

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



INTRODUCTION

I count it an honor to present to you the annual report for the City of Bryan Fire Department for 2014. The information presented within this report represents a highlight of the activities performed by the Fire Department this past year.

The Fire Department is responsible for providing rescue, fire suppression, emergency medical care, special operations and related services to the public. We do this through our mission statement:

The City of Bryan Fire Department is dedicated to providing the highest level of emergency services to the residents and visitors of our community. The Department protects lives and properties through fire suppression, fire prevention, public education, response to natural and man-made disasters and the rescue of trapped, lost or injured persons. The City of Bryan Fire Department is dedicated to assisting, to the best of our ability, other governmental agencies in the completion of their mission.

Our Vision

The City of Bryan Fire Department seeks to be a respected and productive organization in the City and surrounding communities, by providing the most professionally trained and experienced personnel with the necessary apparatus and equipment to complete our mission in an efficient and effective manner.

Core Values

The core values of the City of Bryan Fire Department are *dedication, integrity, professionalism, respect, and service.*

Dedication: Dedication is what compels us to serve. It is what drives us to meet every situation faced with, head-on and to be successful.

Integrity: Our customers trust us. We are called when people are in desperate situations. They rely on our prompt response to their need. Our members strictly adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards of conduct both on and off the job.

Professionalism: The members of the City of Bryan Fire Department will always reflect our core values. Our appearance, attitude, skill, abilities, caring and compassion will inspire those around us and will instill confidence and trust to those we serve.

Respect: We treat everyone with respect. In order to respect others we must first respect ourselves, or fellow firefighters and our department. We take a great deal of pride, pleasure, and satisfaction for the work that we do for the City of Bryan.

Service: Service to the public is a noble and responsible calling. Our members consider it a privilege to serve the citizens and visitors of the City of Bryan and outlying communities.

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.

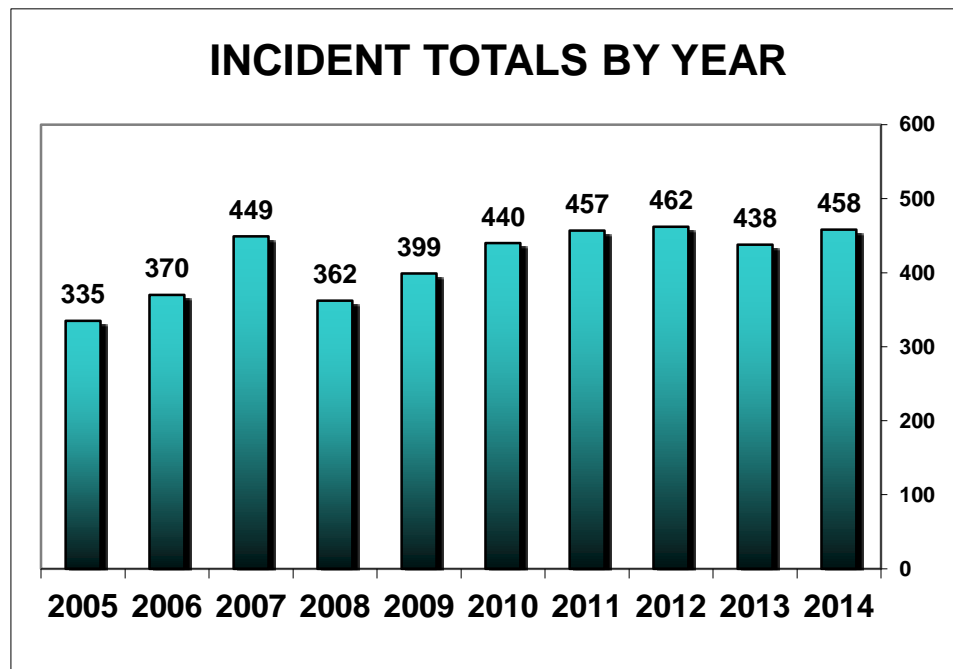
Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief



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We provide our services 24 hours a day 365 days a year by our combination Fire Department. The Department currently employs a Career staff of Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Captain, and four Firefighters. We added two additional Firefighters in December. The Department currently has 18 Paid-on-Call Firefighters, and our Volunteer Chaplain for a total of 26 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 2014, The City of Bryan Fire Department responded to 458 calls for service, a 5% increase from 2013.



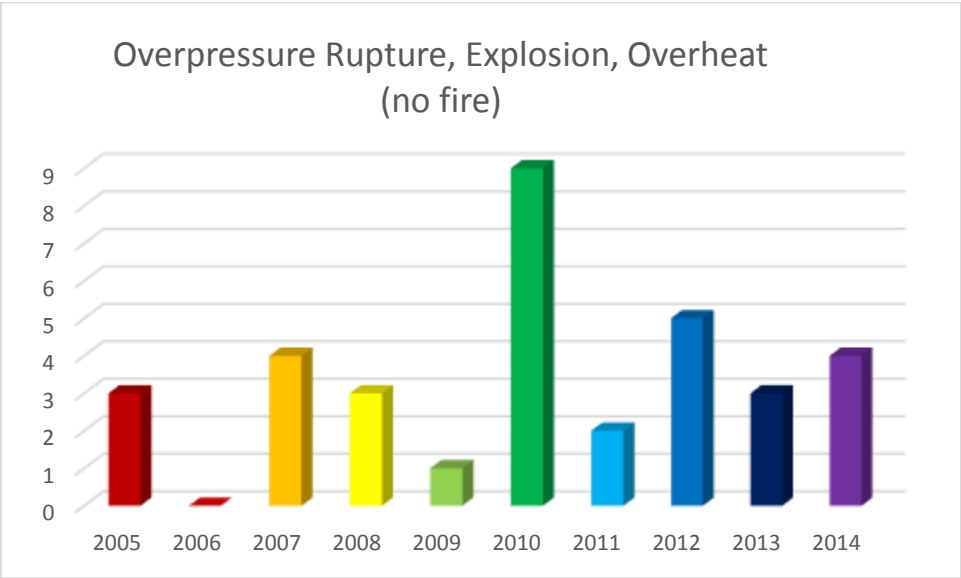
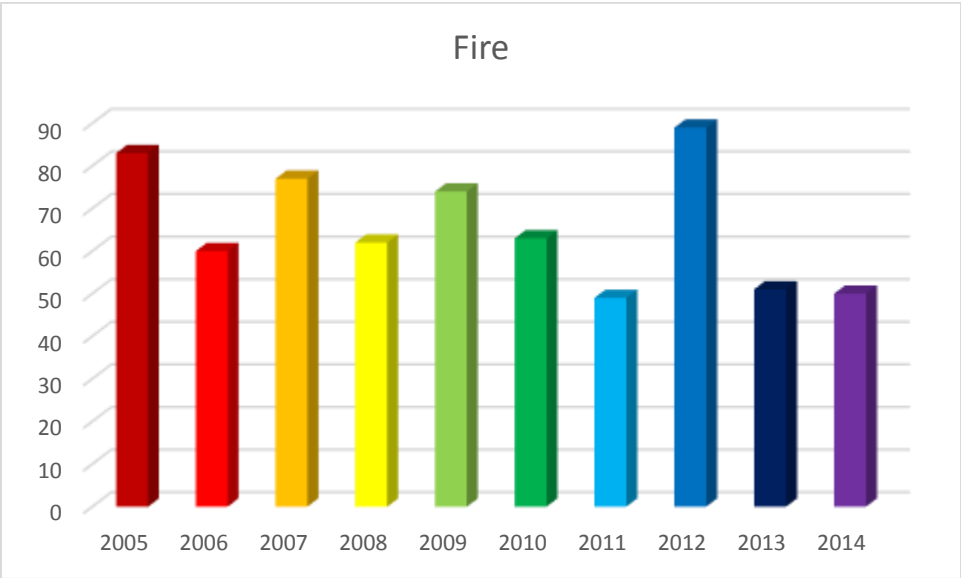
Forty-eight of the 458 requests for service were classified as fires in 2014, which represents just over 10% of the total activity for the Fire Department. The following chart shows the types of calls responded to by the Fire Department and the percent of activity for each call type.

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Total for Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Activity</u>
Fire	48	10.48%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)	4	0.87%
EMS Assist	73	15.94%
First Responder	49	10.70%
Vehicle Accidents	48	10.48%
Jaws of Life	8	1.75%
Other Rescues	1	0.22%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	46	10.04%
Service Call	28	6.11%
Good Intent Call	73	15.94%
False Alarm & False Call	79	17.25%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.22%
Special Incident	0	0.00%
	458	100.00%



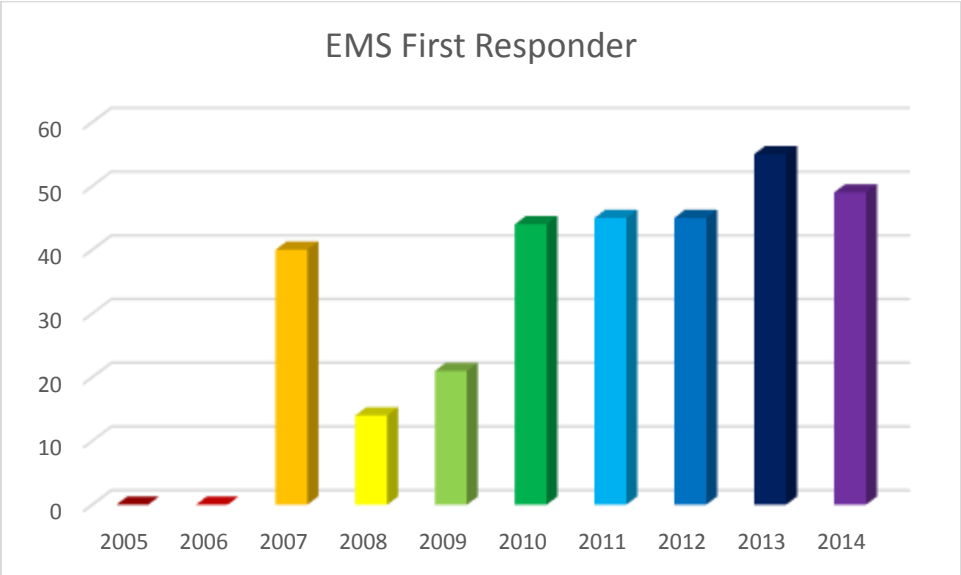
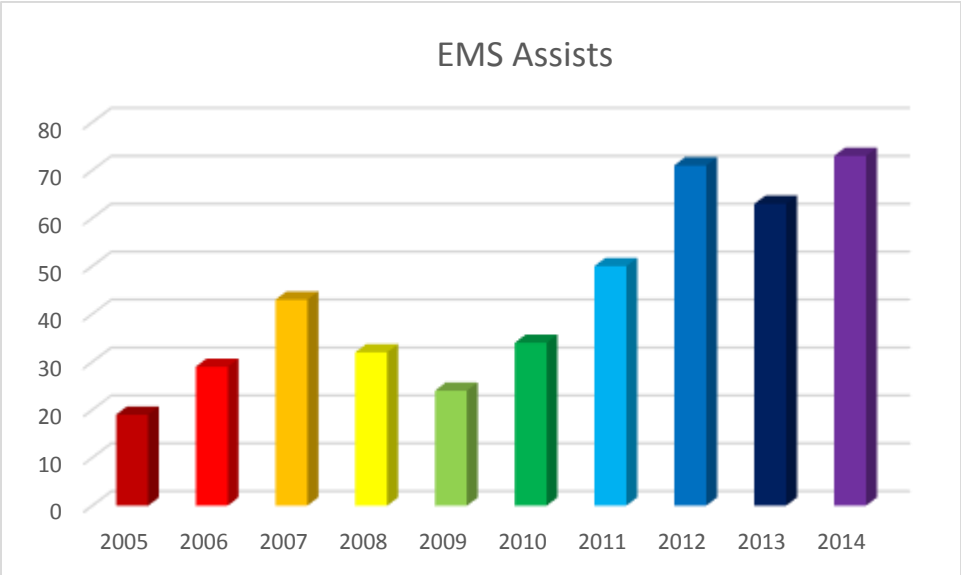
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The following charts represent a 10-year comparison of calls by type. Through trending and analyzing our types of calls, the Fire Department is able to see the needs of the community, adjust our operation to meet those needs and successfully meet our mission.



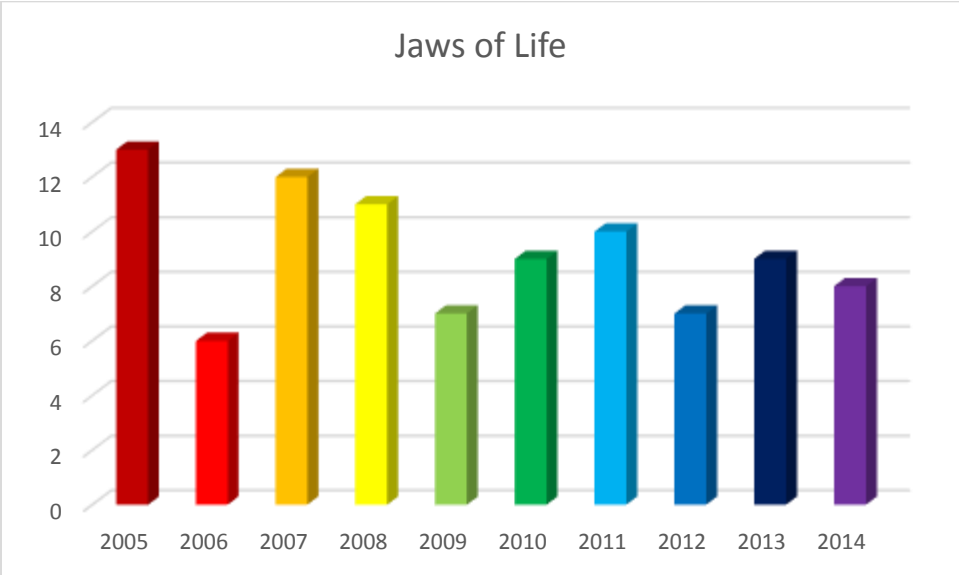
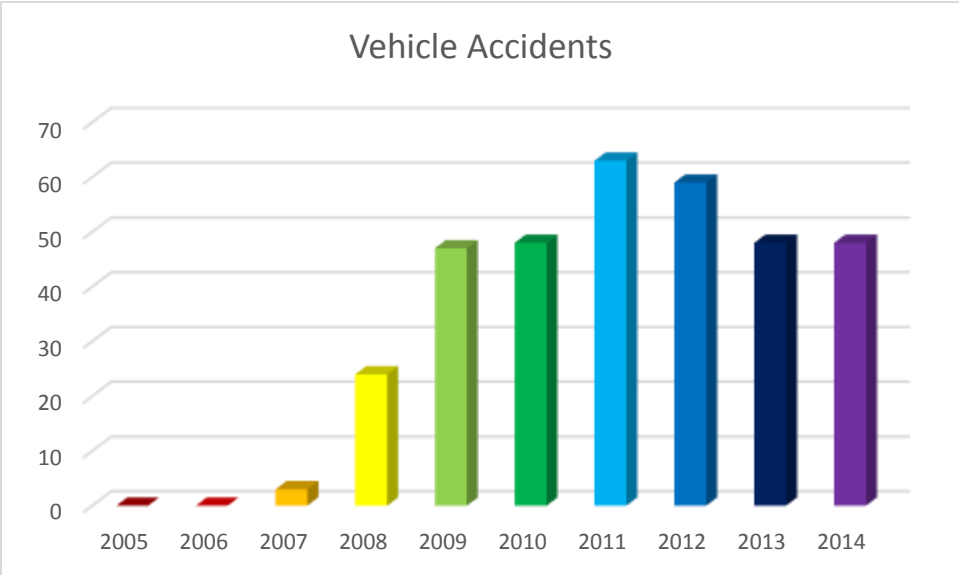


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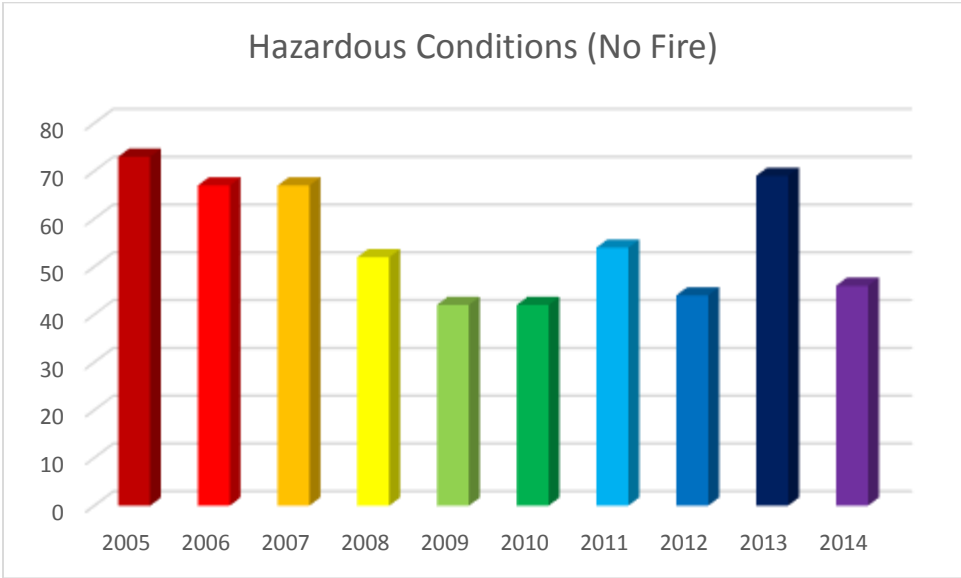
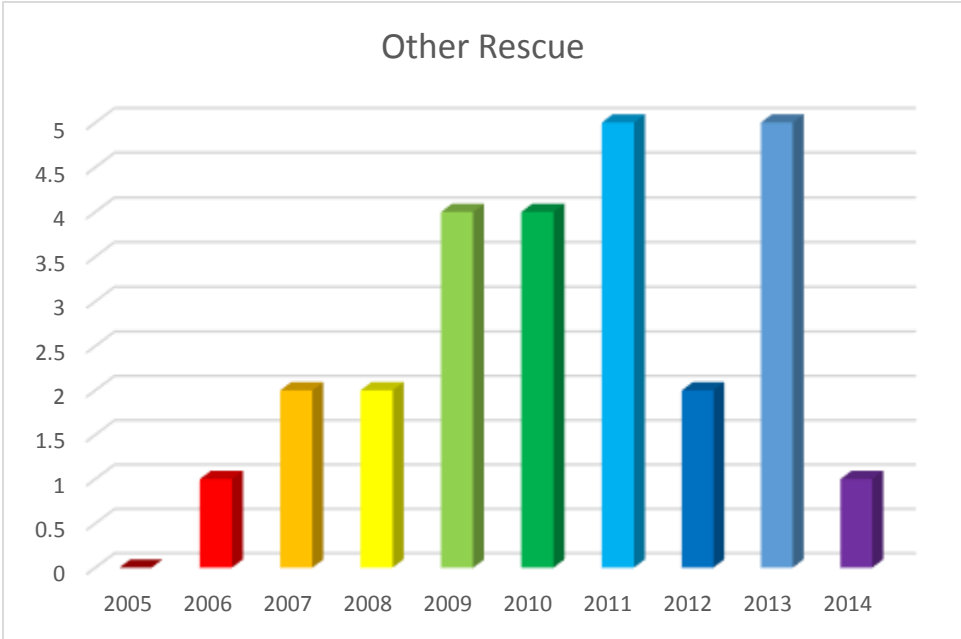


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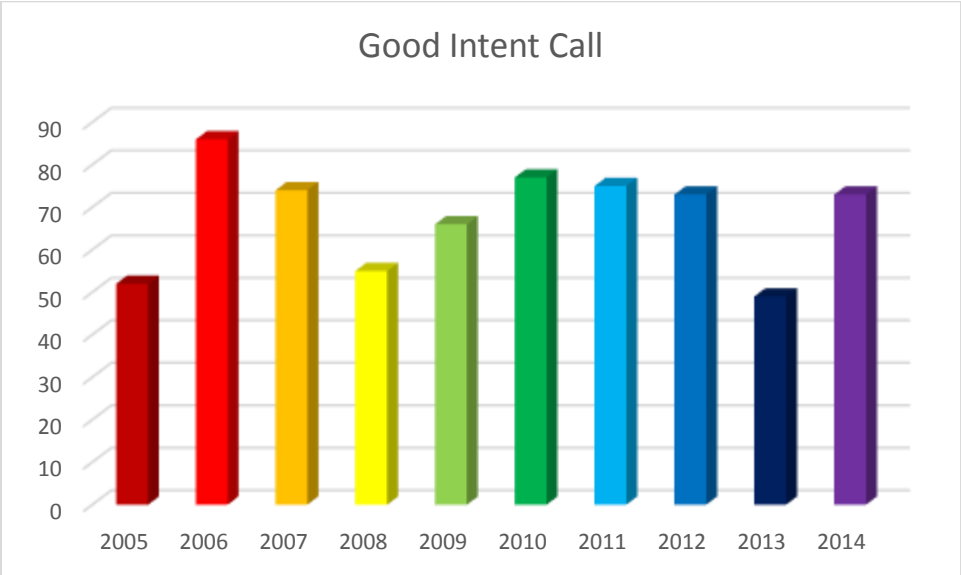
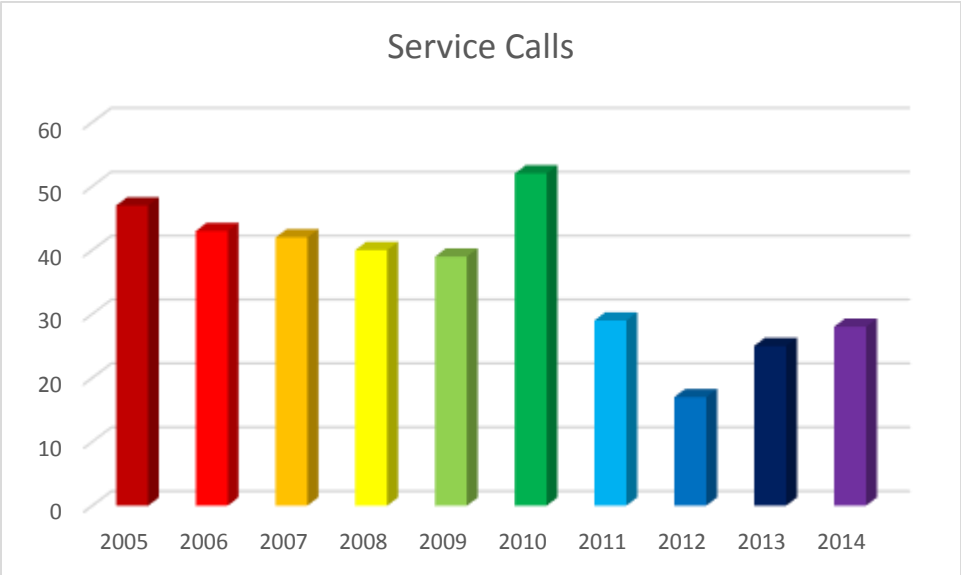


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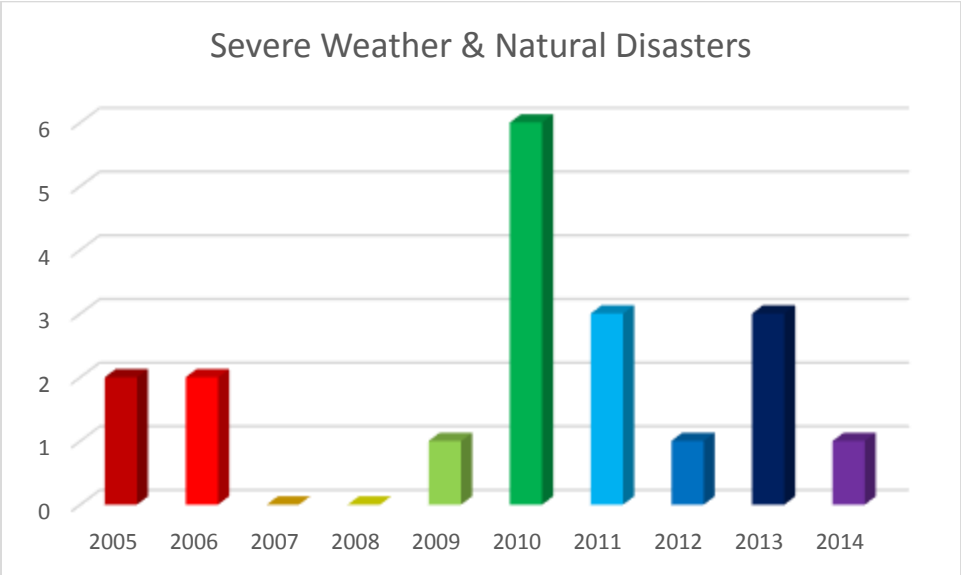
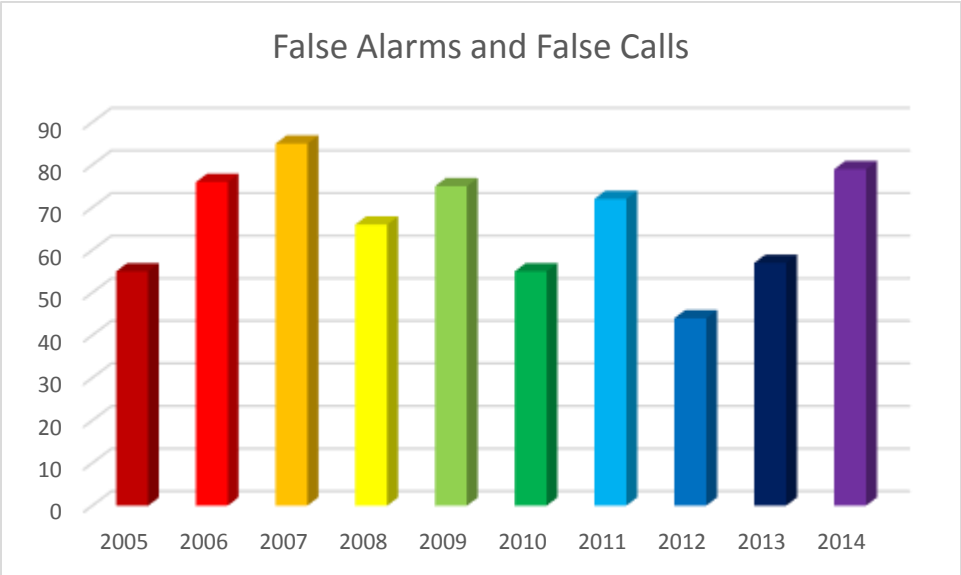


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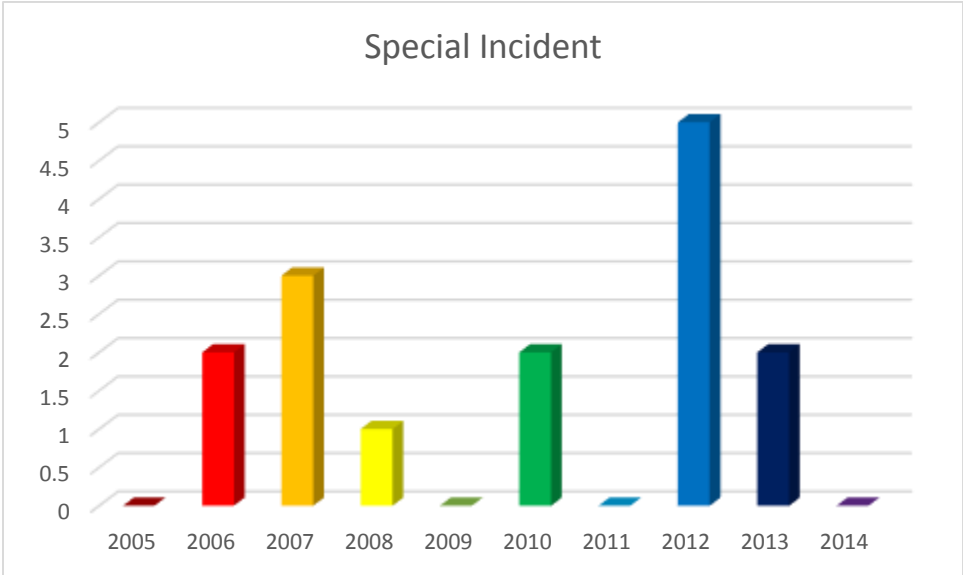


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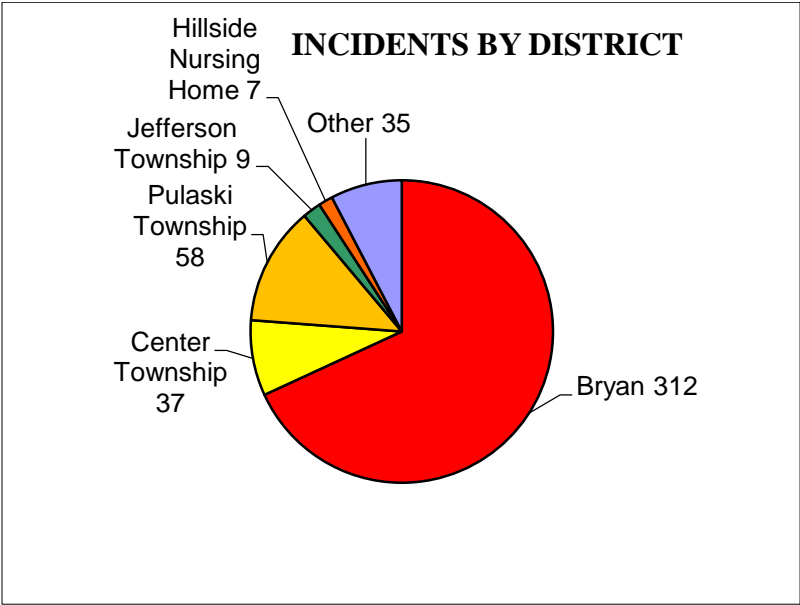




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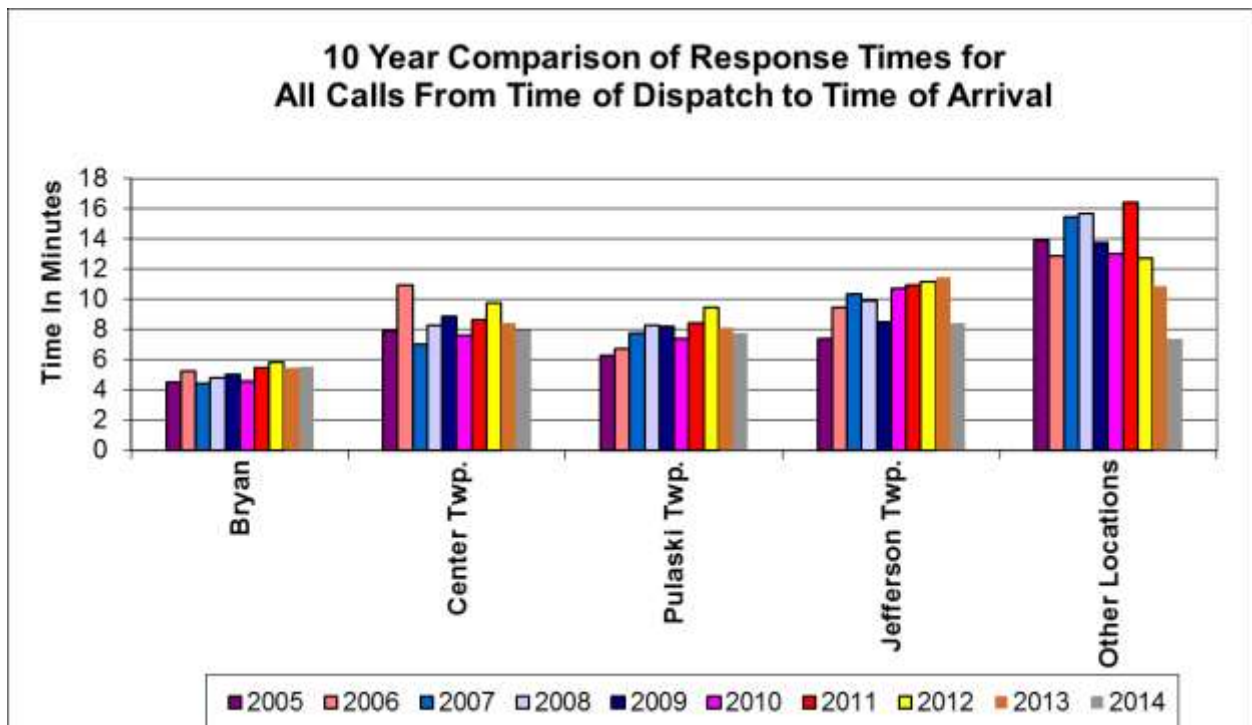
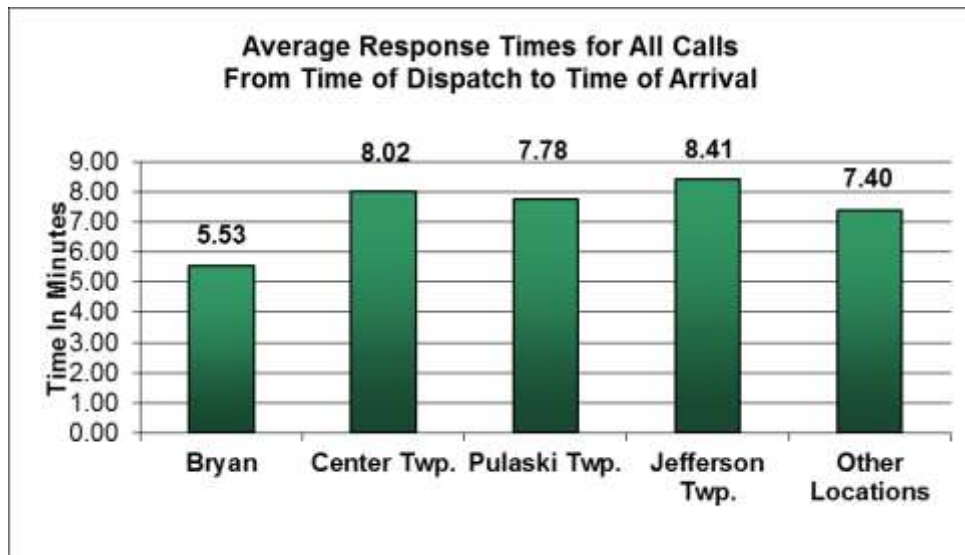
The Fire Department has not only responsibilities within the City of Bryan, but also in the adjoining Townships that surround the City through fire protection contracts. In 2014, 68 percent of our call volume came from inside the City. 8 percent came from Center Township, 2 percent from Jefferson Township, 12 percent from Pulaski Township, 2 percent to the County Home and surrounding County properties. The remaining 8 percent was to our neighboring communities through Automatic Aid and Mutual aid.





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In 2014, the average time for the first fire apparatus to respond to all calls for service was four minutes twenty-one seconds. In addition, the total number of hours spent on calls in 2014 was 369 hours, with the average time spent on an individual call of 48 minutes. The Fire Department is always striving to improve as we provide service to our 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 operations, our training needs, operational planning, confirming automatic mutual aid and continued development of our combination department.

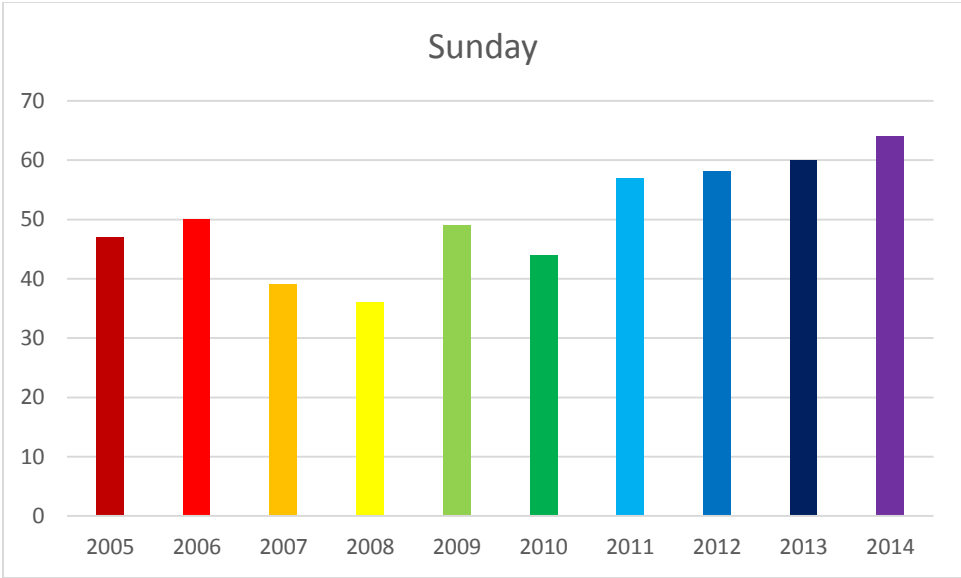
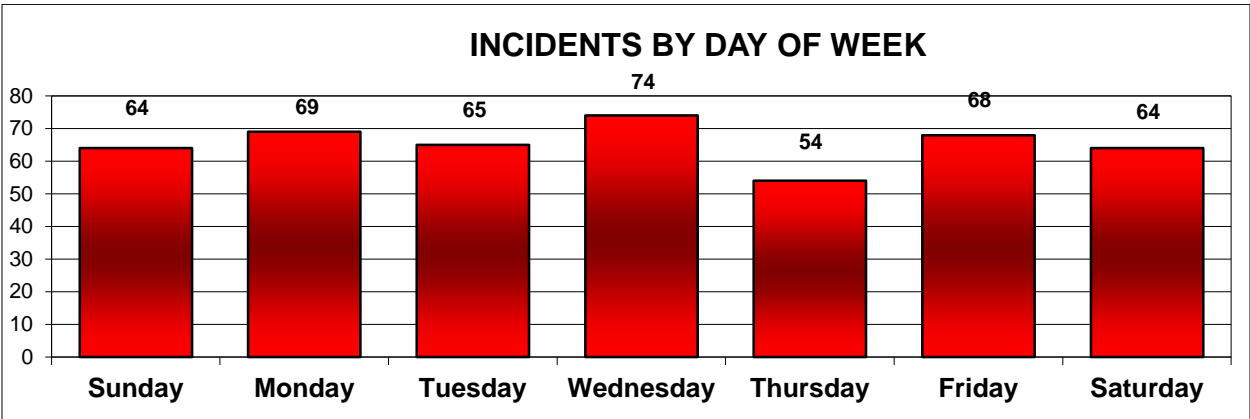




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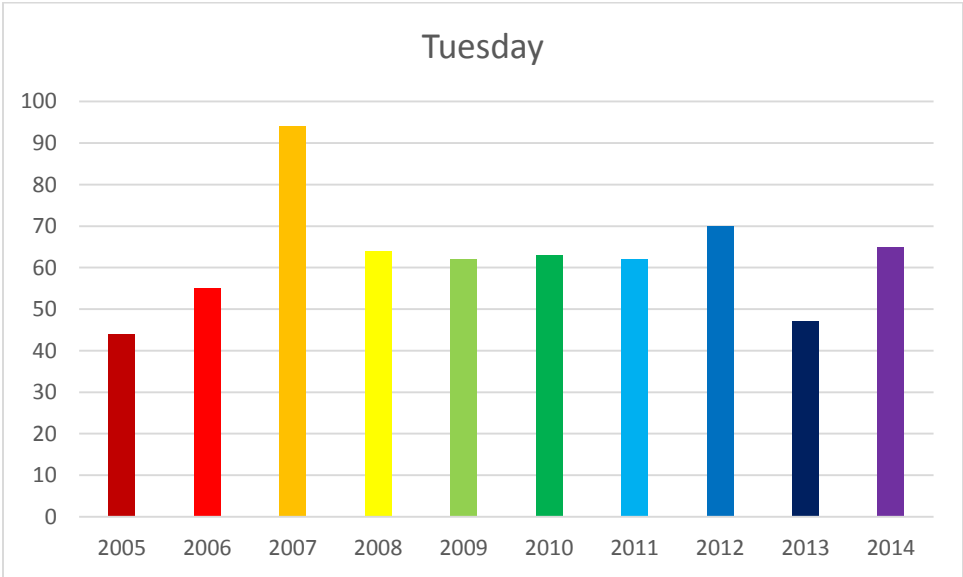
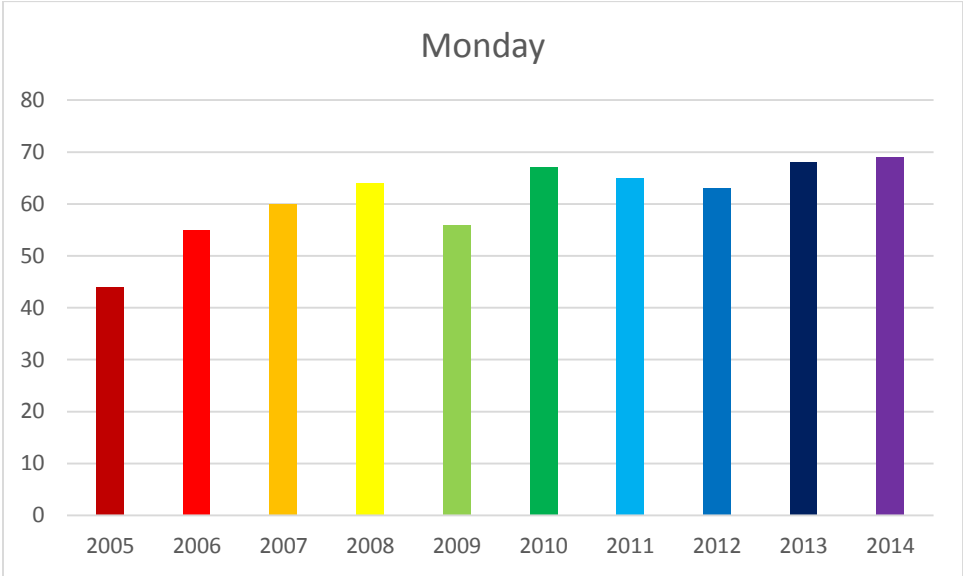
Assisting our neighboring communities is an important aspect of the Fire Department. As we have seen, no Fire Department has all of the necessary resources to handle many of our calls for service. Thorough Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid, we are able to help and receive help from our neighbors to meet their mission and ours. Last year our Firefighters were dispatched 6 times for automatic aid and 12 times for mutual aid with neighboring departments. The Fire Department received help from neighboring departments 21 times for automatic aid and 15 times for mutual aid.

We get asked on a consistent basis, what is your busiest days and are you more busy in the winter time? We also get asked what is the busiest time of the day? The short answer is the Fire Department is always busy. Typically we have a call for service every day. In 2014 our average call volume was 32 calls per month. The following charts will give you a glimpse of the busiest days for 2014, a 10 year comparison by day of the week a 10 year average of calls by month, and finally our calls by time of day and a 10 year average.



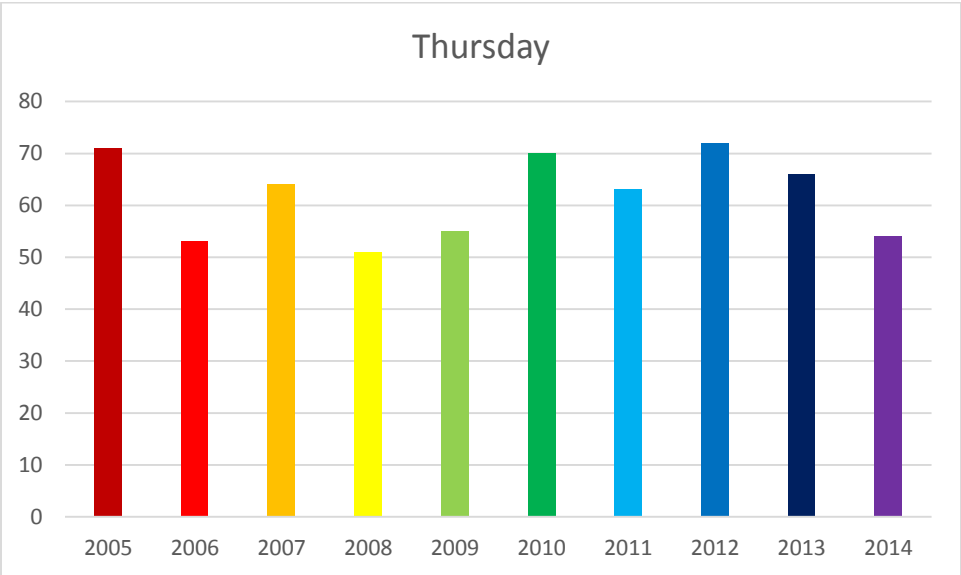
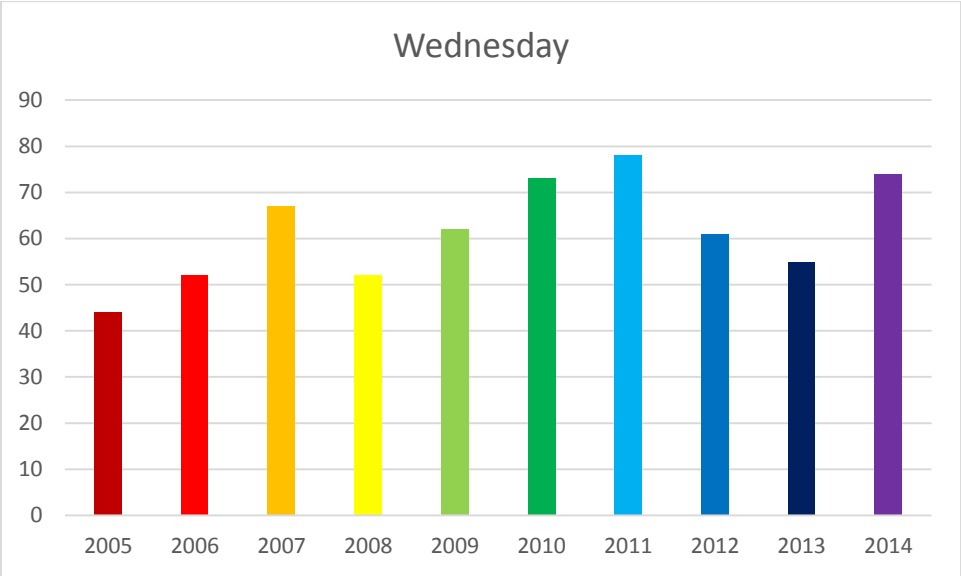


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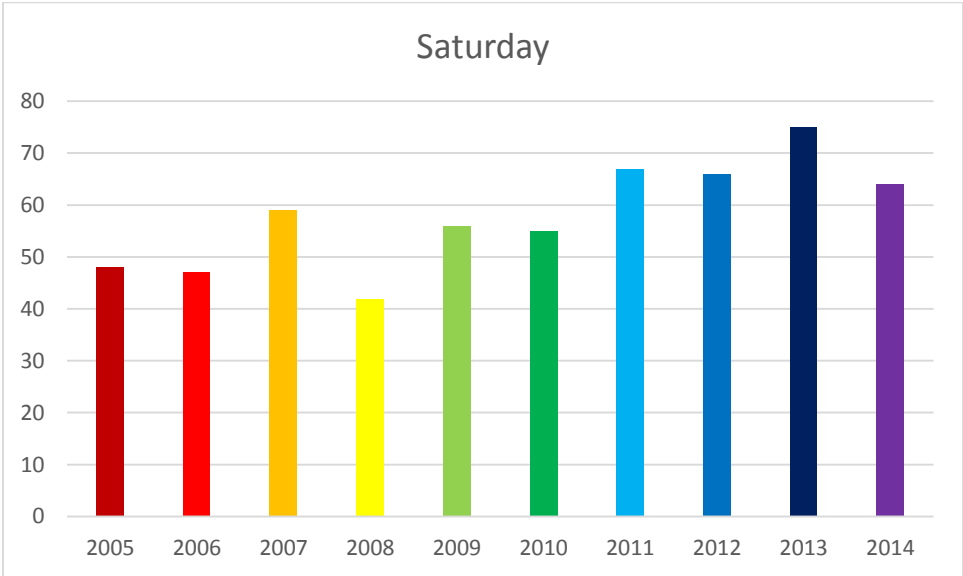
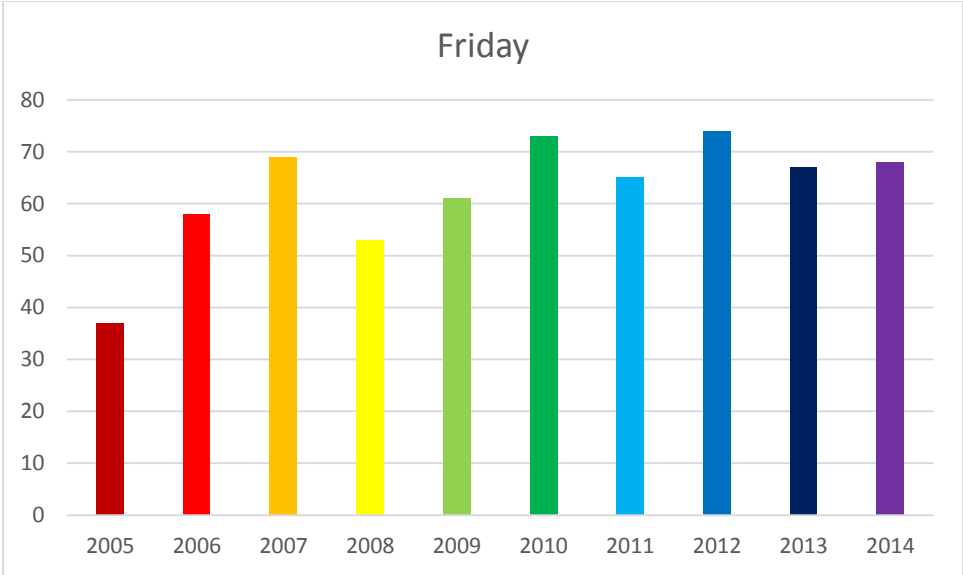


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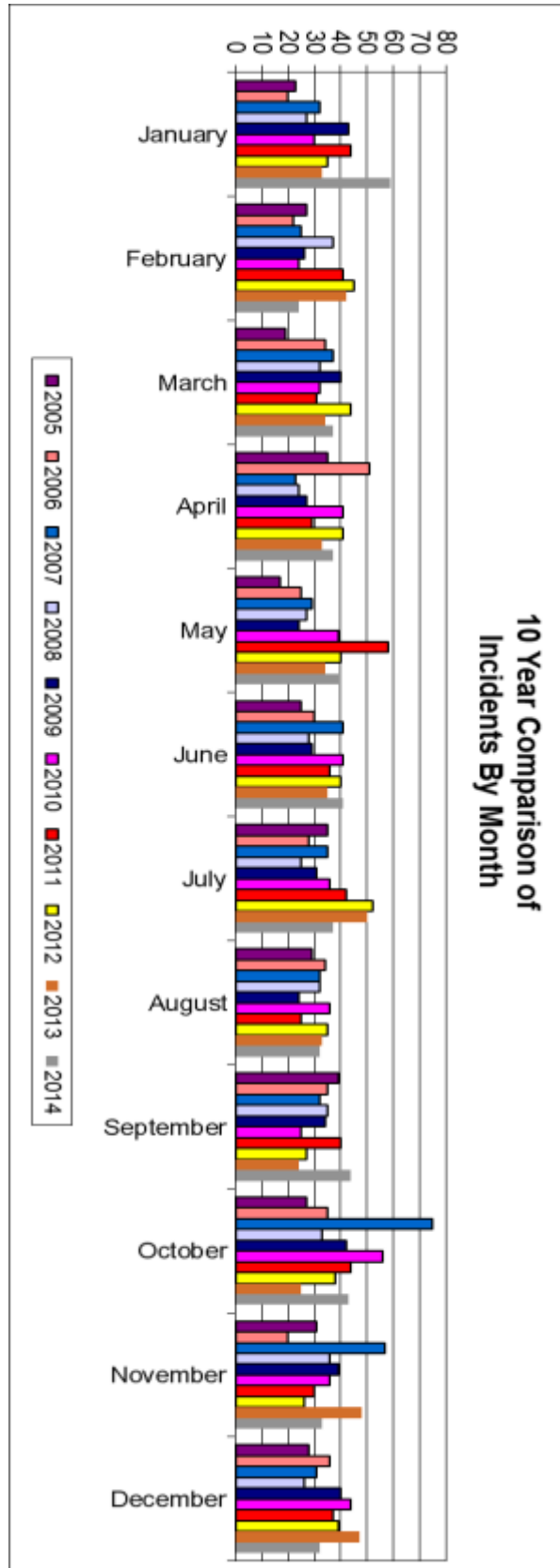


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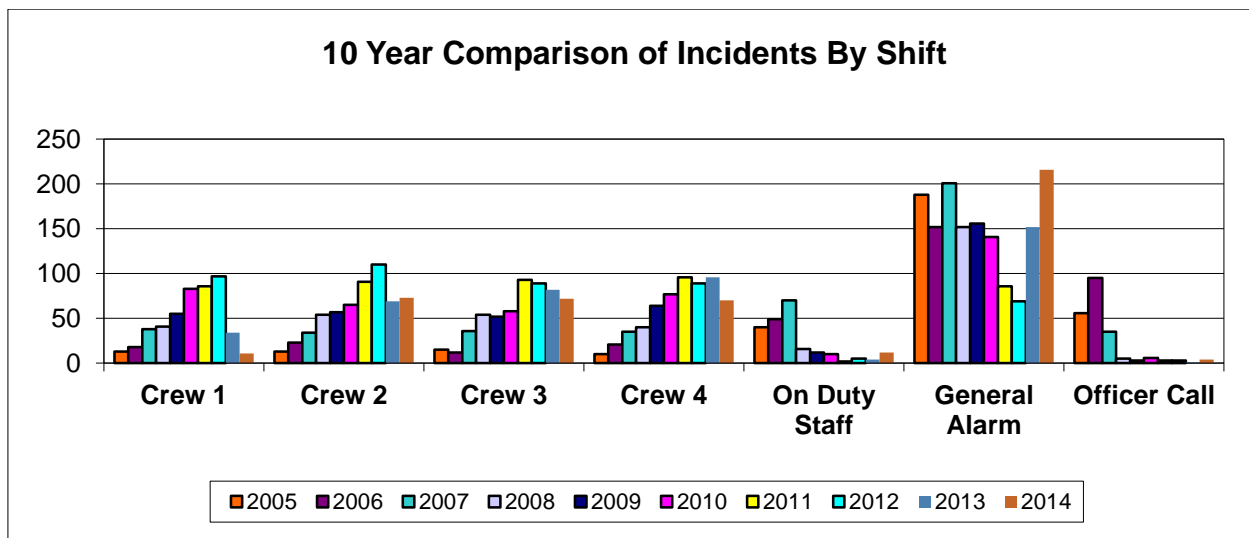
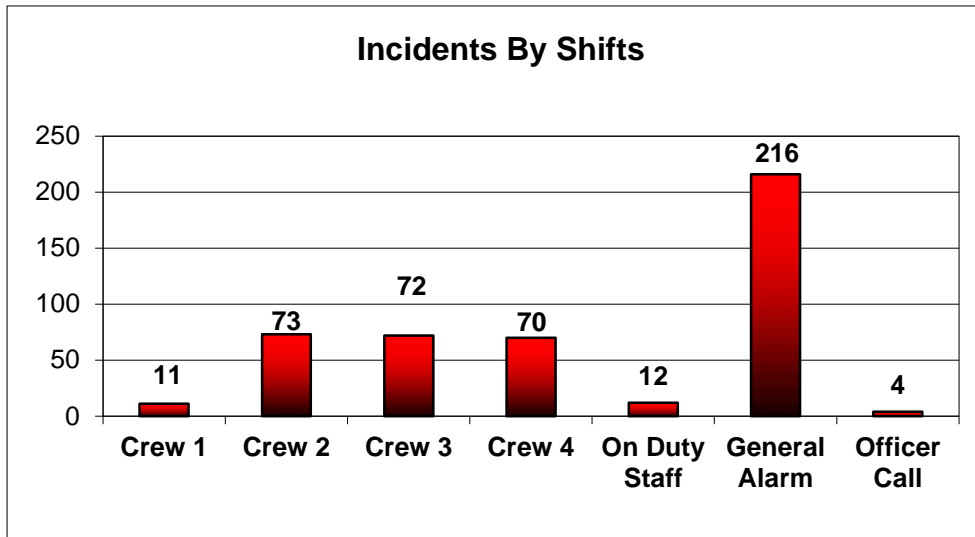


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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 48 fires in 2014, a decrease of about 6% from 2013. Of the 48 classified fires, 23 fires received a dollar loss. 13 were building fires, 6 vehicle fires, and 4 other classified fires such as dumpster fires and power poles, etc. In 2014, our dollar loss in property and contents totaled an estimated \$200,795.00. This accounts for 29% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved an estimated \$6,545,455.00 in involved property last year or 97%. There were two civilian injuries last year due to fire, and we incurred no Firefighter injuries in 2014. The cause for 34 % of our fires were accidental. The Fire Department determined 3 fires were intentionally set in 2014. These cases were investigated in conjunction with the Bryan Police Department, the Williams County Sheriff’s Office, and the State Fire Marshal’s office.

10 Year Comparison of Dollar Loss			
Year	Property Value	Loss	Property Saved
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
2012	2,417,520	360,128	2,057,392
2013	1,873,750	127,800	1,745,950
2014	6,746,250	200,795	6,545,455
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Average	\$10,078,493	\$274,924	\$9,803,569





FIRE PREVENTION

Our 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 135 fire inspections were completed and 103 code violations were corrected. The Fire Prevention Section also completed 7 plan reviews for new or renovation construction. 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 76 programs were delivered in our community and response area reaching over 6,000 adults and children.





TRAINING

Our Training section is tasked with providing training not only to our firefighters but also through our training academy to area fire departments and firefighters. Training of Fire Department members is probably one of the most important aspects of the Fire Department. Fire Department personnel are required to maintain their professional licensures through continuing education. We are always providing ongoing and comprehensive training topics that enhance our Firefighter's knowledge and give them the tools and resources that they need to be prepared for our multifaceted environment.

Fire Department members participated in 3,902 hours (staff hours) of training last year or 156 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, from our department and 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.





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
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Jason D. Manon
Dustin L. Gillett
Jared T. McCann

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Derek J. Allen
Leonard E. Bauer, Captain
Alexander J. Campbell
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Rodney L. Carlisle
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Brett Miller
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Apryl D. McClaine

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