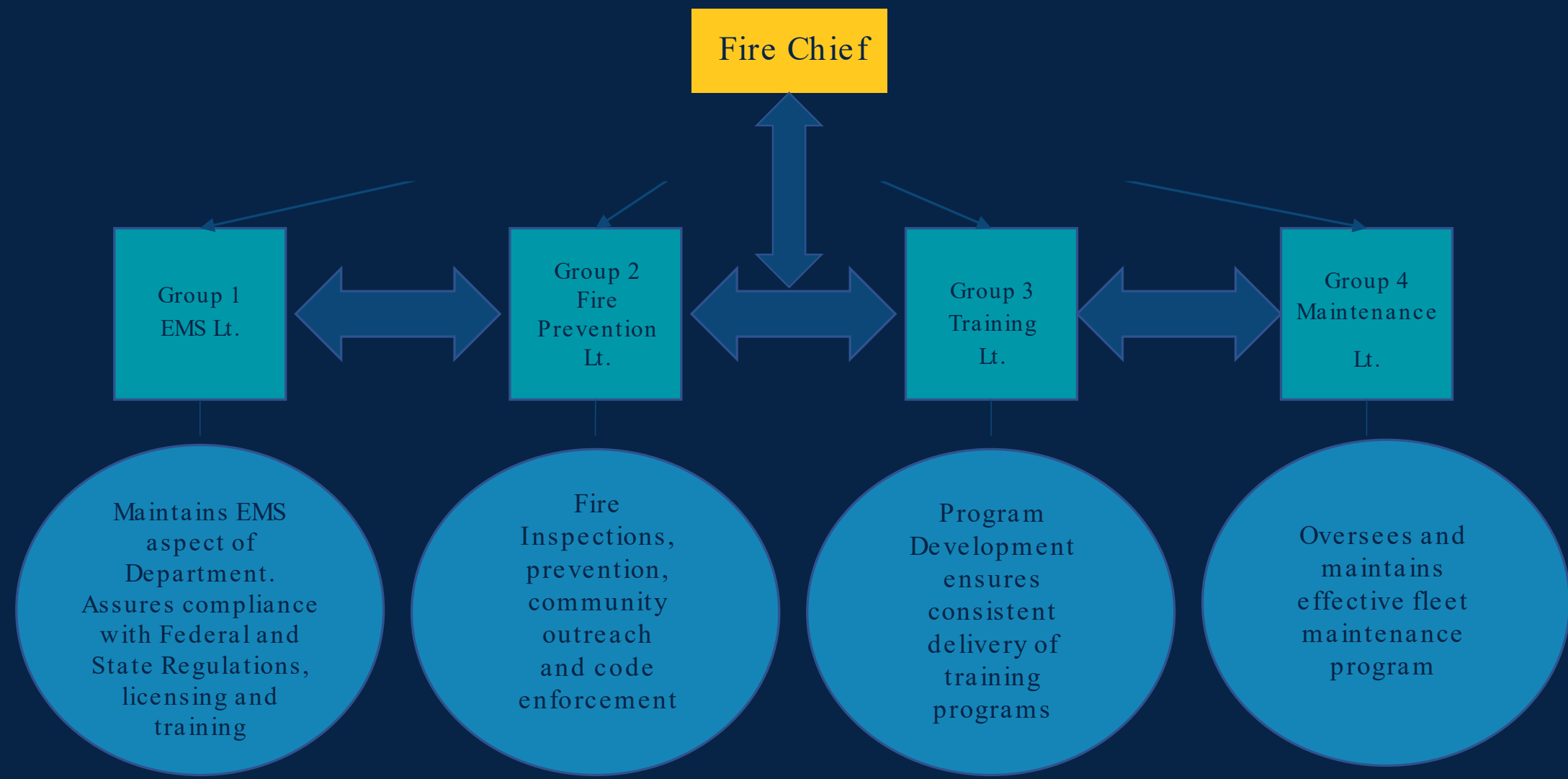




# TRURO FIRE DEPARTMENT

1.25.2022

Currently The Department Staff With Two Firefighters On Duty 24 Hours A Day.  
This Is The Required State Minimum To Operate An Ambulance.





# OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES



- Operating at minimum staffing levels means there is no margin for error. Any time a position is vacant it must be filled with overtime. Currently, any absence creates a burden on the existing staff with mandated overtime to cover these spaces.
- Essentially the current staffing model has no ability to absorb open shifts.
- Minimal staffing levels can lead to increased firefighter fatigue from being required to work additional hours and decrease effectiveness.
- Minimum staffing also makes it difficult to train new staff (Fire Academy) and stretches that process over a much longer period.



- Landmark residential fire study shows how crew sizes and arrival times influence saving lives and property.
- A 3-person crew accomplishes 22 fireground tasks on average 25% quicker than that of a 2-person crew.





# GRANT OBJECTIVES



- Assist Fire Departments with Staffing
- Increase Deployment Capability
- Assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards
- Improve Current staffing levels to reduce response times and increase the number of trained personnel on an incident scene

# FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

- Available Funding for this NOFO: \$560,000,000.00
- Projected Number of Awards: 500
- Period of Performance: 12-48 months Projected Period of Performance Start Date(s): June 1, 2022 (will vary based on award date and activity type)
- Projected Period of Performance End Date(s): May 31, 2023 – May 31, 2026 (will vary based on award date and activity type)
- Grant is 100% Federal Funded for the Three-year period of performance

# SUMMARY

- Truro's current staffing model is at a bare minimum with no ability to account for absences.
- The salaries of these positions are Federally Funded at no cost to the Truro Taxpayer for a 3-year period of performance.
- Suitable staffing levels increase life safety, mitigate an incident in less time and increase property conservation.
- Suitable staffing levels reduce the impact of staffing shortages.
- Suitable staffing levels are a force multiplier and not only benefit Truro but the region as a whole.
- Suitable staffing levels has the potential to reduce overtime costs.