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Annual Report-2018



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2018 Fire District Roster

Anderson, Bonnie	Instructor
Aumann, Jacob	FF/EMT
Baltzell, Steve	RN
Bartus, Bruce	Captain
Bechel, Kelly	EMS Division Chief
Borchardt, Kyle	FF/EMT
Brandt, Jason	MPO/Paramedic
Britton, Stephen	FF/EMT
Brown, Christel Michelle	Battalion Chief
Christiansen, Martin	Fire Marshall
Christiansen, Rhonda	Admin Asst
Chula, Kristy	FF/EMT
Conrad, Dan	Lieutenant
Cook, Dillon	FF/EMT
Dobrinska, Michael	FF/Paramedic
Ewert, Erin	RN
Finke, Josh	Deputy Chief
Franck, Landon	FF/EMT
Friend, Edward	Lieutenant
Fritsch, Kathy	FF/EMT
Genrich, Stephen	Battalion Chief
Gordon, Cally	EMS Lieutenant
Goulet, Dean	Lieutenant
Haessly, Ryan	FF/EMT
Heise, Kelly	Probationary
Hoerter, Brittany	Probationary
Hunsicker, David	Captain
Jones, John	FF/Paramedic
Knapp, Julie	Instructor
Kolb, Jake	Probationary
Koller, Danielle	RN
Kozloski, Marissa	FF/EMT
Lang, Eric	Battalion Chief
Lange, Matthew	FF/EMT
Larsen, Chris	Probationary
Lauer, John	Battalion Chief
Mattke, Sara	FF/EMT
Mcbain, Evan	Battalion Chief
Mueller, Tyler	Captain
Nelson, Ben	Probationary
Nitzke, Bert	FF/EMT
O'Connor, Dylan	Battalion Chief
Parlier, Traci	RN/Instructor
Passow, Christopher	FF/Paramedic
Paulson, Hannah	FF/Paramedic
Plummer, Neil	Probationary
Pound, Robert (Bob)	Member
Pupp, Scott	RN
Reede, Andrea	FF/EMT
Rheinschmidt, Paul	FF/EMT
Rohland, Jacob	Paramedic
Savage, Matt	Chief
Scheel, Nate	Probationary
Schroeder, Ashley	FF/Paramedic
Siewert, Lucas	Probationary
Stanchik, Dan	FF/EMT
Stieve, Tim	Captain
Swatloski, Jackie	FF/EMT
Thiel, Mike	Paramedic
Thompson, Jared	Paramedic
Trempe, Eric	FF/EMT
Truax, Adrianna	Probationary
Ukpong, Idongesit	FF/Paramedic
Volm, Alex	Probationary
Volm, Cody	FF/EMT
Weiland, Tom	FF/EMT
Westover, Darin	Captain
Wimmer, Christina	Instructor
Zellner, Michael	Probationary

Fire Chief's Message

It is with great honor that I submit to you the South Area Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) District's 2018 Annual Report.

2018 was our 4th year of operation as a district. Like any other relatively new organization, we still continue to see changes and challenges. We are still building the foundation of this district. Challenges will always be a part of emergency services, wither it is staffing or funding, SAFER continues to provide the best service to our citizens.

In 2018 we tried a new program. We started staffing a Paramedic at Central Fire District (Abbotsford) for Advanced Life Support. While this program was a tremendous success to the citizens in that area, it became a funding issue and was cancelled. I am proud of my supporting officers to speak up and try new things, even if it doesn't work out.

SAFER has continued to do what we do best: to deliver the highest quality of emergency services – Fire, EMS and Special Rescue. Our staffing models, level of service and training make us a highly skilled, yet fiscally responsible, service.

We remain unwavering in training. Making sure all firefighters have the skills and experience to compete any task on the fireground is paramount to making sure everyone remains safe. We started and competed Blue Card training for all of our Chief level fire officers. Firefighter safety is our number 1 priority at SAFER.

SAFER is a leader in the fire service. I am truly blessed as Fire Chief to have so many talented and dedicated members. I am surround by people everyday that want to make a difference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Savage

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

South Area Fire and Emergency Response District
Training and Development Division

February 1, 2019

In the following pages you will find a breakdown of the training that was conducted by District members over the last 12 months. The training committee has worked diligently to identify the District's needs and offer a comprehensive training program that encompasses the expectation of the public we serve. We continue to evaluate the training program on a yearly basis and make changes as need. The current format has now been used for 2 years and we have identified several areas of improvement that will be implemented in 2019.

Daily training on shift was started in 2017 and continued throughout 2018 with additional topics being trained on Tuesday nights and weekends. This format has allowed us to reach every individual within the department and assure that they are offering the highest quality service they are able. In addition, we continue to train with our neighbors (most notably; Wausau FD, Maine FD, Mosinee FD, Riverside FD, and Marathon FD) as topics allow. Most of these joint trainings center around live fire evolutions in acquired structures and technical rescue.

To make sure new employees are ready to work shift, they go through a 6-week training academy prior to being scheduled. The changes we made in 2017 to the training academy have showed an increase in employee readiness and the feedback has been overly positive from the officer group. This year, we implemented a probationary task book to continue the training for new employees through their first year and track that process through timely evaluations. This task book is to be utilized by probationary staff to practice operating our equipment and then each individual is tested by an officer to show that they fully understand how to operate each apparatus. The implementation of these task books have brought accountability to staff and officers alike.

The training board continues to assure that every member is attending minimal hours of training, track that training, and give recommendations to the Chief and Deputy Chief when minimum standards are not being met. We continue to provide you with semi-annual reports to help assure all staff are ready to meet the everyday challenges this job poses.

The state audit in early 2017 (for 2% dues) showed us some areas that we could approve on and every area that was identified was improved on in 2018 before the auditor returned in January 2019. Changes that were made included creating a more comprehensive outline for training events and completing the digital employee certificate database. The database includes training certificates and transcripts for every employee within the district, and it is so complete that the auditor stated that ours is the most comprehensive digital database that he has seen.

Lastly, the Chief, Deputy Chief, and Battalion Chief's all participated in Blue Card training over 2018 with the in-class portion being completed in early 2019. This nationally recognized incident command training is centered around communications, safety, and running fire scenes in an orderly fashion. The information learned in these classes will pave the way for how we communicate and run fire scenes into the future.

The remainder of this document is the breakdown of the topics and hours of training that was conducted throughout the year. I am pleased to say that in 2018, we completed a combined total of 5030+ hours of training. Of that, 1552 was EMS training, 3272 was Fire/Rescue training, and 206 was leadership training. This shows a significant increase from last year where we had of total of 1991 + hours with a breakdown of; 704 EMS, 1161 Fire/Rescue, and 126 leadership. Please read this report and respond with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Eric A. Lang

Eric A. Lang
Battalion Chief
Chairman - Training Committee & Training Board

Total combined training hours:

EMS: 1552+ combined hours of training
Fire/Rescue: 3272+ combined hours of training
Leadership: 206+ combined hours of training
Total: 5030+ combined hours of training

EMS Training: Topics and Hours, 1552+ Combined Hours

Topic	Hours	Topic	Hours
Pediatric Mega Codes	13	Lifequest Training	4
EMS Recerts	32	MCI Drill	8
Fire Academy - EMS night	92	Paramedic Refresher	152
ACLS	2	Pt Refusals	2
Acute Pain Mgmt in Peds	4	Pediatric - Cardiac	5
Airway Resuscitation Academy	49	Pediatric - OB	20
ALS Airway Mgmt	53	PHTLS	112
Altered LOC	29	Pre-Hospital Ultra Sound	2
Ask the Docs	2	PTSD	4
Axis-Access	2	SALAD Simulations	4
BLS Meds and Medication	2	Spinal cord injuries	2
Cardiac Case Studies and Pearls	2	Tactical EMS	160
Case Studies	52	Stroke Mgmt	2
Hemodynamic Wave	1	Joy of EMS/Spontaneous Responder	6
CEVO	84	Toxicology	43
Community First Aid/CPR/Wound Care	6	Trauma	15
Critical Care Refresher	96	Ventilator Mgmt	2
ECG/12 lead	4	Zoll Monitor Training	3

EMS Documentation	14	Heat emergencies and allergic reactions	38
EMS pt Safety	1	Pediatric Airway	53
EMS Safety	33	Burn Care	20
EMT Basic Skills	89	Mega Codes	3
Endocrine, Behavioral, Psych emergencies	44	CPR/CCR	19
Estimating Burn Size	2	RTF/Triage	24
Getting Help to take care of Self	4	PT Assessment	6
HiPPA/Harassment/Bloodborne/Anti-kickback/Back Safety	42	OD and Allergic Reactions	34
Venous Access	26	Ageing and Disability	2
Kendrick Traction	12	WEMSA	15



Fire/Rescue Training: Topics and Hours, 3272+ Combined Hours

Topic	Hours	Topic	Hours
Haz-Mat Technician	50	Forcible Entry	16
1st Ten Minutes of Fire Ground	2	Ground Ladders and Ventilations	32
Basic Forcible Entry (5 alarm class)	8	Hazardous Materials	23
Aerial Operations	87	Hose Testing	236
Acquired Structure Live Fire Training	136	Ice Rescue	110
Basement Fires	4	ICS 400	16
Blue Card Incident Command	150	ICS 300	32
Building Construction	51	Fire Prevention	26
Certified FF 2	168	Rope Rescue	151
Certified Fire Inspector Training	42	Search/Rescue/Mayday Training	91
Commercial Bldg Venting	16	Incident Command	32
Company Fire Inspections	221	Probationary Orientation	34
Confined Space Rescue	17	Rope Rescue Technician 1 & 2	334
Driver Operator - Pumper	28	Ski lift rescue	8
Elevator Rescue	24	SLICERS	30
Engine Operations	165	State FF Conference	25
Equipment Training	3	Water Rescue	71
EVOC	95	Overland Search and Rescue	25
Extrication	105	Wildland Fire	23
Farm Equipment Extrication	20	Don/Doff and SCBA	36
Fire Academy	227	FF Health and Wellness	6
Fire Instructor 1	120	Building Collapse	12

Fire Suppression Systems	6	Fireground Safety	4
Firefighter Rehab	1	Roof Tactics	32
Foam Operations	44	Torch Training	4
		Chimney Fires	3
		WI Inspector's Conference	70

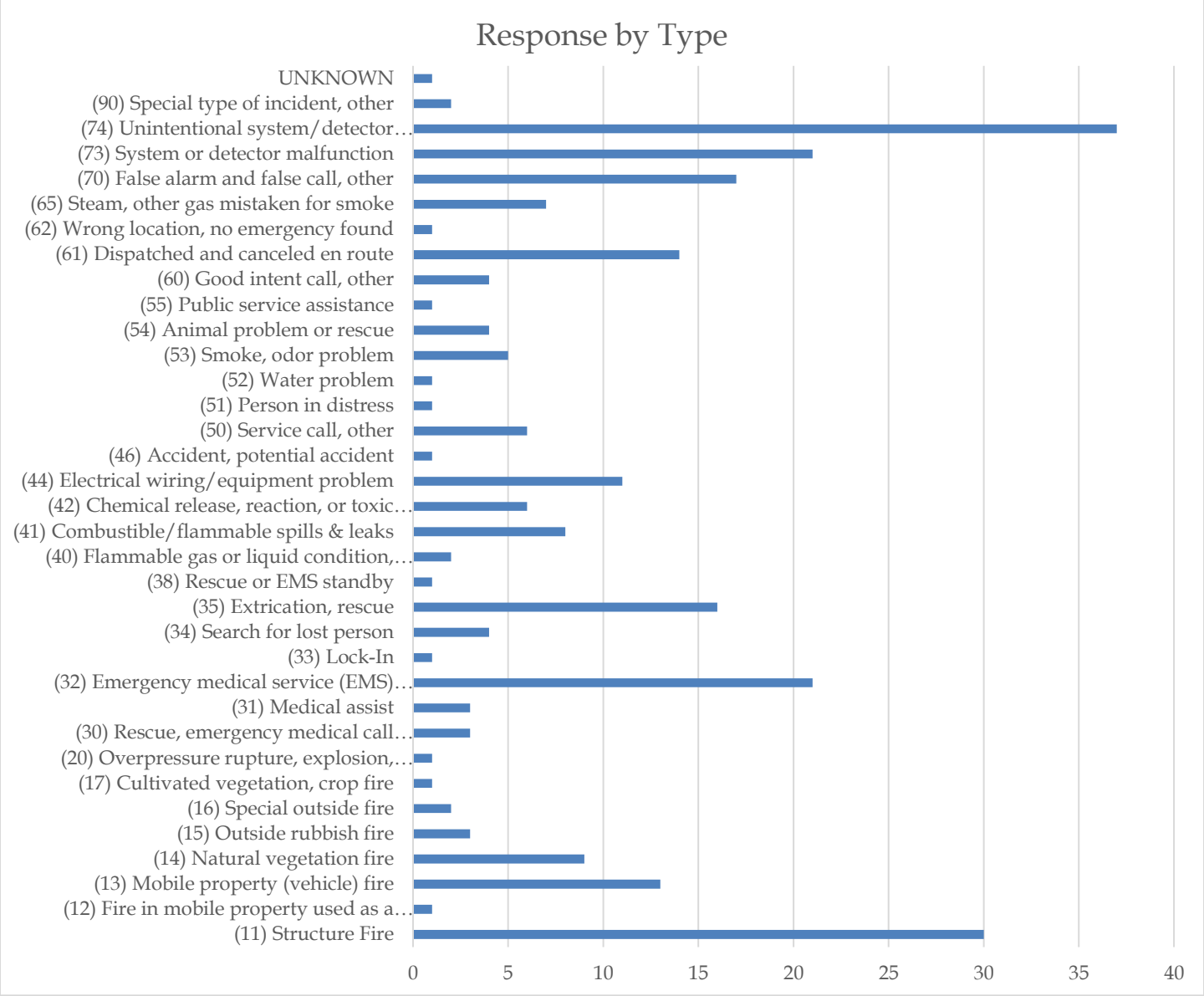
Leadership Training: Topics and Hours, 206+ Combined Hours

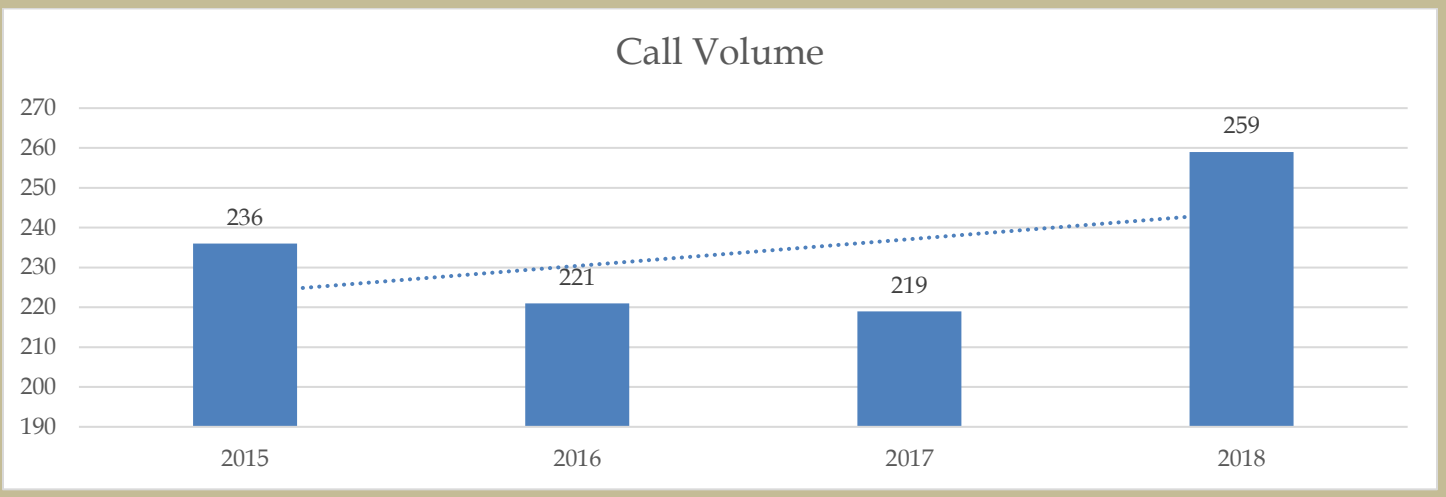
Topic	Hours	Topic	Hours
2017 US Open EMS Management Review	1	EMS Instructor Updates	20
A Better Pt Care Report	1	KPI's that drive your Cash Flow	1
Active Shooter Council	1	Making the Transport Safe - Reducing Risk	1
Aquatic Venter Drill	3	Medical Examiner's roll in EMS	2
De-Escalation and Health Care..	4	New Considerations for Improving Trauma Care	2
Define your Dash	2	R0150 Mgmt of Emergency Medical Services	70
Enhanced All Hazards Incident Mgmt	28	Q0426 Intro to Fire and EMS Supervision	3
F0648 - Leadership in Supervision	14	Strategic Planning for the EMS Admin	1
Fit For Duty - Identify and manage stress	1	WI Fire Chief's Conference	18
FLMA/ADA Update	6	EMS Instructor Updates	20

Fire Response

(11) Structure Fire	30
(12) Fire in mobile property used as a fixed structure	1
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire	13
(14) Natural vegetation fire	9
(15) Outside rubbish fire	3
(16) Special outside fire	2
(17) Cultivated vegetation, crop fire	1
(20) Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat, other	1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other	3
(31) Medical assist	3
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	21
(33) Lock-In	1
(34) Search for lost person	4
(35) Extrication, rescue	16
(38) Rescue or EMS standby	1
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other	2
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks	8
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	6
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem	11
(46) Accident, potential accident	1
(50) Service call, other	6
(51) Person in distress	1
(52) Water problem	1
(53) Smoke, odor problem	5
(54) Animal problem or rescue	4
(55) Public service assistance	1
(60) Good intent call, other	4
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	14
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	1
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	7
(70) False alarm and false call, other	17
(73) System or detector malfunction	21
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	37
(90) Special type of incident, other	2
UNKNOWN	1
Total	259

Fire Response





South Area Fire and Emergency Response District

2018 Fire Inspections – Year End Report

On March 29, 2018 we had an onsite audit by the Department of Safety and Professional Services regarding our 2% fire dues for calendar year 2017. In that audit the auditor had us change the amount of fire inspections performed. For 2018 we had to do an additional inspection for each business in the district with some exceptions. We are now following up on every inspection with a violation with another inspection. This process with add to the number of yearly inspections. In doing this we had to get the adopted code updated and re-adopted in all the municipalities we serve. Fire inspections and fire code enforcement in all new and existing buildings except for 1 & 2 family dwellings in the district were completed for 2018. These inspections were done with this new directive. We continued doing daily inspections with the software available from the State of Wisconsin and our mobile equipment. We had to make some changes to how we completed these inspections, including using the on-duty staff at both stations and adding a person to do re-inspections both on and off duty.

Inspection software

This year we will be switching our inspection software to ESO to further streamline our inspection process and expand on the software we are already using in the field for our EMS calls. Everyone with a login will be able to see our department pre-plans on line from the computers we use every day while on scene of an emergency. Everything we know about an occupancy will be on one platform. We will be migrating our old information to the new platform this year. This move will also streamline 1st inspections, reinspection and 2nd inspections saving time and paper, while keeping track of timelines for inspections.

In 2018 we did a total of 1,175 annual fire inspections in the district. There were 549 locations and 814 inspections in the Village of Weston. There were 227 locations and 315 inspections in Rib Mountain. There were 32 inspections in the Town of Stettin. There were 13 inspections in the Town of Marathon and 1 in the Town of Weston.

New Business

2018 was a busy year for new business and/or change of occupancy's which requires an inspection before they open or reopen for business. There were 46 of these inspections done for businesses in Weston and 15 in Rib Mountain.

New Senior living in Weston

Birchwood Highlands added 36 apartments and is open and full. They plan to build phase two in the spring of 2019 for a total of 70 apartments.

The addition to Tender Reflections doubled the size of their building to 80 beds and is still not occupied.

Training

This year we continued with two weeks of company inspections where we went out to some of the larger industrial facilities and did inspections with the duty crews. This will further familiarize crews with some of the facilities in our district and what they might encounter there on a call.

Once again, I attended the 2018 Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Convention in Green Bay, 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. We were also able to send Sara Mattke to the conference. She received a full conference scholarship to attend. Sara does most of my fire re-inspections and learned a lot from the classes she attended.

In April I attended the annual FDIC International Conference in Indianapolis Indiana and took classes in Elevator Emergencies, Agricultural Rescue and Weekly Skill Drills as well as meeting with vendors on inspection related topics. In April I attended the

Annual Pipeline Emergency Response program in Stevens Point they cover what to do and who to call for pipeline emergencies in our area. I was also chosen to attend the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings Technical Operations Course in New Mexico at New Mexico Tech in March for a week-long training for responders across the country on terrorist bombing.

Martin Christiansen

Fire Marshal /FF/EMT-I
South Area Fire Department



Promotions/Recognitions

Promotions

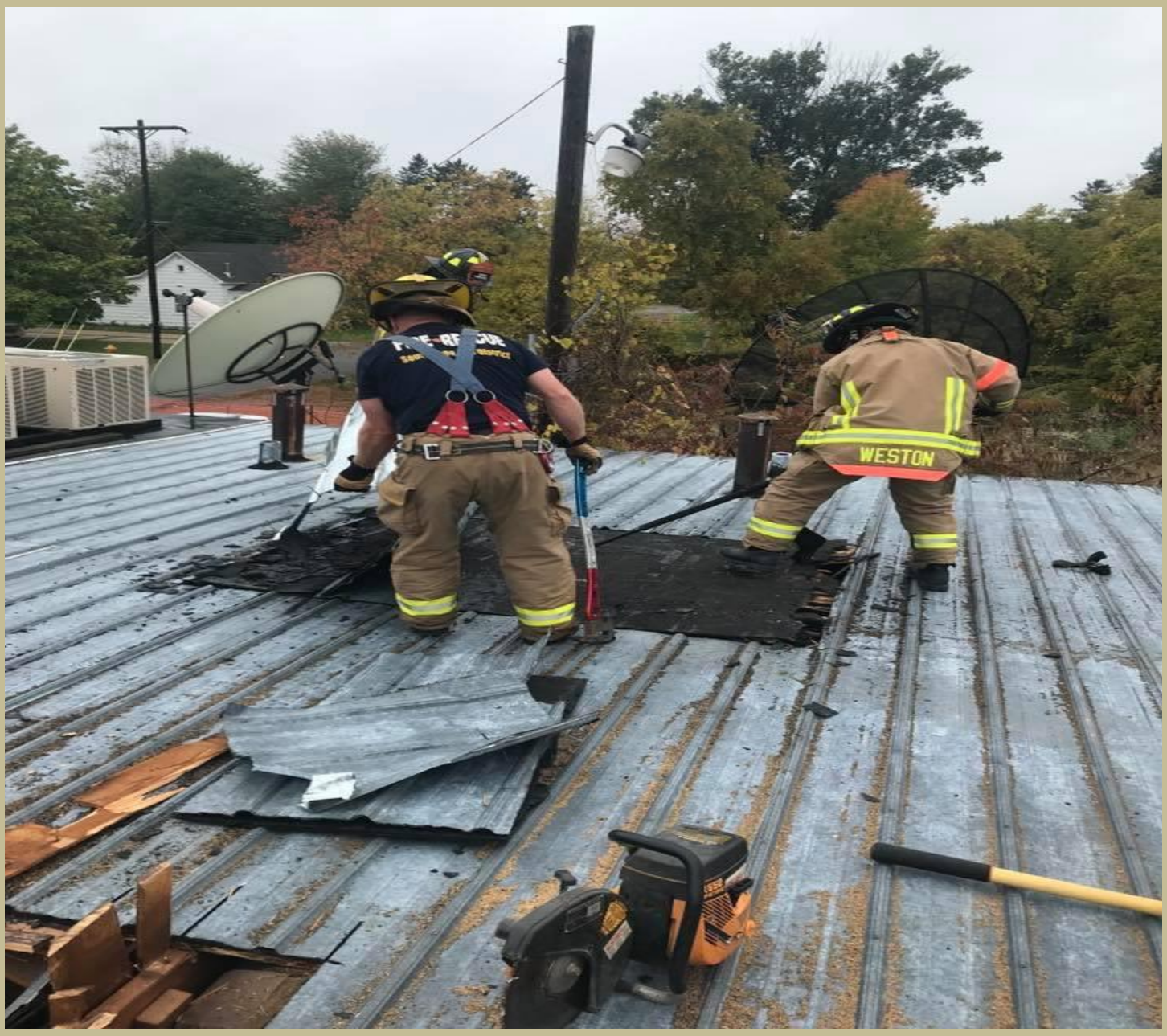
Dan Conrad to Lieutenant

Ed Friend to Lieutenant

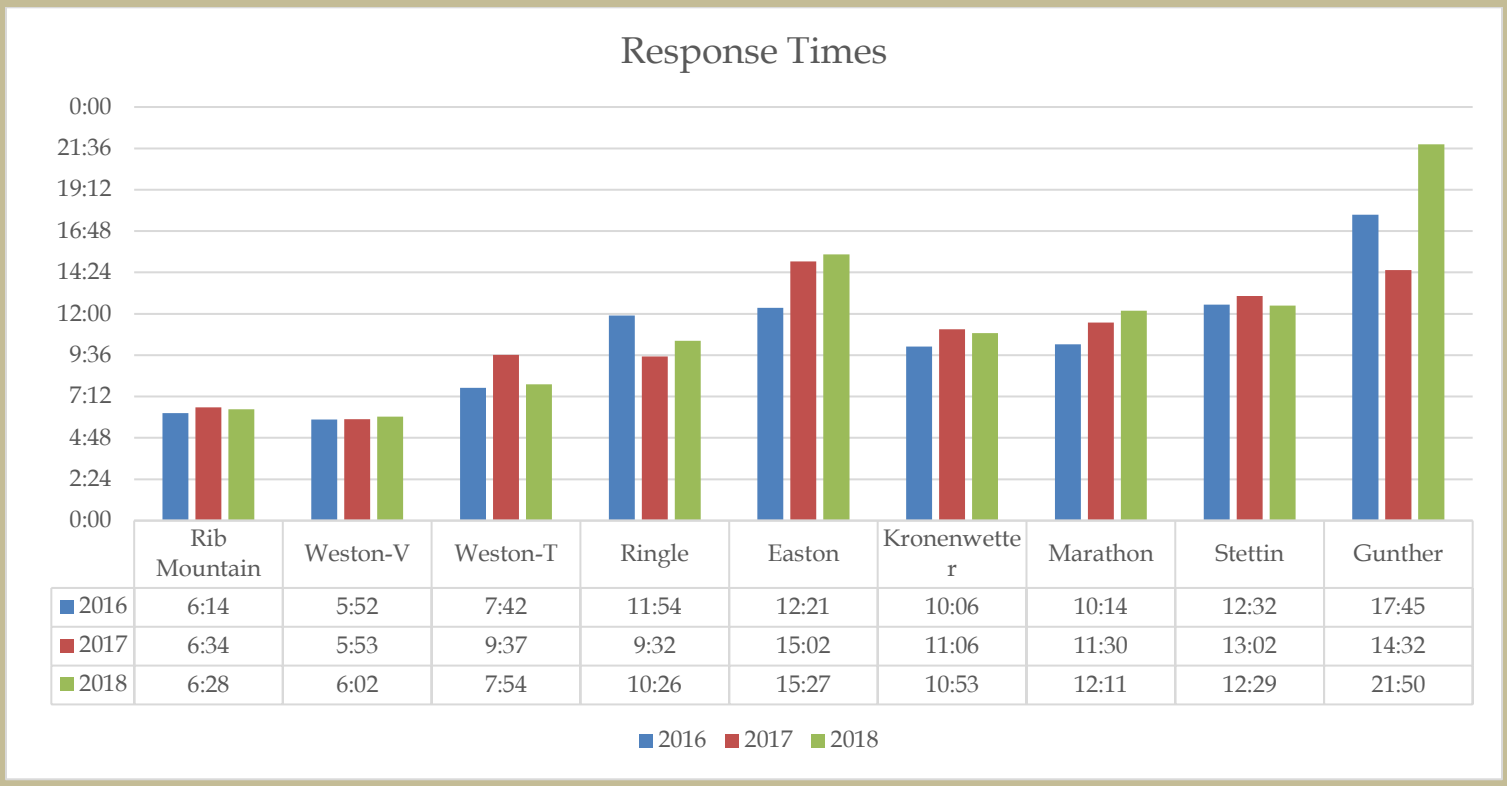
David Hunsicker to Captain

Dylan O’Connor to Battalion Chief

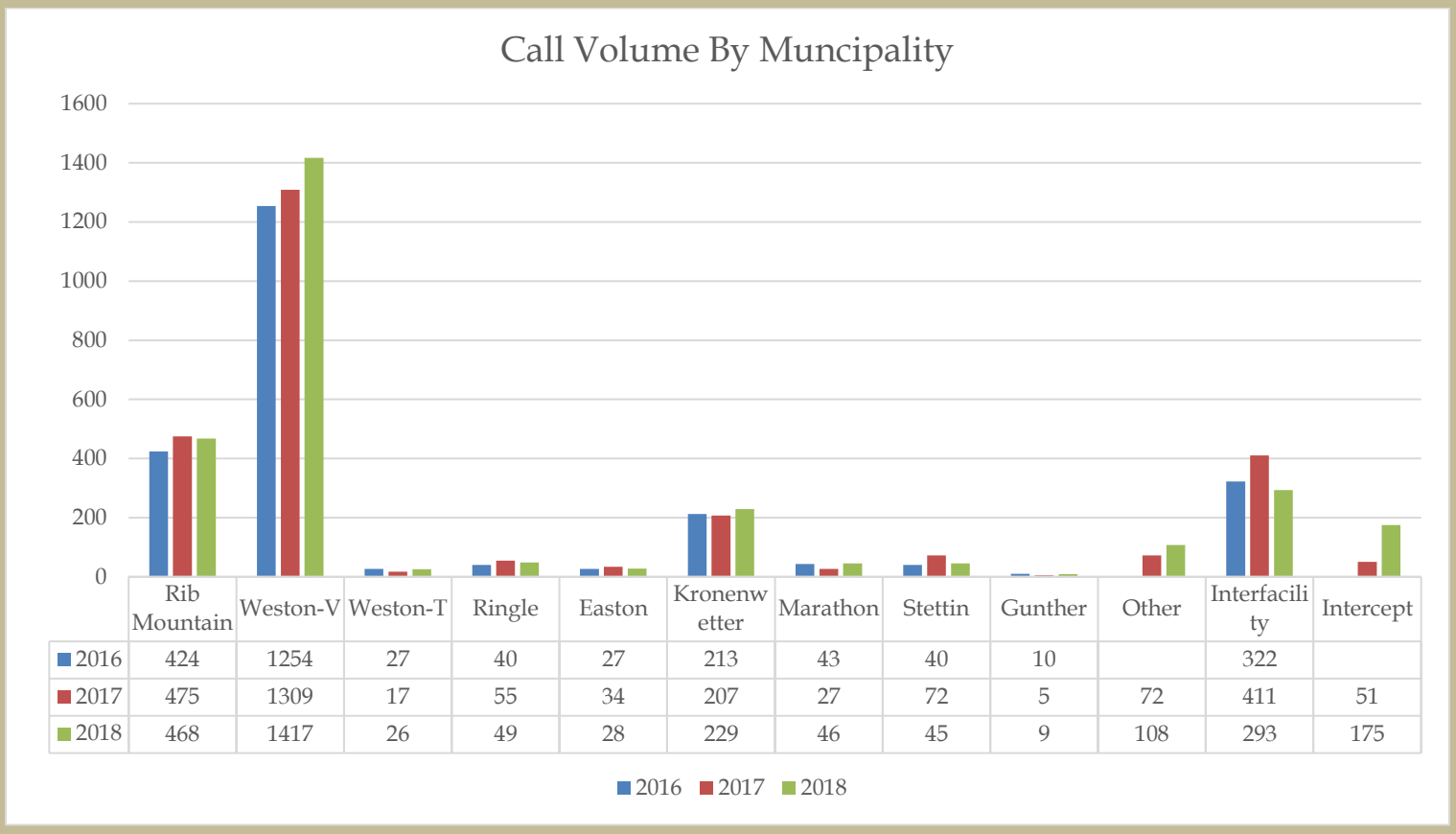
Michelle Brown to Battalion Chief



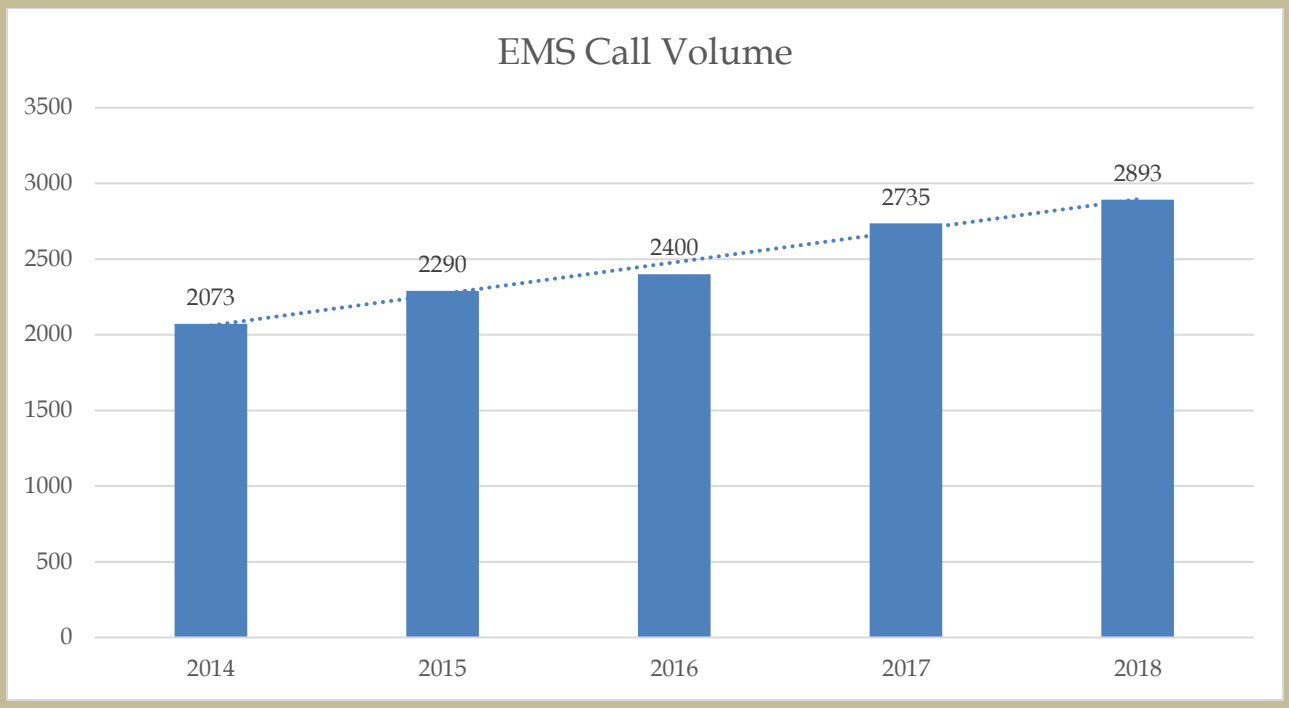
EMS Response



	Rib Mountain	Weston-V	Weston-T	Ringle	Easton	Kronenwetter	Marathon	Stettin	Gunther
2016	6:14	5:52	7:42	11:54	12:21	10:06	10:14	12:32	17:45
2017	6:34	5:53	9:37	9:32	15:02	11:06	11:30	13:02	14:32
2018	6:28	6:02	7:54	10:26	15:27	10:53	12:11	12:29	21:50

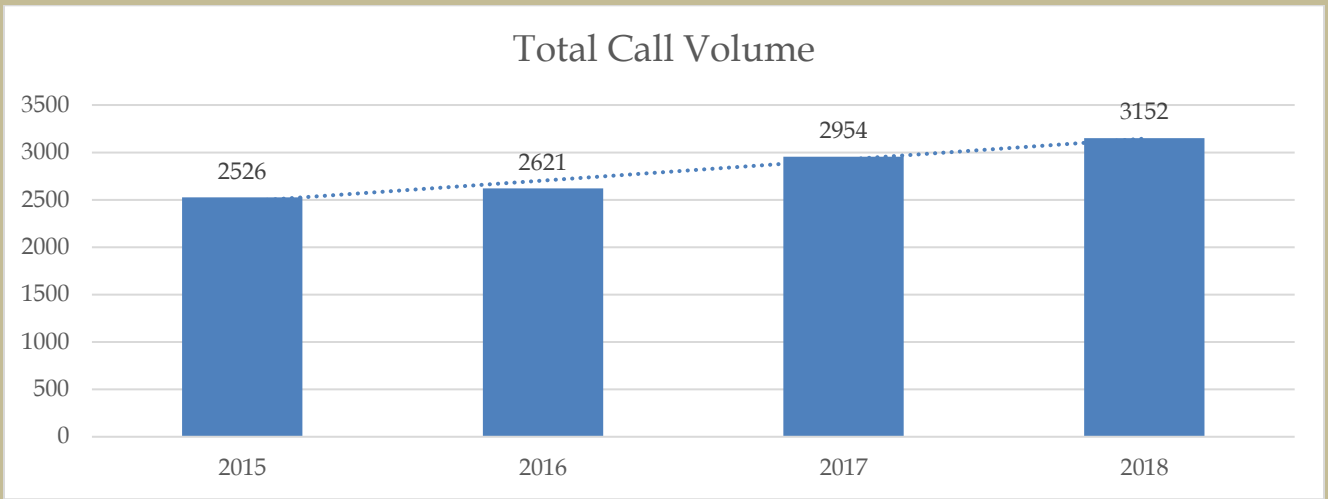


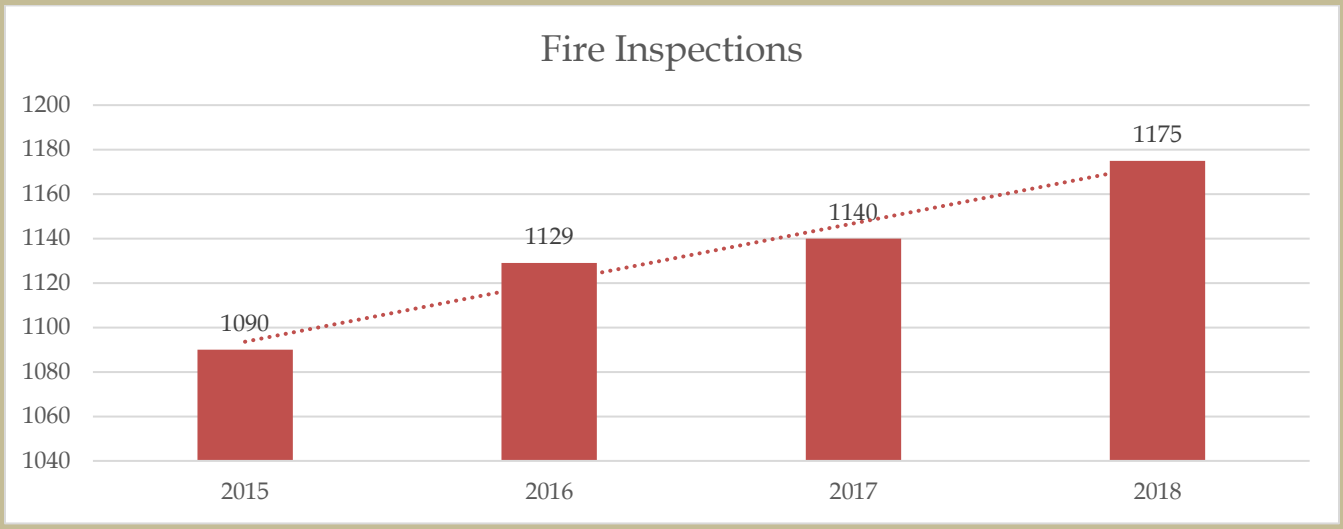
	Rib Mountain	Weston-V	Weston-T	Ringle	Easton	Kronenwetter	Marathon	Stettin	Gunther	Other	Interfacility	Intercept
2016	424	1254	27	40	27	213	43	40	10		322	
2017	475	1309	17	55	34	207	27	72	5	72	411	51
2018	468	1417	26	49	28	229	46	45	9	108	293	175

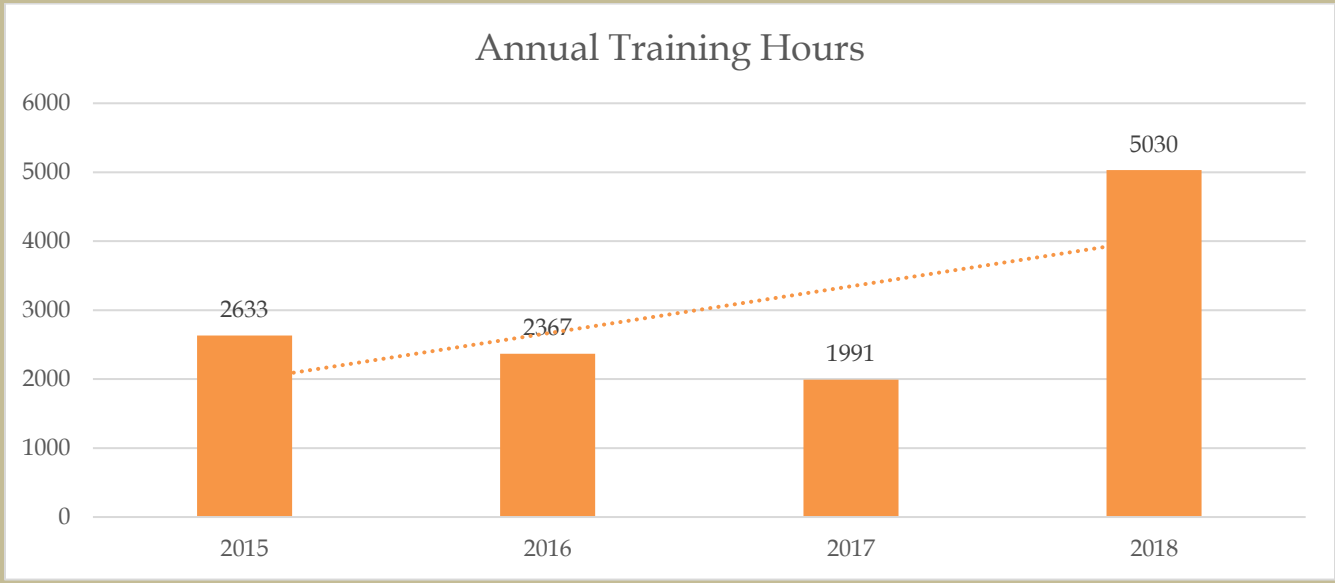

EMS Call Volume
3500
3000
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
0
2073
2290
2400
2735
2893
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018


FIRE - RESCUE
FIRE

Total Activity Data







Fleet Information

Station 1

Engine 11-1996 Pierce

Truck 11-1999 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 11-2011 Explorer

Boat 11-2005 Zodiac

Deputy Chief-2017 Canyon

Chief-2017 Expedition

UTV-2001 Polaris

Station 2

Engine 21-2001 LaFrance

Ladder 21-2010 Pierce

Rescue 21-2016 Custom Fire

Tender 21-1998 Freightliner

Med 21-2011 Lifeline

Med 22-2006 McCoy Miller

Med 23-2007 MedTec

Brush 21-1984 Chevrolet

Boat 21-Zodiac

Station 2 (cont)

Car 21-2016 Ford Explorer

Car 22-2016 Ford F-150

UTV-1996 Polaris

Fleet Stats

Average age of fire apparatus (Engines, Tenders, Rescues, Ladders): 15 years

Oldest fire apparatus: 21 years

Average age of ambulances: 8.2 years

Oldest ambulance 13 years

Average age of support vehicles (Cars, Brush Trucks): 8.8 years

Oldest support vehicle: 35 years

Apparatus Purchased in 2018

A new ambulance was ordered in 2018, however, we have yet to take delivery due to a backorder of the chassis.

Public Relations

January
Girl Scouts – Station Tour
10 children

February
Night to Shine – Ambulance Standby
200 attendees/ 300 volunteers

Polar Plunge – Ambulance Standby
450 citizens

March
Run to Remember – Ambulance Standby
200 runners/community

Fire Prevention – Fire drill
All students/staff

April
MCI drill – Ambulance Standby
Maine/SAFER members

Healthy Kids Day – Ambulance & Fire trucks
200+ children

May
Color Run- Ambulance standby
Public event

Feel the Love – Ambulance standby
Public event

Service Presentation – School
100 students

June
Run for their Lives – Ambulance Standby
500 participants

Fire Prevention – Greenheck family days
1000 employees/family

School End – Truck standby
All students/ staff/ parents

Relay for Life – Ambulance standby
Open to public

Forest Goetsch Run – Truck standby
500 participants

Mom's Club of Wausau – Station Tour
8 parents/20 children

August
YMCA Kids Day – Fire Prevention
100 students

Triathlon – standby
1000 participants

September
Run for the Fallen – Fire standby
450 participants

SAFER Station 1 Open House
1200+ citizens

Battle of the Badges
8 teams

Opportunity Inc – station tour
12 adults with special needs

Jay's Ride – Standby
100 participants
Homecoming Parade
Open to the public

October
Kids Night – Texas Roadhouse
Open to the public

Opportunity Inc – Station Tour
25 special needs adults

Safety Day – The Home Depot
100 citizens

Fire Prevention Week/Month
Coverage area schools

Everest Metro Halloween Bash
900 children

November
Girl Scouts – Station Tour
12 children and adults

Girl Scouts – Station Tour
13 children

Be Amazing Fall Fest
Public event

December
Shop with a Cop - Walmart
100 children

Cub Scouts – Station Tour
20 children/parents

Cub Scouts – Station Tour
8 children



South Area Fire District
Health and safety office
5901 Hummingbird Rd
Wausau, WI 54401

December 31, 2018

Chief Matt Savage,

2018 was an outstanding and successful year at SAFER regarding safety and employee health. Within the calendar year SAFER conducted 40 employee safety related trainings, 2 safety committee meetings, and over 14 public safety outreach to local schools, businesses, and originations. There were 14 safety incidents reported throughout the calendar year. 3 of the incidents resulted in worker's compensation reporting; resulting in a total of $3,078.00 of charges to the district and additional dollars in shift coverage wages to cover these injuries. During the month of October 17 total fire safety presentations to area schools reaching over 4,000 children under age 14.

Safety was focused on all weekly trainings and drills.

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.

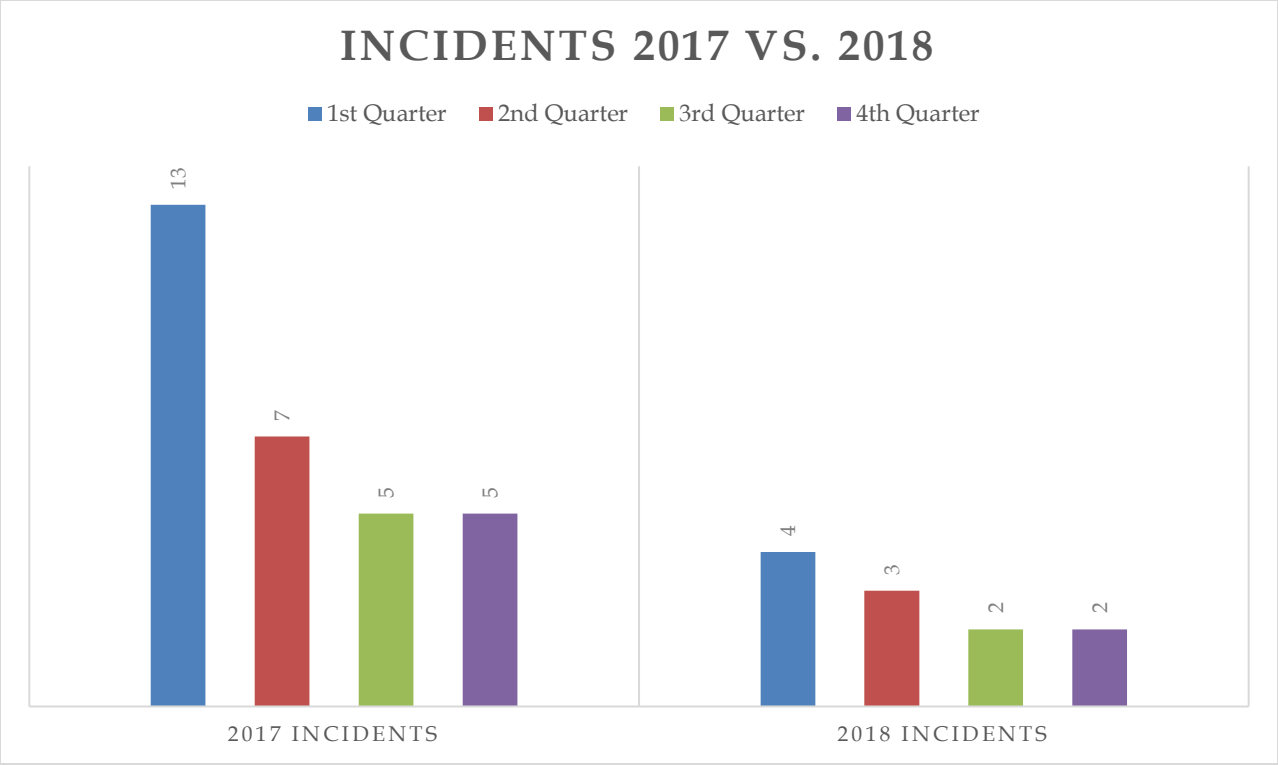
Thank You,
Bert Nitzke

Bert Nitzke
Incident Safety/Public Information Offic



Incident Reports:

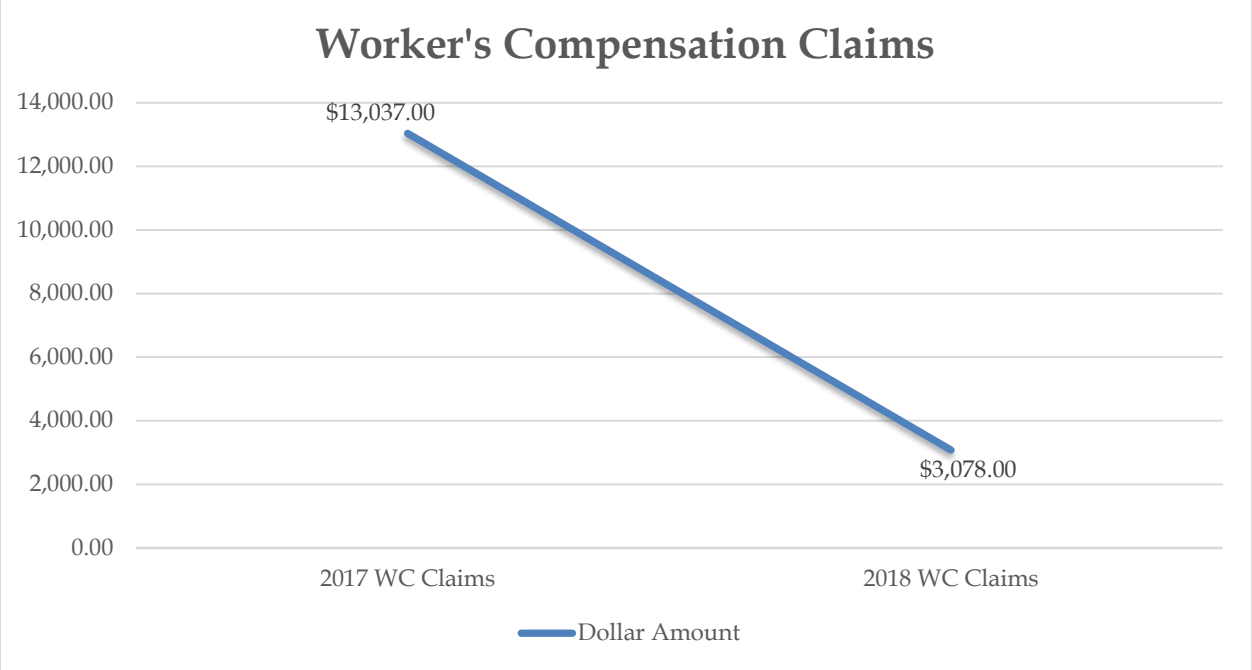
Slip/Fall Injuries= 3
Vehicle Damages= 2
Gear Damage= 2
Hand Injury= 2
Leg Injury= 1
Exposure= 1
Head Injury= 1
Foot Injury= 1
Overexertion= 1



Employee Compensation Claims:

3 Reportable Claims
Total= $3,078.00

**Difference of $9,959.00 compared to 2017*


Worker's Compensation Claims
14,000.00
12,000.00
10,000.00
8,000.00
6,000.00
4,000.00
2,000.00
0.00
$13,037.00
$3,078.00
2017 WC Claims
2018 WC Claims
Dollar Amount





Summary

We have reached the end of the fifth year of existence for the district. We have again made strides to make the district a better place and the communities we serve safer. A record call volume was again reached with our total calls for service surpassing the 3,000-mark averaging nearly 9 calls for service each day. Our battalion chiefs, Deputy Chief and Chief began the process of obtaining the Blue Card certification for fire command, this process will finish in early 2019. Our crews reached an all time high in training hours and we continue to offer timely service to our response areas. A full-time engineer/paramedic was added in 2018 with another scheduled to be added in 2019. Sometimes I am not sure we all comprehend how much we accomplish in a year until this report is created with all of our achievements.

Respectfully Submitted

Joshua J. Finke

Deputy Chief

Tribute

In the late evening hours of April 25th Wisconsin EMS suffered a great loss when the Spirit helicopter with 3 crew members crashed just south of Minocqua. The flight paramedic Greg Rosenthal was a firefighter/paramedic for SAFER from 2014-2016. Everyone at SAFER was saddened by the passing of Flight Paramedic Rosenthal, Flight RN Klint Mitchell and Pilot Rico Caruso

