

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2010 ANNUAL REPORT



INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to present to you the annual report for the Fire Department for 2010. 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 440 calls for service in 2010 which, represents a 10.3% increase from 2009. 63 calls were classified as fires which, represents about 14.3% of our activity. Firefighters were dispatched 8 times for automatic aid and 22 times for mutual aid with neighboring departments. Firefighters received help from neighboring departments 22 times for automatic aid and 14 times for mutual aid.

The greatest accomplishment for the Fire Department in 2010 was the purchase of a new fire engine for the City of Bryan. The new engine replaces the 1969 unit that could no longer pass annual pump testing and could no longer be certified as a fire engine. 41 years is 11 years longer than we typically keep a piece of equipment such as this. With this new addition to the Fire Department we can now boast the ability to place a total of 3,000 gallons per minute of water with our first two fire engines on any residential fire we respond to in the City of Bryan and the ability to put 4,000 gallons per minute of water at the scene of any commercial or industrial fire within the City of Bryan. This exceeds our ISO rating requirement by 500 gallons per minute for commercial and industrial structures.

Our next greatest accomplishment is the starting of replacing the current fire station. With the guidance of Mayor Johnson and City Council we are forging ahead to replace our current facility with a much needed newer station. The replacement of the fire station has been needed for many years, but now is the time when the Citizens of Bryan can see this project come to fruition. It is hoped that we will be able to start this project in the spring of 2011 and be in our new home by the summer of 2012. I want to personally thank Mayor Johnson and the members of City Council for their insight, guidance, and leadership in making this project become a reality.

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. 2010 was year three of a projected five year project with Bryan Municipal Utilities to place Stortz fittings on fire hydrants throughout the City of Bryan. We are actually ahead of our projected schedule and may finish this project in 2011. 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 2010. 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.

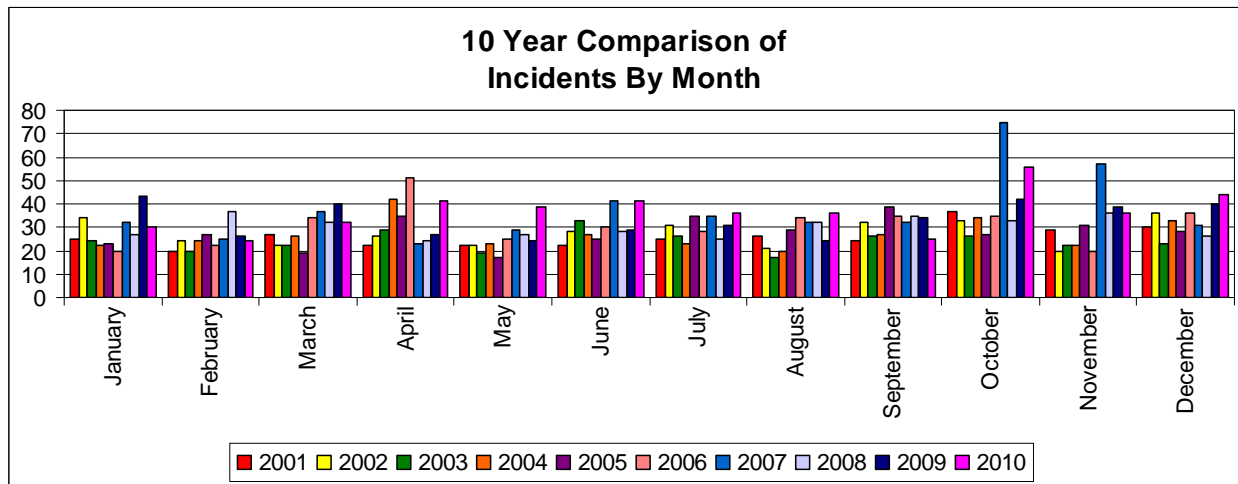
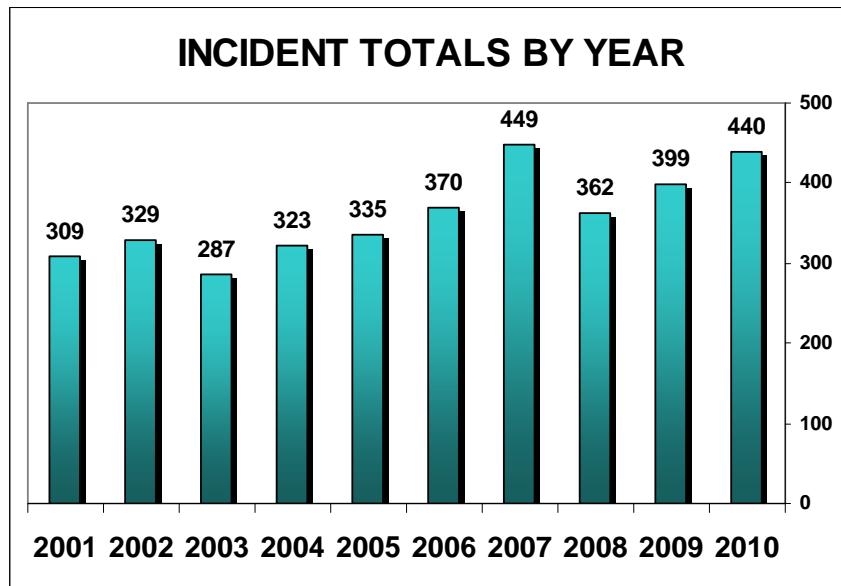
Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief



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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 24 Paid-on-Call Volunteer Firefighters, and our Volunteer Chaplain for a total of 30 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.

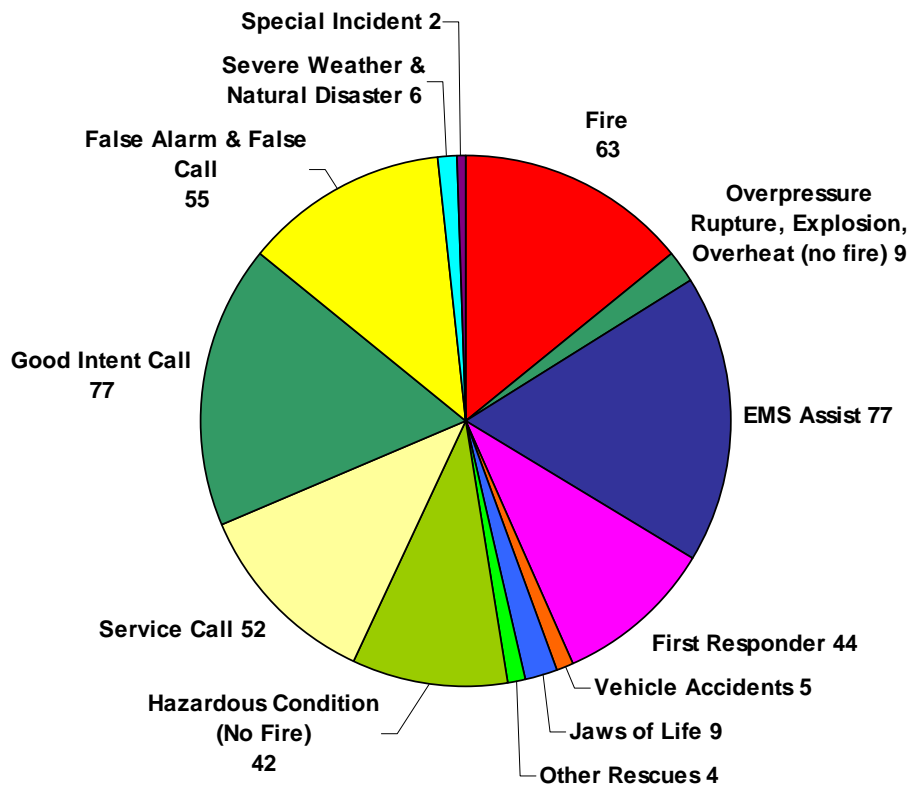
In 2010, the average time for the first fire apparatus to respond to all calls for service was three minutes sixteen seconds. The Fire Department always strives to provide for the community when we respond to incidents. The Fire Department's aim is to improving our service level and ensuring that our responses meet the needs of the community. This has been accomplished by reviewing current training needs, operational planning, confirming automatic mutual aid and continued development our combination system.





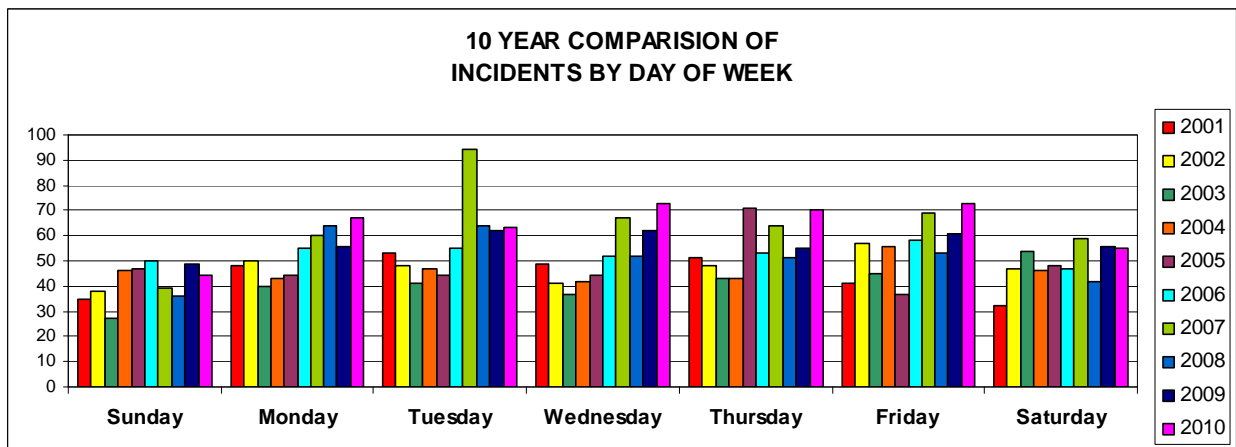
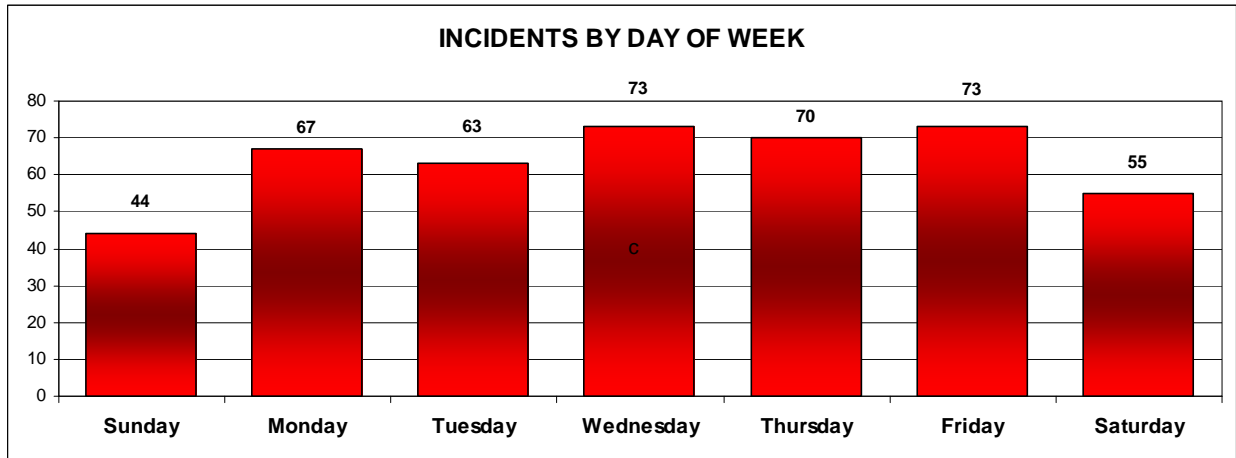
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INCIDENT SUMMARY BY TYPE OF CALL



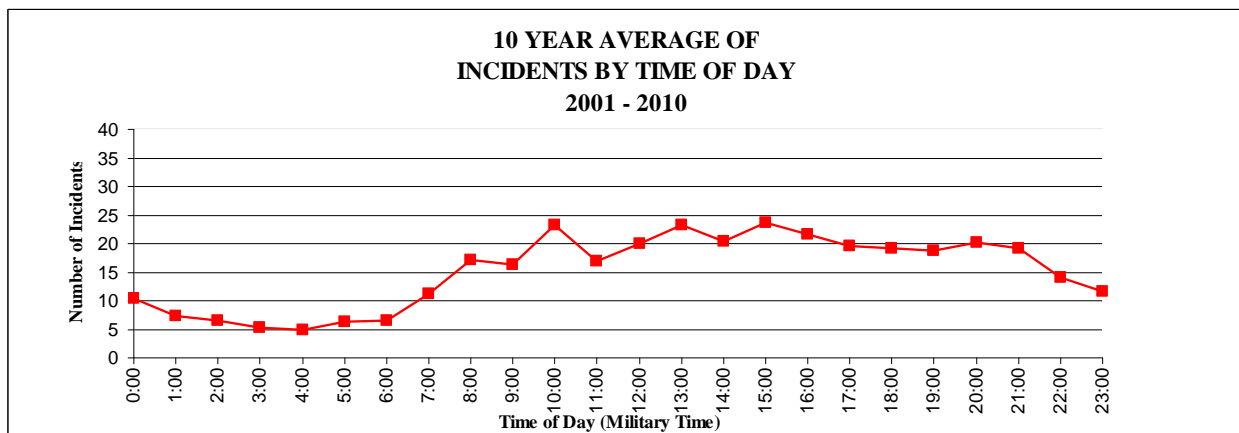
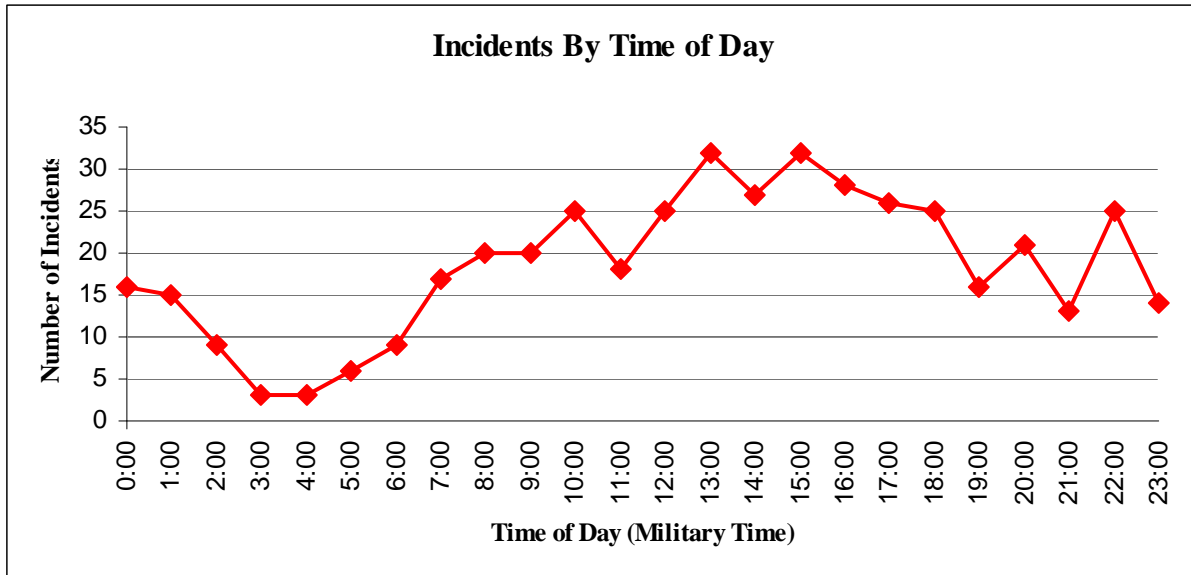


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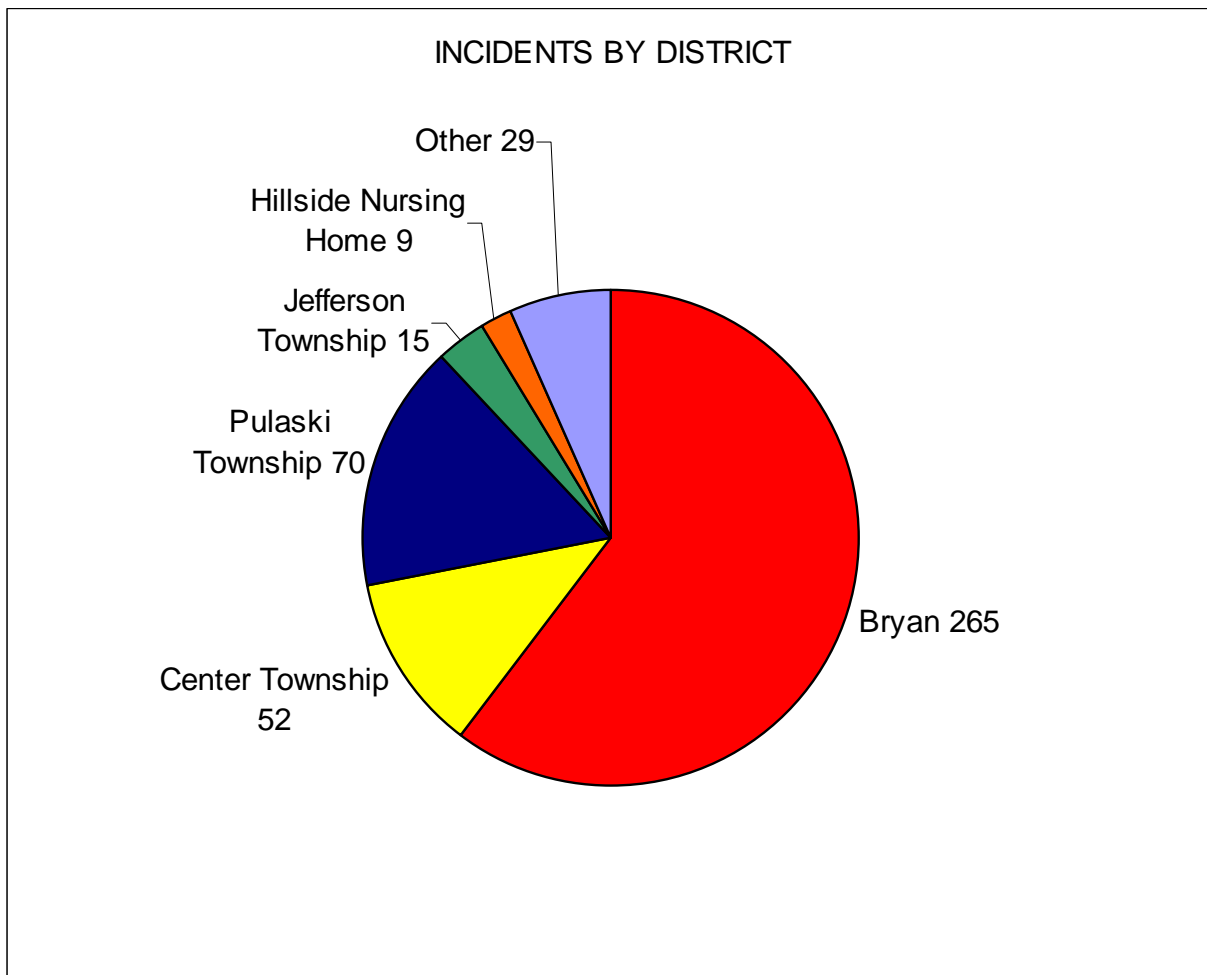


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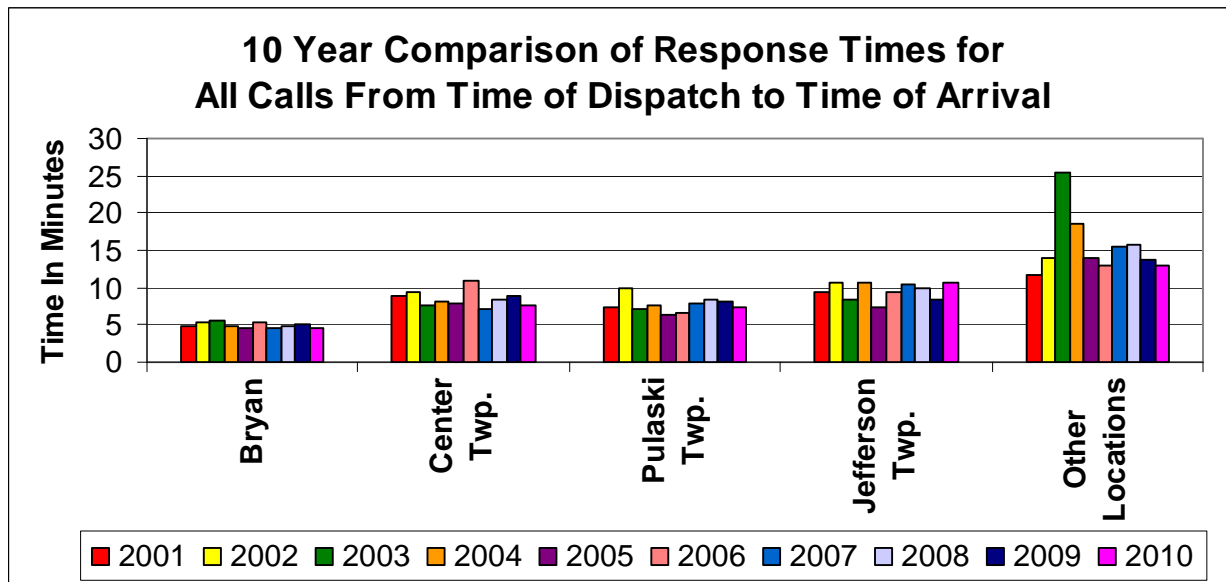
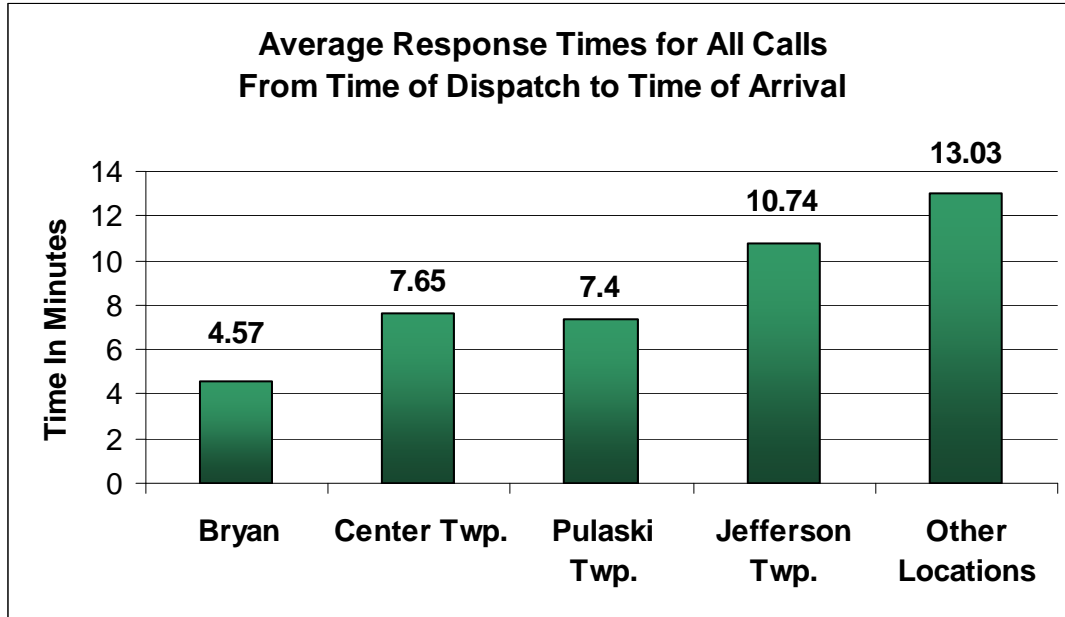


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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 63 fires in 2010; a decrease of about 17% from 2009. In 2010 our dollar loss in property and contents totaled an estimated \$335,020. This accounts for nearly 2.43% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved an estimated \$13,436,020 in involved property last year or 97%. There were 1 civilian injury and 4 Firefighter injuries in 2010. The following is a brief overview of the five large loss fires which accounted for 90% of our total fire loss for the year.

- 1. 918 South Union Street, Incident 10-000048; Estimated Loss \$140,000**

Bryan Firefighters responded to a reported press fire at this plastic parts manufacturing facility. Upon arrival firefighters were met with heavy smoke coming from the molding area of the structure. Firefighters ensured that automatic aid was en route to this fire. Firefighters met with maintenance personnel who advised of the situation. 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. OSP also assisted with traffic control. Fire appears to have started around the electronics and hydraulic ram area of the press.
- 2. 517 South Williams Street, Incident 10-000139; Estimated Loss \$45,000**

An unattended candle is the cause of this single family dwelling fire on May 10, 2010. Firefighters were called to a report of a house fire at 517 S Williams. Upon arrival firefighters found heavy smoke showing from the second floor of the home. Firefighters were advised that everyone was out of the house. The initial attack line was advanced through the front door to the second floor. Upon reaching the second floor firefighters quickly knocked down the fire in the bedroom. Automatic Mutual Aid was received from Montpelier and Edgerton Fire Departments. One civilian was transported from the scene by Williams Co EMS.
- 3. 05198 County Road 15, Pulaski Township, Incident 10-0000289; Estimated Loss \$52,050**

Bryan firefighters responded to a reported barn and house fire at this location. Upon arrival of the fire department firefighters found a barn fully engulfed with fire beyond control. Firefighters concentrated their efforts on the house that was showing signs of fire in the attic space of the home. Firefighters quickly deployed hose lines to knock down the large volume of fire. However, due to the large volume of fire and high swirling winds crews were driven out and were forced to take a defensive posture to knock down the fire. Once crews were able to knock down the fire, firefighters switched to an offensive attack and began to extinguish hot spots and began overhaul. Bryan firefighters were assisted via automatic mutual aid from Brady Twp., Montpelier, and Springfield-Stryker fire departments. Edgerton fire department was requested to stand by a Bryan station during this incident. This fire was a total loss.
- 4. 600 Block of Newdale Drive, Incident 10-0000292; Estimated Loss \$20,000**

On Wednesday September 15, 2010 at 2309 hours, Crew 3 was dispatched for a fire at the imagination station. This location is in close proximity to Chief 21's residence. Chief 21 observed a large volume of fire coming from the imagination station and advised dispatch to upgrade this call to a general alarm. Upon arrival of the first engine crews laid a 5 inch supply line from the roadway back to the fire and stretched hand lines to begin attacking the fire. Fire consumed about 1/3 of the playground. It is undetermined at this time as to the cause of this fire.



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5. **1031 Bellaire Avenue, Incident 10-0000337; Estimated Property Loss \$45,000**

Firefighters responded to a report of fire in 1031 Bellaire on this Tuesday evening. Upon arrival firefighters found the occupants of the home in the front yard and heavy smoke from eaves of one story wood frame structure. Crews advanced an attack line through front door of the house. The fire was knocked down by the interior crews. Automatic Mutual Aid was received from Edgerton, and Montpelier. Brady Township Fire Department stood by at Bryan Station during this time. Bryan Municipal Utilities crews secured the electric by disconnecting the power at the pole. Williams County EMS stood by on the scene. Bryan PD assisted with scene control. Fire started in the Garage and is still under investigation.

10 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
2010	13,771,040	335,020	13,436,020
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Average	\$10,291,611	\$461,951	\$9,829,660





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 259 fire inspections were completed and 13 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 45 programs were delivered reaching approximately 1,000 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 5,207.13 hours (staff hours) of training last year or 167.97 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
Cathy L. Enriquez
Mitchell S. Figgins
Zachary C. Fisher
Joshua R. Frees
Dustin L. Gillett
Gregory D. Grisier
Kacey D. Grubb
Keaton P. Grubb
Daniel J. Gutierrez
Timothy G. Jonovich
Apryl D. McClaine
Eric D. McClaine
Douglas D. Myers
John L. Robbins
Shawn D. Rupp
Bradley A. Stucky, Lieutenant
Kevin R. Temple, Lieutenant
Kenneth D. Ulrich

RESIGNATIONS OR RETIREMENTS

Justin C. Shultz, resigned, January 1, 2010, 3 years of service

Kerry L Gillett, retired, March 15, 2010, 20 years of service

Marcus L. Roose, resigned, September 9, 2010, 5 years of service