



WAGONTOWN VOLUNTEER

FIRE COMPANY

2016

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

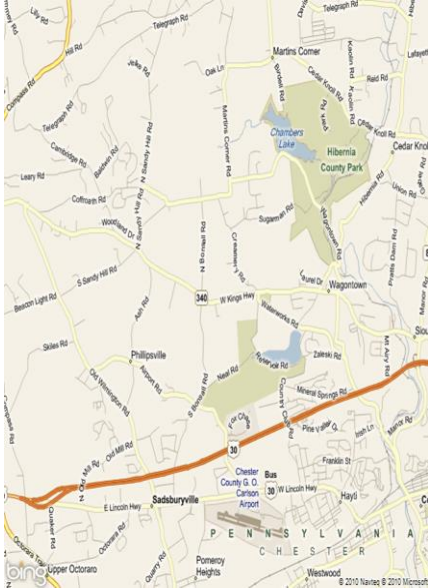
Company Background

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 Caln 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 2016

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 – Brian Flinn

Lieutenant – Gregory Ziegler

Lieutenant – Matthew Stein

Chief Engineer – Barry Flinn

Fire Police Captain – Allen Touchton

President – Michael Reber

Vice President – Barry Flinn

Treasurer - Tracey Trego

Financial Sec. – Linda Flinn

Membership Sec. – Gabby 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
- Brush 35-2 – 1982 American General / Brush Tanker
- 35-8 – 1967 Dodge Brush Unit (Retired in April 2015)
- Utility 35 – 1990 GMC 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 – 2004 Ford Expedition Command Unit
- Command 35-2 – 2002 Ford Explorer Command Unit



2016 Activities

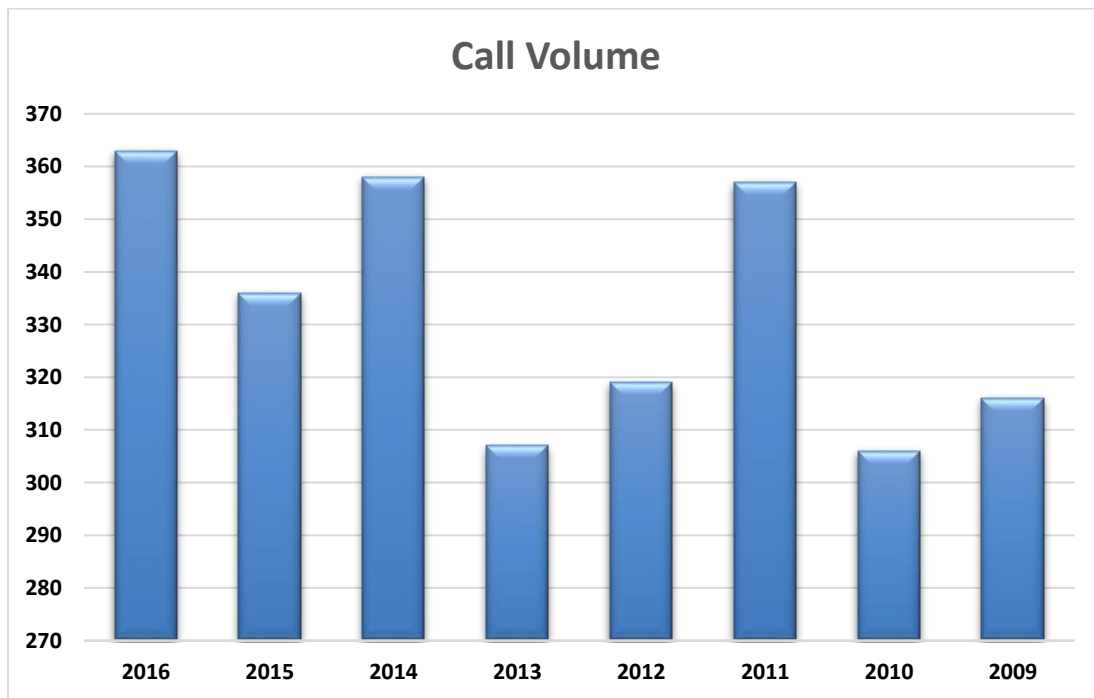
- The Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company is comprised of over 40 active volunteers. This past year was a busy year for the fire company answering over 350 calls for service, with **363** total calls. Making this the busiest year in the history of the firehouse.
- Training was in the forefront this year, with members attending quite a few courses. These courses included leadership, specialized rescue, Firefighting and various other National, State and Local Courses.
- The company also held many fund raising activities and special events such as, Hoagie Sales, Chicken BBQ's and a variety of other events.
 - Hall rentals continue to flourish as well as Bingo
- 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 years
 - Fire prevention activities kept us busy during October
- And in December our second annual Christmas tree sale which went very well for us as we sold out in three weeks.



Review of 2016

- This year brought some very interesting events our way; it was the year for very different types of incidents.
- The company trained a lot this year, not only in house but attended numerous training programs offered by the National Fire Academy in which the chief officers attended, Members also attended State and Local fire training programs sponsored by the Chester County Fire Training academy. These classes included tanker emergencies, building construction and Fire I and Fire II programs.
- During the spring and fall, we also handled a number of brush related fires and controlled burn complaints.

363 Calls for 2016



Grants 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.

- 2016 – The Fire Services grant from the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner’s Office gained the fire company \$13,000.00 for our fire grant. This grant was used to maintain our fleet of apparatus which had some issues that were fixed thanks to this grant.

- Pa American Water Co. \$500 award for the purchase of new helmets for our firefighters.

- The Company took delivery of our new ATV which was the result of being the recipient of a UASI Grant which provided the funding for the purchase of a new ATV through the County Emergency Management. This ATV will allow us to respond to emergencies off road in the County Park or the various walking trails located in our first run.

- The Company was also part of a regional fire grant with six other fire companies to purchase new radios that will work on the new county radio system. This grant was for over \$400,000 dollars to provide over 200 radios to these companies.

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.
 - **Regional Rescue Task Force** – With the company specializing in Water Rescue and Trench Rescue
 - **Wildland Firefighting** – Company continues to support the PA Bureau of Forestry District 17 with equipment and manpower on wildland fires.



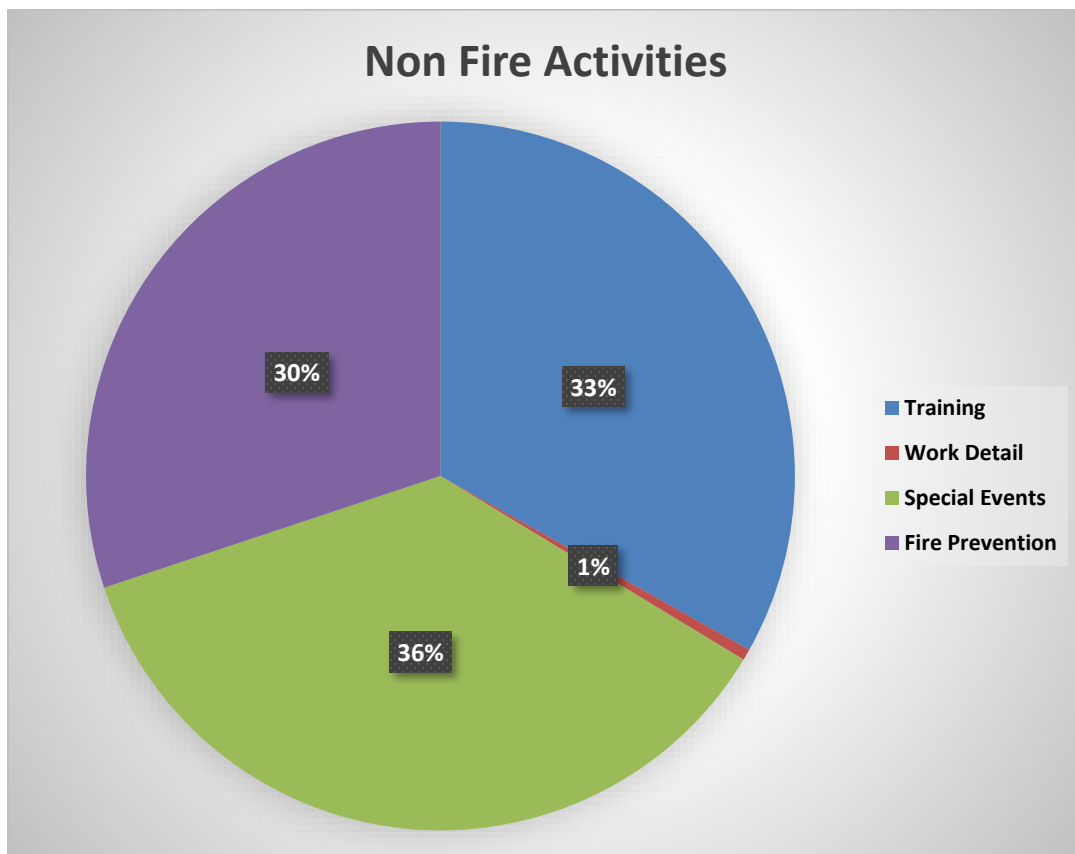
Fire Prevention Details

- Kings Highway Elem. School
 - Wagontown Country Day School children
 - Wagontown Country Day School staff fire safety
 - Started the Fire Prevention on the road program
 - Sandy Hill Pre-School
 - Indian Run Helping Hands pre-school
- Kathy Hawk Daycare – Fire Safety Program and visit
 - Brandywine YMCA pre-school programs
 - 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 is one of 75 Fire Companies in the Commonwealth that has 75% of our members Nationally Certified to the Firefighter I level or above. A commitment by our department in providing the best possible service to our residents.

Wagontown Fire Company members attended the following training courses

- Incident command classes
 - Firefighter I
 - Incident Safety Officer
- Haz-Mat Operations Class & Refreshers
 - First Aid / CPR
- Wildland Firefighting 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
- Numerous County Provided classes
 - Elevator Rescue
 - Health and Safety Officer
 - Building construction refresher
 - Ropes and Riggins
 - Various hands on Field Exercises
 - Wildland Refresher Training
- Collapse Rescue I & II through Bucks County



Training Continued

In-house training sessions conducted



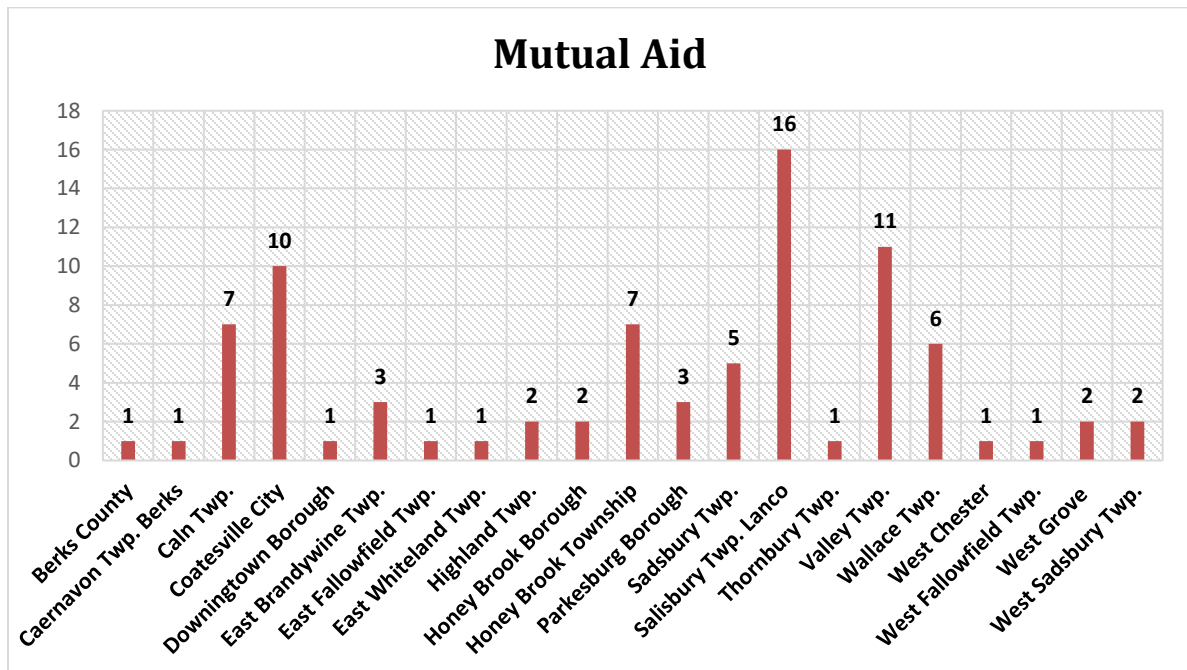
Station staffing was once again done this past year during times of severe weather times, we staffed the station for 42 hours during these times ensuring a quick response. This year combined Training, Fire Prevention and Fund Raising we logged 2,235.57 man hours.

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.

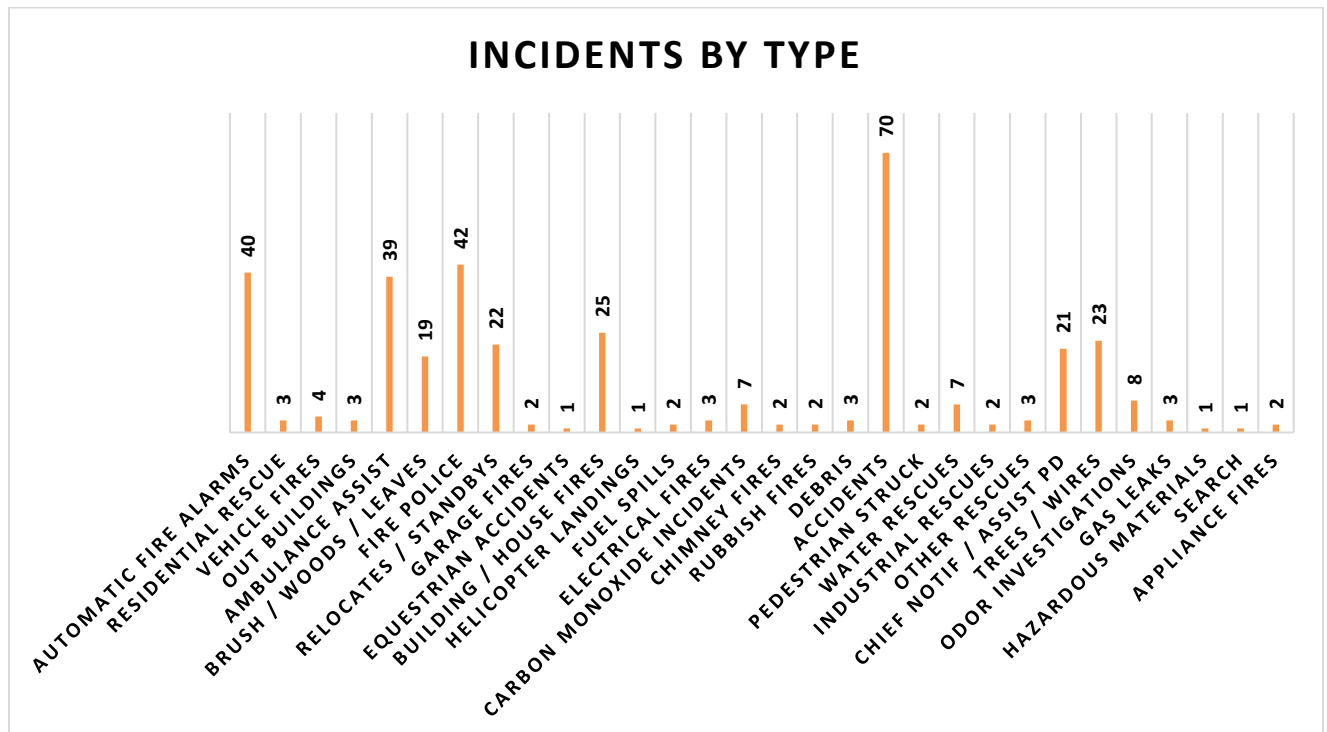
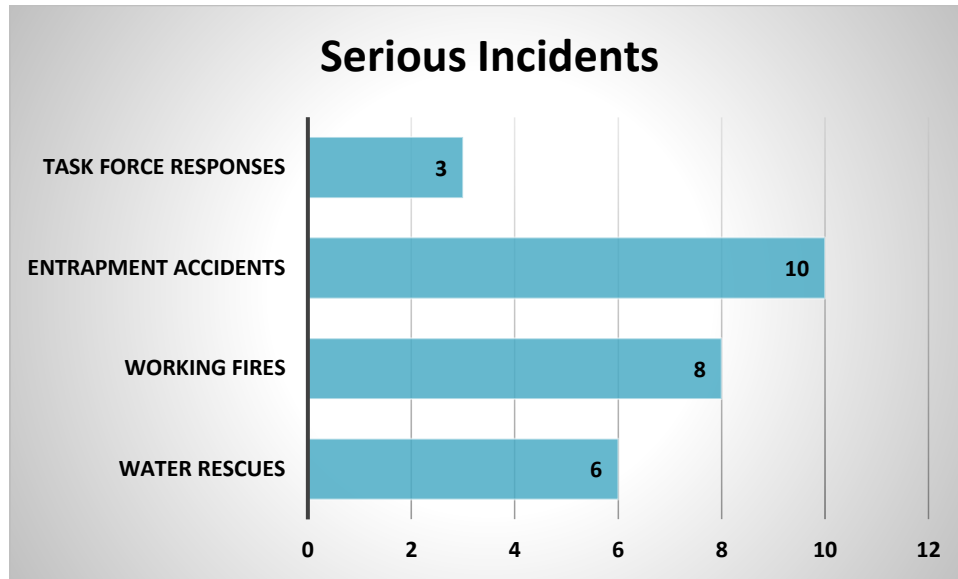


Mutual Aid Provided



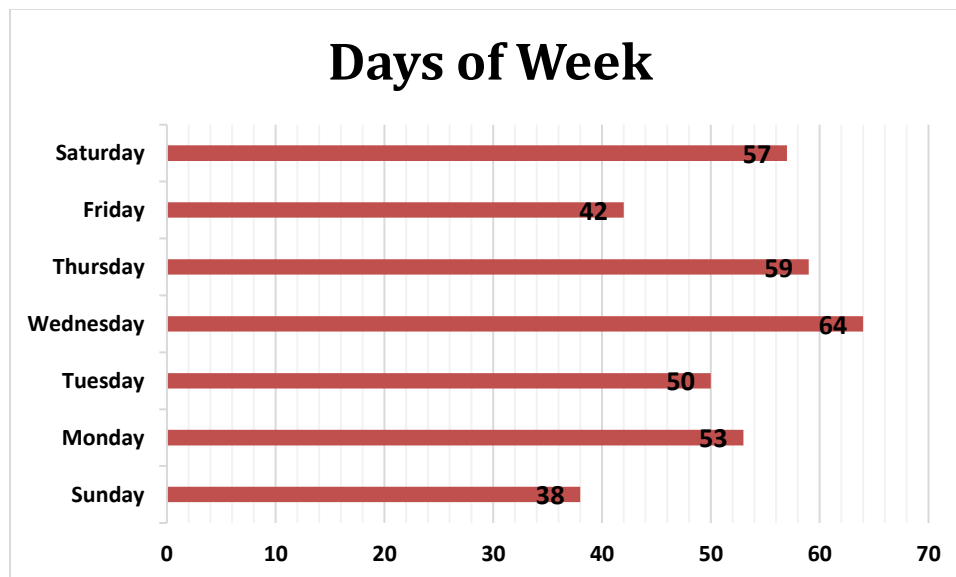
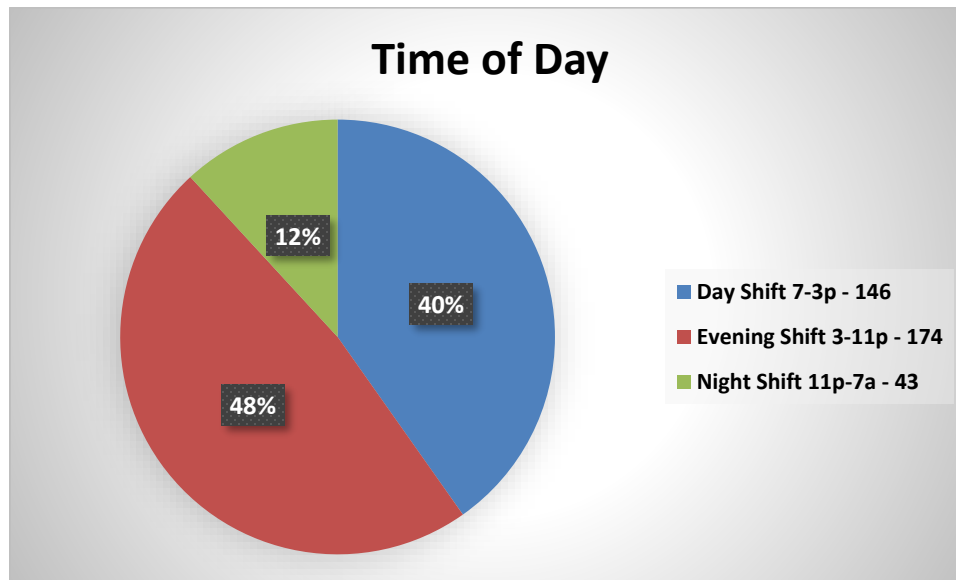
Incidents handled

This heading is where we would like to show those who read our report what it is we responded to last year. As you can see our responses were to a good number of emergencies, this is why training of our members is ever so important.



Times of Incidents

In this section we are showing when and what days our incidents occurred on, we are fortunate enough to have members of the fire company who work for *West Caln Township* who is allowed to leave work to assist us on incidents during their work times. This has been very valuable to us as a fire company but also the residents as this allows us to staff and respond faster during this time when most fire companies are light on firefighters.



Equipment Used

Equipment	2016
	YTD
Hose	
3/4"	3500
Booster	500
1"	2500
1 3/4"	5200
2 1/2"	300
3"	800
5"	4500
Ladders / Feet	
Roof	42
28'	112
24'	72
Little Giant	8
Air Packs	279
Hurst Tools	10
Hand Tools	65
Brush Tools	43
Water / Gals.	30,000+
Foam / Gals.	110
Water Rescue	4
Medical Equipment	12

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.

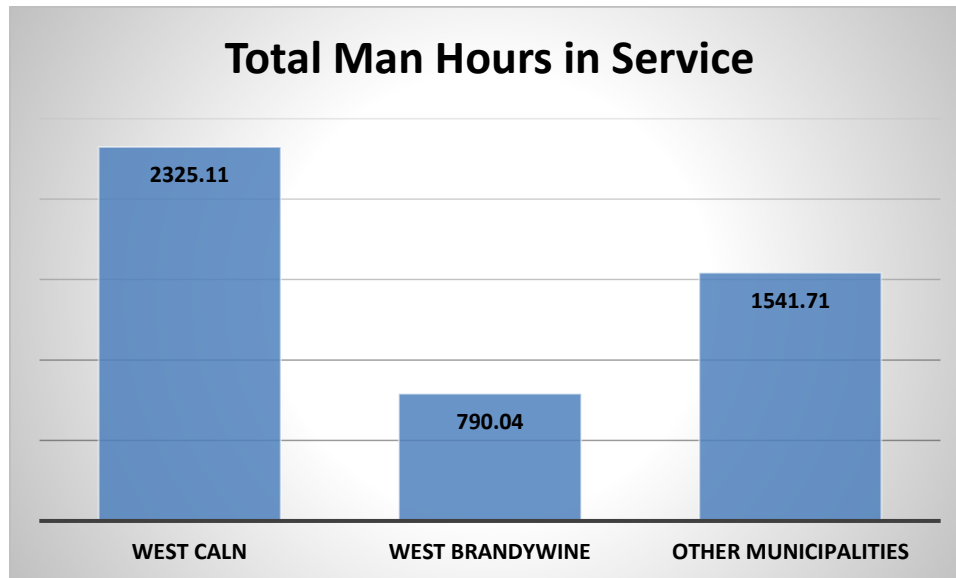
Type	# Calls	Total Value	Total Loss	Total Saved	% Loss	% Saved
Building Fire	5	6,901,000	766,500	6,134,500	11.11%	88.89%
Kitchen Fires	1	350,000	0	350,000	0.00%	100.00%
Chimney Fires	2	725,000	2,500	722,500	0.34%	99.66%
Heating Units	1	300,000	2,000	298,000	0.67%	99.33%
Vehicle Fires	1	260,000	6,500	253,500	2.50%	97.50%
Brush Fires	1	200,000	500	199,500	0.25%	99.75%
Woods Fires	1	7,000	2,500	4,500	35.71%	64.29%
Outside fire other	1	5,000	2,000	3,000	40.00%	60.00%
Totals	14	9,223,000	783,000	8,440,000		

Total Percentage Lost - 8.49%

Total Saved - 91.51%

With a total number of incidents at 363 with a total of 3939 responding personnel we averaged 11 members per incident and had an average response time from dispatch to on scene of 8.37 minutes.

Time in Service



Total Man Hours in service – 4656.89

Goals and Achievements

This year saw the addition of an All-Terrain Vehicle which will provide a greater level of service to those walking, hiking or camping in our great open spaces. With the Hibernia County Park and numerous nature preserves, we now have the ability to access these areas in time of an Emergency. The vehicle was made possible through a grant from Chester County Emergency Services and FEMA Grant money.

We are currently working on another grant which will provide a greater level of protection for those in our coverage area; we are anxiously awaiting the announcement of this grant. We are continuously working to keep our station, equipment and members in a constant state of readiness.

Giving Back to the Community

This year the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company was able to help eleven 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 provided free to those who attended, 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.





Thank you for your support throughout the year.

L. Todd Ziegler

Fire Chief

Wagontown Volunteer Fire Co.