

# Chattanooga Fire Department

An Orientation for  
Mayor and Council candidates.  
Knowing your  
Fire Departments Capabilities



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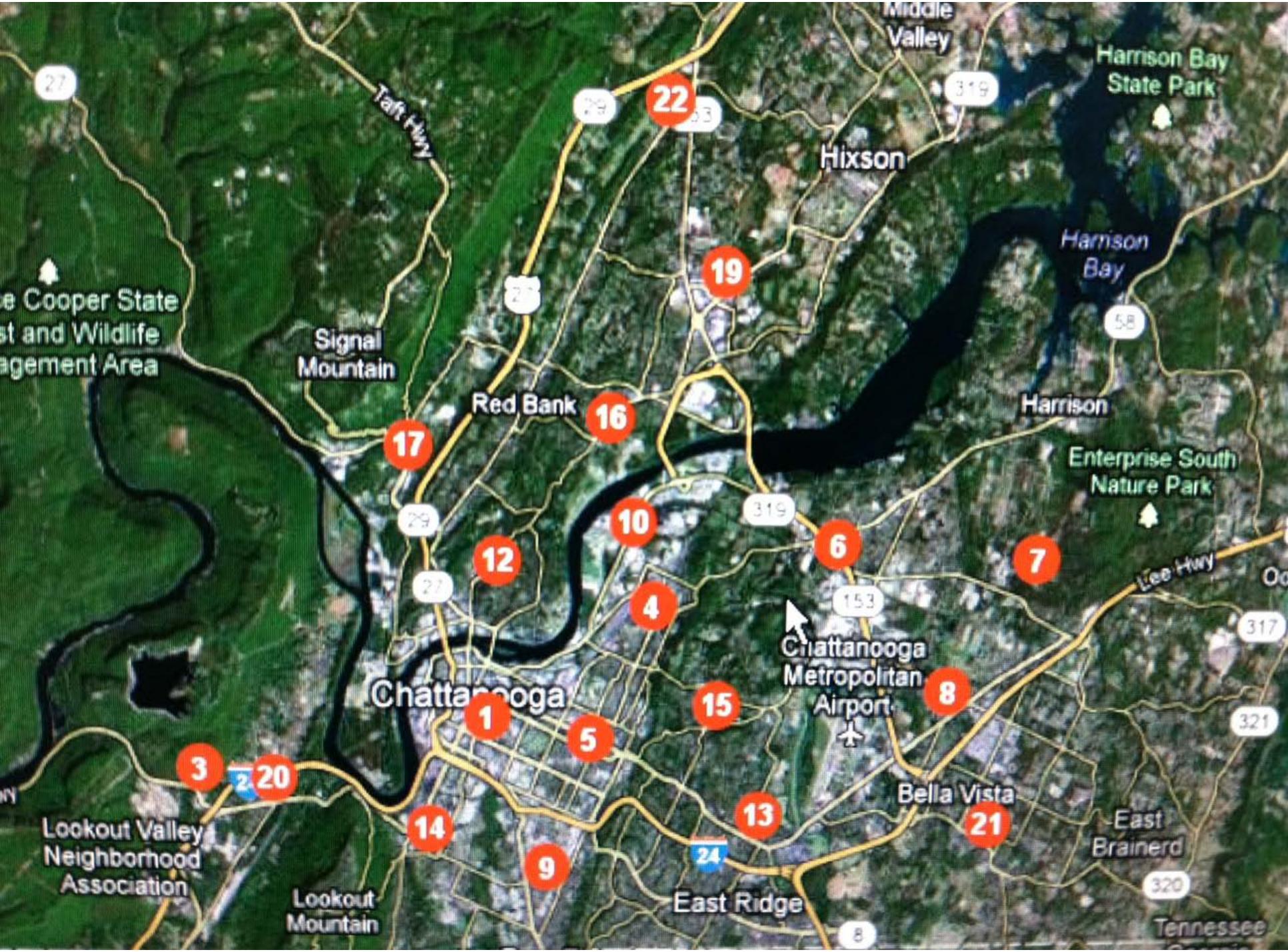
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# Mission Statement

The Chattanooga Fire Department is dedicated to protecting life, property, and community resources through prevention, preparation, response, and mitigation.

- Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class 2 Department  
(Class 1 represents the best public protection, and Class 10 indicates no recognized protection)
- 26 Front Line Companies mobilized out of 19 fire stations
  - 11 Quint Companies
  - 6 Engines\Pumpers
  - 4 Ladder Companies
  - 5 Squad Companies
- 429 Sworn FF positions





Cooper State  
Forest and Wildlife  
Management Area

Signal  
Mountain

Red Bank

Hixson

Middle  
Valley

Harrison Bay  
State Park

Harrison  
Bay

Harrison

Enterprise South  
Nature Park

Chattanooga

Chattanooga  
Metropolitan  
Airport

Bella Vista

East  
Brainerd

Lookout Valley  
Neighborhood  
Association

Lookout  
Mountain

East Ridge

Tennessee

## ▣ 11 Quints

- aerial ladder, fire pump, and water tank
- 1500 GPM fire pump
- 400-gallon water tank – 30 gallon Class A Foam tank
- 75' aerials

## ▣ 6 Engine\Pumper

- 1500 GPM fire pump
- 500-gallon water tank
- Class A & Class B Foam



## ▣ 4 Ladders

- 1 – 104' platform ( quint)
- 2 – 109' aerial (quint)
- 1 – 100' tiller truck

## ▣ 5 Squads

- 1500 GPM fire pump
- 500-gallon water tank
- Class A & Class B Foam
- Full compliment air, extrication, hand and power tools
- On-board generator
- Additional hazardous materials equipment and tools





- Personnel trained to the minimum of Emergency Medical First Responder
  - 106 Medical First Responders
  - 219 Emergency Medical Technicians – IV
  - 15 Emergency Medical Technicians – Paramedic
- 3 – MMRS Mass Casualty Trailers
  - Each trailer contains equipment & supplies for Emergency Medical Care for over 100 patients

# Metropolitan Medical Response System

## Mark One Kits for Nerve Agent Exposure



- ▣ 3 - Hazardous Materials Units
- ▣ 2 – Decontamination Trailers
- ▣ 2 – Shower Trailers
- ▣ 2 – Response Trailers
- ▣ All personnel trained to First Responder Operations Level
  - 287 personnel further trained to Technician Level



# Haz-Mat 1

- Specialized Vehicle
  - Closed Circuit Television
  - Satellite mobile computer system
  - Mobile meteorology station
  - Complete Research Library
  - Air monitoring equipment
  - Radiological meters
  - Level A & Level B protective suits



# Haz-Mat 2

- Supplemental Tools & Equipment
- Mass decontamination unit
  - 100 patients per hour

## Haz-Mat 3

- Specialized Apparatus
  - On-board Class A Foam System
  - 2 – medium to high expansion foam generators
  - 2000 lb. “Purple K” dry chemical powder extinguishing system



# Urban Search & Rescue

- ▣ 109 personnel trained to NFPA 1670 Technician Level in all four disciplines
  - High-Angle Rescue
  - Confined Space Rescue
  - Trench Rescue
  - Structural Collapse
- ▣ 14 personnel trained to the Instructor Level
  - High-Angle Rescue
  - Confined Space Rescue
  - Trench Rescue
  - Structural Collapse



# State of Tennessee Homeland Security District 3 Regional Response Team

Hamilton County falls in District 3 with Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Marion, Meigs, McMinn, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie, counties.

District 3 Council was tasked with formulating a plan for equipping and training a CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive) Response Team and to assure communication and information exchange within the district.



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# Duties

- Provide a coordinated response in the event of a confined space, rope rescue, structural collapse, or trench rescue (USAR)
- Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE)



# 27' Boston Whaler Fire Boat





Response criteria is governed by Tennessee Code Annotated Title 58. The Mutual Aid and Emergency/Disaster Assistance Agreement Act of 2004.



# Public Fire Education



Fire Safety Programs for more than 12,000 school-age children  
Fire Safety Programs for seniors and high-rise apartment residents  
Fire Safety Training for industry.

**(Zero Fire Fatalities in 2012)**



# Code Enforcement

Annual inspections of all commercial, industrial, institutional, educational, and multi-family residential properties.





Cost to sustain fire department operations in FY12 - \$37 million.

Cost to respond to aid your family, friends, and visitors...

**Priceless!!!!**