

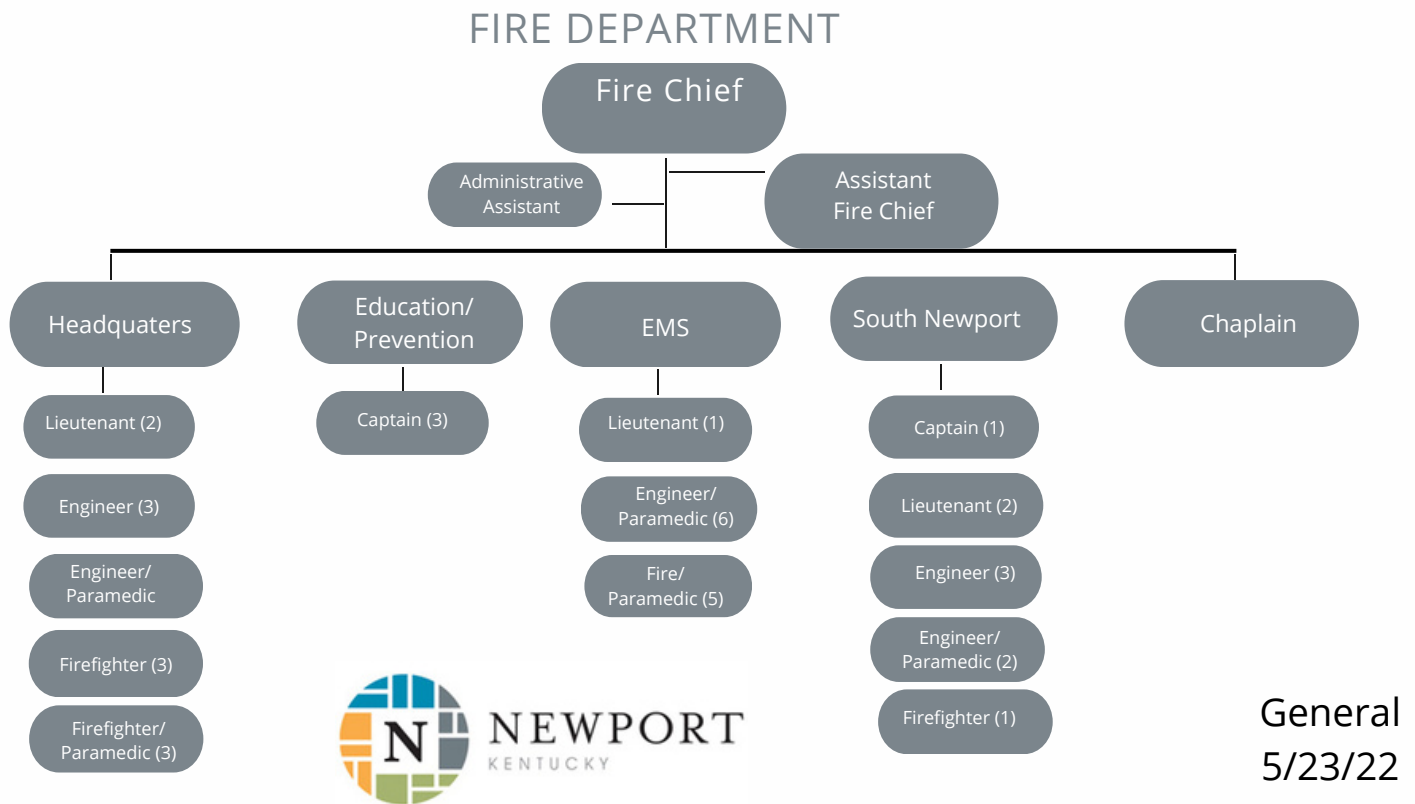


FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Fire Chief Frank Peluso, Jr



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FIRE/EMS RESPONSE

The Newport Fire Department responds to fires, accidents, medical emergencies, and other emergencies in Newport and assists neighboring communities when needed.



In 2022, Newport experienced 1,900 fire runs, approximately 5.2 runs per day, and 2,969 paramedic runs, approximately 8.1 runs per day.

TRAINING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Fire Department spends over 6,600 hours a year in training to guarantee they are prepared for any emergency.

The Department also does regular equipment inspections to ensure it will function properly in an emergency.

You can find Fire/EMS at all special events, including Riverfest and at the music venue (on special detail) for fast response.



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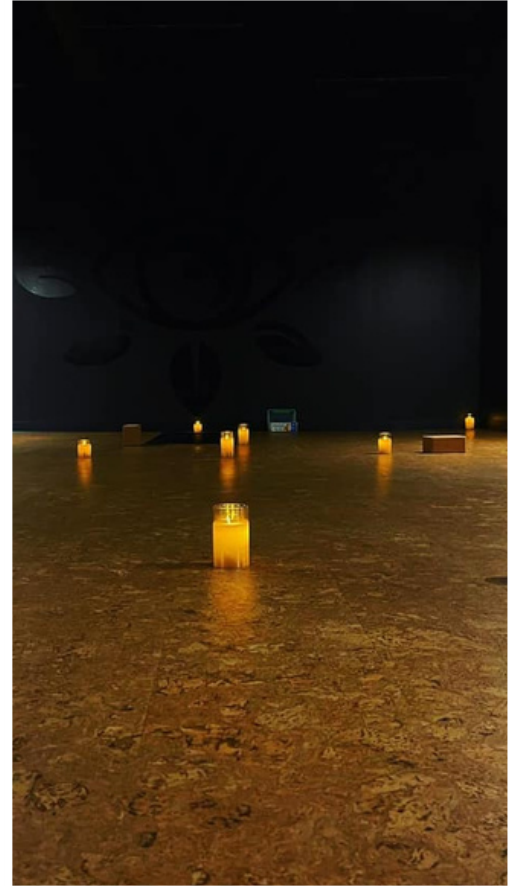
The Fire Department works closely with the Code Department to keep the City safe and prevent fires.

They do annual company inspections, new construction plan review, and life safety reviews. For example, they check that all exits are clearly marked and accessible in case of a fire.

The Department works with the water district to test, maintain, and find appropriate placement for hydrants. It is critical that the fire hydrant works properly when there is an emergency.

The Fire Department also works to teach fire prevention to people of all ages, from elementary school to senior citizens. They are looking into a way to spread smoke detector awareness. Additionally, they teach CPR and 1st aid to the community so anyone is able to respond in an emergency.

The Department uses their social media to spread education about other safety concerns such as Carbon Monoxide, fire extinguisher usage, and other public safety issues. They had over 100,000 hits on their social media campaigns and hope to increase this in 2023.



When Sage Yoga opened at Newport on the Levee, Fire Chief Peluso double checked that these candles were electric, not real flames. Real flames would be a fire hazard.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Fire Department strives to help the public understand fire safety by being involved in the community. This year, they attended 17 events and made 1,287 contacts. They also have continued involvement and attendance at every neighborhood group.



January: What is a carbon monoxide detector?

February: Annual Run Volume & Stats

March: Check Smoke Detectors

April: Make your address visible

May: Fire safety for people with disabilities

June: Close before you doze

Monthly Education Campaigns

July: Swimming Safety

August: Fire Extinguisher for home use

September: Call 911 from a locked cell phone

October: Halloween Safety

November: How to extinguish a cooking fire

December: Christmas Decor Safety



PURPOSE



"I would say my favorite part of being on the fire department is riding the ambulance and being able to be a paramedic in Newport. I experience many things in the field that we were taught in paramedic school."

"They [Newport firefighters] for sure left a lasting impression on me and made me want to be "that guy" the person that worked at Newport Fire Department, was knowledgeable, and always took the time to help others on the job."

