



Hanson Fire Department Staffing Needs 2025

Chief Robert O'Brien



Hanson Fire Department Mission Statement

To promote and deliver life safety by providing efficient, professional, high quality, cost effective and timely protective services including fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire prevention, disaster response management, public safety education and code enforcement.



Staffing

- 1LT. & 3 FF / Paramedics per shift

Off Duty Recall:

While we typically can get call department members back 45% of the time, more than 60% of the time we are not getting any of our full time members back.

The station is left empty 60% of the time after 5pm and on weekends while multiple calls are going on.

During the times the station has been empty, approx. 40% of the time we receive a medical call or call for assistance and mutual aid will be arriving without any Hanson Fire personnel.



Hanson Fire Department 2017-2024

- Run Volume (46% of the time multiple calls in 2024)
- 990 simultaneous calls

Year	EMS	Other	Total
2017	1294	661	1955
2018	1288	869	2157
2019	1292	667	1959
2020	1242	681	1923
2021	1311	679	1990
2022	1429	661	2090
2023	1439	637	2076
2024	1476	681	2157

High Life Hazard

Location	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Avg 8 years
Stonebridge Development	28	22	32	50	45	45	49	61	42
All American	166	186	163	63	126	177	163	187	154
902 Main St.	13	13	20	5	26	19	16	15	16
Signature Health	29	34	29	9	25	19	20	15	19 now closed
Meeting House	52	55	50	34	66	46	50	60	52
Group Homes ----- 171 Phillips St.	12	22	46	23	53	41	58	66	40 5 homes
						23	26	32	27 3 year avg.



Hanson 2157 Calls Staff of 4

Town	Calls 12/1/24	Staffing
Abington	4914	6
Plainville	2500	6
East Bridgewater	2313	6
Halifax	1679	3
Hanover	2923	6
Southborough	1579	5
Kingston	2876	6
Lakeville	2546	4
Norwell	2355	6
Carver	1868 EMS / 384 Fire Total 2252	3 Day, 2 night EMS 3 Day Fire
Pembroke	3487	8 day 7 night
Rockland	3536	7
Scituate	3500	9



Some Multiple calls 2024

- 2 fires both of which had 1 Call FF arrive in an engine alone.
- Person injured in the woods 4th call
- MVC that required jaws 3rd call (cardiac arrest at the same time and a medical)
- Brush Fires 2 at the same time and a medical call
- Cardiac arrest 3rd call this has happened twice in 30 days.
- Structure fire while on a medical call then 2 medicals while at fire.
- In December 2024 there were 6 cardiac arrests. 2 were back to back calls.



Proposed Solution

- \$344,000 as part of the override. This includes ALL benefits.
- $\$344,000 / 4,378$ residential and commercial tax bills
\$82.54 yearly or \$20.64 quarterly on average home.



Hanson Fire Department

- Planning to have “coffee” meetings with citizens
- Open House in early April
- Social media information
- Thank You to the Staff of the Hanson Fire Department as well as the Citizens of the Town of Hanson.