From the **Commissioner**

This is an exciting time for the Philadelphia Fire Department. An unprecedented infusion of resources has allowed us to hire more firefighters, paramedics and civilian support staff; replace ambulances, engines and ladder trucks; build two customized fast boats to boost our river response capabilities; offer a critical fireground survival training course; and provide thousands of smoke alarms to help protect the residents of Philadelphia. We are grateful to our many partners for their support, and are proud to provide dedicated service to this great city 24x7x365. Stay safe!

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**How we Work**

**Operations**

This division supports firefighting operations, emergency medical services (EMS), special operations command (including technical rescue), and operations at the Philadelphia International Airport.

**Logistics**

This division supports communications, training, facilities, fleet, supplies/equipment management, warehousing, and information technology for all aspects of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

**Planning & Risk Reduction**

This division includes the Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Prevention Unit, Fire Code Unit, EMS Community Risk Reduction, and Planning & Special Events. It also provides data analysis to ensure proper resource allocation.

**Finance & Administration**

This division includes human resources, recruitment, employee relations, employee assistance, payroll, budgeting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, purchasing and inventory.
The Department received nearly $1 million from FEMA in 2017 to install 30,000 smoke alarms in Philadelphia. By working with our partners at Philly311, Red Cross and the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, we expect to reach that goal by August 2019. The inventory includes 4,000 adaptive alarms for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Smoke alarms

The Department of Homeland Security awarded the PFD two grants totaling over $1 million to build two customized high-speed boats that will boost our marine rescue capabilities on the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers. One grant also includes funding to train over 100 members for shipboard firefighting.

Fire boats

About 1,700 PFD members completed a critical three-day course in fire ground survival training. The goal of the program - which was designed by the IAFF and funded by a $2.6 million FEMA grant - aims to ensure mayday prevention and mayday operations are consistent among firefighters, officers and chiefs.

Survival training

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Search & Rescue
The Department deployed 87 members with Pennsylvania Task Force 1 for 23 days to perform urban search-and-rescue operations after hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

Fire Academy
Firefighter Cadet Class 193 and Paramedic Cadet Class 34 graduated from the Fire Academy, adding 56 more members to the Department.

Fire Marshal
The Fire Marshal’s Office investigated 2099 incidents in FY18 and welcomed a new arson dog named Dona. She replaces Chance, who retired after six-and-a-half years of duty.

Special Events
The PFD staffed over 380 special events in FY18, from small block parties and community fairs to the mammoth Super Bowl parade.

EMS CRR
EMS Community Risk Reduction implemented the Act Now program to train bystanders on how to respond to cardiac arrests, overdoses and uncontrolled bleeding.

Recruitment
Conducted 281 recruitment events and made contact with thousands of potential members. Also oversaw the Fire Explorers, who won a $10,000 grant from the Wawa Foundation.

Aviation
Provided continuous Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting training for PFD members as well as firefighters from airports in the Lehigh Valley, Atlantic City, Harrisburg and at the Boeing Co.

Health & Safety
The PFD received its first two specialized washing machines for cleaning protective gear to help reduce cancer risk. We also began after-action review training and bi-annual medical exams.

Fire Prevention
In addition to the smoke alarm grant (see page 3), the PFD piloted a community care initiative for residents displaced by fires.