

# FIRE PREVENTION ANNUAL REPORT 2018



**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

**BASTROP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## *The Fire Prevention Bureau's Mission Statement*

*"Through education, investigations, engineering and enforcement the Bastrop Fire department Fire Prevention Bureau is committed to protecting the members of the Bastrop Fire Department and the citizens and guests of the City of Bastrop from hazards of fire"*

## FIRE PREVENTION BY THE NUMBERS

2 people assigned to this section

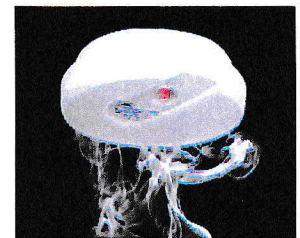
Fire Investigations conducted **30**

600 over 600 smoke detectors installed

Hours spent educating children and adults **80**

580 commercial inspections and re inspections

Hours devoted to continuing education **300**



## Public Education-community outreach program

The goal of public education and community outreach is to keep all of Bastrop's residents safe. This past year BFD fire prevention conducted station tours, school presentations, fire extinguisher classes, fire safety talks, evacuation drills, and participated in over **19** special events including parades, health fairs, and other outreach campaigns. Through these educational opportunities, our staff was able to educate approximately **3,321** children and adults.



## partnerships



The Bastrop Fire Department teamed up with the American Red Cross, Morehouse Community Medical Center, the Louisiana State Fire Marshals Office, Fred's of Bastrop and State Farm Insurance to provide our community with a Smoke Alarm Installation Program. This past year Bastrop Fire personnel installed (at no charge) 550 to 600 smoke alarms. The American Red Cross also came an assisted fire crews in a neighborhood canvas in the area of Central Fire Station on North Marable in response to the **3** Fire related fatalities last winter. The fire investigations found no operational smoke detectors in each occurrence.

## Fire investigations

The Bastrop Fire department has 2 certified investigators. These personnel



investigated **30** of our more complex fires this year to determine the origin and cause and to classify the fires as accidental, intentional, or of natural causes. in the course of these investigations, staff works closely with local law enforcement such as the Morehouse Parish Sheriffs Office, Bastrop

Police Department, and the Louisiana State Fire Marshalls Office concluding **5** arrest as a result.

## Online Personnel

The Bastrop Fire Departments operations and suppression division responded to approximately 455 calls in 2018 with the most volume being structure fires. The rest of the calls not listed were non-life threatening calls ranging from good intent public assistance, general fire alarm malfunctions, and other



various types of alarms. Operations personnel also assisted Fire Prevention in public education and installed the majority of the 600 smoke detectors throughout the city and parish.

# ONLINE PERSONNEL CALL REPORT

**455** total calls and alarms in 2018

Structure fire **67**

**18** vehicle fires

Natural vegetation and wildland fires **48**

Cooking fires **10**

Electrical arcing and wiring issues **15**

**6** Natural gas and LPG leaks

Motor vehicle wrecks and victim extraction **11**





# Bastrop Fire Departments smoke trailer

This trailer continues to be a huge success and favorite among children of all ages. The Fire Prevention Bureau uses this tool to teach the kids to get low under the smoke and to escape during a fire. The trailer has a maze built inside and uses a smoke machine to simulate a fire.



Pictured here is the students of Henry V Adams school during Fire Prevention week. Over 300 kids attend this school and was able to learn what to do in the event of a fire occurring.

# Training and continuing education

Training for the Bastrop Fire Department is never ending. We strive on providing superior service to the citizens of Bastrop in fire suppression, technical rescue, vehicle extrication, public education and other fields.



The pictures shown are of a flashover trailer which is designed to teach firefighters the different dynamics and stages of fire growth development. Temperatures inside quickly reach between 700 to 900 degrees or more.





# Looking forward to 2019

- The Fire Prevention Bureau is committed to planning for the future, ensuring that our work is effective for the firefighters, the citizens, and guests of the city of Bastrop. In 2019 we intend to:
- Continue to build on the success that we have been able to have by continuing to educate ourselves, members of the Bastrop Fire Department, and the community on Fire Safety.
- Improve our services in all areas to ensure that we receive the best fire rating that we can and prevent as many fires as possible.
- Complete the construction of our new Training Facility.

In closing we would like to say Thank you to the Mayor, Chief of Operations, City Council Members, and all City Administration for giving us your full support. Our goals would not be attainable without you!

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