



# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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# YOUR FWFD

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## STATS AND MISSION

### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### SERVICE AREA

110 Square Miles

#### POPULATION SERVED

255, 000 +

#### ISO RATING

Class 3

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## MISSION

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It is the mission of the Fort Wayne Fire Department to prevent the loss of life and to control or reduce the loss of property by applying all of our professional knowledge and resources to become the “Safest City of Our Size.” It is our number one priority to provide the best fire service to all citizens and visitors to our City. This mission is accomplished through the services provided in the areas of Administration, Operations, Fire Prevention, Public Affairs, Safety Education, Training and Development, Logistics and Investigation.

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### PERSONNEL AND FIRE HOUSES

#### SWORN FIREFIGHTERS

354

#### CIVILIAN SUPPORT

10

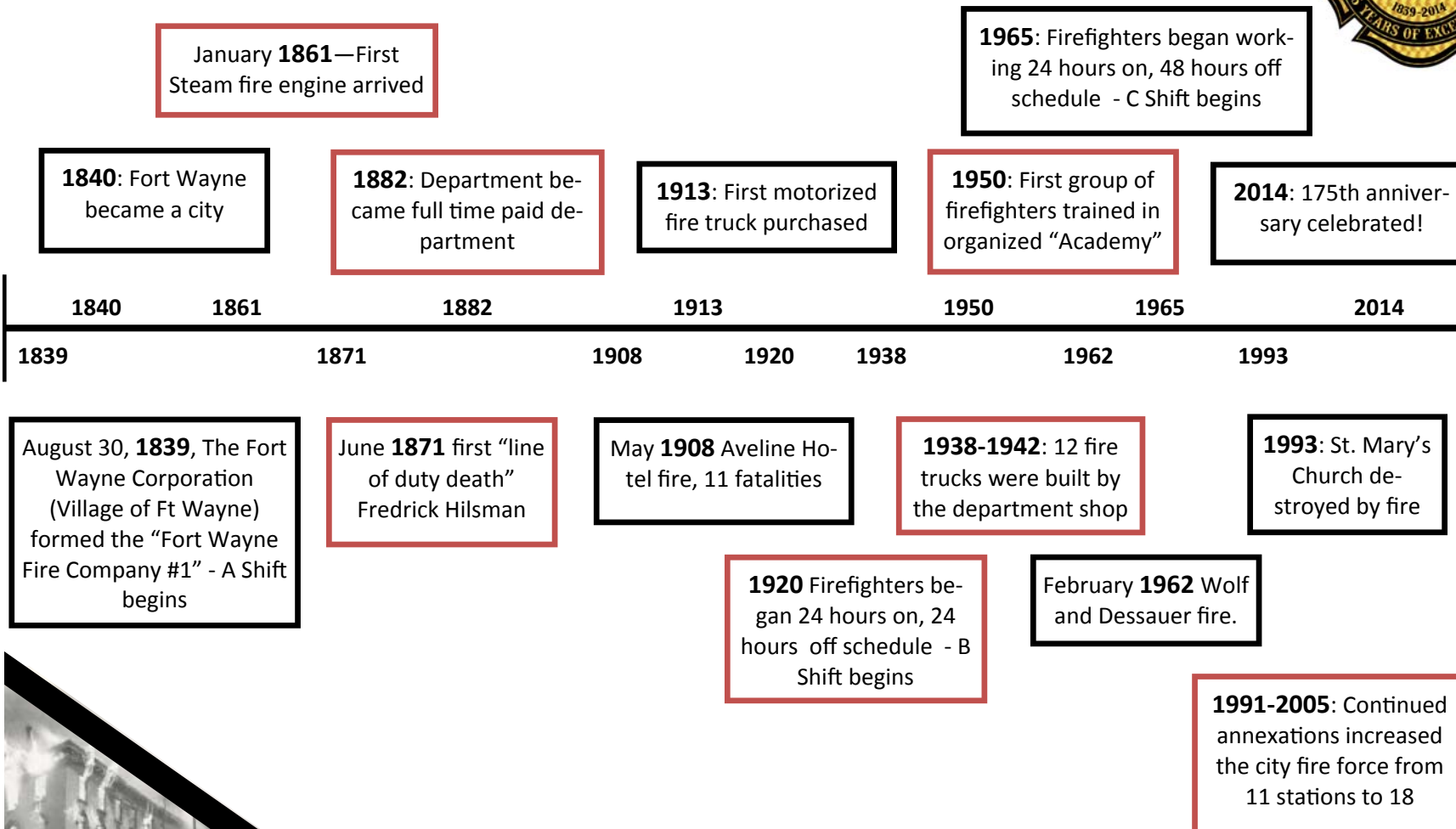
#### FIRE HOUSES

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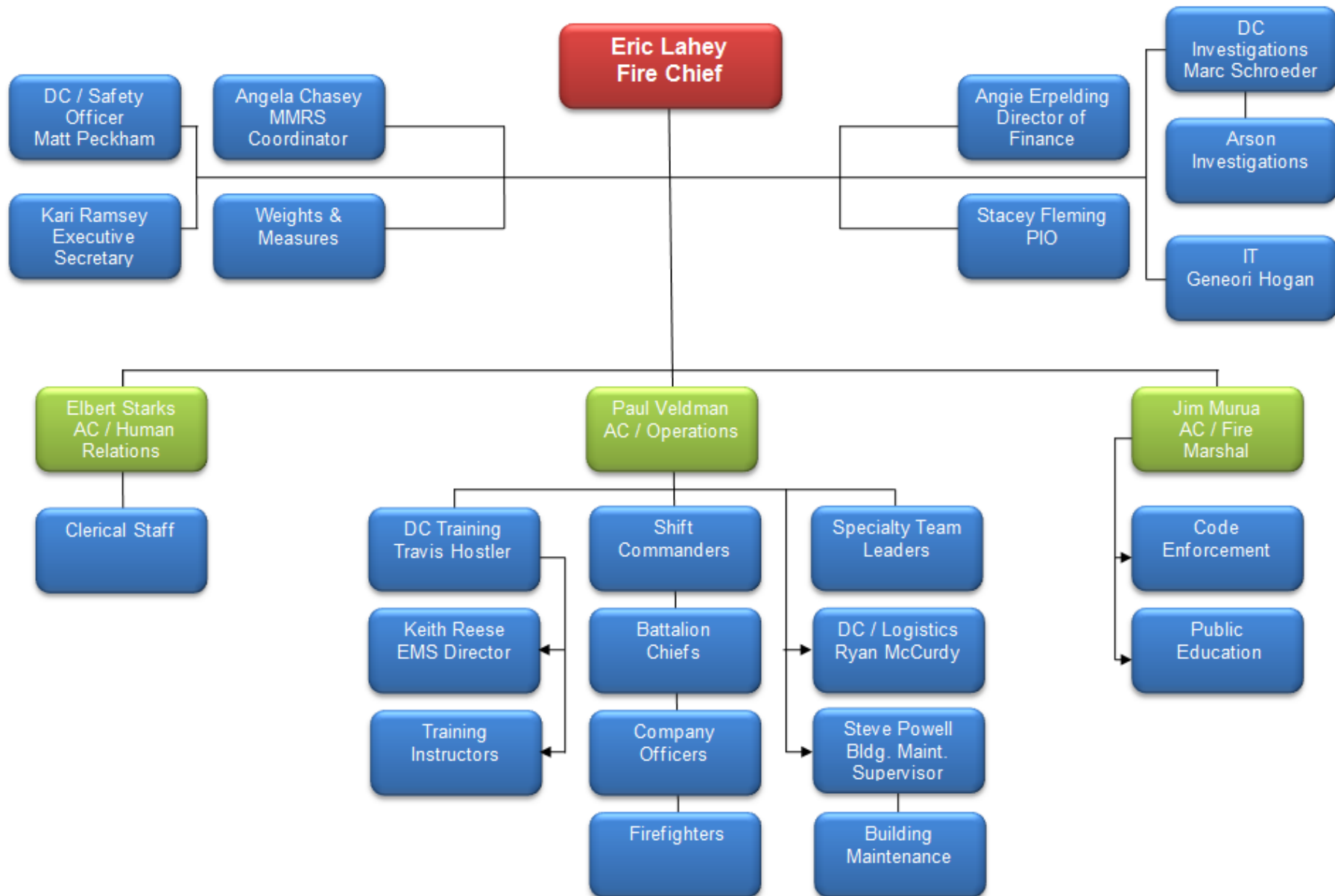
# 175 YEARS OF SERVICE



## HISTORY



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# CHIEF'S LETTER

Fire Chief Eric Lahey

## ACCOUNTABILITY. INNOVATION. COMMITMENT.

Welcome to the Fort Wayne Fire Department. Since 1839, we have had a singular mission: reduce the loss of life and minimize property damage for the people in our growing community. We've worked wisely to that end, investing in technology and engine houses, recruiting a highly trained and dedicated force of firefighters, and challenging ourselves to continued innovation and evolution in order to perform our duties in the best possible way. Today, more than 350 firefighters wear a patch on their sleeves that reminds them of the faith and trust that have been placed in their hands. It's a symbol of our commitment to excellence and an honor we take very seriously, from our engine houses to our administrative offices and everywhere in-between.

It takes a team to make a difference. The men and women of the Fort Wayne Fire Department are committed to seven core values of loyalty, honesty, compassion, accountability, courage, enthusiasm, and selfless service. Whether we're working together to provide exemplary fire service—including basic life-saving Emergency Medical Services, Fire Suppression, Fire Investigation, Fire Prevention, Emergency Hazardous Materials Response, Technical Rescue Response and Water Rescue Response to the citizens of Fort

Wayne, as well as the eleven counties in Indiana District 3—or striving to find innovative ways to improve our service both in and out of the engine houses, we will continue to apply our professional knowledge and resources to the same simple end: save lives and reduce the loss of property for the more than 250,000 residents in our 110 square mile service area.

It's a commitment that has inspired action and created results as we strive to be the "Safest City of our Size." The Fort Wayne Fire Department will continue to provide efficient, quality service with the compassion and professionalism that all who interact with us have come to expect. It's why we suit up for work every day. It's the reason we are proud of the patch on our sleeves. Accountability. Innovation. Commitment.



# FINANCE

## Angela Erpelding

Angela Erpelding, the Finance Director, works as the liaison for the Fort Wayne Fire Department and the City Controller's Office. The Finance Division is responsible for implementing and maintaining an effective financial management system to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.

- ◆ Budget preparation and maintenance
- ◆ Accounts payable and receivable
- ◆ Purchasing
- ◆ Statistical data
- ◆ Grant management

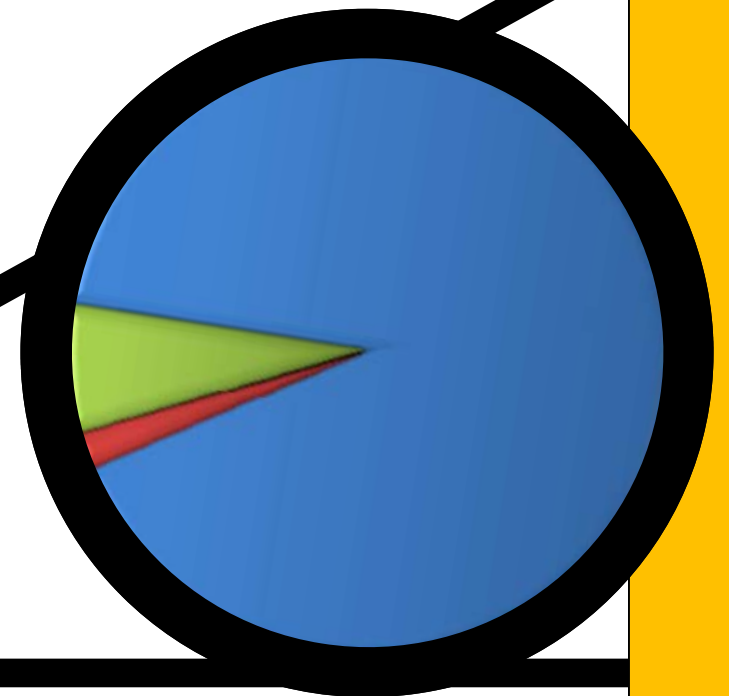
The budget decreased 5.73% from 2013 to 2014. This is due to Fire Protection Services being added to our budget in 2013, and then removed again in 2014. Fire Protection Services is the fee City Utilities charges to maintain fire hydrants. Excluding FPS, our budget had a minimal increase of 3.5%. This increase included a 2% raise for every employee.

In 2014, The Fort Wayne Fire Department was awarded the following grants:

- ◆ Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation—\$17,055
- ◆ FM Global—\$2,676

### 2014 Budget

Personnel	\$	33,998,950.64
Supplies		696,748.65
Services		2,627,256.55
Capital		91,147.98
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>37,414,103.82</u></b>





# HUMAN RELATIONS

## Assistant Chief Elbert Starks

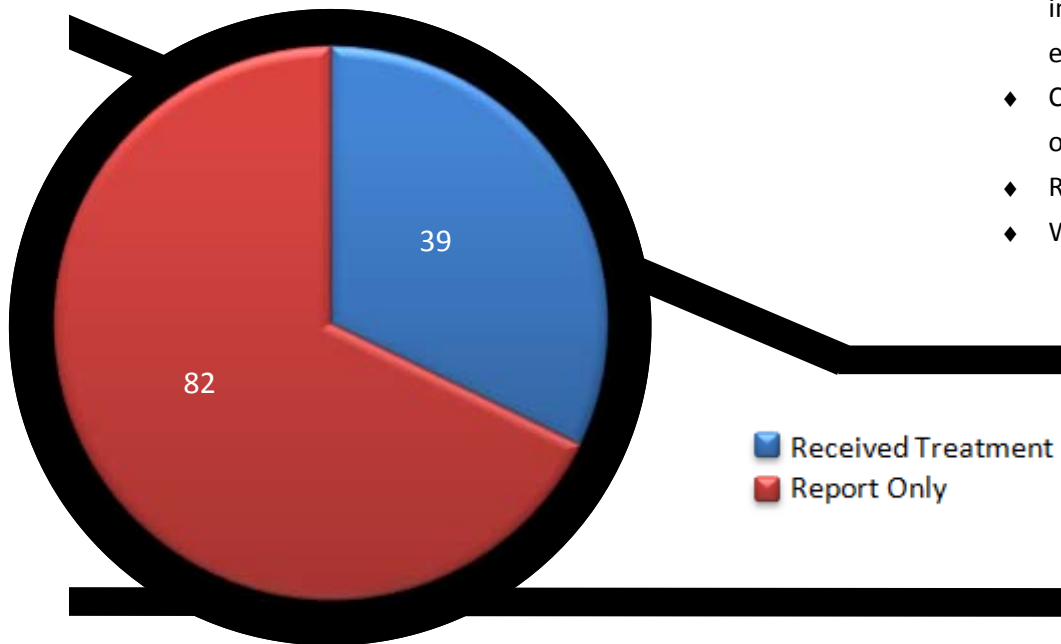
Human Relations is under the direction of Assistant Chief Elbert Starks and is dedicated to providing exceptional customer service to both firefighters and civilians.

This division is responsible for maintaining personnel records, management of ill and injured personnel, policy and procedures, internal investigations, drug testing, and recruitment. The Division head is a liaison to risk management, accident review commission, merit commission, and the human relations committee. The primary goal is to provide services to employees and the community that goes above and beyond the norm.

It is the mission of the Human Relations Division to make sure our employees are taken care of, operate safely, and that the fire department is responsible to our citizens.

### Initiatives in 2014 included:

- ◆ Implementation of a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Guideline.
- ◆ Researching recruitment measures to assist with increasing diversity in the workplace.
- ◆ Implementation of new standard operating guidelines and revision of standard operating procedures.
- ◆ Routinely met with the Union Committees to improve communications.
- ◆ Participated in the Mayor's initiative programs to enhance diversity and customer service.
- ◆ Met with physicians about streamlining the annual physicals and vaccination process.
- ◆ Participated in the grant writing process.
- ◆ Worked diligently with the 311 call center to schedule and increase the installation of smoke alarms, which were provided from a Firehouse Subs grant that we were awarded.
- ◆ Collaborated with the peer fitness trainers and academy staff on fitness equipment needs.
- ◆ Renew the FWFD Chaplain's role with the Department.
- ◆ Work to reduce lost time due to work-related injury.



\*In 2014 the FWFD sustained 121 on duty injuries.



# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## District Chief Brett Brown

The Fort Wayne Fire Department accomplished many goals in 2014, which directly contributed to the increased safety and well-being of its firefighters. Improvements in personal protective equipment (PPE), training, and policies were initiated in order to reduce the risk our men and women face every day.

The Health and Safety Officer relies heavily on the dedicated members of the Safety Committee. Recommendations and experience from representatives of the IAFF L124 and administration are combined in that committee to determine risks and mitigate them. Many front-line firefighters contributed time and advice to develop PPE specifications and policies.

### 2014 Accomplishments:

- ◆ Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) training. Updated policies and tactics based on best practices provided the foundation for several weeks of intense training. The HSO, along with outstanding support from the Training Division, ensured that every fire crew in the city participated in hands-on, realistic training designed to save our own in the event of catastrophe.
- ◆ Additional Apparatus Response. The number of firefighters at the scene of a structure fire directly impacts the safety of our personnel. Most tasks are difficult, physical, and require more than one firefighter. The addition of another apparatus to confirmed structure fires was a significant policy accomplishment in 2014.
- ◆ Testing for Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN). Fires release multiple gases that are not only deadly to occupants, but pose documented risks to our firefighters after a fire has been extinguished. Two of the most common gases firefighters encounter are carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide. The Fort Wayne Fire Department has routinely measured carbon monoxide levels for the safety of our personnel. In 2014, we added the capability to test for HCN as well.



# LOGISTICS

District Chief Jay Gorndt

The Logistics Division oversees the Fort Wayne Fire Department fleet, including all fire apparatus, equipment, and staff vehicles. Logistics is also responsible for procurement of fire-related equipment, and assists in the acquisition of new apparatus.

The FWFD currently operates with 18 engines and five trucks that are frontline apparatus and three engines and three trucks that are reserve apparatus.

In mid 2014, the FWFD began the transition to a “Rescue Truck” concept, which required the purchase of specialty equipment for each of the five frontline trucks. The rescue trucks went into service in early 2015. We also equipped and put into service two new ladder trucks.

2015 will see four new engines put into service, which will replace existing engines nearing the end of their life cycle.



# INVESTIGATIONS

District Chief Marc Schroeder

The Fire/Arson Investigation Division of the Fort Wayne Fire Department is responsible for determining the origin, cause, and circumstances of fires that occur within the City of Fort Wayne. The division's four fulltime investigators are sworn firefighters, as well as sworn law enforcement officers. They are empowered to enforce the laws of the State of Indiana, as well as City Code, pertaining to arson and fire-related crimes, and are specially trained in the discovery, preservation, and presentation of evidence in proving the crime of arson. The FWFD Fire/Arson Investigation Division works closely with the FWPD, ACPD, ATF, Allen County Prosecutors office, and the Allen County Coroner's office.

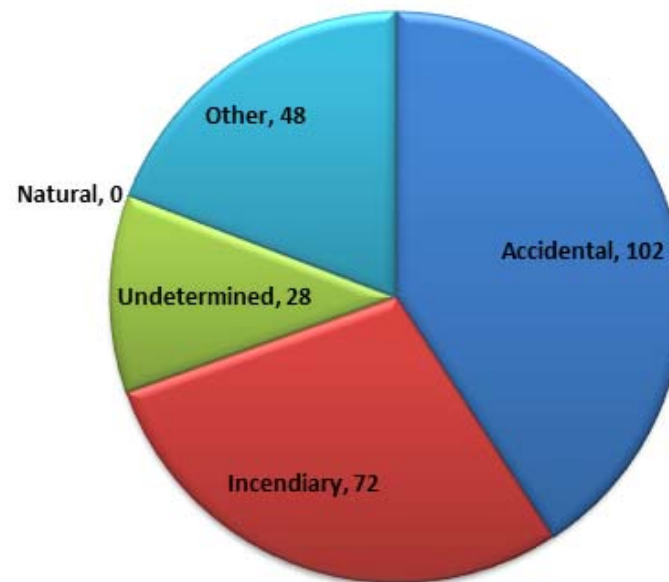
## 2014 Accomplishments:

- ◆ Investigated 251 incidents
- ◆ Filled the Chief Investigators position
- ◆ Wrote and adopted Investigation Division specific SOP's in order to provide a structured format for the investigators to work within
- ◆ Interviewed, selected, and began formal training of six back-up investigators.
- ◆ Sent all full time investigators to outside training programs
- ◆ Provided training to the Operations Division crews on proper salvage and overhaul practices and fatal fire procedures

## 2015 Goals:

- ◆ Return to two fulltime investigators per shift
- ◆ Move to tablet-based technology to make documentation of fire scenes easier for the investigators and to increase the efficiency of report writing
- ◆ Update the investigators' firearms and body armor to remain current with the FWPD
- ◆ Provide ongoing training to the investigators to remain compliant with NFPA 921 and 1033
- ◆ Begin training new investigators so the division remains efficient

## 2014 Fire Investigations by Cause



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## District Chief Geneori Hogan

2014 was a year of change for the FWFD, from the way we use software (AVL—auto vehicle locator) to the equipment we use it on when dispatched (Toughbooks). As a department we continue to look for tools to improve our run times and customer service to the citizens of our city. In 2014 project highlights included:

### **TeleStaff**

The department has been using this program since 2012 and we continue to improve on the way we utilize it to meet our needs. In 2014, 40-hour personnel started using Telestaff to document time off, which is another step toward going paperless for payroll.

### **Firehouse**

Firehouse is our main software for incidents, inventory, preplans, and inspections. We also involved dispatch in the use of Firehouse, providing them with up-to-date emergency contacts and Knox Box key locations when available.

### **Spillman**

Spillman is our CAD (computer aided dispatch software) system in which we are dispatched from. We continued to search for more ways to incorporate Spillman into our everyday operations from mapping to report writing.

### **Archangel**

Archangel is a software program that is installed to disable the keyboard, trackpad, and touch screen in the staff officer's in-car computer when the vehicle reaches 15 mph. This safety feature was installed in every staff vehicle that has a Toughbook mount.

### **WatchGuard**

We have one dash cam installed in Battalion 11's vehicle. The footage from this camera is used for training purposes and after-action reviews. It is our goal for all Battalion cars to have dash cams to capture every fire or large incident that we respond to.

### **MDC/MDT Replacement and Air Card Transition**

In 2014 we replaced all the old MDC's (mobile data computers) in the fire apparatus and BC vehicles with Panasonic CF31 Toughbooks. We also went from 3G to 4G air cards (wireless cellular connectivity) in our fire apparatus.



## SUPPRESSION

### Assistant Chief Paul Veldman

The Operations Division is the largest section within the Fort Wayne Fire Department and is made up of 318 firefighters divided into three shifts. There are 18 fire stations housing 18 engines and five ladder trucks, as well as several ancillary trucks, trailers, rafts, compressors, and a variety of specialty pieces of equipment that are necessary to provide effective hazard mitigation and emergency response to the 110 square miles of Fort Wayne.

The Operations Division has 96 firefighters on duty for 24-hour shifts, and they stand ready to drop everything and answer any call that comes in. They are organized into four Battalions, each headed by a Battalion Chief (BC). One Company Officer and three firefighters are assigned to each of the apparatus to enable fast, effective teamwork-focused responses to the variety of incidents that present themselves day and night. The Operations Division sent an apparatus out the door 26,088 times in response to 19,110 calls in 2014. These runs consisted of everything from EMS and water rescue to building collapse and of course, fires. These runs were managed by the Incident Commanders and ranged from small one-or-two-room fires to large complex commercial structures involving various hazards. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) dispatches represented one of the highest numbers of calls

for assistance, with 7,277 medical emergencies needing a FWFD response. The FWFD successfully answered 410 structure fire calls, as well as over 350 other-fire related runs, including vehicle and brush fires.

Goals for 2015 focus around improving service through reduced response times. Increasing our use of GPS-based and computer-assisted dispatching will enable a quicker “out-the-door” time, translating directly into a quicker on-scene time. In addition to enhancing dispatching, the FWFD will spend 2015 ensuring that the newly-equipped Rescue-Trucks improve service and the safety of our own firefighters, as well as the citizens.

The Operations Division provides many other services to the community; everything from safeguarding the various special events to offering free hypertension screening to the public. Training is also a high priority with firefighters averaging more than 330 hours in 2014.



# SPECIALTY TEAMS

## Assistant Chief Paul Veldman

The Special Operations Division of the Fort Wayne Fire Department is made up of three teams including the Water Rescue Team (SCUBA), Special Operations Response Team (SORT) and Hazardous Materials Response Team (HazMat). These teams are comprised of Operations personnel that elect to diversify and train to meet the challenges of specific rescue environments. All three teams are available for regional response to assist other communities that do not have equivalent capabilities.

### SCUBA

The SCUBA team is responsible for surface rescue, swift-water rescue, and subsurface rescue and recovery. The certifications and skills that must be mastered are many and varied. These abilities allow for safe operations in environments that can include current, zero-visibility and thick ice. In addition to rescue-related work, the SCUBA team is also the sole source of public safety salvage and evidence retrieval divers in Ft Wayne.

### SORT

The SORT team maintains proficiency in confined-space, trench collapse, building collapse, grain-bin and both high-and-low-angle rope rescues. The skill-set needed to be effective in all these situations requires constant training and instruction.

### HazMat

The HazMat team is Fort Wayne's front line of defense against any hazard in the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear realm. Thorough understanding of all aspects of each of these areas demands much time and effort on the part of HazMat team members. Hazard identification, control, and mitigation are skills at the ready each and every day.



# TRAINING

## District Chief Travis Hostler

The Fort Wayne Fire Department Division of Training and Development is responsible, through the development and delivery of multiple types of training, for ensuring the proficiency of the department's 350+ firefighters ranging from basic fire ground operations and EMS skills, to decision-making at the Command level. The FWFD Training Division is located at the Northeast Indiana Regional Public Safety Academy. This facility is designed primarily for cognitive classroom learning but also includes our training division offices, candidate physical abilities test (CPAT) site, wellness performance evaluation (WPE), command simulation computer lab, alarm panel and sprinkler simulator, EMS training supplies, video production/editing lab, exercise room, gymnasium, and an apparatus bay. The Division of Training and Development also has a hands-on training ground on Dwenger Avenue that includes a 5-story concrete training tower, SCBA confidence course, saving your own/ firefighter survival props, flashover chamber, auto extrication area, car fire prop, forcible entry prop, HazMat simulator, and building collapse rubble pile.

The staff is led by District Chief Travis Hostler and consists of three Captain/Instructors and the EMS Director. Additionally,

the Division of Training and Development oversees the hiring and training of new recruits, promotional processes, and leadership development. Our division works closely with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Fire District 3 to ensure that all mandatory training and certification requirements are current and relevant to today's fire and EMS standards.

A close partnership between the Division of Training and Development and the Operation Division is essential to ensure training needs are identified, created, and met to guarantee the safety and proficiency of our firefighters and to meet our mission of making Ft. Wayne "the safest city of its size" by preventing the loss of life, controlling or reducing the loss of property, applying all of our professional knowledge and resources, and providing the best service possible to all of our citizens and visitors.

### Training Hours

Specialty Teams	10485
Safety/Fitness	16064
Invg/Prevention	6793
Incident Command	1543
Firefighting OPS	29664
Fire Service Instructor	810
EMS	16582
Driver/Operator	12568
Company Officer	13109





# RECRUIT ACADEMY

## District Chief Travis Hostler

The Fort Wayne Fire Department Division of Training and Development is responsible for overseeing and implementing the training of all new FWFD recruit fire fighters. The Recruit Fire Academy exposes students to the physical and mental demands required of a Firefighter/EMT. Recruits, via an intense 18-week comprehensive training curriculum, are trained to Fort Wayne Fire Department, Joint Apprenticeship Training Program, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), & National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Academy training consists of in-class instruction, hands-on skills training, physical training, and cognitive examinations totaling over 700 hrs. of instruction, evaluation, and testing. Recruits are trained in such areas as: live burns, fire behavior and control, water supply, hose advancement, forcible entry, ventilation, hazardous materials response, vehicle extrication, emergency medical response, firefighting strategy and tactics, building construction, chain of command, public education, fire department history, communications and report writing, cultural diversity, and more.

Once their academy training is complete, recruits will possess the basic skills, background, certifications, and foundation upon which they can continue to build their competency as professional firefighters and effectively respond to a wide variety of emergencies and situations. Probationary firefighter development will continue to be monitored and evaluated through a 3-year Journeyman Apprenticeship Training Program supported by the United States Department of Labor Department, the International Association of Firefighters Union Local 124, and the City of

Fort Wayne Fire Department.

Upon successful completion of the Fire Academy, recruits are certified in the following IDHS disciplines:

- ◆ Firefighter I/II
- ◆ Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
- ◆ Hazardous Materials Operations
- ◆ Technical Rescue Awareness
- ◆ Vehicle & Machinery Operations
- ◆ Firefighter Rescue & Survival
- ◆ FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700, 800

The 2014 FWFD Recruit Academy successfully certified and graduated 22 FWFD recruits and 3 Huntington City recruits.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Assistant Chief Jim Murua

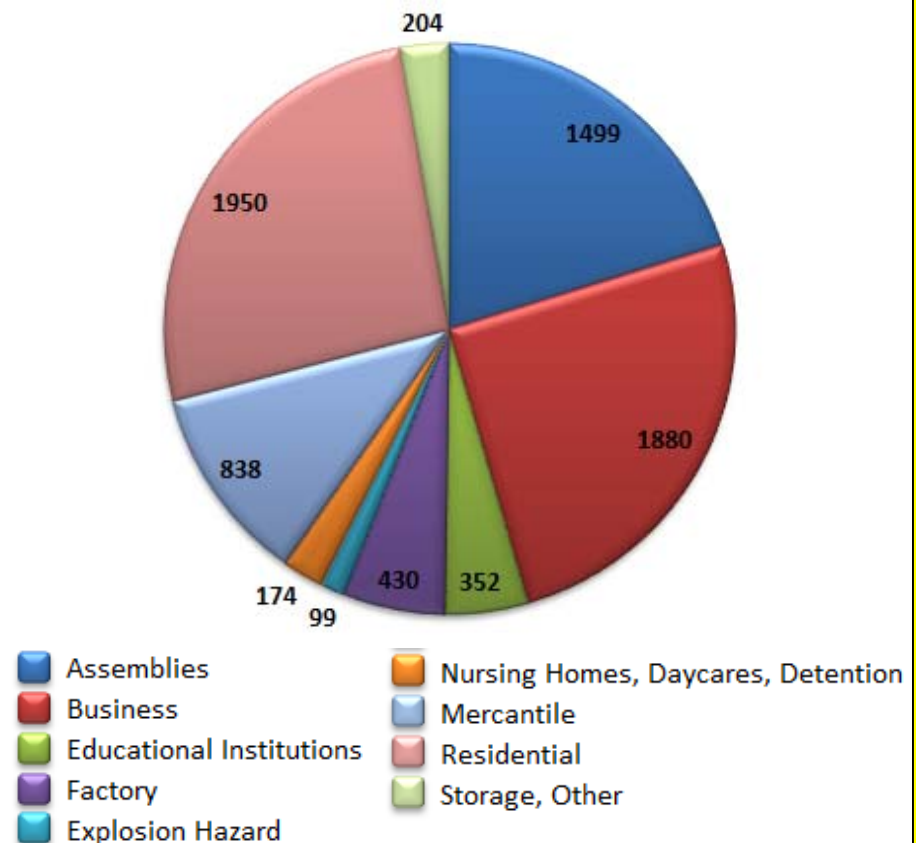
The Fire Code Enforcement Division's mission is to prevent fires before they happen. This is accomplished by ensuring compliance of the Indiana Fire Codes and City Ordinance. Compliance of the fire code is the key to minimizing the risk of life and property loss to our community, as well as our visitors.

We currently have seven fire inspectors that ensure fire and life safety compliance in Fort Wayne's commercial and residential buildings, and events that occur within them and throughout the city's outdoor venues. Our goal is achieved in a number of ways, including, but not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Perform annual inspections for code compliance to reduce fire and life safety hazards, regulation of the storage, use, and handling of hazardous materials, ensuring fire and life safety plans are established, and assisting with fire and evacuation drills such as the annual WOWO Fire Drill
- ◆ Perform inspections during building construction, implementing a plan review process to help ensure that newly constructed structures are designed with the proper fire protection and life safety systems built into them.
- ◆ Complete construction and final occupancy inspections.
- ◆ Respond to every fire and life safety complaint. We strive to provide courteous, timely, and quality assistance to the community while providing guidance in minimizing the risks of loss of life and property.

- ◆ Works closely with Operations Division in the development of pre-plans that provide vital information about the structure and occupants within.
- ◆ Provides training to company officers to keep them up to date on fire protection systems, fire prevention programs, as well as new standards, codes, and ordinances.

2014 Inspections by Building Class



# PUBLIC EDUCATION

The FWFD Safety Education Division consists of two fulltime firefighters who facilitate public fire and life safety programs for the residents of the city of Fort Wayne. This commitment by the FWFD to “save lives and preserve property” through education and prevention has resulted in an overall low fire death and property loss rate for a city of our size. Personnel of this division are members of the Indiana State Educators (ISE), which is part of the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association.

## Learn Not to Burn

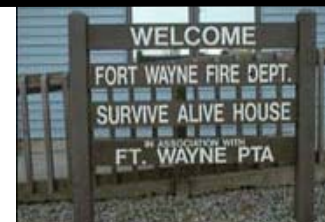
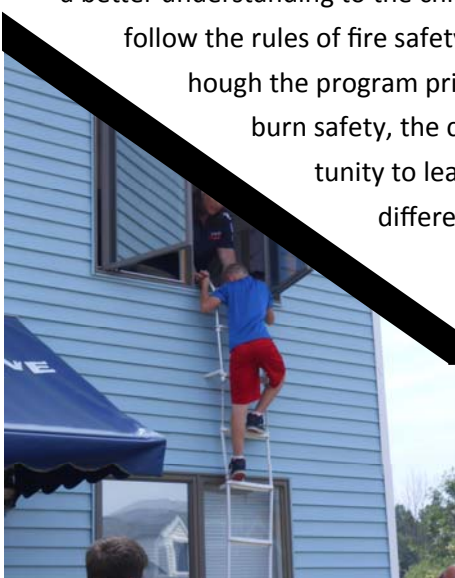
The Learn Not to Burn in-school program begins in pre-kindergarten and continues through fifth grade, talking to each grade individually, with each year expanding upon lessons learned the previous year. This approach not only reinforces fire safety concepts learned in previous years, but more importantly, brings a better understanding to the children of why they should follow the rules of fire safety throughout their lives. Although the program primarily focuses on fire and burn safety, the children also have the opportunity to learn about firefighters, the different jobs we do, the gear we

wear to protect us, and their own personal responsibility in regards to various safety issues.

In 2014, a total of 17,900 students and teachers took part in the Learn Not to Burn programs.

## Survive Alive

The Survive Alive House program is a hands-on approach to residential house fire escape tactics. This field trip reinforces many of the fire safety concepts the children have learned in previous years’ Learn Not to Burn programs. The Survive Alive House is equipped with special effects to simulate an actual house fire situation, but without putting them in any danger. The realistic fire, smoke, and sound effects allow participants to practice correct escape procedures. The third grade students are the primary focus in this program, but as in the Learn Not to Burn programs, many adults and individual family groups also take part. In 2014, there were 4,874 participants that took part in the Survive Alive House program.



## PUBLIC EDUCATION

### Juvenile Fire-Setting Intervention

The Allen County Juvenile Firesetters Task Force, of which the FWFD is the leading agency, is continually striving to reduce the number of juvenile-set fires through better community awareness of the problem and follow-through with affected families. Referrals to the fire-setter program come through the FWFD Investigation Division, Allen County Juvenile Probation Department, behavioral health facilities, and concerned parents.

In 2014, we had 13 juvenile fire-setter interventions attended by 30 juveniles and their parents. We have seen an encouraging trend in our community of a decreasing number of juveniles referred for interventions. In addition, The Task Force hosted a youth fire-setting education seminar that was attended by nearly 60 firefighters and mental health and social workers from throughout the tri-state area.

Along with the above programs, our division honors as many requests as possible for fire and life safety presentations to adult organizations, career talks with middle

and high school students, and any other children's group not part of our regular programs. In 2014 approximately 675 citizens participated in these various life safety programs.

### Spotz

Spotz is our costumed fire safety Dalmation dog mascot. He made appearances at many special events in the community.

### Freddy

Freddy the Fire Truck is a fully remote-controlled robot with lights, siren, water squirter, music, and two-way communication for full interaction. Although FREDDY is another educational tool, he is normally reserved for special events only.

The Safety Education Division takes part in numerous special events. In 2014 we interacted with approximately 30,000 citizens during these special events.

Continuing this year, Lutheran Health Network covered all the costs of our activity and coloring books used for our programs.





# COMMUNICATIONS

## William Bassett

911 is the line between citizens and public safety personnel. We continually strive for professionalism, dedication, and service to the community with each task we are assigned.

2014 proved to be a challenging year for the Combined Communications Partnership (CCP) family—moving locations, learning a new radio system, learning a new phone system, and introducing 911 texting, all while maintaining high standards of performance.

The CCP Board and Three Rivers Ambulance Authority (TRAA) Board reached an agreement that would bring the TRAA dispatch operations to the sixth floor with the CCP family. In order to make this a reality, equipment must be purchased, consoles moved, employees trained, and policies and procedures addressed and modified. This is a step to bring efficiency and consistency to our departments and to better serve the public and first responders.

2014 also brought tragedy to our family with the loss of Carl Harz. Carl passed away in an accident on his way to work. Carl's hard work and dedication helped keep us on the air and helped bring us up to the sixth floor. We will miss you Carl.

In 2014 the CCP processed the following calls for service:

**Total Police Dispatches – Fort Wayne / Allen County – 244,372**

**Total Fire Dispatches - Fort Wayne / Allen County – 44,746**

**Total 911 Calls – 194,882**

**Total administration calls – 278,751**

We are a very proud partner working with each Emergency Service in Fort Wayne / Allen County to help the citizens of our community.



**Consolidated Communications  
Partnership**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Coats for Kids

The Fort Wayne Fire Department was recognized as a 2014 partnering agency at the Coats for Kids Campaign celebration. 2014's effort helped deliver 3,439 coats, 3,582 hats, gloves and scarves to 68 local schools and social service agencies. Members of our department not only delivered these coats, but collected and donated almost 200 items.

## Battle for Blood

The Battle of the Badges is the longest-running local blood donation competition in Fort Wayne. It is also the community's largest annual blood drive. The Battle of the Badges is a good-natured rivalry among first responder groups that helps ensure the blood supply keeps pace with demand during the holidays. The groups participating this year include local law enforcement (Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police) versus fire and EMS responders (Fort Wayne Fire Department and Three Rivers Ambulance Authority). In 2014, more than 600 units of blood were collected between Fire, TRAA, and Police.

## Kids Dart

FWFD is one of the partners with Lutheran Hospital and the City of Fort Wayne on a traffic safety program created by Riley Hospital for Children called Kids Dart – Drive Smart. The campaign includes signs that homeowners and businesses can place on their properties and a television Public Service Announcement encouraging drivers to be aware of children possibly darting into traffic and not looking for oncoming motorists.

## Jason Baker Camp

Fort Wayne's own Jason Baker, former NFL punter, hosted a summer Pro Football Mini Camp here in Fort Wayne at Wayne High School. The camp hosted over 250 6th—8th grade kids for a weekend of football and "servant leadership". While the camp is designed around football, the mission is to learn life skills and lessons important both on the field and in life. The Fort Wayne Fire Department, along with other local agencies, provided hands-on life experiences through an obstacle course set up with different fire-related stations.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## MDA Collections

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the IAFF supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The 2014 Fill the Boot Campaign not only continued to raise funds and awareness for families with MD, it also supported our fellow firefighter and family, the Conleys. In, 2014, the FWFD collected over \$113,000, beating our previous record of \$98,000. These generous donations from the community help save and improve lives for more than 700 individuals in Indiana.

## Halloween

Every Halloween the Fort Wayne Fire Department hands out donated candy from generous local stores / businesses to all the girls and boys trick-or-treating. Fort Wayne Fire Department stations throughout the city are targeted by thousands of children and adults as safe and fun destinations to stop at while trick-or-treating. Stations that receive less Halloween traffic drive around the neighborhoods passing out candy. People of all ages not only receive a treat, but have the chance to meet and greet the men and women of the department.

## Saving Santa

FWFD Truck #1 came lights and sirens to save Santa who was stuck on top of the Firefighters Museum. Children throughout the community were invited to see Santa being rescued and lowered safely to the ground. Santa then made his way to the Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum to visit and take pictures with the children.

## Station Tours and Show & Tells

Over 230 station tours and show-and-tells were completed in 2014. Children and adults can come to the station and see what happens at a fire station. We normally have one firefighter dress in full gear to show what the equipment looks like and to show how it works. The Department also offers presentations where the engine or truck can come out to a facility and show the different equipment that we carry on the truck. We also participate in many of the festivals and parades Fort Wayne has to offer.





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Little Free Libraries

The Fort Wayne Fire Department partnered with the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne and installed five libraries at various stations. Station 7 was the first Little Free Library for the department, but the 32nd for the city. The free-standing Little Free Library allows the community to share books using the 'Take a book, Return a book' concept. The free-standing structures provide a way to share books freely throughout the community to promote literacy, to foster fellowship, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens. The Little Free Library concept started in 2009 in Wisconsin. Today, there is estimated to be nearly 25,000 Little Free Libraries with more being built every day.

## Hoosier Burn Camp

2014 marks our 17th year involved in helping get kids to camp. The camp is held at beautiful Camp Tecumseh every year outside Brookston Indiana. Many people play a part in getting these kids together for a week of good times. Through the cooperation of the FWFD and our own Local 124 we have been able to play a small part in helping make memories and new friendships for these kids who have had to deal with the trauma of burn injuries.

## Smoke Detector Program

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation awarded the Fort Wayne Fire Department funds to purchase 639 smoke detectors in 2014. Over 320 smoke detectors have been issued and installed throughout the community.

Nearly half of home fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most residents are asleep. A working smoke alarm can make a life-saving difference in a fire. Smoke alarms alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out. Please visit our website to obtain a free smoke detector at [www.fortwaynefiredepartment.org](http://www.fortwaynefiredepartment.org). The Fort Wayne Fire Department would like to remind you:

- ◆ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including basement.
- ◆ Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home.
- ◆ Test alarms at least monthly by pushing test button.
- ◆ Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do if they hear it.



# UNIT RESPONSES

## STATISTICAL DATA

Engines	
Engine 1	2365
Engine 2	1444
Engine 4	921
Engine 5	978
Engine 6	1385
Engine 7	1107
Engine 8	594
Engine 9	1660
Engine 10	1850
Engine 11	2068
Engine 12	2168
Engine 13	984
Engine 14	24
Engine 15	682
Engine 16	485
Engine 17	767
Engine 18	349
Engine 19	348
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20173</b>

Battalions	
Battalion 1	179
Battalion 10	606
Battalion 11	735
Battalion 13	373
Battalion 17	240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2133</b>

Ladder Trucks	
Truck 1	781
Truck 12	534
Truck 14	12
Truck 15	125
Truck 17	46
Truck 19	63
Quint 14	969
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2530</b>

Other	
Grass Rig 12	3
Grass Rig 13	13
Grass Rig 17	4
Hazmat 1	2
Rescue 1	1196
Scuba	22
Sort	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1245</b>

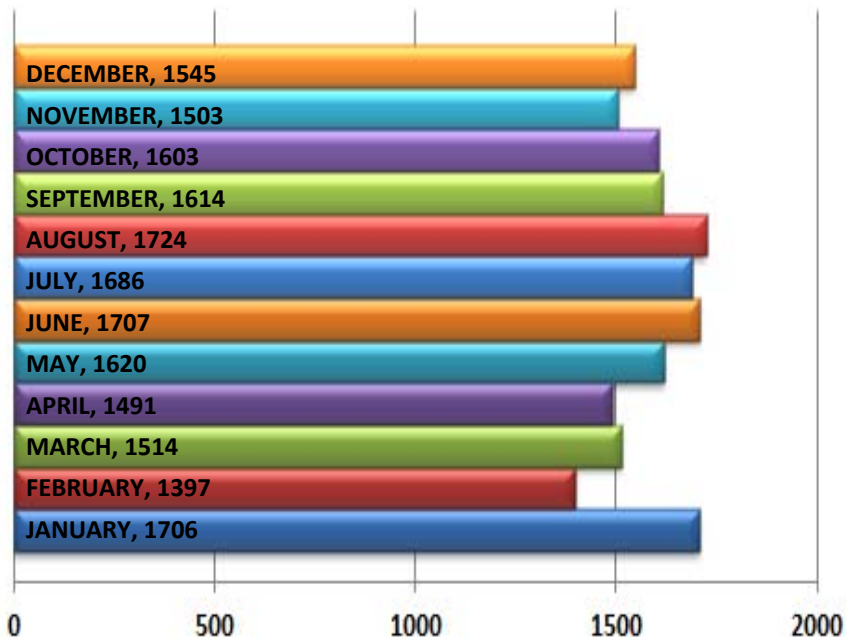
# INCIDENTS

## INCIDENT TYPES

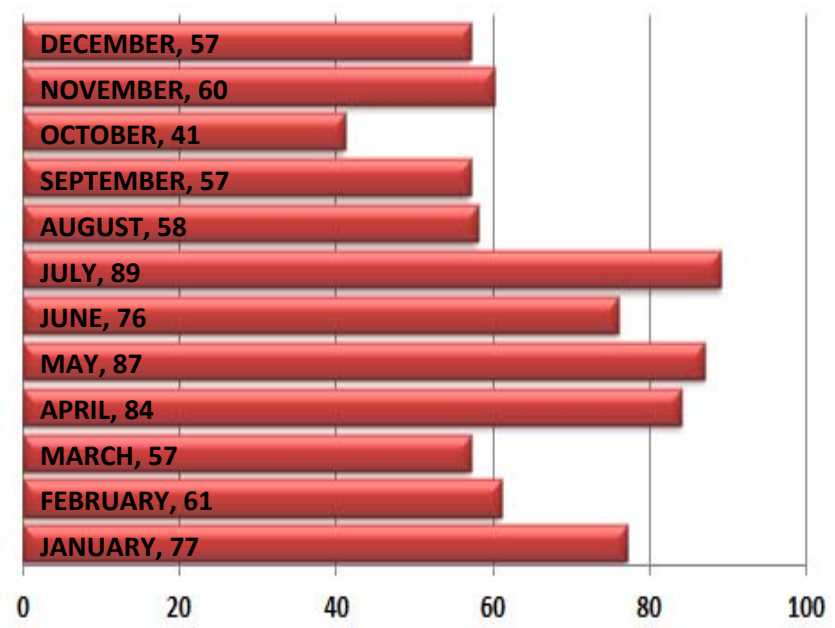


	COUNT	%
FIRE	804	4%
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	1243	7%
SERVICE CALL	1349	7%
FALSE ALARM	1667	9%
GOOD INTENT	6725	35%
RESCUE / EMS	7277	38%
OTHER	45	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19110</b>	<b>100%</b>

## INCIDENTS BY MONTH

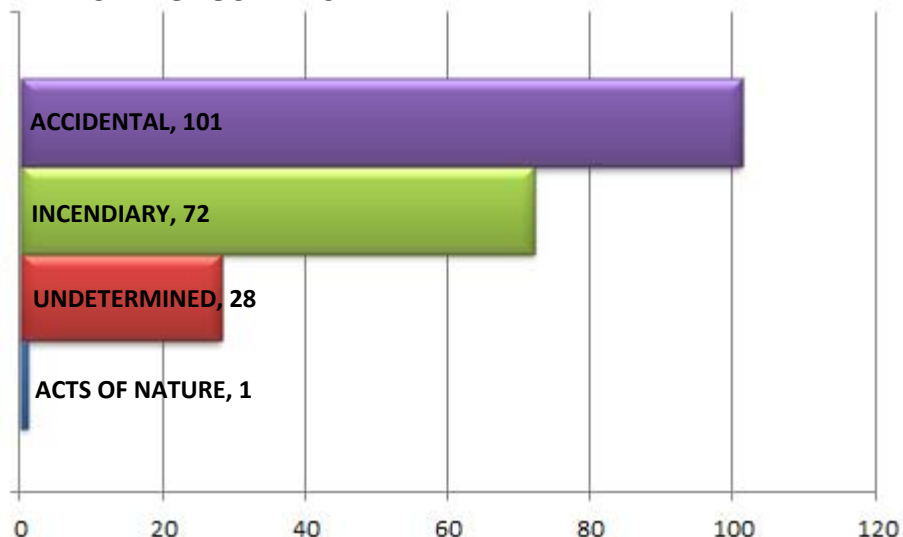


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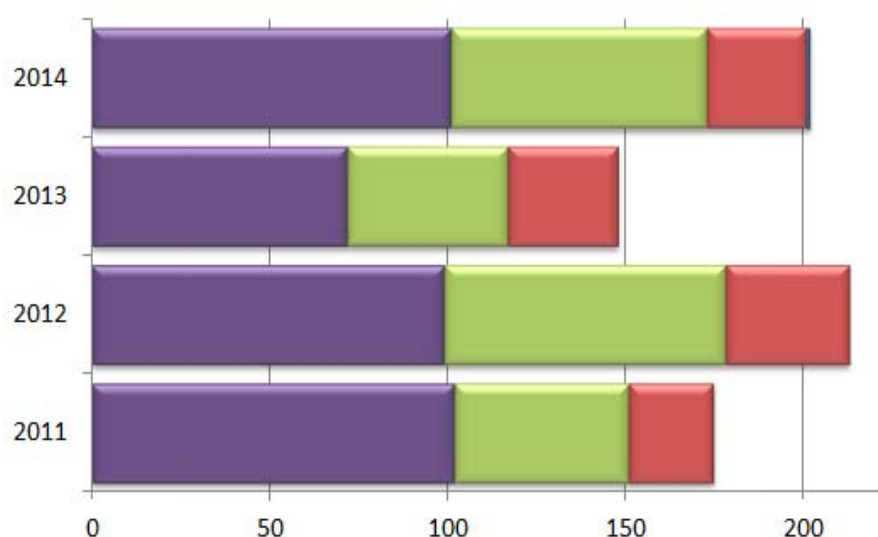


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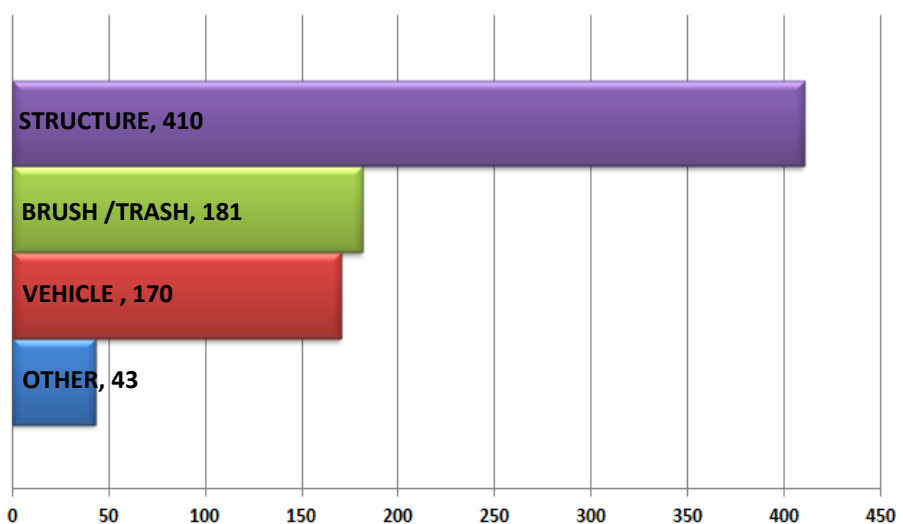
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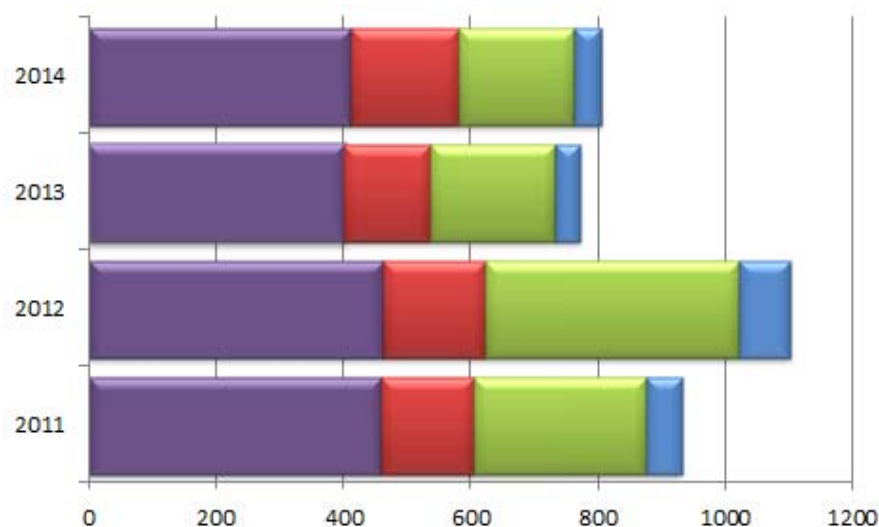
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FIRES TYPES—2014



FIRES TYPES—COMPARISON



# TRANSITIONS

## APPOINTMENTS

		Badge	Date
Civilian	HETLER, JEFFREY S.	969	04/07/14
Firefighter	ARATA, ADAM F.	737	06/21/14
Firefighter	CAMPBELL, LEITH A.	740	06/21/14
Firefighter	CONLEY, TY M.	741	06/21/14
Firefighter	ETZCORN, DANIEL L.	742	06/21/14
Firefighter	HALL, JOSEPH I.	743	06/21/14
Firefighter	HARRIS, CAMERON C.	744	06/21/14
Firefighter	HARTING, CODY A.	745	06/21/14
Firefighter	HARTKORN, RYAN M.	746	06/21/14
Firefighter	HESS, MICHAEL T.	747	06/21/14
Firefighter	HINSENKAMP, ROBERT J.	748	06/21/14
Firefighter	JOHNSON, COREY D.	749	06/21/14
Firefighter	KELLER, CHADD J.	750	06/21/14
Firefighter	KUEHNERT, MARK R.	751	06/21/14
Firefighter	MILLER, SETH A.	752	06/21/14
Firefighter	SHOWN, PATRICK R.	754	06/21/14
Firefighter	SNYDER, ADAM J.	755	06/21/14
Firefighter	SPYKER, CALEB J.	756	06/21/14
Firefighter	TAYLOR, ROBERT P.	757	06/21/14
Firefighter	WATSON, BRIAN M.	758	06/21/14
Firefighter	WESTERN, BRYCE P.	759	06/21/14
Firefighter	WILSON, DARRIN R.	760	06/21/14
Firefighter	WUETHRICH, TIMOTHY J.	761	06/21/14

## PROMOTIONS

		Badge	Date
Lieutenant	SCHWEITZER, TIMOTHY M.	600	03/22/14
Captain	SCHMITT, DANIEL C.	574	03/22/14
Captain	KOMARCK, CHARLES T.	592	03/22/14
Captain	KABISCH, TODD R.	589	03/22/14
Captain	EBERT, JASON A.	555	03/22/14
Lieutenant	BAVER, VICTOR C.	634	03/22/14
Captain	SEXTON, JEREMY M.	544	04/06/14
District Chief	SCHROEDER, MARC R.	471	04/06/14
Fire Chief	LAHEY, ERIC T.	462	06/02/14
Assistant Chief	VELDMAN, PAUL M.	474	06/16/14
Assistant Chief	STARKS JR., ELBERT	506	06/16/14
Assistant Chief	GAINES, JEROME P.	43	06/16/14
District Chief	HOSTLER, TRAVIS C.	561	09/10/14
District Chief	HOGAN, GENEORI L.	489	10/08/14
District Chief	LITWINKO, MARK A.	670	11/16/14

## RETIREMENTS

		Badge	Date
Firefighter	ZOLLMAN, RICHARD T.	521	02/08/14
Firefighter	VARGAS, FRANK C.	382	04/05/14
Firefighter	WALKER, BRUCE L	370	04/05/14
Firefighter	RIDLEY, ANTHONY J.	337	06/23/14
Assistant Chief	GAINES, JEROME P.	043	06/28/14
Firefighter	LEON, ERIC W.	112	09/01/14
Firefighter	PECONGE, RALPH P.	353	09/06/14
Captain	WOEHNKER, JOSEPH B.	213	10/16/14
Firefighter	NELSON, MONTE A.	377	12/19/14

# TRANSITIONS

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## DEATHS

### THOMAS BURTNETTE

Retiree Thomas "Jack" Burtnette passed on January 28, 2014, at the age of 85. Jack served the department for 27 years, from April 16, 1951 until November 12, 1978. He obtained the rank of captain, and was a World War II Veteran.

### ROBERT MCMAHON

Retiree Robert McMahon passed on April 26, 2014 at the age of 83. Bob served the department for 20 years from June 26, 1961 until July 11, 1981. During his service, he obtained the rank of chief in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

### DONALD STEUP

Retiree Donald Steup passed on September 8, 2014 at the age of 85. Don served the department for 20.5 years, from December 14, 1959 until July 4, 1980. He was a third generation fire-fighter following his grandfather and father. He also had a brother and two uncles that served on our department. His father Raymond died in the "Line of Duty" in 1948. Don spent his retirement in Bedford Indiana.

### WILLIAM LOMONT

Retiree William Lomont passed on September 25, 2014 at the age of 76. Bill started his career in the Fire Shop and later transferred to the Combat Division. He spent several years at Station #9 while serving the department. for 27 years, from July 12, 1971 until August 2, 1998.

### GARY WYMER

Retiree Gary Wymer passed on December 13, 2014 after a brief illness at the age of 68. Gary served the department for 32 years, from December 26, 1975 until December 31, 2007. He was a member of the class known as "The Dirty Thirty." For the younger members who may have never had the chance to meet or know Gary, he was always outgoing, smiling, laughing, and making you do the same. His go-to was greeting you with "Hi big guy!" Gary split his time on the department between the Combat and Code Enforcement Divisions.

### GEORGE BERGHOFF

Retiree George Berghoff passed on December 29, 2014 at the age of 75. George served the department for 21.5 years, from October 15, 1962 until August 19, 1984. He is the cousin of retiree David Fyock. After retirement, George was involved with the New Haven/Adams Township Fire Department.

# SERVICE AWARDS

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## **Citizen Action Award for Valor**

### **Brooke Slater and Brittany Williams**

For their lifesaving actions to rescue a young boy from a pond.

## **Citizen Meritorious Award**

### **Jaclyn and Joseph McGuigan**

For their lifesaving response and actions to contain and extinguish a mobile home fire.

### **Liz Layson**

For initiating and rendering lifesaving first aid to a fellow employee after he collapsed.

### **Jon Mansfield, Dave Hoagland and Jim Hoagland**

For their life saving action and efforts at a motor vehicle accident with a party pinned.

### **Andrea Sierks and Katie Schnitz**

For their life saving response and actions at the scene of a vehicle vs. moped accident.

### **Dr. Mark O`Shaughnessy**

For his ongoing professional service, dedication and continued support of firefighter's health and well-being,

## **Firefighter Meritorious Award**

### **Captain Eric Balliet**

For his life saving response and actions off-duty at a motor vehicle accident.

## **Firefighter Commendation Award**

### **Private Brad Garton**

For his life saving response and actions at a motor vehicle accident with a party pinned.

## **Firefighter Community Service Award**

### **Captain Robert Trabel**

For his innovative approach and ongoing efforts to protect the citizens of Fort Wayne and to build community relationships.

## **Firefighter Twenty Year Specialty Team Member Award**

**Private Jim Baals** — Water Rescue Team

**Captain Bruce Bickley** — Water Rescue Team

**Battalion Chief Bill Endorf** — Hazardous Materials Team

**Battalion Chief Dennis Maxwell** — Hazardous Materials Team

**Captain Matt Loraine** — Hazardous Materials Team

**Captain Dennis Giere** — Special Operations Response Team

**Captain Russ McCurdy** — Special Operations Response Team

**Private Pat Riley** — Special Operations Response Team

**Captain Randy Zion** — Special Operations Response Team