

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

“Thank you for your
commitment to safety!”
-Elle Owens



Our Mission

The Mission of the
Westampton Township Emergency Services
is to protect life and property
by providing the highest level of service
to the community.

Our Vision

The Westampton Township Emergency Services
will raise the standard in community services
by honoring tradition, professionalism and
customer service; we will also create leaders
through training, education and strong ethical values.

Our Values

Character - Integrity - Accountability (CIA)

Our Motto

“Do The Right Thing”

2016 Fire Chief's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Westampton Township Emergency Services Annual Report for 2016. The following pages give an overview of your fire department's activities and accomplishments over the past 12 months. I hope this document allows some insight into the daily operations of the department and our firefighters.



Craig Farnsworth
Fire & EMS Chief
13 Years of Service

Our firefighter/EMT's, made up of full-time, per-diem, and volunteer employees responded to 3,582 calls for service, as compared to 3,078 calls in 2015. The majority of our calls for service are emergency medical services (EMS) related (approx. 68%), and the remainder are fire and motor vehicle accident related calls (32%). The demand for fire, EMS, and rescue services from our community continues to trend higher each year.

The calls we receive for service are extremely important to our personnel and to the entire community of Westampton Township. Each call for help represents someone from our community experiencing an unexpected, and most times unfortunate, incident requiring them to call the fire department for help. Our firefighter/EMT's truly understand the pain and loss that is often associated with an incident that requires our services to mitigate. With that, our personnel strive to provide the utmost compassion, empathy, and support necessary to all those with emergency situations each and every day.

When not responding to calls for service; our members perform in-house training, firehouse maintenance, fire code inspections, and community risk reduction programs such as smoke detector checks, food/toy drives, and community based fire prevention activities.

I would also like to thank the community for the sustained support given to the department and our firefighters. I am grateful to be a part of such a dedicated group of individuals who work each day to protect the lives and property of Westampton citizens and visitors. Each day I see their commitment to provide a valuable service to our area and achieve our mission. It is truly an honor to be a part of this organization and this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig R. Farnsworth
Fire/EMS Chief
Township of Westampton

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Letter From The President

Welcome to the Westampton Township Emergency Service. This fire department is unique as it is created from a mix of paid and volunteer firefighters. In addition to the fire department, we also offer emergency medical and fire police services.



Jeff DeAngelis
President / Firefighter
6 Years of Service

Westampton Township Emergency Services opened in 1978 as a fully volunteer department. The department employs career firefighters. No matter what day or time, there are always four career firefighters on duty. Westampton is unique in that the career firefighters work side by side with the firefighters who volunteer to protect the township. These volunteers go through the same training that the career staff does and they keep up on their training by attending classes on everything from extrication to fire fighting and EMS.

In addition to career and volunteer firefighters who actively run emergency medical service calls and fires, there are also dedicated Fire Police members in the department. Fire Police are designated to assist the Westampton Police and Fire Departments with road hazards and any other traffic issues.

The department is always accepting new volunteers but we also haven't forgotten our past. Our member list includes the current active roster, founding members that still contribute to the department, and contributing members that no longer run active calls but help with department events.

To offset operation costs for the department, we actively fundraise throughout the township. The money we receive from donations goes towards keeping the department active in the community. There is an annual fire prevention night where the firehouse is opened up to the public and everyone is invited in to learn about fire safety, which getting to see some firefighting demonstrations and talk with the staff about fire safety. The department is also involved in many community events throughout the year.

This upcoming year, we are actively looking to add more events to our calendar and allow the residents of Westampton to interact with the department.

Respectfully,

Jeff DeAngelis
WTES President

A close-up photograph of the front of a yellow and green fire truck. The truck's grille is prominent, featuring the word 'SQUAD' in green lettering and the number '27' in large green numerals. Several emergency lights are visible on the left side of the truck. In the foreground, a large, circular, chrome-plated air filter with a mesh screen is visible. A fire hose and other equipment are also seen on the truck's side.

“Great job everyone! Thank
you so much for keep
Westampton an amazing town!”

-Dustin Boone

2016 Department Administration



Craig Farnsworth

Chief of Department
13 Years of Service



Vince Knott

Fire Marshal
3 Years of Service



Bryan Iannacone

Lieutenant
10 Years of Service



Mike Westdyk

Lieutenant
6 Years of Service



Chad Bozoski

Lieutenant
5 Years of Service

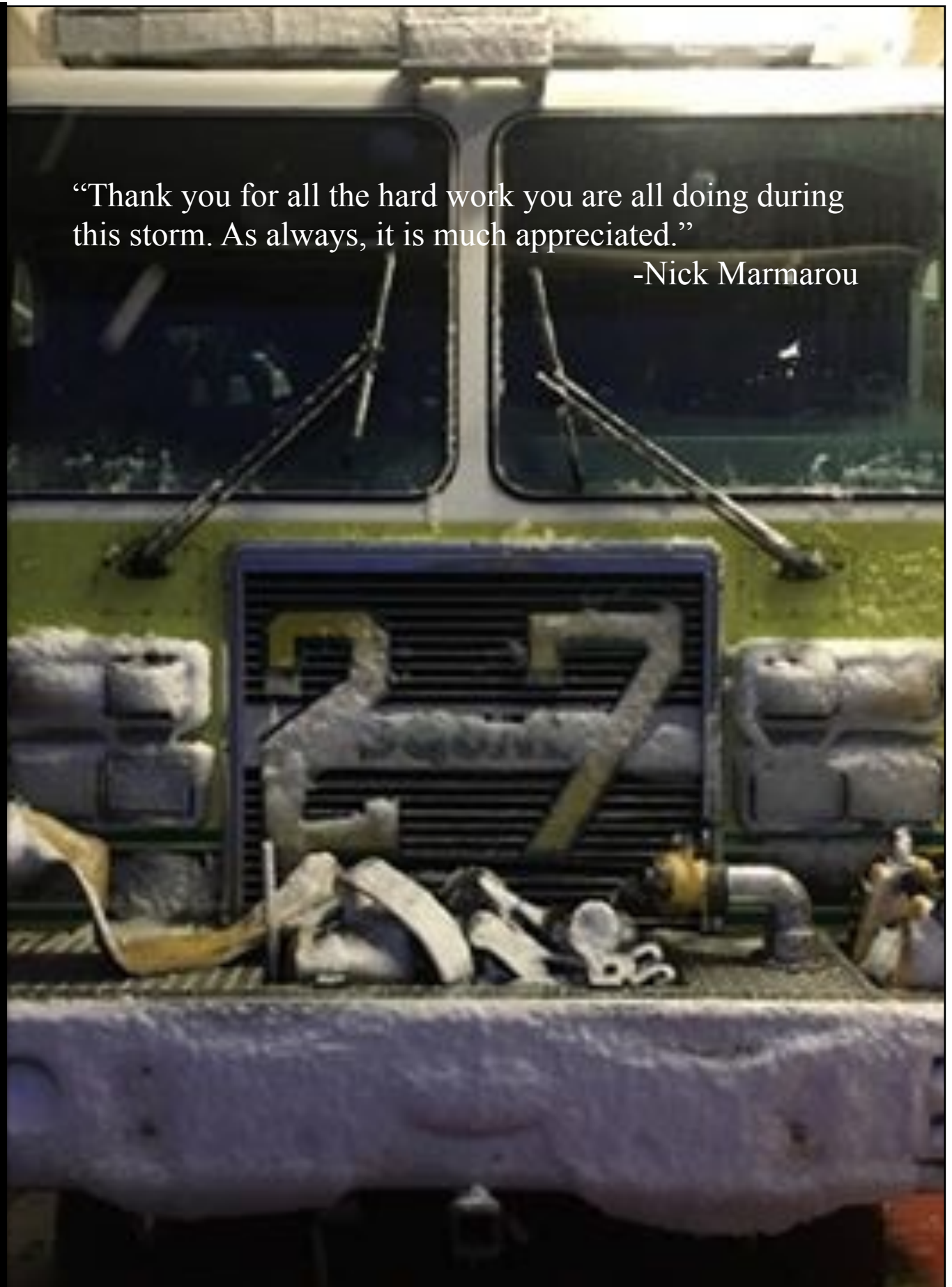
Department Roster

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| Joseph Alesandrini | Per Diem FF/EMT | 1 month |
| Bill Baduski | Fire Police Lieutenant | 5 years |
| Greg Barna | Full Time FF/EMT | 1 year |
| Lois Beverage | Volunteer Treasurer | 16 years |
| Chris Binger | Volunteer FF/EMT | 3 years |
| Cecil Collins | Full Time FF/EMT | 6 years |
| Karli Cunningham | Volunteer FF/EMT | 6 years |
| Jeff DeAngelis | Volunteer FF | 5 years |
| Richard Drum | Per Diem FF/EMT | 1 month |
| Mike Eichberg | Volunteer Fire Police | 4 years |
| Andrew Einstein | Volunteer FF/EMT | 2 years |
| Mike Fadden | Full Time FF/EMT | 1 year |
| Angela Foy | Volunteer EMT | 3 years |
| Keith Fischer | Volunteer FF | 12 years |
| Keenan Gillespie | Volunteer FF | 6 months |
| Ben Guerrini | Full Time FF/EMT | 2 months |
| Tiffany Hunt | Per Diem FF/EMT | 8 years |
| Lyndsey Hustus | Volunteer Fire Police | 10 years |
| Anna Hustus | Volunteer Fire Police | 16 years |
| Lou Hustus | Volunteer FF | 16 years |
| Adam Kooker | Per Diem FF/EMT | 3 years |
| Bill Krampitz | Volunteer EMT | 3 years |
| Robert Lebrun | Full Time FF/EMT | 2 years |
| Anthony Lepone | Per Diem FF/EMT | 1 year |

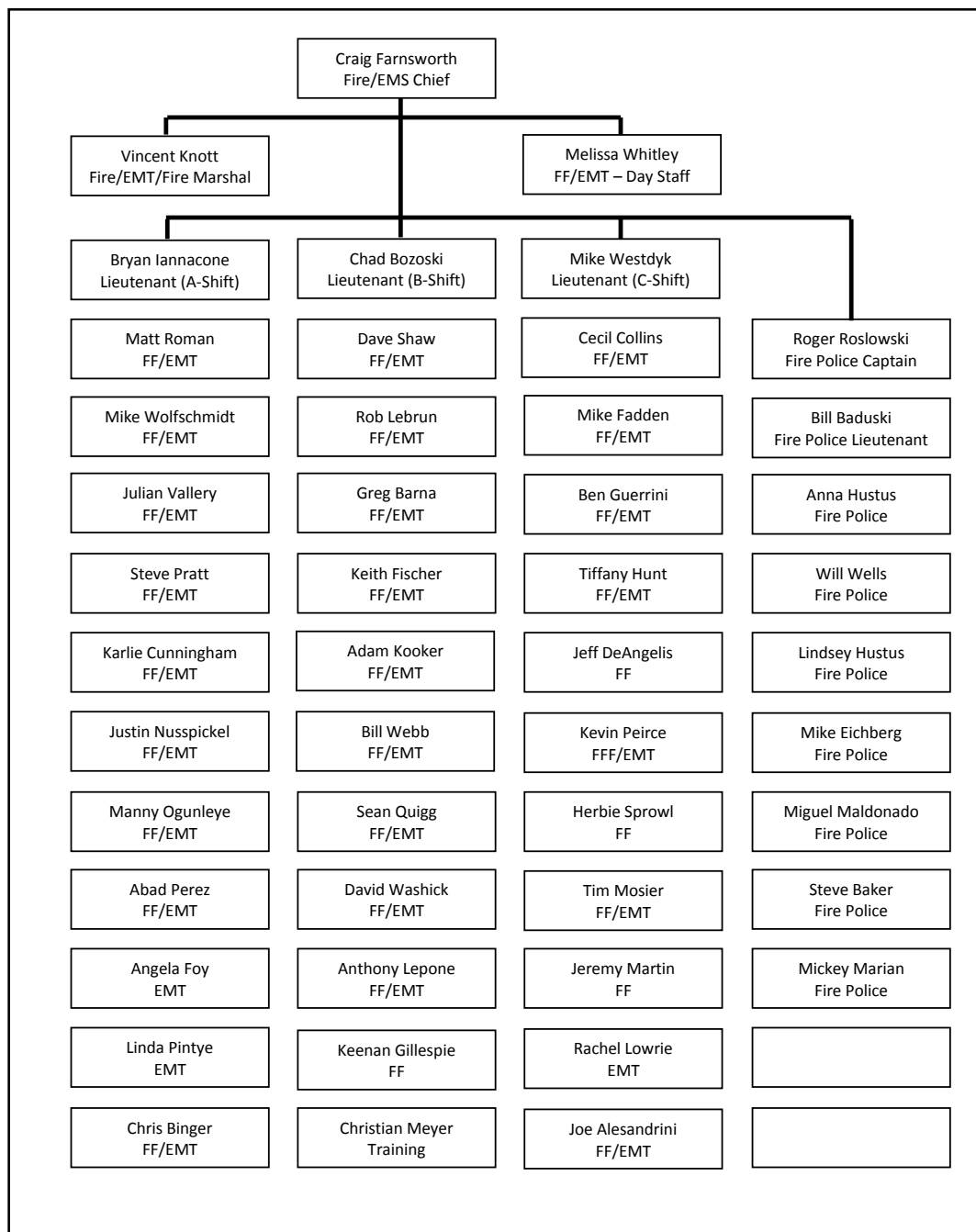
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| Rachel Lowrie | Volunteer EMT | 8 years |
| Miguel Maldonado | Volunteer Fire Police | 16 years |
| Micky Marian | Volunteer Fire Police | 10 years |
| Jeremy Martin | Volunteer FF | 6 years |
| Christian Meyer | Volunteer FF | 3 months |
| Tim Moshier | Volunteer FF/EMT | 1 year |
| Justin Nusspickel | Volunteer FF/EMT | 11 years |
| Emmanuel Ogunleye | Volunteer FF/EMT | 2 years |
| Kevin Peirce | Per Diem FF/EMT | 2 years |
| Abad Perez | Per Diem FF/EMT | 1 month |
| Linda Pintye | Volunteer EMT | 6 years |
| Steve Pratt | Volunteer FF/EMT | 4 years |
| Sean Quigg | Per Diem FF/EMT | 1 month |
| Matt Roman | Full Time FF/EMT | 3 years |
| Roger Roslowski | Fire Police Captain | 6 years |
| David Shaw | Full Time FF/EMT | 15 years |
| Herbie Sprowl | Volunteer FF | 1 year |
| Julian Vallery | Full Time FF/EMT | 6 months |
| David Washick | Per Diem FF/EMT | 1 month |
| William Webb | Volunteer FF/EMT | 3 years |
| William Wells | Volunteer Fire Police | 20 years |
| Melissa Whitley | Full Time FF/EMT | 15 years |
| Mike Wolfschmidt | Full Time FF/EMT | 4 years |

“Thank you for all the hard work you are all doing during this storm. As always, it is much appreciated.”

-Nick Marmarou



Organizational Chart





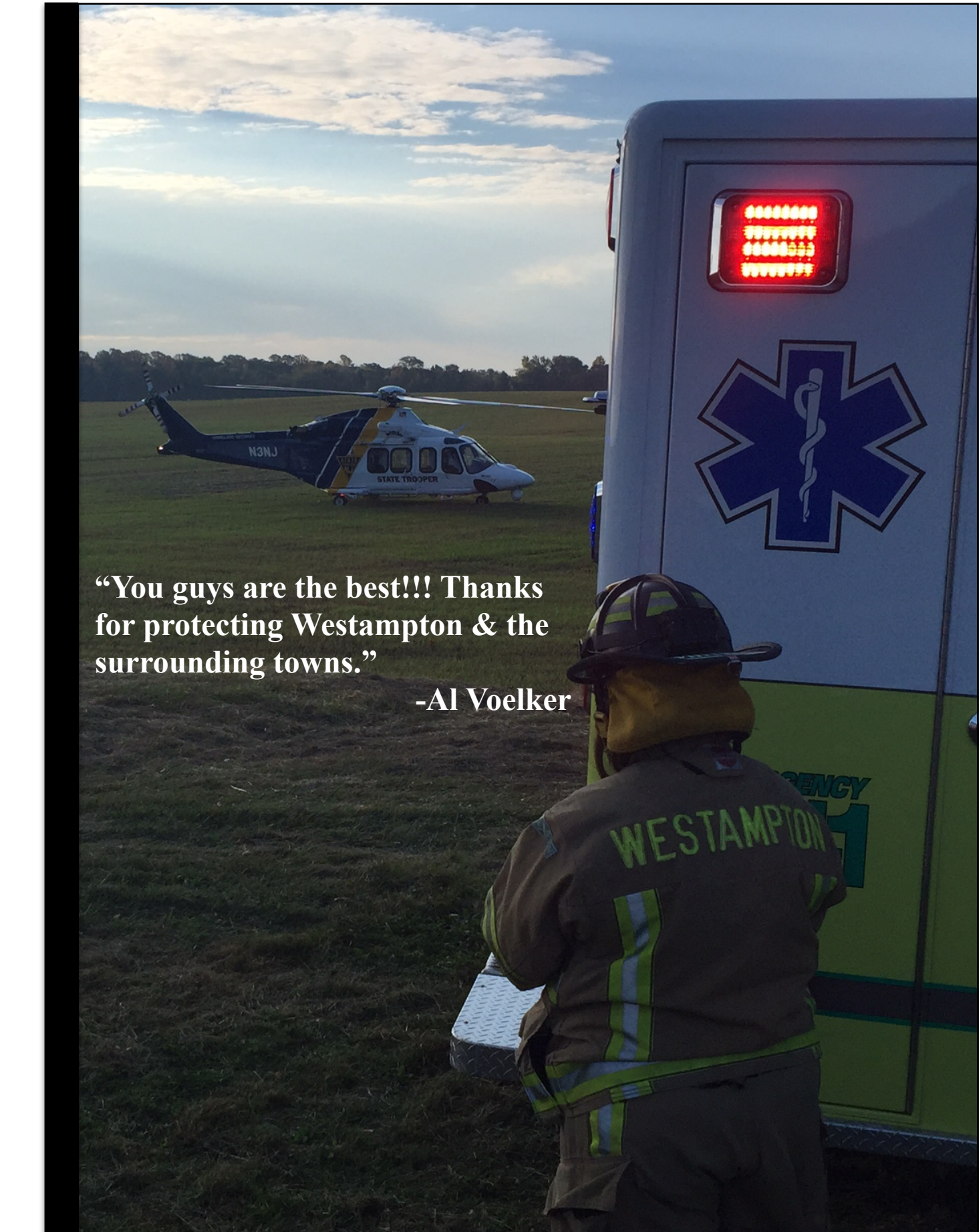
Station Information

The station located at 780 Woodlane Road, was built by the volunteer members in 1978 as part of a two station municipal fire department. Since then our department has taken on a completely different image and structure. We are now a single station department providing an expanded mission to our community and those around us. During the last thirty plus years the department has had to expand to accommodate a meeting room, gym, bunk rooms, bathrooms and showers.

As the township continued to grow and the call volume increased it was time for another change. Career staffing was now needed to staff the apparatus. WTES is a combination (career/volunteer) Fire/Rescue/EMS Department made up of a career (1) Chief, (3) Lieutenants, (11) full time personnel, (9) per diem personnel and (26) volunteers. The members respond to a variety of incidents including: fires, medical emergencies, vehicle extrications and hazardous materials responses.

Westampton is a suburban community of 12 square miles and over 8,500 residents. Our township is zoned approximately 60% residential and 40% commercial/industrial. Our population increases dramatically during daytime working hours. Several major county facilities are within our borders that add thousands of people a day traveling here for services provided by: the Burlington County Human Services Building, County Library, County Central Communications and 911 Center, County Morgue, County Animal Control Building, Emergency Services Training Center, Special Services School District and Burlington County Institute of Technology. Exit 5 of the New Jersey Turnpike and exit 45 of Interstate 295, both located in Westampton Township, bring a steady flow of vehicles through the township.





**“You guys are the best!!! Thanks
for protecting Westampton & the
surrounding towns.”**

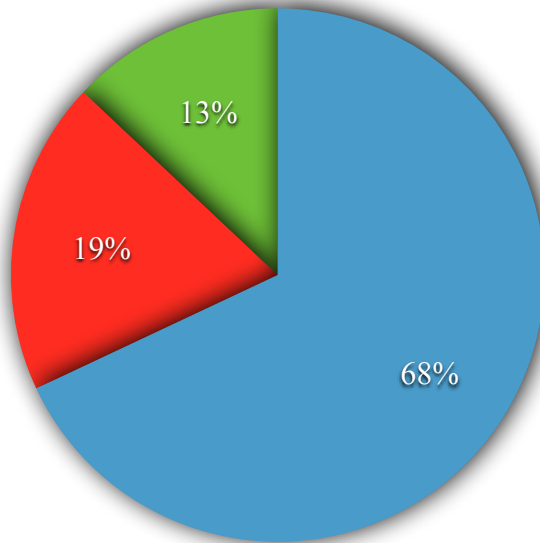
-Al Voelker

Statistics

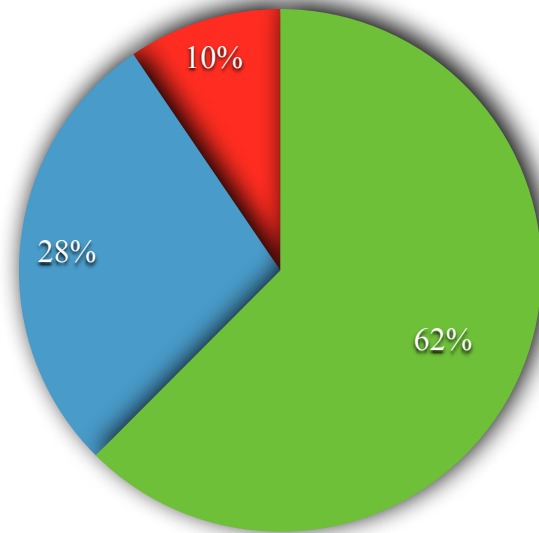
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| Fire Incidents | 681 |
| MVA Incidents | 465 |
| EMS Incidents | 2,436 |
| Total Incidents | 3,582 |

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| Total Incidents | 3,582 |
| Missed (Fire & EMS) | 109 |
| Staffed (Fire/MVA) | 716 |
| Understaffed (Fire/MVA) | 321 |

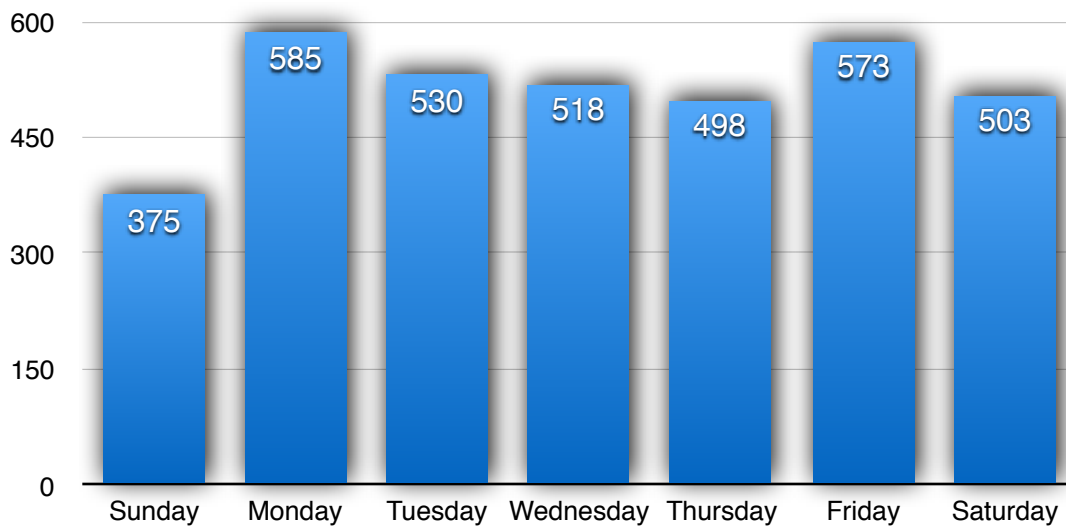
● EMS Incidents
● Fire Incidents
● MVA Incidents



● Staffed (4 or more Firefighters)
● Understaffed (3 or less Firefighters)
● Missed

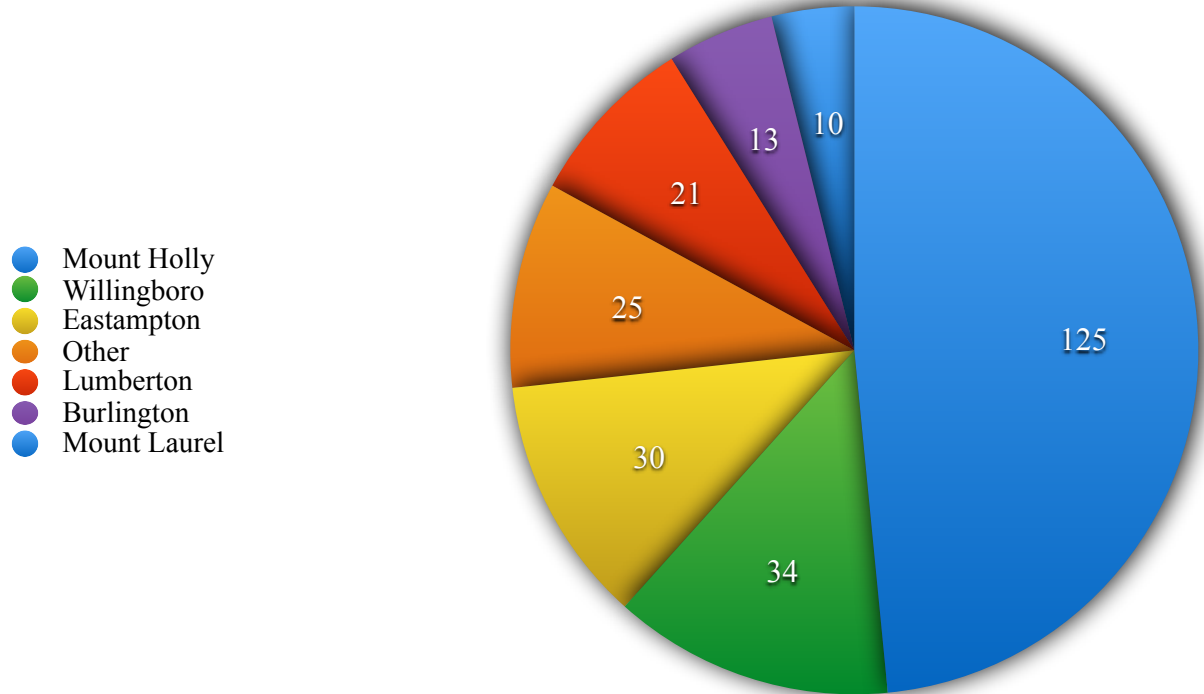


■ Incidents Per Day of Week

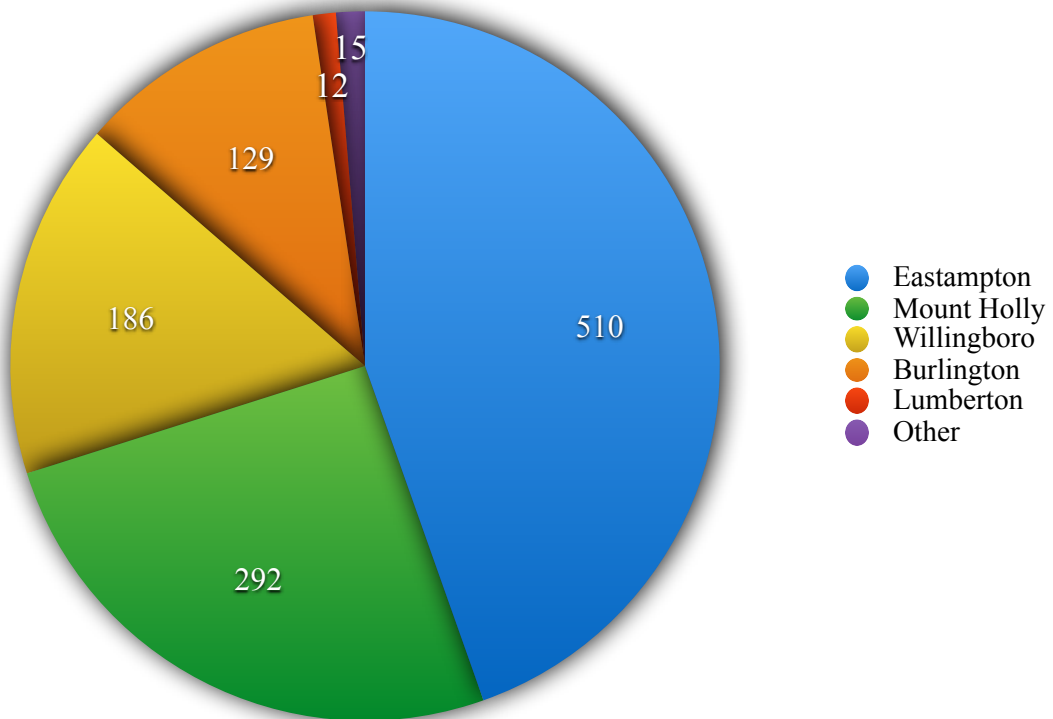


The 1:00pm hour is the busiest hour of the day.

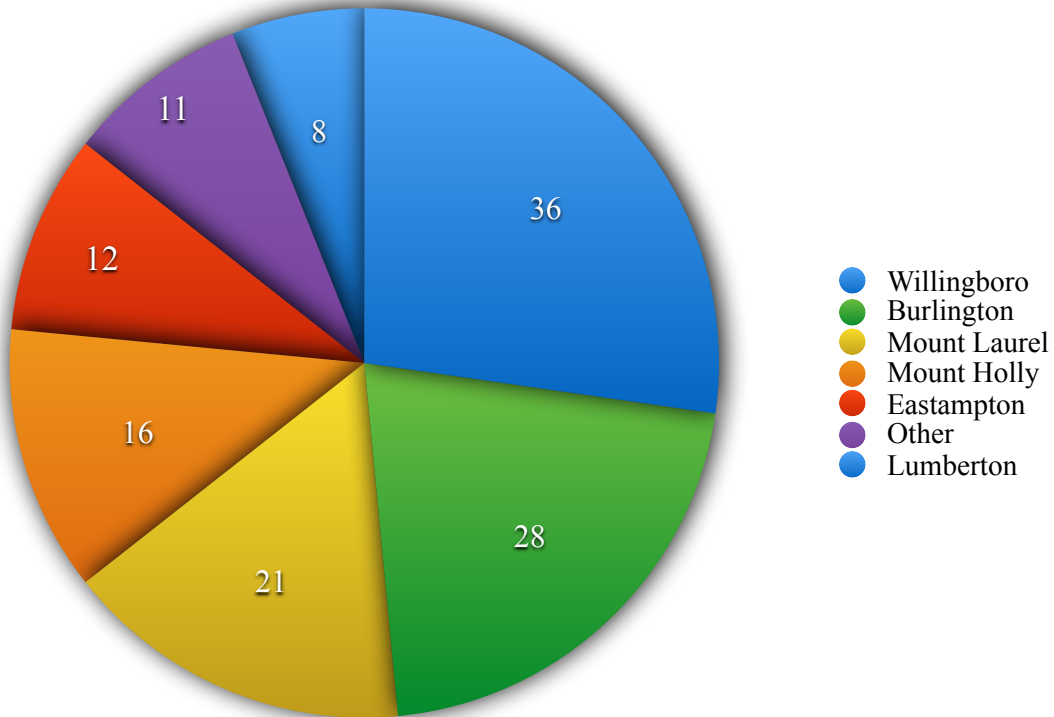
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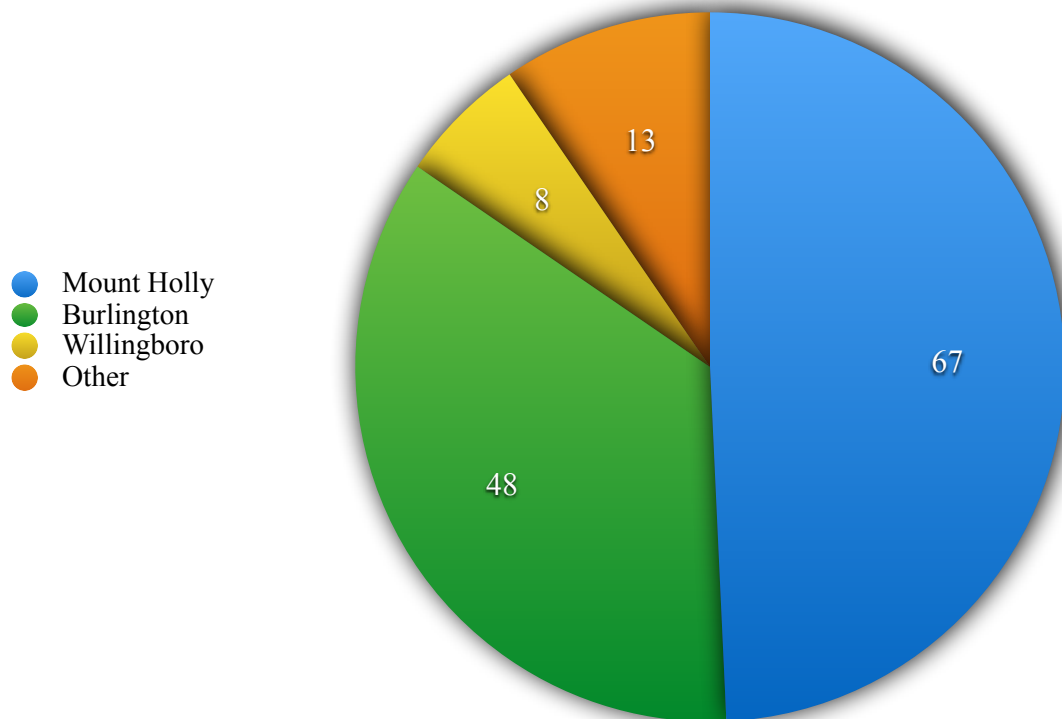
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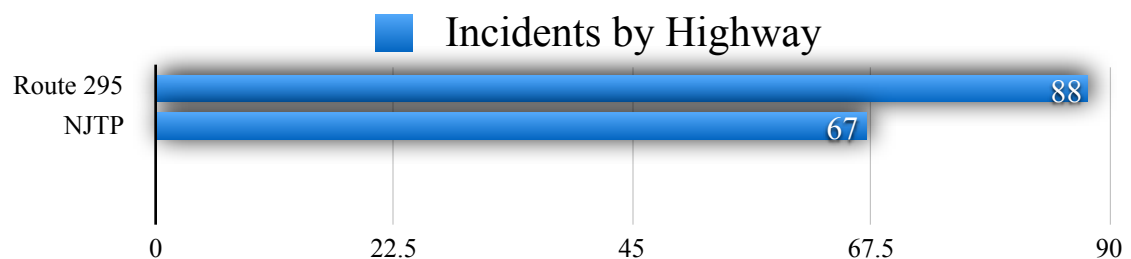
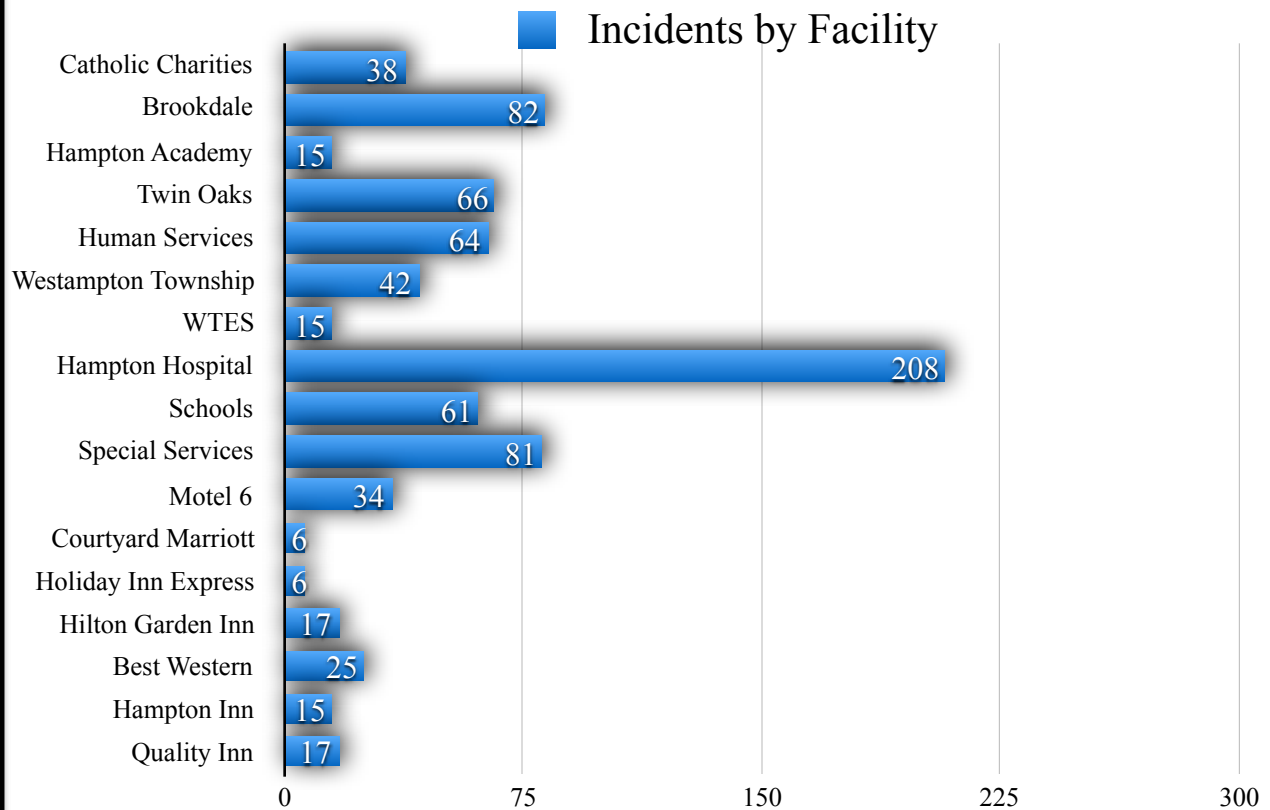
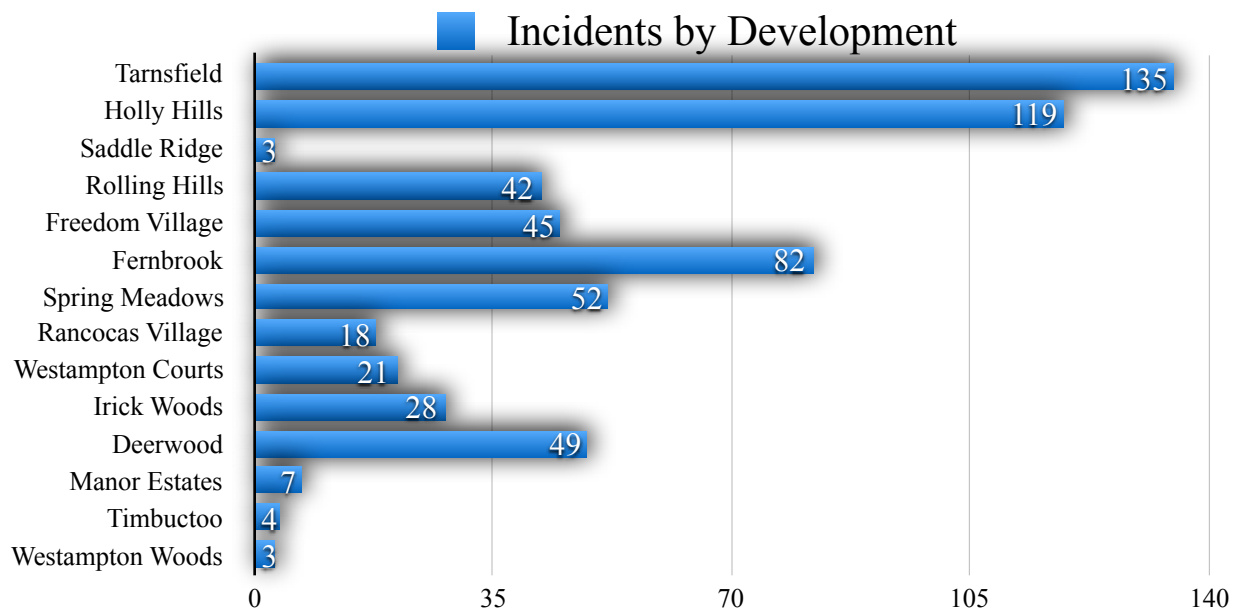


Mutual Aid Received - Fire



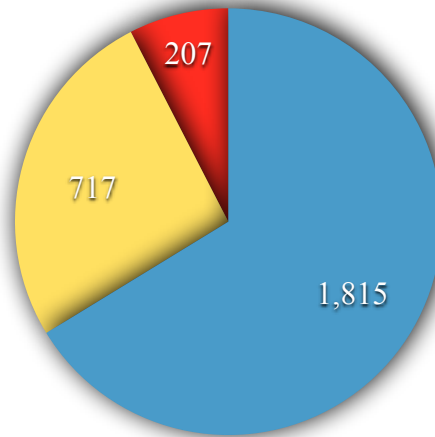
Mutual Aid Received - EMS





EMS Incidents Breakdown

● BLS ● ALS ● MVA



Cardiac Arrests

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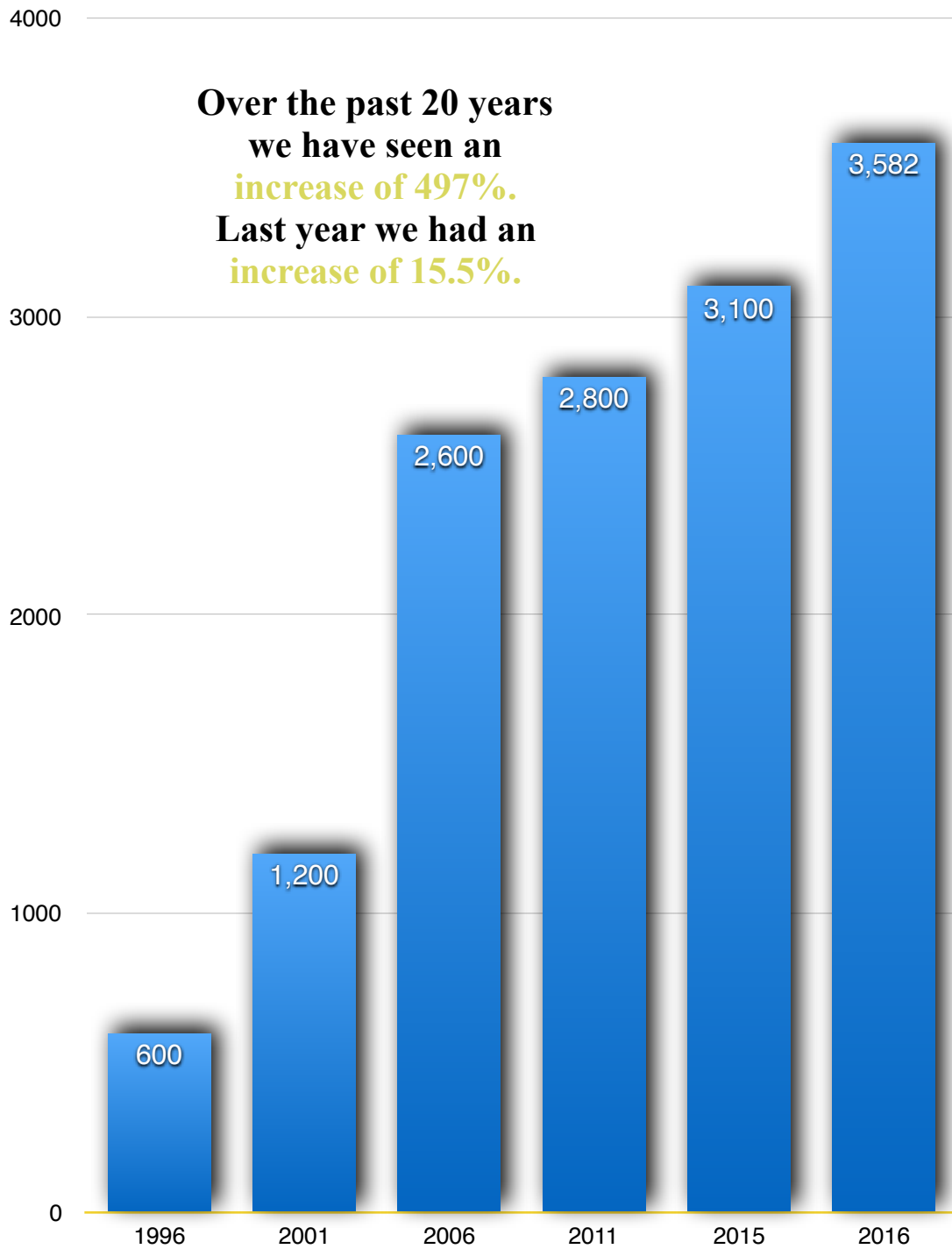
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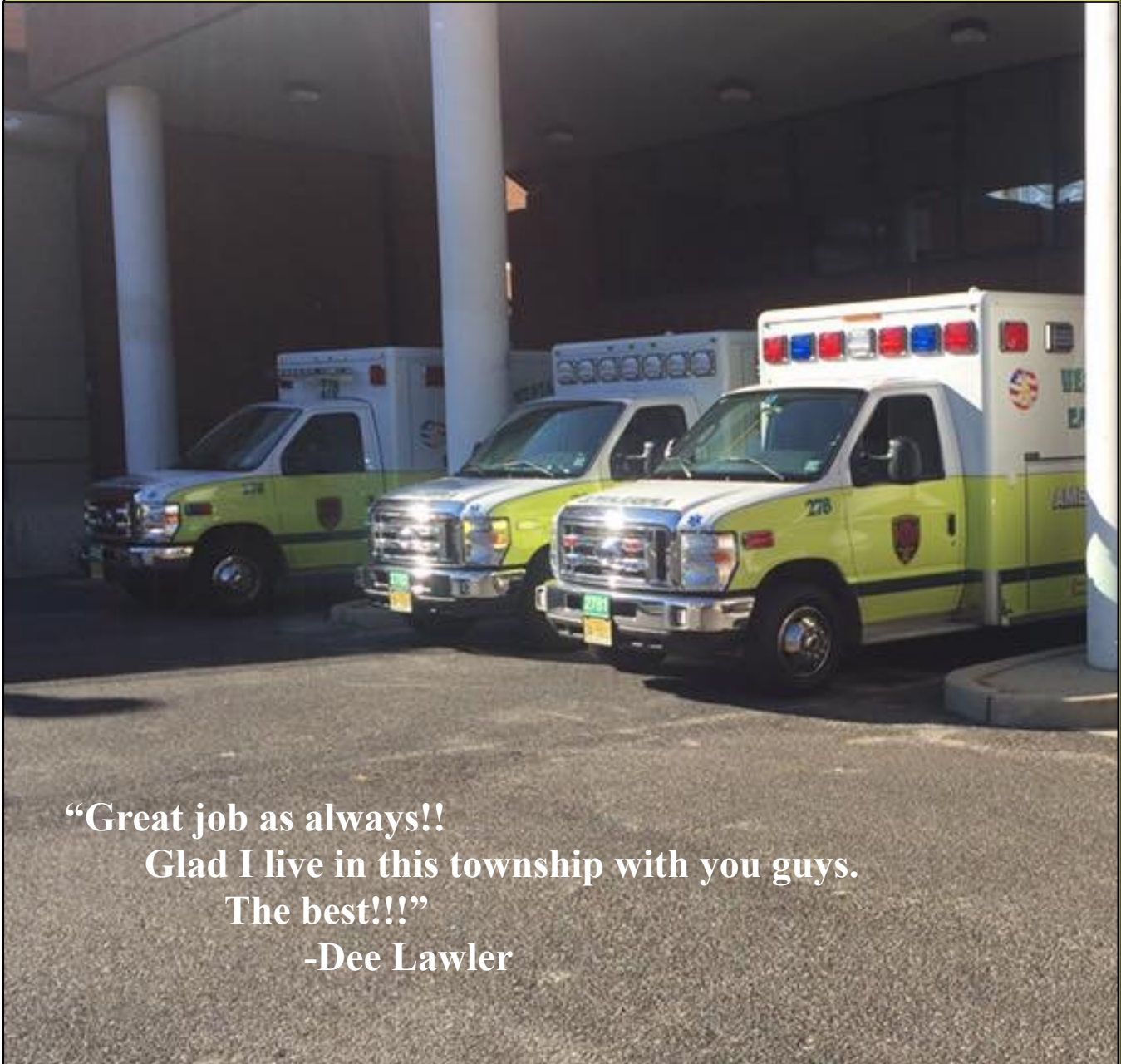
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Did You Know?

Department Incident Volume Since 1996





“Great job as always!!
Glad I live in this township with you guys.
The best!!!”
-Dee Lawler

Bureau of Fire Prevention

- 302 Fire Inspections Conducted
- 3322 Violations cited
- 232 Fire ReInspections Conducted
- 61 Permit Inspections Conducted
- 22 Imminent Hazards Issued
- 222 Home Resale Smoke Alarm Inspections
- 39 Complaints Investigated
- 63 Fire Investigations Conducted
- 133 Life and Non-Life Hazard Uses Amended



Vincent Knott
Fire Marshal
3 Years of Service

The Westampton Township Emergency Services Bureau of Fire Prevention is comprised of one uniformed Firefighter/EMT full-time acting as the Deputy Fire Official/Fire Marshal/Fire Investigator, two uniformed Firefighter/EMT's who as part of their fire suppression assignments conduct Fire Inspections, and one civilian Inspector responsible for Home Resale Smoke Alarm Inspections. These personnel operate out of the WTES Fire Headquarters, are all Certified Fire Inspectors, and answer directly to the Fire Chief/Fire Official. In addition to conducting Fire Inspections and Investigations, uniformed personnel are also responsible for fire suppression and emergency medical care and respond to calls for service with the Fire Department.

As the Authority Having Jurisdiction (the AHJ), the WTES Bureau of Fire Prevention is responsible for maintenance and enforcement of the adopted New Jersey Edition of the International Fire Code and applicable Local Ordinances in all properties within the Township other than owner occupied one and two family dwellings. Our primary mission is the protection of life and property through enforcement of the fire code and education. Administrative duties of the Bureau include: plan review of new and existing projects in association with the Land Development Board and the Construction Official to ensure they are designed and constructed to the adopted codes and ordinances, reviewing temporary or permanent street and business closures that potentially affect life safety or emergency response, Life Hazard Use Registration on behalf of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, issuing code variance requests to provide acceptable alternative methods of compliance, revamping and instituting fire code and ordinance changes or amendments, and witnessing Fire Protection Systems test/inspection as performed by licensed contractors. Civilian responsibilities within the Bureau include inspecting all home resales for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm compliance.

The top five most frequently cited fire safety deficiencies by our inspectors

1. Failure to Inspect/Maintain Fire Protection Systems
2. Failure to Inspect/Maintain Exit and Emergency backup power
3. Failure to Maintain electrical wiring/equipment
4. Failure to Maintain orderly and compliant storage of combustibles
5. Dangerous Conditions (Blocked exits/fire protection equipment)

Another focus as part of our mission is to determine the origin and cause of all fires within the Township in order to prevent future fires. This is achieved through complete and thorough investigation of any unwanted fire. Frequently, fires are investigated utilizing a “Team-Approach” through cooperation with the Westampton Township Police Department Division of Criminal Intelligence. Combining the training and experience of both Departments utilizing the Police Departments knowledge of witness statements and evidence collection in conjunction with their Bureau counterpart’s knowledge of fire investigation and fire development made for a natural pairing. As part of this coordinated effort, over 60 fires were investigated during 2016. Bureau staff were also made available to neighboring jurisdictions, the Burlington County Fire Marshal’s Office, the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Arson/K-9 Unit, the New Jersey State Police Arson/Bomb Unit, and the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Fire Investigators at various times throughout the year to assist in Fire Investigations. Bureau staff assisted in Fire Investigations in Mt Holly, Hainesport, Lumberton, Eastampton, Willingboro, Burlington, and Pemberton during 2016.

TRAINING

The Firefighter/EMT’s that make up the Bureau of Fire Prevention are all at minimum trained as Certified Fire Inspectors as issued by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and must meet stringent continuing education and recertification guidelines to maintain such a certification. This training and certification process allows our “Fire Inspectors” to maintain current knowledge in the field to ensure thorough and complete fire safety inspections within Westampton Township. By Statute, Initial certification of a Fire Inspector by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety requires over 100 contact hours of instruction and an additional 10 hours of time spent with an already certified Fire Inspector in order to “shadow” him/her during actual fire inspections. Many of our staff Firefighter/EMT’s attended an additional 40 contact hours of classroom instruction to attain the higher-level designation as a Certified Fire Official which is in addition to Fire Inspector. Both of these courses of study are college level classes and require many additional hours studying over the hours spent in the classroom. Twice a year, the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety in conjunction with Kean University offer free training for Fire Officials, Fire Inspectors, and Fire Instructors within the State of New Jersey. Bureau staff must attend at least two of these classes annually in order to recertify at the end of the three-year certification cycle.

Bureau staff not only participate in training and courses required of their suppression counterparts, but also routinely attend training as offered by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, Kean University, National Fire Academy, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Academy, and the Burlington County Prosecutors Office Law Enforcement Training Program. The Bureau Fire Marshal is a Nationally Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator who must routinely attend those law enforcement courses listed above in order to maintain an up-to-date knowledge in the fire investigation field. Most, if not all of the training offered is free of charge. Bureau staff attended over 300 hours of additional training during 2016. The Bureau of Fire Prevention has some of the most trained and experienced Fire Officials within the State of New Jersey.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2016 proved to be a challenging and busy year for the Bureau of Fire Prevention, as this was the first full year after being absorbed under the Fire Department. Some of the Bureau of Fire Prevention's accomplishments for 2016 include:

- Increased business awareness and participation via thorough fire inspections
- Updating and Amending 133 Fire Safety Registrations, resulting in corrected documentation and proper life hazard use fees as required by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety
- January/June invoice cycle to streamline billing
- Updated reporting guidelines for NFIRS to accurately reflect Bureau operations
- Updated Department website with many common forms available online for the first time
- Updated the Westampton Township Fire Prevention Ordinance
- Purchased forcible entry tools, portable scene lighting, and updated computer equipment for use by Bureau and Department staff
- Ensured 24/7 coverage and availability by Bureau staff for the first time since establishing the Local Enforcing Agency
- Completed 300+ hours of training
- Instituted new and now compliant Fire Investigation reporting
- Secured partnership donation with IKEA for purchase of reflective fire hydrant markers
- Fire Marshal Vincent Knott completed the testing, training, and experience requirements for National Certification as a Fire and Explosion Investigator
- Fire Marshal Vincent Knott wrote an article entitled "Protecting Firefighters Through Aggressive Fire Inspections" that was published in the January 2017 edition of "Fire Engineering" Magazine, the leading publication for the fire service

WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

We're not stopping there. 2017 has begun as have our "running" list of goals to accomplish. Some of those goals include:

- A more established timeline for inspections to increase efficiency and compliance
- A 'Binder Program,' in which binders and dividers have been purchased for every inspected premise in Westampton to ensure compliance with reporting and documentation requirements
- Bring the "After the Fire" program to matriculating seniors of RVRHS and BCIT Westampton; this program is taught by survivors of the 2000 Seton Hall fire who deliver messages of dorm room and barracks fire safety
- Make all Bureau forms available on our website
- Institute a new filing system and storage for better record keeping and chain of custody maintenance
- Add an additional Firefighter for Inspections
- Continue updating equipment and necessary supplies
- Work with the Construction Official for mandatory registration of new businesses
- Work with Code Enforcement for proper reporting and fire safety of vacant properties/ businesses
- Work with the Police Department and Municipal Court regarding the updated Fire Prevention Ordinance and its enforcement
- Continue staff training including attending the National Fire Academy and CHUBB Fire Protection Laboratory
- Deliver Department training regarding the Bureau to our Suppression Staff
- Deliver business and community training
- Deliver a letter of explanation to all businesses regarding the new Ordinances and its enforceability
- Outfit every fire hydrant with reflective markers

“Thank you so much for keeping my older children safe last night at the house next door!! I was camping and very grateful for your services.”

-Heather Sargen-



Training Division

Training is one of the most important aspects of the emergency services. We cannot create experience, but what we can create is realistic, meaningful training to ensure that our personnel are prepared for whatever emergency is dispatched next.



Chad Bozoski
Lieutenant
5 Years of Service

We have to ensure that our personnel are trained with everyday basic skills, as well as technical and advanced types of training. We do not want our personnel to experience something for the first time at 3am in the middle of an incident. We must also meet federal, state and local mandatory training. Our members are encouraged to seek, attend and obtain additional training so that we have the best trained personnel.

Our personnel travel annually to the National Fire Academy, as well as conferences and expos across the country to receive the most up to date training, and learn from experts in the emergency services. Our ultimate goal is to better prepare our personnel for the realities that emergency service workers face on a daily basis.

The emergency services is constantly changing and we must have our ear to the ground as to what those changes are and stay in tune as to which ones are beneficial to the people we serve.

Mandatory training that we must provide our personnel at least annually includes; blood borne pathogens, sexual harassment, right to know and hazardous communications to name a few.

Basic Skills training includes live fire training, hose lines, drivers training, building construction, incident size-up, and vehicle extrication.

Personnel complete various EMS training topics each year. They include CPR, Cardiac, Respiratory, Drug Overdoses and Spinal Precautions amongst a few. Additional protocols have been added over the past year. They include the EMT being able to administer Aspirin, CPAP, Narcan and changes to CPR and Spinal Injuries. Unfortunately with the day and age that we are in our personnel are now being trained to operate at Active Shooter incidents.

We are also a large part of the County's Hazardous Materials Team. With that our personnel must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician Level, trained in CBRN, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Homeland Security concerns.

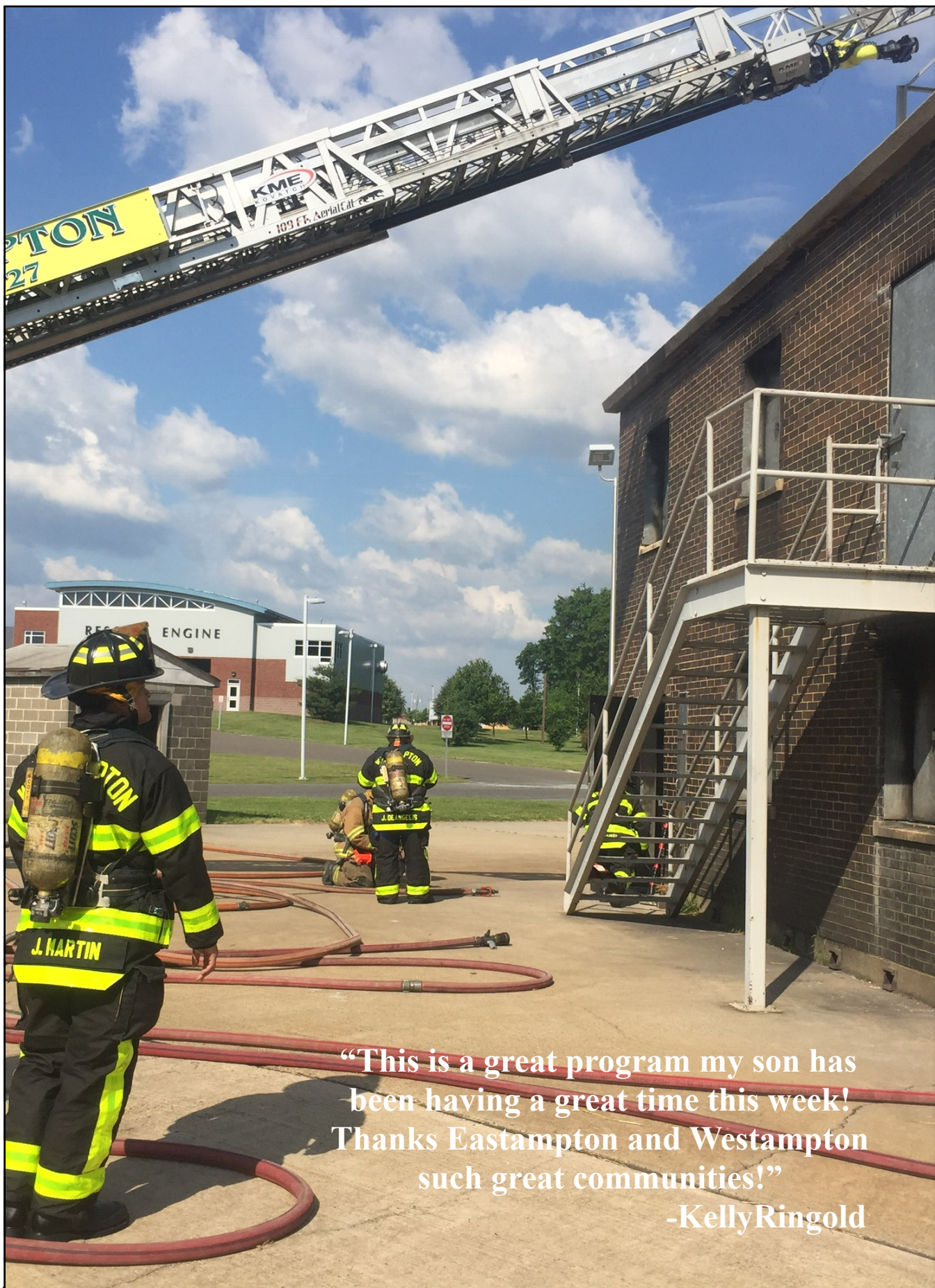
We must accomplish all of this while still performing our necessary daily functions, our secondary assignments, as well as answer calls for service and handle emergencies.

Documentation of training is also extremely important. As the saying goes, “if it isn’t documented it didn’t happen.” The same holds true with training. We must be able to verify that our members are trained to a minimum level. We must document and be able to provide those records in the event that we are ever audited or in the event that there is an accident and we are investigated. Our training is also reviewed by ISO and that review is used in part to determine our rating.

In June 2016 we purchased new training software Target Solutions. The software is actually everything that we’ve been looking for and more. Target Solutions allows us to achieve compliance, operate more efficiently, reduce risk, save time and money, improve our record keeping and simplify the management of our training.

Simply put, Target Solutions has allowed us to track all of our training both in house as well as classes outside of the fire house that personnel attend. It allowed us to capture a lot of missed training. Where personnel are actually performing training but hard to capture and record at times, this software allows us to do just that. When members complete any type of professional development training or education we are able to capture and record that now. We now assign our members any mandatory training, Operating Guidelines, directives or special memorandums through the program. Not only does it track it for us it files the information in the system for the personnel to review at any time. Training can be assigned prior to the time frame it is to be completed and automatically populates when the date assigned arrives. Target Solutions has pre-approved EMS continuing education unit training on the system where our personnel can obtain these needed courses and we no longer have to send them out to classes which cost additional fees or the potential for overtime pay. The system has occupational safety classes built in that allows us to assign to our personnel to keep compliant with the insurance company. The software really makes training simple as it can be for us, from allowing us to assign them the training, track all training and pull custom reports to review our training. This system also was developed to work in conjunction with ISO which allows them to credit us and review our training much easier and more accurate than in the past.

While we were only able to capture training in Target Solutions for half of 2016, our personnel completed 2789.37 hours of in-house training in that time. It is easy to say we completed at least double that number for in-house training for the year. Personnel also attended over 1100 hours of professional development training throughout the course of the year.



“This is a great program my son has been having a great time this week! Thanks Eastampton and Westampton such great communities!”

-Kelly Ringold

Public Education & Relations

Public Education and Relations play a large role in the day-to-day operations at the WTES. We often look to engage our residents on a personal level through various activities throughout the year including everything from neighborhood block parties, children's birthday parties, various recreation programs, sponsoring local sports teams and having the pleasure to drive Santa around town.



David Shaw
14 Years of Service

In recent years, we have had to expand our public relations through other means including our web presence. We began this using our website (www.westamptonfire.org) ten years ago. Our website has done wonders giving people near and far the ability to locate us and inquire about volunteering. Now we have expanded our presence through various social media platforms. Social media was new and at the time we did not know how it would change our ability to relate to the public. We began our presence with Facebook (www.facebook.com/wtes27), in which it had quick success. Facebook gave us the ability to interact with residents and non residents on a new platform. We now had the ability to highlight day to day operations, inform the public during large impact weather emergencies, as well as the ability to communicate more frequently in real time. We then began to use Twitter (www.twitter.com/wtes) to mirror our Facebook page to reach more people. As social media became more mainstream we ventured into Pinterest (www.pinterest.com/wtes27), here we share various ideas for Firefighter birthday parties and our favorite Firehouse recipes! Finally, we have created an Instagram (www.instagram.com/wtes27) page to focus on a different area than the day to day operations. Our Instagram page highlights the Tools of the Trade that we often use or random photos around the firehouse.

Each of these tools are great, but they alone cannot educate our residents or the public at large. Our Public Education program is named WTES C.A.R.E.S. The acronym stands for Communities Able to Recognize Emergency Situations. The goal of our program is that all residents from preschool children to seniors, from the small businesses to the largest corporations, can learn the proper action to take when an emergency occurs. This is done through various programs including preschool and school visits, career fairs, Fire Prevention Week activities including our Fire Prevention and Life Safety Open House, home inspections, smoke/CO detector inspection program, child passenger safety seat inspections, CPR training, first aid training, fire extinguisher training, exit drill planning, safety consultations and facility preplans amongst others.

The world around us has adapted as technology has quickly changed in recent years. One of our goals was how to harness these new technologies to better educate and reach our residents. We have created three new programs, using different pieces of technology to help us help you.

Our first program kicked off at the end of 2016. It is a one of a kind program delivering weekly safety messages via text. By texting WTES-SAFETY to 77948, you can be added to this text group. This is another way to bring safety to the forefront in our lives. We look forward to releasing more about the next two programs in the near future.

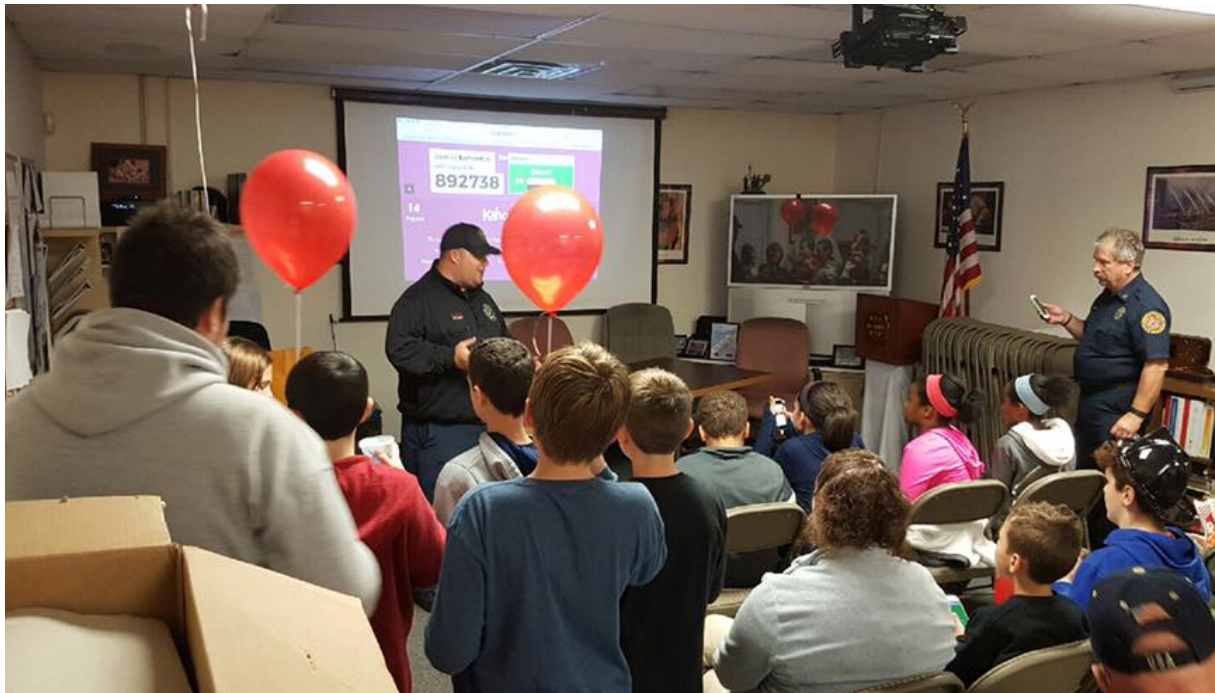
In the Community

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Do The Right Thing with Jeff DeAngelis

In the fire service we often say that no day is the same and we never know what the day will bring. In mid July this was one of those days. A family was using their swimming pool to beat the heat as they did very often. Their son loved the pool but needed the use of a hoist to get in and out. When the mother attempted to lift him out of the pool, the hoist broke away from the concrete leaving the hoist unable to be used, and the boy stuck in the water. The crew quickly went to work and was able to remove him from the water without harm. The mother continued to inform the members that her son loved being in the pool. They had attempted to find a way to have it fixed but were unsuccessful thus far. The quick thinking group knew just the right guy to call, Firefighter Jeff DeAngelis.



Firefighter DeAngelis visited one day after work to assess the faulty hoist. He was able to take a few pictures to bring back and think of a safe and secure way to restore it to working condition. Firefighter DeAngelis had a new base fabricated to house the hoist. Once it was completed he was able to spend the day there securing the hoist to the concrete walkway around the pool.

This is another example when our motto Do The Right Thing is shown through our members' actions. Little did we know that when we posted this story online to share the impact it would have in coming days. The story quickly went viral across the internet. The single post had a reach of over 222,000 people, with over 12,500 likes, comments and shares. The feedback was overwhelming as people praised Firefighter DeAngelis for his kind actions and his dedication to Westampton Township.



Yadira Davis Great job guys!

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Debbie Scrimale Such a great story! Thank you for helping my friends. Westampton has the best firefighters and EMT... Love our town!

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Ken Fisher Jeff DeAngelis your the man!!!!!!!

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Annaliese Luft This is awesome!!!!

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Mary Ann O'Brien What an amazing story! Thank you to all of our awesome first responders!

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Kelly Ferrara Wow! Great job! Love hearing such heart warming stories!

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Sean Ridgway Great job Guys. You make the Brotherhood proud

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Kelly Ringgold You guys are amazing! We in Westampton are so lucky we have you all!!

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Dee Lawler What a class act! You guys all rock! We as a township are so lucky to have you guys on our side looking out for us! Love you all!! ❤️👍👍👍

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Charlene Kiley Well done!!! Jeff DeAngelis and The Westampton Township Emergency Services!!!

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Joann Carroll Gogolin Awesome

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Ed Hoffman Great work! Well Done!

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Alice Burke This is a wonderful heart Warming story!! God bless!!! 😊

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Shelly Mollica Fuelle What a Blessing ❤️

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Fire Police

The duties of the fire police officer are as follows: (1) protect firefighters/EMTs and equipment, (2) establish and maintain fire lines to protect the public, (3) safely direct traffic around the fire scene, (4) to protect property and evidence, and (5) wear the authorized fire police badge on the left breast of the outermost garment while on duty. The members of the Westampton Township Emergency Services (WTES) Fire Police Unit are all qualified to perform these duties and have done so in a safe and professional manner for many years.

The WTES Fire Police Unit responds to calls to assist both the emergency services and police departments with incidents such as motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, inoperable traffic lights, and wires calls. Additionally, our unit provides parking and traffic control duties at public events, such as parades, community fundraisers, and special events. In 2016, notable events our unit provided traffic control included the Armed Forces Freedom Motorcycle Ride, Burlington County Farm Fair Tractor Parade, Westampton Township Police Department's National Night Out, Rancocas Village Ham Dinners, Rancocas Nature Center "Raise the Roof" Music & Craft Festival, Hainesport Community Day, and the Westampton Recreation Department Annual Fall Festival. We are always willing to assist any organization that requests our fire police unit to do our part to raise the standard of community service.

Training and the maintaining of our fire police equipment are as important as the traffic duties we perform. Membership in the Burlington County Fire Police Association (BCFPA) and the New Jersey State Fire Police Association (NJSFPA) aids in organizing training activities, networking to share best practices, and coordinating fire police activities at large-scale events. Attendance at various state fire conventions and expos provides opportunities to meet with vendors to examine updated traffic control equipment and find new training prospects. Utilizing Internet-based safety training sites, such as ResponderSafety.com, keeps our fire police members knowledgeable and up-to-date on safety and traffic control procedures.

2016 was another successful year for the members of the WTES Fire Police Unit with maintaining both the public and our first responder's safety. We look forward to continue providing our community services and outreach throughout 2017.

Roger P. Roslowski, Jr.
WTES Fire Police Captain





FAQ's

What number do I call for non emergency situations?

You can reach us at 609-267-2041.

Where is the Fire Station located?

The address is 780 Woodlane Road. You can click on this [map link](#) to get directions to the firehouse.

How do I get a copy of a Fire or Medical Report?

Call the Fire Department at 609-267-2041, during our regular business hours of 9:00am-5:00pm Monday thru Friday, for proper procedures to obtain a report.

What other responsibilities do firefighters have other than fighting fires?

Fire calls represent only about thirty percent (30%) of the work of a Firefighter in Westampton. Fires, however, are only some of the emergencies to which we respond to daily. Nearly seventy percent (70%) of the Fire Department's emergency responses are, in fact, calls for medical aid, including illness/accidents at home and work, and injuries resulting from vehicle crashes. Other calls for emergency response involve hazardous materials releases, technical rescues, response to fire alarms and other calls for public assistance. Firefighters also spend much of their time maintaining equipment, doing routine public safety inspections for businesses, training for all types of emergency responses, fire prevention, life safety and risk reduction programs, and filling out the reports associated with these activities.

What should I do when I see or hear an emergency vehicle coming towards me when I'm driving?

When it is safe to do so, you should pull over to the right and stop until all emergency vehicles have safely passed. If you cannot safely maneuver to the right, simply stop and stay stopped so the vehicles can go around you safely.

My smoke detector or CO detector is chirping, what does that mean?

Most modern smoke or CO detectors will chirp to alert you the batteries are low, you should replace the batteries and test your smoke or CO detector. Either detector can be purchased at any hardware or large commercial department store.

How often should I change the batteries in my smoke detectors?

We recommend you change the batteries in your smoke detectors every 6 months. A easy way to remember is to change batteries when you reset your clock for daylight savings time.

Why do fire trucks with full lights and sirens go through red lights at intersections and then, after they go through, they turn off their lights and slow down?

Emergency lights and siren are used only when responding to a call. Sometimes several units are dispatched to the same incident. When the first unit arrives on scene, they may assess the situation and inform the dispatcher they can handle the emergency. All other responding units are then cancelled and put back into service, ready to take another call.

“Thank you all! A big salute to all of you for your hard work! We moved here from California a year ago and we are very impressed with your service and your dedication.”

-Alf Duenez

