

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2011 ANNUAL REPORT



INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to present to you the annual report for the Fire Department for 2011. The information presented within this report represents a snapshot of the activities performed by the Fire Department this past year. The Fire Department responded to 457 calls for service in 2011. A 3.7% increase from 2010. 49 calls were classified as fires. This represents about 10.7% of our activity. Firefighters were dispatched 8 times for automatic aid and 14 times for mutual aid with neighboring departments. Firefighters received help from neighboring departments 16 times for automatic aid and 14 times for mutual aid.

The greatest accomplishment for the Fire Department in 2011 was the start on our new facility. The new building is presently under way with the hope of being in by Thanksgiving of 2012.

The Fire Department in cooperation with Bryan Municipal Utilities is continuing to update our water supply system by placing Stortz fittings on our fire hydrants throughout the City. 2011 was year four of a projected five year project with Bryan Municipal Utilities to place Stortz fittings on fire hydrants throughout the City of Bryan. We will complete this project in 2012. This will allow those responding mutual aid Fire Departments the ability to connect to our fire hydrants without having to use any type of special adapters or fittings. I want to thank the Board of Public Affairs and the Water Department for their assistance with this project. Without this type of cooperation we could not have the superb fire hydrant system that we have in the City of Bryan.

Due to the continued economic downturn in our local community, the Fire Department was again required to place many of our projects on hold during 2011. As with each taxpayer in the City, the Fire Department too had to tighten its belt and do without on many things. While we had to prioritize at no time were any Citizens in jeopardy of not having emergency response by the Fire Department. The Fire Department will always operate as efficiently and effectively as possible and is prepared to respond to those in need twenty-four hours a day.

I want to thank Mayor Johnson, City Council, all the members of the Fire Department, and the Citizens of our great City for their continued efforts and support to make our Fire Department the best in Northwest Ohio.

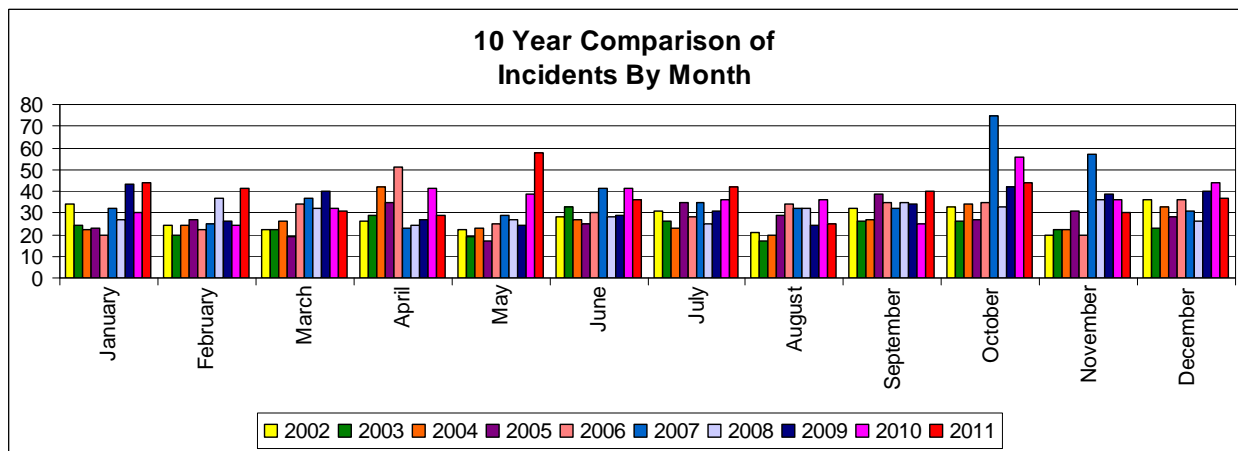
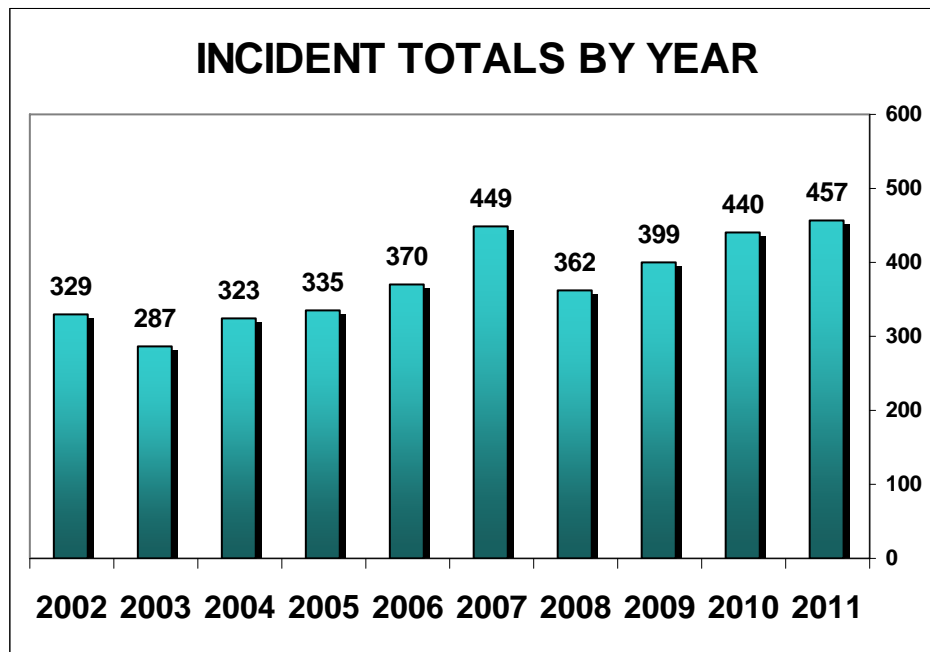
Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief



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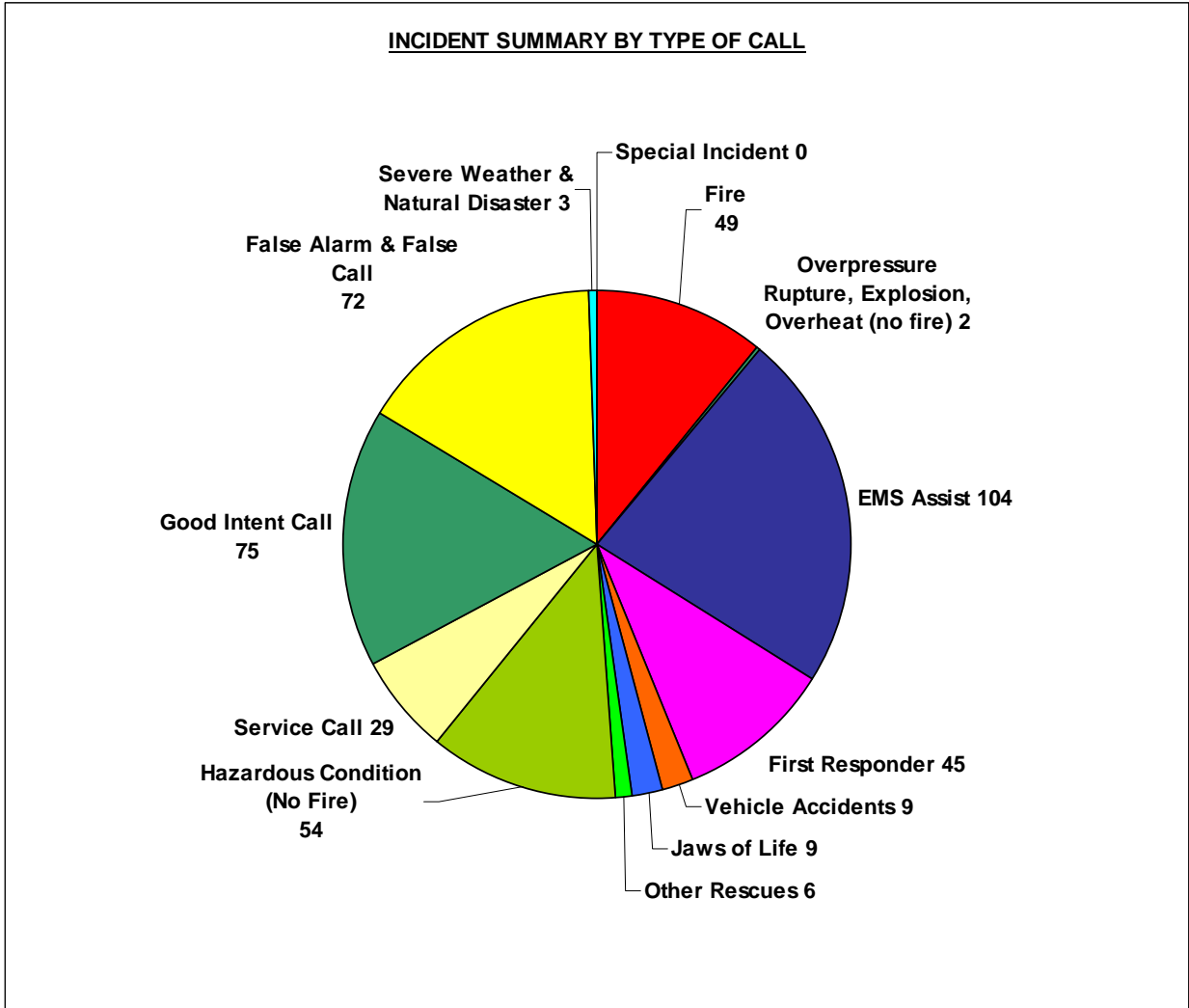
Emergency response is provided 365 days a year by our combination Fire Department. The Department currently employs a Career staff of Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Captain, and 2 Firefighters. The Department currently has 21 Paid-on-Call Volunteer Firefighters, and our Volunteer Chaplain for a total of 27 members. This combination response is accomplished by staffing our station presently with the Career staff during the hours of 0700 – 1600 Monday through Friday, except City holidays. Response from the Paid-on-Call staff is on an as needed basis during these hours. During nights, weekends, and holidays the Fire Department utilizes a response from the Paid-on-Call staff, and overtime from the Career staff.

In 2011, the average time for the first fire apparatus to respond to all calls for service was three minutes twenty-nine seconds. The Fire Department is always striving to improve as we provide our service to the community. The Fire Department's aim is to improve our service level and ensure that our responses meet the needs of the community. This is accomplished by reviewing current training needs, operational planning, confirming automatic mutual aid and continued development of our combination department.



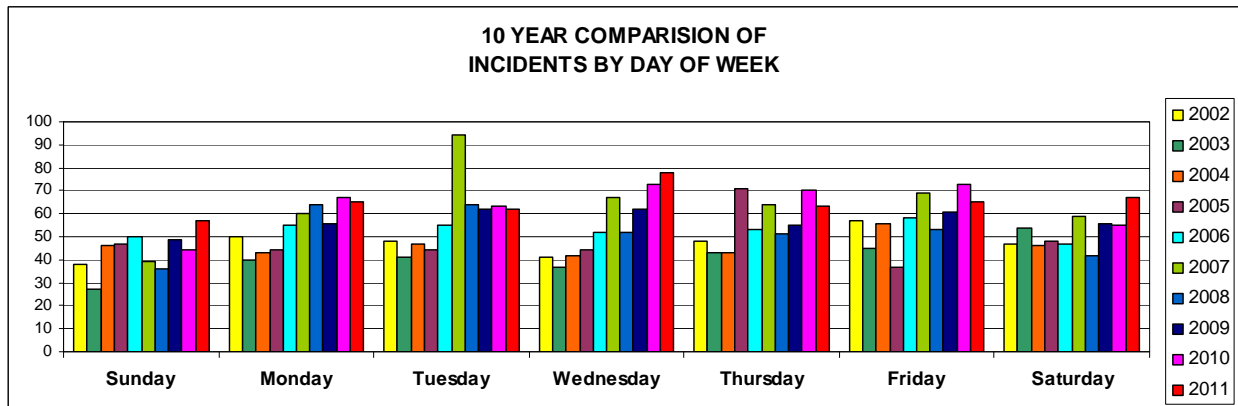
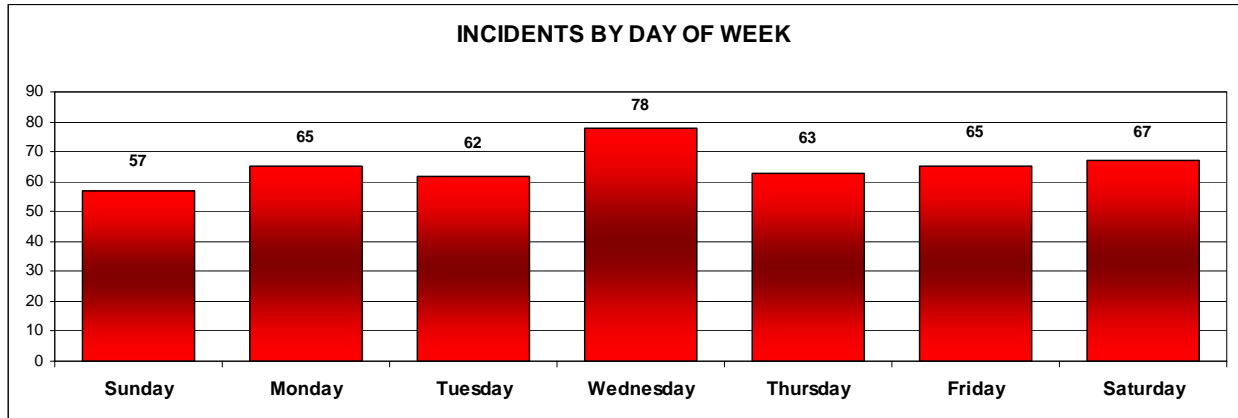


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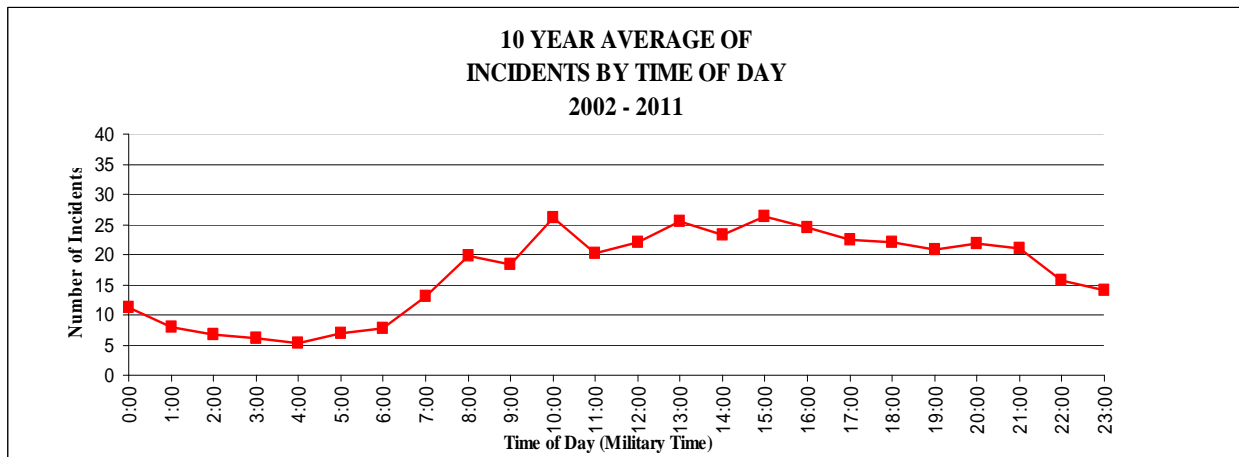
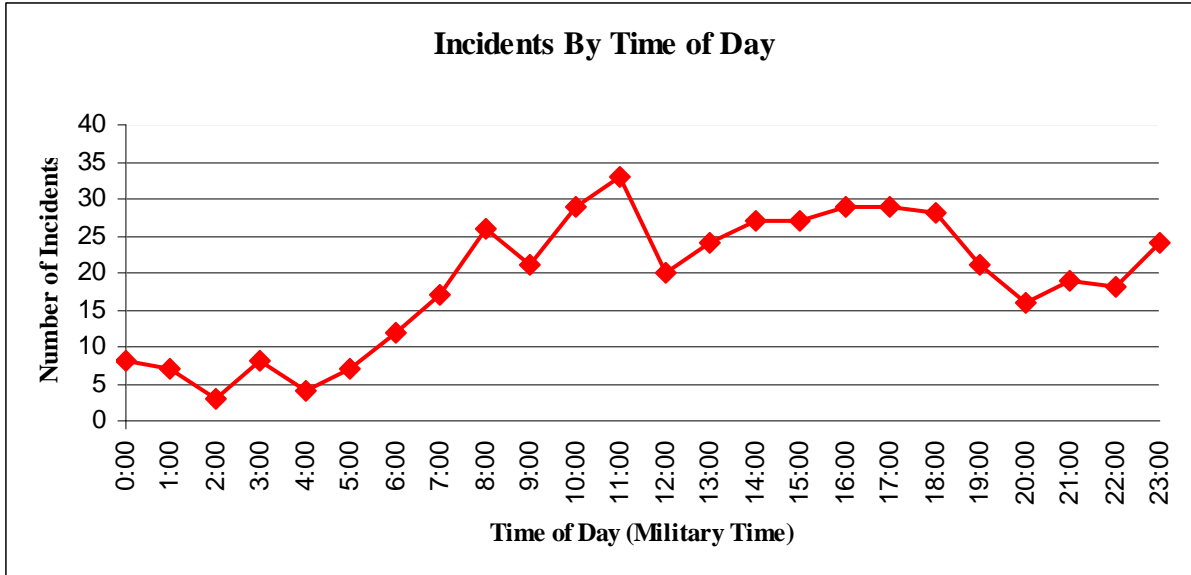


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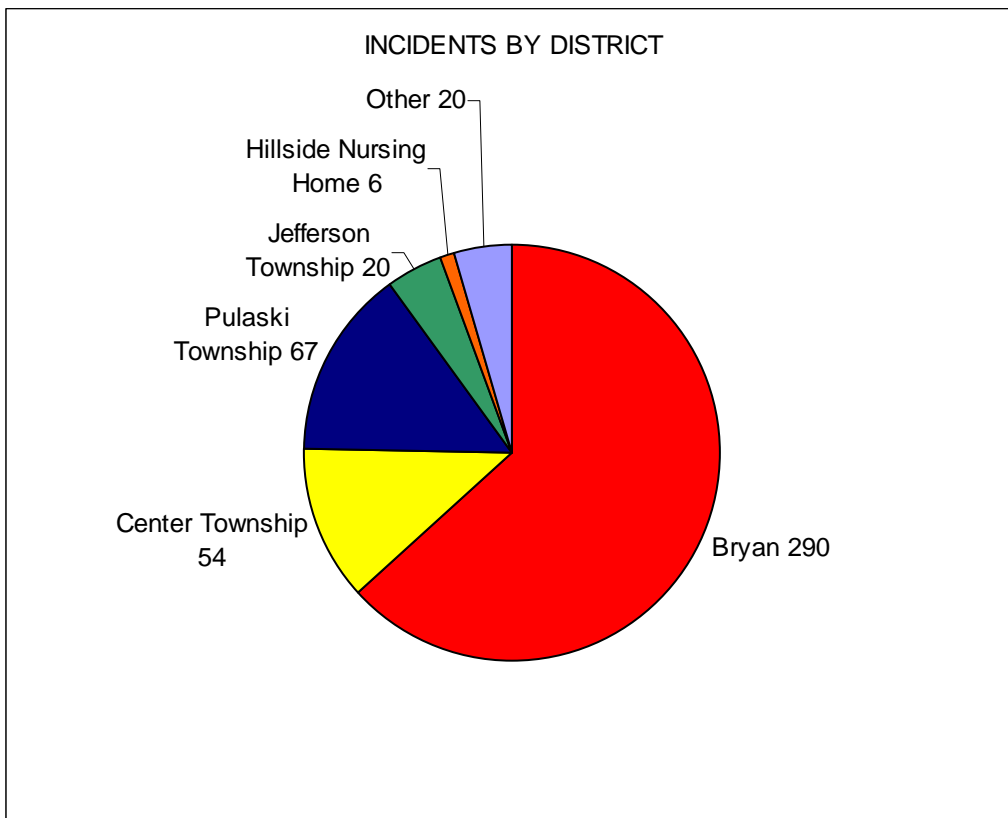


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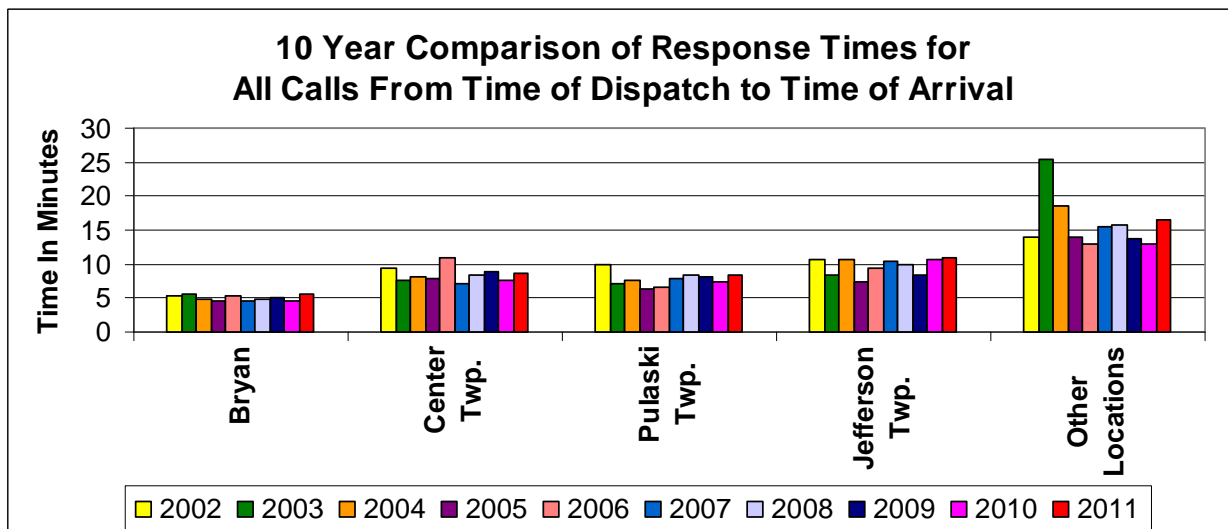
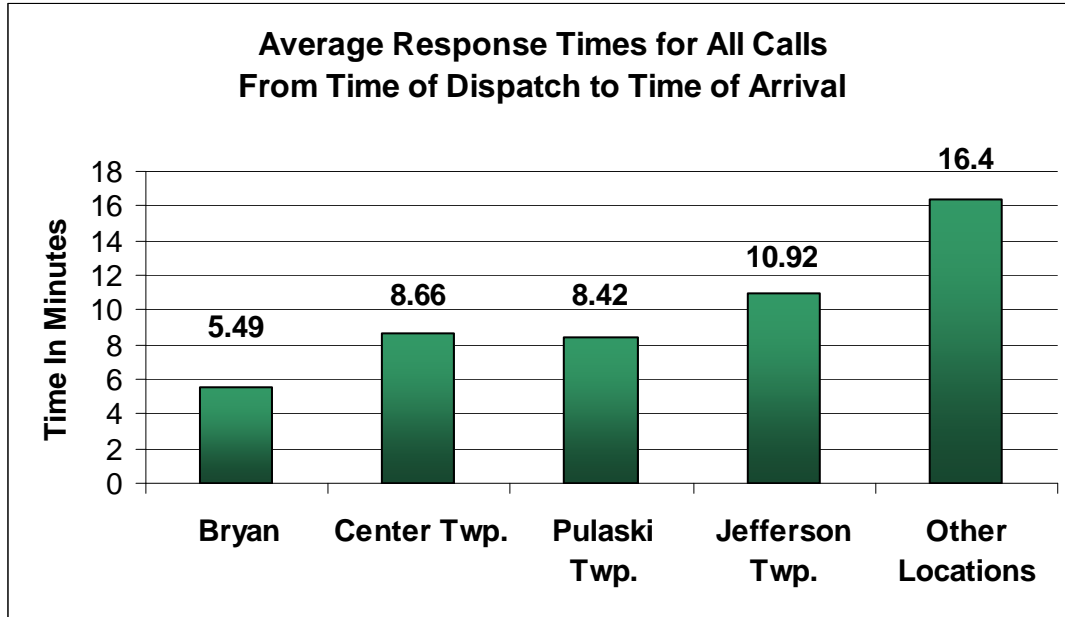


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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 49 fires in 2010; a decrease of about 28% from 2009. In 2011 our dollar loss in property and contents totaled an estimated \$122,670. This accounts for 0.45% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved an estimated \$27,126,730 in involved property last year or 99.55%. There were no civilians injured and 3 Firefighter injuries in 2011. The following is a brief overview of the three large loss fires which accounted for 68% of our total fire loss for the year.

1. **1000 Buffalo Road, Apartment 7, Incident 11-0000130; Estimated Loss \$25,000**

Bryan Firefighters responded to a reported fire at this multi family apartment Complex. Upon arrival firefighters observed smoke showing from the second floor apartment of this 16 unit apartment building. Firefighters ensured that automatic aid was en route to this fire. Firefighters laid hand lines into the structure to extinguish this fire. Automatic aid was received from Montpelier, Edgerton, and Brady Twp. Additional assistance was received by EMS who stood by at the scene. Bryan PD assisted with traffic control in the area. Fire was contained to the living room of this single apartment with light smoke in adjacent apartments, one due the door being left open when occupants were escaping.

2. **804 Haver Drive, Incident 11-0000177; Estimated Loss \$43,400**

Bryan Firefighters responded to a reported working structure fire at this location. Upon arrival firefighters found a small single family dwelling with full fire involvement. Fire was blowing from the front windows and had self vented through the roof. Crews laid in a 5 inch supply line and stretched a 2 1/2 " attack line for fire attack. Crews knocked down the biggest bulk of the fire and then moved interior for search rescue and fire attack. Crews then reduced to an 1 3/4" attack line. Crews knocked down the remaining fire and began overhaul and salvage operations. Upon investigation origin appears to be in the living room of this building. State Fire Marshals office was contacted to assist with cause of fire. Automatic aid was received from Montpelier and Edgerton Fire Departments.

3. **327 East High Street, Incident 11-0000392; Estimated Loss \$15,500**

This fire could have had serious consequences associated with it. A single engine company was dispatched for smoke in the house at this location. While enroute the crew was notified that there had been a fire but it was put out by the occupant. Upon arrival firefighters found a two story wood frame structure with nothing showing. The homeowner said they had a fire on the stove, and they extinguished the fire with two dry chemical fire extinguishers. Firefighters investigated the room of origin and the structure and found medium smoke on the first floor. The electric blower was set up to ventilate the structure. Firefighters checked the occupant's smoke detectors and found them not working, so one was given to them. Fire damaged the carpeting in the kitchen as well as the countertop, sink, cupboard and ceiling above the sink. There was no actual fire damage done to the stove but there was light damage to the cupboard above the stove.



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10 Year Comparison of Dollar Loss			
Year	Property Value	Loss	Property Saved
2002	7,191,705	1,053,915	6,137,790
2003	17,865,050	827,691	17,037,359
2004	12,498,350	111,150	12,387,200
2005	2,863,200	653,245	2,209,955
2006	16,794,500	230,605	16,563,895
2007	15,531,130	153,715	15,377,415
2008	11,110,550	152,700	10,957,850
2009	2,427,585	412,560	2,015,025
2010	13,771,040	335,020	13,436,020
2011	27,249,400	122,670	27,126,730
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Average	\$12,730,251	\$405,327	\$12,324,924





FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Section has multiple responsibilities within the Fire Department. The main focus is the prevention of fires, and to provide for the safety of our citizens. This is accomplished through public education, building plan review, and code enforcement. The Fire Department works in conjunction with the Engineering Department and Bryan Municipal Utilities to ensure that new construction meets the minimum fire safety requirements. Existing commercial, industrial, and educational facilities are inspected on a regular basis. Home inspections are also conducted if requested by the home owner. Last year 179 fire inspections were completed and 11 plan reviews were completed. Firefighters also conducted annual fire extinguisher inspections for all City Departments.

Fire Safety programs are an important part of Fire Prevention. Fire Department Personnel deliver programs to many different groups in the community including schools, businesses, industry, community groups, and neighborhood associations. The Fire Safety message is also delivered to tour groups that visit the Fire Station. Last year 62 programs were delivered reaching over 1,000 adults and children.





TRAINING

Training of Fire Department members is probably one of the most important aspects of the Fire Department. We are always trying to provide ongoing and comprehensive training topics that enhance our Firefighter's knowledge and give them the tools and resources needed to be prepared for our multifaceted environment.

Fire Department members participated in 4,060.95 hours (staff hours) of training last year or 162.43 hours per Firefighter. Topics covered included driver's training, pump operation, safety & survival, fireground operations, ladders, forcible entry, hazardous materials, vehicle extrication, confined space, rope rescue, EMS, and many more.

The Training Academy was also very busy last year, training Firefighters, mostly from neighboring departments in the County and throughout the Northwest Ohio area. The Training Academy offered and delivered training programs in Volunteer Firefighter, Firefighter I Transition, and Firefighter II certification. As well as hosting Hazardous Materials, Confined Space, Vehicle Extrication, and other types of training attended by our firefighters and other firefighters from around the area.





SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Fire Department participates in many special activities throughout the community. We use this opportunity to promote public education on fire safety as well as general safety. Participation in these events allows the Fire Department to convey critical messages that aid in our prevention efforts to minimize the loss when a fire occurs. The Department will continue to participate in community and organizational events in order to promote the fire prevention message and to provide good public relations with the citizens of our community.





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YOUR BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief
Douglas A. Pool, Assistant Fire Chief
John W. MacFarlane, Chaplain

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

Gary P. Merschdorf, Captain
Joel L. DeLong
Jason D. Manon

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Leonard E. Bauer, Captain
Kodie J. Carlisle
Rodney L. Carlisle
Paul D. Combs
Anthony M. Cruz
Christopher P. Cullis
Tyson R. Engstrom, Lieutenant
Mitchell S. Figgins
Zachary C. Fisher
Dustin L. Gillett
Gregory D. Grisier
Kacey D. Grubb
Keaton P. Grubb
Apryl D. McClaine
Eric D. McClaine
Douglas D. Myers
John L. Robbins
Bradley A. Stucky, Lieutenant
Kevin R. Temple, Lieutenant
Kenneth D. Ulrich

RESIGNATIONS OR RETIREMENTS

Cathy L. Enriquez, Resigned 7/15/2011, 8 Years of Service
Joshua R. Frees, Resigned 9/2/2011, 4 Years of Service
Daniel J. Gutierrez, Resigned 7/15/2011, 3 Years of Service
Timothy G. Jonovich, Resigned 10/21/2011, 5 Years of Service
Shawn Rupp, Resigned 1/15/2011, 2 Years of Service