

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to submit to you a summary of Fire Department activities for 2008. The information presented within this report represents a snapshot of last year's activities, and gives us a roadmap for the future. Calls for service in 2008 were down from 2007 by 19.5 %. There were a total of 362 calls for service in 2008. 62 calls were classified as fires or 17.12%. The most severe fire of 2008 occurred on August 18 at New Era Corporation. Firefighters were dispatched 28 times for automatic aid or mutual aid with neighboring departments. Firefighters responded 13 times for Medical Emergencies or 3.59%. The balance of the calls for service was for false alarms, CO checks and odor complaints, as well as for vehicle extrications, lifting assistance, and hazardous materials spills. Total estimated property values involved with fire in 2008 was \$11,110,550. Firefighters saved 98.63% of this estimated value or \$10,957,850.

There were many significant accomplishments made by the Fire Department in 2008. The most noteworthy of these accomplishments was the completion of the Emergency Medical Technician Program. The City of Bryan can now boast of the 25 Firefighter/EMT's that are now on the Bryan Fire Department ready and able to provide medical care to our citizens. In 2009, we will be sending 5 more Firefighters to school for their Emergency Medical Technician certification. Upon their completion we will then have 88% of the department as Firefighter/EMT's. This is quite an accomplishment for our City and our Firefighters.

The second greatest accomplishment for the Fire Department was the receiving of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal government. This grant in conjunction with other Fire Departments in Williams County has allowed us to put together a radio communication system for the Fire Departments in Williams County. This communications system would not have been possible without the cooperation of all public entities and elected officials involved. On behalf of the Fire Departments of Williams County I would like to personally thank each and every Mayor, Council Member, and Township Trustee for their support in this very important project.

We continued in 2008 with the installation of computers in Fire Department apparatus. In 2008 we were able to add 2 additional computers to fire apparatus, one to Engine 21 and one to Rescue 25. Additionally, a computer was added to our dispatch center. We are still in the process of connecting this computer to the 9-1-1 computer so that our dispatchers are able to locate where the call was coming from. Also in a Joint effort with the Bryan Police Department, we installed a new computerized radio dispatch center. This update has enabled the City of Bryan to realize an up to date system that will be able to grow well into the future in regards to radio communications.

The Fire Department was also able to erect a storage building at our Training Center. This building is presently being used to store our Hazardous Materials Unit, our Foam Utility Vehicle as well as other support units used at the Training Center. Although we originally had not planned for this building, I want to thank Mayor Johnson and City Council for making this important project happen.

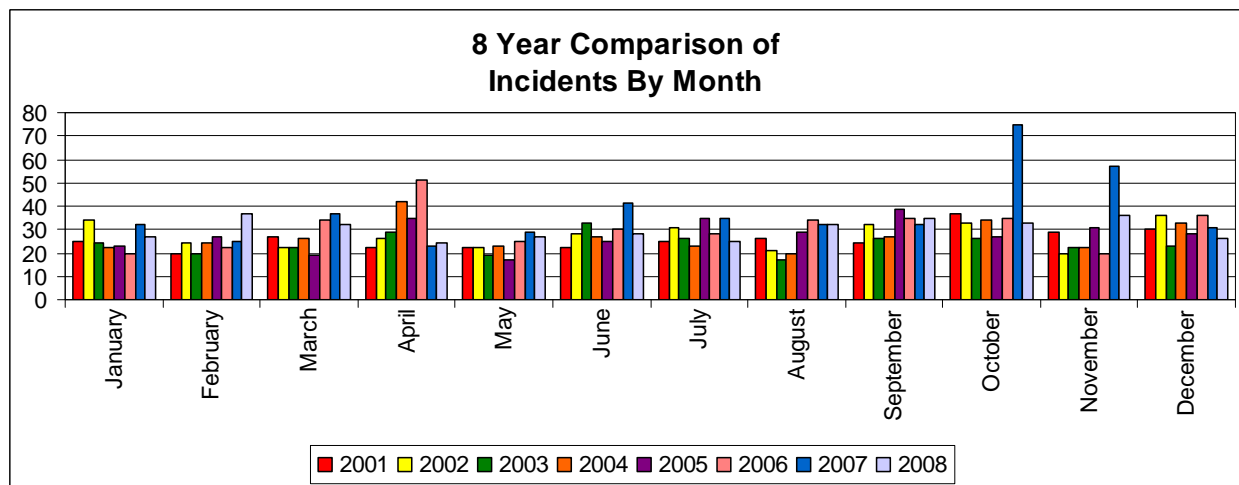
In 2008, the Fire Department added the position of Chaplain to the Fire Department. Presently this position is being filled by Pastor John MacFarlane who is serving the Fire Department very well. I want to personally thank Pastor MacFarlane for taking on this additional responsibility.

Also in 2008 we put a new Fire Chief's vehicle into service and sold the old Fire Chief's vehicle to Millcreek Township. They are using the vehicle as a First Responder vehicle for medical calls in their response district.

Finally, the Fire Department in cooperation with Bryan Municipal Utilities has begun to update our water supply system by placing Stortz fittings on our fire hydrants throughout the City. 2008 was year one of a five year project with Bryan Municipal Utilities to place 100 fittings on fire hydrants each year in the City of Bryan. By 2013 all fire hydrants in the City will have Stortz fittings on them. 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 Mayor Johnson, City Council, and all the members of the Fire Department for their continued efforts and support to make our Department the best in Northwest Ohio.

Fire Chief Bruce R. Siders

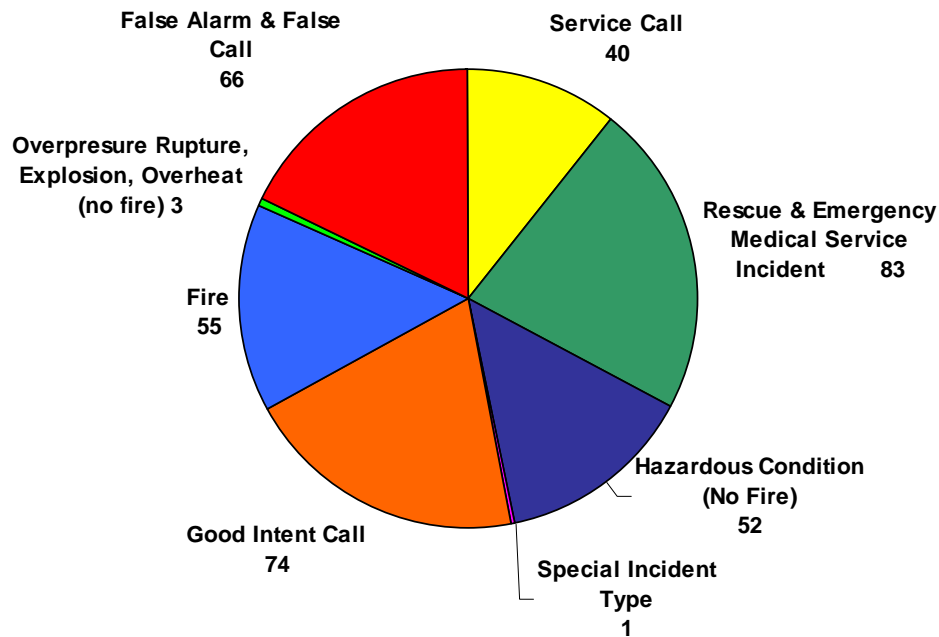




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INCIDENT SUMMARY BY TYPE OF CALL

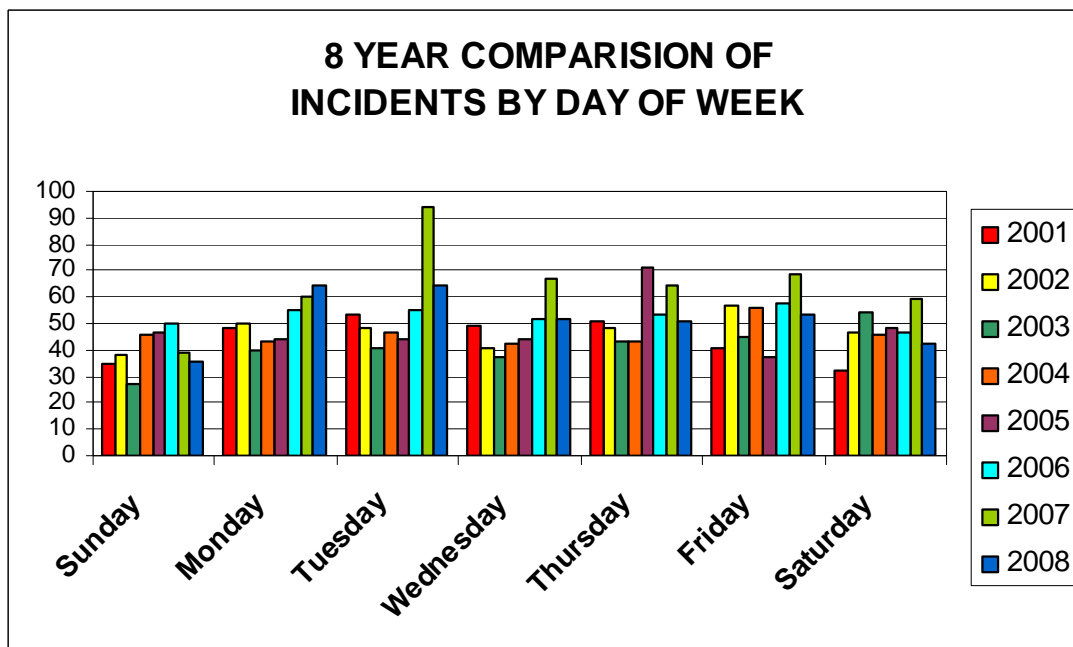
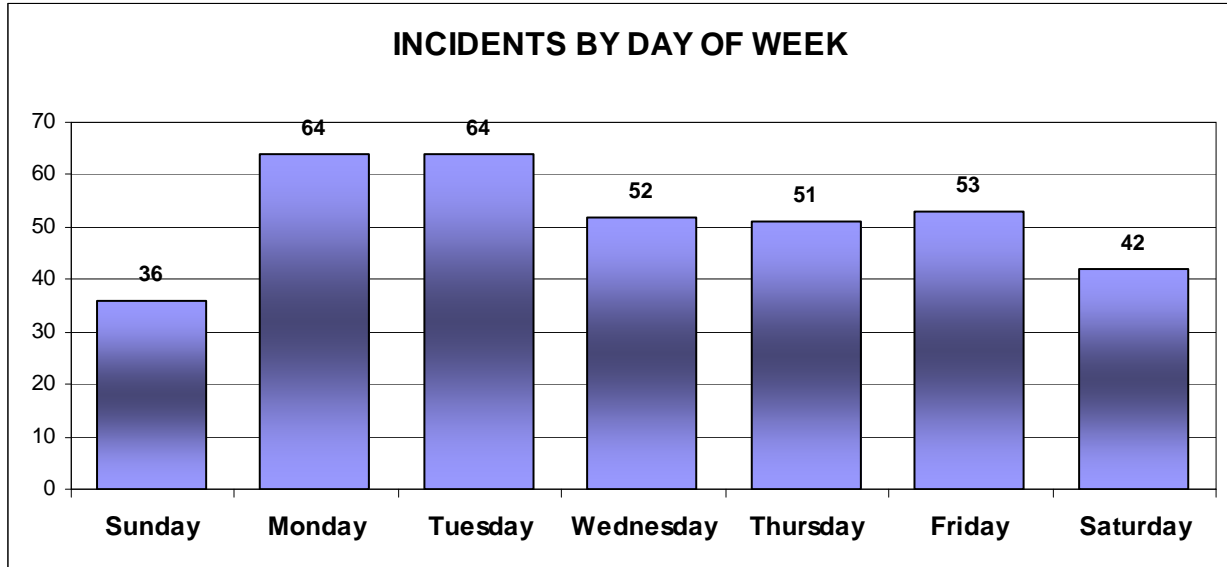


8 Year Comparison of Dollar Loss

Year	Property Value	Loss	Property Saved
2001	2,863,000	688,905	2,174,095
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
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Average	\$10,839,686	\$483,991	\$10,355,695



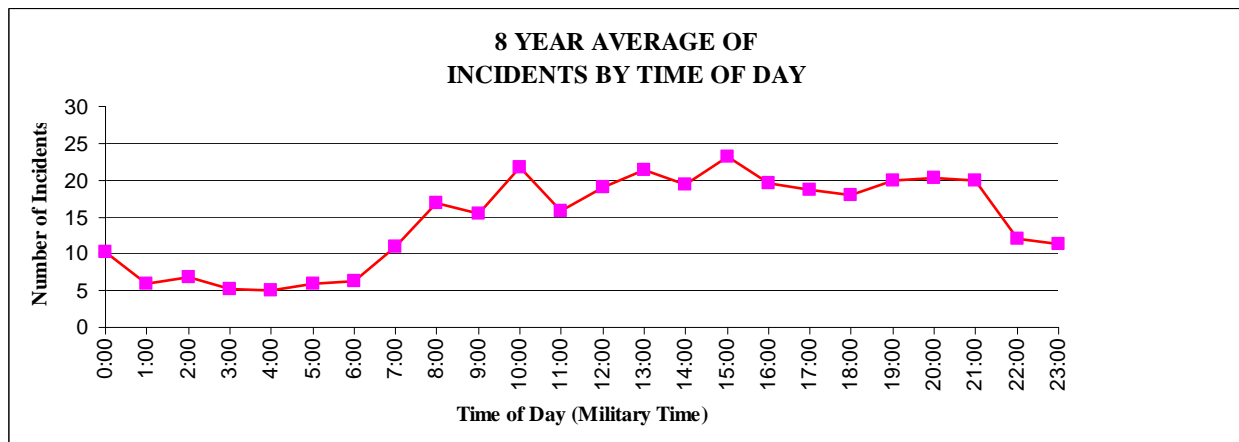
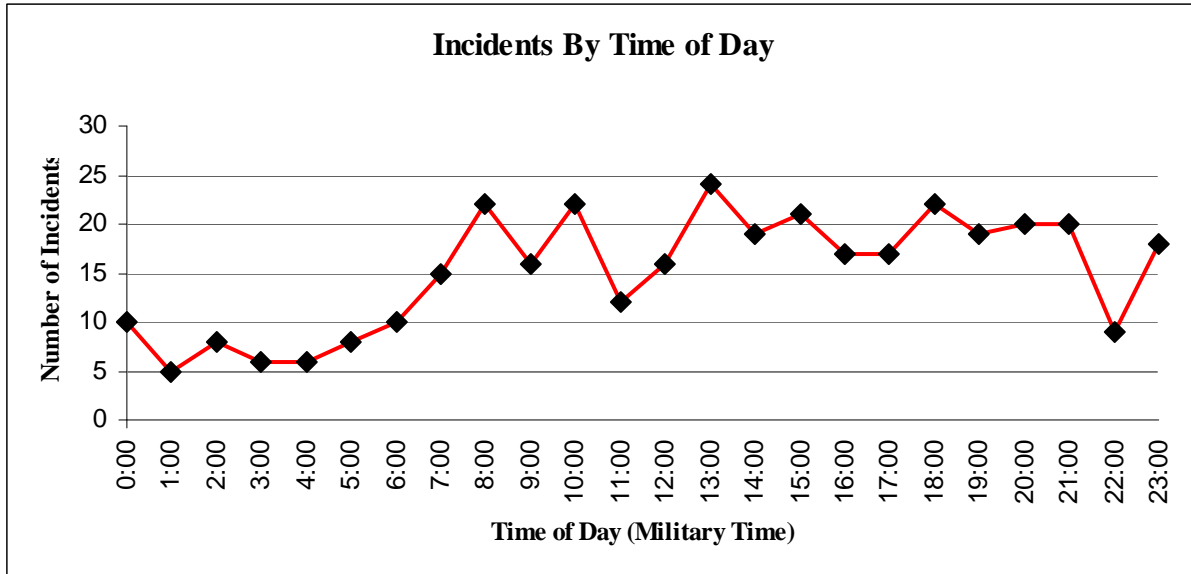
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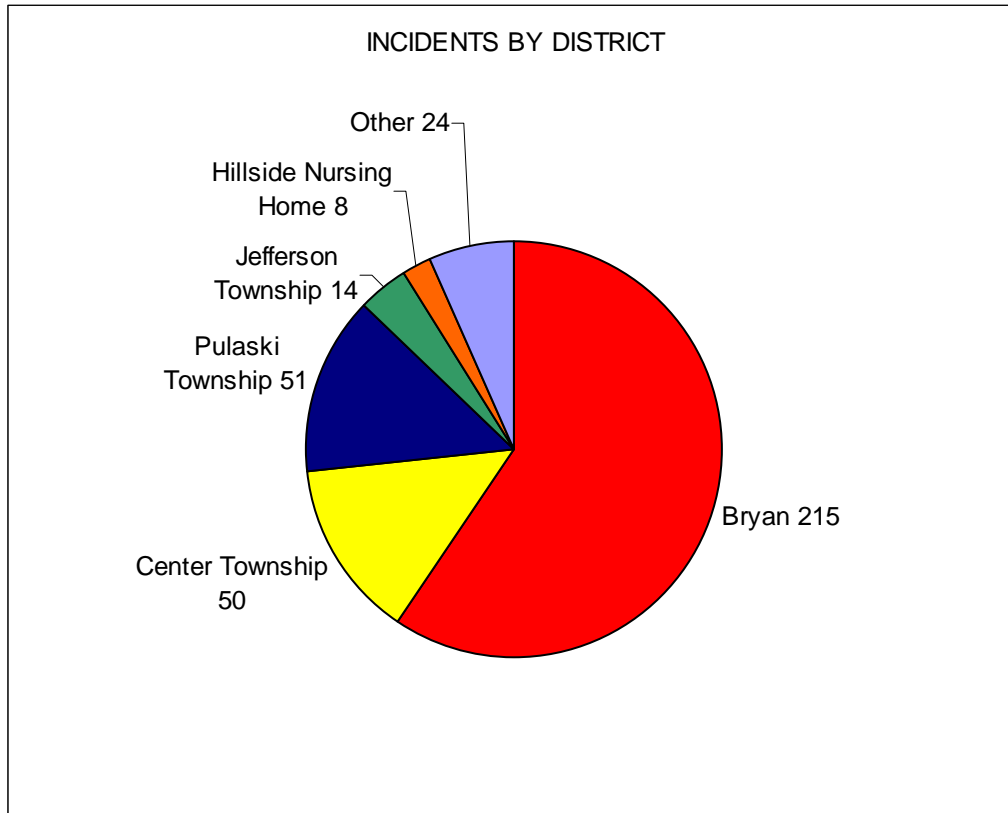
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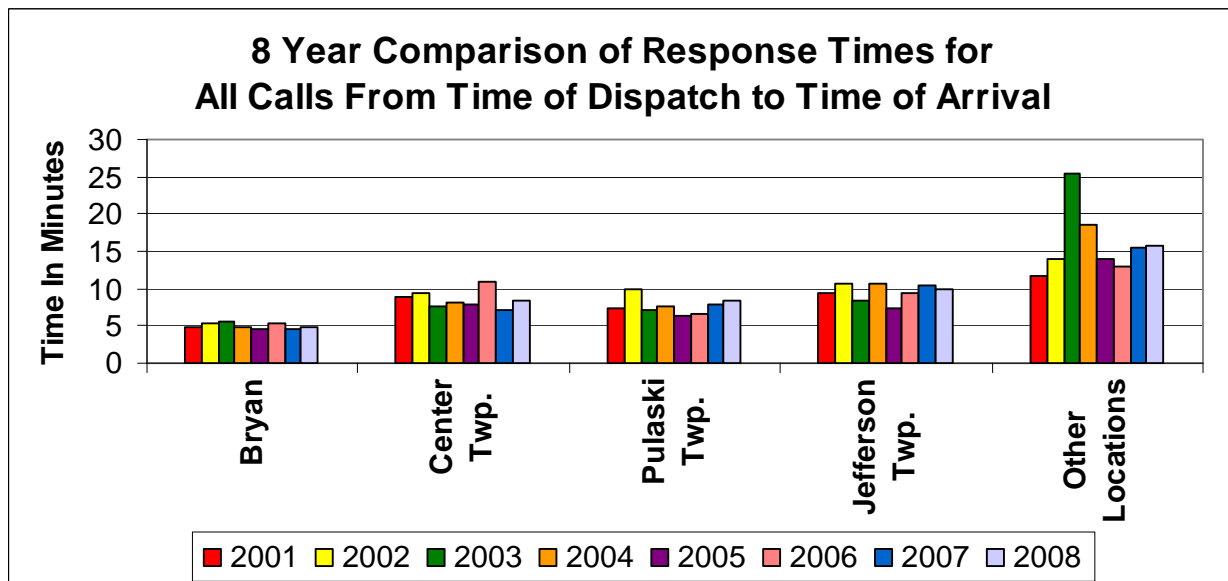
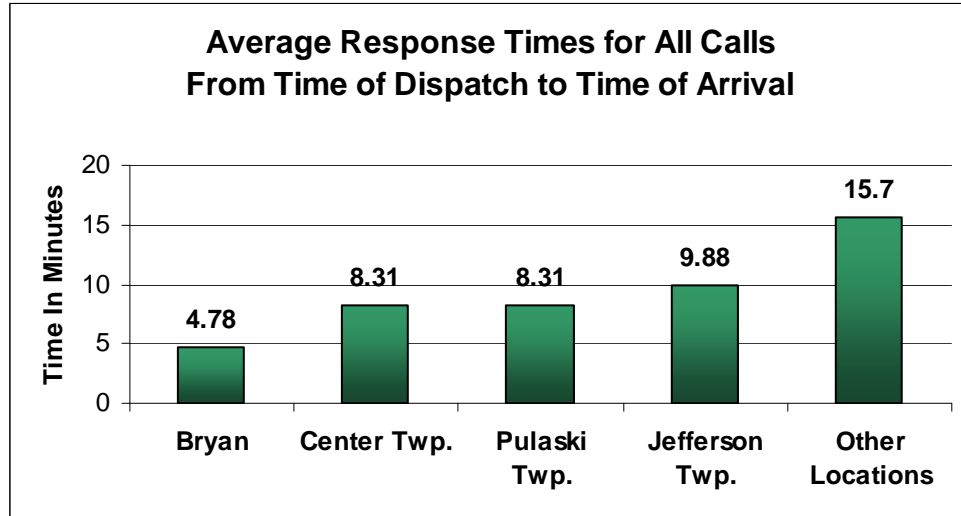


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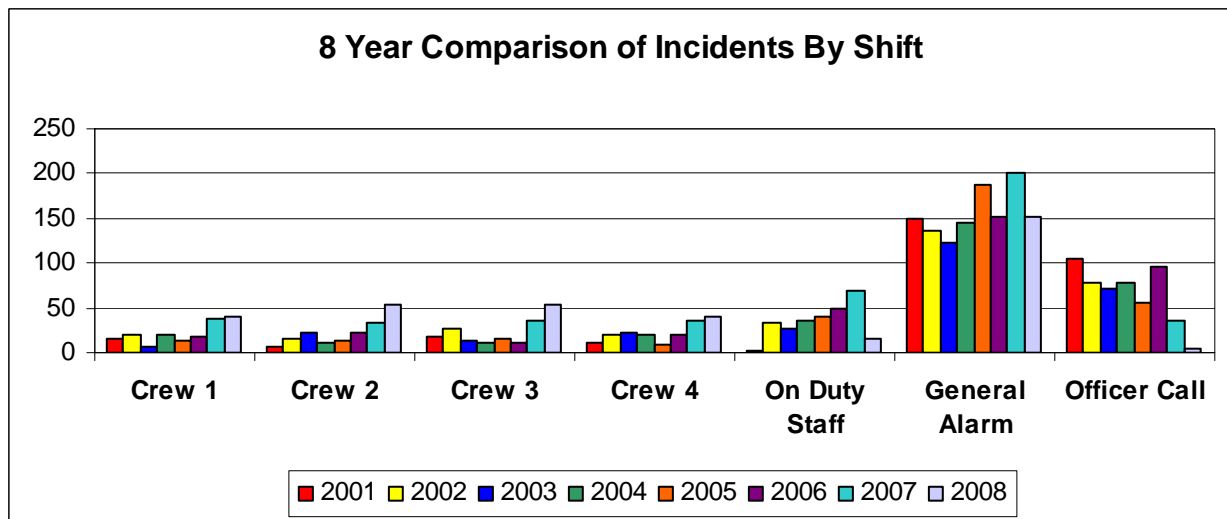
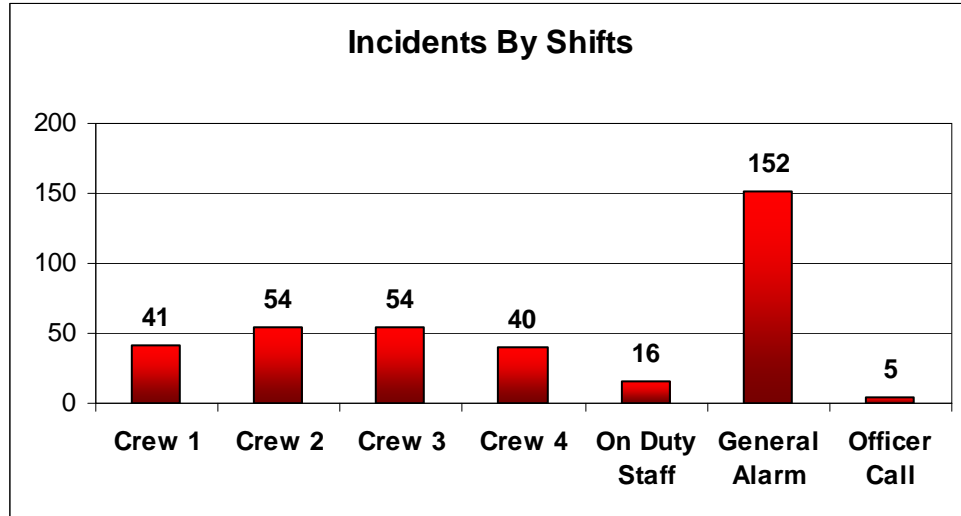


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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 62 fires in 2008; a decrease of nearly 20% from 2007. In 2008 our dollar loss in property and contents totaled \$152,700. This accounts for nearly 1.39% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved \$10,957,850 in involved property last year or 98.63%. There were 2 civilian injuries and 4 Firefighter injuries in 2008. The following is a brief overview of the five large loss fires which accounted for 79% of our total fire loss for the year.

1. **520 West Mulberry Street, Incident 08-0000218; Loss \$60,000**

Monday afternoon on August 18, 2008, at 1428 hours, Firefighters responded to a report of a roof fire at this manufacturing facility. Upon arrival, Firefighters were directed to an area in the plant where the fire was located. The fire appears to have started from a welding operation during installation of a piece of machinery. Fire crews located fire in the built up roof of the building and along the side wall in the area where the welding process was occurring. Facility personnel were evacuated from the fire area and others were allowed to continue production in areas not affected by this fire. Once crews had to begin to flow water all employees were evacuated from the building and maintenance personnel shut the power off to the building. Crews began to extinguish the fire and then began to remove the roof decking material from the roof and opened the side wall of the building. Crews also laid salvage covers to protect machinery from further damage. Fire was contained to an area on the roof of approximately 10' X 12' and on the side wall of approximately the same area. Bryan Firefighters were assisted through automatic aid from Brady Twp., Edgerton, and Montpelier, with mutual aid brought in from Florence Twp., Springfield Twp. - Stryker, Farmer Twp., Archbold, and Alvordton - Millcreek Twp. Approximately 60 Firefighters were on the scene of this fire.

2. **128 West High Street, Incident 08-0000249; Loss \$30,000**

Saturday evening September 13, 2008 at 2304 hours, Firefighters responded to a report of a building fire at the real estate business next door to club Bentley's on the North side of the square. Upon arrival Firefighters found the building fully charged with smoke. Firefighters forced entry into the structure and made their way into the building to find the seat of the fire. The fire was located and knocked down. Crews then extended the attack line and proceeded to the basement of the structure to finish extinguishment of the fire. Firefighters also ventilated the building and forced entry into the 2nd floor of the structure and opened windows to ventilate the 2nd floor. Smoke was detected inside club Bentley's and crews used fans to remove smoke in the basement of the building. There was no other damage of the Bentley's building from the fire. One Firefighter was treated at the scene for a cut to his hand. Bryan Firefighters were assisted by Brady Township, Edgerton, and Montpelier Fire Departments via automatic aid. A total of 46 Firefighters responded with 15 pieces of equipment.

3. **15090 Evansport Road, Pulaski Township, Incident 08-0000011; Loss \$10,500**

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 1555 hours, Firefighters were requested for a reported house fire with smoke showing at this 2-family duplex. Upon arrival, Firefighters found moderate smoke showing from the single story wood frame structure. It was also reported that there was possibly one person still inside the structure. Once Firefighters made entry into the structure, they were met with heavy smoke conditions. Firefighters found the base of the fire and began extinguishment efforts and searched the structure for victims. There was no one in the structure.



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4. **530 South Williams Street, Incident 08-0000320; Loss \$10,250**

Monday November 17, 2008, at 1803 hours, Firefighters responded to a reported house fire at 505 South Williams Street. Upon arrival, Firefighters found 530 South Williams Street was the actual address with a small working fire inside the structure. Firefighters forced entry into the home and extinguished the fire. Firefighters ventilated the structure and checked for extension. Owner stated that he was last in the home at 4:30 PM to check on his newly finished floors. No problems were noted just the odor of stain. Owner had been staining floors around 1000 and left around 1230. He placed his rags into a plastic 30 gallon container which also had saw dust and other refuse from resurfacing the floors and the home. Fire appears to have started in the area of this 30 gallon waste can from the heat of the discarded rags from the staining and refinishing process.

5. **320 South Beech Street, Incident 08-0000310; Loss \$10,000**

Monday November 10, 2008, at 1814 hours, Firefighters responded to heavy smoke and fire conditions coming from an 18' X18' home with fire and smoke coming from the front door and window of the structure. Firefighters stretched a 1 3/4" handline and extinguished the fire. Firefighters ventilated the building and disconnected the electric to the home. Fire appears to have started around the stove area.





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 213 fire inspections and 19 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 87 programs were delivered reaching approximately 10,864 people.





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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 7,167.94 hours (staff hours) of training last year or 204.79 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 a total of 35 Firefighters, most 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.





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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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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief
Douglas A. Pool, Assistant Fire Chief

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

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

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Leonard E. Bauer, Captain
Rodney L. Carlisle
Paul D. Combs, Lieutenant
Thomas J. Cramer
Anthony M. Cruz
Christopher P. Cullis
Tyson R. Engstrom
Cathy L. Enriquez
Mitchell S. Figgins
Zachary C. Fisher**
Joshua R. Frees
Dustin L. Gillett
Kerry L. Gillett
Gregory D. Grisier
Kacey D. Grubb
Keaton P. Grubb
Daniel J. Gutierrez
Andrea N. Hosler
Timothy G. Jonovich
John W. MacFarlane, Chaplain
Apryl D. McClaine
Eric D. McClaine
Douglas D. Myers
John L. Robbins
Marcus L. Roose**
Shawn D. Rupp
Justin C. Shultz**
Bradley A. Stucky, Lieutenant
Kevin R. Temple, Lieutenant
Kenneth D. Ulrich

** currently in college

PAID-ON-CALL RESIGNATIONS OR NON-LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

Roger L. Lutz, Lieutenant 11/5/71 – 1/6/08

