

## FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The Huntington Beach Fire Department is an all-risk department providing the best fire protection, rescue, emergency medical, and hazardous materials control and response services to our community. As a Class 1 fire department, we pride ourselves in providing innovative solutions to maintain the most cost effective, community oriented, customer care organization. The Huntington Beach Fire Department is extremely proud of the people we employ and the quality efforts of all the members of this organization. Our programs are service oriented, progressive and successful due to the professionally trained and dedicated people who implement them.

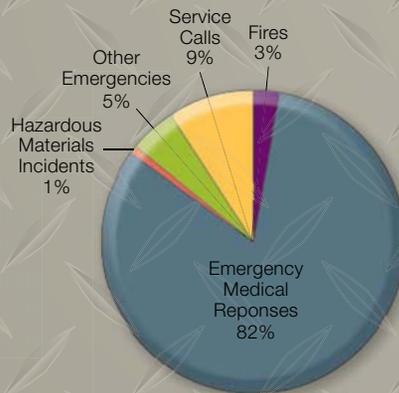
Our Department continues to be a proactive organization by implementing the latest fire codes, managing hazardous materials, requiring fire protection systems and training the citizens and the community in disaster preparedness.

This 2007 Annual Report provides an overview of the many important Huntington Beach Fire Department accomplishments achieved during the year. It also includes various emergency response statistics. Please enjoy our 2007 Annual Report and the information it contains.



## 2007 Emergency Responses

### Emergency Response Distribution



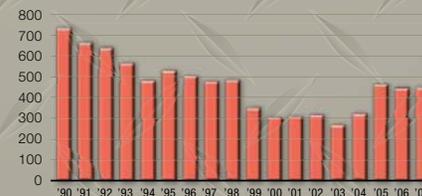
### Total Emergency Incidents



### Types of Incident

Fires	450
Emergency Medical Responses	10,559
Hazardous Materials Incidents	137
Other Emergencies	692
Service Calls	1,150
<b>Total Emergency Incidents</b>	<b>12,988</b>

### Total Fires



## Our Mission

To reduce the loss of property and protect life from fire, medical and environmental emergencies through quality education, effective hazard reduction and timely responses.



## 2007 Major Accomplishments



### Huntington Beach Fire Department

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- Developed a Fire Department plan to implement an Urban Search and Rescue Program in 2008.
- Obtained the funding and purchased two new fire engines, one ambulance and one Battalion Chief vehicle.
- Developed and implemented a fast tracking and marketing recruitment program for firefighters and firefighter/paramedics.
- Upgraded and installed Community Emergency Alert Sirens at five of the City's eight fire stations.
- Developed an implementation plan for a wireless computer system in all eight fire stations.
- Provided approximately 13,000 emergency responses for fires, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, rescues and other emergencies.
- Completed the adoption of the Huntington Beach Fire Code which provides the foundation of life safety regulations for development projects in the City of Huntington Beach.
- Received the Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Fire Safety Institute for fire prevention activities that contributed to no loss of life during 2006. Over the past 11 years the Huntington Beach Fire Department has received this award 10 times.
- Obtained over a million dollars for modernizing seven of the city's eight fire stations, including meeting Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, gender accommodation and apparatus bays to accommodate modern fire apparatus.
- Received recognition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) for becoming Tsunami Ready, provided education materials to the community, posted City signs in the downtown area and trained City staff on becoming a Tsunami Ready City.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive ten-year plan for funding all Fire Department apparatus, equipment and facility needs.
- Instituted program for in-house staffing of Fire Department ambulances and appointed a Deputy Fire Marshal to manage the Ambulance Program.
- Hired, promoted and appointed 44 employees, including: Division Chief, Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Captain, Engineer, Firefighter Paramedic, Firefighter and Ambulance Operator. Academies were conducted for Fire Captain, Engineer, Firefighter Paramedic, Firefighter and Ambulance Operator.
- Provided master mutual aid in the form of strike teams, including 42 engine and 12 Battalion Chief responses.
- Obtained \$225,000 in Metropolitan Medical Response System grant funding and purchased radios, notebook computers, mobile data computers and a mask fit testing machine.
- Conducted training in hazmat and terrorism (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive) response for Police and Fire Departments.

# HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

# 2007 Annual Report



## CLASS 1