



# WICHITA FIRE DEPARTMENT

2009/2010 Strategic Issues



# WFD Strategic Issues



Discuss Current WFD Issues:

1. Improve WFD Focus on Community Partnerships.
2. Improve utilization of new and existing resources.
3. Improve Employee Wellness & Fire Fighter Safety



# Community Partnerships

- Improved Focus on Community Partnerships and Risk Reduction.
  - Sedgwick County Fire District #1
  - New Communities Initiative
  - Fire Fleet
  - WFD Hazardous Materials Team
  - Schools, District Advisory Boards (DABs) & Neighborhood Associations
  - Emergency Medical Services System (EMSS) & the Medical Society of Sedgwick County (MSSC)
  - Fire Station ADA Compliant Meeting & Training Rooms
  - Improved public access to public safety information





# Resource Utilization



- Provide the best possible utilization of new and existing resources.
  - Station Staffing
    - Funding to staff new Station 20 and 21 was programmed with the reallocation of resources (1 squad) from Station 13 and Station 18.
    - If the Squad is to remain at Stations 13 & 18, funding for 7 additional staff is required.
  - Continued Technology Investment
    - Improve service evaluation
    - Improve information tools
    - Improve internal and external partnerships



# Fire Fighter Safety



- Fire Fighter Safety and Improved Employee Wellness
  - “Re-Banding” emergency communication radios
  - Implementing Departmental Health and Wellness Programs
  - Improve fire-ground safety programs
  - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
    - Everyone Goes Home Program
    - 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives



# Questions / Comments



"Try to forget yourself in the service of others. For when we think too much of ourselves and our own interests, we easily become despondent. But when we work for others, our efforts return to bless us."

-Sidney Powell