

2009 Year End Report



Mission

The mission of the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company is to provide superior service to the residents of the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company District in an effort to protect their lives, property and environment. The members of the company will accomplish the mission through fire suppression, fire prevention, public education, emergency response and non-emergency response. The company will maintain the highest level of readiness and training enabling delivery of fire fighting and emergency rescue services in a safe, competent and caring manner.

Fire Officers

Fire Chief – Todd Ziegler

Deputy Chief – Gerald O Patton Jr.

Assistant Chief – Tim Brown

Battalion Chief – Clifford A Young

Captain – Robert Wasson

Lieutenant – Chris Brown

Lieutenant – Robert Yearsley

Engineers – Charles Pfitzenmeyer

David Ivey

Robert “Pete” Peters

Steve McCoy

Fire Police Capt. – Allen Touchton

Fire Police Lieut. – Paul Bednar

Chain of Command

Fire Chief
Todd Ziegler

Deputy Chief
Gerald Patton
Special Projects

Assistant Chief
Tim Brown
Fire Prevention

Battalion Chief
Cliff Young
Apparatus

Safety Officer
Appointed as needed

Engineer Pfitzenmeyer
Truck Checks

Engineer Ivey
Apparatus

Engineer McCoy
Apparatus

Engineer Peters
Apparatus

Captain
Bob Wasson
Air Packs, Gas Meters, Tools

Fire Police Captain
Allen Touchton

Lieutenant Brown
Equipment Checks

Fire Police Lt. Bednar

Lieutenant Yearsley
Equipment Checks

Fire Police Officers

Lieutenant Vacant
Equipment Checks

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- The Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company is comprised of over 40 active volunteers. This past year was a very busy year with the company answering more calls for service than years past with a total of 316.
- The company also held many fund raising activities and special events. Since acquiring the Hibernia County Park, the company participated in several events in the park alone.

Services Provided

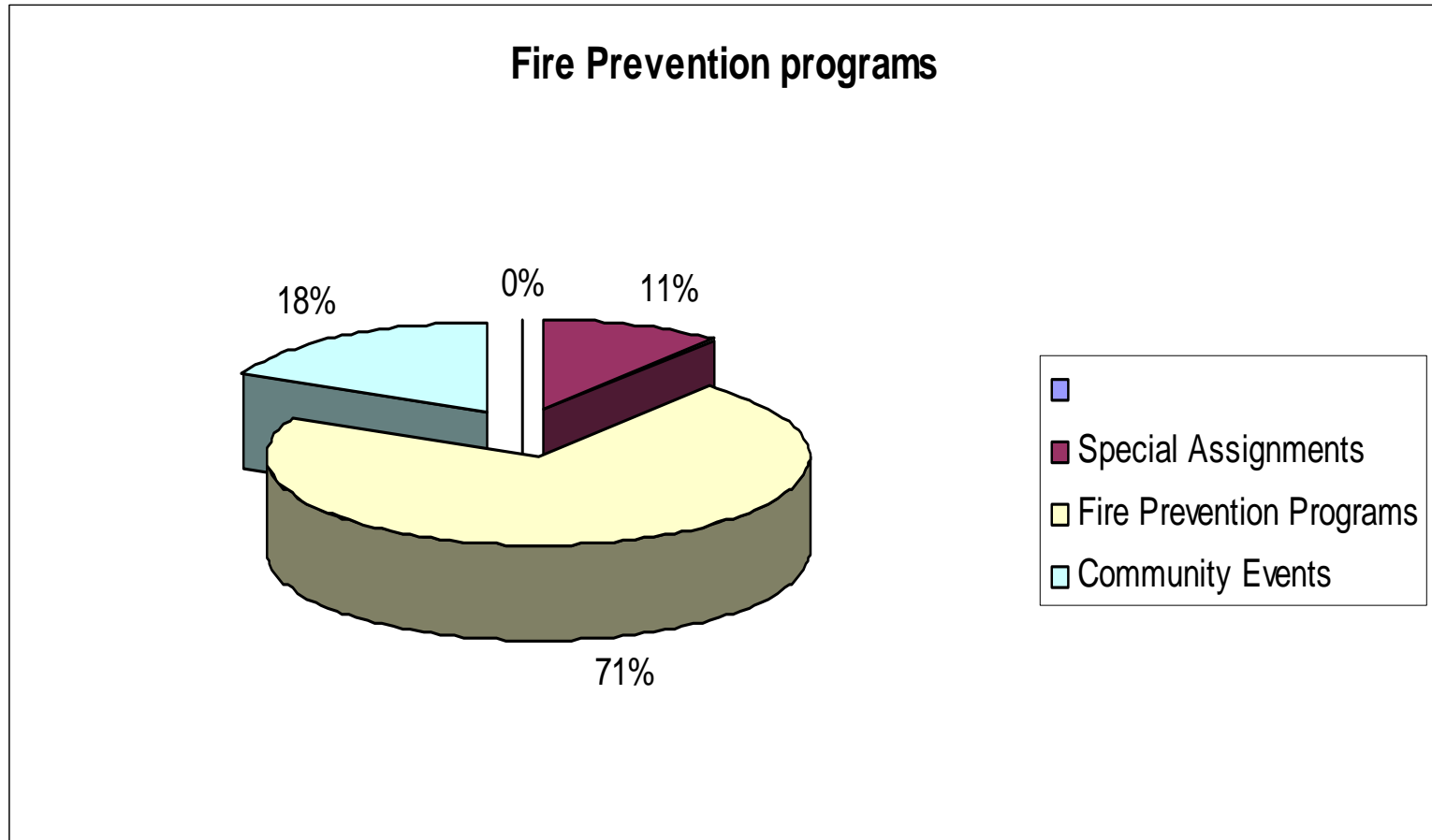
- Fire Suppression
- Rescue
- Water Rescue
- Wildland Firefighting
- EMS (when needed)
- Fire Prevention Programs
- Controlled burns for residents
- Fire Safety Training
- CPR / First Aid Training
- Birthday parties
- Special Event Stand By's



Task Forces

- The Fire Company has become part of the following Task Forces for the Southeastern PA region
 - **Fire Task Force** – Activated for an In County response to South Coventry for a Barn Fire.
 - **Regional Rescue Task Force** – With the Company Specializing in Water Rescue and Trench

Fire Prevention Details:



Funeral Details

This year brought some somber moments as we mourned the loss of these fine men.

Charter Member
George "Juney" Dunlap

Past Township Fire Marshal
Fred Eckenbach



Newly Purchased Apparatus

This year we purchased a 2003 American LaFrance Rescue Pumper from the Malvern Fire Co. With this purchase we also received an updated complete set of Hurst Rescue Equipment and complete set of Updated Air Bags for our rescue. It should be noted that this now replaces air bags that have been out of date for some time.

Also the engine purchased from Yardley Makefield at the end of 2008 has served us well. The engine has made numerous fire runs and has pumped and operated flawlessly. With these two new additions Wagontown should be set for the next ten years or so. Again showing our commitment to the community by providing up to date services and equipment.

Training

This year members attended the following training courses

- Firefighter I
- Firefighter II
- Haz-Mat Operations Class
- First Aid / CPR
- Live fire burn refresher
- Pumper / Driver Operator Class
- Wildland Firefighting classes
- Vehicle Rescue Classes
- Instructor classes
- Junior Fire Camp / Firefighter I
- Building Construction
- Foam Firefighting course
- ICS - 300
- ICS – 400
- Fire Marshal Awareness course
- Trench Rescue Awareness
- Joint Training with Township Personnel
- Numerous other county and state courses



Beginning of Year



- The beginning of 2009 was marked by an event beyond imagination. The City of Coatesville was plagued by a large number of Arson Fires. The City called upon Wagontown to assist them with combating these large scale incidents. With this request, and the members of the company rose to the challenge to assist our brothers and sisters in need. In January alone the company responded to 43 alarms. Of the forty three, twelve or better were working fires that were often fought in freezing temperatures which took it's toll. But once again training paid off, with the increase of fire activity Wagontown did not experience any major firefighter injuries. As a matter of fact only one minor firefighter injury was noted, that did not require treatment at the hospital.



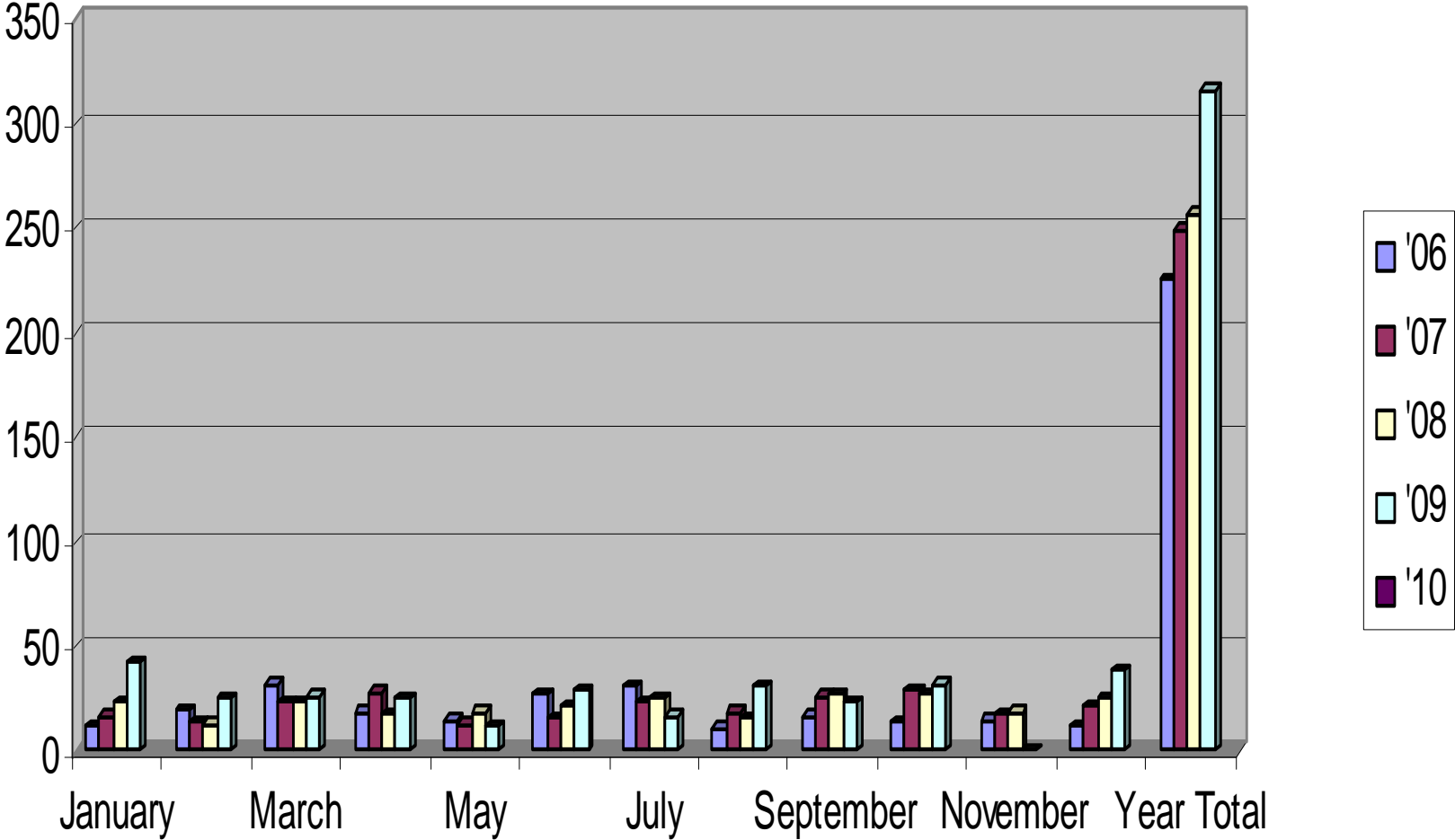
Mutual Aid



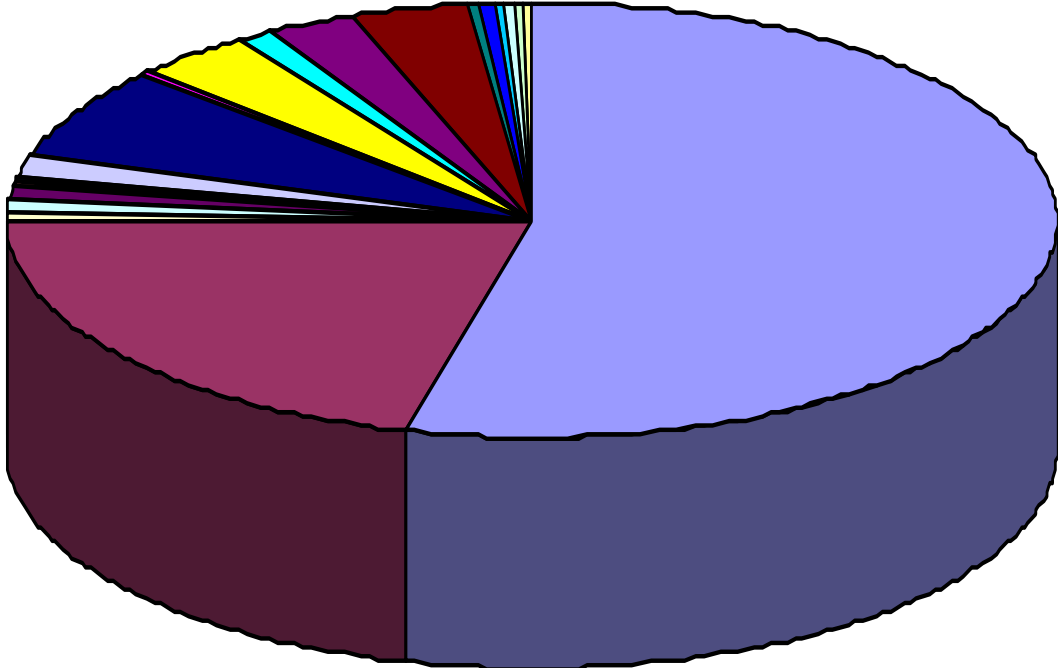
- One of the missions for this year was to foster relationships with surrounding companies. This was achieved and new relationships were formed as well.



Number of Calls per Year

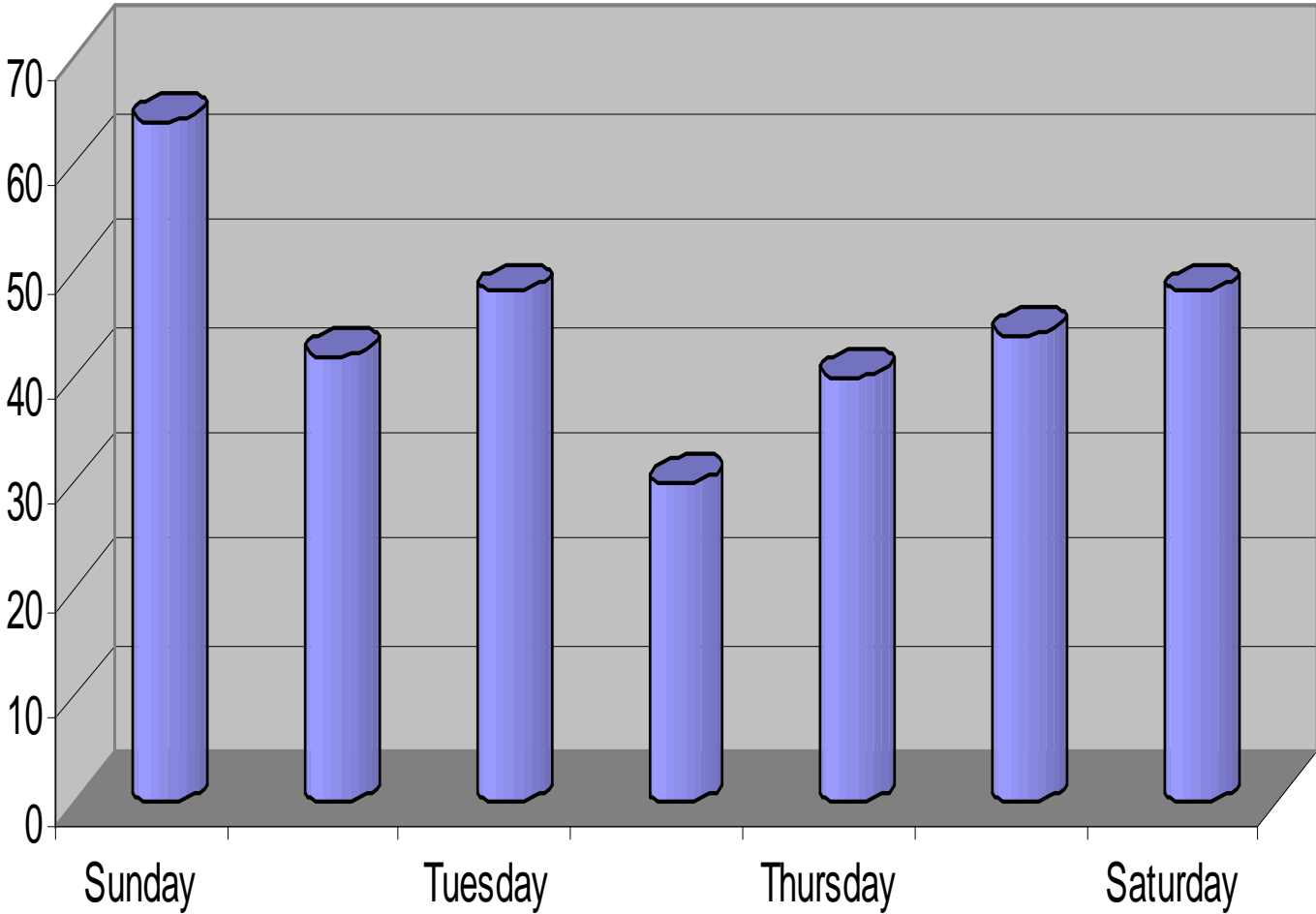


Responses by Township

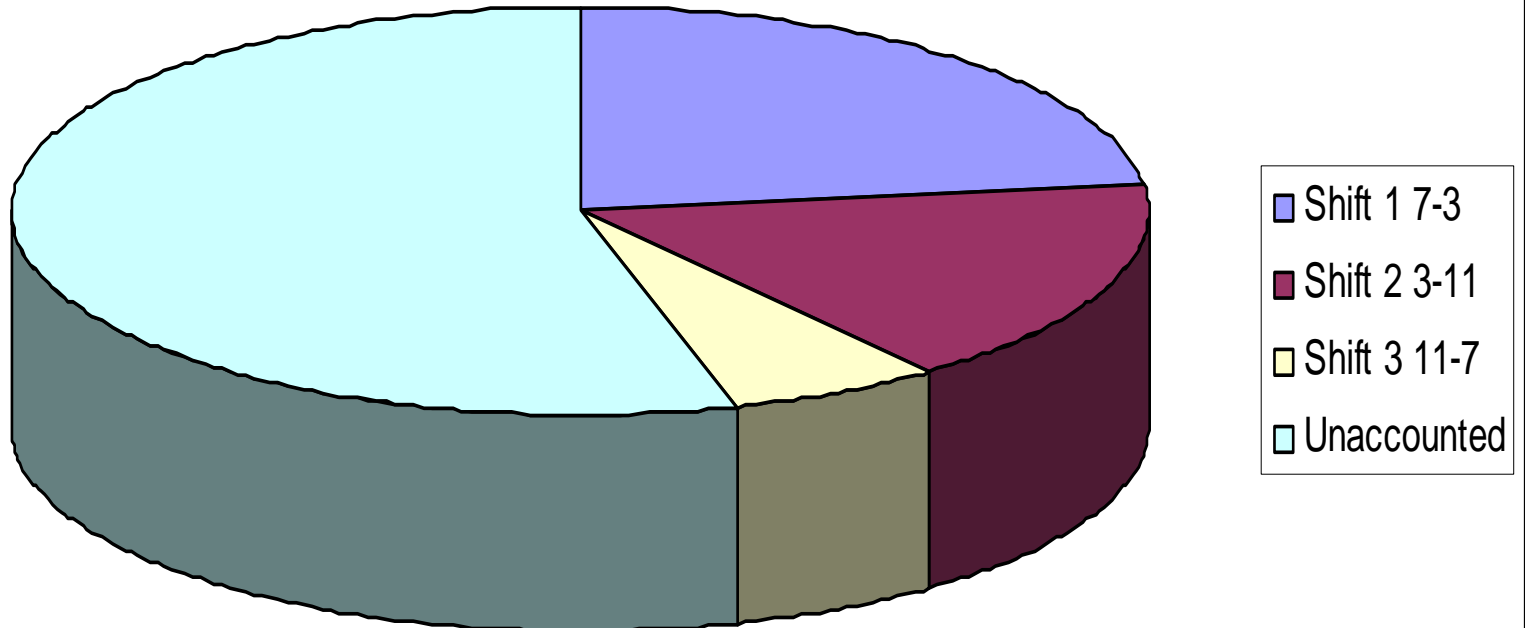


- West Caln
- West Brandywine
- Atglen Boro
- Parkesburg Boro
- Modena Boro
- Downingtown Boro
- Honey Brook Boro
- Honey Brook Twp.
- Coatesville City
- East Brandywine
- Sadsbury Twp.
- West Sadsbury
- Valley Twp.
- Coatesville Twp.

Calls by day of week



Times of Calls



**Total Number of
Incidents**

316

**Total Number of Responding
personnel**

4023

**Average Turnout per
Incident**

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