



# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



Serving this community is a privilege, and I am deeply committed to continuing the legacy of excellence, dedication, and service that defines the Saint Anthony Village Fire Department.

Safety, preparedness, and community engagement are at the heart of everything we do. Together with our team of talented and devoted firefighters, I will work tirelessly to ensure the well-being of our organization and every resident. Whether it is responding to emergencies, educating about fire prevention, or supporting local events, our focus remains on protecting lives and property while building strong connections within our community.

I believe that the strength of our fire department lies in partnership. This includes fostering strong relationships with our city's police department, EMS agencies, and neighboring fire departments for coordinated emergency responses and mutual aid agreements.

Together, we uphold the proud traditions of this department while embracing innovation to meet the challenges of the future.

Thank you for entrusting us with your safety. I am excited to continue to serve you and look forward to working alongside you to make our community the best it can be.

With respect and gratitude,  
Israel Diaz, Saint Anthony Village Fire Chief



# EQUIPMENT



## FOCUS ON IMPROVEMENT

In 2024, our department focused on reinforcing improvements to our operations. We successfully integrated new equipment into our daily routines and emergency responses.

### 3M™ Scott™ Vision C5 Facepiece

- Innovative bone conduction headphone technology amplifies incoming radio traffic directly inside the SCBA facepiece
- Eliminates need for external microphones
- Provides clear, uninterrupted communication between firefighters and the incident commander
- Provides significant improvement over older systems that lead to miscommunication during critical moments
- Ensures firefighters remain connected and informed in high-risk environments
- Facepiece features expanded heads-up display with new status icons and visual alerts.
- Automated voice provides real-time notifications of changing system conditions, including low air alarms, Bluetooth radio connection status, and battery life updates.

### 3M™ Scott™ Air-Pak™ X3 Pro SCBA

- Brings several advancements, including a snap-change cylinder connection for quick, easy, and safe air cylinder swaps
- Innovative feature minimizes downtime during high-pressure situations, allowing crews to get back into action faster
- SCBA offers improved comfort with ergonomic straps and a lightweight design.
- Enhanced regulator improves air consumption efficiency
- Electronic personnel accountability report (ePAR) provides real-time information on how much air each firefighter has remaining, ensuring situational awareness and safety

## INNOVATION & EFFECTIVENESS

Cutting-edge technology has been integral to our daily operations, training, and emergency response efforts throughout 2024. This has significantly enhanced effectiveness, safety, and overall performance; transforming the way we approach firefighting, and setting a new standard for the industry.



# LEVEL OF CARE



Our Saint Anthony Village Fire Department has three full-time paramedics, four part-time paramedics, and two paramedic students in training. Each shift has a paramedic on duty. We are one of only three in the state to provide ALS care without transporting patients – improving patient outcomes while reducing time on scene.

### Basic Life Support (BLS) Care

At the Saint Anthony Fire Department, we have 16 EMTs who are trained to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) during medical calls. When these skills are used during a call, the care provided is classified as Basic Life Support:

- Taking vitals (pulse, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, glucose)
- Performing CPR and using an AED
- Ventilating a patient with a bag valve mask
- Suctioning airways
- Administering medications (oxygen, aspirin, epinephrine, glucose)
- Controlling bleeding and applying tourniquets
- Splinting extremities and performing spinal precautions
- Using 4-lead or 12-lead ECGs

### Advanced Life Support (ALS) Care

ALS is a higher level of care provided by paramedics, building on BLS. Paramedics in our department can also:

- Administer epinephrine during cardiac arrest
- Perform needle decompression for tension pneumothorax
- Manually defibrillate during cardiac arrest
- Pace a slow heart rate
- Restore heart rhythm through Cardioversion
- Use CPAP or nebulizers for respiratory issues
- Administer additional medications (Zofran, Nitro, Calcium, etc.)
- Perform 4-lead and 12-lead ECGs
- Obtain IV or IO access

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Fire Department places a strong emphasis on community engagement as a core element of our outreach. We dedicate countless hours to building relationships through local events like VillageFest, The Pinewood Derby, Summer Safety School and Night to Unite.

Our largest event, the Fire Department Open House, takes place every October to kick off Fire Prevention Week. This event draws hundreds of people of all ages to the fire station, providing an opportunity to meet our firefighters and learn about the crucial work we do.

In addition, we offer fire department tours year-round for all ages. Local Cub Scout groups, in particular, have visited the station to receive training and earn their scout badges.



3 Nights

1300  
Toys Collected

\$4500  
Donated

Each December, we bring holiday cheer by driving through nearly every street in Saint Anthony Village for Santa on the Fire Truck collecting for Toys for Tots.

Social media strengthens our connection with our community, allowing us to share updates on training, educational efforts, events, and our work.



Let's Get Connected



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# YEAR IN REVIEW



## STAFFING & PROMOTIONS:

- Captain Mattie Jaros was promoted to new Deputy Chief position
- Firefighters Ryan Snyder and Sam Herrera-Fletcher were promoted to Captain
- 8 rookies in training

## 2024 BY THE NUMBERS

- 8% Increase in Calls for Service
- Calls increased 9 of last 10 years; 5th year in row
- 1,957 Total Calls for Service (+145 over 2023)
- No Deaths Reported
- Zero Reported Civilian Injuries Documented
- Calls ranged from medicals and fires, lift assists and hazardous conditions, to animal rescues and water main breaks.
- Code 3 (emergency) Calls Average Response Time: 2 minutes, 28 seconds.
- 79.61% of call volume was medical calls; our highest category of call volume
- 356 medical calls this year included ALS Services. ALS services can include things like a 12 lead EKG, Nebulizer treatments, CPAP treatments, and a variety of medications.
- Hazmat team, utilized several times, serves 11 cities including members from 5 nearby Fire Departments.

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# TRAINING

In 2024, we logged a total of **1,945** training hours. These hours were accumulated through various department drills throughout the year, as well as numerous external classes. Over the course of the year, we held **29** department drills. Completed training included, but not limited to, the following:

- Hose deployment and advancement
- Emergency medical technician (EMT) skills
- Advanced life support (ALS) skills
- Search and rescue techniques
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operations
- Forcible entry techniques

We also used a city-owned building to conduct several drills and exercises incorporating many skills from the list above, as well as other techniques to further enhance our abilities. One main focus last year was hose deployment, as we transitioned to a new hose load and deployment system. This change has allowed us to reload hoses more consistently and deploy them more quickly.

We continue to familiarize ourselves with new equipment acquired in recent years to improve our skills across all areas.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT.

Firefighters are expected to perform at a high level no matter the circumstances. This is why we never stop training and continuously improve in every area that we may be called upon. Training is a constant process. The more we can do to better ourselves; the more efficiently we can complete our tasks.

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# PUBLIC EDUCATION



Beyond our traditional role in emergency response, the Saint Anthony Fire Department has a vital responsibility to educate the public about fire and life safety. This is not just an extension of our duties but an essential strategy for saving lives, reducing property damage, and fostering a culture of safety within the community.

## FIRE EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES.

Fire safety education begins at a young age. We spend innumerable hours visiting daycare centers and hosting community fire station tours. For young children, this is an important lesson to demonstrate that firefighters are there to help, and not to hide in the event of a fire. We often show children what firefighters look like in full gear to ease fear or anxiety.

The Saint Anthony Village Fire Department boasts a robust fire prevention program, with firefighters visiting nearly every grade, from kindergarten to high school. Each year's lesson builds on the previous one, ensuring that fire safety education continues as children grow.

Our efforts don't stop after graduation. We offer free CPR classes to everyone in the community, as well as fire prevention and life safety education for senior residents — covering topics like fall risks and general home safety.

Residential fires remain the leading cause of injury and death in the United States, and the St. Anthony Fire Department is committed to addressing this problem. Through our partnership with the American Red Cross, we provide and install smoke alarms free of charge as part of our home safety survey program. This program also gives firefighters the opportunity to identify fire and life safety hazards within homes. Many of the fires we respond to are preventable, and by educating the public, we can reduce the risk of fire and its devastating effects.



SAFETY. PREPAREDNESS. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.



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