

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2013 ANNUAL REPORT



INTRODUCTION

It is my honor to present to you the annual report for the City of Bryan Fire Department for 2013. The information presented within this report represents a small glimpse into 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 also 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.

The Fire Department responded to 438 calls for service in 2013, a 5% decrease from 2012. Fifty-one of the 438 calls were classified as fires. This represents about 11% of our total activity. Assisting our neighboring communities is also an important aspect of the Fire Department. Last year our Firefighters were dispatched 8 times for automatic aid and 15 times for mutual aid with neighboring departments. The Fire Department received help from neighboring departments 13 times for automatic aid and 18 times for mutual aid.

2013 was a settling in year for the Fire Department as we were still getting use to our new facility. The new building is quite a bit different from what we were accustomed too, and the Firefighters are learning how to get around in the new facility. We must once again thank the community for its support in giving us this new building. We have received nothing but accolades from other communities on the building.



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The Fire Department continues to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible as we were able to stay within our budget for 2013. The Fire Department is always 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.

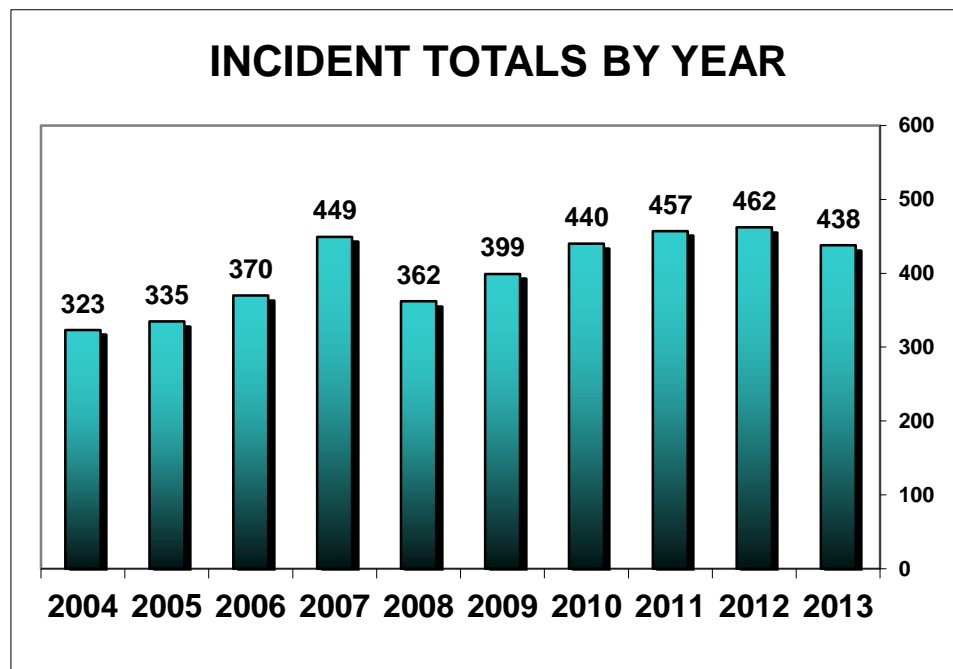
Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief



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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 two Firefighters. The Department currently has 19 Paid-on-Call Firefighters, and our Volunteer Chaplain for a total of 24 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 2013, the average time for the first fire apparatus to respond to all calls for service was four minutes nine seconds. 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.

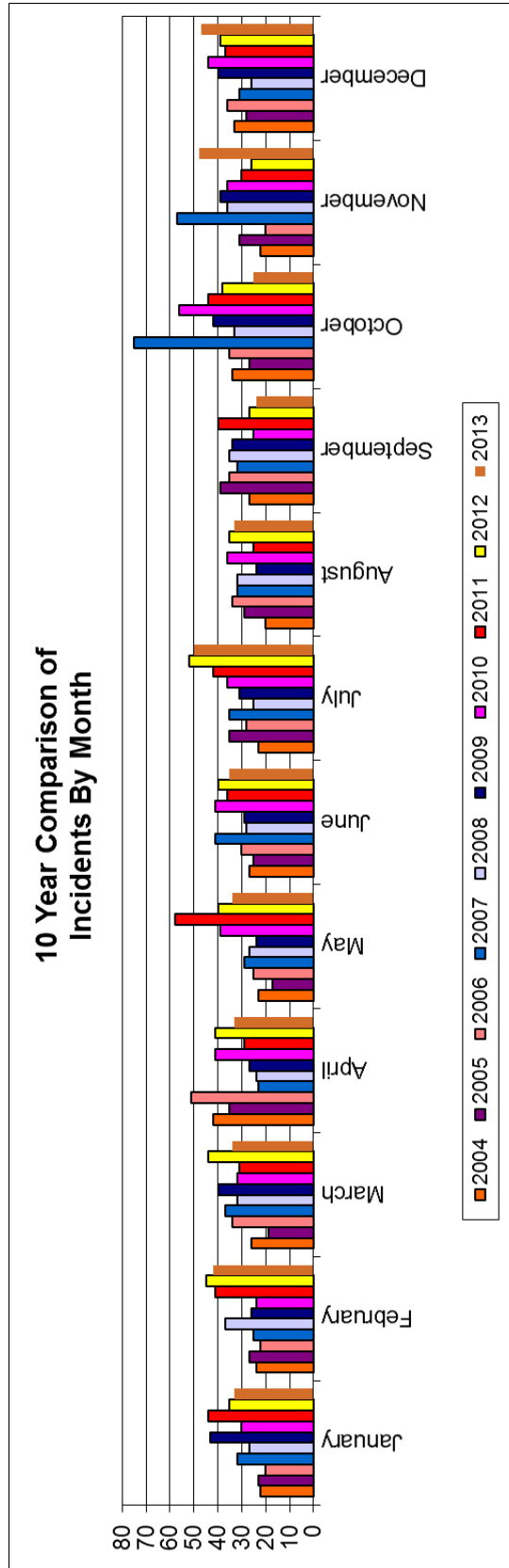


Average Length of Emergency Incident

Total Time of All Calls (In Hours)	368.58
Average Time of Call from Alarm to In Service (In Minutes)	50.49



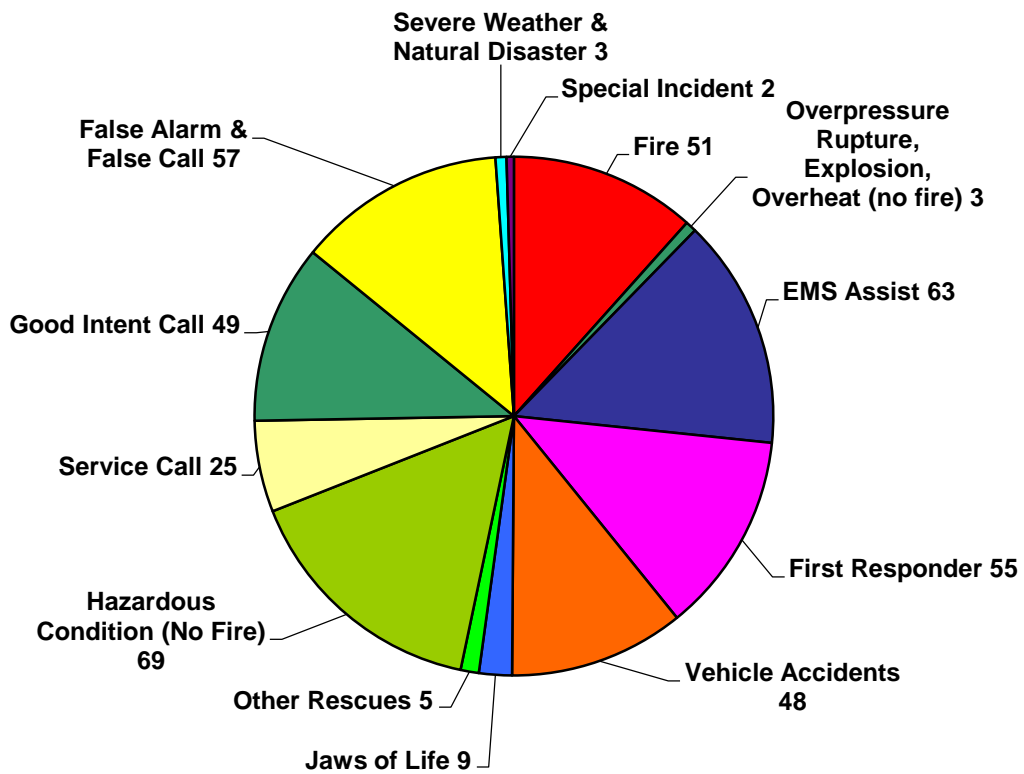
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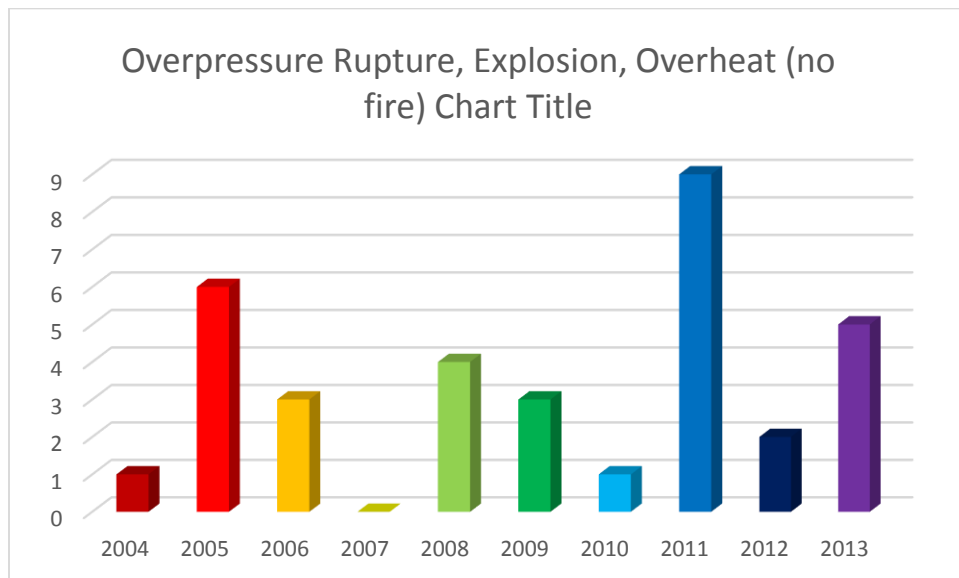
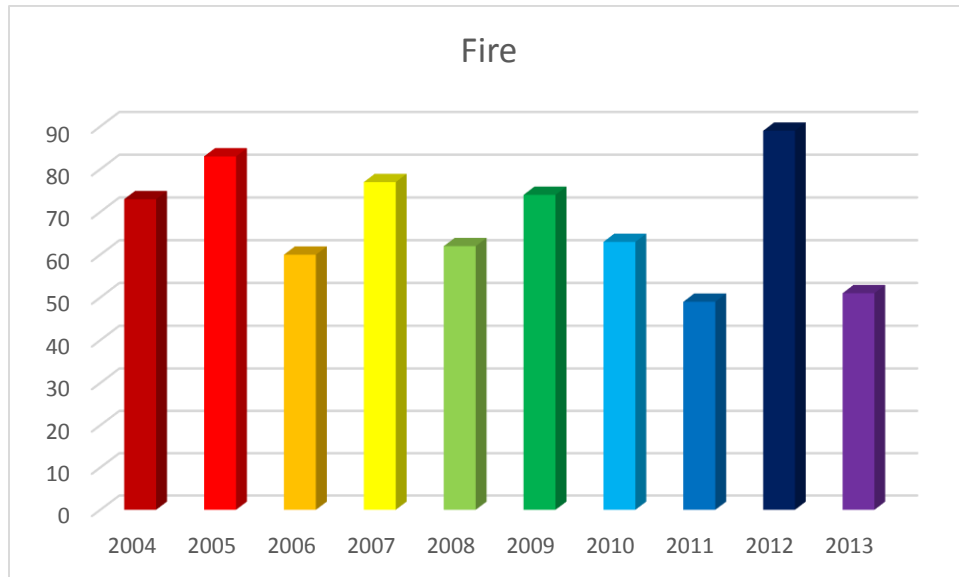
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INCIDENT SUMMARY BY TYPE OF CALL



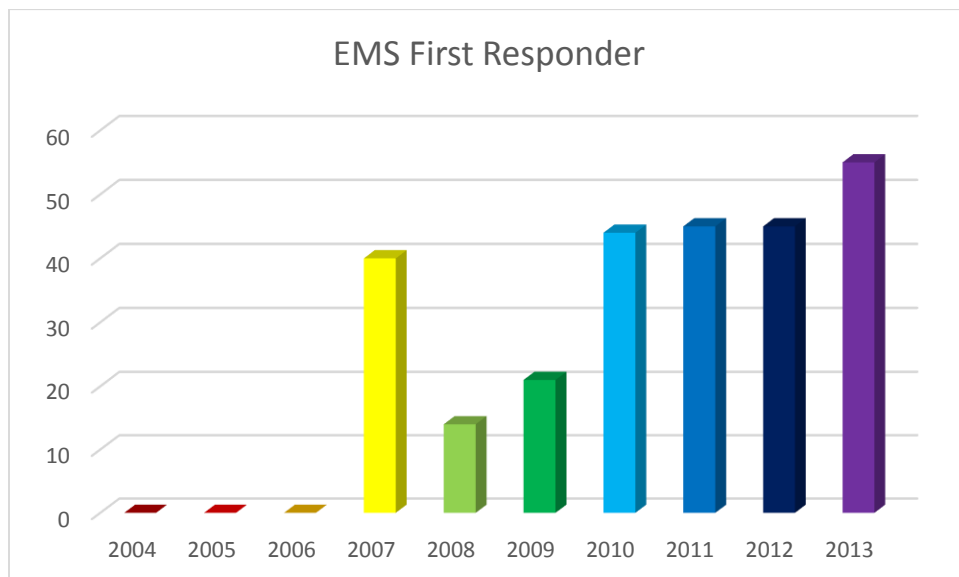
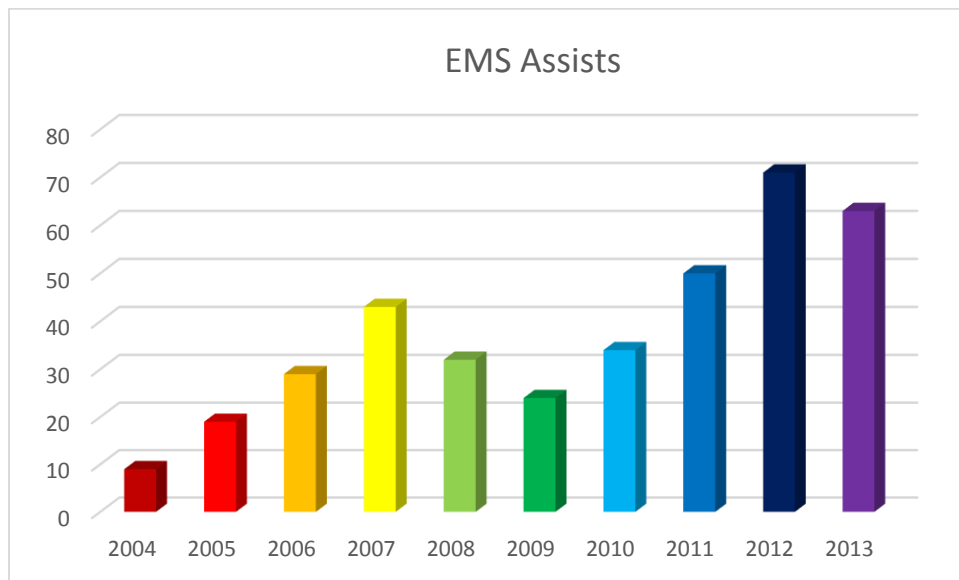


10Year Comparison by Type of Call



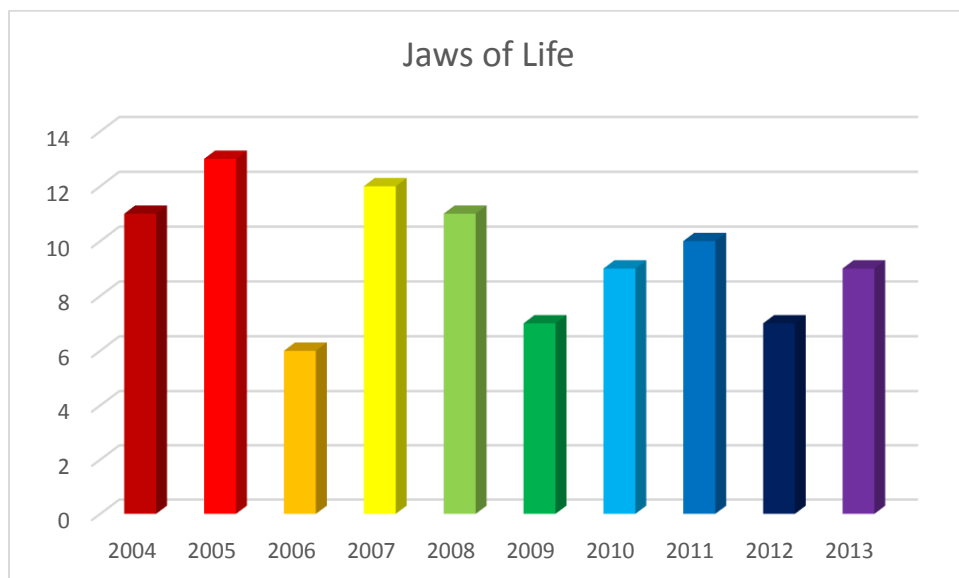
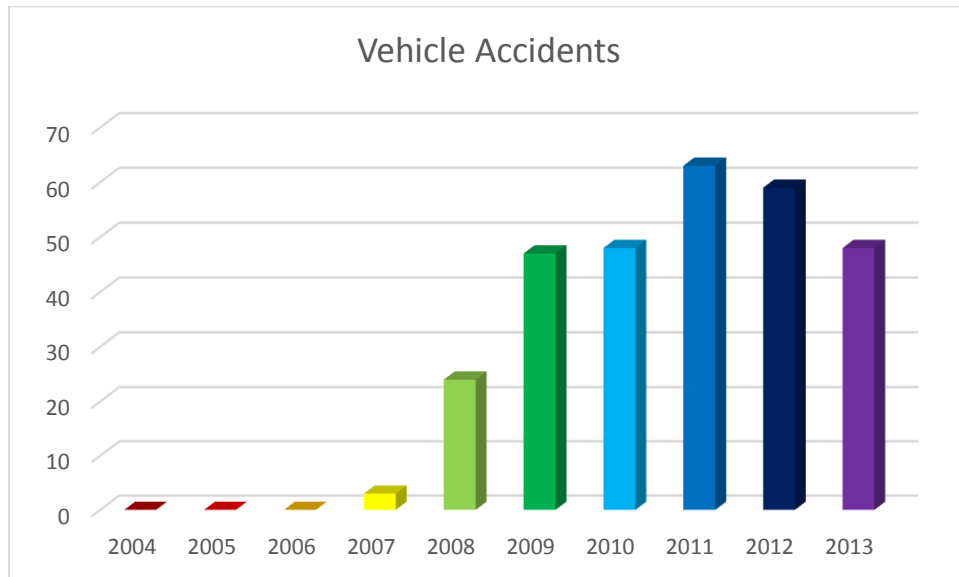


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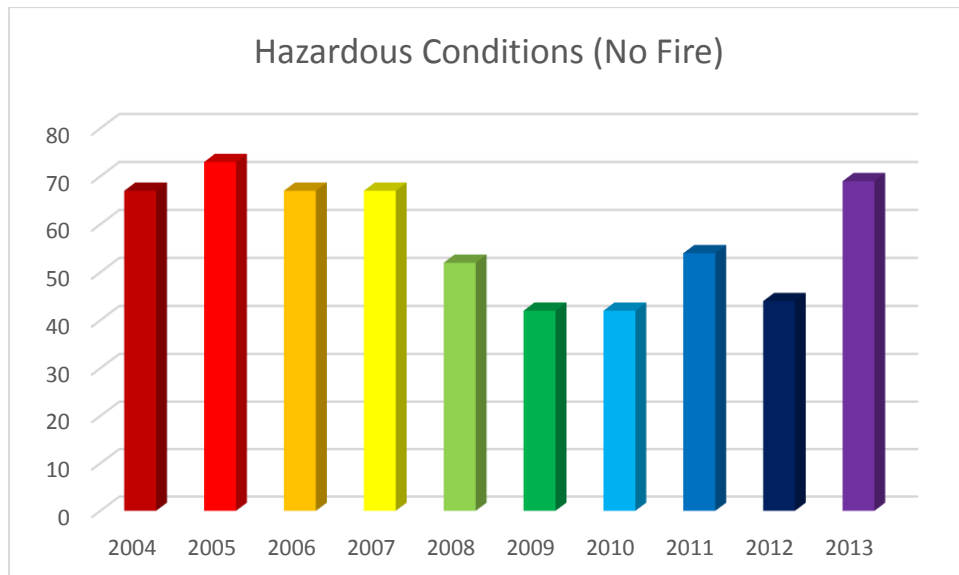
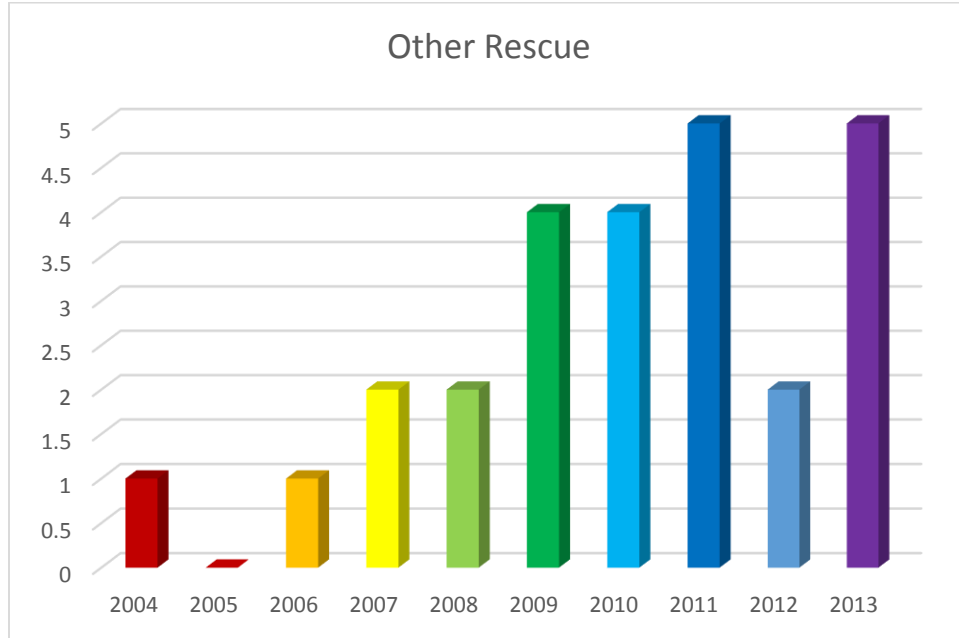


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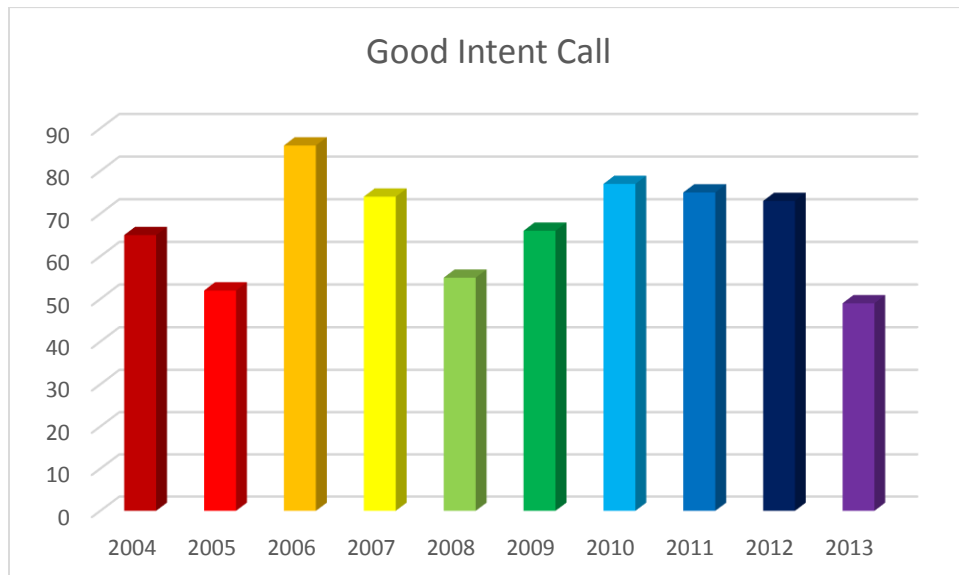
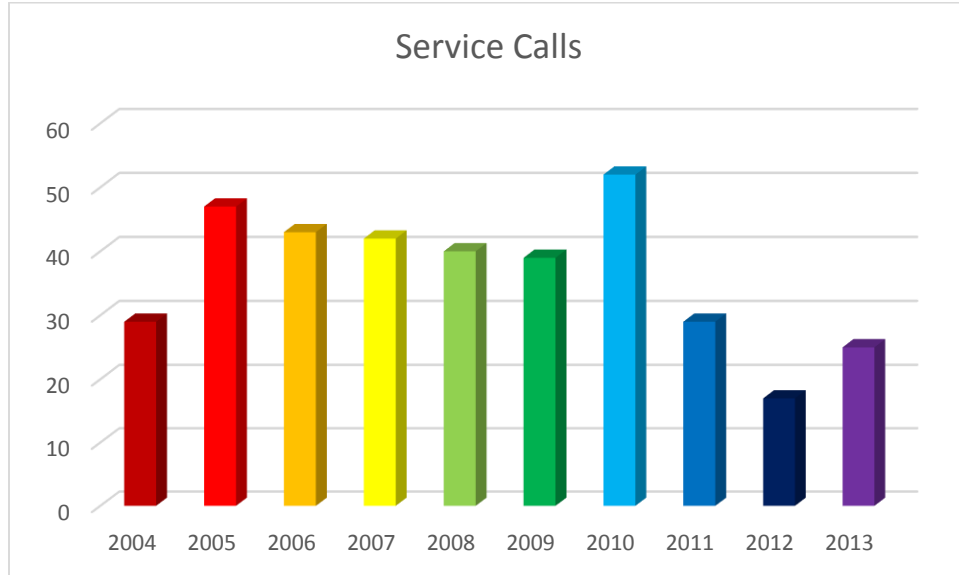


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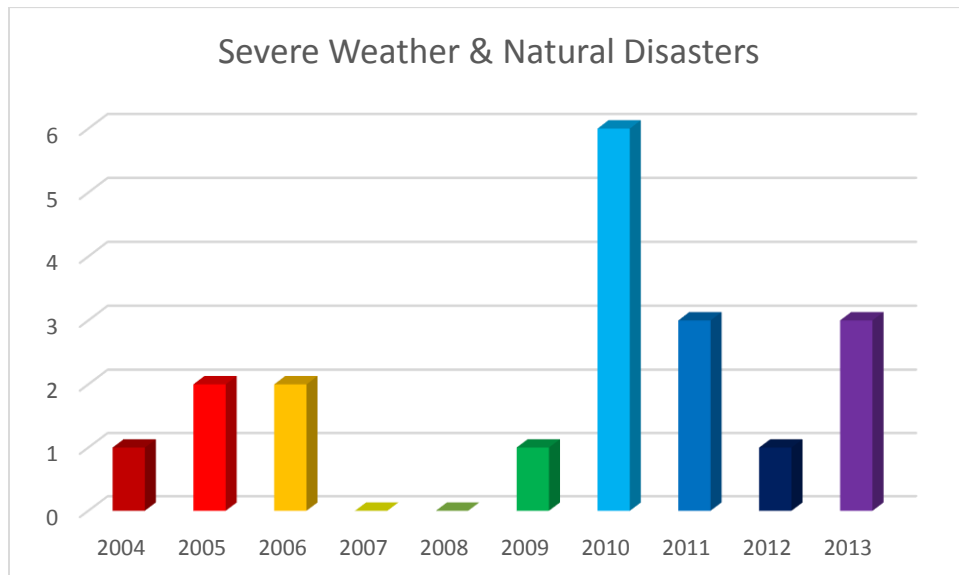
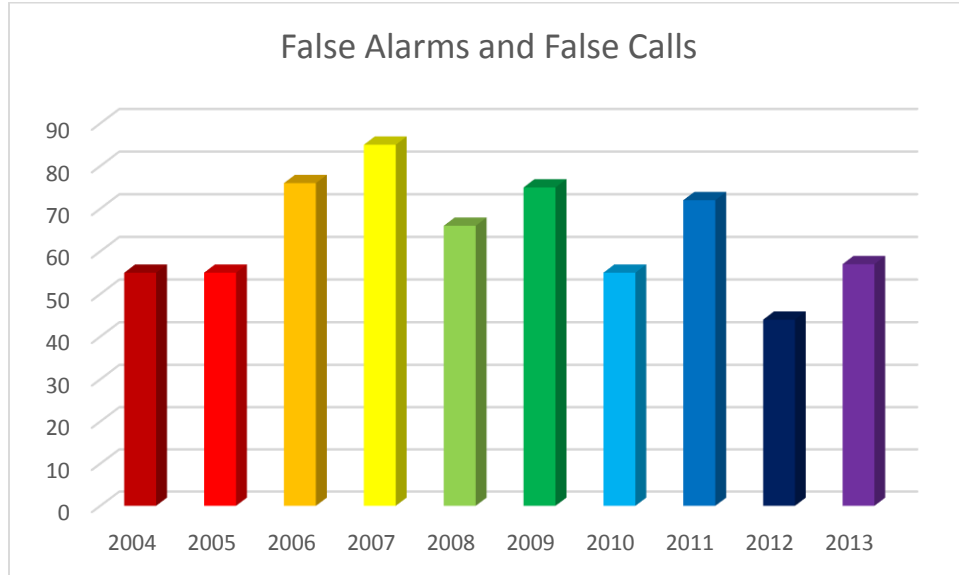


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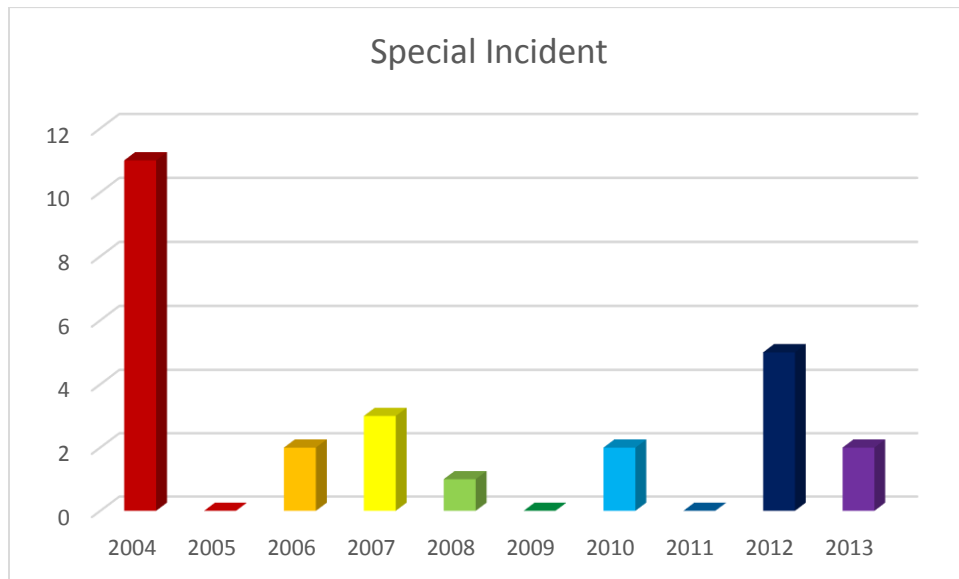


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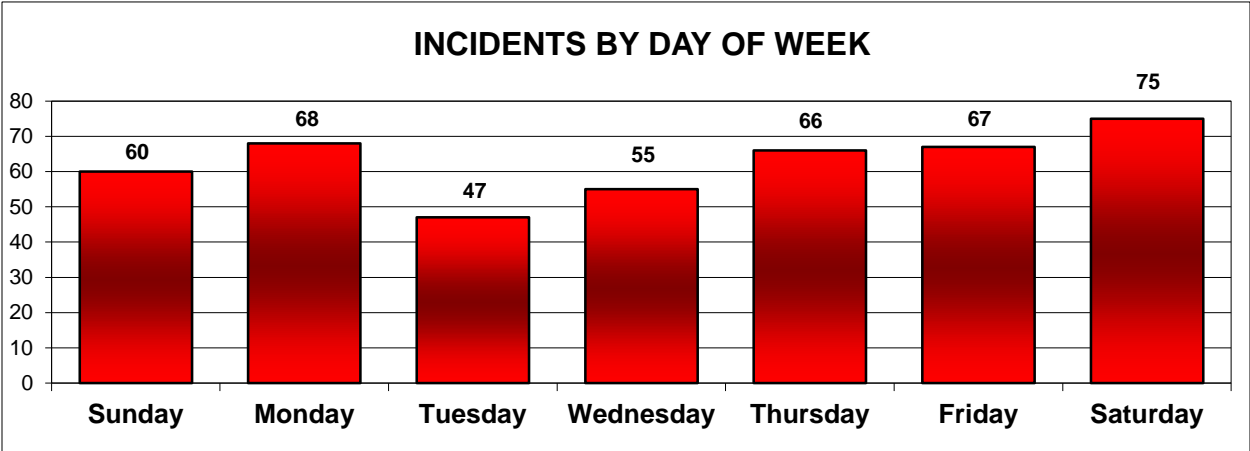


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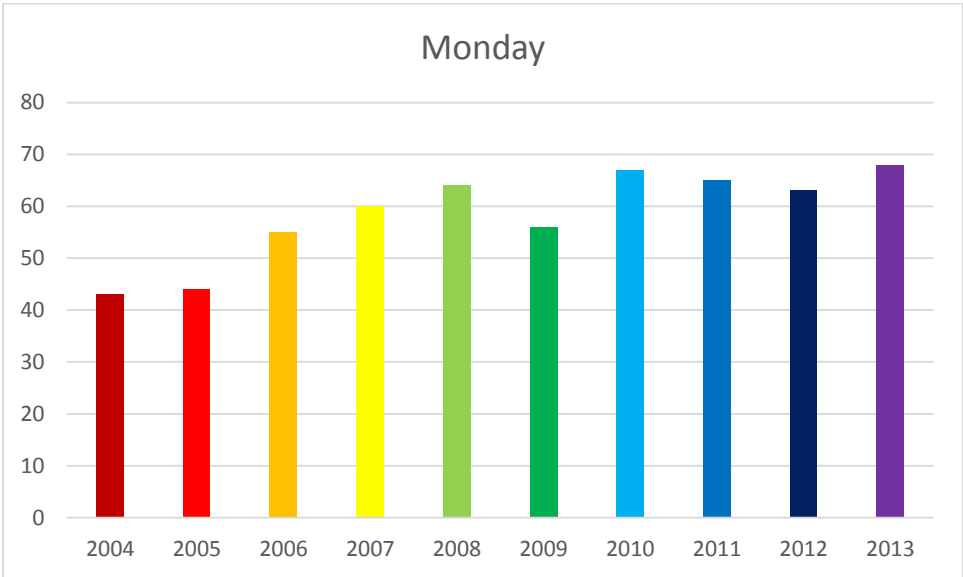
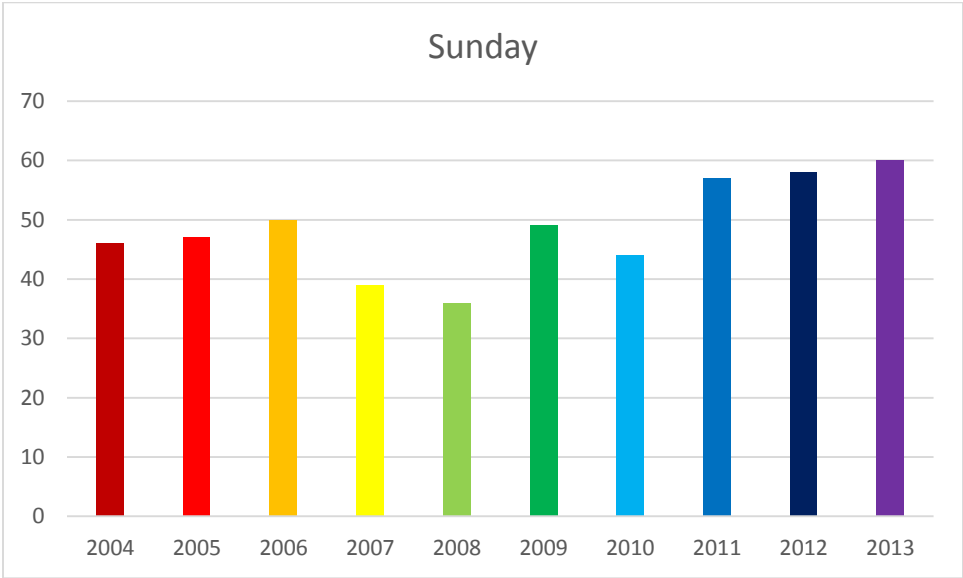
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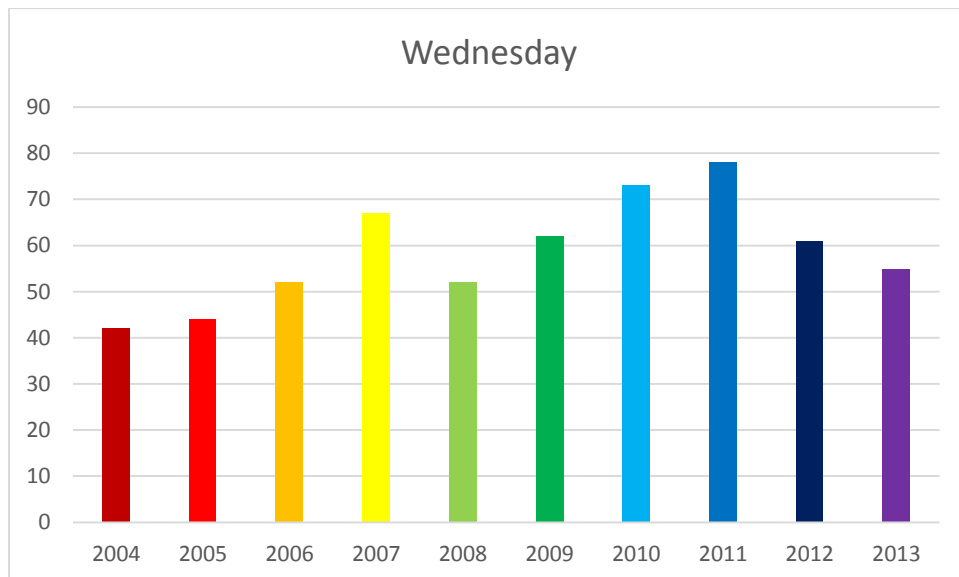
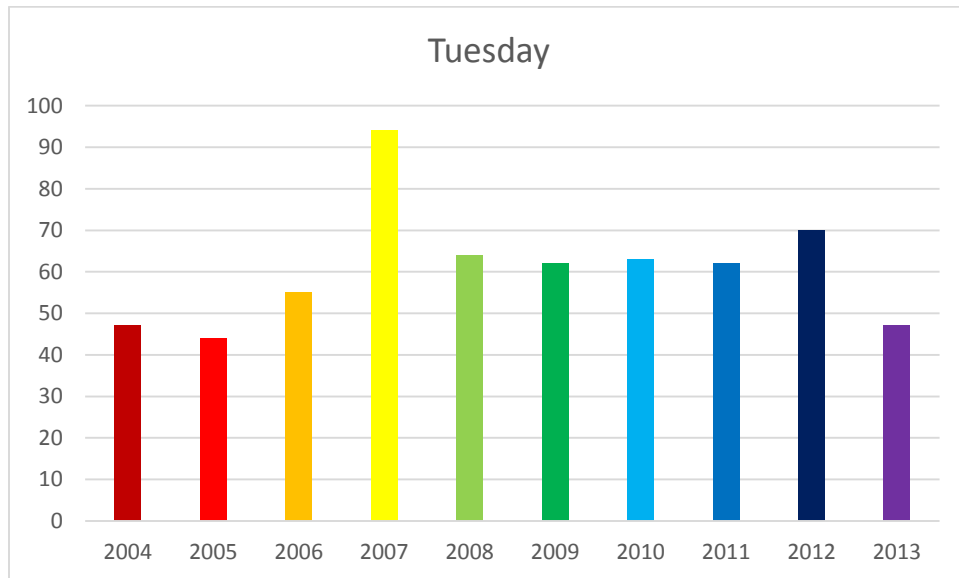
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10Year Comparison by Day of Week



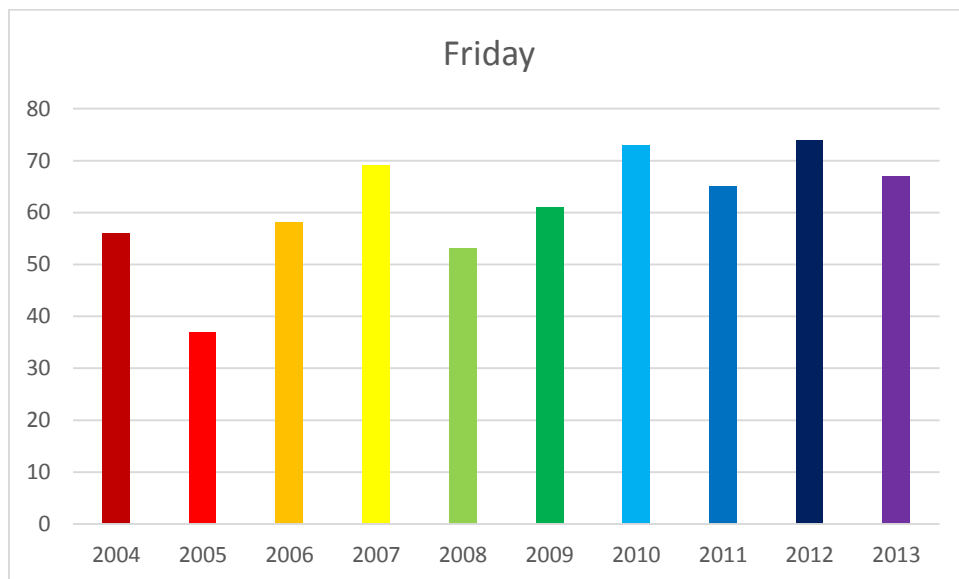
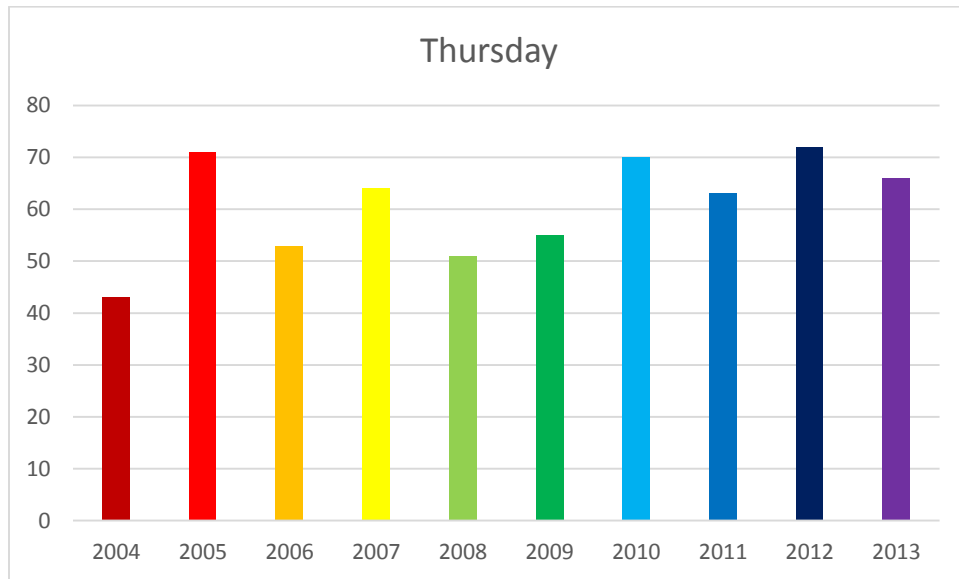


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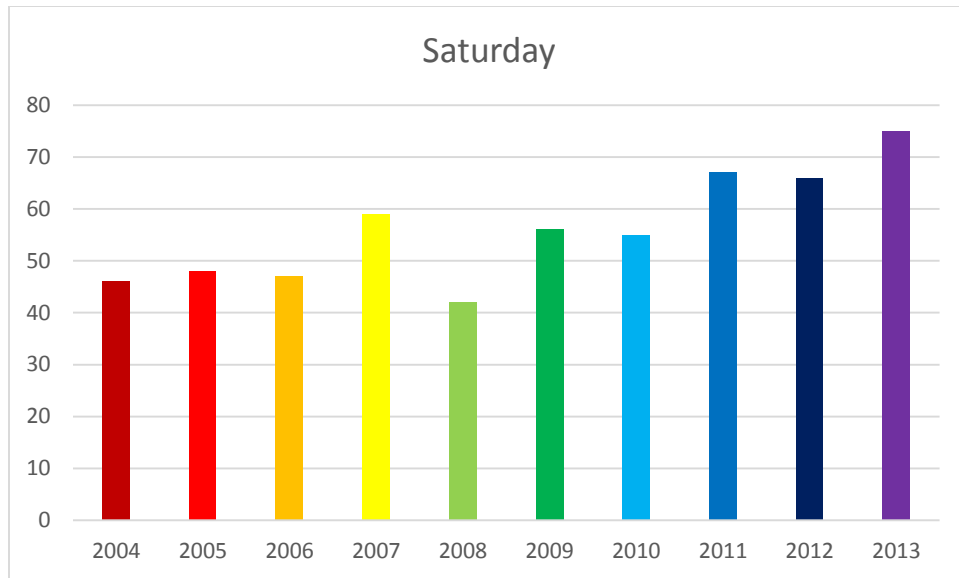


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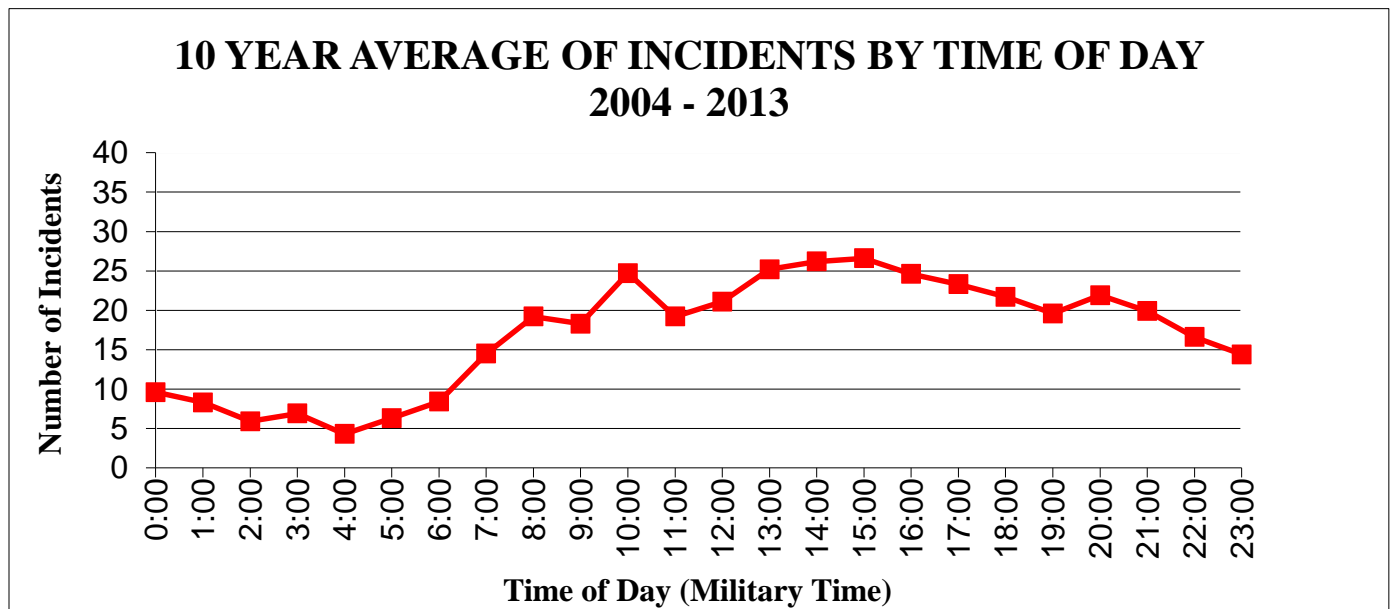
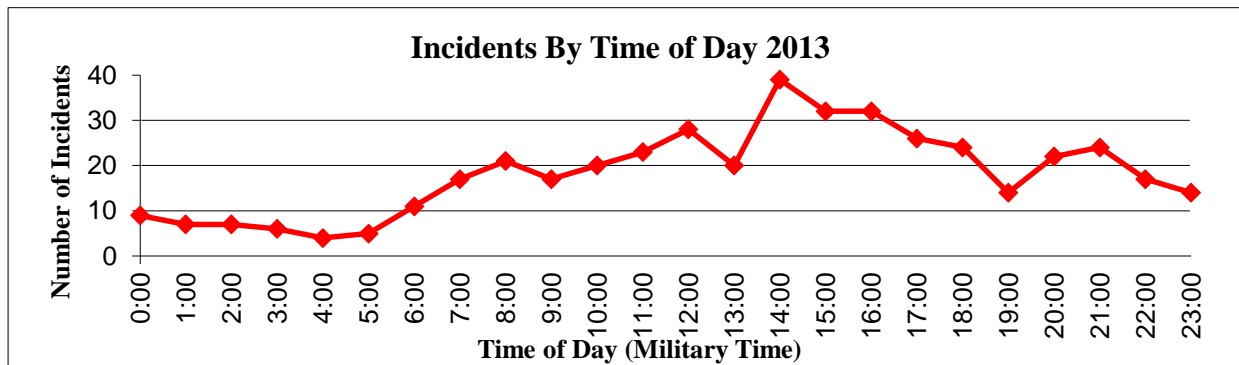


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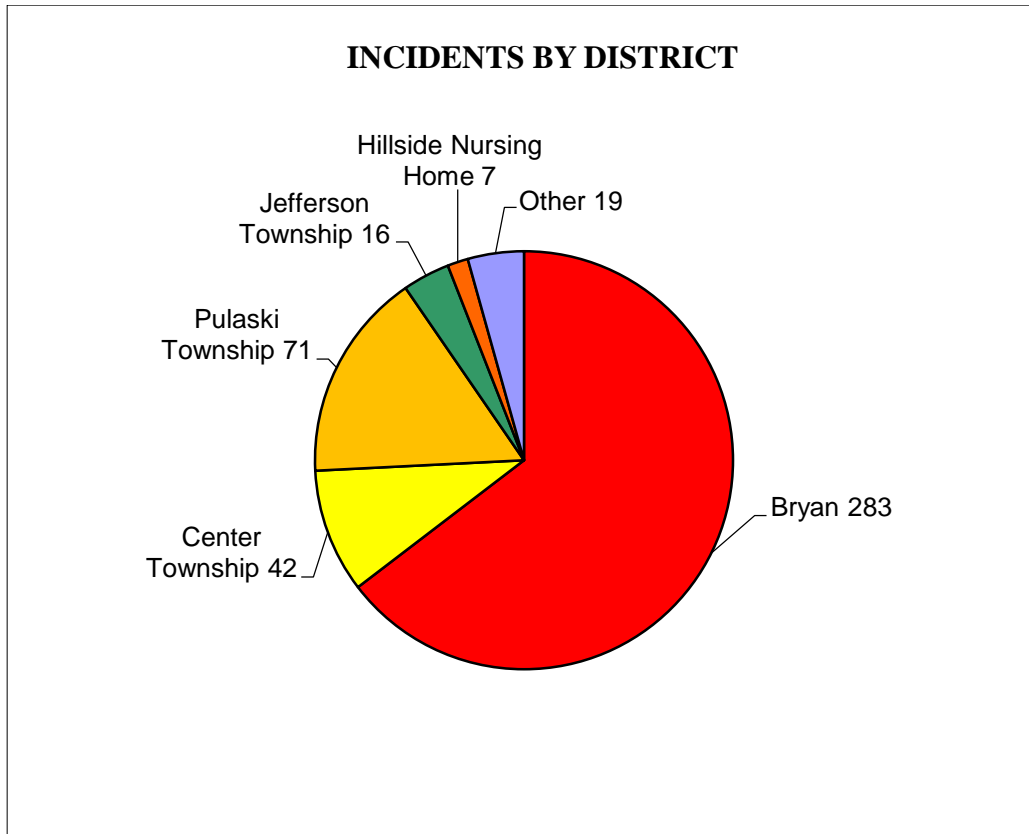


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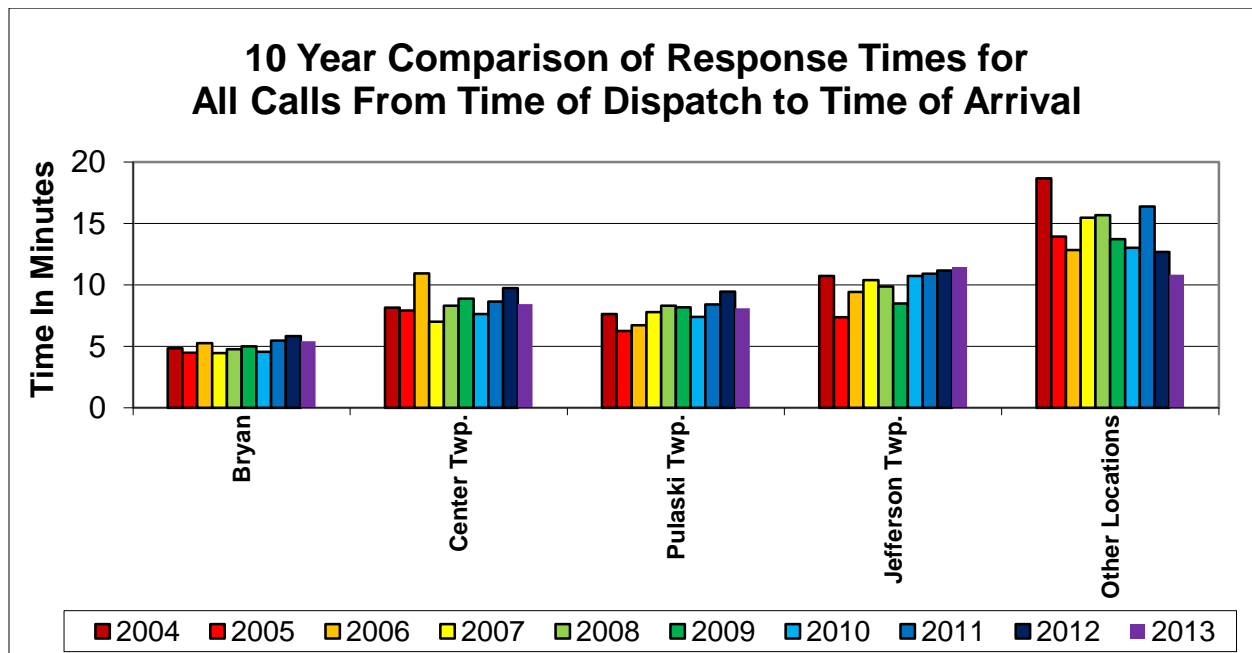
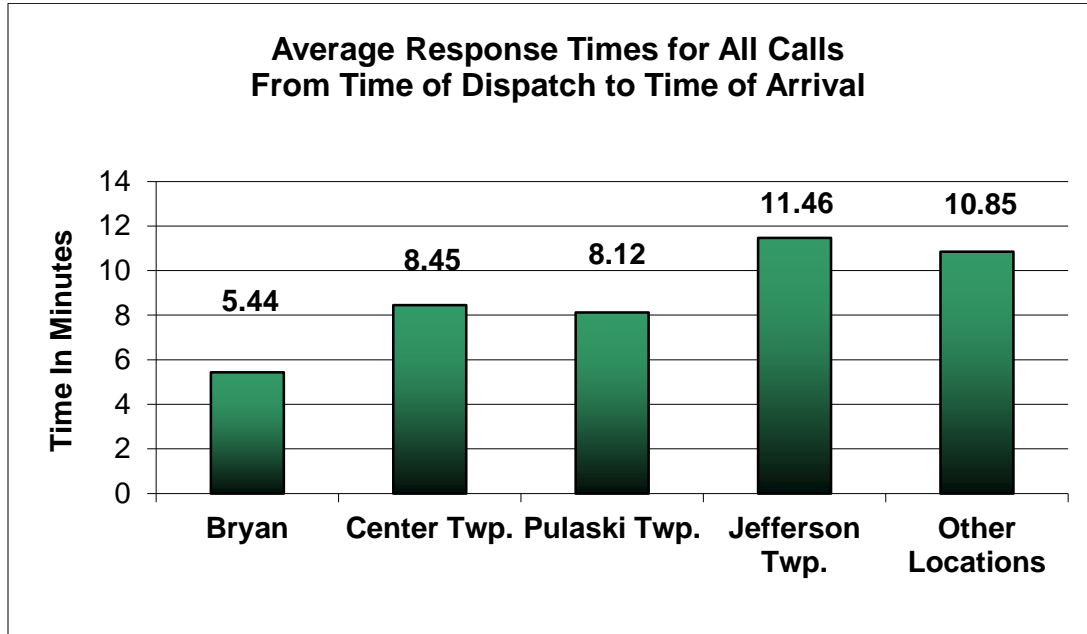


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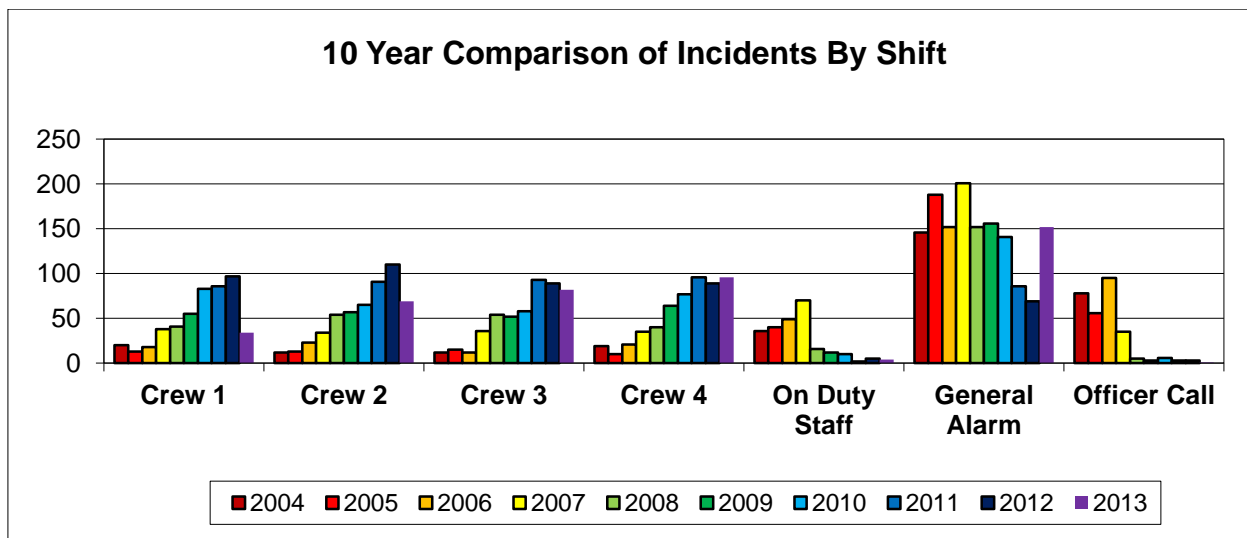
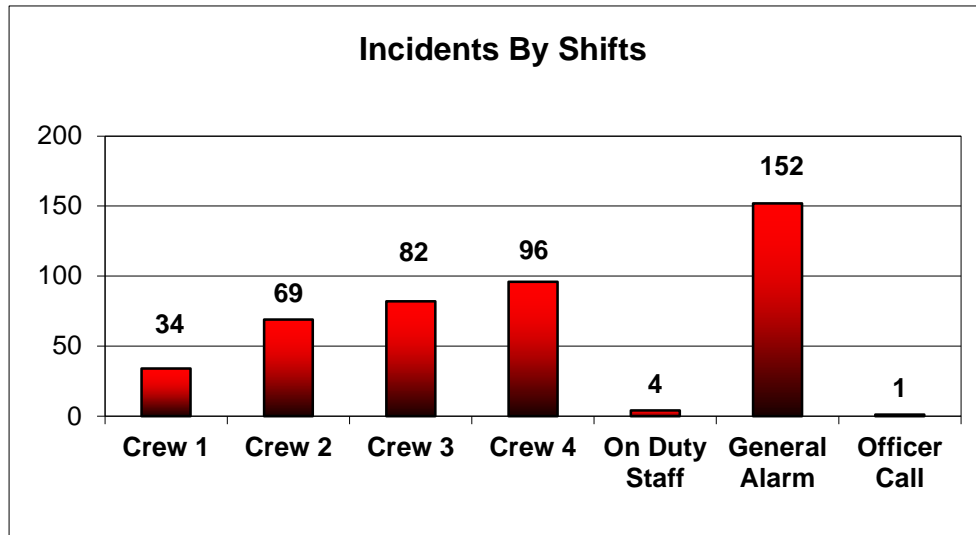


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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 51 fires in 2013, a decrease of about 74% from 2012. In 2013, our dollar loss in property and contents totaled an estimated \$127,800.00. This accounts for 7% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved an estimated \$1,745,950.00 in involved property last year or 93%. There were two civilian deaths last year due to fire, and we incurred four Firefighter injuries in 2013. The following is a brief overview of the four large loss fires that accounted for 95% of our total fire loss for the year.

1. **316 North Beech Street, Incident 13-0000001; Estimated Loss \$71,700**

Bryan Firefighters were dispatched to the above location for a reported fully involved structure fire with occupants trapped on second floor. Upon arrival, crews found a 2-story structure fully involved in fire on side A of the structure. Police on scene stated three occupants were at the house next door and those occupants reported two people upstairs. Police officer made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the rear of the structure being forced out by heavy smoke. Engine 24's crew was directed to pull a handline to the rear of the structure and ladder the building to enter the second floor for rescue. Engine 24 was directed not to lay in. Tower 27 was directed to lay in from hydrant at Mulberry and Beech for water supply to Engine 24. Engine 21 was directed to pull a second handline from Engine 24. Engine 24 laddered a single story flat roof. With a charged handline, the crew knocked down visible fire from the window. The crew was unable to enter encountering high heat and visible fire. Chief 21 ordered Engine 24 crew off the roof and declared the fire a defensive operation. Engine 24 and Engine 21 handlines operated on the B/C sides of the structure. Tower 27 was set up for master stream operations and the remaining crew pulled a 2 1/2 off Engine 24 for operation on the D side. Engine 24 supplied water to Tower 27. As the water flow increased the Engine 24 FAO reported low intake pressure. A supply line to Tower 27 was established by hand from the corner of Beech and Trevitt. Arriving automatic mutual aid companies were staged in the parking lot of Spangler Candy. Chief 60 was assigned to supervise C side operations. Chief 30 was assigned as Staging Officer. Chief 20 and County Coroner were requested to scene. After the initial crews were rotated, a second alarm was requested. Chief 20 contacted State Fire Marshal Office. Engine 31 was placed in the alley C side for lighting. After fire was controlled, a search was conducted, locating the two missing individuals on the second floor. Overhaul of the structure was completed. Mutual aid companies were released from the scene. Investigation was conducted assisted by SFM investigators, and Williams County Coroner.

2. **503 South Main Street, Incident 13-0000059; Estimated Loss \$37,000**

Called for smoke coming from second floor of house at 503 S Main. Upon arrival found heavy smoke from roof of this 2 story single family residence. C21 found occupant in front of neighbors house advised no one else was inside. C21 established command. Engine 21 was ordered to the B-side main entrance and hand jacked a supply line to the hydrant on west side of Main Street, Closing South Main. Bryan Police redirected traffic around the incident. T27 was assigned to A side. E24 and T27 stretched lines interior for attack on second floor and backup. E21 arrived with 2 personnel and were tasked with ventilation of A side attic at gable. Edgerton units were initial assigned to salvage. Montpelier crews assisted with ventilation. During salvage operations, the first floor ceiling collapsed hitting an Edgerton firefighter in the head. He was able to exit under his own power and was checked by medics. The firefighter was not transported. Firefighters extinguished the fire with an interior attack using two 1 3/4 in handlines. Crews rotated during overhaul removing blown insulate from the attic area. Fire damage to the upper floor and water damage to the first floor.



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3. **931 Downing Drive, Incident 13-0000170; Estimated Loss \$3,000**

Crew 3 was called to this location for a hot smell and smoke in attic. This incident was then upgraded to general alarm. Upon arrival of E21 and C21. Command was established. Crews entered structure to locate smoke source. T27 crew was sent to attic to check conditions. The ceiling was pulled over the shower area after salvage covers were in place and ventilation was started. The fire was declared out. Trapped smoke was removed from the attic. Edgerton was requested with insulation blower to the scene. Brady Twp. was requested to standby at Bryan Station. Insulation was removed and the area was overhauled. Fire and damage was contained to the shower area and the attic space over the shower.

4. **221 North Cherry Street, Incident 13-0000289; Estimated Loss \$10,000**

Bryan Firefighters were called to the above location for a report of a noise in the walls. Capt. Merschdorf arrived on the scene of a two story residential triplex to find the occupant on the Bravo side of the structure using a garden hose to extinguish the fire on the exterior of the Bravo side. Capt. Merschdorf observed smoke coming from the Bravo side eave and the Charlie side attic vent. Information was relayed to Chief 20 and Chief 21 on VHF Fire 1 frequency. Chief 20 and 21 arrived on the scene; Chief 20 established command and Chief 21 assumed the C sector. Engine 24 laid a supply line into the scene, stretched a 1 3/4" hand line to the Bravo/Charlie corner of the structure, and began exterior fire suppression. Crew then deployed ground ladders to the roof on the Charlie side to gain access to the roof for ventilation and fire suppression. Tower 27's crew arrived on the scene and was tasked with placing salvage covers in the rear apartment "C". Montpelier and Edgerton Fire Departments were tasked with searching Apartment A and B for an all clear. Windows were opened on the second floor of the structure to ventilate minor smoke from the structure. Montpelier firefighters were also tasked with stretching a second 1 3/4" handline from Engine 24 to the Alpha Bravo corner of the structure in an on deck mode. Brady Twp. arrived and were placed on deck after Edgerton and Montpelier firefighters were reassigned to the Bravo Charlie sector to relieve Engine 24 crews. EMS was on the scene to provide drinks and rehabilitation for fire suppression crews. Stryker Fire was requested to Bryan Station for standby.

10 Year Comparison of Dollar Loss			
Year	Property Value	Loss	Property Saved
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
2012	2,417,520	360,128	2,057,392
2013	1,873,750	127,800	1,745,950
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Average	\$10,653,703	\$265,959	\$10,387,743



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 128 code violations were corrected. The Fire Prevention Section also completed 3 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 61 programs were delivered reaching over 6,000 adults and children.





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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 3,443 hours (staff hours) of training last year or 137.7 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.





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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
Tyson R. Engstrom, Lieutenant
Zachary C. Fisher
Dustin L. Gillett
Gregory D. Grisier
Kacey D. Grubb
Keaton P. Grubb
Apryl D. McClaine
Eric D. McClaine
Bradley A. Stucky, Lieutenant
Kevin R. Temple, Lieutenant

RESIGNED MEMBERS

Anthony M. Cruz – Resigned January 11, 2013, 4 years of service

Christopher Cullis – Resigned April 15, 2013, 11 years of service

Mitchell Figgins – Resigned May 29, 2013, 6 years of service

Douglas Myers – Resigned March 11, 2013, 11 years of service

John Robbins – Resigned May 16, 2013, 8 years of service

RETIRED MEMBERS

Kenneth Ulrich – Retired October 12, 2013, 40 years of service

