

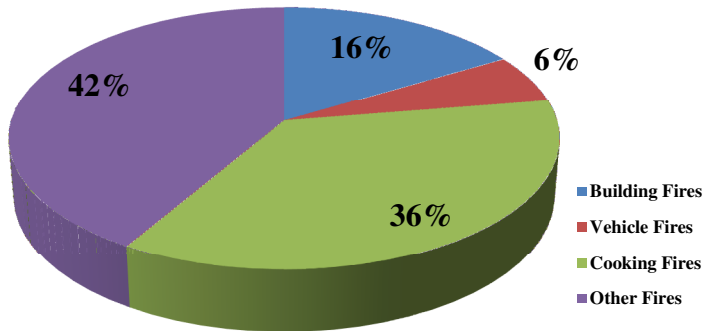
# LowellStat Performance Report

June 2013

Subject: Fire Department



**Breakdown of Fires Responded to in FY12**



\*Actual fires represent 5.4% of total calls for service in

The City of Lowell spends **5.7%** of the total operating budget on the Fire Department (LFD), which is about average among comparable communities. In Fiscal Year 2012, there were **12,364** calls to the Department for service. Of those calls, **60%** were for Rescue/ Emergency Medical Service. Uniformed Firefighters in the LFD are first responders to all medical calls, even though ambulance services are provided under contract. Slightly over **5%** of all calls to the LFD (**Approximately 668**) were for actual fires and the remaining calls were for false alarms and hazardous conditions. The pie chart to the left shows the types of fires that occurred in Lowell in **FY2012** (July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012).

The majority of structure fires in FY13 occurred during the day time, with the majority occurring between the hours of **12:00PM and 8:00PM**. As shown on the map below, most fires in FY13 occurred in densest neighborhoods of the City. The three densest neighborhoods in Lowell are: 1) The Acre with **30 persons/acre**, 2) Back Central with **26.6 persons/acre**, and 3) the Lower Highlands with **25.5 persons/acre**. **67%** of structure fires in FY12 were classified as 2 alarm fires. There were only four 4-alarm fires, one 5-alarm fire, and three all-alarm fires, shown on the map below. These were responded to by engines out of Lowell's nine (9) operational Fire Houses located throughout the City.

**City of Lowell Structure Fire Stats 7/1/2012 to 6/6/2013**

