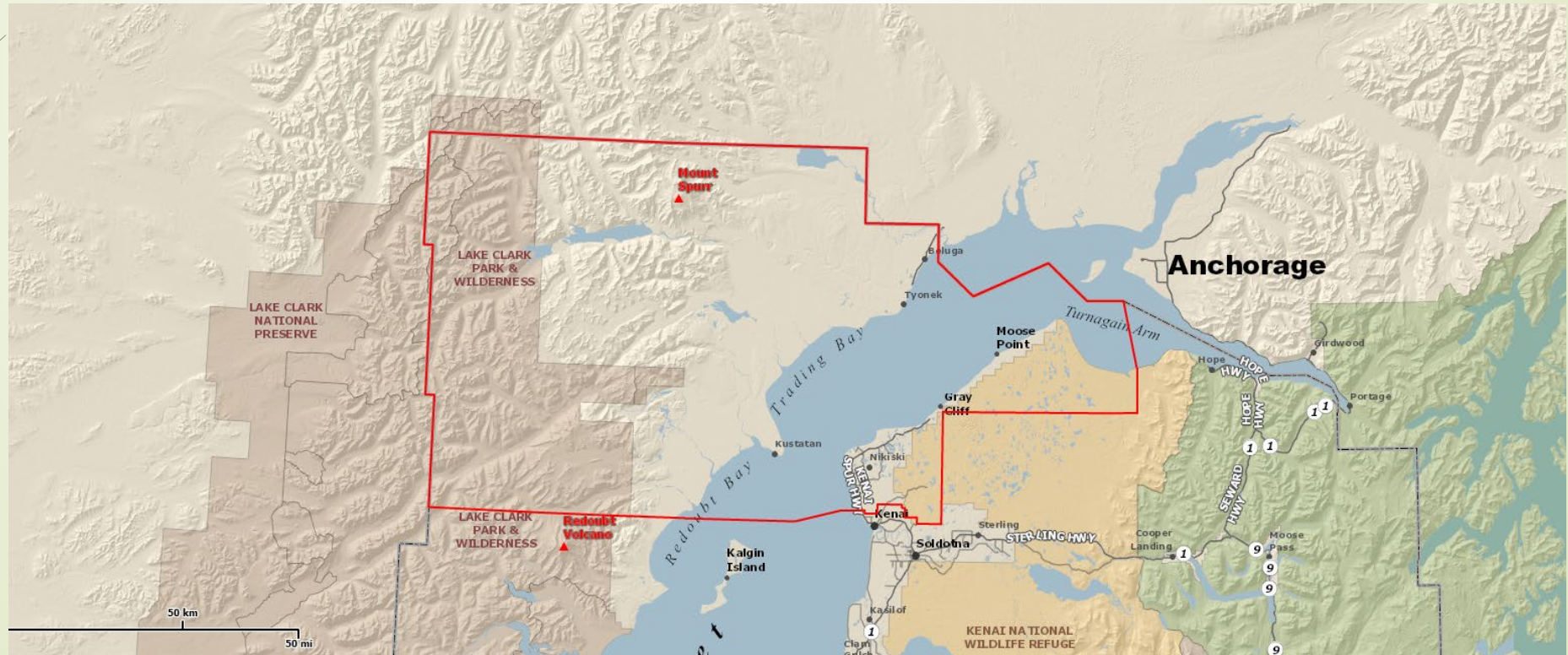


# Nikiski Fire Service Area FY23 Budget Presentation



# Background Information

- Established by a vote of the people in 1969.
- Home to approximately 6,000 residents.
- The service area is 5,480 square miles.





# Nikiski Fire Service Area

## ➤ Includes:

- Residential subdivisions
- Oil and gas platforms
- Large wilderness areas
- Homer Electric Co-Gen facility
- Several industrial facilities
- Gas pipelines
- Elementary and Middle/High Schools





# Nikiski Fire Service Area Board

- NFSA has 7 board members that are elected every 3 years.
  - The board members are very involved with the community
  - Active with the fire department
  - Some of our board members have served 20+ years
  - They are very proud to serve our service area



# Staffing

- Staffing includes:
  - 23 full-time employees (budgeted for 25, two vacant officer positions)
    - 1 Fire Chief
    - 1 Deputy Chief
    - 1 Assistant Chief (Training/Safety)
    - 1 Senior Captain of Emergency Medical Training
    - 1 Mechanic
    - 1 Administrative Assistant
    - Two shifts of 6 full-time employees and one shift of 5 full-time employees (Currently B-shift and C-shift are vacant one officer each)



# Staffing Continued...

- Volunteers:

- Currently we have 20 Volunteers and budget for 30.

- 11 Firefighter / EMT's (2 currently in Firefighter 1 class)

- 5 EMS only

- 4 support volunteers

- 7 volunteers in Tyonek

- 3 volunteers in Beluga

- Currently we use full-time staff and volunteers to cover station #3.

# Nikiski Fire Service Area Station #3

- Currently manning station #3 50% of the time with a goal of manning it 100% of the time within the next couple of months.





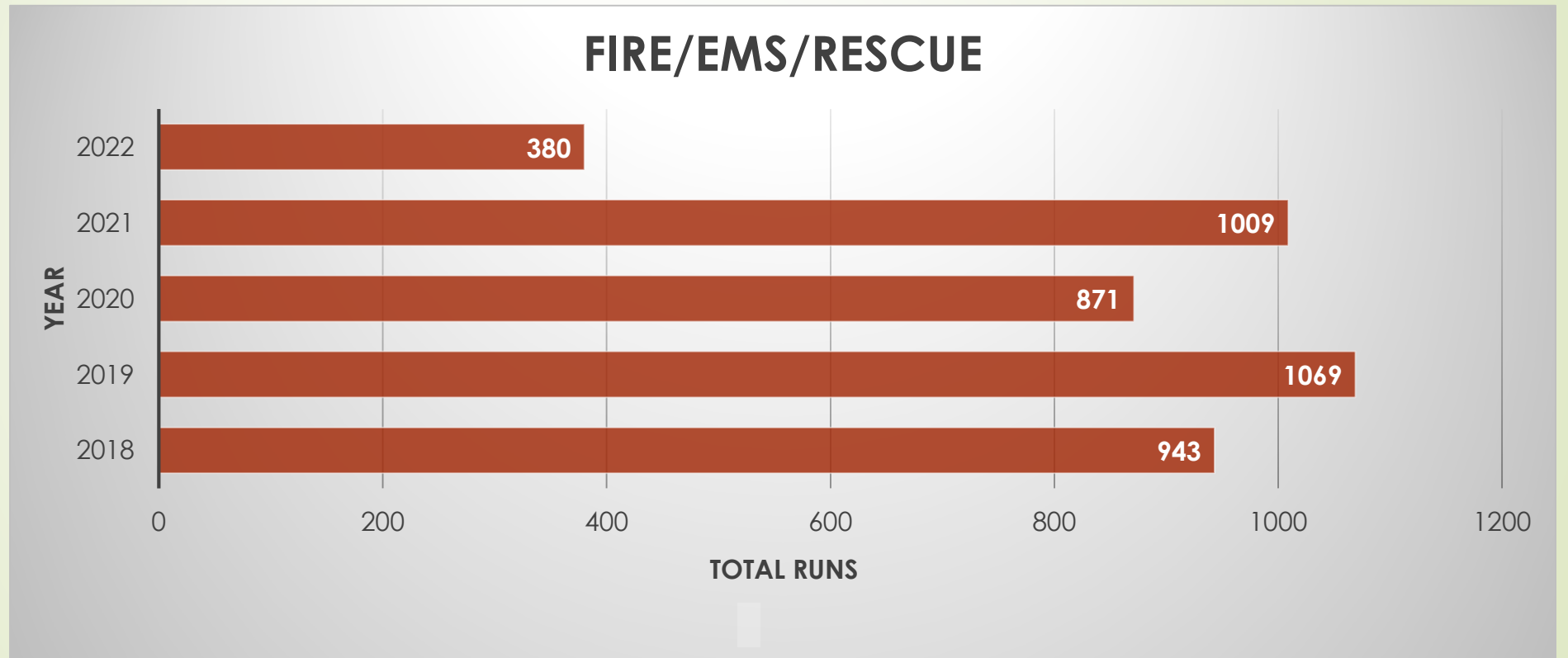
# Staff Training

- Specialty training to include:
  - Technical Rescue (High Angle/Low Angle Rope Rescue)
  - Confined Space Rescue
  - Industrial Firefighting
  - Boat Operations
  - EMS and Structural Firefighting
  
- Provide training to The village of Tyonek and the Beluga River Gas Field.





# CALL VOLUME



# Community Involvement

- Fire station tours and open houses.
- Blood pressure checks at any fire station.
- Child Safety Seat inspections. (Safe Kids)
- Support local Kenai Peninsula Borough school activities and afterschool functions.
- October Fire Prevention Month
- Santa at Station #1
- Social media page that provides community members with emergency preparedness, fire prevention and department related information.
- Nikiski Days – Family Fun in the Midnight Sun





# Nikiski Fire Service Area FY22 Key Accomplishments

- Installed diesel exhaust removal system at station #1.
- Provided confine space rescue training for all personnel.
- Completed the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to complete our inventory for the service area.
- Purchased a new response/plow truck.
- Maintained a health and wellness program to reduce injuries.
- Purchased a new ambulance to add to our emergency response fleet.
- Updated our high angle rescue equipment.
- Continued working with other departments in the borough on replacement of new portable and mobile radios for better communications. (Phase 1)
- Completed phase one of station #2 lighting upgrade.
- Hired two personnel to assist in emergency response.





# Nikiski Fire Service Area FY23 Initiatives

- Purchase the rest of our portable and mobile radio communications. (Phase 2)
- Upgrade our off-road emergency response capabilities.
- Conduct rescue training (surface water rescue / boat operations) for all new employees.
- Complete the lighting upgrade for station #2.
- Continue to provide a safe work environment, reduce property damage and personal injury through our health and wellness program.



# Nikiski Fire Service Area Long Term Issues and Concerns

- Maintaining current staffing level with the increase cost of providing emergency services and increased call volume.
- Provide adequate levels of training to all members of the department.
- Develop new programs and incentives to help increase our volunteer ranks.
- Recruitment and retention of full-time employees.



 **QUESTIONS?**