



# TEGA CAY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

# Tega Cay Fire Department

## Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report

### Executive Summary

The Tega Cay Fire Department successfully responded to 1,306 incidents during FY 2025, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to protecting and serving our community. With a team of 26 certified firefighters and comprehensive training programs exceeding 5,100 hours, TCFD continues to maintain the highest standards of emergency response and community safety.

### Team Composition and Staffing

Our department's strength lies in our dedicated personnel who serve the Tega Cay community around the clock.

#### Operational Personnel

- 26 Full-Time Paid Firefighters
- 3 Operations Volunteer Firefighters
- 14 Support/Lifetime Members

#### Administrative Support

- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 1 Part-Time Fire Marshal

### Facilities and Apparatus

**Station 1 - Headquarters** Our primary station houses administrative staff and critical response equipment including Ladder 1, Engine 1, Brush 1, and Ski 1.

**Station 2 - Peninsula Station** Strategically positioned to serve the peninsula area with Engine 2, Pumper Tanker 4, Service 1, ATV 2 and Marine 2.



## 2025 Incident Response Analysis

### Total Incidents: 1,306

Our response data reveals the diverse nature of emergency services provided to the community:

Incident Type	Number of Incidents	Percentage
100 - Fire	46	3%
200 - Series	1	0%
300 - EMT	651	50%
400 - HAZMAT	37	3%
500 - Service Call	73	6%
600 - Series	271	21%
700 - False Alarm	223	17%
800 - Natural Disaster	4	0%
900 - Special Incident	0	0%

### Key Observations

Emergency Medical Services accounted for half of all incidents (651 calls), underscoring the critical importance of our EMS capabilities. Fire-related incidents represented 3% of calls, while service calls and hazardous materials responses combined for 9% of our workload. The 600-series incidents comprised 21% of responses, and false alarms accounted for 17% of calls.

### Historical Context

Comparing current data to 2019 when the department responded to 637 calls for a population of 10,412. In 2025, our population reached 14,294, with an increase to 1,306 incidents for the year. This demonstrates the significant growth in service demand and community reliance on TCFD.

## Organizational Functions

The department operates across multiple critical areas to ensure comprehensive emergency services:

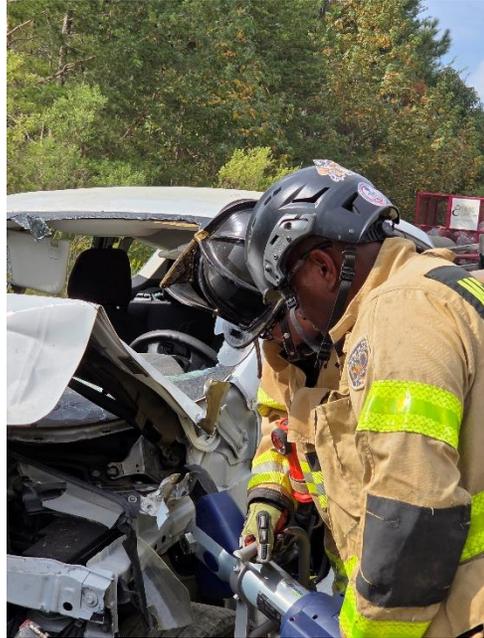
### Fire and EMS Management

- Response coordination and deployment
- Prevention programs and education
- Plans review and approval
- Inspections and enforcement
- Day-to-day operations
- Administrative oversight

# Training and Professional Development

## 2025 Training Achievements

The department completed over 5,200 departmental training hours this year, ensuring our team maintains cutting-edge skills and certifications.



- Ventilation Training
- Extrication Training
- Active Shooter Training

## 2026 Training Projections

We have identified key training priorities for the coming year:

- Advanced Fire Classes
- Trench Rescue Operations
- Water Operations (Flat Water and Swiftwater)
- EMT with Focus on Drug Administration
- Technical Rope and Confined Space Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication and Stabilization
- Fire Officer Classes
- Driver Operator Classes
- Personal Protective Clothing, Rescuing the Rescuer and Rapid Intervention Classes

This comprehensive training plan ensures our personnel remain prepared for the full spectrum of emergency scenarios they may encounter.

## Strategic Initiatives

TCFD pursued several strategic initiatives throughout 2025 to enhance our capabilities and community impact:

**Community Risk Reduction** Proactive programs are designed to prevent emergencies before they occur through education and outreach.

**Incident Action Planning** Systematic approach to managing complex emergency incidents with clear command structures and objectives.

**Emergency Management** Coordination with local and regional partners to prepare for and respond to large-scale emergencies.

**Special Events Support** Providing safety coverage and support for community events throughout the year.

### Grant Funding Success

- Apprenticeship Carolina Educational Grant for EMT
- MASC Grant Personal Protective Clothing Grant
- Gary Sinese Foundation, Sunbelt Rental ATV Grant
- Senate Appropriations Pierce Ladder Purchase Grant

These funding sources enable us to expand services, upgrade equipment, and invest in personnel development.



## Community Involvement

TCFD maintained an active presence in the community through our Fire Safe City initiative and comprehensive outreach programs.



## Community Risk Reduction Programs

**Fire Safety Messaging** We leveraged social media platforms to deliver critical fire safety information, reaching thousands of community members throughout the year.



## Educational Outreach

- Fire Safety Mailers distributed to residents
- Fire Safety Presentations at schools
- Civic group presentations
- Public safety meetings
- In-home fire safety consultations

**Fire Prevention Week Open House** Our annual open house event welcomes community members to tour our facilities, meet our personnel, and learn about fire safety in an engaging, family-friendly environment.

## Looking Ahead: 2025-2026 Projections

### Staff Development Focus

#### Leadership Enhancement

- Officer Training programs to develop the next generation of fire service leaders
- Working with at-risk populations to ensure actionable service delivery
- OSHA compliance training to maintain workplace safety
- New Hire Onboarding, Integration and Development

#### Technical Capabilities

- Technical Rescue Training expansion
  - Rope Rescue
  - Confined Space
- Water Rescue Program development
- Active Violence Response Training

#### Technology Enhancements

Continued investment in technology to improve response times, communication, and operational efficiency.

#### Service Improvements

**ISO Class 1 Fire Training** Pursuing the highest fire protection classification, which benefits our community through improved insurance ratings.

**Smoke Alarm Blitz** Community-wide initiative to ensure every home has functioning smoke alarms.

**EMT Service Enhancement** Expanding and improving emergency medical services to meet growing community needs.

## Infrastructure Development

**Ladder 1 Delivery** - Delivery of new ladder truck to enhance our aerial firefighting and rescue capabilities.

**Facility Enhancement** - Ongoing improvements to both stations to support current operations and future growth.

## Partnerships and Collaboration

TCFD's effectiveness is amplified through strong partnerships at every level:

### Local Partnerships

- City Departments coordination
- County Agencies collaboration
- Volunteer Groups support
- York County Fire Service mutual aid

### State-Level Partnerships

- Emergency Management coordination
- SC State Fire Academy training
- Fire Safe SC programs
- SC Fire Chief's Association membership



### National and International Organizations

- International Code Council standards compliance
- National Fire Protection Association best practices

These partnerships ensure we benefit from shared resources, collective expertise, and coordinated response capabilities.

## End of Year Community Engagements

TCFD closed 2025 with meaningful community involvement through several special events:

- **Tega Cay, Gold Hill Elementary and Gold Hill Middle School** prevention and education programs.
- **Apprenticeship Carolina** - Workforce development partnership
- **Smoke Alarm Blitz** - Life-saving home safety initiative
- **Firehouse Stories** – Community gathering for children
- **Tega Cay Tree Lighting** - Holiday celebration support
- **Holiday with Heroes** - Bringing joy to families in need
- **Toys for Happiness** - Ensuring every child has gifts during the holidays
- **Poker Run** - Community fundraising event
- **Santa in the Cay** - Spreading holiday cheer throughout the community



These events strengthen the bond between TCFD and the residents we serve while supporting important community causes.

## Conclusion

Fiscal Year 2025 was marked by significant growth in service demand, enhanced training and capabilities, successful grant acquisitions, and deepened community engagement. The Tega Cay Fire Department responded to 1,306 incidents while investing over 5,200 hours in training and maintaining an active presence in community life.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain committed to excellence in emergency services, continuous improvement in our capabilities, and meaningful engagement with the community we are privileged to serve. Through strategic investments in personnel, equipment, and partnerships, TCFD is well-positioned to meet the evolving needs of Tega Cay residents and visitors.

We extend our gratitude to the City of Tega Cay leadership, our partner agencies, community volunteers, and most importantly, the residents who trust us with their safety and well-being.

*Tega Cay Fire Department  
Serving with Pride, Protecting with Professionalism*