



Fort Wayne Fire Department

2009 annual report

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FWFD mission value



Mission Statement

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. The 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. In 2004 the Department’s mission statement added the following:

- Firefighters may risk their lives to save a life.
- Firefighters may put themselves at moderate risk to save property.
- Firefighters will risk nothing to save life or property that is already lost or destroyed.

Value Statement

Promote positive attitude, keep things in perspective and always “do the right thing.”

FIRE CHIEFS's message

As Fire Chief of the Fort Wayne Fire Department, I want to welcome everyone to Fort Wayne Fire Department's 2009 Annual Report. The Annual Report provides for a brief description of the City of Fort Wayne, its Fire Department and a snapshot of the Fire Department's different Divisions along with related data information and initiatives for 2009.



The 375 uniformed officers/firefighters along with 11 civilian employees of the Fort Wayne Fire Department are directly responsible for serving Fort Wayne's 251,000 residents over a 110 square mile area. Fort Wayne is the second largest city in Indiana and is the county seat of Allen County, the largest county in the state with an estimated population of 350,000 residents. The Fort Wayne Fire Department through mutual aid agreements assists other Fire Departments in Allen County upon request and is also available throughout Northeast Indiana to provide additional support for Hazardous Material, Water Rescue and other special operational emergencies.

2009 was another year of providing outstanding fire service to the City of Fort Wayne and its visitors. Dedicated firefighters through proper staffing and quality equipment continued to deliver emergency response in a timely and professional manner. The Department has been able to maintain an average response time of just under 4 ½ minutes, despite an increase in training hours, expansion of our Wellness Fitness Initiative, renewed emphasis on building preplans and continuing to provide community outreach programs such as smoke detector installation. Safety remained paramount through the support and leadership of the department's Health and Safety Officer, Quartermaster, the International Association of Firefighters Local 124 and other initiatives on the part of the command staff.

The Training Division, in addition to their normal EMS and firefighting firefighter training began putting in place a more formal core skill training program as well as the establishment of a Command Training Center that will offer more realistic Incident Management training for the FWFD command as well as other responding agencies command personnel. Additionally, a more defined career curriculum and promotional

continued message

program was expanded in large part in answer to the newly adopted Merit Ordinance and Commission. Fire Prevention and Education continued to reach out to thousands of businesses and individuals to promote safety. The implementation of an inspection program that can now utilize new computer hardware and software in the field is expected to increase the efficiency and number of inspections. Our Safety Education officers continued to reach thousands of school age children through school visits and activities at the Safety Village complex including the Survive Alive House. The Investigation Division continued to exceed the national average of arrest and convictions in cases involving arson. All of these efforts contribute to a continuing decrease in the number of structure fires Fort Wayne experiences each year. The 23% reduction of structure fires in 2009 compared to 2008 emphasizes this trend even more dramatically.

As we move into 2010, the members of FWFD will continue to provide the level of fire service the citizens of Fort Wayne have come to expect. Further emphasis for 2010 will also be on completing many of the initiatives started in 2009 and witness their full implementation. Not unlike the last two years, where the Fire Department showed no increase in their budget, the financial challenges are expected to continue. Members of the Fort Wayne Fire Department through a strong partnership between the administration and the union's executive board must be open to exploring cost-efficient means of delivering the high-quality fire service to the citizens of Fort Wayne. However, that same partnership has a responsibility to inform and educate the citizens and their representatives that at some point providing the same level of service with continued diminishing resources becomes unlikely.

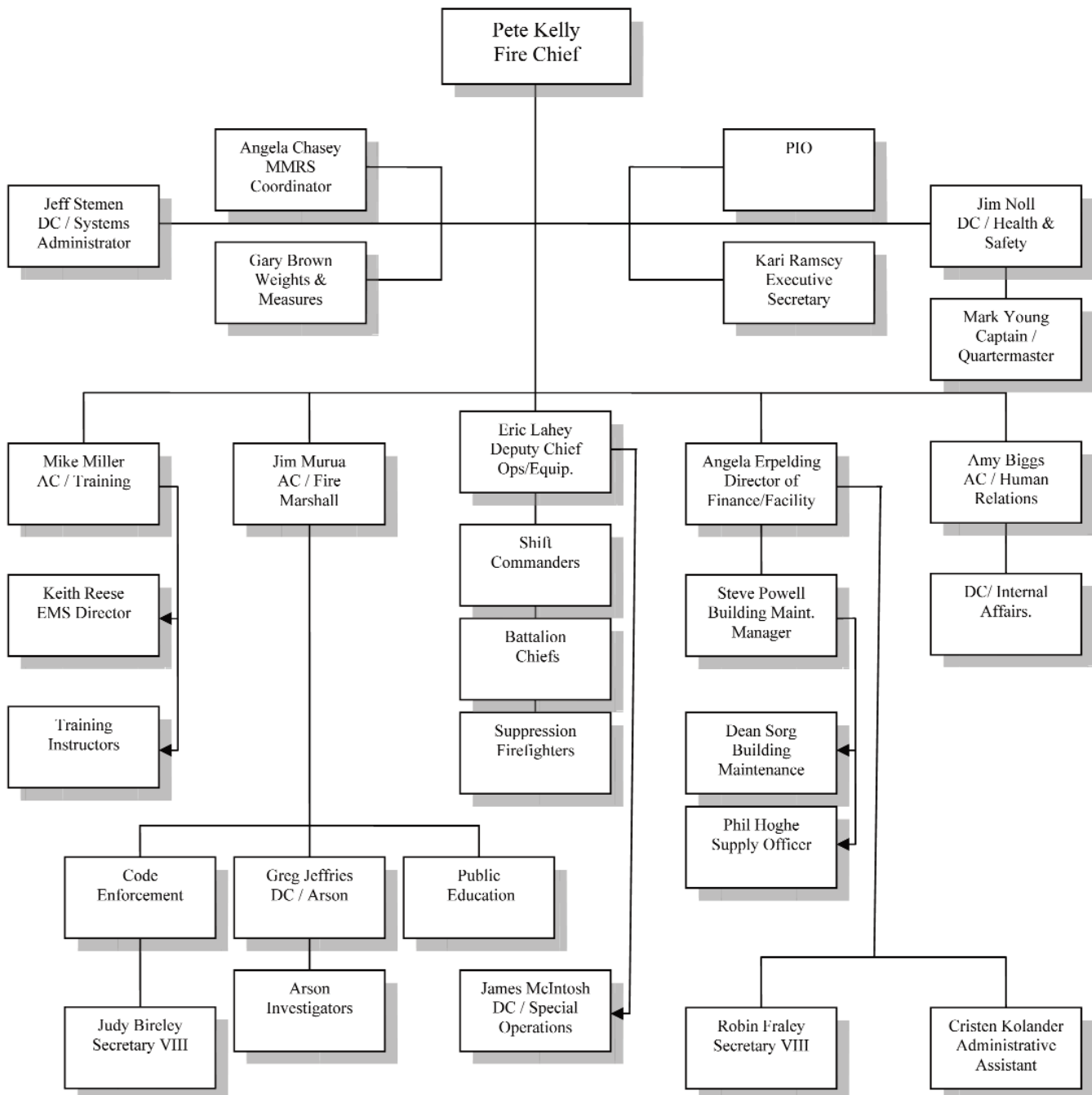
The Department's Organizational Chart is presented followed by further description of each Division, their associated personnel, responsibilities and other pertinent data.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief Peter X. Kelly

Fort Wayne fire department

FORT WAYNE FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



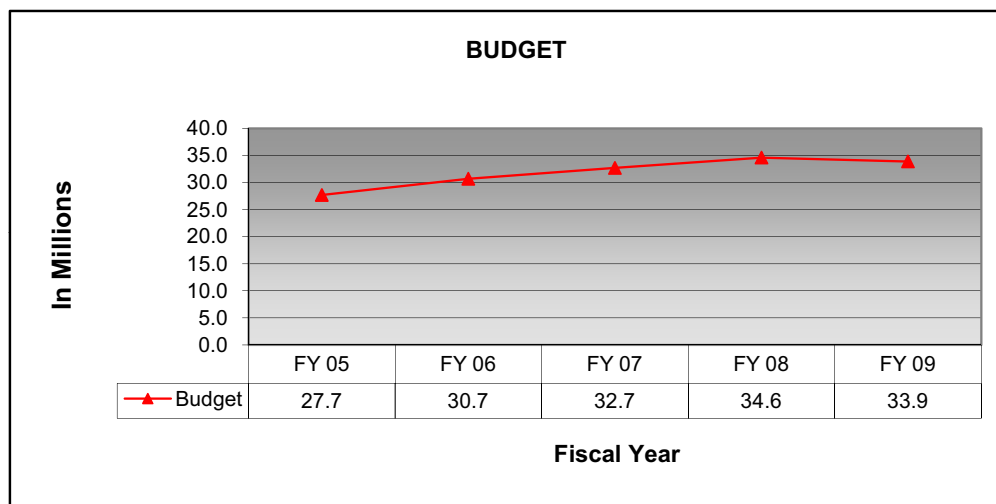
administration division

The Administration Division, working out of the administration offices and maintenance shop is primarily responsible for the areas of budget management, purchasing, personnel, human relations, customer service, building and vehicle/equipment maintenance, information technology and health and safety. The greatest responsibility lies in providing all Divisions with the best resources and equipment to ensure the safety of firefighters and provide the highest level of fire service to the City of Fort Wayne.

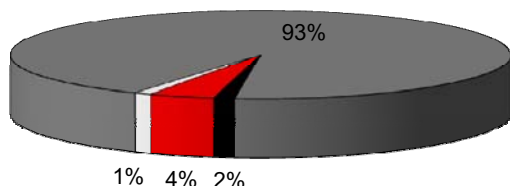
Finance and Facilities

Angela Erpelding is Director of Finance and Facilities and is assisted by 3 other office personnel who primarily oversee the areas of budget management, purchasing, data entry, payroll and customer service.

- The 2009 budget saw no increase over 2008 while maintaining the highest level of service to the community, ensuring firefighter safety and support to the Department.

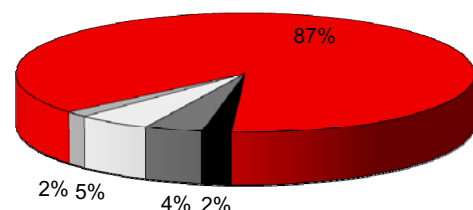


FISCAL YEAR 2009



■ Personnel Services ■ Supplies and Materials
 ■ Other Services □ Capital Outlays

BUDGET BY DIVISION

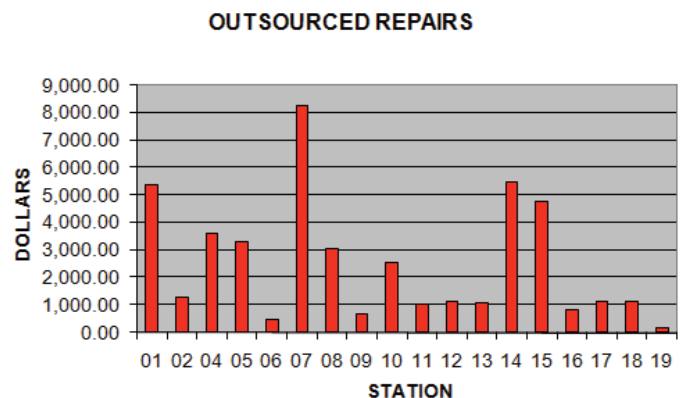
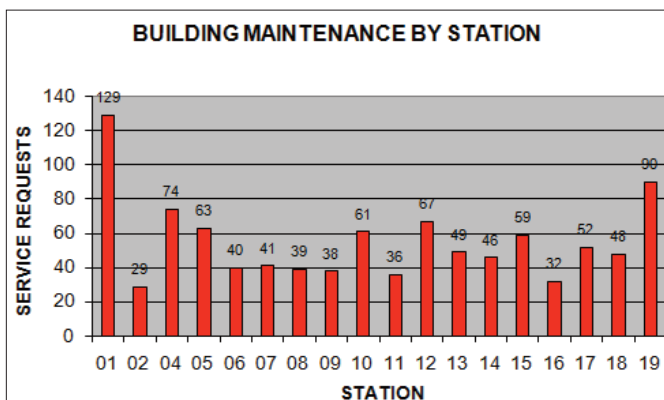
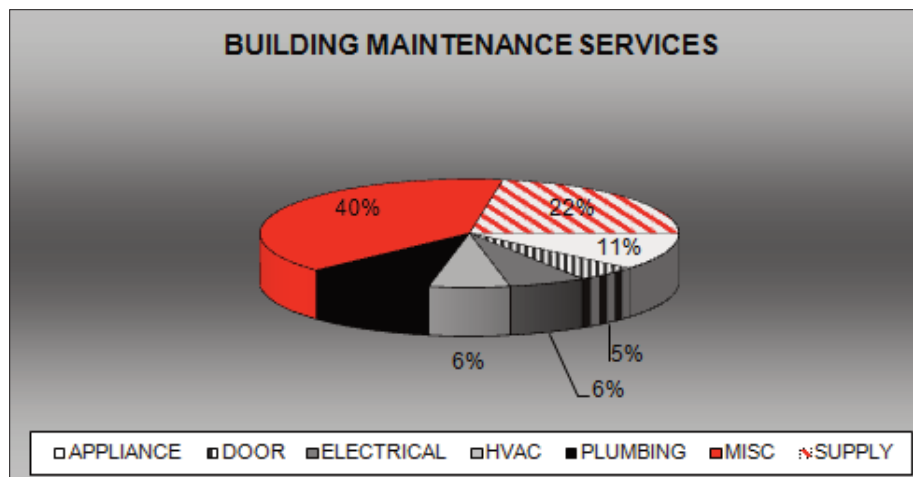


■ OPERATIONS ■ ARSON
 ■ FPB □ ADMINISTRATION
 ■ TRAINING

administration division

Building Maintenance

Led by Building Maintenance Manager, Steve Powell, the Building Maintenance team is comprised of three employees who supply, service and maintain 18 fire stations, an administrative building, a fire shop, arson investigations, fire prevention, safety village, and a training academy. In 2009, the maintenance department completed 1060 service and supply requests. In addition to service requests, the Building Maintenance department also performs preventative maintenance on HVAC, electrical, plumbing, emergency back up systems, and performs maintenance on extrication equipment and small hand tools.



Note: Does not include outsourced HVAC repairs that are paid through Property Management.

administration division

Human Relations

Human Relations is under the direction of Assistant Chief Amy Biggs and is dedicated to providing exemplary customer service. This Division is responsible for administering personnel records, risk management of sick and injured personnel, policies and procedures, and internal investigations. The goal is to ensure that all services provided to employees of the Department and to the community are professional, effective and delivered in a timely manner. Initiatives in 2009 included:



- Adoption and implementation of the Fire Merit Commission Rules and Regulations
- Negotiation and a quick settlement of the collective bargaining agreement with Professional Firefighters Union Local #124
- Utilization of alternative duty personnel to reduce apparatus out of service time and accomplish non-emergency tasks.
- Collaborated to create and refine 6 policies with the assistance of Union Policy and Procedure Committee.
- Routinely met with Union Committees to discuss and improve communication and services.
- Participated on several city-wide improvement teams to enhance customer service and employee performance.

Health and Safety

District Chief Jim Noll serves as the Health and Safety Officer and coordinates the activities relating to the field of health and safety for the Fort Wayne Fire Department. The Department's Quartermaster, Captain Mark Young, also assists the Department's safety efforts by providing, inspecting and repairing of personal protective gear, self-contained breathing apparatus fit testing, equipment acquisition, nozzle repair and other safety support functions. Ensuring that best practices are performed during training, on the fire ground and at the department facilities, other Health and Safety key initiatives in 2009 include:



- Continued expansion of the Wellness Fitness Initiative with a renewed emphasis on educating the Department's medical providers, the establishment of a Work Performance Evaluation to ensure every department member is physically fit to perform the job as well as providing a rehabilitation program if necessary to get them safely back on the job.
- An increase in Peer Fitness Trainers activities and interactions with firefighters that have helped increase the use of fire stations' exercise equipment, improve annual physical scores and established an in-house physical rehabilitation program.
- Placed into service additional exercise equipment in the fire stations to continue to promote on-duty physical fitness efforts.
- Upgraded Traffic Safety Vests to comply with current Federal Highway Standards.
- Remounting of equipment, such as Mobile Data Terminals & O2 bottles to improve safety in the apparatus.
- Conducted a protective clothing field test that resulted in collective changes to the specifications that improved the PPE while reducing costs.

administration division

Information Technology

District Chief Jeff Stemen oversees the Department's information and technology systems and performs data analysis, computer problem solving, computer training, fire incident reporting, website management, web-based training, and software implementation. Chief Stemen also serves as the Department's liaison with other city departments and outside contractors. In 2009 the Department continued to utilize software modules that promote efficiencies and better data management. Amongst other key initiatives for 2009 in the IT related field:



- Enhanced Record Management System (RMS) software that included the implementation of a Scheduling Module for tracking attendance and a Mobile Inspection module to expedite inspections for better code enforcement.
- Continued the Department's video conferencing system upgrades that will include further expansion to other outside training partners such as Three Rivers Ambulance Authority (TRAA) and New Haven Fire Department.
- Expanded Distance Learning project, utilizing Moodle open-source software to offer web-based training to the field as well as the Video-on-Demand system to enhance the Distance Learning project.
- Initiated Building Preplan program in cooperation with the Fire Prevention Bureau that will allow firefighters to conduct on-site tours and enter information in the Mobile Preplan software for eventual access by field command.
- Further expansion and upgrade to Department's new website.

Public Information Officer

The Public Information Officer (PIO) coordinates correspondence and information between the Fire Department, other governmental agencies and the public. The PIO works with the news media to provide updates on emergency incidents as well as safety information for the citizens of Fort Wayne. Susan Banta served as the Fort Wayne Fire Department's Public Information Officer (PIO) through most of 2009 before relocating with her family to North Carolina. Since her departure and continuing through 2010, the PIO duties will be shared by several team members in addition to their normal day-to-day duties.

Metropolitan Medical Response System

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) is a federally funded grant program that prepares first responders and public healthcare workers for mass casualty situations related to public health emergencies, natural disasters, hazardous materials, and/or acts of terrorism. Fort Wayne's MMRS resides within the Fort Wayne Fire Department. Chief Pete Kelly is the program's Director while Angie Chasey serves as the program's Coordinator. Local MMRS dollars assist the community of Fort Wayne, Allen County and other counties throughout northeast Indiana in developing plans, acquiring equipment and pharmaceuticals, and providing necessary training and education.

In 2009, a major focus of the Fort Wayne MMRS program was to ensure that local responders were prepared to deal with the spread of H1N1. Protocols were established for distributing antivirals and personal protection equipment (PPE) to first responders and significant public agencies. Fit-testing and fit-test training for the N95 respirator was provided for city and county first responders, as well as key agency personnel. MMRS dollars also purchased a number of nursing and points of distribution supplies for the local department of health's H1N1 immunization sites.

Additionally, Fort Wayne MMRS purchased or funded the following:

- Blast injury equipment for Fort Wayne and Allen County law enforcement.
- Trailer and supplies for the CERT and MRC programs.
- Computers, software and training for the FWFD Command Training Center.
- Summit on Emergency Preparation for NE Indiana Businesses.
- Video conferencing capabilities for Three Rivers Ambulance Authority.

operations division

The Operations Division is under the direction of Deputy Chief Eric Lahey and is responsible for minimizing the loss of life, personal injury and property damage from fires, other disasters and EMS emergencies. This is accomplished through extensive training on the basic firefighting and EMS skills as well as working in partnership with the Training and Development Division to identify and implement new techniques. Additionally the Operations Division is actively involved in giving back to the community by providing safety demonstrations, smoke alarm installations, fire station tours, free hypertension screenings, annual Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraising along with a variety of other customer service activities.



The Operations Division has 334 personnel distributed between three shifts and 18 stations. Each shift works 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty. Each shift has 1 Shift Commander and 4 Battalion Chief Supervisors with each Battalion Chief overseeing 4 to 5 fire stations. The Department has 18 Engines, 5 Trucks, 1 Rescue, 5 reserve apparatus and a host of other ancillary vehicles. Each Engine and the Rescue Unit is assigned a Captain who also oversees the day-to-day operations of a fire station. Lieutenants are assigned to the Ladder Trucks and assist the Captains in managing the activities of the firefighters.

One of the ongoing goals of the Operations Division is to deliver prompt emergency response in a safe manner. Battalion Chiefs continually provide temporary apparatus re-assignment to adjust for large incidents, training sessions and other activities to ensure proper response.



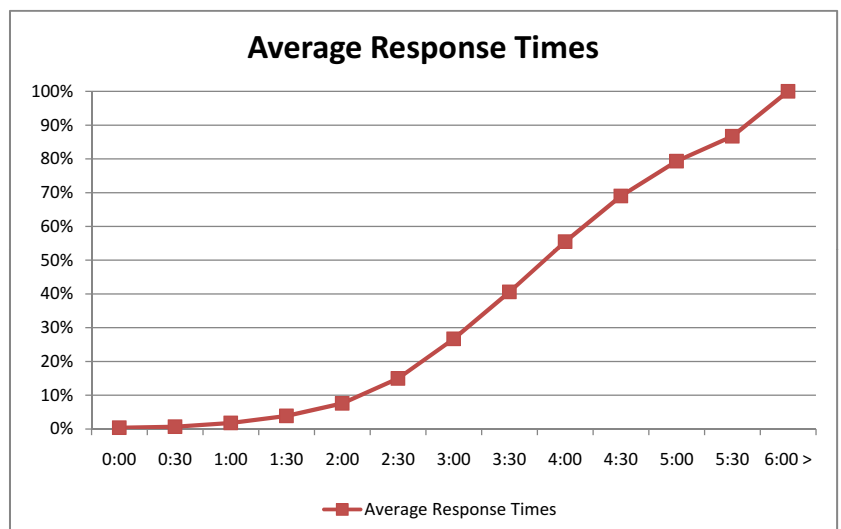
operations division

For 2009, the average response time (from notification to arrival on-scene) was 4 minutes and 23 seconds. The Department's first unit on the scene arrived within 5 minutes and 30 seconds 80% of the time. The ultimate goal would be for the first unit to arrive on the scene within the 5 minutes 30 second time frame 90% of the time consistent with NFPA Standard 1710.

Receiving Alarm to Arrival

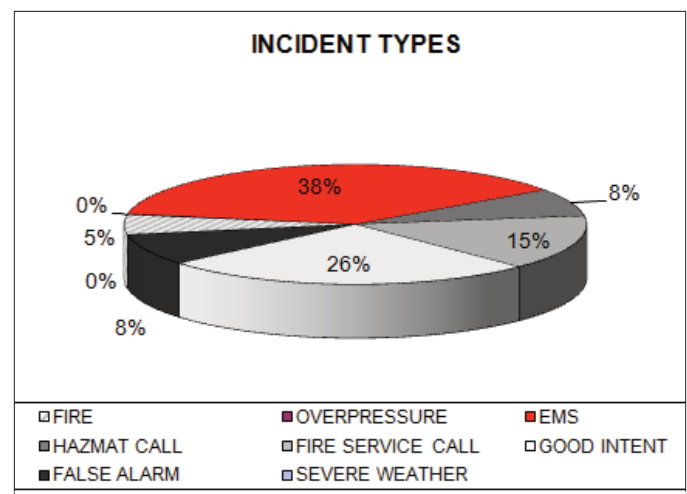
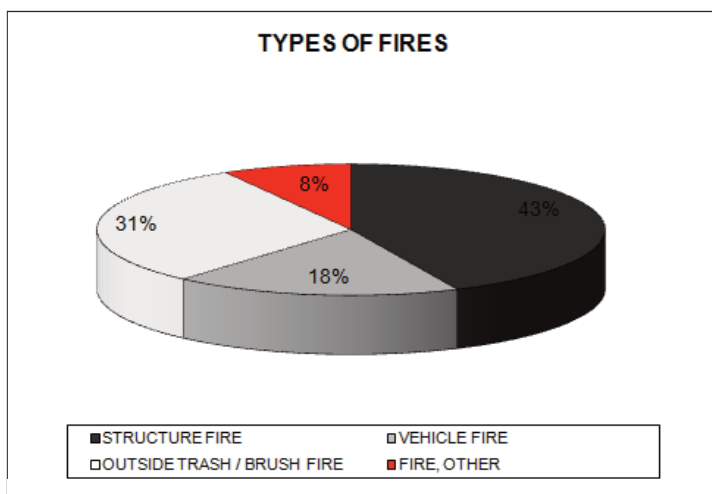
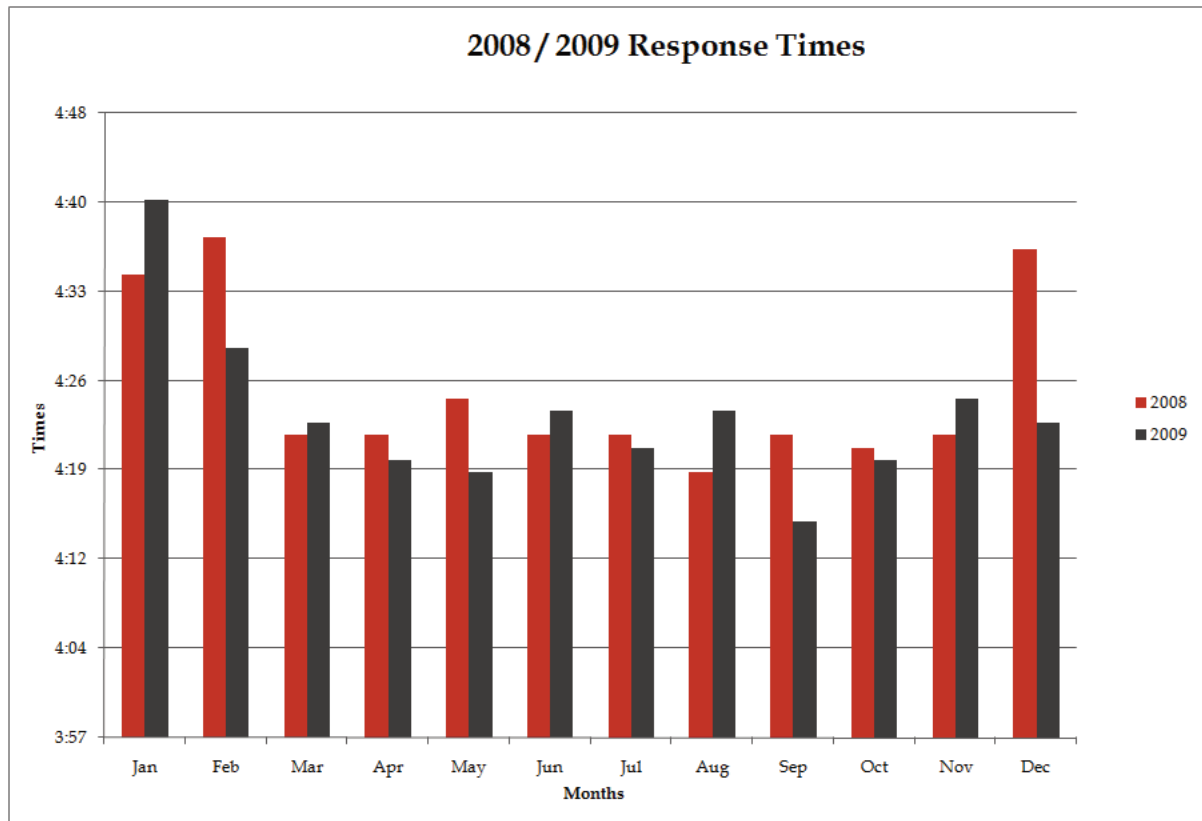
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1:30	2:00	133	2.1%	3.9%
2:00	2:30	226	3.6%	7.6%
2:30	3:00	463	7.4%	15.0%
3:00	3:30	730	11.7%	26.7%
3:30	4:00	870	13.9%	40.5%
4:00	4:30	927	14.9%	55.5%
4:30	5:00	842	13.5%	69.0%
5:00	5:30	645	10.3%	79.3%
5:30	6:00	465	7.5%	86.7%
6:00	6:30	341	5.5%	92.2%
6:30	7:00	213	3.4%	95.6%
7:00	7:30	132	2.1%	97.7%
7:30	8:00	74	1.2%	98.9%
8:00	8:30	36	0.6%	99.5%
8:30	9:00	31	0.5%	100.0%

The Department's full assignment as defined by NFPA 1710 arrived on scene within 8 minutes and 30 seconds 72% of the time. Again, the goal would be to meet this response time 90% of the time. However, due in large part to inclement weather, suburban demographics, geographical obstacles and fiscal constraints, meeting the 90% fractile goal will be difficult. Nonetheless, efforts will continue to find other means to close the full assignment response gap.



operations division

The following graph shows the average response times from notification to arrival on-scene for emergency types of incidents in 2008 and 2009 as well as a breakdown of incident types and types of fires.



operations division

As efforts are ongoing to improve response times for both EMS and other emergency-related incidents in the safest manner possible, other initiatives for 2009 included:

- Initiated a Preplan program where firefighters conduct an on-site visit to apartment/commercial buildings in their territories, enter the information electronically into a software program so it's available to be viewed via in-vehicle mobile data terminal by the Incident Commander at the scenes of an incident.
- Continued to maintain excellent emergency response times by employing methods to minimize the occurrences and length of time emergency apparatus were out of service including increase usage of video conference training.
- Continued to seek out and implement more innovative and safe firefighting methods including Positive Pressure Attack and further adoption of the National Incident Command Structure (NIMS).
- Successfully created a specification for a Quint fire apparatus which will be placed in service in 2010 to explore methods of addressing the differences between urban and suburban fire service delivery.
- Created and implemented a hydrant inspections program which takes a proactive approach to identifying hydrants that need immediate attention by the Water Maintenance Department.



operations division

Special Operations

Within the Operations Division, the Special Operations teams train and respond to incidents involving hazardous materials, water rescue, high and low angle rope rescue, trench cave in, confined space, structural collapse and tower rescue and are led by District Chief James McIntosh. The teams include the Hazardous Material team, the Water Rescue/Recovery team and the Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT) each led by a team leader.



Training requirements for team members are nearly 100 hours per year. These requirements are in addition to the team member's regular training assignments and duties in the Operations Division. To apply for team membership, firefighters must have a minimum of three years on the job, complete a rigorous training schedule, and successfully complete an end-of-year evaluation and interview for the available openings on the team they are seeking to join.

The Hazardous Materials Team consists of 39 members who are certified as Hazardous Materials Technicians through the State of Indiana. The team responds to hazardous materials incidents within the City of Fort Wayne and Allen County and has mutual aid agreements with eleven other counties in Northeast Indiana. In 2002, the Fort Wayne Fire Department Hazardous Materials team was designated as a render safe team to cover North East Indiana in the event of a major hazardous material release terrorist type event.

Hazardous Materials Team:

- Multiple Team members attended classes in Anniston Alabama working with live VX nerve agent, also learned how to work with terrorist type incidents.
- Multiple Team members attended classes in Las Vegas working with radioactive elements and received instruction on working with radioactive materials and mitigation techniques in these type events.
- Four team members attended Rail Car training class in Colorado Springs Colorado.
- Successful efforts resulted in training and most of the equipment purchases to now be made possible through grants and the local Hazardous Waste Fund.



operations division

Fort Wayne Fire Department Water Rescue/Recovery Team consists of 30 members who provide both surface and subsurface rescue response. Divers are initially trained to recreational dive standards, and then begin a one-year training program geared for public safety divers. Extensive ongoing training include, amongst others, full face mask diving, black water diving, night diving and cold water/ice diving.

Scuba Team 2009 Initiatives:

- Six divers completed their training and were added to the team.
- Hosted Dive Rescue I which was attended by members of Angola Fire Department, Warsaw Fire Department and Huntington County.
- Initiated an aggressive maintenance program to ensure all dive gear is in operating condition on an ongoing basis.

The **SORT Team** consists of 30 team members trained in high and low angle rope rescue, trench cave in, confined space, structural collapse and tower rescue. In order to become certified through the State, each member must attend eleven classes totaling over 190 hours of class room instruction and hands on skills. Once these classes have been completed, team members participate in weekly training drills to refine and maintain their skills. In addition to their ongoing activities and training, the following is a list of initiatives for 2009:

SORT:

- Eight members attended training sponsored by the State, in the area of Trench Collapse and Structural collapse.
- Received grant money through Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to provide Rope Rescue Technician and Confined Space Technician training classes which resulted in 18 member certifications as well as equipment purchases.



training and development

Training Division

The Training Division provides current information and training on technological advancements, hazards and new challenges facing the fire service, as well as teaches the basic techniques of fire suppression. The Training Division is located at the North-east Indiana Regional Public Safety Academy. This facility is designed primarily for cognitive learning with some hands-on props available. The Training Division also has a hands-on training grounds at their Dwenger Avenue facility that includes a 5-story concrete tower, SCBA confidence course, saving your own / firefighter survival props, flashover chambers, haz-mat simulator, building collapse rubble pile and auto extrication area. The staff is led by Assistant Chief Mike Miller and consists of two Captain/Instructors and EMS Director Keith Reese.

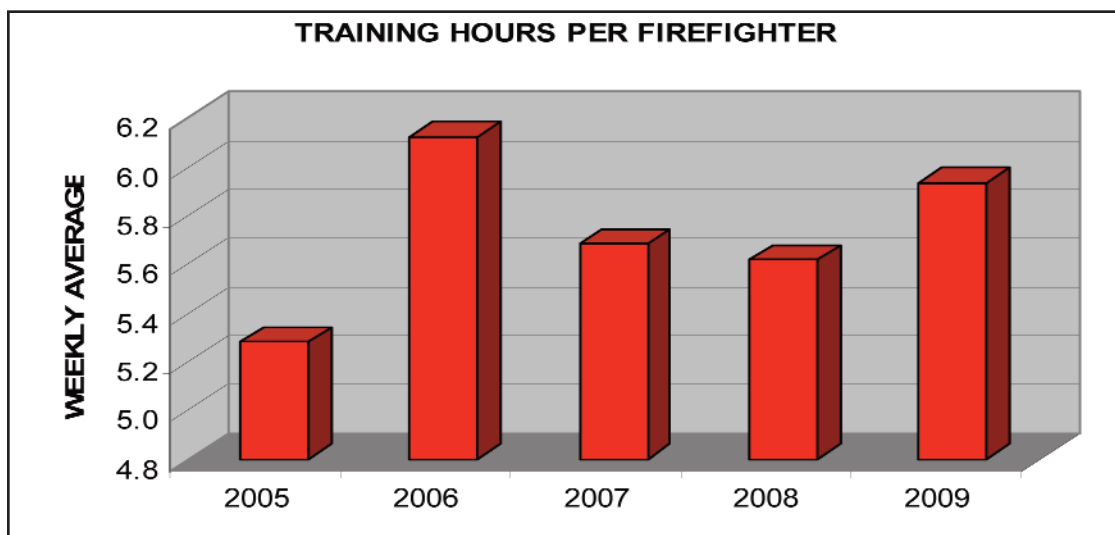
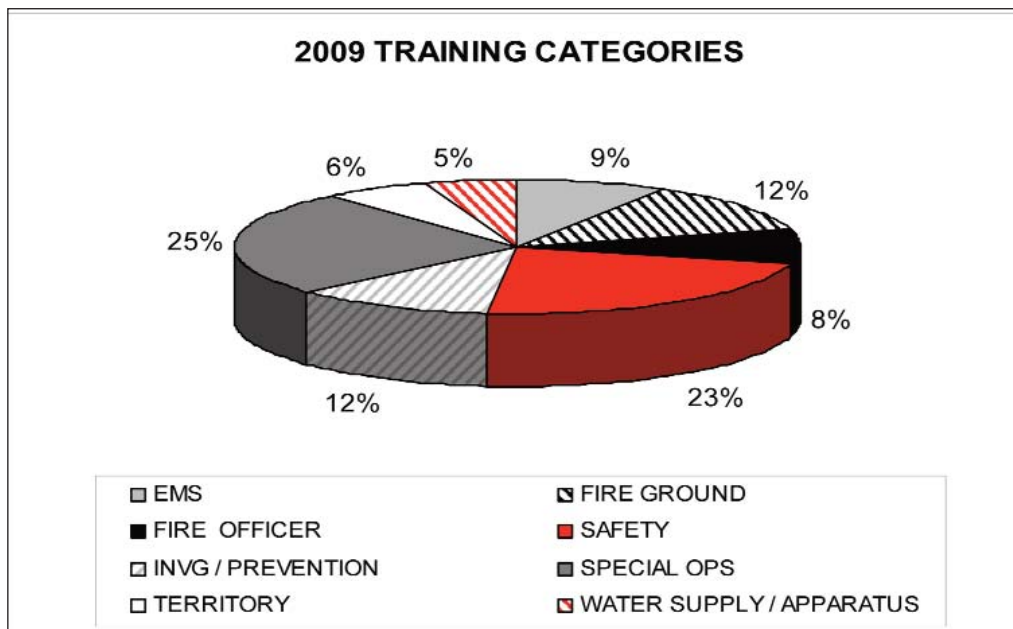


A close partnership between the Training and Development Division and the Operations Division's Deputy Chief and Battalion Chiefs is essential to ensure training needs are identified, created and met to ensure the safety and proficiency of the firefighters. Additionally, the Training and Development Division oversees the hiring and training of new recruits, promotional processes and leadership development.

The following is a partial list of initiatives for 2009:

- Completed the following State Certification requirements for a total of 112 State Fire Certifications issued to members of FWFD.
 - o Strategy and Tactics – 55 Certifications
 - o Instructor I – 20 Certifications
 - o Instructor II/III – 14 Certifications
 - o Fire Officer I – 17 Certifications
 - o Fire Officer II – 6 Certifications
- Completed 32 hour driver/operator training for 17 probationary firefighters.
- Staged a mock disaster focusing on triage utilizing multiple EMS services, FWFD and local school districts. This training was recorded, edited and used for department wide training.
- Initiated core skill program to establish criteria for minimum performance requirements on specific firefighting task.
- Implemented Positive Pressure Fire Attack after seven months of research, cognitive training and live fire training.
- Implemented NIMS training program by producing own training video for distribution and use by the all county fire departments.
- Initiated the formation a Command Training Center to be completed in 2010 at the North east Indiana Public Safety Academy that will allow our fire officers and others in the region to run an incident through simulated on-screen display in real time. Funded through a Federal grant and being built out by FWFD academy staff.
- Worked with the new Merit Commission in defining a more formal career path, including required classes and credentials, to enhance the professionalism of the promotional process and the officers.
- Increase the number of training hours with renewed emphasis on core skills.

training and development



fire prevention bureau

Fire Prevention Bureau

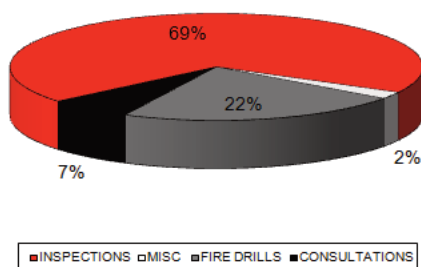
Led by Assistant Chief/Fire Marshall Jim Murua, the Fire Prevention Bureau consists of the Code Enforcement, Public Education and Arson/Investigation Divisions.



The Code Enforcement Division is dedicated to reducing fires through prevention by enforcing the Indiana Fire Code. Fire Code compliance is the key to minimizing the risk of life and property loss to our community as well as its visitors. The Code Enforcement Department has 8 Captains/Inspectors that ensure compliance of the fire code of the city's many buildings and events that occur within them. The Department also has a plan review process that ensures new buildings are meeting today's fire safety standards, responds to complaints such as blocked exiting, over capacity and the city's smoking ordinance. Some of the additional accomplishments for 2009:

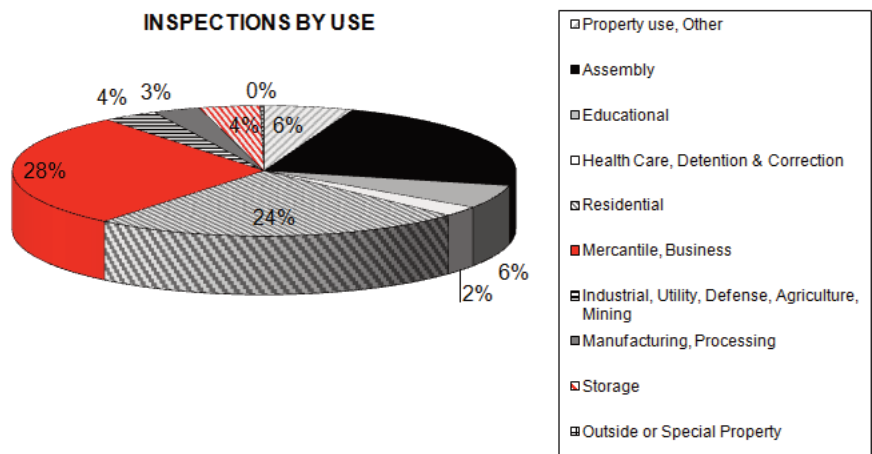
- A 23% decrease in the number of structure fires in 2009 compared to 2008.
- Implemented more efficient inspection program utilizing new software and field laptops thereby minimizing the time in the office and paper use.
- Distributed and installed smoke detectors to lower income households, paid for by a federal grant.
- Improved the plan review process to ensure fire code compliance in new construction.
- Streamlined the fire drill process resulting in reduction of time spent on site.

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES



The following charts show the activities of the Code Enforcement Division. Focus has shifted to a greater emphasis on high occupancy, high hazard and industrial sights that offer the greatest opportunity for reduction in property damage and loss of life.

INSPECTIONS BY USE



fire prevention bureau

Public Education

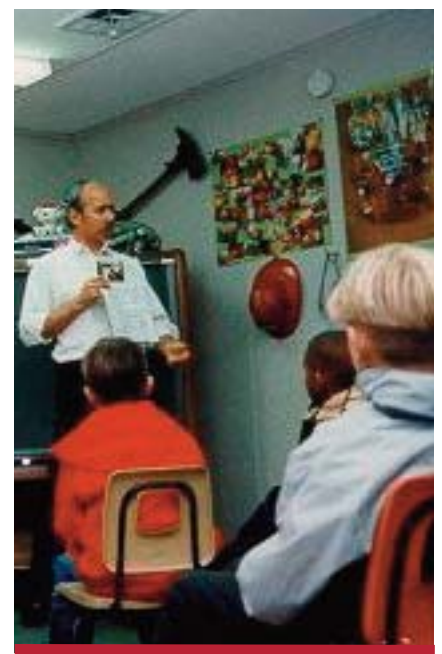
The Public Education Division is tasked with educating all ages of our community, the very young to our seniors through fire safety education that reduces the risk of fires and fire injuries to the public. Public education focuses on home fire safety and fire safety for children because a majority of fire deaths occur in single and multi-family dwellings.

The Public Education Division consists of three Captains/Educators who oversee several programs such as the School Fire Safety programs which have been a part of the schools systems curriculum reaching many of our elementary students in the community. The Division's fire safety program at the city's Safety Village include not only classroom education but a hands-on approach to fire safety by teaching evacuation procedures and the proper way of calling 911. Much of the Safety Village has been built and maintained through grant and private donations led in large part by the efforts of the Captains Dave Meadows, Carlos Gomes-Espinos and Mark Claus.

The "Clearing the Smoke" program teaches fire safety as well by educating the community about the various divisions of the fire department and their responsibilities to the community. Additionally, the Juvenile Firesetter Program is designed to educate our youth about fire and its consequences. The program assists parents, the school systems, law enforcement and other agencies through intervention. And finally, fire safety programs designed for the many different cultures in the city that may require the assistance of interpreters.

The following chart shows the number of citizens reached by each program in 2009:

SAFETY VILLAGE PROGRAMS 2009	
Learn Not To Burn	20,640
Survive Alive House	4,995
Private Preschools/Daycares	1,250
Fire Safety Career Talks	2,700
Juvenile Firesetters	25
Fire Extinguisher	3,325
TOTAL SERVED	32,895



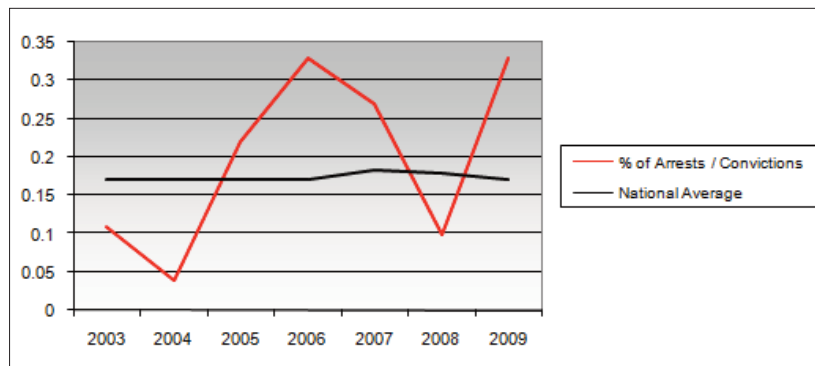
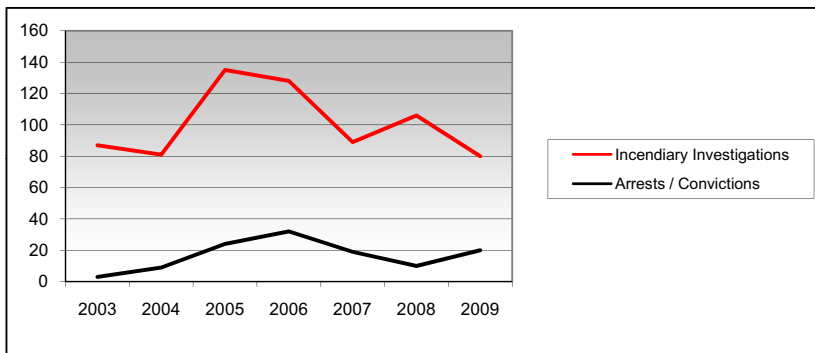
fire prevention bureau

Arson and Fire Investigation Division

The Fire/Arson Investigation Division is responsible for investigating fires and other fire department related incidents to determine the origin, cause and circumstance, which involve loss of life, serious injury or damage to property or the environment.



District Chief Greg Jeffries oversees a team of 6 Captains/Investigators as well as an accelerant canine to assist in fire investigations. In addition to their firefighting and EMS skills, the Investigators, including the District Chief are sworn law enforcement officers and have the authority to carry out all arson-related criminal investigations including the arrest and conviction of arsonists. The relatively new police powers has assisted in more efficient handling of cases as well as a higher conviction rate than in previous years. In 2009, the arrest and conviction rate of arson-related incidents was 33% compared to the national average of 15%. The Investigators are also active in the education of the community along with training other public safety personnel in fire-related activities and work alongside the Public Educators in the Juvenile Firesetters Program.



Investigator/Captain Rick Godsey with Dixie-a Certified Accelerant Detection Canine.

PPCTM

program

To help establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties, insurance companies need reliable, up-to-date information about a community's fire-protection services. ISO provides that information through the Public Protection Classification (PPCTM) program.

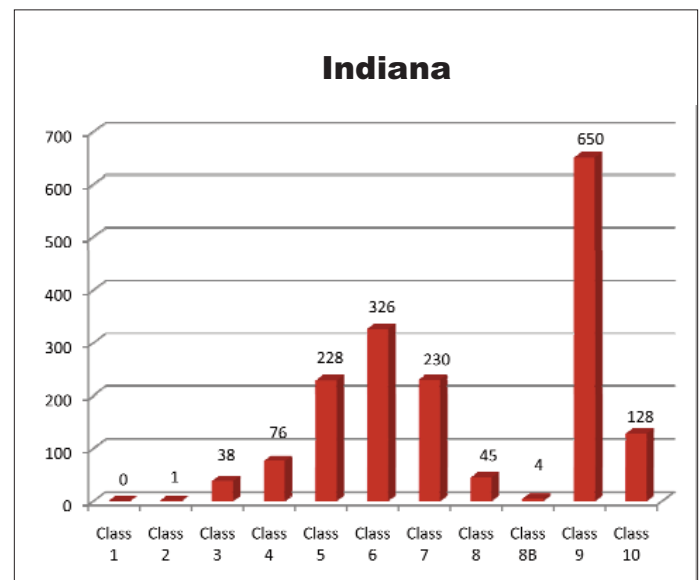
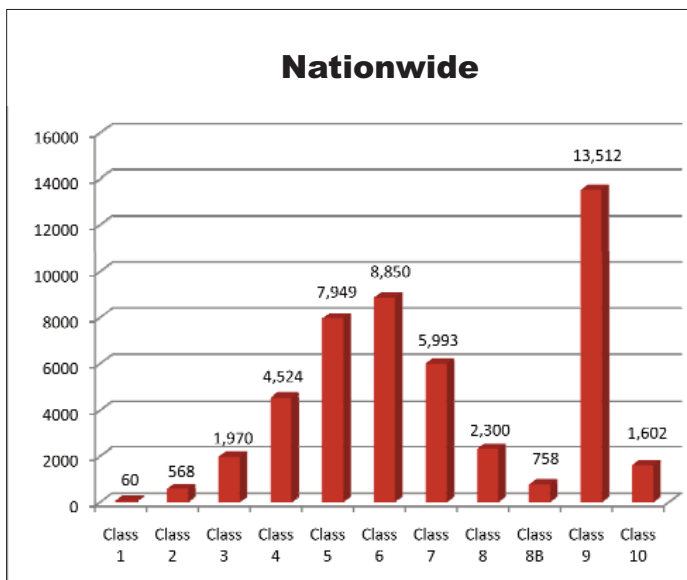
What is the PPC program?

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) and then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, nationwide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. Securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

ISO has extensive information on more than 44,000 fire-response jurisdictions. The City of Fort Wayne maintains a Class 3 ISO rating.

Data from ISO Website, May 2010



IAFF

Local 124

Established on September 9, 1918, the Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 124, has a long and proud tradition of representing its members as they serve the citizens of the city. The 363 actively serving members and 189 retirees make up this Local. Through events such as the 20-year Club Dinner, Picnics and a monthly Retiree breakfast, members are able to stay connected with one another, and maintain a cohesive force.

Partnerships with various local charities has the support of the members and creates additional avenues to help the citizens of Ft Wayne. L-124 has been the leading IAFF Local in the 8th District for Muscular Dystrophy Association Collection for the past five years.

Local 124 hosts the only family friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration in the area - GET GREEN. Complete with a 5Kilt run/walk, a Lucky Charms eating contest, and the traditional River Greening, GET GREEN provides fun for all ages. Proceeds of GET GREEN benefit the Fort Wayne Firefighter's Scholarship Fund.

The Honor Guard and Bagpipe Corps are well known throughout the region and have performed admirably, providing a professional and solemn service at the passing of our members.

Lastly, L-124 works with the Fire Administration and Staff to maintain a healthy productive relationship. This results in increased and more effective communications and creates a Department that can concentrate on the protection of the lives and property of our citizens throughout Ft Wayne.

2009 Retirees' -Phil Grimme, Jeffrey Meyer, Jim Ridley, Franklin Smith, and Corey Strouse.

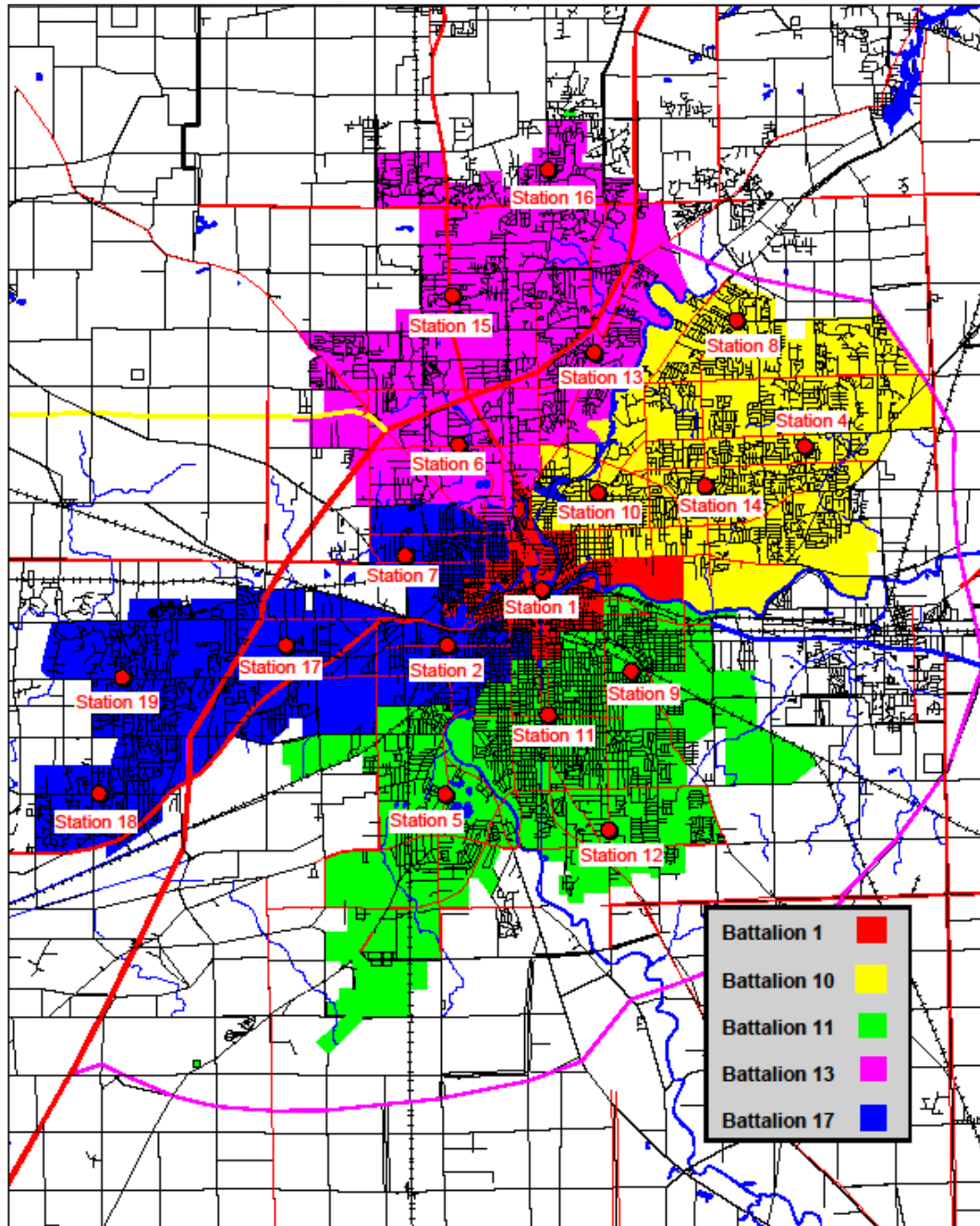
2009 Last Alarm - Wally Christ, Don Derrow, Ralph Miller and Norman Rouch.



fire station locations

The following map shows the different battalions and the location of the 18 fire stations.

Fort Wayne Fire Station Locations





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