

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2009 ANNUAL REPORT



2009 Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to present to you the annual report for the Fire Department for 2009. The information presented within this report represents a snapshot of the activities performed by the Fire Department in 2009. The Fire Department responded to 399 calls for service in 2009 which, represents a 10.3% increase from 2008. 74 calls were classified as fires which, represents about 18.5% of our activity. The most severe fire of 2009 occurred on June 26, 2009. This fire was located in Center Township and unfortunately had a fatality associated with it. Firefighters were dispatched 12 times for automatic aid and 14 times for mutual aid with neighboring departments. The budget for the Fire Department in 2009 was \$1,182,515.00, this includes the Training Center. This reflects a 0.25% increase over 2008.

The greatest accomplishment for the Fire Department last year was the implementation of the new radio system for the Fire Departments in Williams County. This system went online July 1, 2009. Since going online the system has been very successful. This accomplishment could not have happened had it not been for the cooperation of all of the Councils, Trustees, and the County officials working together. The Fire Departments were very fortunate in receiving a Federal Grant to put this much needed system into reality for the safety of our firefighters. 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.

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. 2009 was year two 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.

Due to the economic downturn in our local community, the Fire Department was forced to place many of our projects on hold during 2009. 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, and all the members of the Fire Department for their continued efforts and support to make our Department the best in Northwest Ohio.

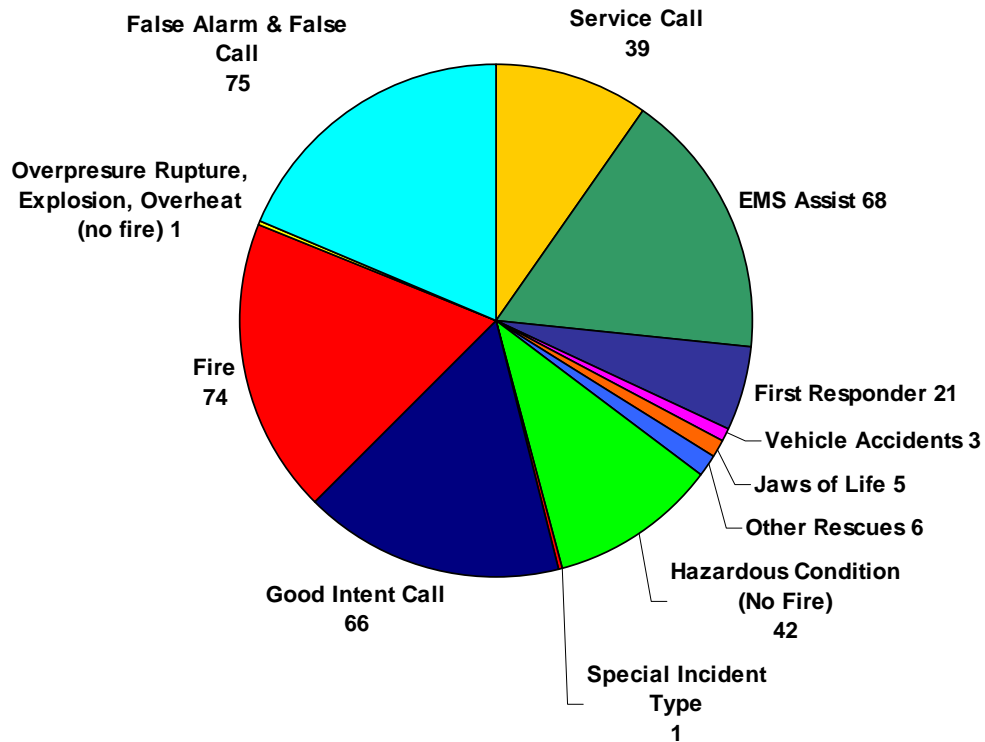
Fire Chief Bruce R. Siders





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INCIDENT SUMMARY BY TYPE OF CALL

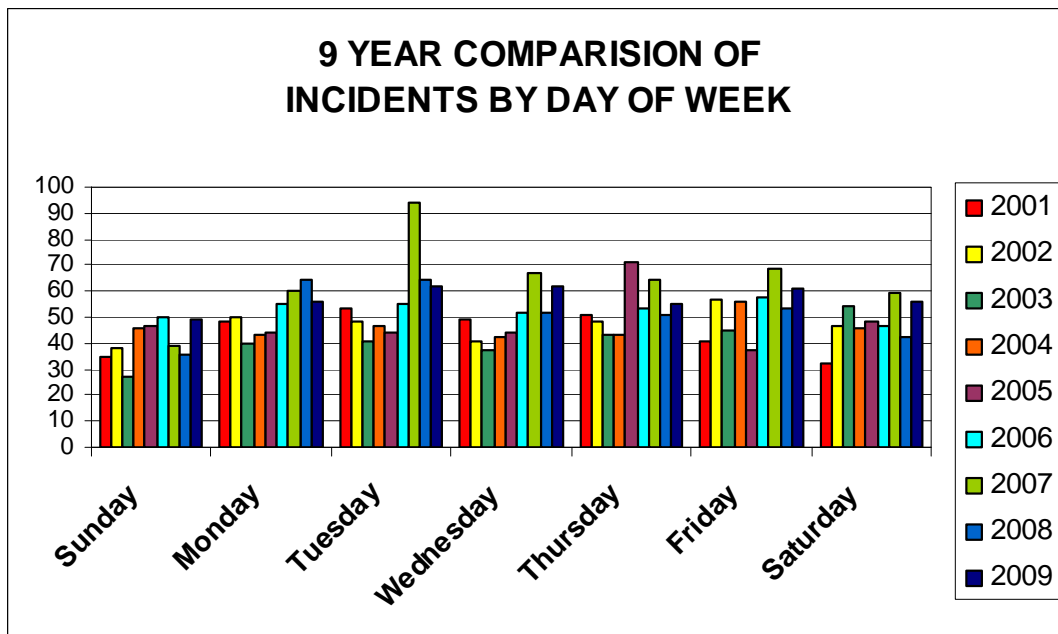
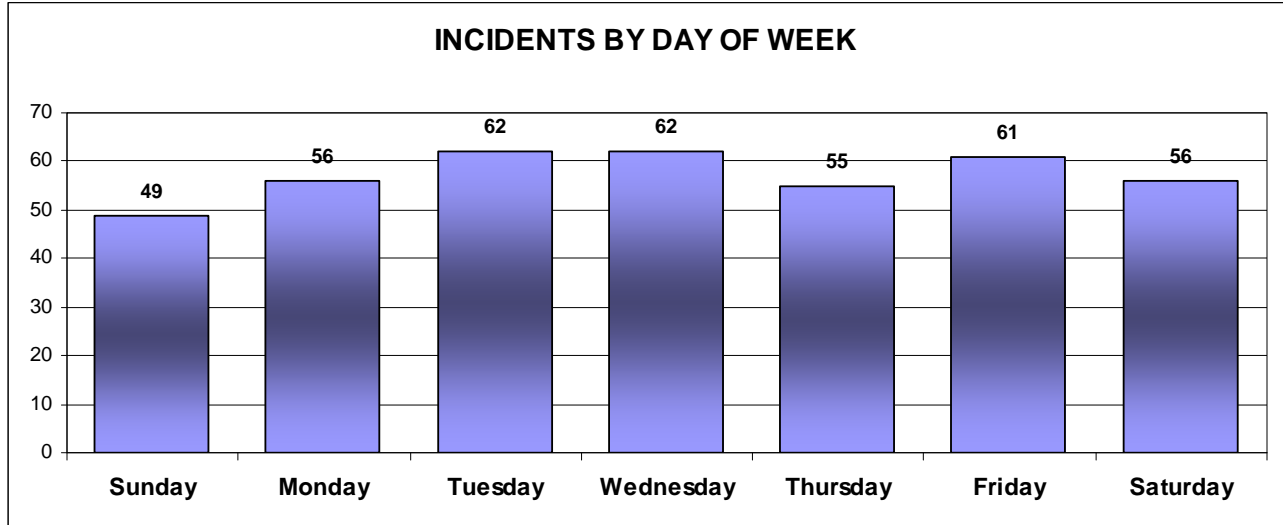


9 Year Comparison of Dollar Loss

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
2009	2,427,585	412,560	2,015,025
Average	\$9,905,008	\$476,054	\$9,428,954



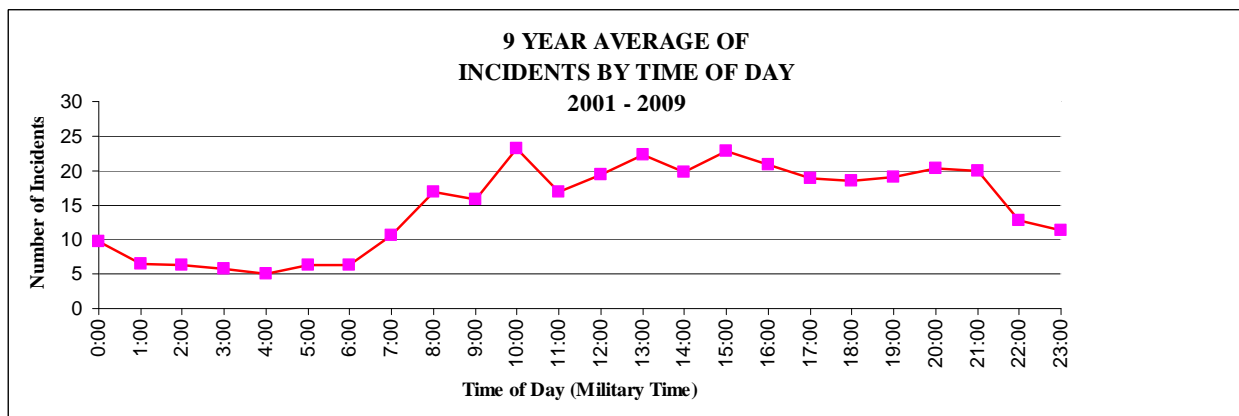
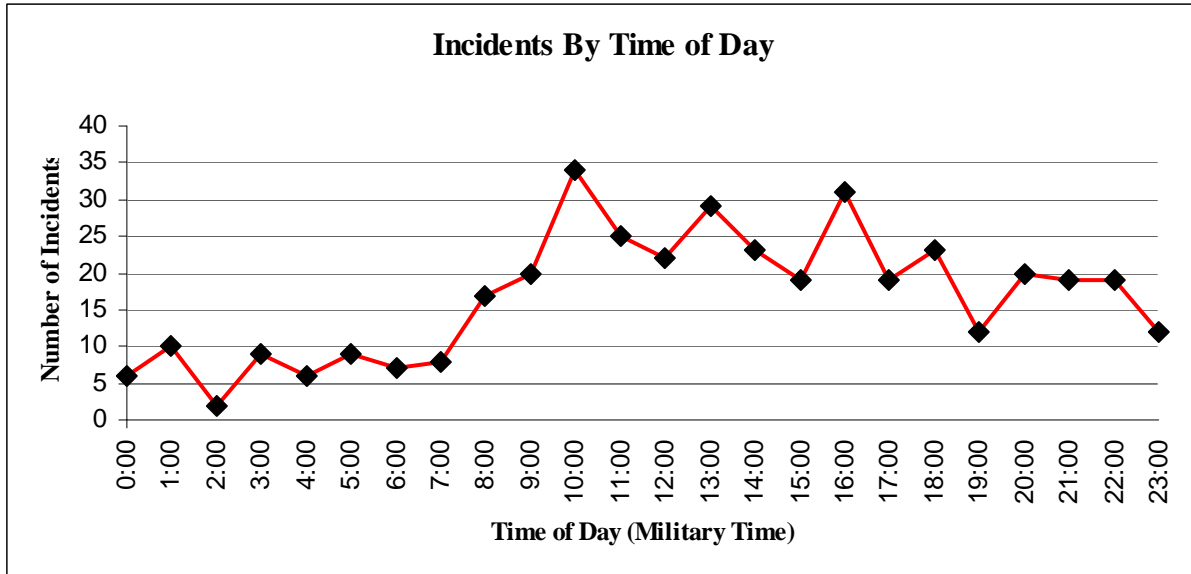
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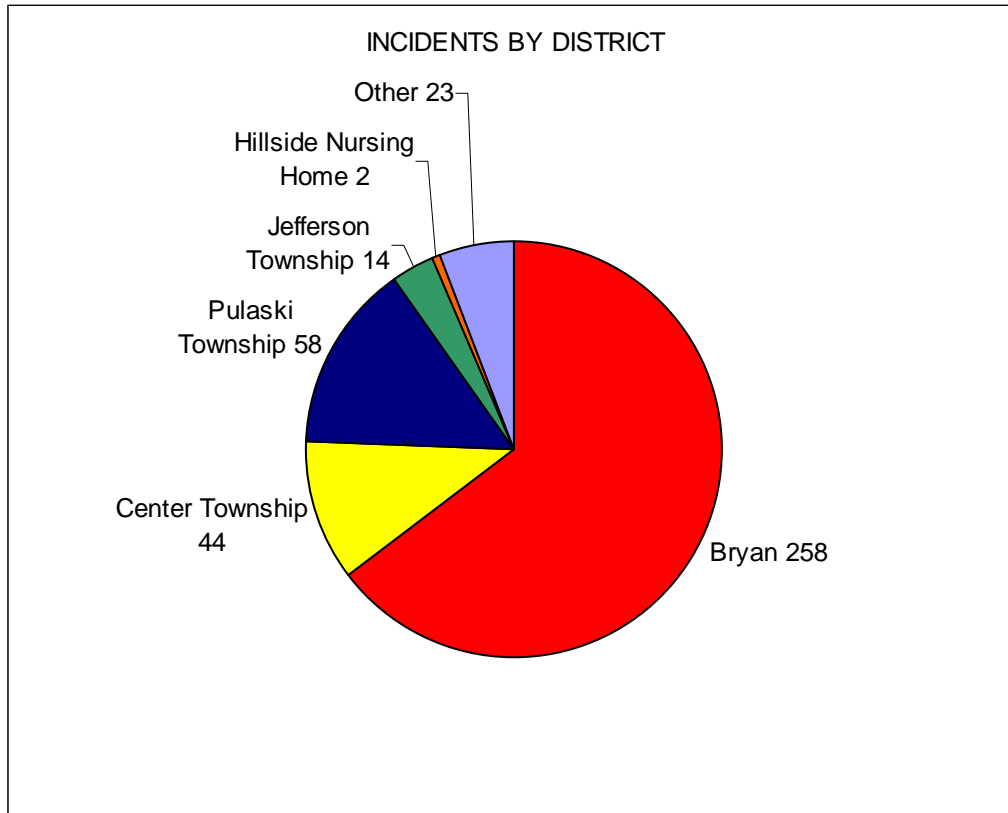
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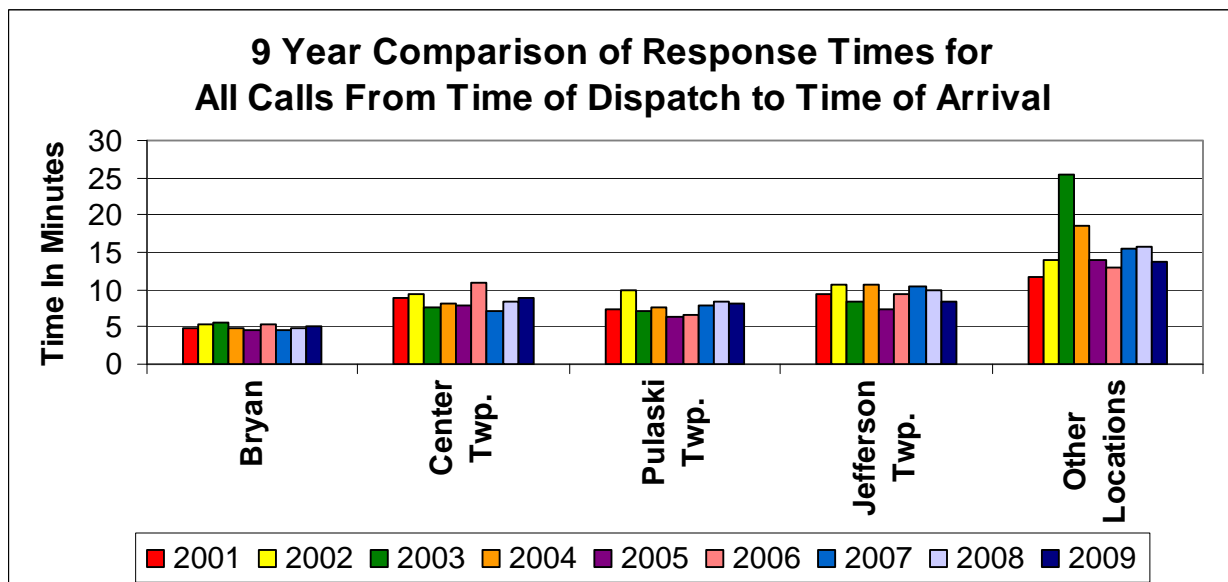
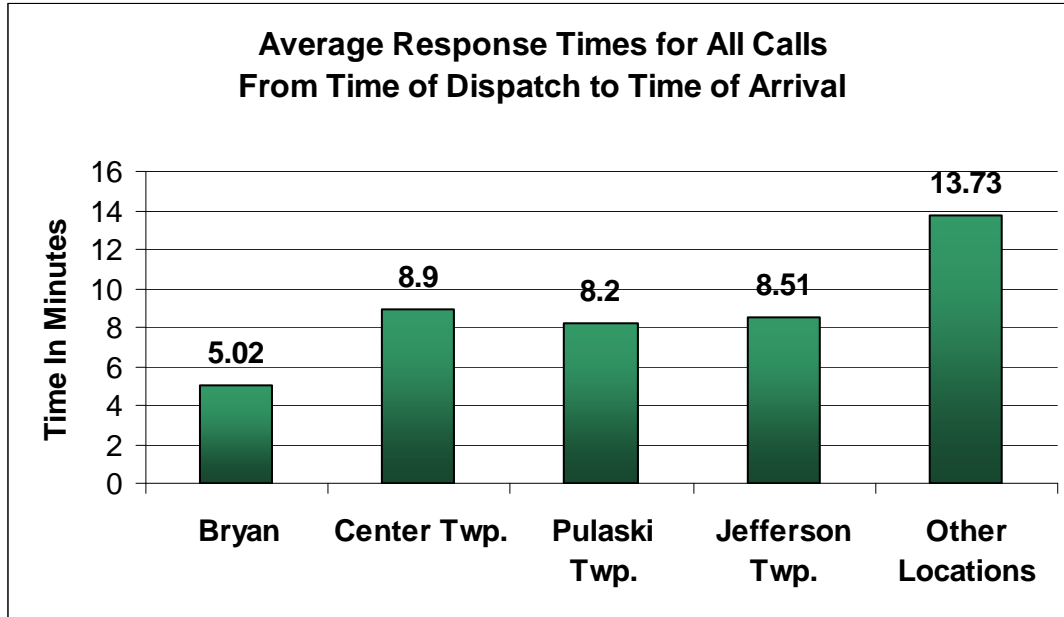
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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 74 fires in 2009; an increase of 19.5% from 2008. In 2009 our dollar loss in property and contents totaled an estimated \$412,560. This accounts for nearly 17% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved an estimated \$2,015,025 in involved property last year or 83%. There were 6 civilian injuries 1 civilian fatality and 3 Firefighter injuries in 2009. The following is a brief overview of the five large loss fires which accounted for 11% of our total fire loss for the year.

1. **307 South Allen Street, Incident 09-0000037; Estimated Loss \$60,000**

In the early morning hours, Firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at this location. Upon arrival firefighters were met with heavy fire coming from the rear of the structure. All of the occupants were able to escape the home. Crews made entry into the structure through the front door and began extinguishing the blaze. The fire was very difficult to extinguish due to extensive remodeling of the home over the many years which created numerous voids throughout the home allowing the fire to get ahead of firefighters. Firefighters were eventually able to get into all of the voids and ensure extinguishment. There was extensive damage to the interior of the structure. Bryan firefighters were assisted by the Edgerton Fire Department and the Montpelier Fire Department through the automatic aid system.

2. **03966 County Road 18, Pulaski Township, Incident 09-0000053; Estimated Loss \$50,000**

A child playing with matches is the cause that brought firefighters to the scene of this two story single family dwelling on this Saturday afternoon. Upon arrival firefighters found the fire in a second floor bedroom. Firefighters extinguished the fire, ventilated the structure, and checked for extension. All occupants were all able to escape the home before the arrival of the fire department. Two of the occupants were taken to Bryan hospital for possible smoke inhalation and were treated and released. Bryan firefighters were assisted at this fire by Stryker, Edgerton, Montpelier, and Ney Fire Departments.

3. **116 North Myers Street, Incident 09-0000125; Estimated Loss \$60,000**

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 1057 hours, Firefighters were requested for a reported house fire. Upon arrival firefighters found a two story single family structure with smoke pouring from eaves on both sides and dormer under force. An attack line was advanced interior knocked down visible fire on first floor. Utilities were disconnected. Water supply was established by second engine. Back up lines were put in place and an additional attack line was advanced to second floor. Crews were unable to suppress fire on second floor and fire was reported from exterior of first floor. A ventilation hole cut and fire was reported at the top of the stairway threatening, egress of firefighters on the second floor. Crews were evacuated and a defensive attack was made. Tower 27 was used on the fire in the attic area. After the attic was knocked down an offensive attack was prepared. Defensive operations were suspended and a hand line was advanced interior but unable to get upstairs because of debris in stairwell. The interior line was backed out and Tower 27 was put back in operation and additional exposure protection was in place. Structure had several areas of interior collapse. Firefighters were assisted by Edgerton, Montpelier, Brady, Stryker, Florence, Farmer, and Ney Fire Departments. A total of 65 Firefighters fought this three alarm blaze.

4. **308 South Beech Street, Incident 09-0000139; Estimated Loss \$65,000**

At 0320 hours on Monday May 4, 2009, Firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at this two family dwelling. Upon arrival firefighters were met with heavy smoke conditions coming from the attic space. Crews attacked the fire from the interior of the structure while ventilation was being accomplished on the roof section of the home. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the attic space of the home. There is significant water and smoke damage to the first and second floors of both homes. Firefighters were assisted by Montpelier and Edgerton Fire Departments. Brady Twp. Fire Department Stood by at Bryan Station with an Engine and Chief.



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5. **01670 State Route 576, Center Township, Incident 09-0000187; Estimated Property Loss \$29,500**
Firefighters responded to a reported working structure fire at this address. Upon arrival firefighters found the mobile home fully involved with fire. Firefighters were also informed upon arrival that the homeowner was severely burned and was at the neighbor's house across the street. The homeowner was located and firefighters began treatment for his burns. A Williams County EMS unit was requested to the scene and upon their arrival patient care was transferred to them. Fire completely destroyed the home. There was also slight damage done to a neighboring home do to radiant heat. Unfortunately almost two months later the homeowner succumbed to his burn injuries and died. Bryan firefighters were assisted by Edgerton, Montpelier, and Farmer Fire Departments.





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 222 fire inspections were completed and 32 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 70 programs were delivered reaching approximately 11,000 people.



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 5,644.67 hours (staff hours) of training last year or 176.40 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.



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

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Joel L. DeLong
Jason D. Manon

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Leonard E. Bauer, Captain
Rodney L. Carlisle
Paul D. Combs, Lieutenant
Anthony M. Cruz
Christopher P. Cullis
Tyson R. Engstrom
Cathy L. Enriquez
Mitchell S. Figgins
Zachary C. Fisher
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Shawn D. Rupp
Justin C. Shultz
Bradley A. Stucky, Lieutenant
Kevin R. Temple, Lieutenant
Kenneth D. Ulrich

PAID-ON-CALL RESIGNATIONS OR RETIREMENTS

Andrea N. Hosler, resigned 2/24/2009

Thomas J. Cramer, retired 10/1/2009, 15 years of service