

Early West Palm Beach

From tent city to bustling town

- 1000 residents
- Post Office
- School
- Tropical Sun newspaper
- Ice Factory
- Hardware store
- Railroad



Conflagrations

- Lack of Firefighting Equipment and Fire Codes
- Wood Construction
- Limited water supply-
 - Only one water main in 1894





Flagler Alerts

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40 Volunteers

Alerted by a bell at Datura and Poinsettia (Dixie Hwy)

Hand-drawn hose cart







FIRE STATION 8

Fully staffed ALS Engine and Rescue



TILLER



2025

Newest in the fleet

Truck 1 - \$1.4 M



The Fleet, Then and Now

- 1922 3 American LeFrance Pumpers, 2 Model T Engines and a Hudson Chief's Car
- 2025 26 frontline apparatus available 24 hours (aerials, engines, squad, hazmat, TRT, MCU...)



The Crew, Then and Now

130 + years – same mission to protect the community

- 1894 All volunteer
- 2025 Over 300 Diverse and dedicated professionals

Command Staff





DIANA MATTY
Fire Chief



JIM GRIBBLE Operations



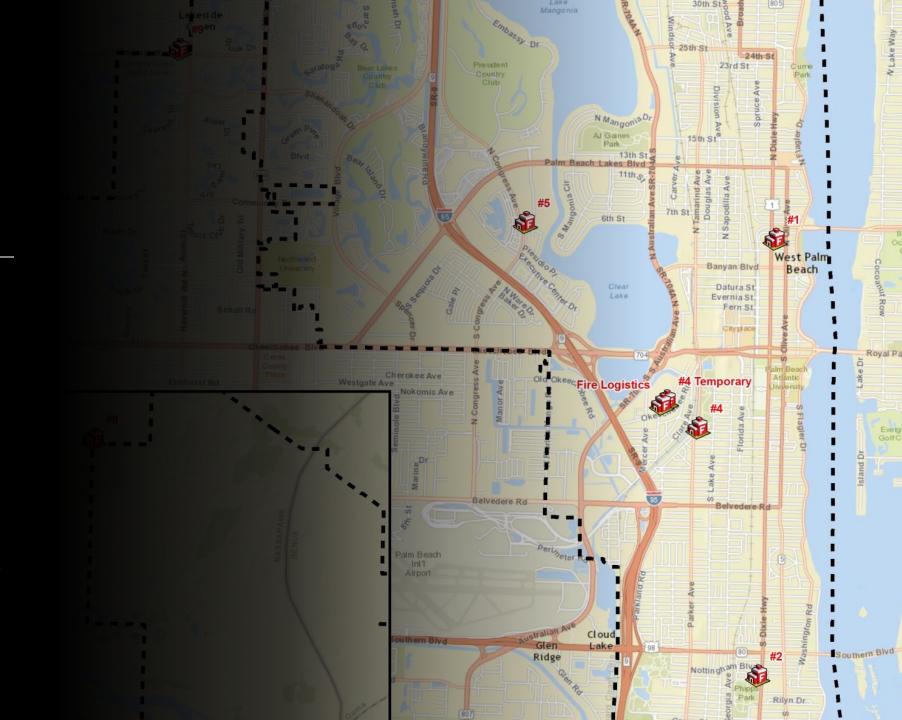
BRENT BLOOMFIELD Emergency Management



GUY MONTANTE Administration

Snapshot of WPBFD

- 308 Personnel
- 9 Fire Stations
- 2 Battalions
 - 58 square miles
- Emergency Ops Center
- 1 Logistics Facility
- 1 Fire Maintenance Facility



30,003 Calls for Service in 2024

Emergency Call Types



Drowning

Dumpster Fire



Hazmat Spill

Residential Structure Fire

Sick Person

Commercial Structure Fire

Vehicle in Canal

Mobile Integrated Healthcare

Elevator Rescue

Overdose / Intoxication

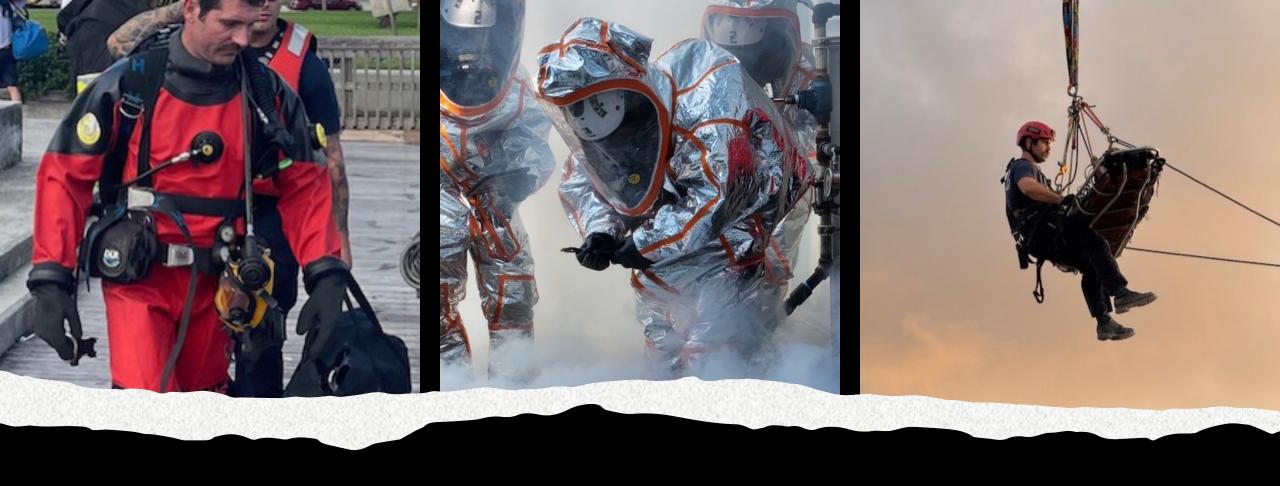
Marine Incident

Gas Leak Car fire

Traumatic Injury

Animal Bite

Public Assist



More than EMS and Fire

- Hazardous Materials
- Dive Rescue
- Technical Rescue
- Natural Disasters
- SWAT medics / Canine Search Team

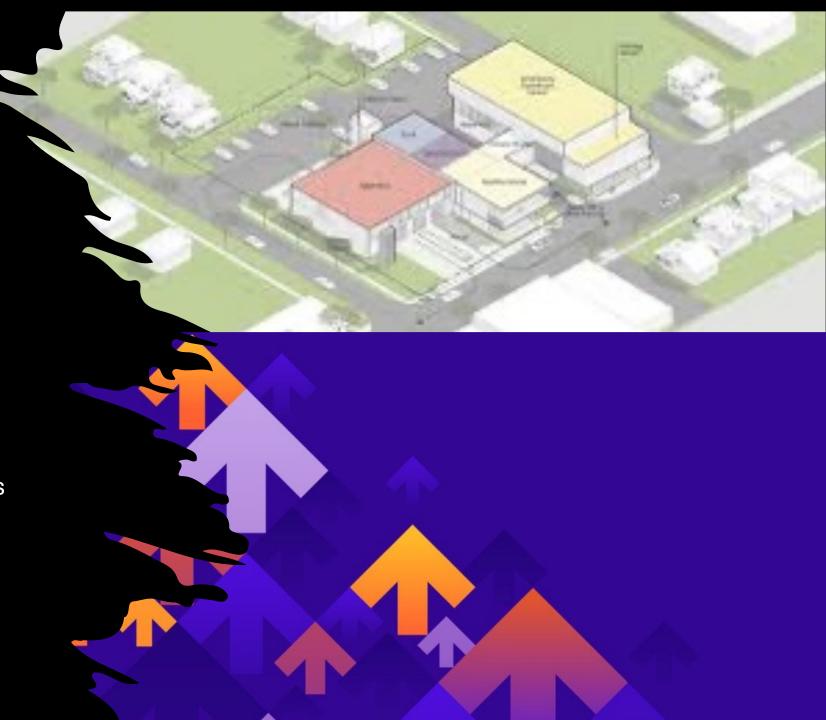
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- EOC (Emergency Operations Center)
- FEMA Training
- Community Risk Reduction
- Mobile Integrated Healthcare
 - Community Paramedics



The Future

- Station 9
 - Permanent Structure
 - Fully Staffed
- Training Facility
- Additional Frontline Units in service to meet call demands
 - High Rise Construction
 - Population Increase

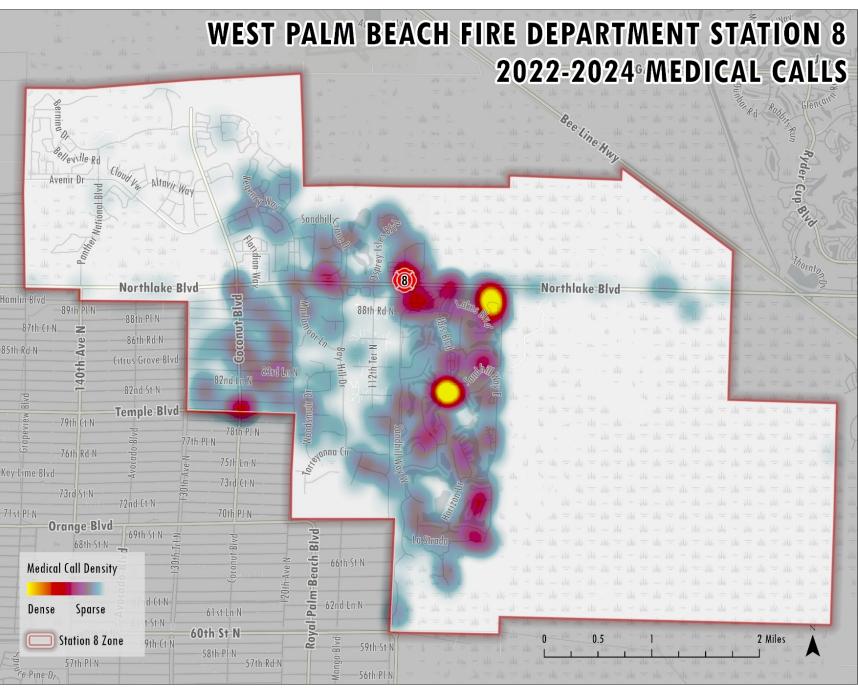




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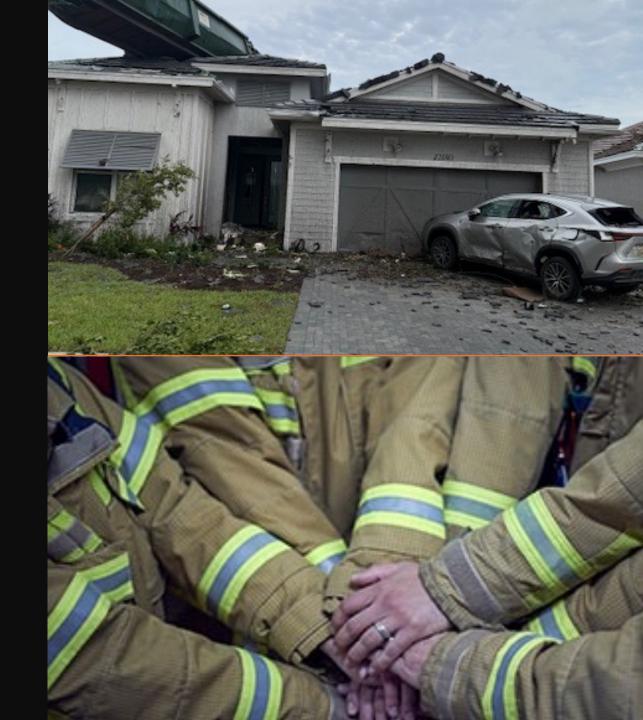
- Technology
 - Drones
 - A.I.
- Emerging threats Terrorism, Active shooter, (chemical, biological, radiological)





Working together

- PBC Fire Chief's Association
 - EMS Providers
 - Training Officers
 - Special Operations
- Mutual aid response regardless of the patch...
 - PB Gardens, Palm Beach County, and WPB all responded to the tornado incident 10-2024





Thank you for your support!