

Fully Involved



Annual Report-2016



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2016 Fire District Roster

Baranowski, Josh	MPO	Reede, Andrea	Probationary
Rheinschmidt, Paul	FF/EMT	Rheinschmidt, Paul	FF/EMT
Bartus, Bruce	Captain	Savage, Matt	Chief
Bechel, Kelly	EMS Div Chief	Stanchik, Dan	FF/EMT
Berndt, Christopher	FF/EMT	Stieve, Tim	Captain
Borchardt, Kyle	FF/EMT	Ukpong, Idongesit	FF/Paramedic
Bradfish, Paul	MPO	Venus, Troy	FF/Paramedic
Brandt, Jason	FF/Paramedic	Weiland, Tom	FF/EMT
Britton, Steven	MPO	Welles, Stacy	Probationary
Christiansen, Martin	Captain	Westover, Darin	Captian
Colby, Maarten	FF/EMT	Wimmer, Christina	FF/EMT
Conrad, Dan	MPO	Zerkle, Chad	Lieutenant
Dobeck, Emily	Lieutenant		
Dobrinska, Michael	FF/Paramedic		
Finke, Josh	Deputy Chief		
Frank, Landon	FF/EMT		
Friend, Edward	MPO		
Fritsch, Kathy	FF/EMT		
Genrich, Steven	Battalion Chief		
Gordon, Cally	FF/Paramedic		
Goulet, Dean	FF/Paramedic		
Grahn, Adam	FF/EMT		
Guse, Ashley	FF/Paramedic		
Haas, Stephen	FF/EMT		
Heise, Kelly	FF/EMT		
Hieronimus, Matt	Battalion Chief		
Isham, William	EMS Lieutenant		
Jennings, Douglas	Captain		
Kozloski, Marissa	FF/Paramedic		
Kurth, Jonathan	Training Officer		
Lang, Eric	Battalion Chief		
Lange, Matthew	FF/EMT		
Lauer, John	Battalion Chief		
Loskot, Danielle	Probationary		
McBain, Evan	Battalion Chief		
Murray, Jackie	Safety Officer		
Nitzke, Ebert	Safety Officer		
O'Connor, Dylan	Lieutenant		
Parlier, Traci	FF/Paramedic		
Passow, Chris	Probationary		
Pound, Robert	Firefighter		

From the Desk of Chief Savage

It is with honor that I submit to you the South Area Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) District's 2016 Annual Report. 2016 was the third year of operations for SAFER. 2016 was another year that came with many changes as this District continues to grow. We worked on several major projects in 2016 that took a large amount of time. SAFER is blessed with outstanding support from the SAFER Board of Directors and the SAFER Fire Commission.

As a relatively new organization, we focused on Fire Officer development in 2016. All of our Chief level officers attended a 40-hour leadership program. Several of them attended a state wide practical exercise held at Fort McCoy. All company level officer attend a 20-hour leadership program. This is all above and beyond the everyday training we conduct.

Administration staff worked tirelessly on updating the Charter as it was a several months' process. We assembled and implemented a fiscal agent for SAFER to start in 2017.

I am pleased to report the employees of SAFER have been exceptional through the changes and improvements that we have implemented. These employees make up the backbone that supports this District. Answering the call at all hours, responding from home in many cases, they do so with distinguished service to the public that we serve.

I am truly blessed as Fire Chief to have so many talented and dedicated employees.

SAFER has a solid foundation to build upon and we pledge to never waiver in upholding our tradition of dedication and service.

2016 was fast-paced. The future of SAFER has never been brighter!

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew J Savage, Fire Chief
South Area Fire and Emergency Response

2015 Training Report

Credit Name	Number Of Classes	Total Hours
12-Lead and Rhythm Interpretation	3	5
Adult Medical Assessment and Treatment	3	3
Adult Respiratory	1	2
Adult Trauma Assessment and Treatment	1	2
Advanced Medical Assessment and Treatment	8	13
Aerial Operations	5	8
Airway Assessment and Treatment	9	10
Apparatus Orientation	5	13
Basic Skills - Medications and Immobilization	2	2
Cardiology	8	11
Case Studies/Run Review	1	2
Computer Systems	2	2
Confined Space Rescue	1	3
CPR/CCR	5	9
Critical Care Assessment	1	2
Critical Care Paramedic Skills/Assessments	2	3
Elevator Rescue	1	1
EMS Operations	7	17
Endotracheal Intubation/RSI	2	2
Engine Operations	38	65
EVO/CEVO	1	2
Extrication	7	16
Fire Behavior	4	6
Fire Inspections	3	104
Firefighter Health and Wellness	2	19
Fitness	2	5
Forceable Entry	2	3
Ground Ladder Operations	1	1
HazMat	2	6
IV Pumps	3	3
King Lt-D Airway	2	2
Knots/Rigging/Anchor Systems/Patient Packaging	6	8
Leadership	4	30
Leadership(Double Diamond)	10	40
Legal	4	13
Live Burn	3	24
Misc. Employee Training	9	24

New Equipment - Zoll Defibrillator	2	5
Operations	2	2
Overland Search and Rescue	2	2
Paramedic Refresher	5	27
Pediatric Medical Assessment and Treatment	1	2
Pediatrics Medical and Trauma	1	1
Pharmacology	2	2
Psychological and Behavioral Emergencies	3	8
RIT/Firefighter Survival	4	9
RTF/TEMS	1	7
SCBA	2	3
Technical Rescue	12	21
Tender Operations	6	9
Tree Stand Rescue	1	3
Truck Operations	30	49
Vehicle Extrication	4	9
Venous Access and Medication Administration	10	12
Ventilators	2	2
Water Rescue	3	5
Wildland Fire Operations	3	5





2016 Fire Inspections

All state mandated fire inspections and fire code enforcement in all new and existing buildings, except for 1 & 2 family dwellings in the district were completed for 2016. We continued doing inspections with the new software available from the State of Wisconsin and new mobile equipment.

This new software made available to the fire departments throughout the State of Wisconsin from Image Trend for 2016 worked flawlessly. We could inspect and then track our re-inspections as needed without any problems. The new HP computer we purchased for the inspection software used off line also worked flawlessly.

In 2016 we did a total of 1129 annual fire inspections in the district. There were 642 inspections in Weston, 284 in Rib Mountain, 32 in Stettin and 2 in Town of Marathon. Included in that number is 2 occupancies in Rib Mountain that must be inspected twice yearly and 29 in Weston. There were 75 occupancies that needed a second or more re-inspections.

2016 also was a busy year for new business and or change of occupancy's which requires an inspection before they opened or reopened for business. There were 56 of these inspections done for business in Weston, 18 in Rib Mountain and 1 in Stettin.

I also attended a Fire Inspection Principles class at the National Fire Academy, it was a two-week intensive class on fire inspections which I learned a lot from and could interact with inspectors from all over the country. Once again, I attended the 2016 Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Convention in Lake Delton, Wisconsin. It featured presentations by inspectors from all over the country and many vendors who answered questions on codes and other inspection related services available to inspectors in Wisconsin. It was very informative and a great way to talk with other inspectors from the state to share ideas and to see how other inspectors handle everyday inspection related topics.

Commonly Observed Fire Code Violations:

Fire extinguishers inspected annually
Automatic fire protection systems (sprinkler and fire alarm systems) inspected annually.
Fire door and laundry and trash chute inspected annually
Hood suppression systems inspected annually (must be serviced every 6-months)
Elevators Inspected Annually
Inoperative exit signs and emergency lighting
Blocked or locked fire exits (fixed immediately)
Poor housekeeping and storage practices (dryers not clean, garbage not removed)

Captain Martin Christiansen
Inspector/FF/EMT-I
South Area Fire Departmen

Promotions/Recognitions

Promotions

Steven Genrich to Battalion Chief

Will Isham to EMS Lieutenant

Dylan O'Connor to Lieutenant

Retirements

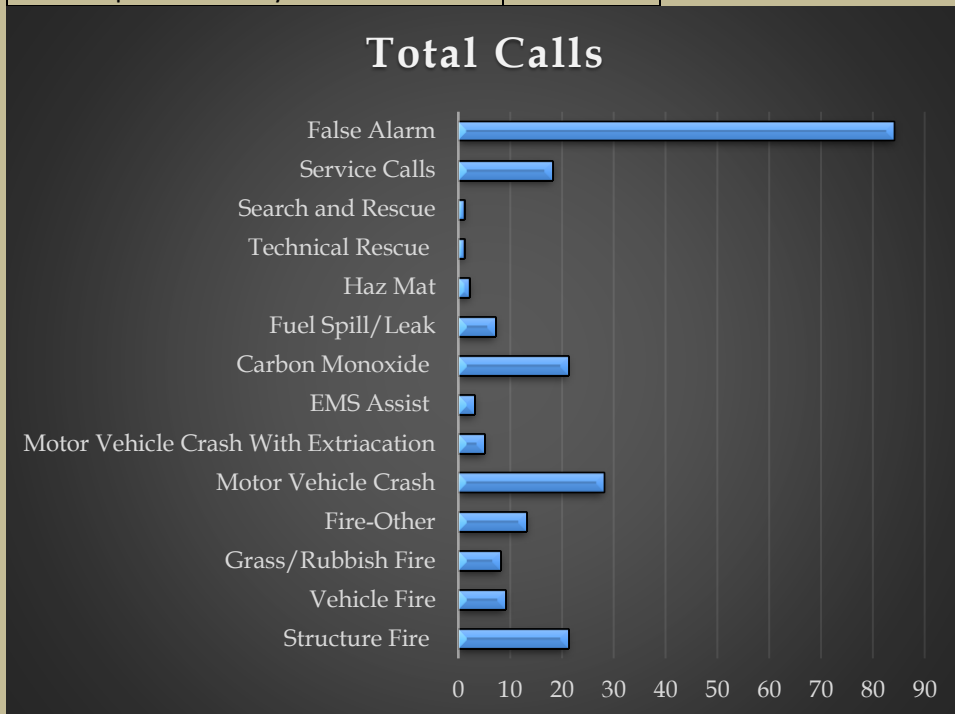
Captain Rich Maier

Firefighter/Paramedic Kathy Kwasny



Fire Response

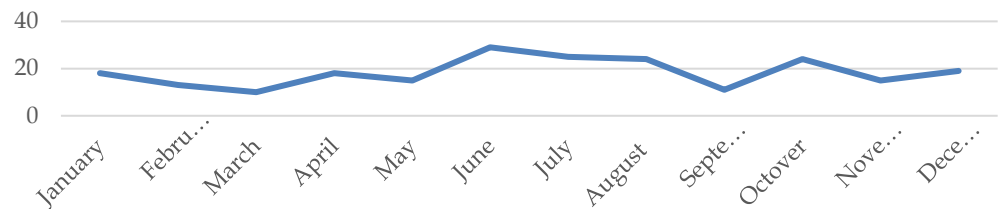
Call Type	Total Calls
Structure Fire	21
Vehicle Fire	9
Grass/Rubbish Fire	8
Fire-Other	13
Motor Vehicle Crash	28
Motor Vehicle Crash With Extrication	5
EMS Assist	3
Carbon Monoxide	21
Fuel Spill/Leak	7
Haz Mat	2
Technical Rescue	1
Search and Rescue	1
Service Calls	18
False Alarm	84
Total Fire Response	221
Fire Response Per Day	0.61



Total Fire Response by Month

Jan	18
Feb	13
Mar	10
Apr	18
May	15
Jun	29
Jul	25
Aug	24
Sept	11
Oct	24
Nov	15
Dec	19

Calls By Month



Fire Response by Station

Station 1	83	37.55%
Station 2	138	62.45%

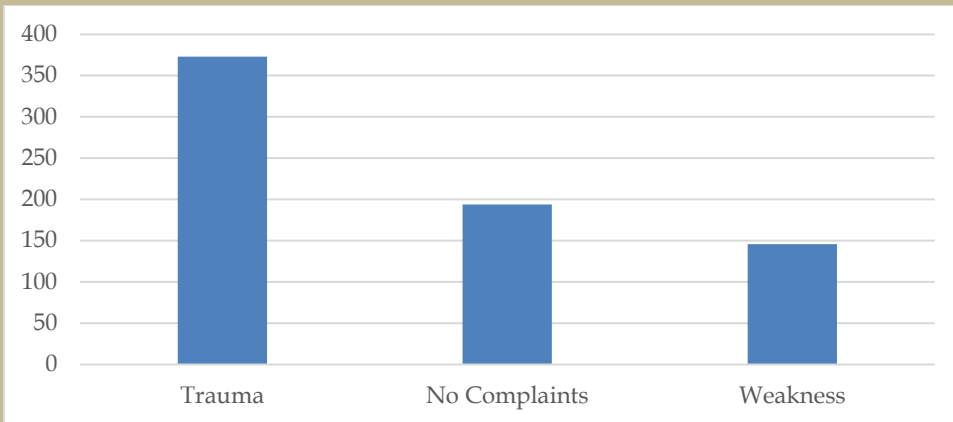




EMS Response

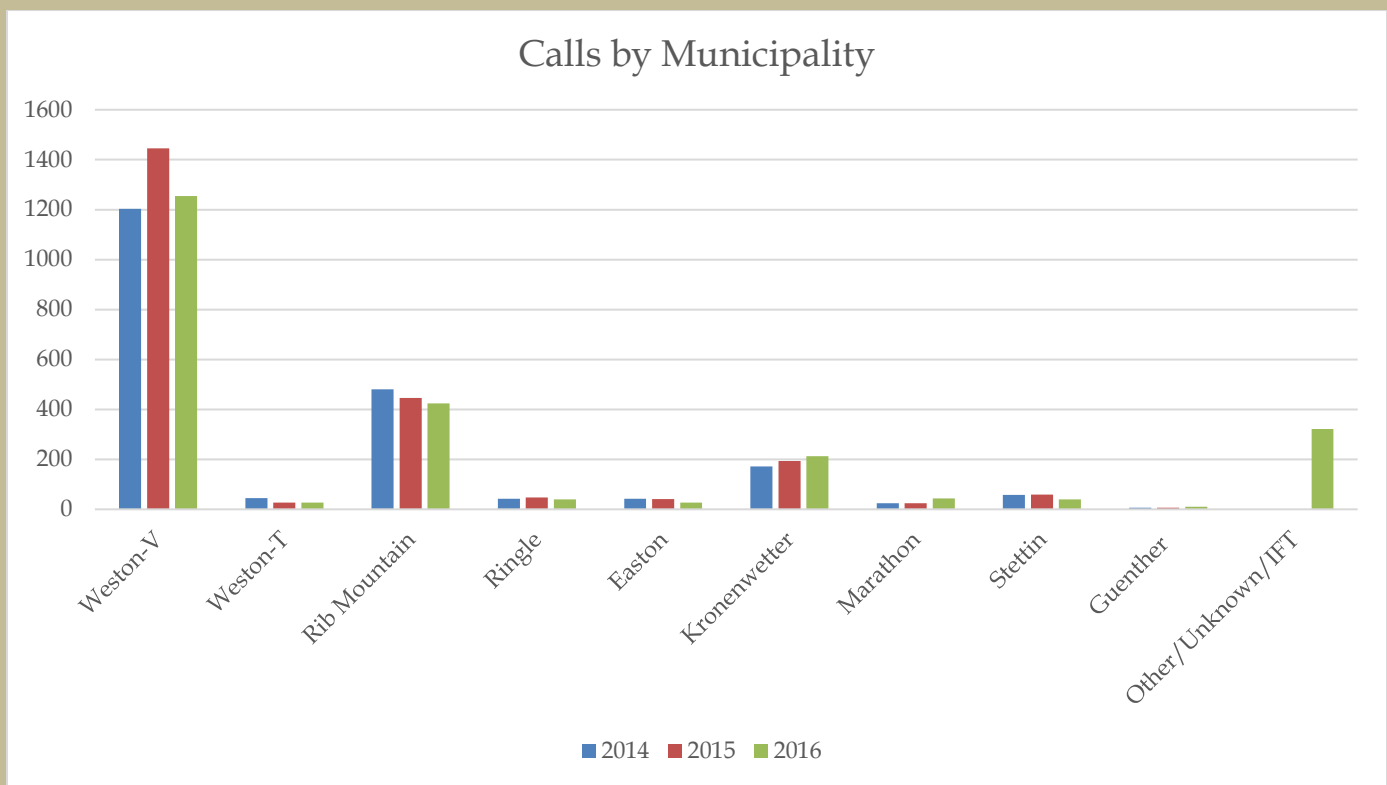
Top 3 Patient Complaints

Trauma	373
No Complaints	194
Weakness	146



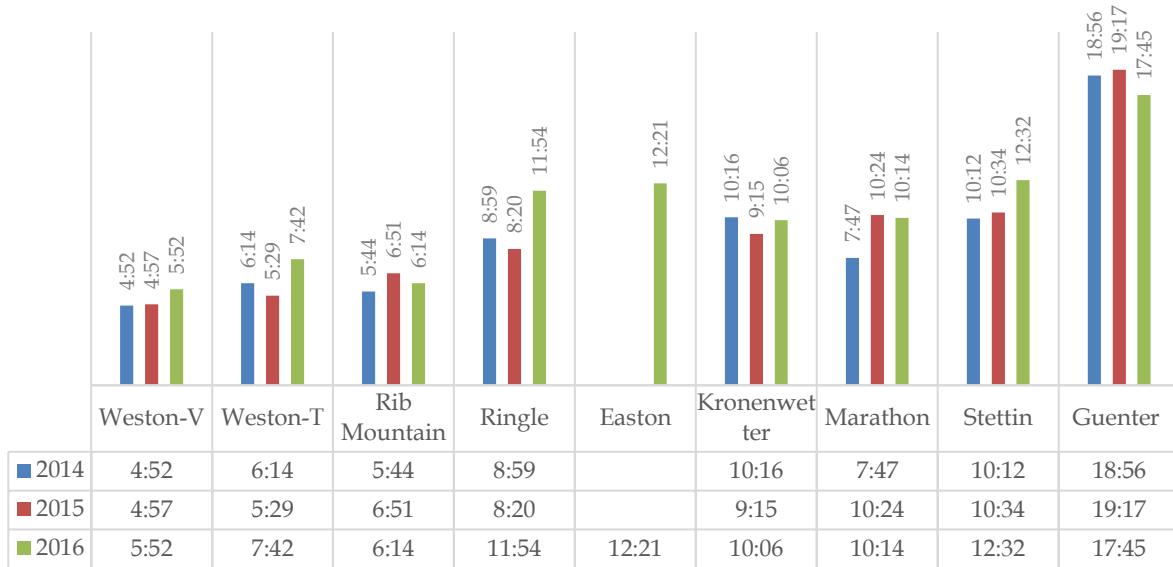
Calls by Municipality

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Weston-V	1203	1446	1254
Weston-T	45	27	27
Rib Mountain	480	446	424
Easton	42	41	27
Kronenwetter	172	194	213
Ringle	42	47	40
Marathon	24	24	43
Stettin	58	59	40
Guenther	7	6	10
Interfacility/Other	224	258	322

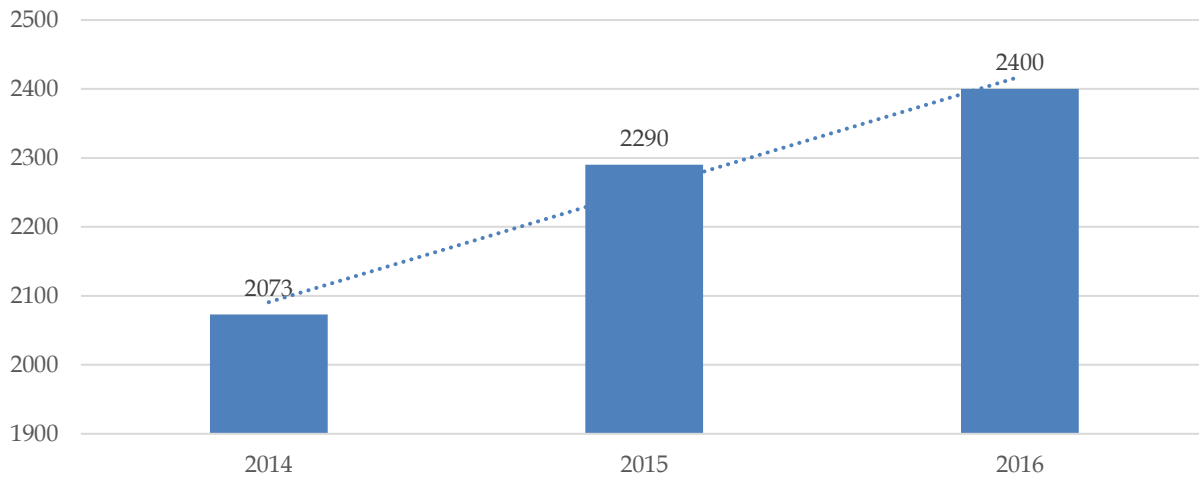


AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES

■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016



EMS Call Volume



Fleet Information

Station 1

Engine 11-1996 Pierce

Ladder 11-2010 Pierce

Rescue 11-2000 Pierce

Rescue 12-2010 Marion

Tender 11-2006 Pierce

Med 11-2015 PL Custom

Med 12-2010 MedTec

Med 13-2016 Braun

Brush 11-2010 Dodge

Car 11-2006 Explorer

Boat 11-2005 Zodiac

Deputy Chief-2003 Blazer

Chief-2006 Trailblazer

UTV-2001 Polaris

Station 2

Engine 21-2001 LaFrance

Truck 21-1999 Pierce

Rescue 21-2016 Custom Fire

Tender 21-1998 Freightliner

Station 2 (cont)

Med 21-2011 Lifeline

Med 22-2006 McCoy Miller

Med 23-2007 MedTec

Brush 21-1984 Chevrolet

Boat 21-Zodiac

Car 21-2016 Ford Explorer

Car 22-2016 Ford F-150

UTV-1996 Polaris

Fleet Stats

Average age of fire apparatus: 13 years

Oldest fire apparatus: 32 years

Average age of ambulances: 5 years

Oldest ambulance 10 years

Average age of support vehicles: 12 years

Oldest support vehicle: 20 years

Apparatus Purchased in 2016

2016 Braun/Ford Ambulance

2016 Custom Fire/Spartan Rescue/Pumper

2016 Ford Explorer

2016 Ford F-150



Public Relations

January

Cub Scouts Station Tour-10 Students

February

Eagle Scout Project-2 Students

Night to Shine Adults with Disabilities Prom-Approximately 100 Community Members

March

Boy Scouts Tour-12 Students

April

Boy Scouts Tour-7 Students

May

Adults with Disabilities Tours-40 Adults

New Hope Church Event-100 Community Members

Career Day-7 Students

Blazing into Literacy-24 Students

June

Blazing into Literacy-12 Students

July

Camp Sturtevant Safety Presentation-200 Students

Kinder Care Tour and Safety Presentation-45 Students

Key to Life Tour-50 Students

Weston YMCA Safety Presentation-200 Students

August

Opportunity Inc Presentation-12 Students

Kinder Care Presentation-30 Students

Cops on The Roof Event

September

Open House-Station 1-Approximatly 2,000 Community Members

Labor Day Parade

Battle of the Badges

Media Ride Along

Old Navy Safety Days

October

Texas Road House Apparatus Tours

Smoke House Tours-20 Students

Redeemer Lutheran Fire Prevention-6 Students

Mount Olive Fire Prevention-60 Students

Trunk or Treat-1000 Students

Community Halloween Party

Hillside Christian School Fire Prevention-7 Students

DC Everest Community Services Fire Prevention-6 Students

Family Fun Days-300 Students

November

Fire House Dinner-Family of 5

December

Cub Scout Tour-9 Students

Mosinee Christmas Parade





South Area Fire District
Health and Safety Office
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Wausau, WI 54401

December 31, 2016

Chief Matt Savage,

2016 was a successful year at SAFER regarding safety and employee health. Within the calendar year SAFER conducted 13 employee safety related trainings, 3 safety committee meetings, and over 12 public safety outreach to local schools, businesses, and originations. There were 24 safety incidents reported throughout the calendar year. 3 of the incidents resulted in worker's compensation reporting; resulting in a total of \$9,281.75 of charges to the district and additional dollars in shift coverage wages to cover these injuries. During the month of October ten total fire safety presentations to area schools reaching over 4,000 children under age 14.

During the summer of 2016, Safety Officer Nitzke attended the Wisconsin Safety Council Conference and brought back safety related trainings and ideas to help improve the overall health and safety to the employees of the SAFER District.

In the fall of 2016 SAFER continued to provide flu influenza vaccinations to employees who wished to participate. And began an outreach to the families of members and the local community. The employee vaccinations filing process was also revamped and organized to better ensure the health of our employees and those who we serve, including students who also participate in ride-along internship opportunities with the district.

South Area Fire District is proud of its safety commitment to its employees, members of the community, and visitors to our communities. All safety violations or incidents are thoroughly investigated with utmost focus on prevention of future incidents and continuous training.

Below gives a rundown of the safety related trainings, incidents, and workers comp details.

Thank You,

Bert Nitzke
Incident Safety/Public Information Officer

Jaclyn Swatloski
Health Safety Office

Employee Safety Related Training and Meetings:

February 16- Mach court trials and safety briefings

March 1- DNR/Wildfire Safety

April 5- Pipeline Safety and Confined Space Safety

April 6- Rapid Intervention Team Safety Training

April 19- Active Shooter Training and Safety Presentation

April 21- Introduction to the Safety Officer Role to members

May 28- Safety Committee Meeting

June 7- Fire Dynamics Safety

June 20- Safety tour of an industrial plant in the response area

July 12- Water Tender safety and operations

July 15- Public Safety presentation at Boy Scouts of America Camp

July 19- Water safety and rescue

July 30- Safety Committee Meeting

August 2- Search and Rescue Safety and Operations

August 30- Technical Rescue Safety and Operations

October 4- Fire Safety Presentation at Texas Roadhouse Restaurant

October 14- Ski Hill Safety and Operations

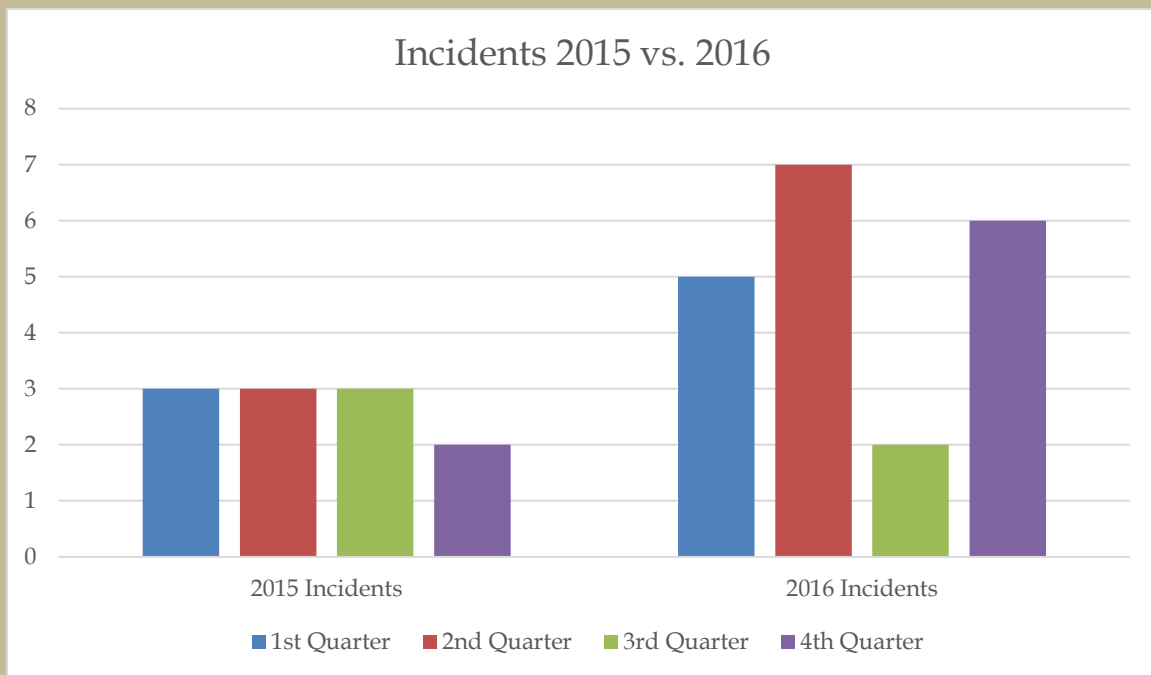
December 6- Ice Safety and Rescue

December 22- Safety Committee Meeting

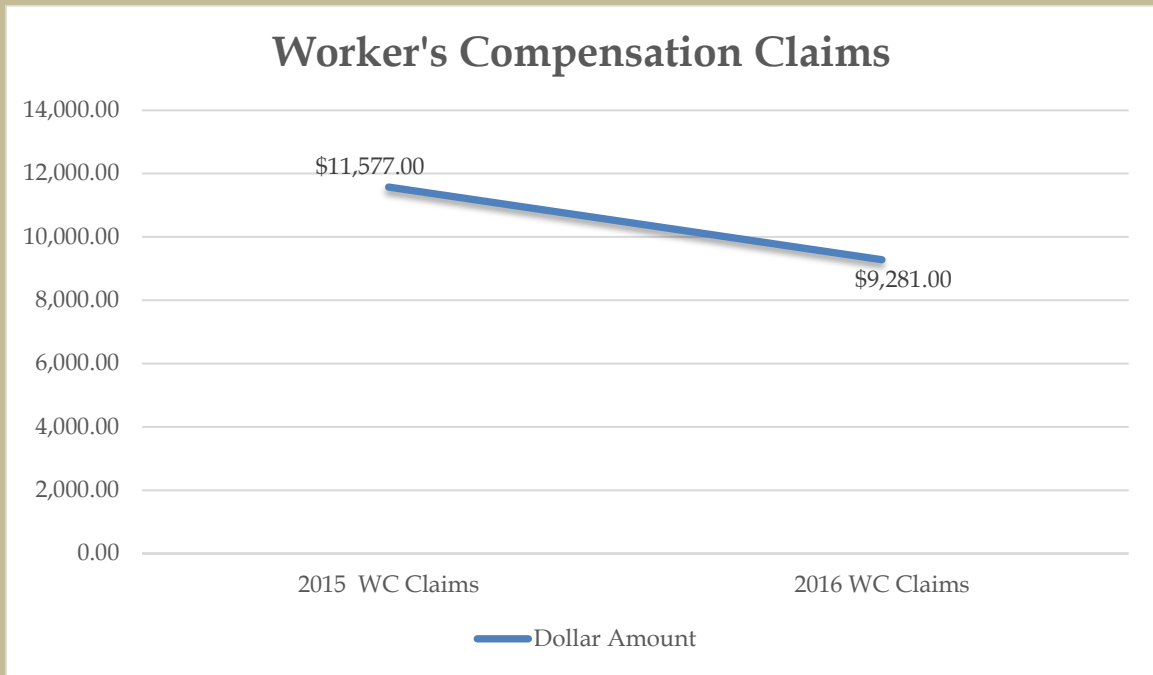


Incident Reports:

January 22- Cut to finger
February 2- Injury to hand & lower back from slip
February 14- Fall and injury to leg ****WC Claim****
February 14- Improper driver operating/securing
March 26- 5 members exposed to infected patient ****WC Claim****
April 14- Damage to issued equipment
May 15- Damage to medication due to employee error
May 21- Arm injury
May 21- Arm/Elbow injury
May 25- Faulty equipment on ambulance
June 15- Employee syncopal episode
June 19- Fall from ladder- Back Injury ****WC Claim****
July 31- Medication unsecured due to employee error
September 9- Medication not restocked on ambulance and not avail for call.
October 18- Equipment damage to vehicle
October 22- Hand/Finger injury
October 22- Strike to forehead
October 31- Equipment damage to vehicle
November 21- Finger laceration/Cut
December 20- Back Injury



Employee Compensation Claims:
February 14- Fall & Injury to Leg \$375.60
March 26- Exposure to body fluids \$982.46
June 19- Fall from ladder- Back Injury \$7,923.69



Summary

The last twelve months have been very exciting and busy for the District and the next twelve will bring nothing but the same. Our paid-on call professionals continue to be the glue that holds our organization together and offer a major cost savings for the district. We would like to thank the District Board, Commission and the Towns and Villages that support the District. If you should have any questions regarding this report please feel free to contact myself or Chief Savage.

Respectfully Submitted

Joshua J. Finke

Deputy Chief

