

EMS training is a critical component of maintaining high standards of care and ensuring preparedness for diverse incidents. Each licensed EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) spent 15 hours toward their EMS continuing education which is a 3-year cycle requiring a total of 30 credit hours.

CPR training provided to the community empowers individuals with life-saving skills to respond effectively during cardiac emergencies. 21 community members were certified in CPR and First Aid and two SLFD personnel received their CPR Instructor certifications.

We will continue into 2025 with the same passion and dedication to our community and maintain the trust and confidence placed in us by those who we serve.



**Captain Cindy Conrad**  
EMS Coordinator



Training



Captain Jon Soave  
Training Officer



## Fire Prevention

Fire Marshal Moynihan oversees the department's fire prevention division. In just a few years' time, his direction and vision has transformed a singular component of the department into a multifaceted fire prevention division. The division performs plan reviews, code inspections, suppression system inspections, issues violations, follows-up on violations to ensure they have been corrected, works with business owners, and performs fire investigations. He manages the public education program, which includes school visits, the smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm installation program.



**Brad Moynihan**  
Fire Marshal

Annual Inspections	Re-Inspections	Plan Reviews	Acceptance Tests	Public Education	Community Events	Fire Investigations
32	1	56	14	22	78	7

Smoke Alarm Installs	Combination Smoke/CO Alarm Installs	FOIA Requests	Complaint Investigation	C of O Inspection	Food Truck Inspections
64	123	5	11	20	13

Two Firefighters were promoted to Firefighter Inspectors to support and assist in continuing to advance the Marshal's Division.



**Alex Grandy**  
Fire Inspector



**Nelson Schilk**  
Fire Inspector

### Fire & Police Open House

On May 18th, 2024, South Lyon's Fire and Police Departments held our annual joint open house. It is more than just an open house. It was an event! There were tours for both fire and police stations, live vehicle extrication using the "jaws of life" to cut up a vehicle, a live fire demonstrating the effectiveness of sprinklers, smoke trailer for the kids to learn how to safely exit a fire, face painting, hotdogs, inflatable games, and goodie bags for the kids. It is always a great event. Look for it again this year on May 17, 2025. Hope to see you there!

### Thank You to Our Sponsors!

- Wonder Jump
- Hadley's
- Brighton Area Fire Authority
- Peter's True Value
- Active Faith
- South Lyon Kiwanis
- South Lyon Hotel
- Hamburg Township Fire Department
- Dayna Johnston
- Lake Street Cruise-In / Motorfest



## Public Education & Community Outreach Events

Being a part of and interacting within the community is of the utmost importance to the Fire Administration and Firefighters. The Marshal's Division scheduled and coordinated Public Education & Community Outreach Events throughout the 2024 year.



- 3/2 Carnivale
- 3/6 Parade
- 3/6 Put Flag up on Truck over Street
- 3/18 Easter Egg Stuffing
- 3/29 Veterans Event
- 3/30 Easter Egg Scramble
- 5/4 Farmers Market
- 5/10 Ladies' Night - Spring
- 5/11 Farmers Market
- 5/18 Farmers Market
- 5/18 Open House Event
- 5/22 Lake Street Cruise-In
- 5/25 Farmers Market
- 5/27 Memorial Day Parade
- 5/27 Put Flag up on Truck over Street
- 6/1 Farmers Market
- 6/8 Farmers Market
- 6/15 Farmers Market
- 6/19 Library Touch A Truck
- 6/20 Spray Park
- 6/21 Concert in the Park
- 6/22 Farmers Market
- 6/26 Lake Street Cruise-In
- 6/28 Concert in the Park
- 6/29 Farmers Market
- 7/4 Put Flag up on Truck
- 7/6 Farmers Market
- 7/11 Safety Town
- 7/12 Concert in the Park
- 7/13 Farmers Market
- 7/17 Spray Park
- 7/17 OC Touch a Truck
- 7/19 Concert in the Park
- 7/19 Movie in the Park
- 7/20 Farmers Market
- 7/26 Concert in the Park
- 7/27 Farmers Market
- 7/27 MotorFest
- 7/27 Christmas in July
- 8/2 Concert in the Park





- 8/3 Farmers Market
- 8/9 Concert in the Park
- 8/10 Farmers Market
- 8/14 Spray Park
- 8/16 Concert in the Park
- 8/16 Movie in the Park
- 8/17 Farmers Market
- 8/23 Concert in the Park
- 8/24 Farmers Market
- 8/28 Lake Street Cruise-In
- 8/28 Back to School Shopping
- 8/28 South Lyon High Football Game
- 8/31 Farmers Market
- 9/6 South Lyon High Football Game
- 9/7 Farmers Market
- 9/7 Depot Day
- 9/11 Put Flag up on Truck over Street
- 9/13 South Lyon High Football Game
- 9/14 Farmers Market
- 9/20 Movie in the Park
- 9/20 South Lyon High Football Game
- 9/21 Farmers Market
- 9/21 Orange Theory Open
- 9/25 Lake Street Cruise-In
- 9/27 Pumpkinfest set-up
- 9/28 Farmers Market
- 9/28 Pumpkinfest
- 9/28 Pumpkin Fest Parade
- 9/29 Pumpkinfest
- 10/11 South Lyon High Football Game
- 10/16 Sayre PubEd
- 10/19 Hope Church Trick or Treat
- 10/20 Bartlett PubEd
- 10/24 Downtown Trick or Treat
- 10/25 Sayre Boo Bash
- 10/25 SL CoOp Touch A Truck
- 10/31 Downtown Halloween - Candy
- 11/8 Ladies' Night - Fall
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/16 Girl Scout Station Tour
- 12/7 Tree Lighting Parade
- 12/18 Shop with a Hero
- 12/31 South Lyon Eve



## Spray Parks

Every summer, SLFD holds several spray parks for the kids in the parking lot across from the fire station. The aerial ladder truck is set up for kids to run through the spray. It is a great way to break up the summer heat! Watch the “South Lyon Fire Department” Facebook page for 2025 dates to be posted as they are scheduled!



## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Installation Program

In 2023, South Lyon Fire Department received a two-year FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant in the amount of \$19,800. The grant monies have been used to purchase the following types of alarms:

- 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms
- 10-year sealed carbon monoxide alarms
- 10-year sealed combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms
- Hard-wired, battery back-up smoke alarms

**SLFD has been installing the alarms at no charge for the residents of South Lyon.** Residents simply need to contact the Fire Department to schedule an installation.

The SLFD will continue this program at no cost for the residents of City of South Lyon for as long as alarms are available through the grant funding.

For City of South Lyon residents who would like to request smoke alarm(s) and/or a carbon monoxide alarms installation from the South Lyon Fire Department, call 248-437-2616 or visit the SLFD webpage <https://www.southlyonfire.com> and submit your request.

10-Year Sealed Smoke Alarm



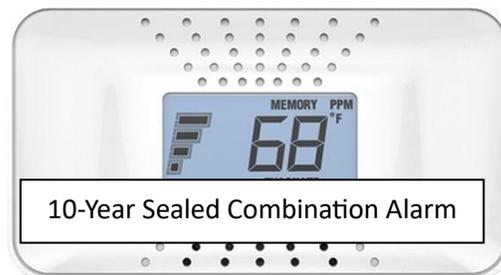
10-Year Sealed Combination Alarm



Hardwired Smoke Alarm



10-Year Sealed Carbon Monoxide Alarm



10-Year Sealed Combination Alarm

## Sergeant Officers and Social Media Content Strategist



**Sergeant Bob Simmons**

Sgt. Simmons is the lead for SLFD's on-the-job (OJT) process and training for new employees.



**Sergeant Eric Mancha**

Sgt. Mancha is the lead for training and oversight of SLFD's youth cadet program.



**Sergeant Micah Demeyer**

Sgt. DeMeyer oversees SLFD's small engine equipment and SCBA's (breathing apparatuses)



**Social Media Content Strategist  
Tim McGillen**

Tim McGillen oversees SLFD's social media platforms. He is a man of many and inspiring words.

## Fire Station Updates

In fiscal year 2024, the fire station updated the kitchen. The kitchen update was completed by SLFD personnel to reduce the costs of the project. The fire station also had a new roof installed and all the lighting was updated and replaced with LED's.

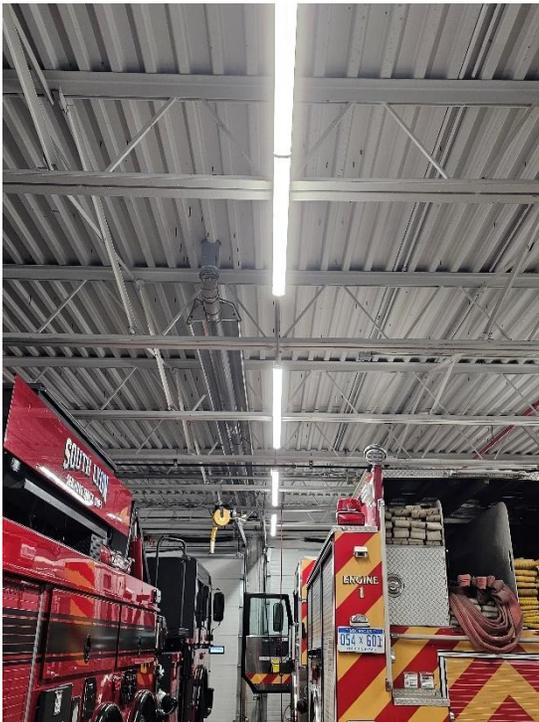
### Old Kitchen



### Updated Kitchen



### New LED Lighting



### New Roof



## 2025 Goals

- Continue delivering the highest quality fire prevention, fire suppression, EMS, and rescue services.
- Stay proactive and adaptable to meet the evolving needs of the community.
- Collaborate with other South Lyon city departments to maintain seamless service continuity.
- Continue exploring alternative funding options for significant acquisitions.
- Continue collaborating with neighboring fire departments to build strong and effective relationships.
- Strive to enhance the department's presence within the community continuously.
- Continue providing and installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms free of charge for South Lyon residents.
- Continue hosting the annual Fire Department Open Houses for the public.
- Continue training, mentoring, and equipping SLFD firefighters with the tools for success.
- Continue cultivating a positive and productive culture within the SLFD where employees feel valued and look forward to coming to work.

