



WAGONTOWN VOLUNTEER

FIRE COMPANY

2020

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

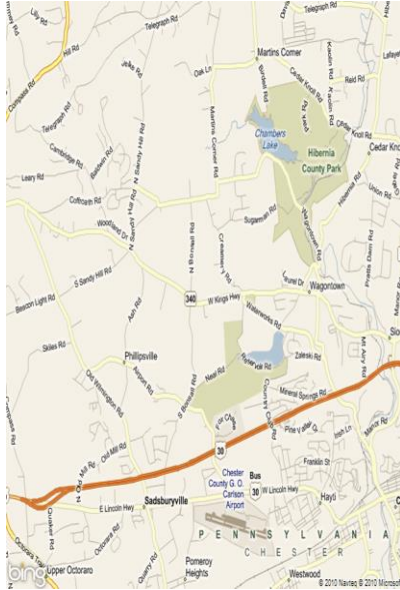
Company Background

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 2020

Fire Chief – L. Todd Ziegler

Deputy Fire Chief – Michael Reber

Asst. Fire Chief – Robert Yearsley

Battalion Chief – David Stein

Captain - Mike King

Lieutenant – Matthew Stein

Lieutenant – Josh Taylor

Lieutenant – Greg Ziegler

Lieutenant – Devin O’Keefe

Engineer – Gerald O Patton Jr.

Fire Police Captain – Allen Touchton

President – Michael Reber

Vice President – Rick King

Treasurer – Danielle Stein

Financial Sec. – Stephanie Ivey

Membership Sec. – Charles Wallace

Trustee – Robert Yearsley

Trustee – Tim Brown

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



2020 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 350 calls for service, with **373** 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 weathered through the COVID-19 pandemic that is still currently underway. Numerous months we restricted the time spent at the fire station to help preserve the health and welfare of our members. Fire Responses were down from last year and during the late winter early spring lockdown with residents being home our response numbers dropped drastically.
- Fund raising became an issue during this pandemic and the company explored other options and turned to an online auction type event that has proved to be a good source of additional income to support our operations.
- And in December our Fifth Annual Christmas tree sale which went very well for us as we sold out in **two** weeks.

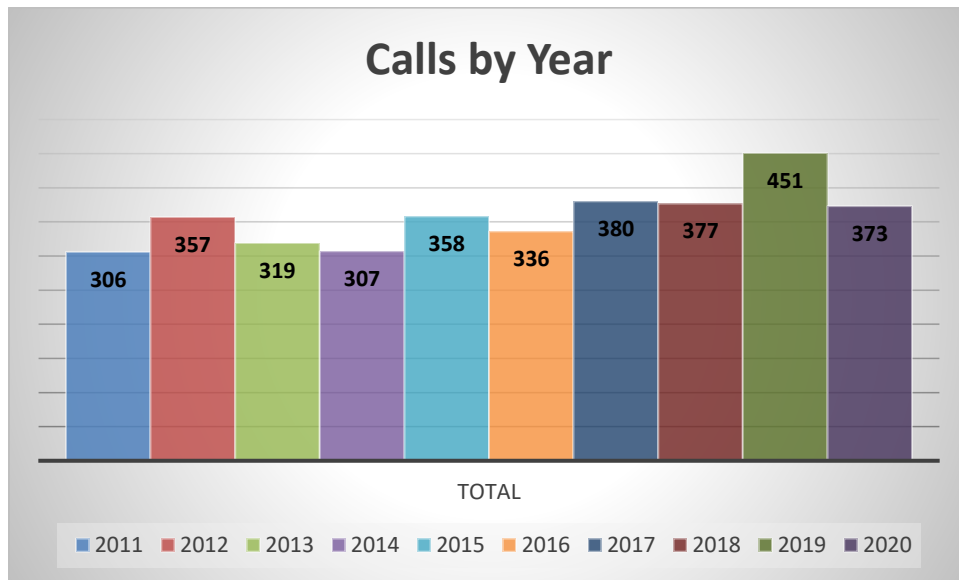
Online Auction items (sample)



Review of 2020

- This year brought some very interesting events our way; it was the year for very unusual types of incidents during a pandemic.
- The company trained as much as possible, not only in house but attended numerous training programs offered by the National, State and County Fire Academies in which the members attended online. These classes included Fire I and Fire II programs along with Fire Dynamics, Hazmat, Junior Firefighting and other specialized classes.

373 Calls for 2020



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.

- 2019/2020 – 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 finish the 2nd Engine room where we store our operational trailers and fire police unit.
- We were part of a joint grant that was awarded to the Glen Moore Fire Company in which we were awarded monies for replacing our self-contained breathing apparatus or SCBA as we call them. This will allow us to have the most state of the art respiratory protection for our firefighters entering a hazardous area or environment.

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

Due To Covid there was no in person fire prevention completed, however we provided fire prevention materials via online methods to various residents and groups.

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.

This year was a tough year for us, due to the pandemic numerous precautions were taken to safe guard our members and be able to provide the emergency response the community expected. With that the station was kept to minimal staff and large gatherings such as training and meeting nights were kept to a minimum. The Executive Board managed the company level while the line officers ensured the Operations level was covered and fortunately we have not suffered any loss due to the pandemic at this time.



Training

Wagontown once again in 2020 continued to train where possible 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.

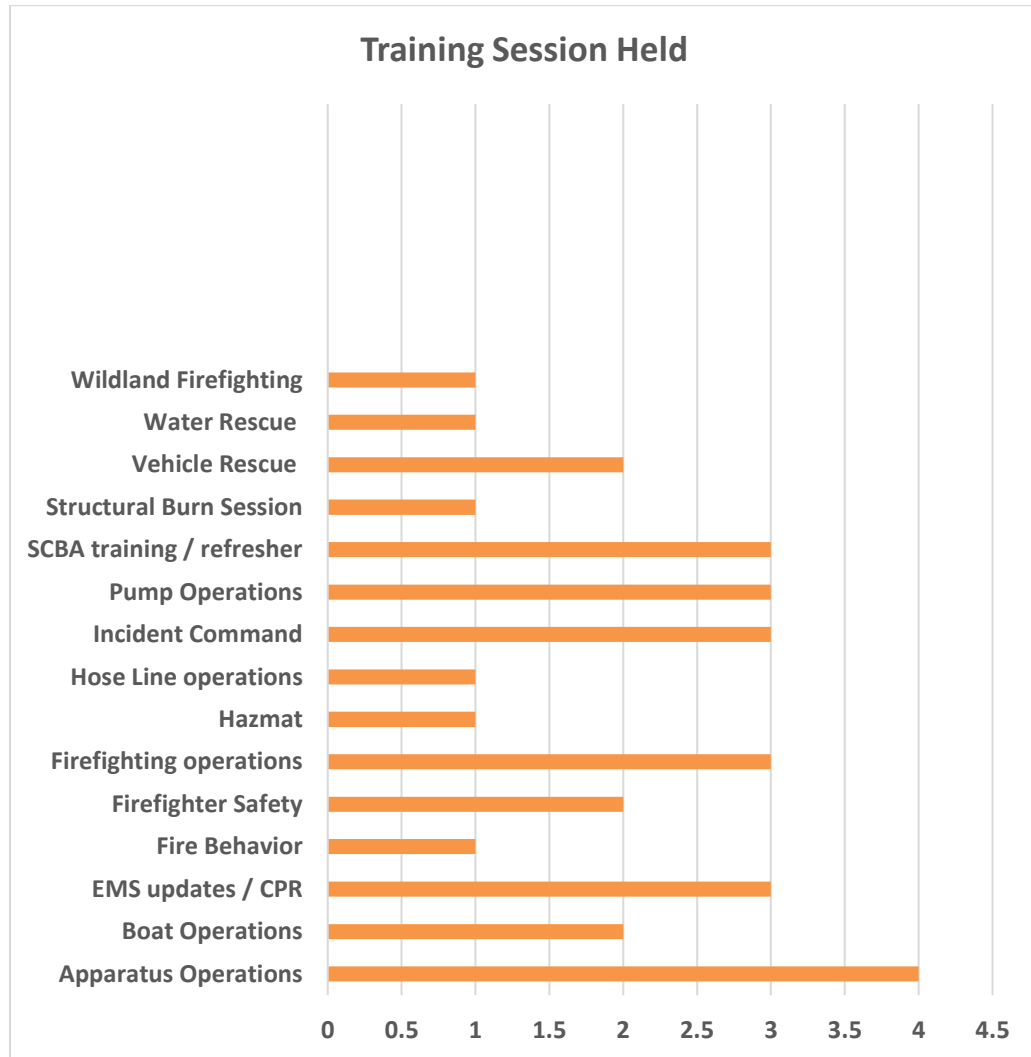
Wagontown Fire Company members attended the following training courses

- 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
 - Various County Provided classes
 - Various hands on Field Exercises



Training Continued

In-house training sessions conducted



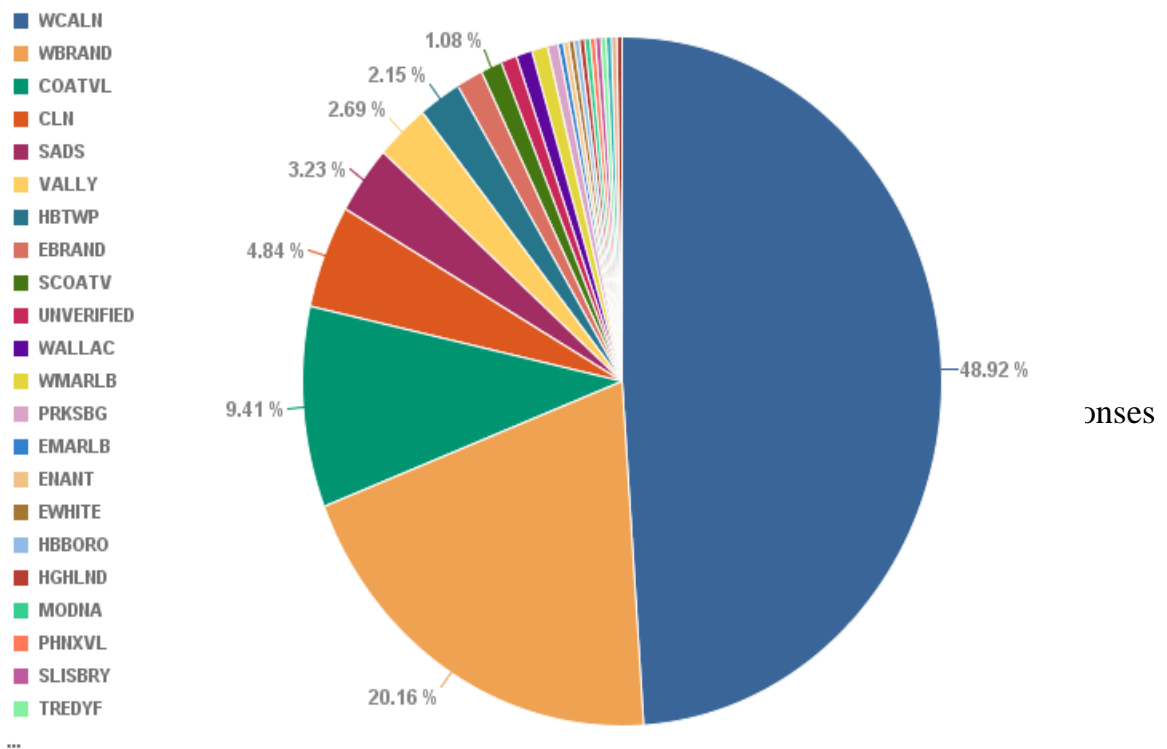
Changes this year include placing station staffing in its own category and training listed is in-house training conducted at the Wagontown Fire Company.

Mutual Aid - Building partnerships

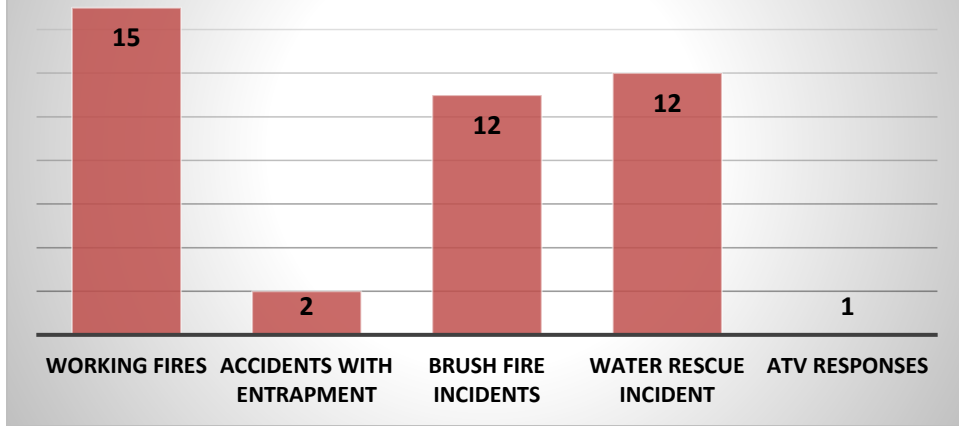
Wagontown continues to work with our neighbors and provide services to adjacent townships. We also frequently get together with neighboring fire companies to do training and pre-planning of local areas. This provides a great working relationship that pays off when there is a large scale incident.



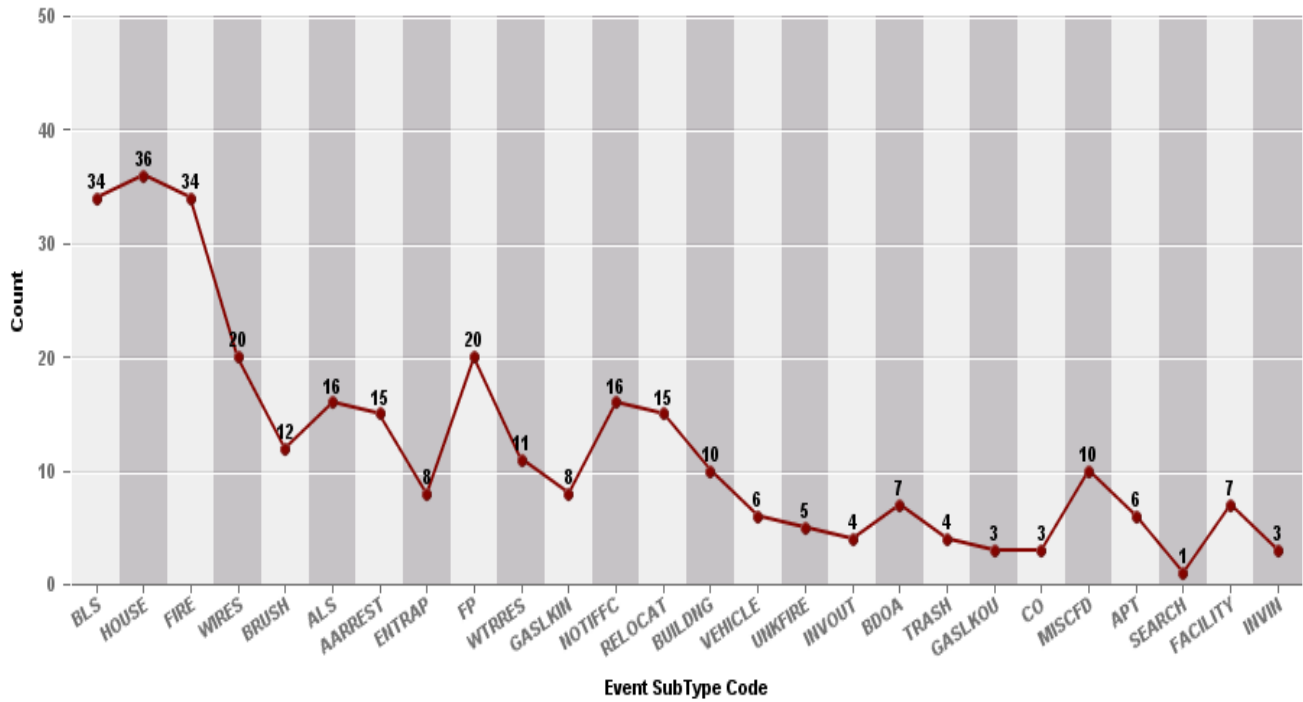
Mutual Aid Provided



Serious Incidents

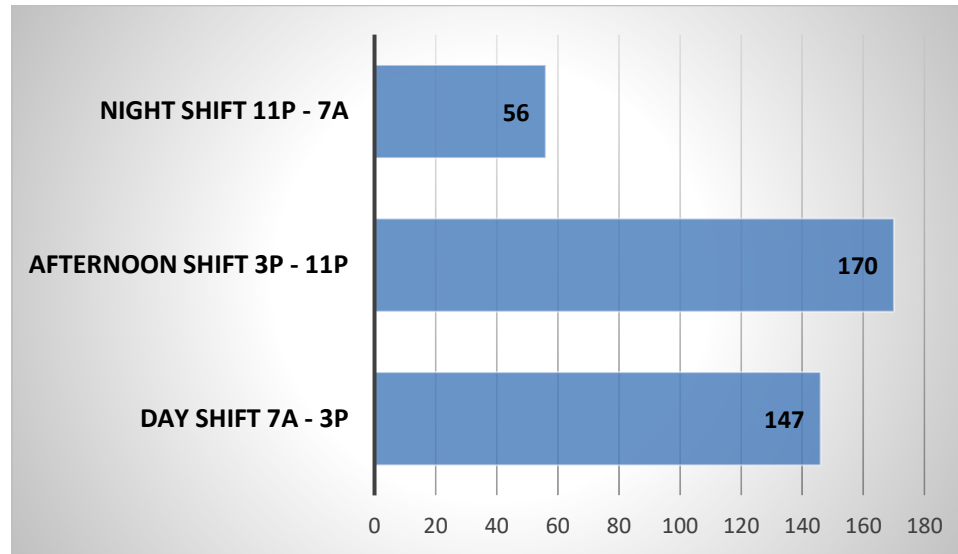


Event Types

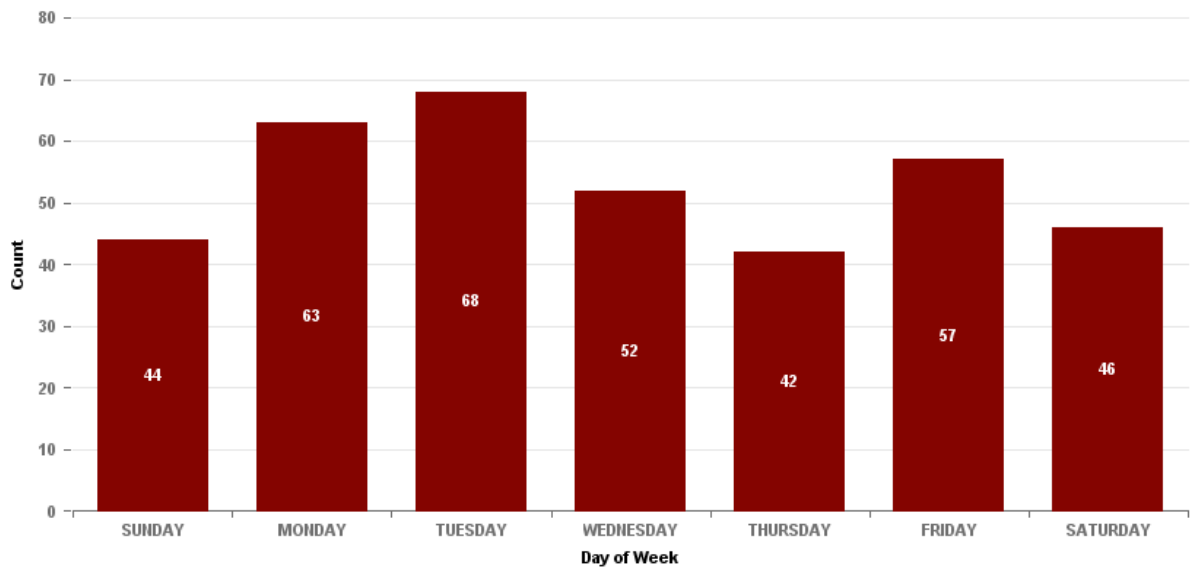


Times of Incidents

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.



Days of the Week



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.

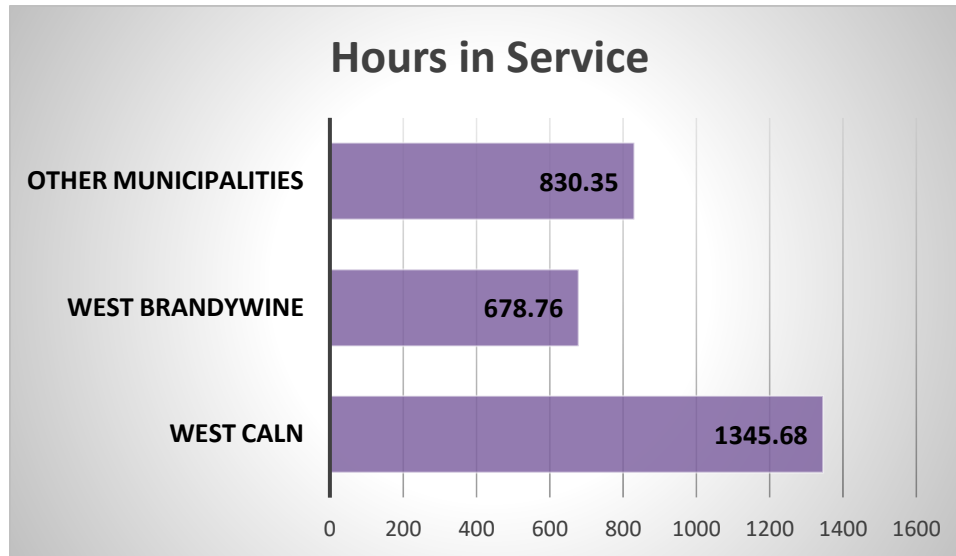
Type	# Calls	Total Value	Total Loss	Total Saved	% Loss	% Saved
Building Fire	2	950,000	50,000	900,000	5.26%	99.92%
Heater / Fuel Burners / Boilers	2	1,200,000	10,000	1,190,000	0.83%	99.17%
Chimney Fire	1	400,000	2,000	398,000	0.50%	99.50%
Vehicle Fires	2	37,700	37,700	0	100%	0%
Trash, Rubbish, Other	3	8,175,000	23,000	8,152,000	0.48%	99.52%
Other Type Fires / Alarms	1	600,000	500	599,500	0.08%	99.92%
Totals		11,792,700	133,200	11,659,500	1.13	98.87

Total Percent Lost: 1.13 %

Total Percent Saved: 98.87%

With a total number of incidents at 373 with a total of 3688 responding personnel we averaged 10 members per incident and had an average response time from dispatch to onscene of 6:58 minutes.

Time in Service



Total Man Hours in service – 2854.79

Goals and Achievements

We were fortunate enough to be awarded the FEMA Grant working with the Glen Moore Fire Company to purchase the new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or SCBA. Currently ours along with theirs are at the 10 year service life so we partnered up and were awarded a grant to replace our aging life safety equipment.

Also were awarded the PA State Fire Commissioners grant that was used to pay off the second building we placed out back to hold our support and specialized units such as the traffic unit, Boat and ATV response vehicles.

We were also very fortunate to obtain two grants that assist us with our operations funding due to the loss from the Covid pandemic that is currently in progress and we are working daily to protect our members from its effects.

Equipment Used

Equipment Used	2020
Hose	
3/4"	2000
Booster	1500
1"	1500
1 3/4"	7000
2 1/2"	0
3"	4000
5"	5000
Ladders / Feet	
Roof	122
28'	112
24'	120
Little Giant	24
Air Packs	415
Hurst Tools	2
Hand Tools	100
Brush Tools	80
Water / Gals.	135,000 Plus
Foam / Gals.	90
Water Rescue	10
Med Equipment	42

Giving Back to the Community

This year the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company along with many others have felt the effects of the Covid Pandemic well underway. We were unfortunately not able to hold our annual events such as the turkey raffle, Dinner with Santa and all the other indoor gathering events we are known for. We are hoping by the end of 2021 this will pass and we will be able to do those great events again.

We were able to do the annual Santa run through the townships with a modified way of just driving by with Santa waving to all, again hopefully 2021 we will be able to go back to the way we have done it in the past.

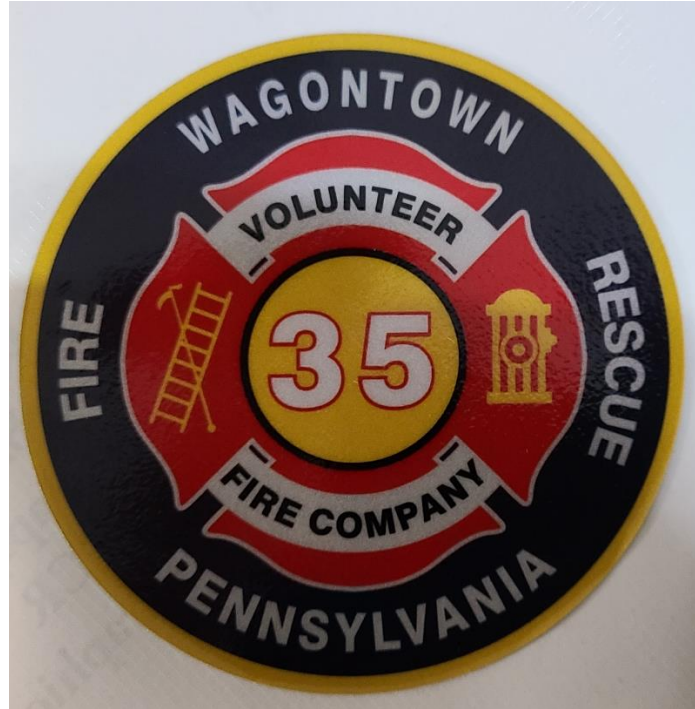
In Action





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Thank you for your support throughout the year.

L. Todd Ziegler

Fire Chief

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