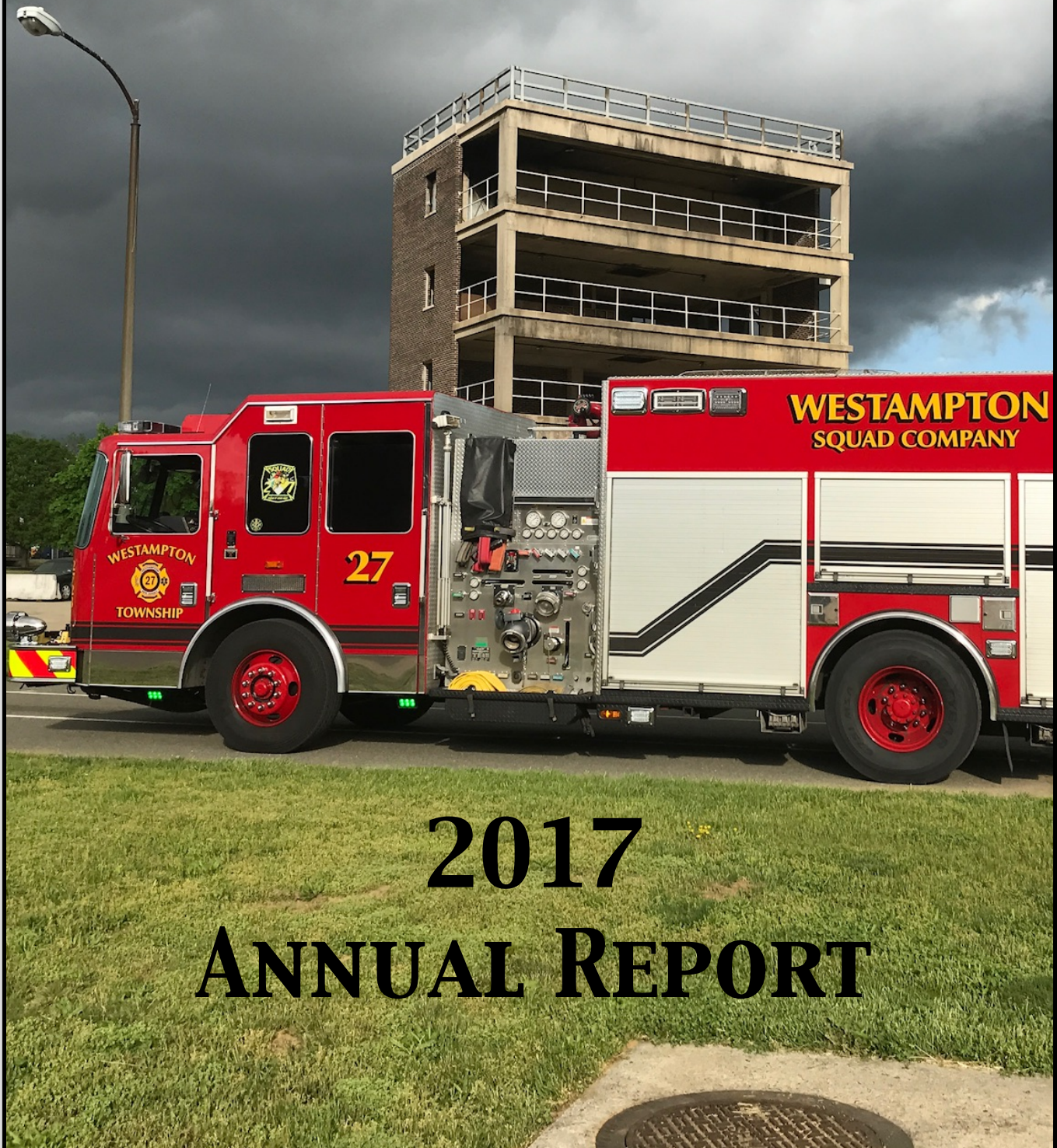


WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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”

2017 Fire Chief's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Westampton Township Emergency Services Annual Report for 2017. 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.

Our firefighter/EMT's, made up of full-time, per-diem, and volunteer employees, responded to 3,710 calls for service, as compared to 3,582 calls in 2016. This is a 3% increase over last year and a 21% increase over the last 5 years. The majority of our calls for service are emergency medical services (EMS) related (approx. 72%), and the remainder are fire and motor vehicle accident related calls (28%).



Craig Farnsworth
Fire & EMS Chief
14 Years of Service

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. With that, our personnel strive to provide the utmost compassion, empathy and support necessary to all those with emergency situations each and every day.

In 2017, our Department created a mid-range plan to help guide both the Department and Township in what our current needs and future needs will look like for the next five years. This plan was created with input from employees, volunteers, and community members. It is an ambitious plan, however feel that it is a required plan, to ensure that the needs of the community are met. It is my hope that after the Township Committee reviews it they too will see the need to implement such a plan. The plan is available for you to review on our website.

In 2018, the Department will dive even further into community risk reduction plans to include; swimming safety, child safety seat inspections, baby sitter classes, community CPR courses, and of course will continue with door to door smoke alarm inspections.

I would 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.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at (609) 267-2041 ext 201 or at cfarnsworth@westamptonfire.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig R. Farnsworth
Chief of Department

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Letter From The President

As 2017 comes to a close, we look back and see another busy year has been completed. We continued our goal to provide excellent service to our Township. We continue to maintain our motto, “Do The Right Thing” and have been successful with interacting with the great people of Westampton Township.



Jeff DeAngelis
President / Firefighter
6 Years of Service

The Volunteer spirit is still part of the WTES, we continue to work alongside the career staff to provided unmatched service. We are a family, a team that works towards a common goal.

The year found the volunteer body involved in a host of projects including; Home Depot Safety Day, National Night Out, our Annual Fire Prevention and Life Safety Open House, the Township Fall Festival, visiting our schools for various events, as well bringing Santa to town in style this year!

We are all looking forward to 2018!

Respectfully,

Jeff DeAngelis
WTES President
Firefighter



2017 Department Administration



Craig Farnsworth

Chief of Department
14 Years of Service



Vince Knott

Fire Marshal
10 Years of Service



Bryan Iannacone

Lieutenant
11 Years of Service



Mike Westdyk

Lieutenant
7 Years of Service



Chad Bozoski

Lieutenant
6 Years of Service

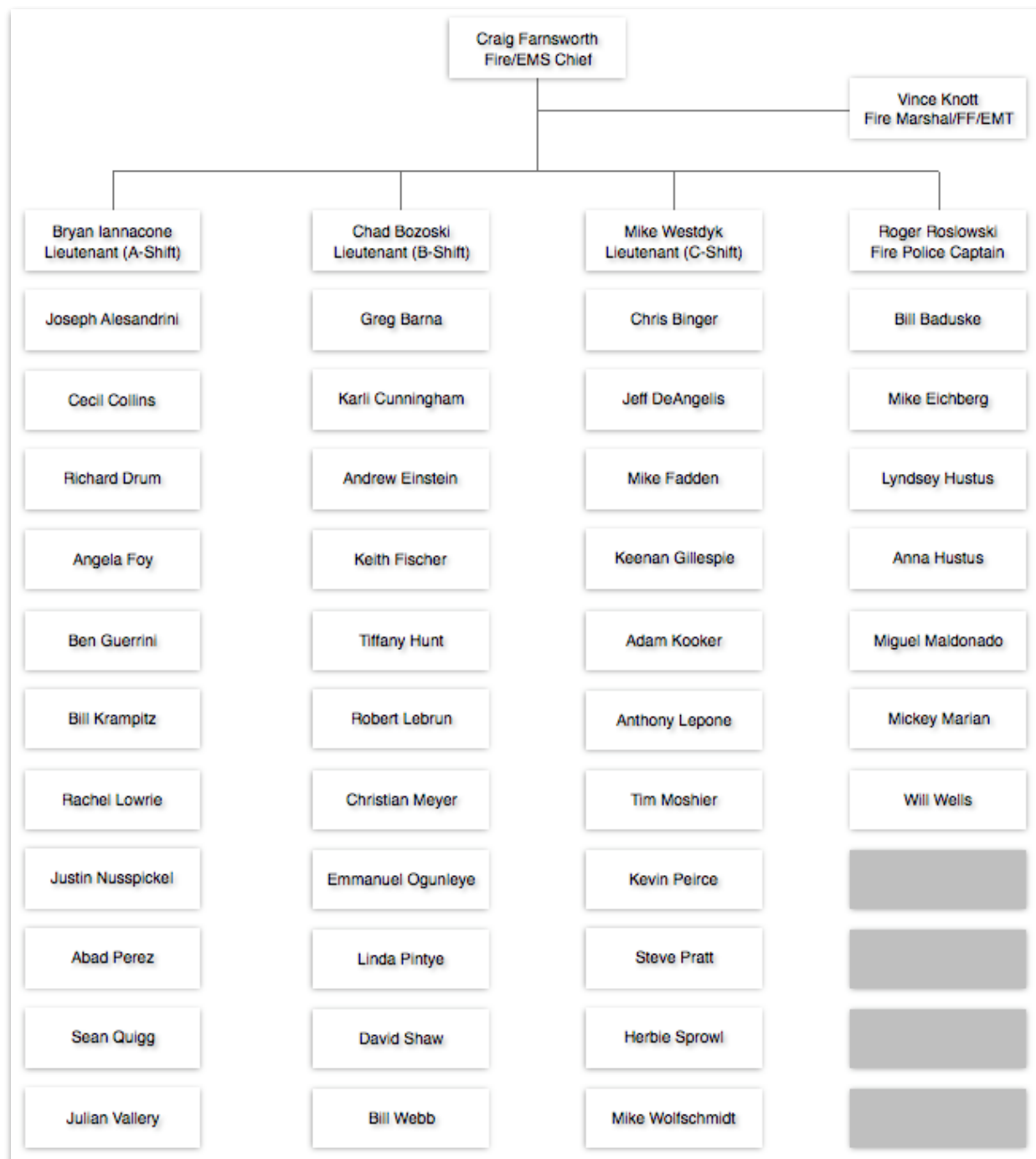
Department Roster

Joseph Alesandrini	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 year
Bill Baduski	Fire Police Lieutenant	6 years
Greg Barna	Full Time FF/EMT	2 years
Lois Beverage	Volunteer Treasurer	17 years
Chris Binger	Volunteer FF/EMT	4 years
Cecil Collins	Full Time FF/EMT	7 years
James Puccini	Volunteer FF	6 months
Karli Cunningham	Volunteer FF/EMT	7 years
Jeff DeAngelis	Volunteer FF	6 years
Richard Drum	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 year
Mike Eichberg	Volunteer Fire Police	5 years
Andrew Einstein	Volunteer FF/EMT	3 years
Mike Fadden	Full Time FF/EMT	2 years
Angela Foy	Volunteer EMT	4 years
Keith Fischer	Volunteer FF	13 years
Keenan Gillespie	Volunteer FF	1 year
Ben Guerrini	Full Time FF/EMT	1 year
Tom Harris	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 month
Tiffany Hunt	Per Diem FF/EMT	9 years
Lyndsey Hustus	Volunteer Fire Police	11 years
Anna Hustus	Volunteer Fire Police	17 years
Lou Hustus	Volunteer FF	17 years
William Kayser	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 month
Adam Kooker	Per Diem FF/EMT	4 years
Bill Krampitz	Volunteer EMT	4 years
Jesse Kolb	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 month

Colin Leaper	Volunteer FF	6 months
Robert Lebrun	Full Time FF/EMT	3 years
Anthony Lepone	Per Diem FF/EMT	2 years
Rachel Lowrie	Volunteer EMT	9 years
Miguel Maldonado	Volunteer Fire Police	17 years
Micky Marian	Volunteer Fire Police	11 years
Aaron Mazeall	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 month
Shane McCausland	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 month
Christian Meyer	Volunteer FF	1 year
Tim Moshier	Volunteer FF/EMT	2 years
Justin Nusspickel	Volunteer FF/EMT	12 years
Emmanuel Ogunleye	Volunteer FF/EMT	3 years
Kevin Peirce	Per Diem FF/EMT	3 years
Abad Perez	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 year
Linda Pintye	Volunteer EMT	7 years
Steve Pratt	Volunteer FF/EMT	5 years
Sean Quigg	Per Diem FF/EMT	1 year
Matt Roman	Full Time FF/EMT	4 years
Roger Roslowski	Fire Police Captain	7 years
Kyle Scott	Volunteer FF	1 year
Mark Scullari	Volunteer FF	1 year
David Shaw	Full Time FF/EMT	16 years
Herbie Sprowl	Volunteer FF	2 years
Julian Vallery	Full Time FF/EMT	1 year
William Webb	Volunteer FF/EMT	4 years
William Wells	Volunteer Fire Police	21 years
Mike Wolfschmidt	Full Time FF/EMT	5 years



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 three decades, the department has had to expand to accommodate a meeting room, gym, bunk rooms, bathrooms and showers.

As the township continued to grow and 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, (14) per diem personnel and (20) 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 with 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.



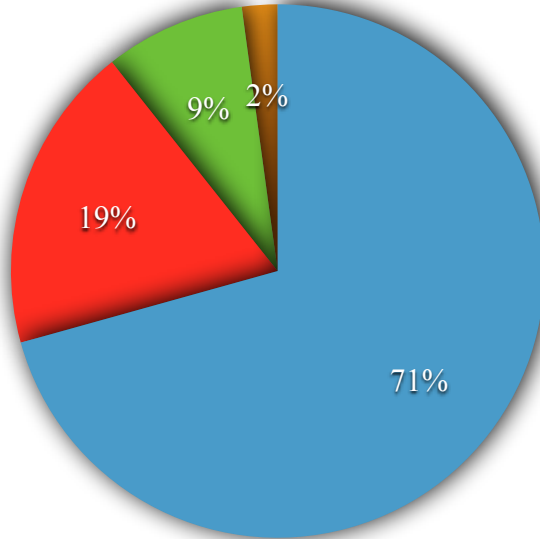


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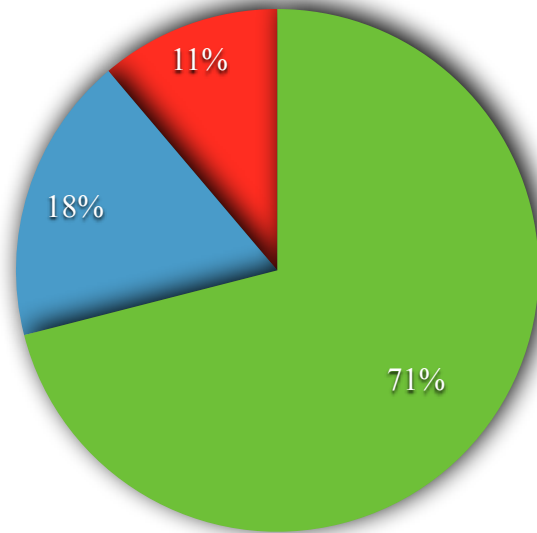
Fire Incidents	692
MVA Incidents	316
EMS Incidents	2,622
Missing/Errors	80
Total Incidents	3,710

Total Incidents	3,710
Missed (Fire/EMS)	127
Staffed (Fire/MVA)	806
Understaffed (Fire/MVA)	202

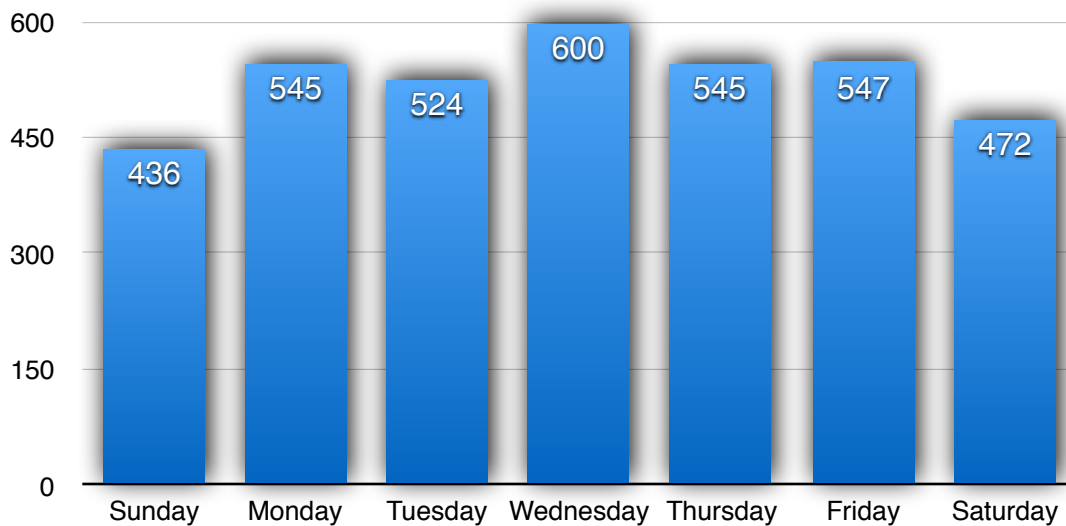
- EMS Incidents
- Fire Incidents
- MVA Incidents
- Missing/Errors



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

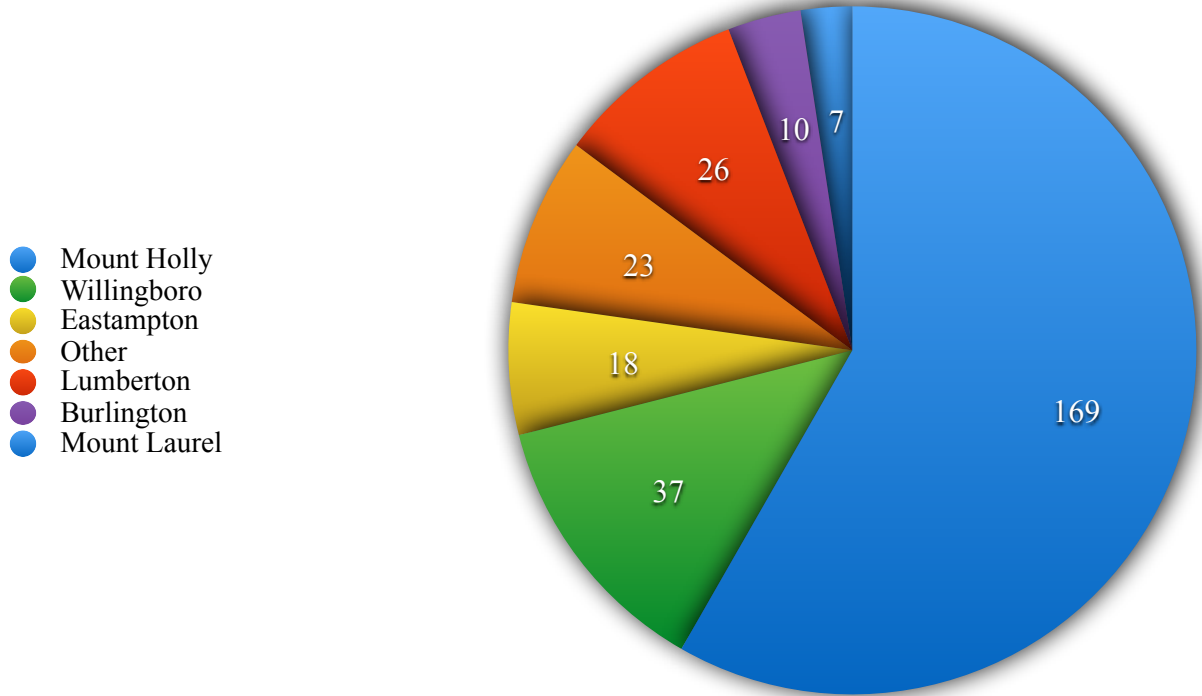


Incidents Per Day of Week

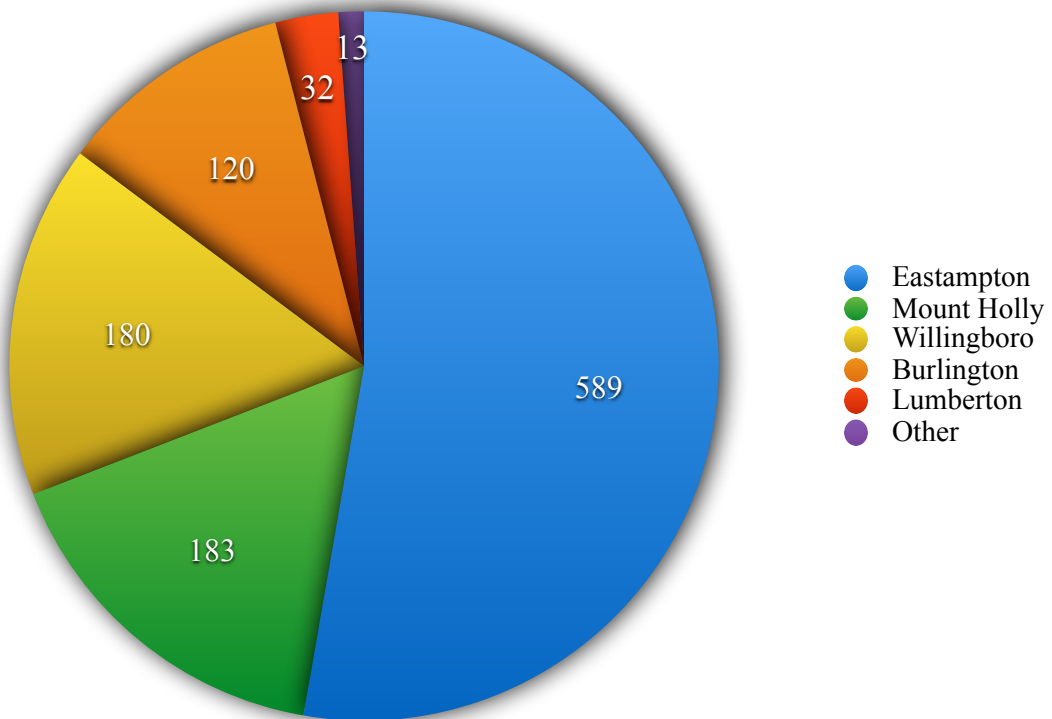


The 1:00pm hour is the busiest hour of the day.

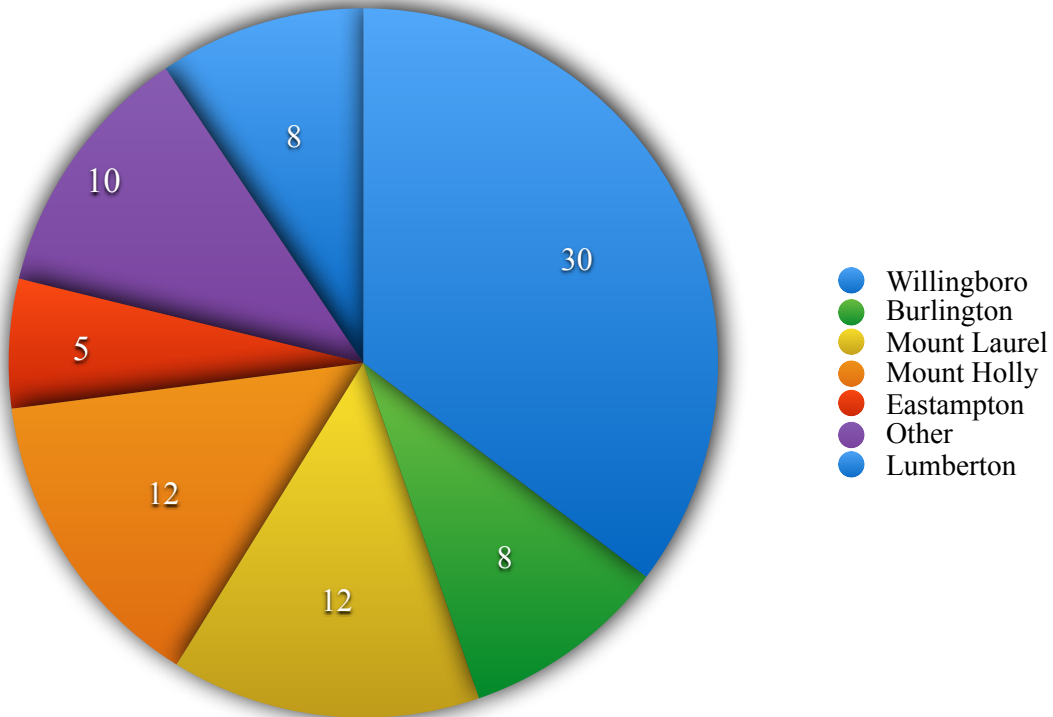
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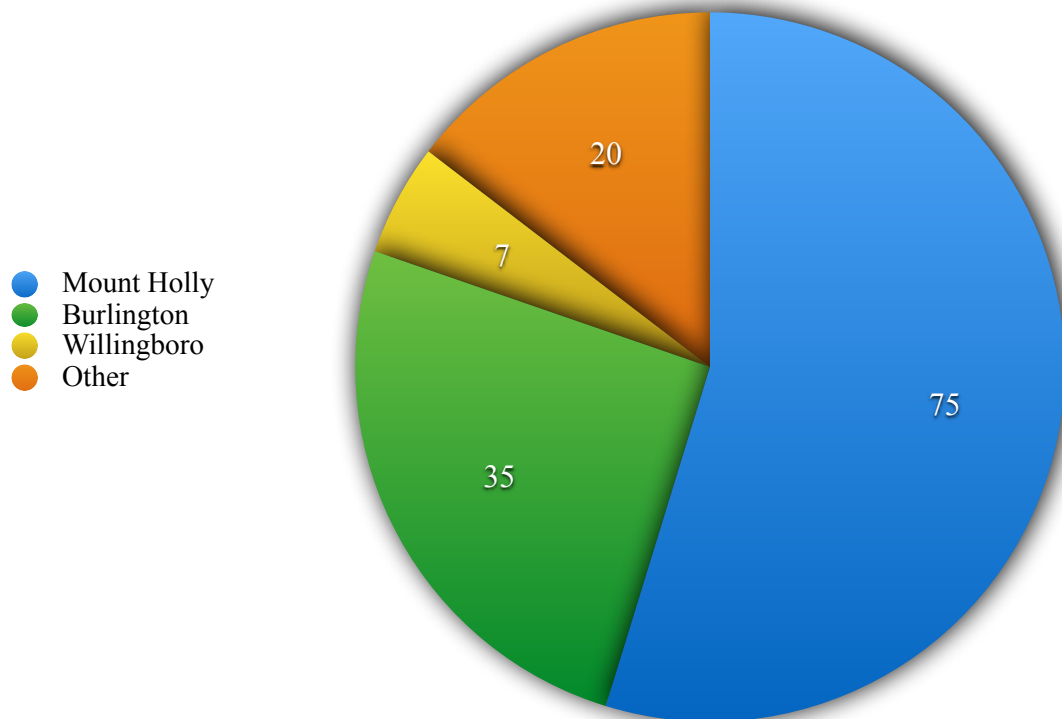
Mutual Aid Given - EMS

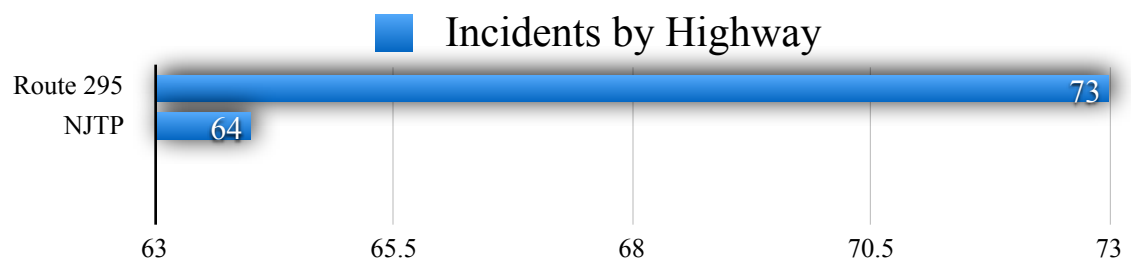
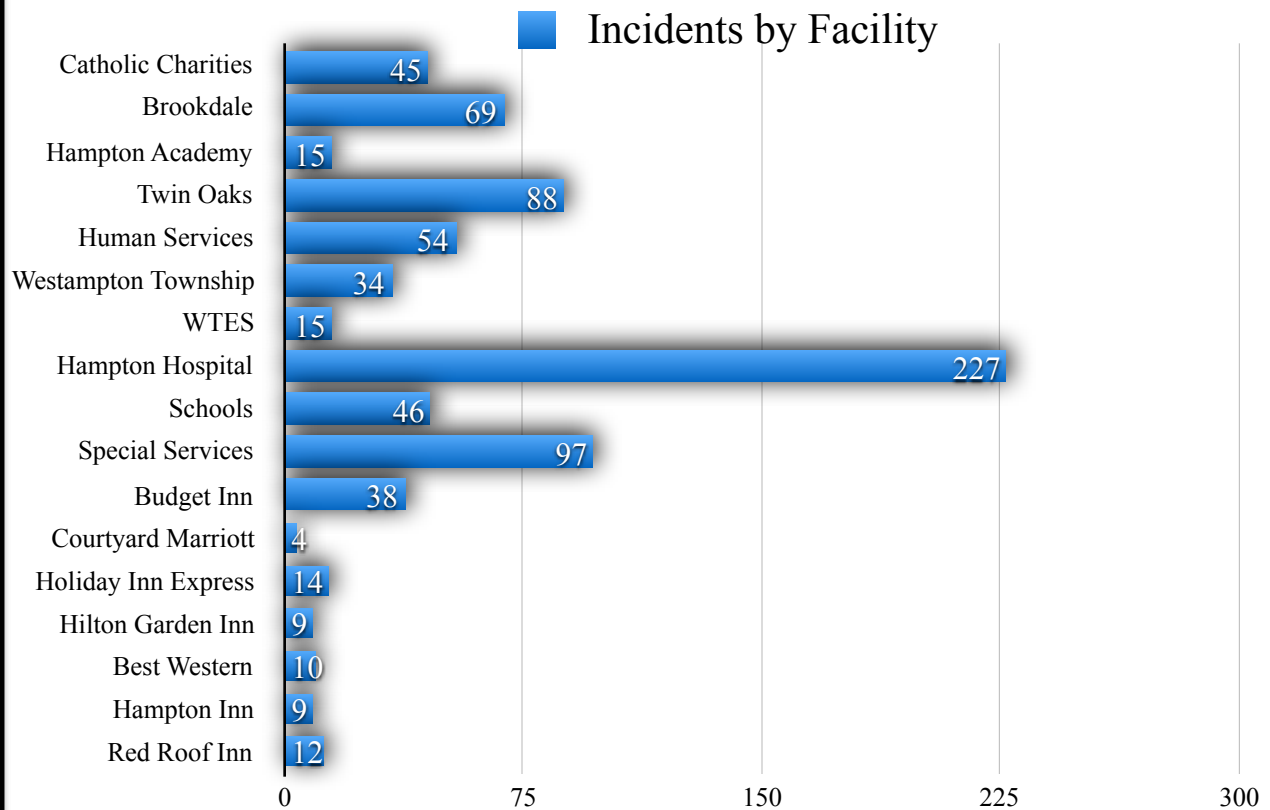
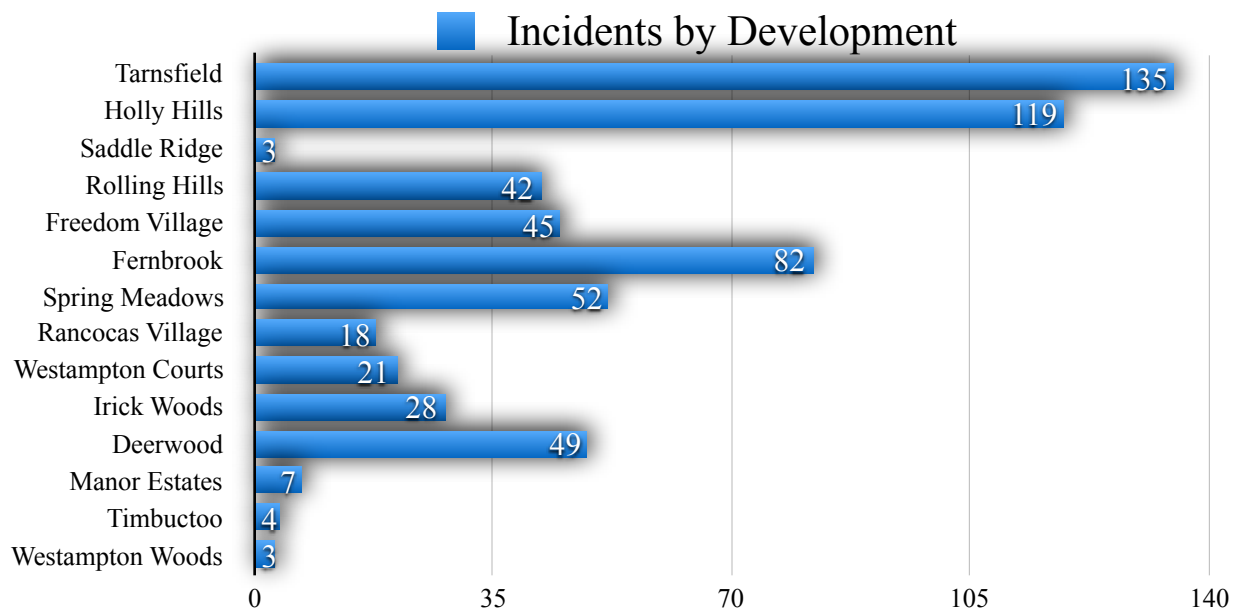


Mutual Aid Received - Fire



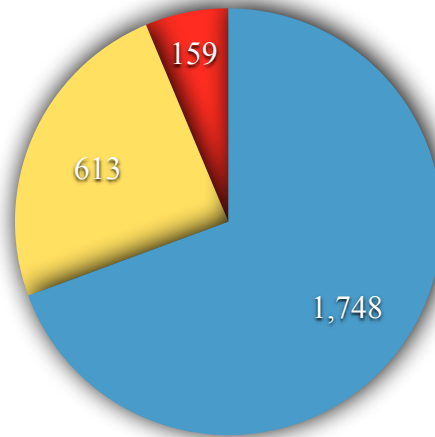
Mutual Aid Received - EMS





EMS Incidents Breakdown

● BLS ● ALS ● MVA



Cardiac Arrests

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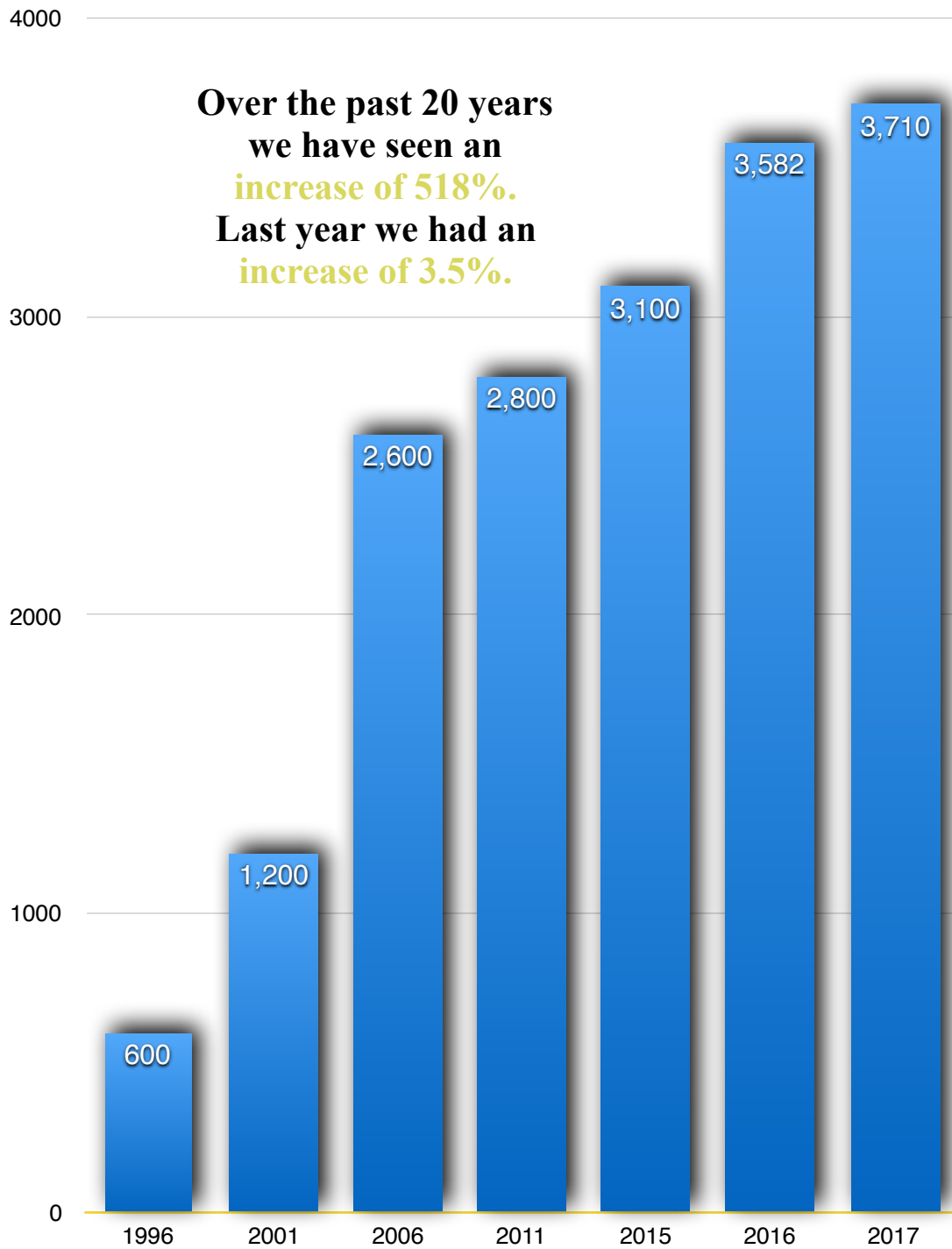
Overdoses

9



Did You Know?

Department Incident Volume Since 1996





Bureau of Fire Prevention

- 315 Fire Inspections Conducted
- 2707 Violations Cited
- 201 Fire ReInspections Conducted
- 58 Permit Inspections Conducted
- 22 Imminent Hazards Issued
- 243 Home Resale Smoke Alarm Inspections
- 31 Complaints Investigated
- 53 Fire Investigations Conducted



Vincent Knott
Fire Marshal
10 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, four 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.

WHAT DO YOU DO HERE?

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 permitted 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. Conducting these fire investigations allows for potentially cheaper insurance rates and an easier claim process. As part of this initiative, over 53 fires were investigated during 2017. Bureau staff were also made available to neighboring jurisdictions including the Westampton Township Police Department, 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 2017 all at no expense to the taxpayers of Westampton.

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, the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 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 500 hours of additional training during 2017. The Bureau of Fire Prevention has some of the most trained and experienced Fire Officials within the State of New Jersey.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2017 proved to be another challenging and busy year for the Bureau of Fire Prevention since being absorbed under the Fire Department. Some of the Bureau of Fire Prevention's accomplishments for 2017 include:

- Completed all required inspections
- Implemented new Township Ordinances
- Our Binder Program has been implemented with many businesses benefiting from the easier way of records retention and cutting down on the number of associated violations issued
- Increased business awareness and participation via thorough fire inspections
- Updating and Amending 30 additional 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
- Purchased forcible entry tools, portable scene lighting, and updated computer equipment for use by Bureau and Department staff
- Ensured continuing 24/7 coverage and availability by Bureau staff
- Completed 500+ hours of training
- Installed reflective fire hydrant markers to increase nighttime visibility on all hydrants within the Township with the exception of those on County property
- Fire Marshal Vincent Knott completed the testing, training, and experience requirements for National Certification as a Certified Fire Investigator with the International Association of Arson Investigators which is the culmination of a 10-year process in which there are currently only 20 within New Jersey
- Fire Marshal Vincent Knott participated in an Advanced Origin and Cause/Courtroom Testimony Fire Investigation course administered by the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama becoming the only non-Federal Investigator to obtain this new training within New Jersey

WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

We're not stopping there. 2018 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
- Bring the "After the Fire" program to matriculating seniors of RVRHS and BCIT Westamptton; this program is taught by survivors of the 2000 Seton Hall fire who deliver messages of dorm room and barracks fire safety
- Institute a new filing system and storage for better record keeping and chain of custody maintenance
- Add an additional Firefighter for Inspections
- Purchase a support vehicle for Fire Investigator
- Purchase a support vehicle for Fire 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 to ensure thorough and proper Fire Investigations are conducted and a second to none working relationship is forged within Westamptton Township
- Work with the Police Department and Municipal Court regarding the updated Fire Prevention Ordinance and its enforcement
- Continue staff training including obtaining a Fire Protection Sub-Code Official License, attending the National Fire Academy, and the CHUBB Fire Protection Laboratory
- Deliver Department training regarding the Bureau to our Suppression Staff
- Deliver business and community training





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 to 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; therefore, 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 answering 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 Insurance Services Offices (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.

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. When members complete any type of professional development training or education we are now able to capture and record. We assign our members any mandatory training, Operating Guidelines, directives or special memorandums through the program, not only does it track it for us but 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, to assign them the training, track all training and pull custom reports to review. 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.

With 2017 being the first full calendar year using Target Solutions it has allowed us to capture and record more training that we have in the past. This is due to the ease of use and functionality of Target Solutions. In 2017, our members completed over 7,500 hours of training.



Public Education & Relations

At the WTES we continue to find new ways to “Raise The Standard In Community Service” in our community. We are committed to our motto of “Do The Right Thing.” Together our volunteers and career staff have years of experience, they work in unison to bring the highest level of customer service to each person we interact with during the course of the day.



David Shaw
15 Years of Service

We continue to look for new and innovative ways to partner with our local schools, recreation department, county entities, local businesses and nonprofits to grow the amount of opportunities to interact with our residents and those around us. Partnerships with the American Red Cross, 6 ABC and Home Depot assist us in receiving free Smoke Alarms to give out when a family is in need.

We offer a wide range of Public Educational opportunities to our residents including: Smoke Alarm and CO Alarm Inspections, Battery Changes for your Alarms, Home Safety Inspections, Child Passenger Safety Seat Inspections, CPR and First Aid courses, Babysitter Courses, and many more exciting things coming!

When it comes to Public Relations we love being out and around town with our residents! We enjoy spending time at neighborhood block parties, children’s birthday parties, various recreation programs, sponsoring local sports teams, bringing Santa around town and our annual Fire Prevention and Life Safety Open House! This year we will be offering a few more fun events to the list so make sure you check out the calendar!

In recent years, we have expanded our public relations through other means as well as including our web presence. We began using our website (www.westamptonfire.org) ten years ago. Our website has done wonders in 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 which has changed our ability to relate to the public. We began our presence with Facebook (www.facebook.com/wtes27), which was very successful. Facebook gave us the ability to interact with residents and non-residents. 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 has become more mainstream we ventured into Pinterest (www.pinterest.com/wtes27) where 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. Have a question or need of training? Give us a call, we are here to help!

2017 Community Relations By The Numbers

23 - Public Assist Events

25 - Public Education Events

27 - Public Relation Events

250+ Social Media Posts





RETIREMENT

With Melissa Whitley

The WTES would like to congratulate Safety Officer Melissa Whitley on her retirement from the department.

Melissa has spent over 25 years in the emergency services. Melissa began as a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT in Moorestown. She spent 13 years (and continues to do so) educating new Fire and EMS students at the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center in Westampton. Her career in emergency services started when she began working at the 9-1-1 call center in Westampton. She worked over 12 years there, answering the calls of people having an emergency.

As Westampton Township continued to grow and the department was hiring, Melissa was the first female hired full time into the department. Melissa was a vital part of the organization as she was actively involved in Fire, EMS, HAZMAT, Rope Rescue, Technical Rescue and our department Safety Officer.

Now that Melissa is retired, she has more time to enjoy her family. Spending time with her husband Malcolm and their three children Morgan, Charles and Jack. She also volunteers with the Special Olympics and works part time in the emergency services field.

From all of us at the WTES we would like to congratulate Melissa on her years of service! Thank you for all that you have done in Westampton Township! Enjoy your retirement!



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) 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 2017, notable events where 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's 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.

2017 was another successful year for the members of the WTES Fire Police Unit with maintaining both the safety of the public and our first responders. We look forward to continuing to provide our community services and out reach throughout 2018.

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, 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.

