

CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



INTRODUCTION

In the following pages, you will find the annual report for the City of Bryan Fire Department for 2016. 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.

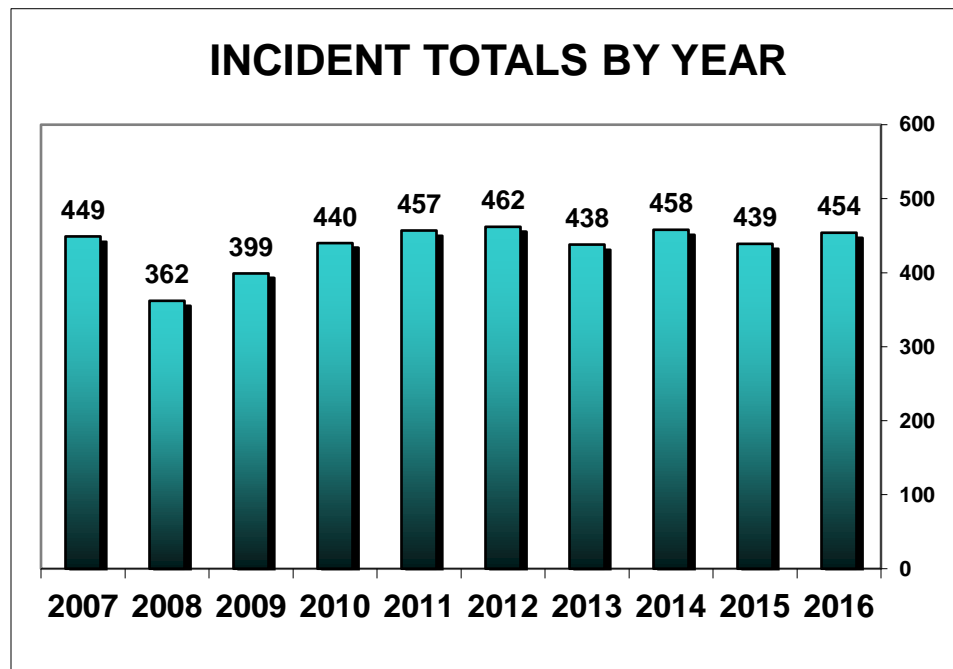
Bruce R. Siders, Fire Chief



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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. The Department currently has 15 Paid-on-Call Firefighters and our Volunteer Chaplain for 23 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 2016, The City of Bryan Fire Department responded to 454 calls for service, a 3% increase from 2015.



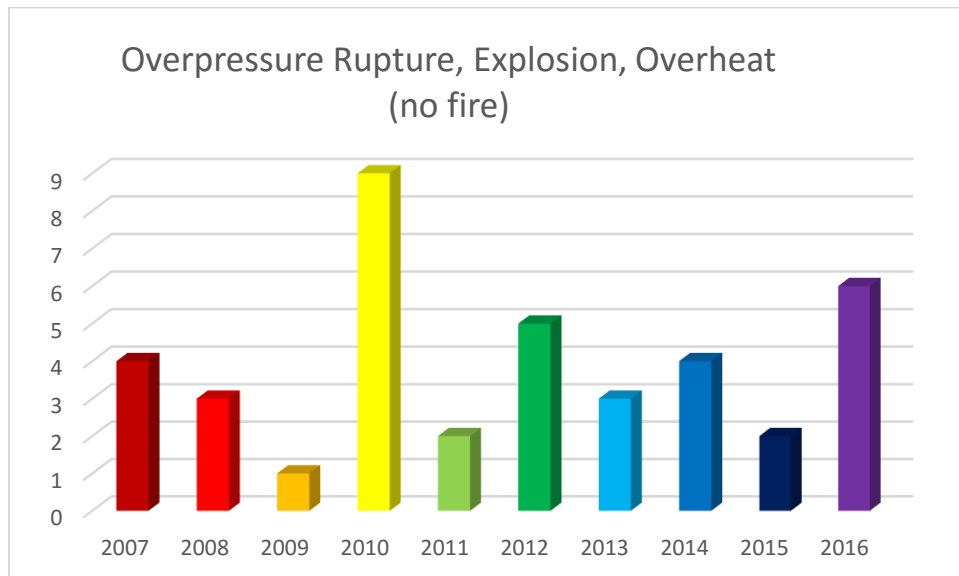
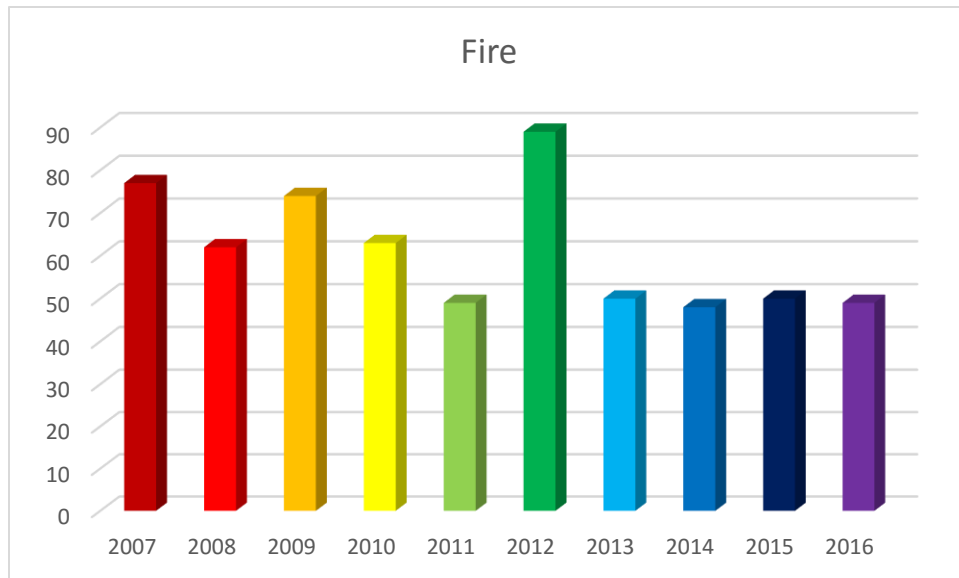
Of the 454 requests for service in 2016, 49 of these calls were classified as fires, which represents just over 10% of the total activity for the Fire Department. The following chart shows the types of calls responded to by the Fire Department and the percent of activity for each call type.

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Total for Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Activity</u>
Fire	49	10.79%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)	6	1.32%
EMS Assist	71	15.64%
First Responder	36	7.93%
Vehicle Accidents	75	16.52%
Jaws of Life	13	2.86%
Other Rescues	1	0.22%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	40	8.81%
Service Call	37	8.15%
Good Intent Call	73	16.08%
False Alarm & False Call	53	11.67%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%
Special Incident	0	0.00%
	454	100.00%



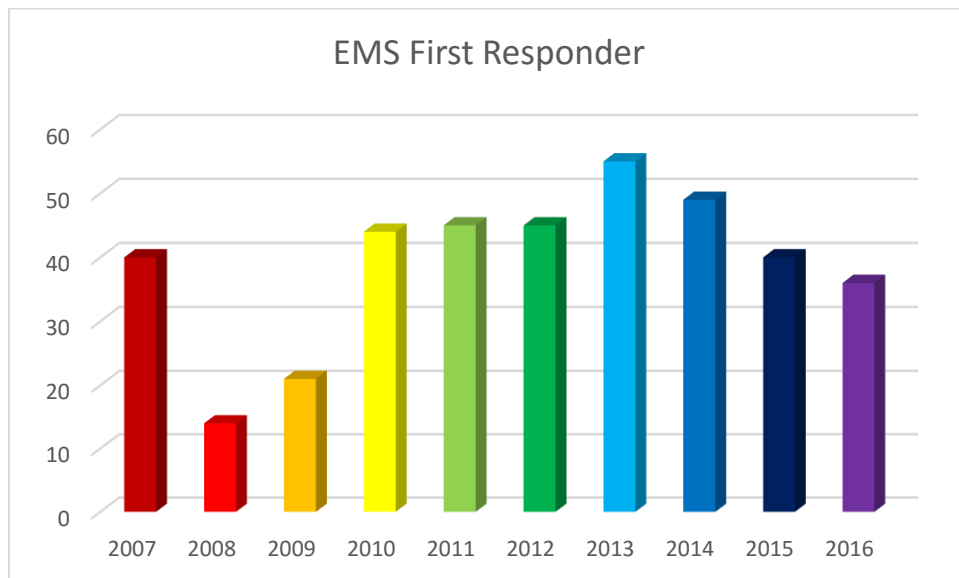
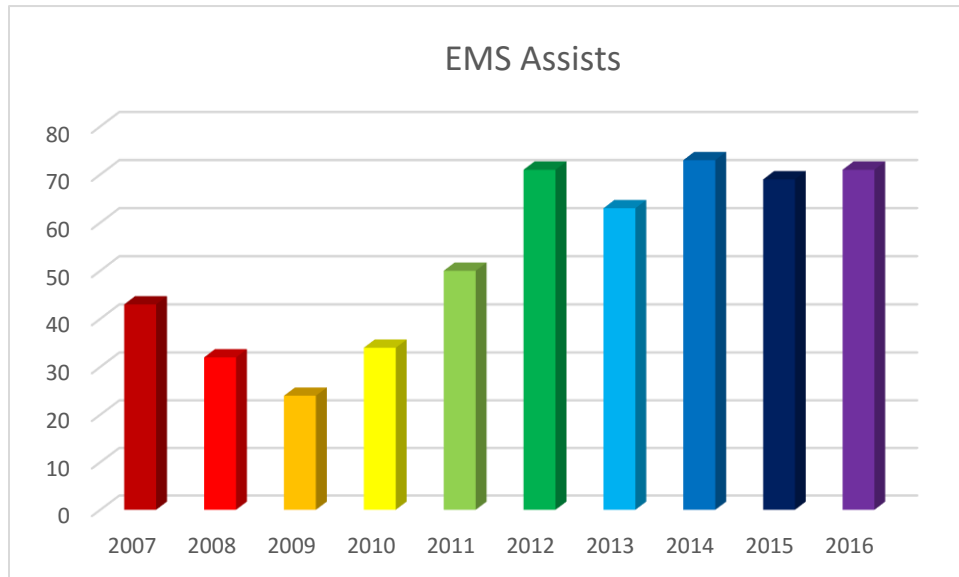
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The following charts represent a 10-year comparison of calls by type. Through trending and analyzing our types of calls, the Fire Department is able to see the needs of the community, adjust our operation to meet those needs and successfully meet our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



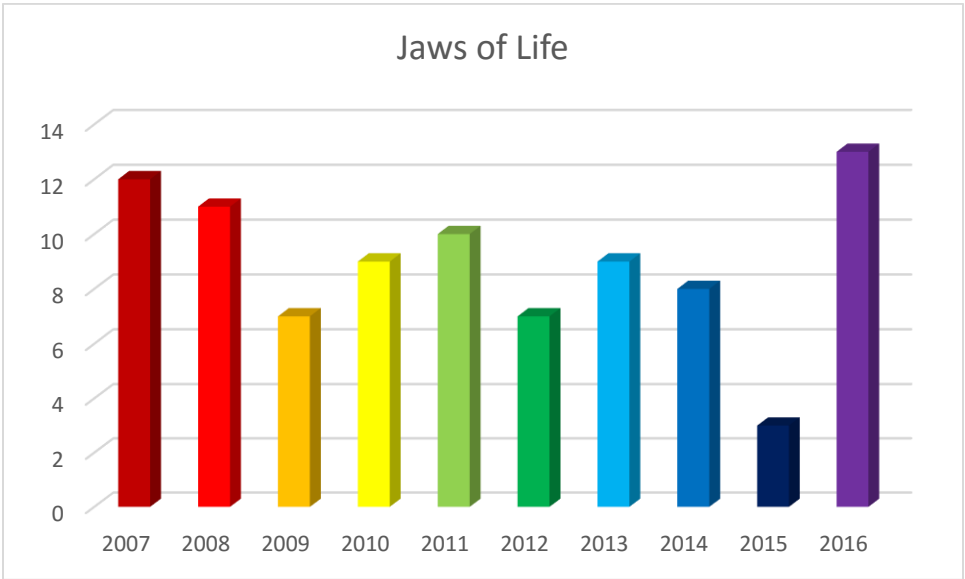
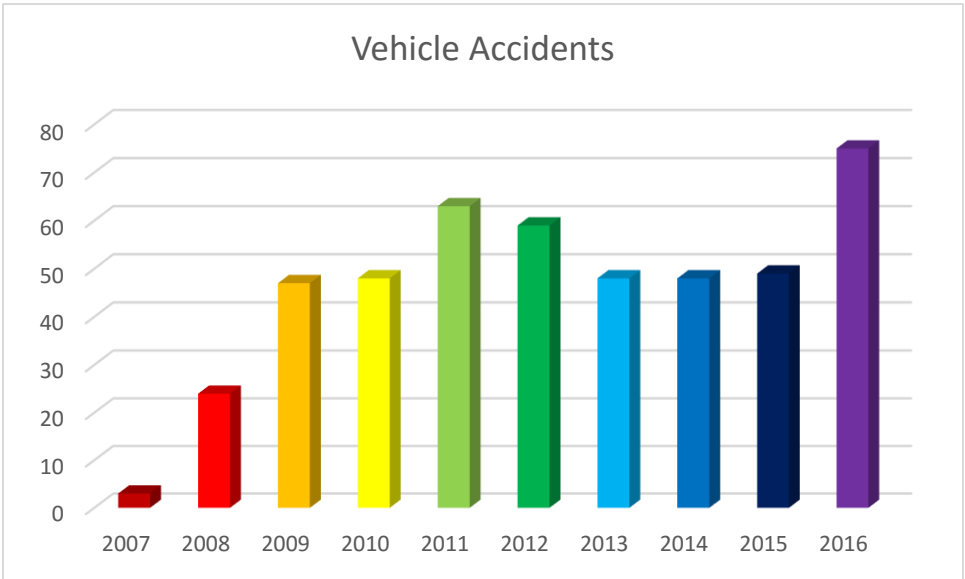


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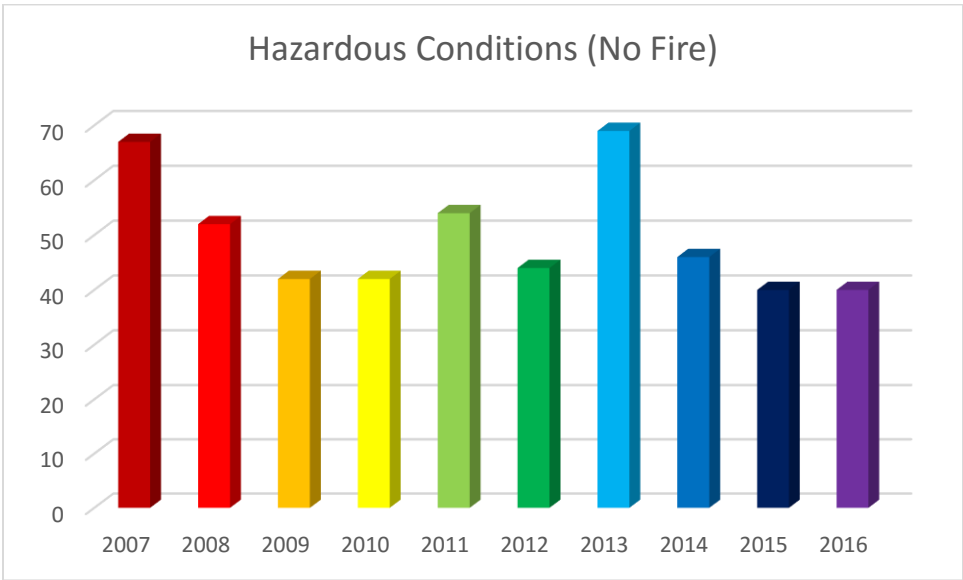
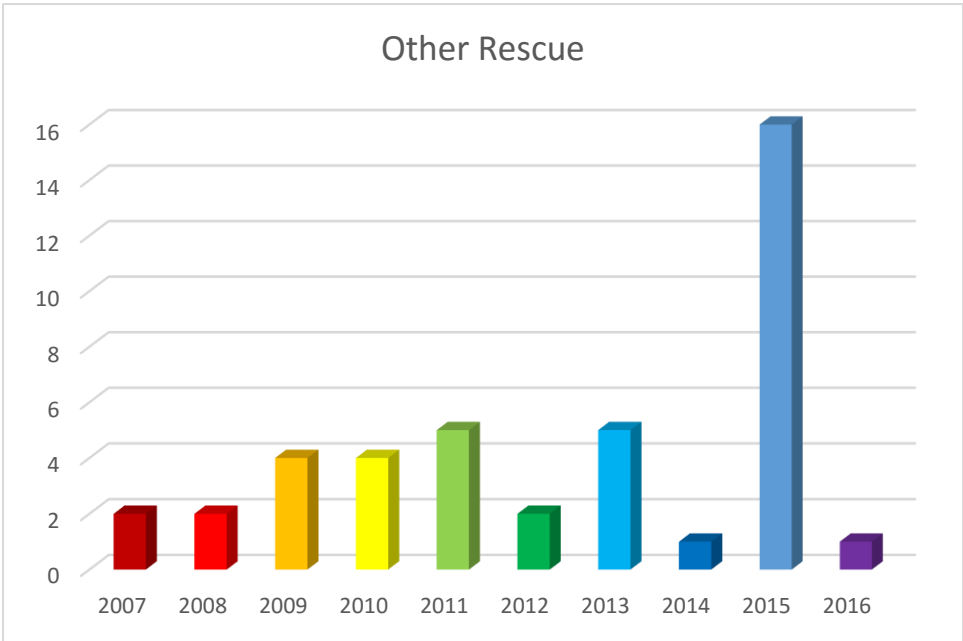


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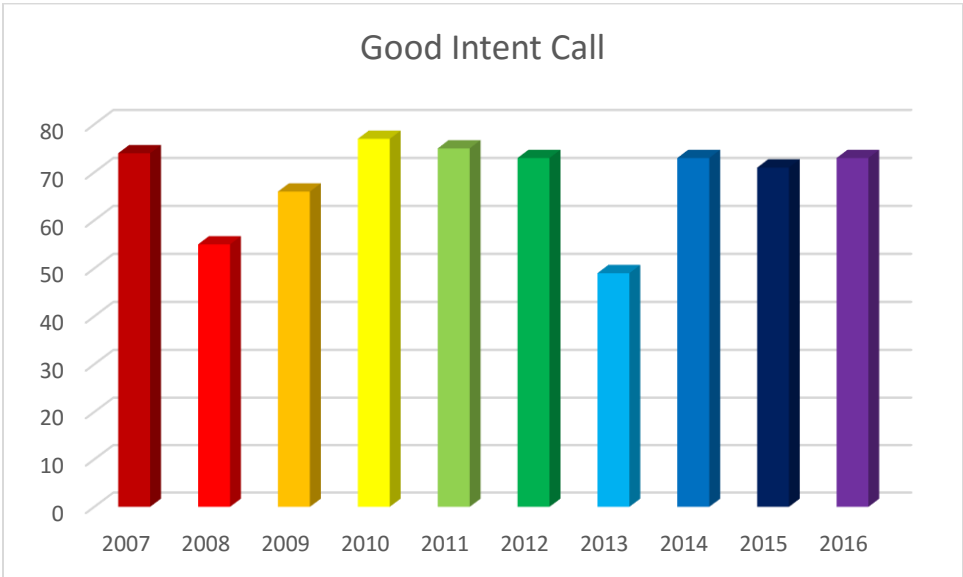
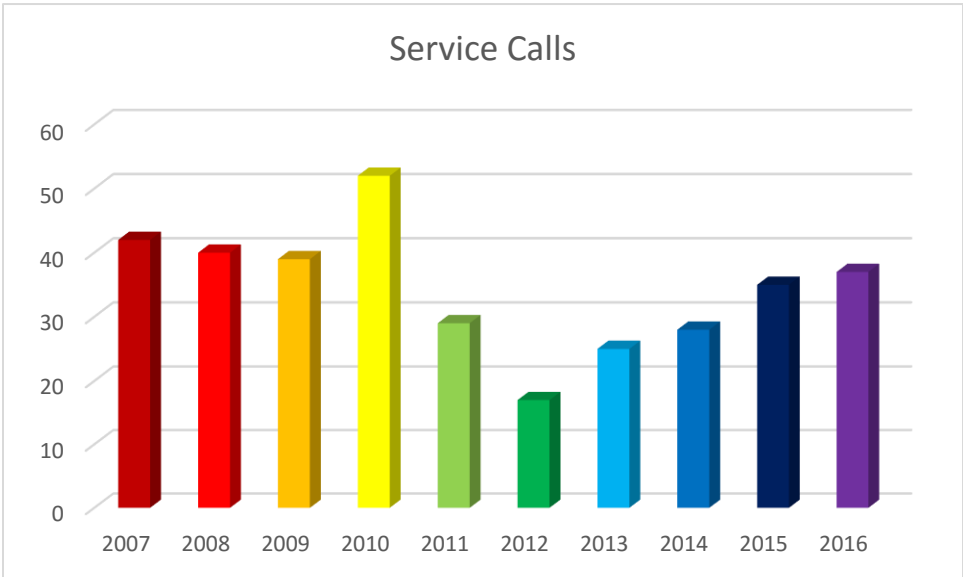


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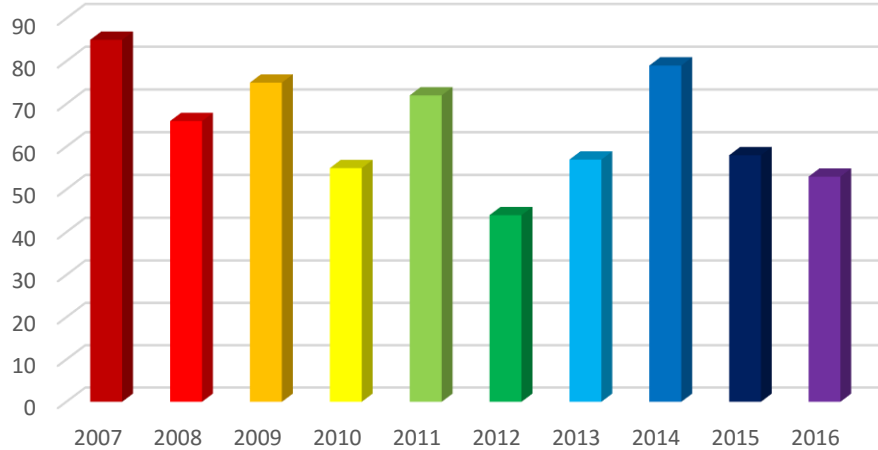
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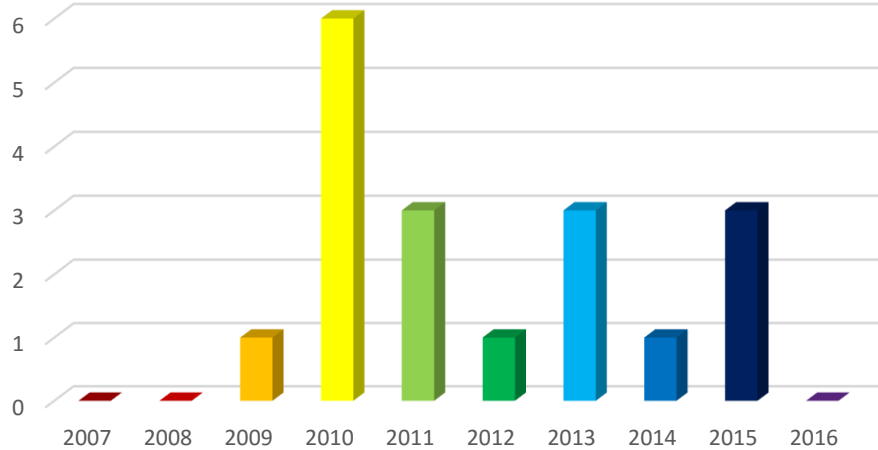


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False Alarms and False Calls

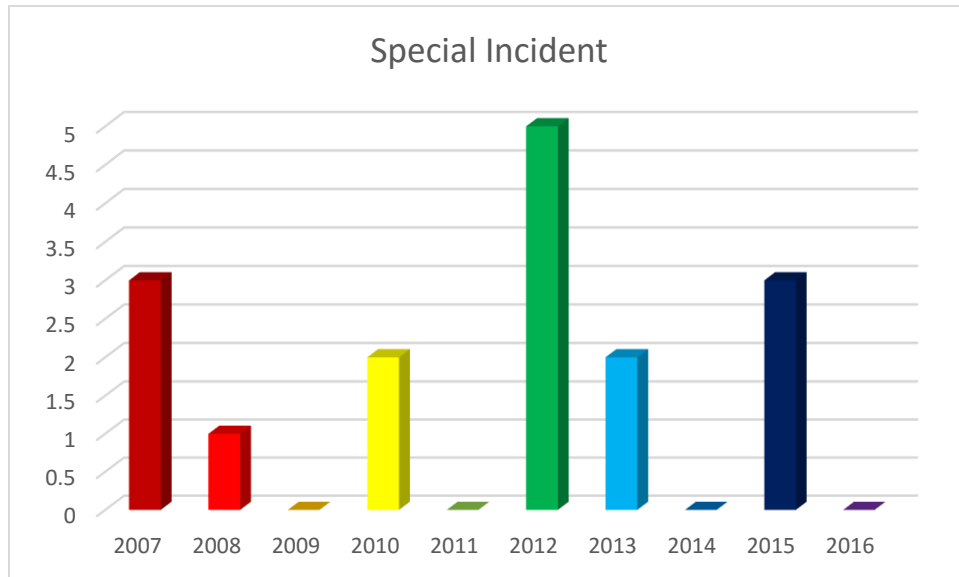


Severe Weather & Natural Disasters

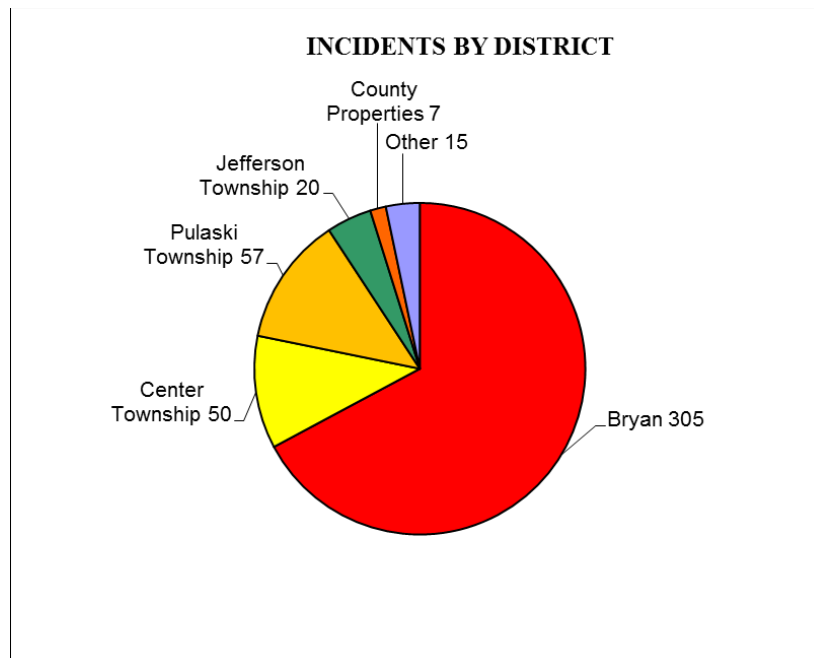




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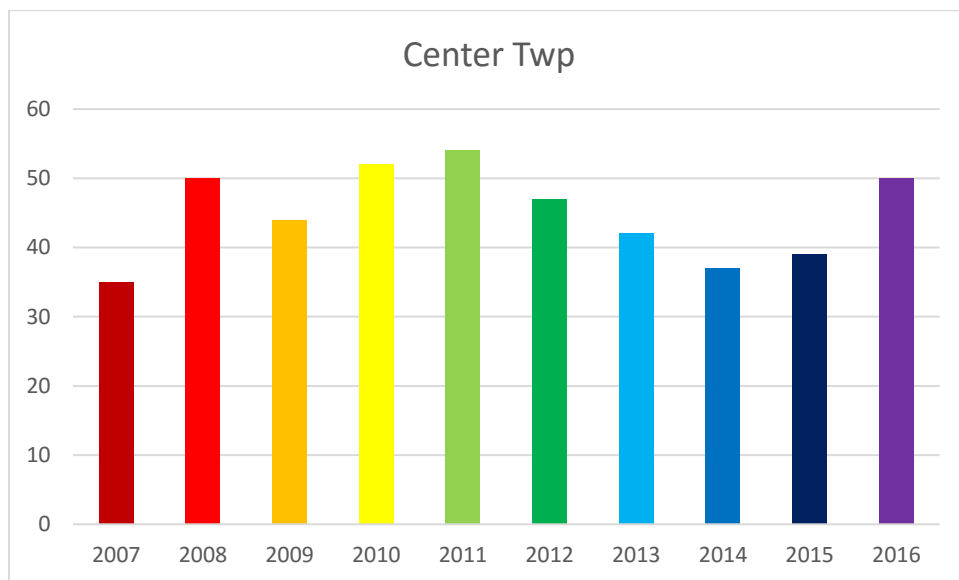
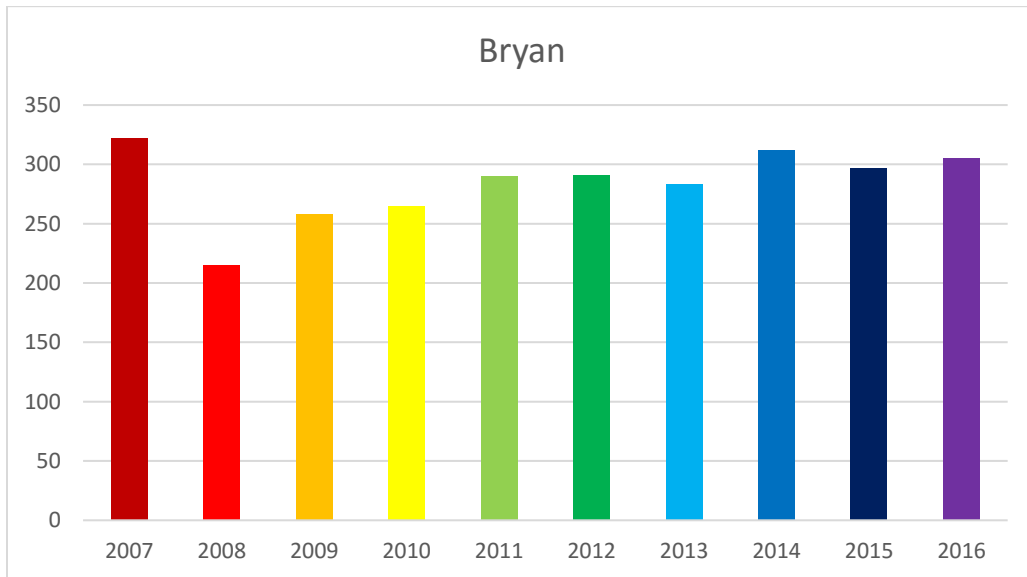
The Fire Department not only has responsibilities within the City of Bryan, but also in the adjoining Townships that surround the City through fire protection contracts. In 2016, 67 percent of our call volume came from inside the City, which is a 1% decrease from 2015. Center Township is up two percent from a year ago to 11 percent. Jefferson Township also saw an increase from last year of one percent to 4 percent, while Pulaski Township saw a one percent decrease to 13 percent. The County Home and surrounding County properties also saw a one percent decrease in calls for service. The remaining 3 percent was to our neighboring communities through Automatic Aid and Mutual aid, which is down 1 percent from 2015.





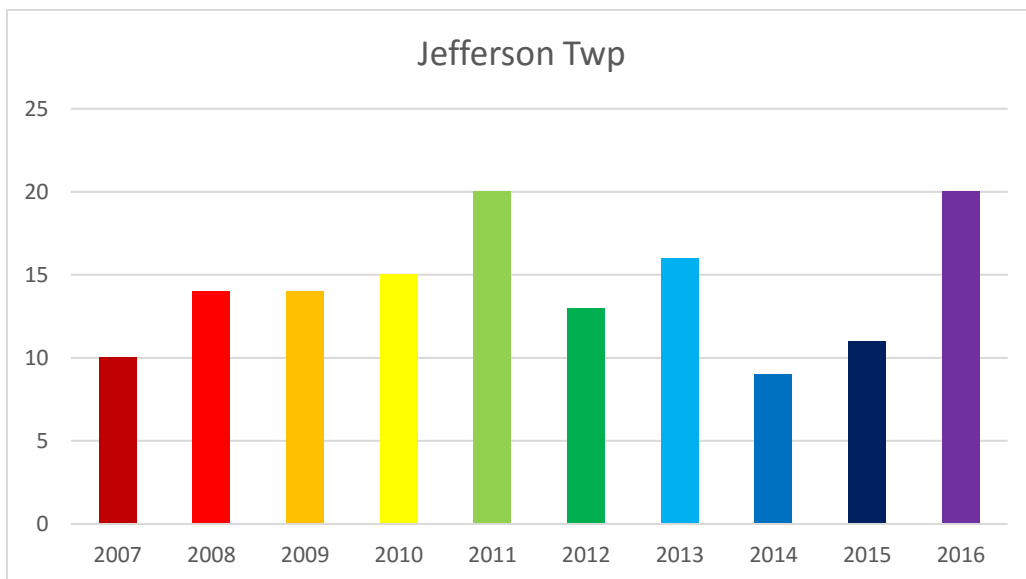
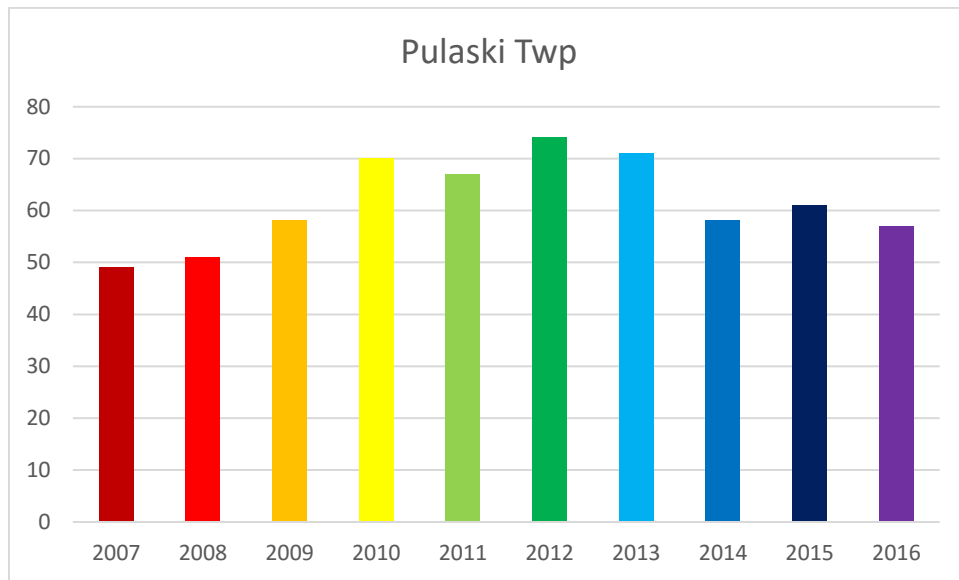
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The following charts represent a 10-year comparison of calls by District. These charts help further explain where our calls for service are at and what the trend is. Additionally, these charts assist the Fire Department in determining the fire protection contracts with the County and Townships.



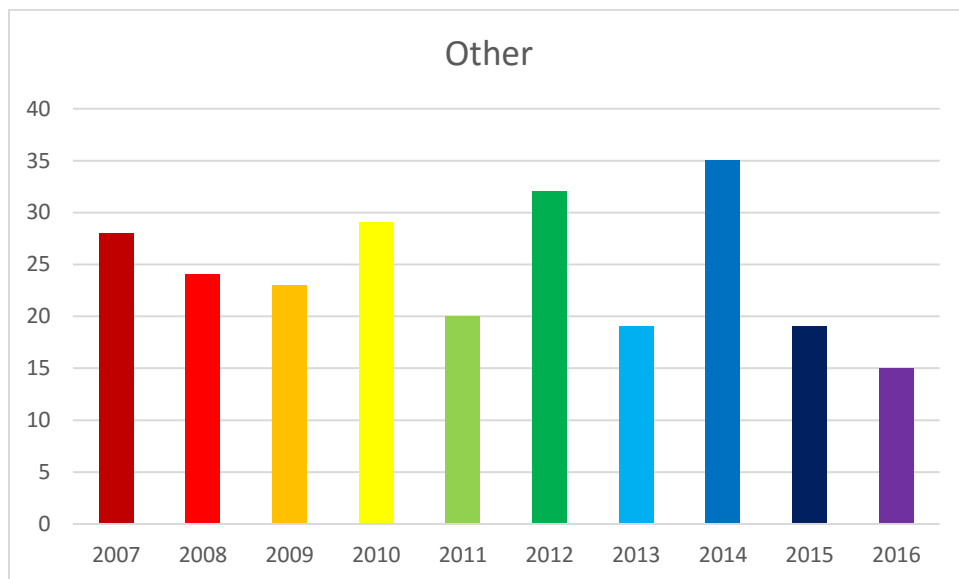
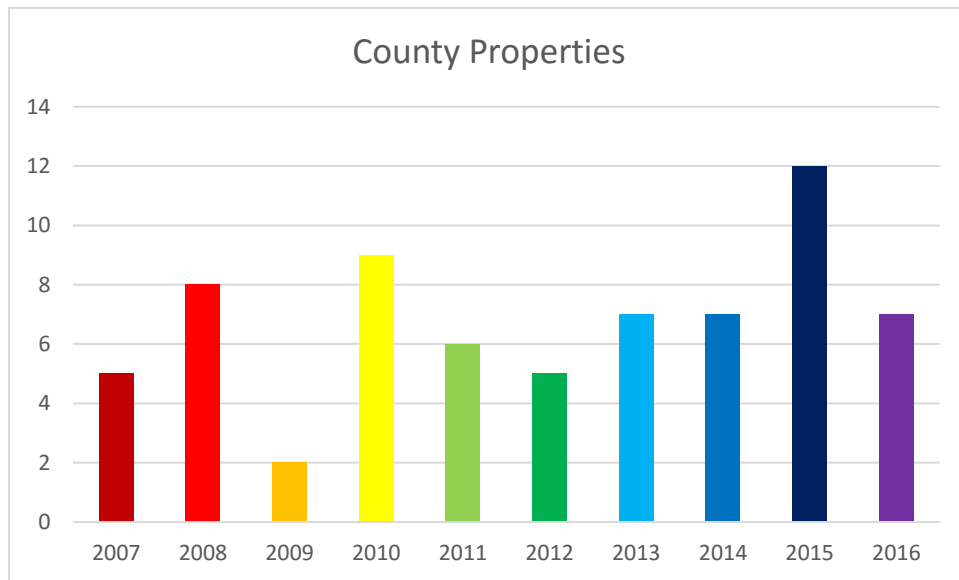


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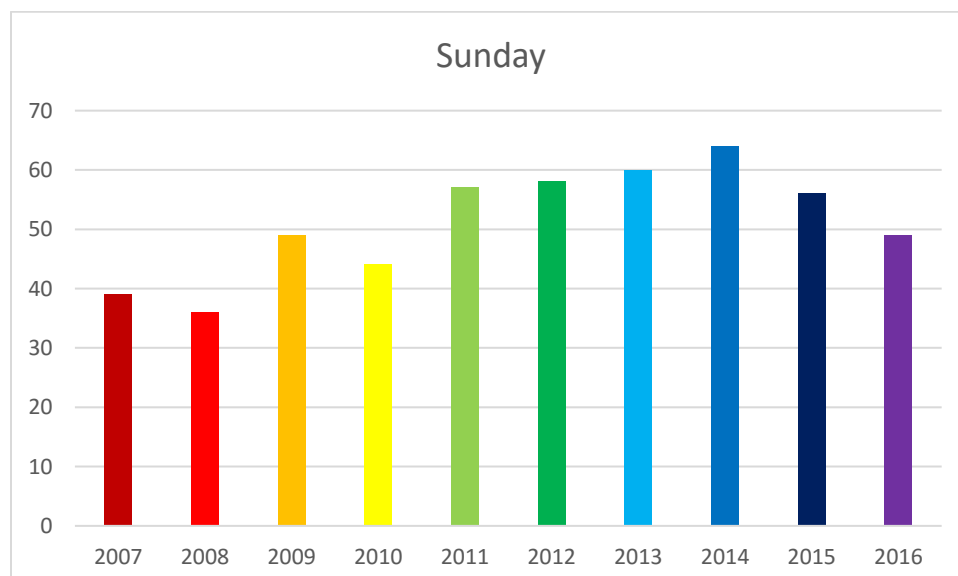
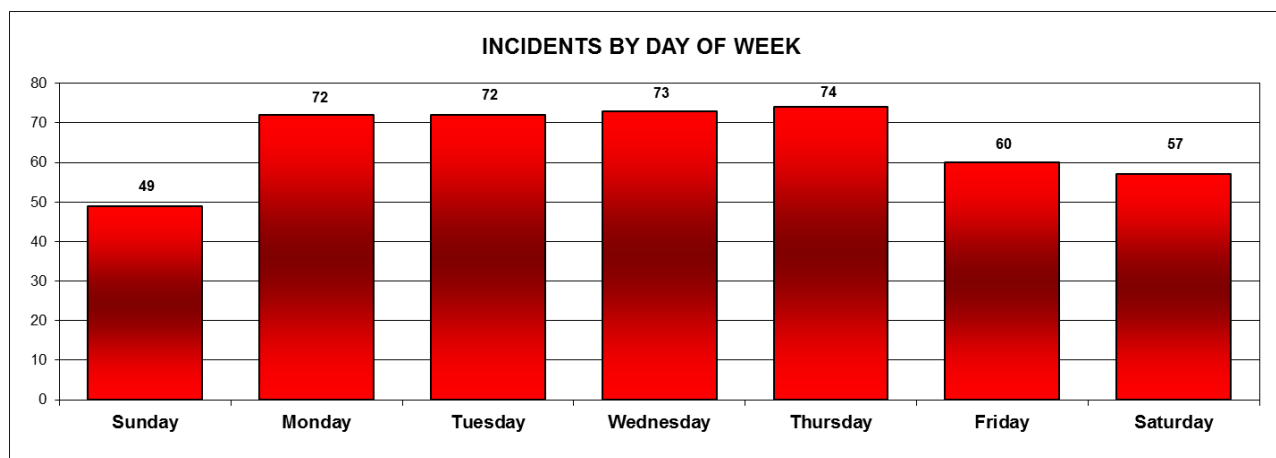




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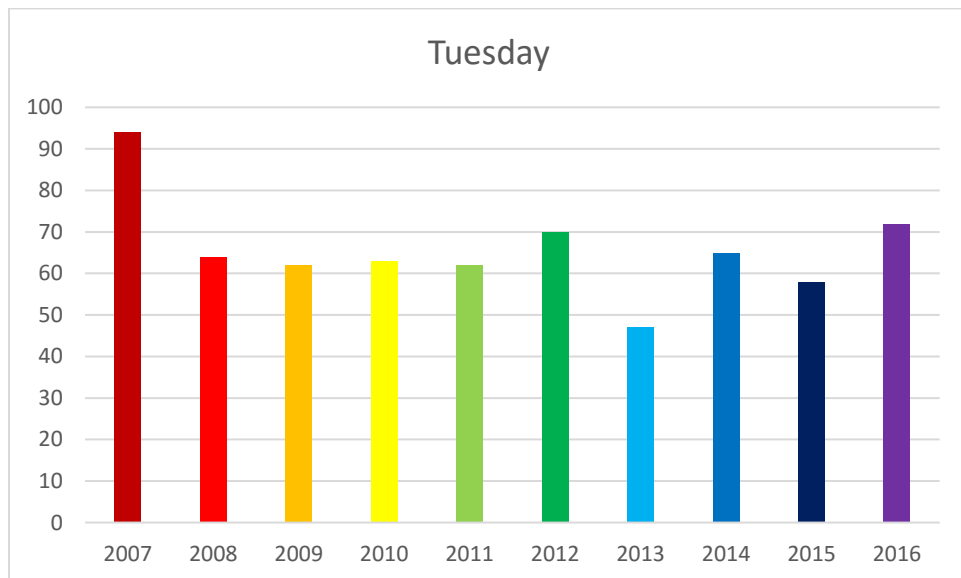
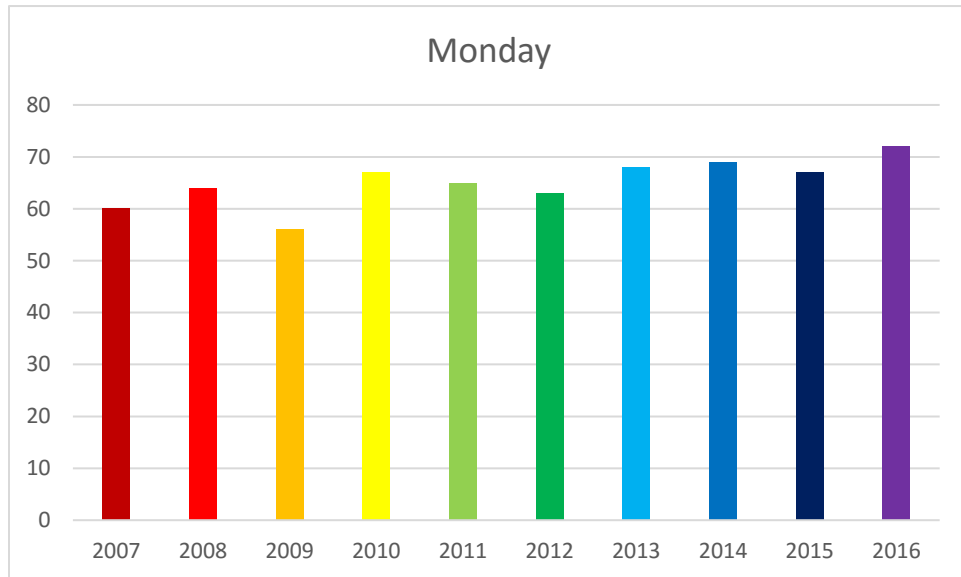
Assisting our neighboring communities is an important aspect of the Fire Department. As we have seen, no Fire Department has all of the necessary resources to handle many of our calls for service. Thorough Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid, we are able to help and receive help from our neighbors to meet their mission and ours. Last year our Firefighters were dispatched 7 times for automatic aid and 11 times for mutual aid with neighboring departments. The Fire Department received help from neighboring departments 28 times for automatic aid and 13 times for mutual aid.

On a consistent basis we are asked, what is your busiest days and are you more busy in the winter time? The short answer is the Fire Department is always busy. Typically we have a call for service every day. In 2016 our average call volume was 37.8 calls per month. This is a three percent increase from a year ago. The following charts will give you a glimpse of the busiest days for 2016, 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.



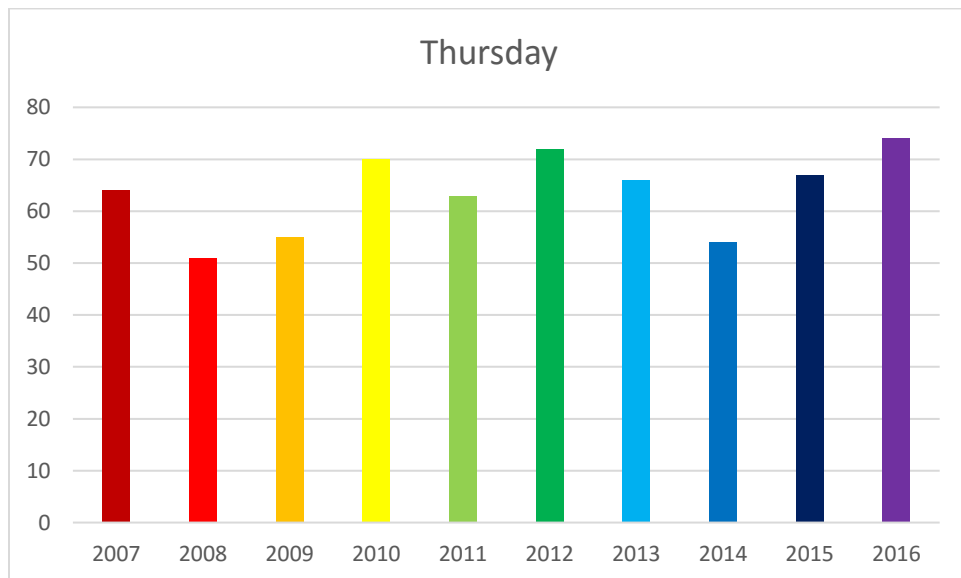
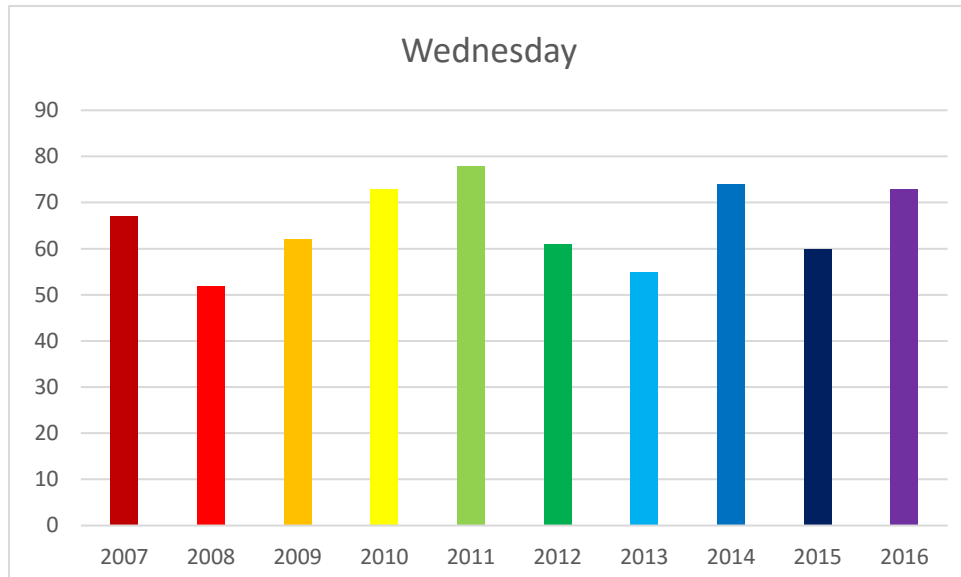


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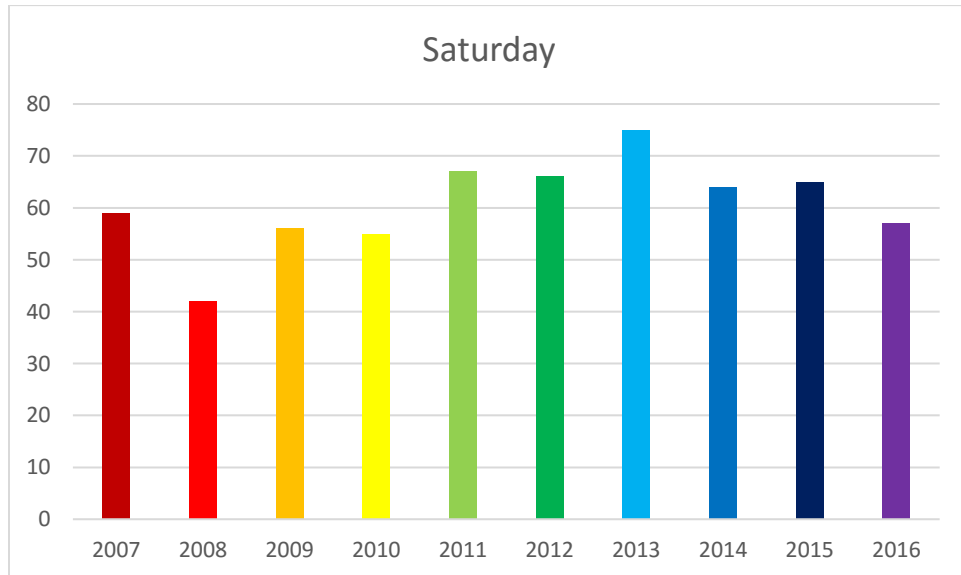
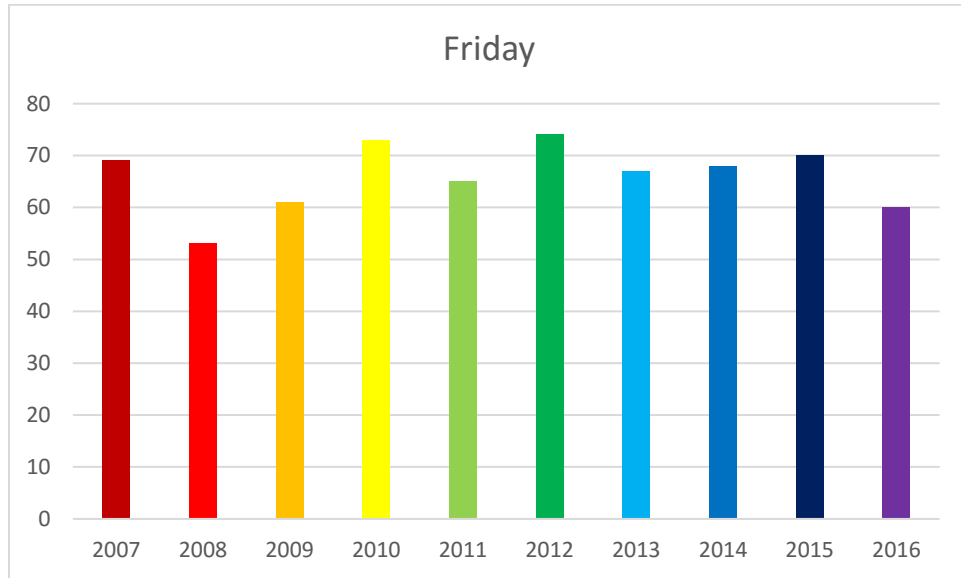


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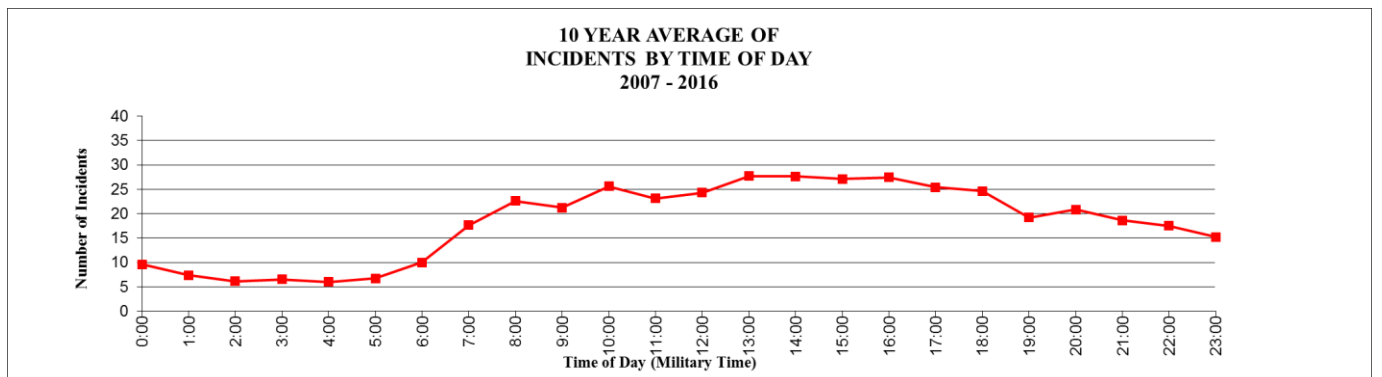
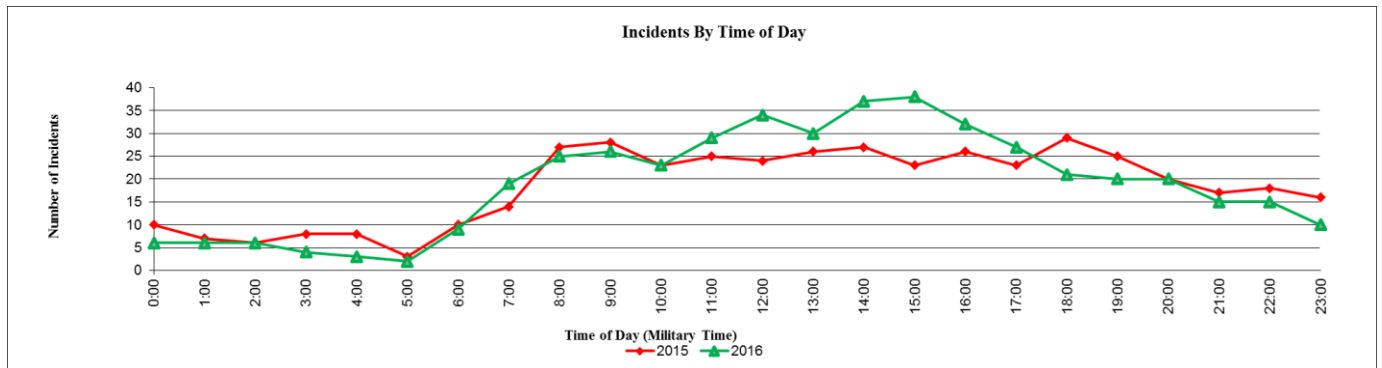
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FIRES

The Fire Department responded to 49 fires in 2016, a decrease of 2% from 2015. Of the 49 classified fires, 33 fires received a dollar loss. Twenty-two were building fires, 7 vehicle fires, and 20 other classified fires such as dumpster fires and power poles, etc. In 2016, our dollar loss in property and contents totaled an estimated \$624,800.00. This

10 Year Comparison of Dollar Loss			
Year	Property Value	Loss	Property Saved
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
2015	3,237,224	1,125,139	2,112,085
2016	14,416,290	624,800	13,791,490
Average	\$9,878,074	\$361,533	\$9,516,541

accounts for 4% of the total estimated property value involved. Firefighters saved an estimated \$13,791,490 in involved property last year or 95%. There was one civilian injury last year due to fire, and we incurred two Firefighter injuries in 2016. The cause for 35% of our fires were accidental. The Fire Department determined three fires were intentionally set in 2016. These cases were investigated in conjunction with the Bryan Police Department, the Williams County Sheriff's Office, and the State Fire Marshal's office.





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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 114 fire inspections were completed and 61 code violations were corrected. The Fire Prevention Section also completed thirteen 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 73 programs were delivered in our community and response area reaching over 1800 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 3,902 hours (staff hours) of training last year or an average of 170 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.



Our Fire Department has a State of Ohio Training Charter through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The Training Academy was 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 Firefighter I, 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.



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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.





FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

Applications are now being accepted for
City of Bryan Paid-On-Call Firefighters.

Please contact **Chief Bruce Siders**
for more information at:

419-633-6080

Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm

...or visit our website for details.

www.cityofbryan.com/FireDepartment

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- No Previous Experience Necessary
 - Fire Department Provides All Training
 - Competitive and Challenging Environment
 - Supportive Staff and Mentoring Program
 - Must Be Self-Motivated and Eager to Learn
 - Must Be at Least 18-Years of Age
 - Have a High School Diploma or GED
 - Have a Valid Driver's License
 - Have NO Felony Convictions or Misdemeanors
 - Must Be Physically Fit to Perform Strenuous Duties

**Be part of the
COMMUNITY**

**Be part of the
EXCITEMENT**

**Be part of the
TRADITION**



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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
Dustin L. Gillett
Jared T. McCann

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Derek J. Allen
Leonard E. Bauer, Captain
Kodie J. Carlisle
Rodney L. Carlisle
Paul D. Combs, Lieutenant
Tyson R. Engstrom, Lieutenant
Zachary C. Fisher
Gregory D. Grisier
Kacey D. Grubb
Ryan D. Hake
Eric D. McClaine
Brett Miller
Matthew W. Neill
Kevin R. Temple, Lieutenant
Reid M. Thompson

MEMBERS ON LEAVE

RESIGNED MEMBERS

Alexander J. Campbell
Apryl D. McClaine

RETIRED MEMBERS

Bradley A. Stucky

