

# Lake Havasu City Fire Department

## 2007 Annual Report



# ***A message from Chief Mueller***



As the Fire Chief, I am pleased to be given the opportunity to submit the 2007 Annual Report on behalf of the men and women who make up the Lake Havasu City Fire Department. Without the dedicated and professional individuals in the department, the information provided within this report could not have been accomplished. The accomplishments of the department are based on many individuals working toward the common goal of providing quality service to the community of Lake Havasu City.

The intent of this report is to provide a brief summary of the fire department's duties and responsibilities that were provided for the community of Lake Havasu City over the past year. After reading this report it is hoped that elected officials, those in city management, civic groups, and most importantly the citizens who visit and live in Lake Havasu City, will gain a better comfort level knowing the fire department is here to serve and protect them in the event of an emergency.

Over the past year, our department has experienced a lot of change, and in my opinion, some very positive ones. As of January 2007, we were able to bring the staffing levels of all six of our front line apparatus to four personnel. This increase in staffing brought the department close to meeting the National Fire Protection Associations (NFPA) recommendations. These new recruits are our future, and the men and women of the fire department have worked hard to ensure they are well trained and ready to respond to any emergency they encounter.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of the men and women of the Lake Havasu City Fire Department. I'm proud of what they do on a daily basis and that they are willing to place themselves on the line in order to save others and their property. It is my desire that the citizens of Lake Havasu City become more familiar with their fire department and what they are capable of doing at a moments notice. I also hope the community becomes aware of the location of their local fire stations and the men and women who work there on a more personal basis.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Mueller  
Fire Chief

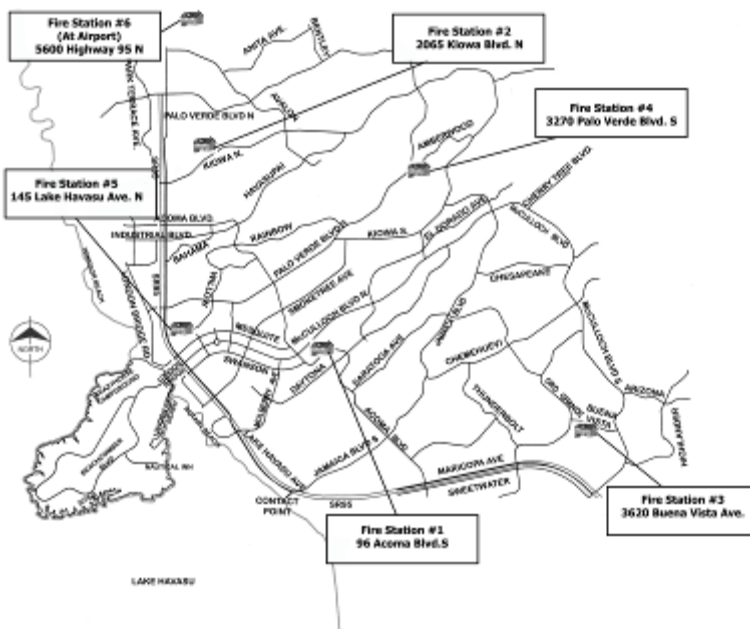
# ***City Information***

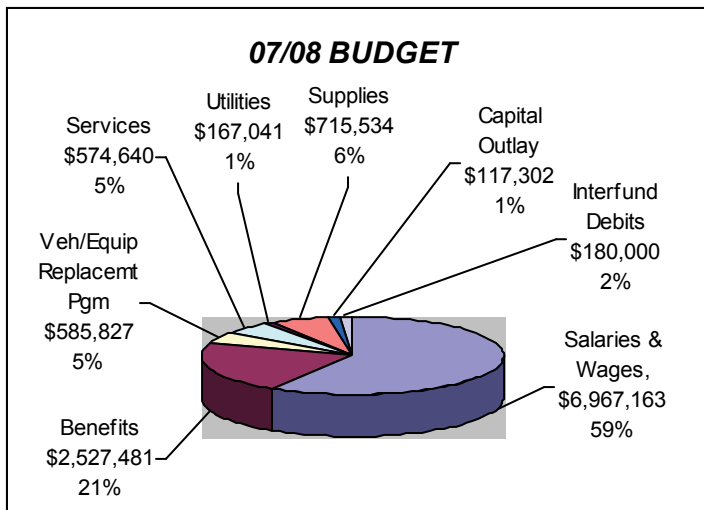
Land Area: 43.1 square miles total area (43 is land and .1 is water)  
Lake Area: 45 miles long  
Established: 1964 by Robert P. McCulloch  
Incorporated: 1978  
Population: 56,355 (2006 Census)

## ***Facilities & Vehicles***

Fire Administration—Located in City Hall  
6 Fire Stations

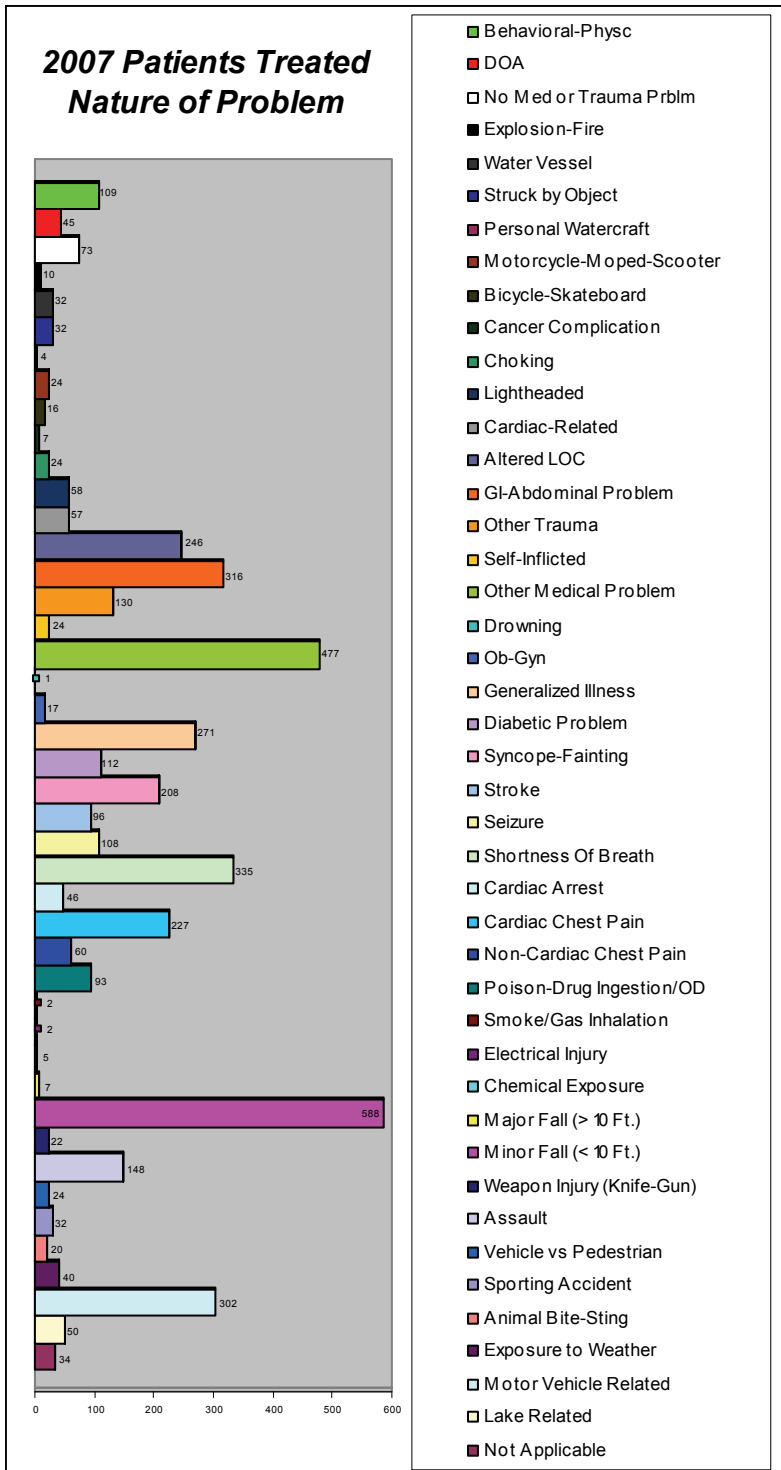
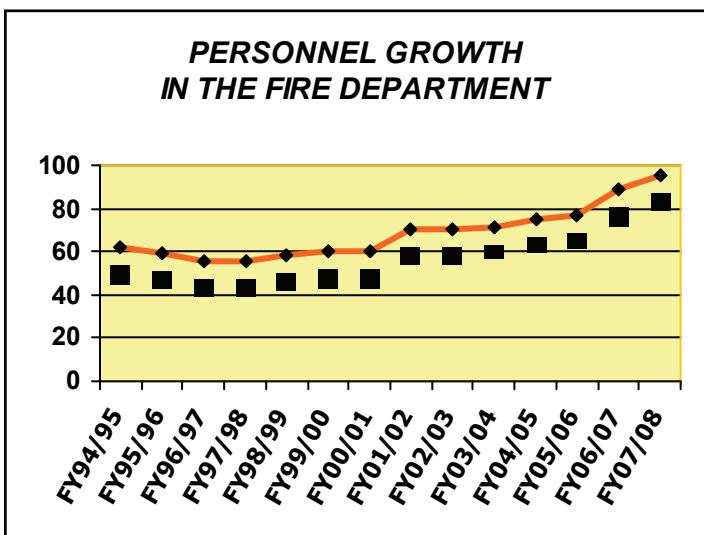
5 Front-Line Engines  
2 Reserve Engines  
1 Front-Line Ladder Truck  
1 Reserve Ladder Truck  
1 Medium Rescue Vehicle  
1 Airport Response Firefighting Vehicle  
1 Fire Boat  
1 Training Engine





### 2007 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS

ACTIVITY	2007	2006
Plan Reviews	850	670
Total Inspections	4,924	4,496
Violations	2,614	Not Avail.
Pub Ed Classes	789	881
Pub Ed Students	14,681	16,668
Pub Ed Class Revenue	\$8,850	\$7,505
Permits Issued	638	795
Permit Revenue Generated	\$74,903	\$67,225
Pending Investigations	N/A	N/A
Closed Investigations	N/A	N/A



### 2007 EMERGENCY SERVICES STATISTICS

#### Calls By Type

Type of Call	2006	2007
Fire	263	195
Overpressure/Rupture (No Fire)	14	24
Rescue/EMS	4243	4343
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	364	413
Service Calls	525	706
Good Intent Calls	373	428
False Alarms/False Calls	329	357
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	6	1
Special Incident Types	13	13
Minus Unfounded Incidents	-11	-24
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>6119</b>	<b>6456</b>

#### Call Activity By Shift

Shift	2006	2007
A-Shift	2096	2055
B-Shift	2000	2174
C-Shift	2019	2206

#### Miscellaneous Statistics

Average Calls Per Day	17	18
Average Response Time on Emerg Calls	0:05:16	0:05:31
Estimated Fire Dollar Loss	\$3,246,673	\$5,392,216
Fire-Related Injuries-Civilian & Fire Svc	11	10
Fire-Related Deaths-Civilian & Fire Svc	0	1
Mutual Aid Given	19	9
Mutual Aid Received	20	11

# 2007 Accomplishments & Milestones



◆ The department took delivery of a medium rescue truck in April that was purchased with a grant through Homeland Security. Now loaded with equipment, also purchased with the grant, the unit is available to respond to natural and manmade disasters in Arizona through the state's mutual aid agreement. The truck will also be used on rescue assignments within the city and will be staffed by personnel trained in technical rescue.

◆ The department began a fire academy in April for the newly-hired recruits. The academy ran for three weeks, after which, the eight recruits became full-time firefighters with the Lake Havasu City Fire Department.

◆ An automatic CO monitoring system was installed in the Channel. The system was up and running in time for the Labor Day weekend.

◆ The Lake Havasu City Fire Department received official word that we have been approved as a BLS training center by the Arizona Department of Health Services – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. This achievement means that the department has the authority to train our EMTs without involvement from any other outside entities such as MCC or Wizard Education to provide the recertification course. Typical tuition for these types of recertification courses range from \$200-\$350 per student. All in-house classes were conducted on-duty eliminating any overtime wages while maintaining coverage of the city.



◆ A Fire Ops 101 class was held for city officials and other important members of the community. The class provided the participants with a day in the life of a firefighter through hands-on experience.



◆ In conjunction with the Lake Havasu City Convention & Visitors Bureau, members of the Fire Department took part in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl Parade along with Police Department representatives and other members of our community.



◆ In April, the fire department took delivery of our new Munson fire/rescue boat that was purchased with a State Lake Improvement Funds grant from Arizona State Parks. The new boat replaces an older boat purchased with a SLIF grant 10 years ago. The boat is manned Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and during other special events. It was christened on April 28, when assigned to its first duty.



◆ March 2007, the Fire Department, with help from a grant from ADEQ, again headed up the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day where over 51,000 pounds of waste was collected, and a total of 766 vehicles passed through the waste collection station. The event also was supported by All American Battery, Amerigas Propane Parts/Svs Inc., The Lake Havasu City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), River Cities Waste Services, and Tire Mart, Inc.

◆ A Student Cadet Program was begun to introduce local high school students to a career in the fire service and to help them make the transition to a firefighter.



◆ Our newest medics.

## Mission Statement

**The Lake Havasu City Fire Department will protect life, property, and the environment by providing professional, efficient, and cost-effective:**

**public education, fire prevention and response to fire, medical, and other emergencies.**