



WAGONTOWN VOLUNTEER

FIRE COMPANY

2019

OPERATIONAL

YEAR END REPORT

Mission of the Wagontown Fire Company

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 firefighting and emergency rescue services in a safe, competent and caring manner

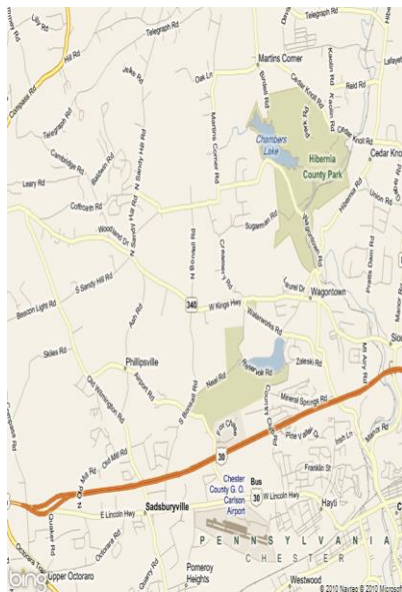
Company Background

The Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company has been serving the residents of West Caln and West Brandywine Townships since 1947. Wagontown operates with a base of 40 volunteers who are firefighters, fire police and specialized rescue technicians who are trained to handle a variety of incidents.

Later in this report we will cover what apparatus we have in service and advancements we are making to ensure the most adequate equipment and trained personnel are available to our residents.

Wagontown has partnered with the Westwood Fire Company EMS to ensure our residents are protected not only from fire and rescue incidents but EMS needs as well to ensure a timely response to all types of fire, rescue and medical emergencies that may occur.

Wagontown Coverage Area



- Wagontown Fire Company covers West Cain and West Brandywine Townships.
- Encompasses a diverse run area
 - Residential
 - Farming
 - Light Industrial
 - Parks & Recreational areas
 - ✦ Hibernia County Park
 - ✦ Layton Park
 - Major roadway arteries – Routes 82, 340 and Route 10
 - Large bodies of Water
 - ✦ Coatesville Reservoir
 - ✦ Chambers Lake

Leadership for 2019

Fire Chief – L. Todd Ziegler

Deputy Fire Chief – Michael Reber

Asst. Fire Chief – Gerald O Patton Jr.

Battalion Chief – Robert Yearsley

Battalion Chief – David Stein

Lieutenant – Matthew Stein

Lieutenant – Josh Taylor

Lieutenant – John Yearsley

Engineer – Barry Flinn

Fire Police Captain – Allen Touchton

President – Michael Reber

Vice President – Barry Flinn

Treasurer - Tracey Trego

Financial Sec. – Linda Flinn

Membership Sec. – Charles Wallace

Trustee – Robert Yearsley

Trustee – Gerald O Patton Jr

Trustee – David Ivey II

Chaplain – Peg Touchton

Secretary – Mary Jane Rosenberry

Apparatus Currently In Service

- **Engine 35** – 1999 Pierce Engine
- **Rescue 35** – 2003 American LaFrance Rescue Engine
- **Tac 35** – 2015 Ford F350 / 10-8 EVS Tac / Brush Truck
- **Squad 35** – 1995 GMC Manpower Unit / EMS Assist
- **Brush 35-1** – 1987 Chevy Brush Unit
- **Tanker 35** – 2018 Freightliner / Summit – 3000 Gallon Tanker
- **Traffic 35** – 2017 Ford F350 Utility body traffic unit
- **Boat 35-1** – 2013 Inflatable Rescue Boat
 - Boat 35-2 – Back up Inflatable Rescue Boat
- **ATV 35** – 2016 Polaris 4X4 Off Road ATV response unit
- **Command 35** – 2018 Ford Explorer Command Unit
- **Command 35-2** – 2004 Ford Expedition Command Unit



2019 Activities

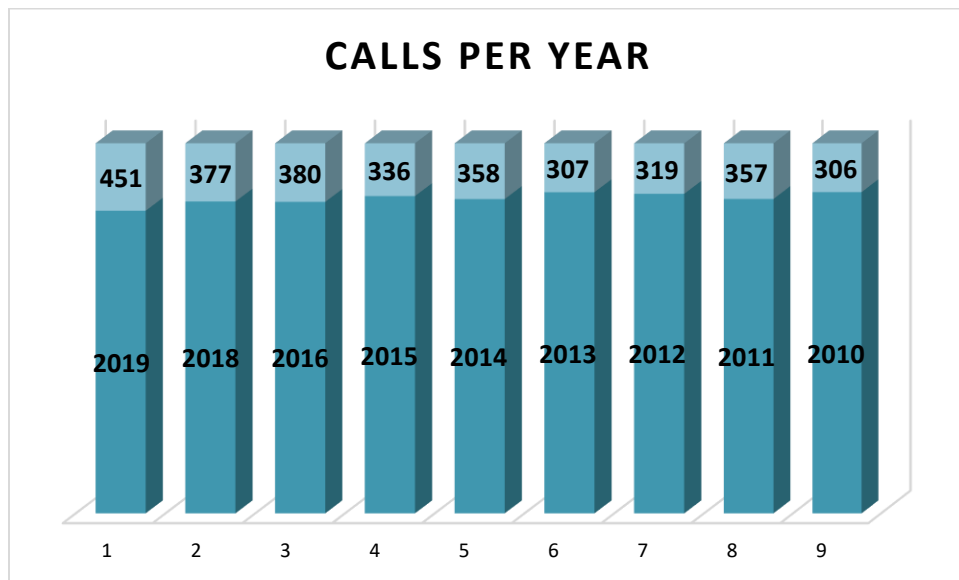
- The Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company is comprised of over 40 active volunteers. This past year was a busy year for the fire company answering over 400 calls for service, with **451** total calls.
- There were a number of serious fires or incidents that tied members up for well over four hours on each incident. And a number of house fires in our local response area.
- The company also held many fund raising activities and special events such as, Soup sales, Cookie sales and the Turkey Fair and a variety of other events.
 - Hall rentals continue to do well and bring new people into the station
- Participated in the Annual Father's Day car show at West Brandywine Township's facilities and was able to work in conjunction with our BBQ.
 - Provided stand by services for events such as the Coatesville Country Club fireworks and other requested events this year.
 - Fire prevention activities kept us busy during October
- And in December our Fourth Annual Christmas tree sale which went very well for us as we sold out in three weeks.



Review of 2019

- This year brought some very interesting events our way; it was the year for very unusual types of incidents.
- The company trained a great deal this year, not only in house but attended numerous training programs offered by the National, State and County Fire Academies in which the members attended. These classes included Fire I and Fire II programs along with Fire Dynamics, Hazmat, Junior Firefighting and other specialized classes.
- Also this year completed a Day in the Life program with live fire operations at the Counties Public Safety Training Center.

451 Calls for 2018



Grants and Equipment Received

Grants are an important part of the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company operation, using the grant money we have received over the course of the last few years we were able to make many safety improvements for our equipment and firefighters.

- 2018 /2019 – The Fire Services grant from the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner’s Office gained the fire company \$15,000.00 for our fire grant. This grant was used to purchase 5 sets of turnout gear for our active members who needed updated gear.
- The Company took delivery of our Tanker at the end of 2018, officially in service in January of 2019 the tanker has proven its value on numerous calls this past year.
- Recipient of Firefighters Charitable Grant for \$500 which funded our second hood project. This provides each firefighter a second hood to wear while their first one is being washed.
- A tool grant from Harbor Freight was awarded this year, the grant allowed us to update our current compliment of hand tools and allowed us to add some additional tools to the apparatus.

Task force membership

- The Fire Company still maintains membership in the following Task Forces for the Southeastern PA region
 - **Fire Task Force** – Still an active member with the South Eastern PA Fire Task Force in Chester County. And attended training this year with the Task Force
 - **Regional Rescue Task Force** – With the company specializing in Water Rescue and Trench Rescue. Training in these areas continued with members attending courses.
 - **Wildland Firefighting** – Company continues to support the PA Bureau of Forestry District 17 with equipment and manpower on wildland fires.



Fire Prevention Details

- Kings Highway Elem. School
- Wagontown Country Day School children
- Wagontown Country Day School staff fire safety
 - Sandy Hill Pre-School
- Indian Run Helping Hands pre-school
 - Mom's Club of Coatesville
 - Girl, Cub and Boy Scout packs
 - Birthday parties

Non Fire Activities

These events are the items listed above along with our fund raisers which we need to do to support our operations. This also includes the various events the fire police assist with as well. As you can see we do a lot towards fund raising to support our operations and growth, we thank you for your support during these events.

Work Details are those times where we dedicate a day to clean the firehouse or do maintenance on the station or apparatus to ensure we are ready for any emergency that may come.



Training

Wagontown once again in 2019 re-certified as a 75% Participating department with our members Nationally Certified to the Firefighter I level or above. A commitment that has been ongoing since 2009 when we first entered the program.

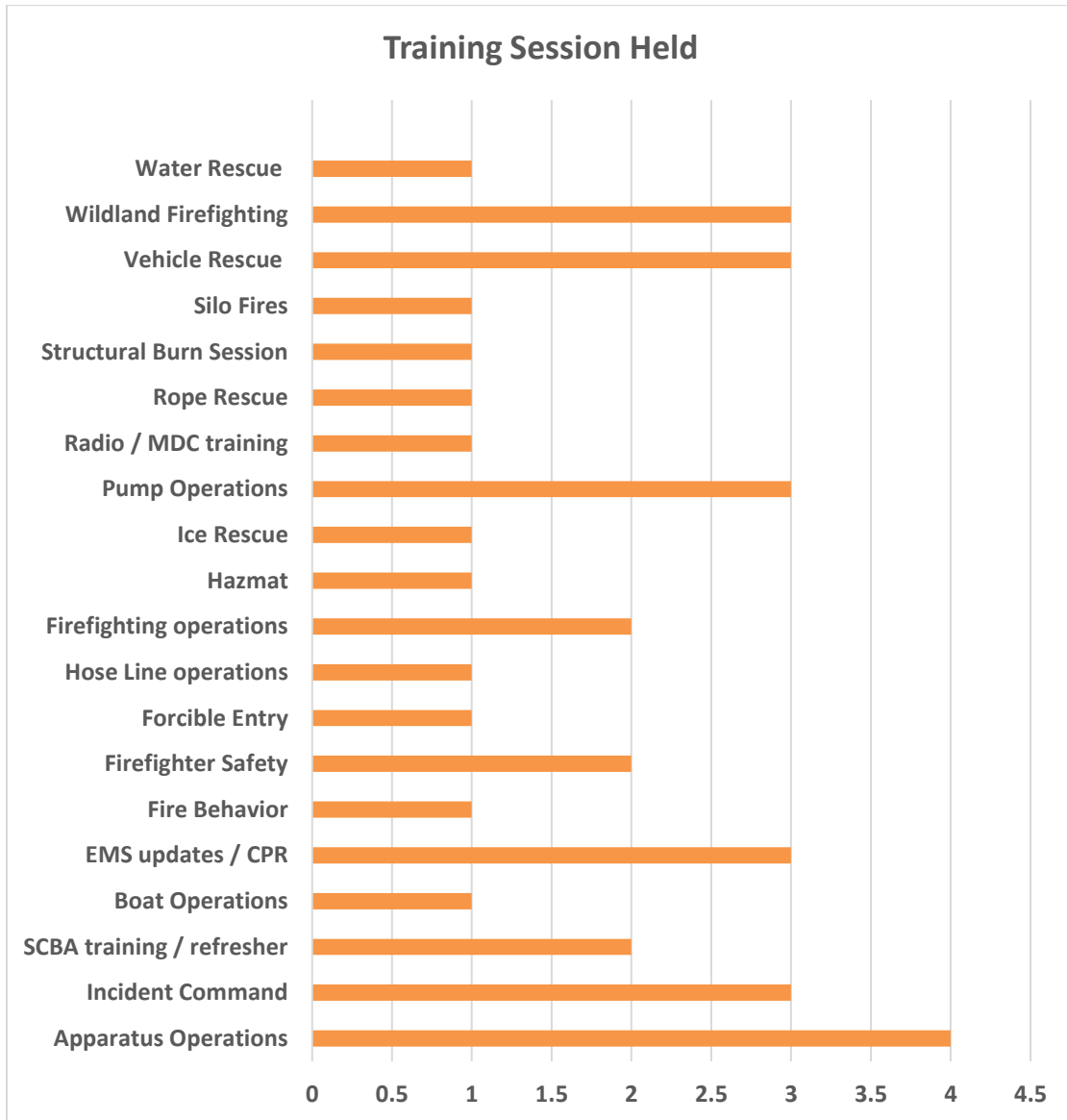
Wagontown Fire Company members attended the following training courses

- Incident command classes, Instructor I
 - Firefighter I, II
 - Incident Safety Officer
- Haz-Mat Operations Class & Refreshers
 - First Aid / CPR
- Wildland Firefighting and refresher classes
 - Vehicle Rescue Classes
 - In-House / Weekly Training
 - Radio, MDC and communications
 - EMS Con-Ed Courses for our EMT's
 - Structural Burn Session
 - In-House Officers training
 - Rapid Intervention Training
 - FAST Board Training
- Numerous County Provided classes
 - Fire Inspector II
 - Health and Safety Officer
 - Silo Fires
 - Ropes and Riggins
- Various hands on Field Exercises



Training Continued

In-house training sessions conducted



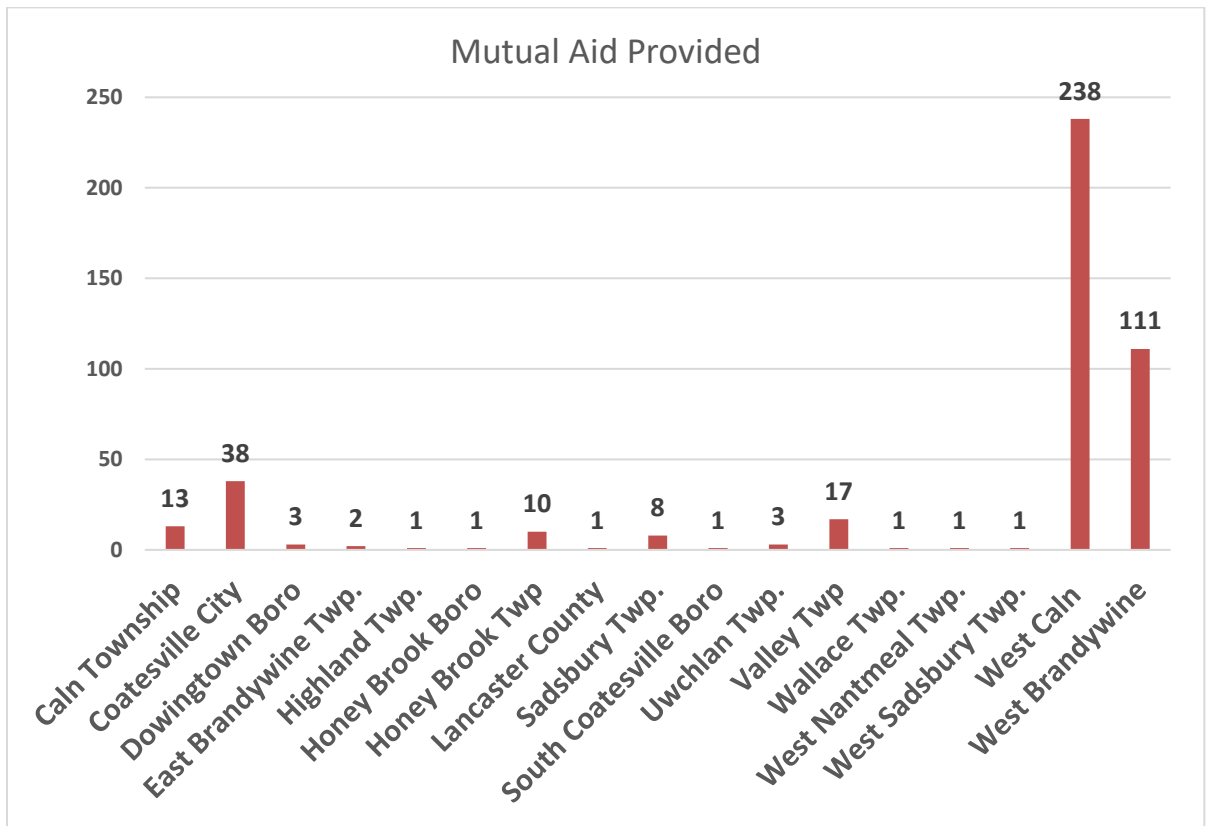
Changes this year include placing station staffing in its own category and training listed is in-house training conducted at the Wagontown Fire Company.

Mutual Aid - Building partnerships

Wagontown continues to work with our neighbors and provide services to adjacent townships. We also frequently get together with neighboring fire companies to do training and pre-planning of local areas. This provides a great working relationship that pays off when there is a large scale incident.

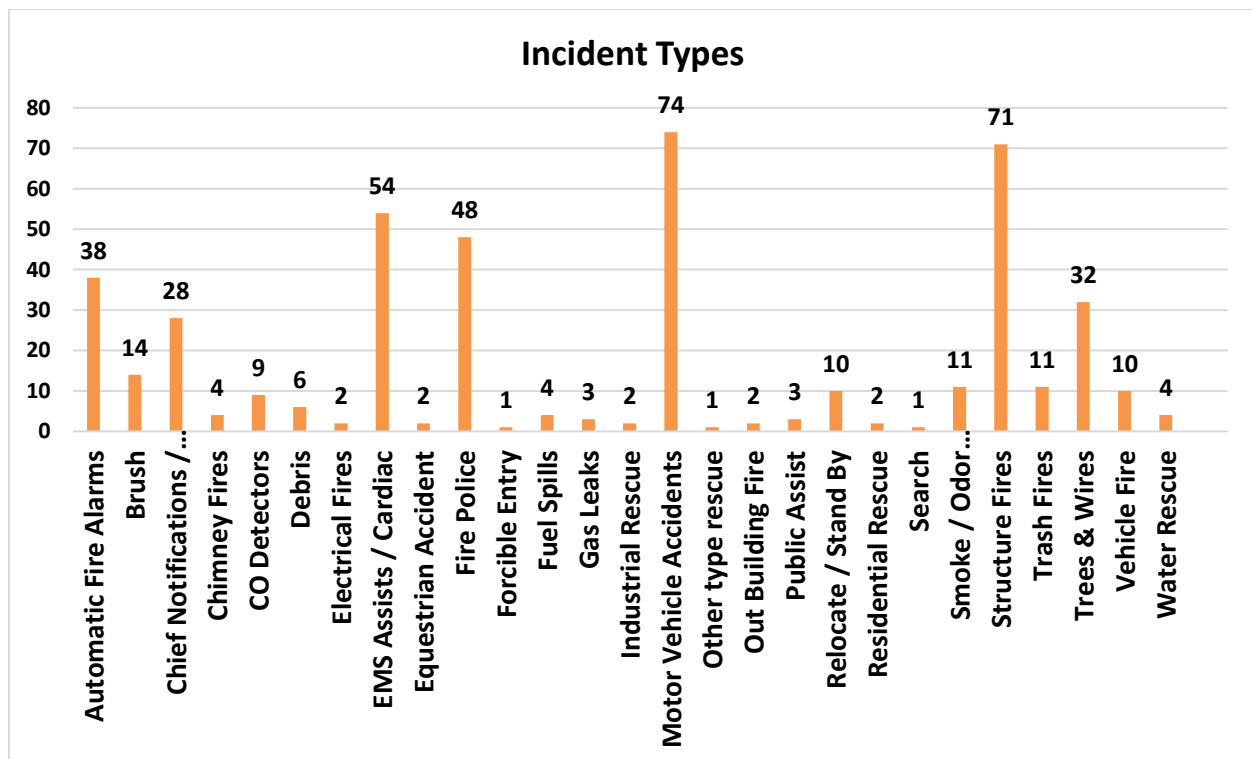
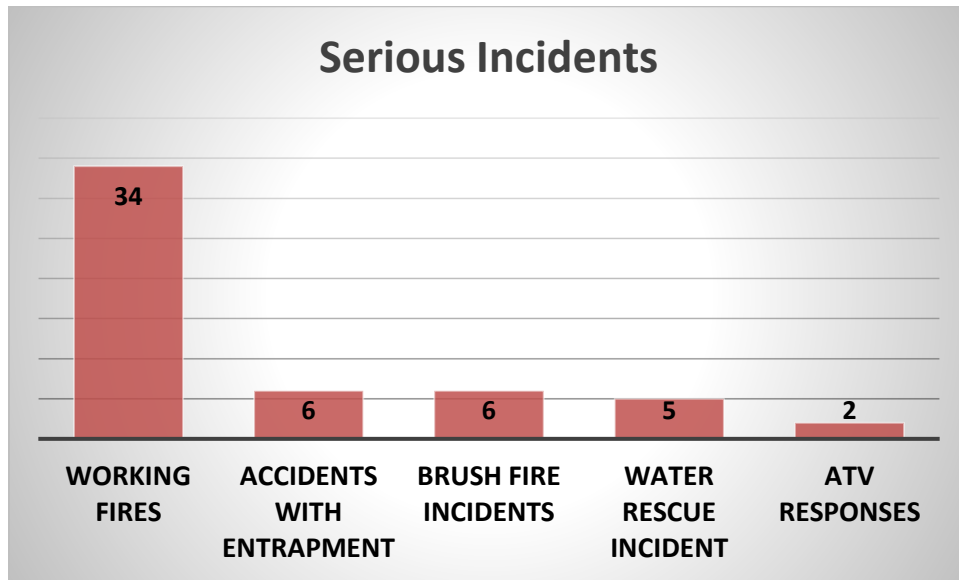


Mutual Aid Provided



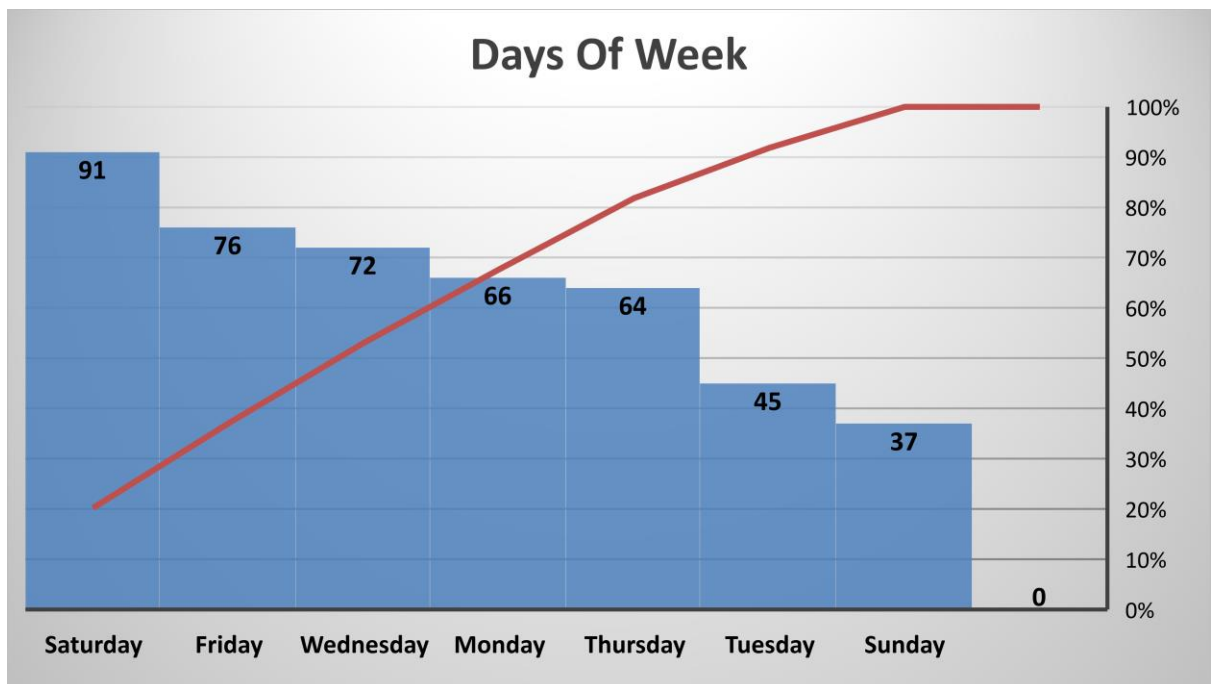
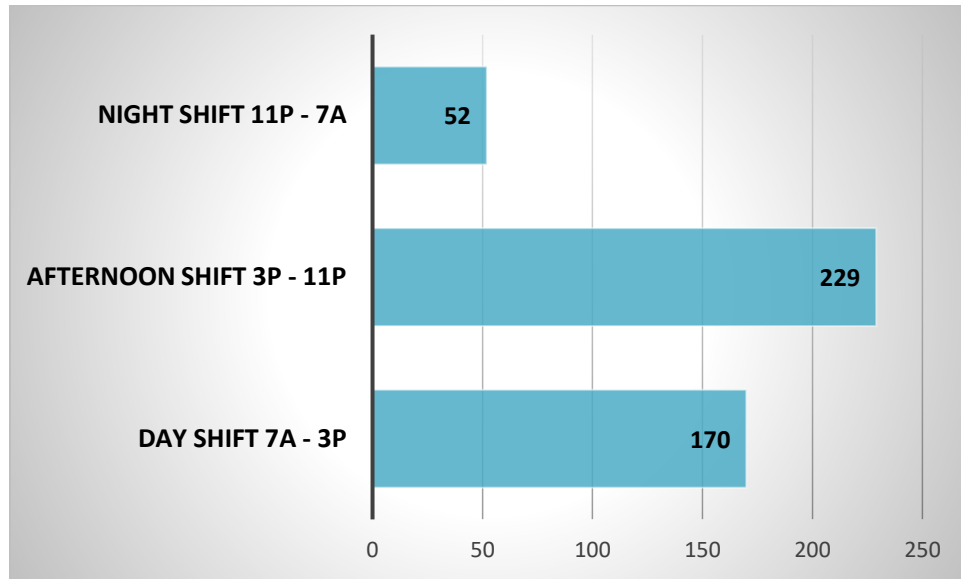
Incidents handled

This has been the busiest year on record with the company handling 451 responses during the year of 2019



Times of Incidents

In this section we are showing when and what days our incidents occurred on, it also shows what shifts are the busiest and when the draw on the membership is occurring.



Statistical Data

In this section we are going to provide some data on how we did during fire suppression, how fast we respond and on average how many members are responding to any given incident.

It is important for us to provide this information as we recently underwent our inspection process for the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) which rates our firefighting abilities and capacities. In both West Caln and West Brandywine we increased our abilities and ratings which mean a savings in fire insurance for the residents.

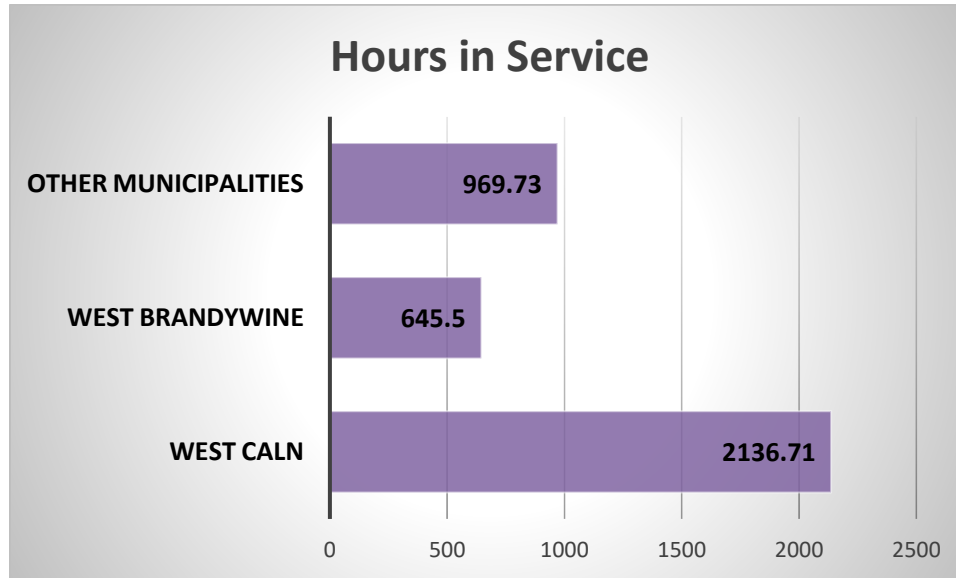
Type	# Calls	Total Value	Total Loss	Total Saved	% Loss	% Saved
Building Fire	11	4,427,000	738,500	3,688,500	16.68 %	83.32%
Cooking Fire	2	550,000	5,150	544,850	0.94%	99.06%
Chimney Fire	2	670,000	3,500	666,500	0.52%	99.48%
Vehicle Fires	5	34,500	20,500	13,500	98.32 %	1.68%
Natural Vegetation Fires	1	348,000	10,000	338,000	2.87%	97.13%
Other Type Fires / Alarms	2	900,000	200	899,800	0.05%	99.95%
Totals		7,129,500	787,850	6,341,650		

Total Percent Lost: 11.05 %

Total Percent Saved: 88.95%

*With a total number of incidents at **451** with a total of **4981** responding personnel we averaged **12 members per incident** and had an average response time from dispatch to onscene of **7:20 minutes**.*

Time in Service



Total Man Hours in service – 3752.34

Goals and Achievements

This year saw the addition of a new traffic unit, a 2018 Ford Explorer which holds various radios and command items as well as additional equipment. The vehicle is equipped with state of the art warning lights and Radio's and MDC which can also be used to support the onscene incident management of incidents or events.

We were fortunate enough to be awarded the FEMA Grant to purchase the new tanker in partnership with our Township Officials we provide service too. The new tanker will fill a void in fire responses to those areas that are not covered by Hydrants.

Equipment Used

Equipment Used	2019
Hose	
3/4"	1000
Booster	1500
1"	1500
1 3/4"	6200
2 1/2"	0
3"	2250
5"	7200
Ladders / Feet	
Roof	240
28'	448
24'	120
Little Giant	24
Air Packs	327
Hurst Tools	6
Hand Tools	100
Brush Tools	52
Water / Gals.	100,000 Plus
Foam / Gals.	80
Water Rescue	5
Med Equipment	53

Giving Back to the Community

This year the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company was able to help five local families during the Holiday Seasons. By working with the Salvation Army, along with contributions from our members and others, we were able to provide the families food and gifts to ensure a good Christmas was had by all.

We again assisted with the West Caln PD Toys for children program by giving Santa a sleigh for the delivery of toys.

Dinner with Santa was again a huge hit with over 300 attending, with this year seeing the largest turnout yet for the event. This was made possible by the donations of many and the donation from one of our caterers Traditions Catering who provided the support to make this event possible.





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Thank you for your support throughout the year.

L. Todd Ziegler

Fire Chief

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