



**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHARITY:**

The department gave its Rescued Pet Calendar a year-off, and created holiday greeting cards to support longtime partner, SPCA Florida. The cards were a hit, but don't fret, the traditional calendar will be back in 2022.



**2020 AN UNDENIABLY MEMORABLE YEAR**

**NEW HIRES:**

The department welcomed five new firefighters. They all made it through the department's highly physical month-long orientation.

**HEALTHCARE WORKER APPRECIATION PARADE:**

LFD and the Lakeland Police Department organized an epic appreciation parade for healthcare heroes at Lakeland Regional Hospital, fighting alongside first responders.

THANK YOU, HEALTH CARE WORKERS!



**TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS:**

LFD participated for the first year in this nationwide, week-long event. All seven of the department's stations were aglow in red to honor fallen brothers and sisters.



**WELCOMING PRIME AIR**

The ARFF team was on hand to welcome LAL's newest addition, Prime Air. LFD's ARFF services contribute to the airport's existing index score which supports existing and future commercial opportunities and makes new business additions, like Prime Air, possible.



**#ClaytonConquersCancer**

In this family, no one fights alone.

In 2020, LFD Firefighter/Paramedic Clay Geiger was diagnosed with cancer, T-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. Firefighters wanted to show their support and raise awareness about this kind of cancer, considering it is one of the cancers identified in the Florida Firefighter Cancer Bill.



Shirts and signs were made, fundraisers sponsored, and the momentum led to four other regional departments joining in support!



**TOY DRIVE:**

Amazingly, in a year marred with hardship, it was the department's Toy Drive's best year yet! Over 1,200 toys were donated to the Children's Home Society and The Lakeland Dream Center.

**ONLINE STATION TOUR:**

In the year of COVID, children couldn't come to the station for a tour, so LFD brought the tour to them!



**PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION:**

LFD was awarded a \$15,000 to purchase tactical equipment to protect firefighter/medics. The gear is designed to be worn during initial medical response when treating and removing patients from dangerous situations.



**ISO 1 DEPARTMENT:**

ISO 1 for the 6th year in a row! 1 represents the highest level of fire suppression achievable. The score impacts personal and commercial property insurance, as well as economic development in Lakeland.



**SUPPORT THROUGH COVID-19:**

LFD received an overwhelming amount of love and support for the community!



**TRAINING CENTER CONSTRUCTED AND COMPLETED**

A project eight years in the making is now a reality. Originally established in 1960, with its training tower built in 1975, the previous training center had been serving the department's training needs for nearly 60 years.

Construction began in 2019 and by late 2020 the new and improved facilities were ready to meet all of the department's training needs. The new complex features design considerations throughout to protect firefighter health and safety.

**HOW WE'VE GROWN 1975-2020**

	1975	2020
STATIONS	4	7
PERSONNEL	75	179
POPULATION	44,000	106,000
EMERGENCY RESPONSES	1,275	26,087

**FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR:**

Driver Engineer Derek McBrayer & Fire Inspector Taylor Riley went above and beyond the call of duty while off duty.



**FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR:**

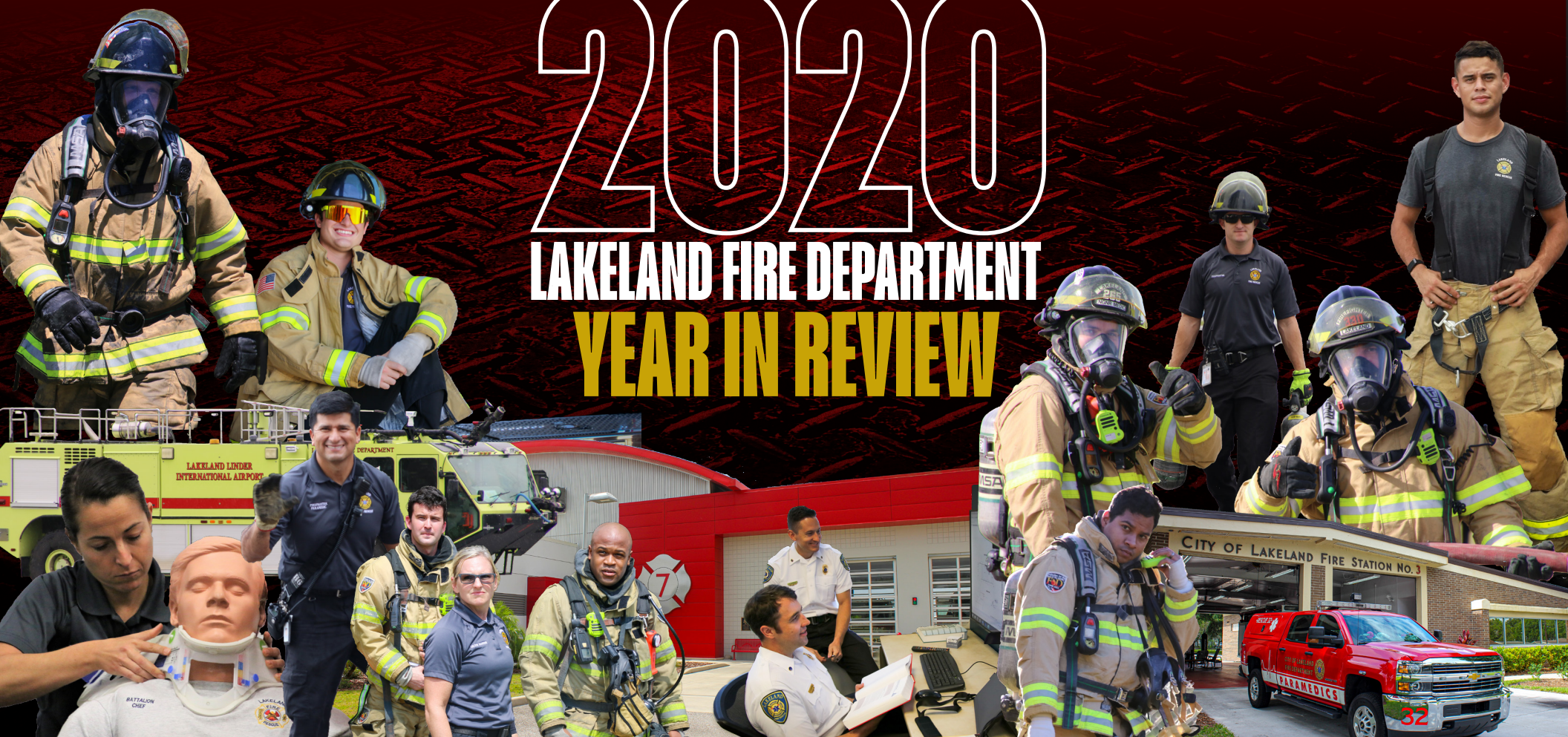
The prestigious award, presented by the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA), is given to a Career Fire Chief that demonstrates an exceptional level of leadership, integrity, and service.



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**2020 LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW**



# CALLS FOR SERVICE 26,640

# LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

