



**WAGONTOWN VOLUNTEER**

**FIRE COMPANY**

**2018**

**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*

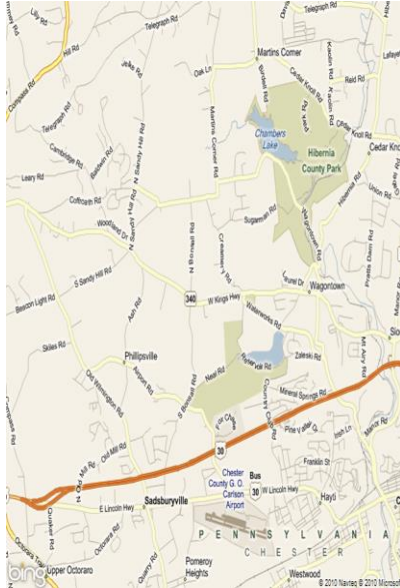
## *Company Background*

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 2018*

*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 – Gregory Ziegler*

*Lieutenant – Matthew Stein*

*Lieutenant – John Yearsley*

*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. – 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
- Brush 35-2 – 1982 American General / Brush Tanker – Retired 12/18
- 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



## *2018 Activities*

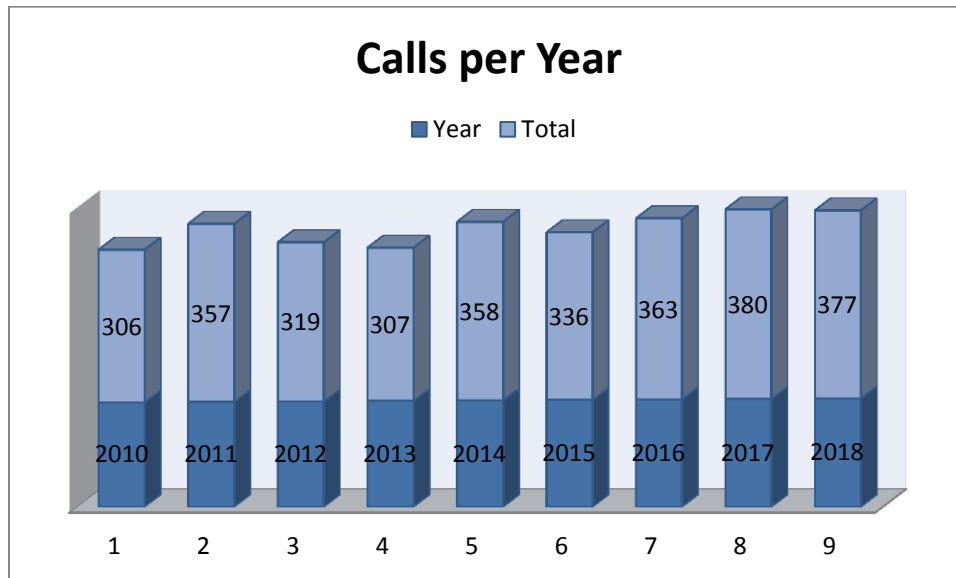
- The Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company is comprised of over 40 active volunteers. This past year was a busy year for the fire company answering over 365 calls for service, with **377** total calls.
- There were a number of serious fires that tied members up for well over four hours on each incident. One of which was a Propane Leak on Mallard Dr. in West Caln 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 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 year.
  - Fire prevention activities kept us busy during October
- And in December our Third Annual Christmas tree sale which went very well for us as we sold out in three weeks.



## Review of 2018

- 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.
- Also this year completed a Day in the Life program with live fire operations at the Counties Public Safety Training Center.
- We lost a valuable member of our team, the untimely passing of Gabriel Wallace was a tough time for members and a loss for our firehouse family.

## 377 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.

- 2017/18 – 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 all of the loose hose and equipment for the new Tanker which was received in December.
- The Company took delivery of our Command unit which was funded through the fireman’s relief association. This provided the Chief with a more reliable and functional unit to operate with when operating at incident scenes.
- The continued to work and keep in contact with our apparatus manufacturer who was building the tanker to replace the Brush Tanker. \$290,000 was awarded to the company to purchase a new 3,000 gallon tanker which has been ordered and was delivered in December.
- Recipient of Firefighters Charitable Grant for 2 awards, 1<sup>st</sup> award was for \$500 which funded our second hood project. This provides each firefighter a second hood to wear while their first one is being washed.
- The second grant was for \$300 which was used towards the purchase of replacement water rescue equipment, which was helmets and boots which were used extensively this year with a number of water rescues.

## *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 Recue. 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*

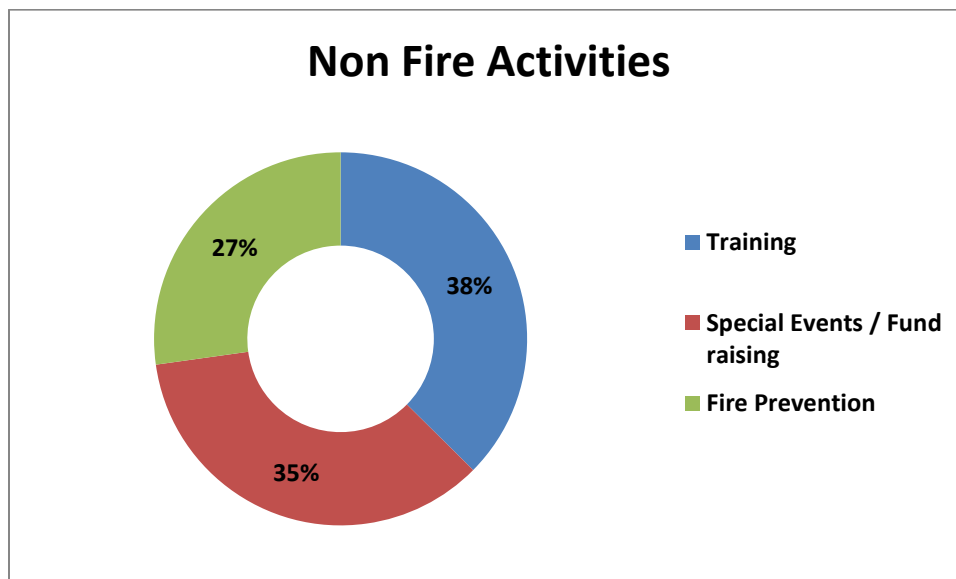
- Kings Highway Elem. School
  - Wagontown Country Day School children
  - Wagontown Country Day School staff fire safety
    - Sandy Hill Pre-School
    - Indian Run Helping Hands pre-school
- Kathy Hawk Daycare – Fire Safety Program and visit
  - Brandywine YMCA pre-school programs
    - Mom's Club 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 67 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.**

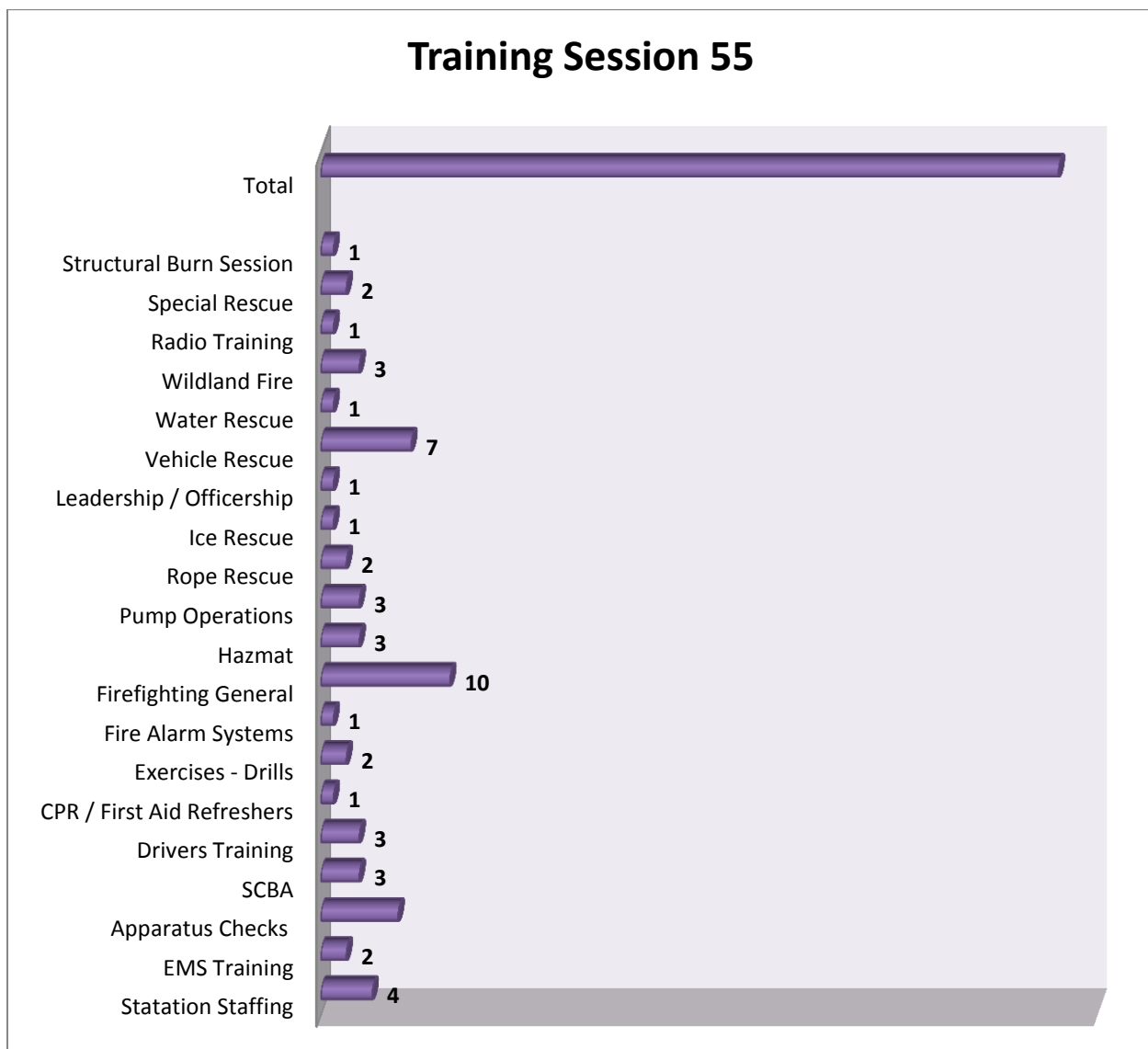
**Wagontown Fire Company members attended the following training courses**

- Incident command classes, 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
  - Elevator Rescue
  - Health and Safety Officer
  - Building construction refresher
    - Ropes and Riggins
- Various hands on Field Exercises



# *Training Continued*

## *In-house training sessions conducted*



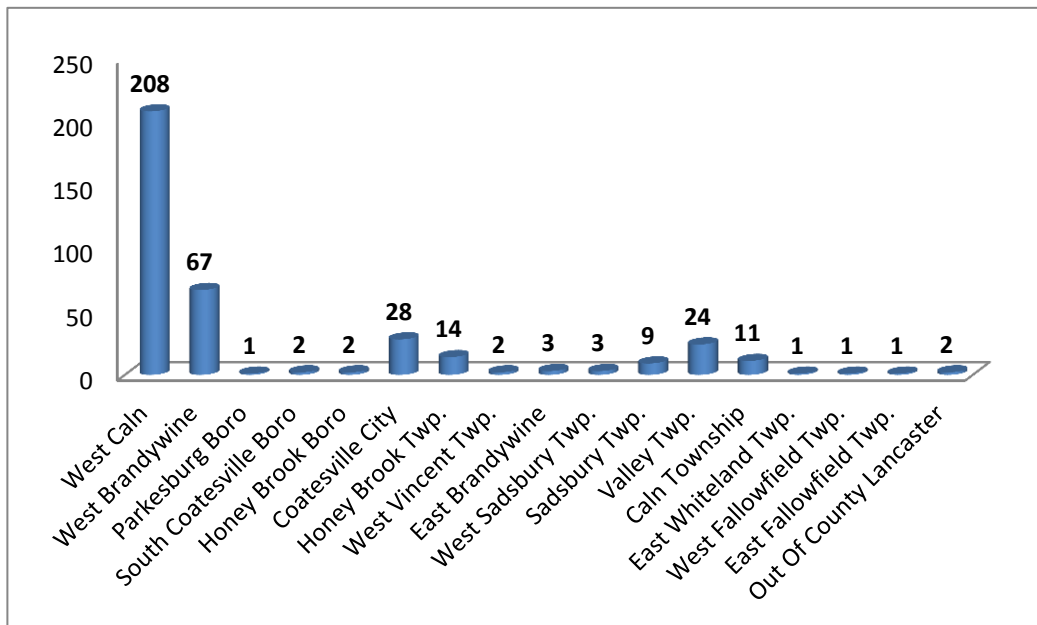
*You will see the category called Station Staffing; this was designed to give members credit for staying at the firehouse during in climate weather, or during special events or programs. What this did was provide a crew ready to respond right from the fire station instead of driving from home to the firehouse first.*

## *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.

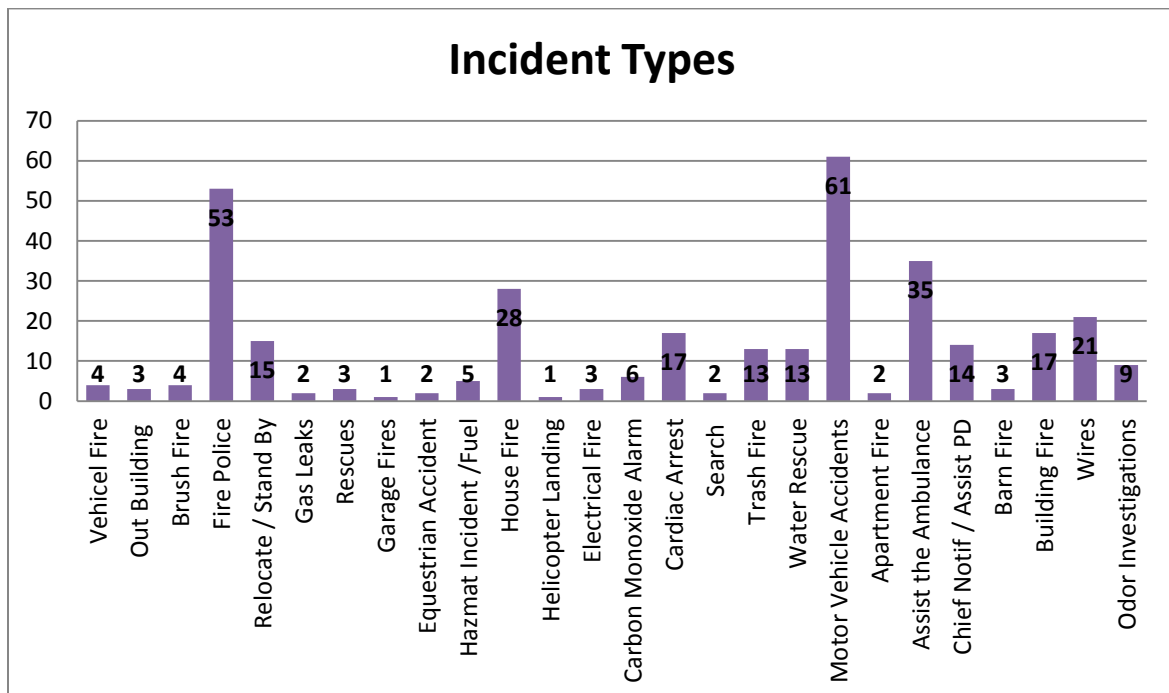
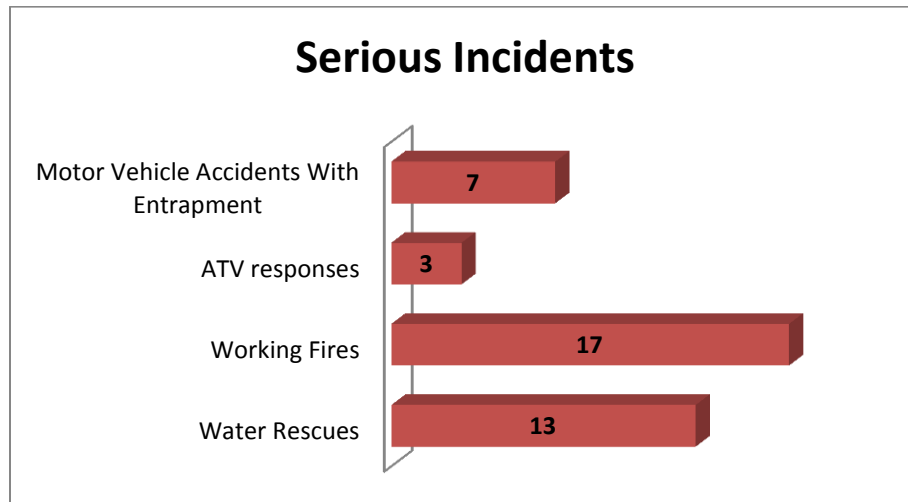


## *Mutual Aid Provided*



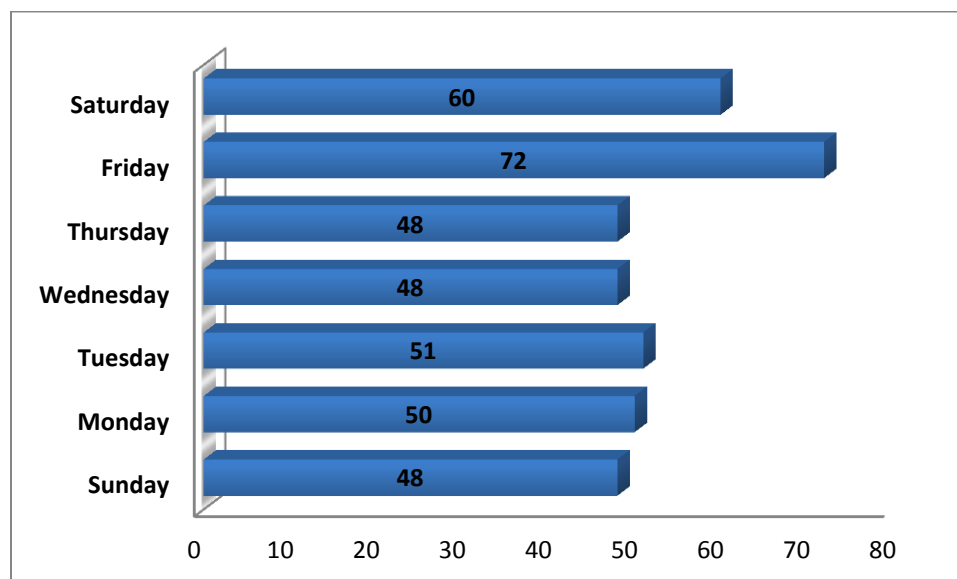
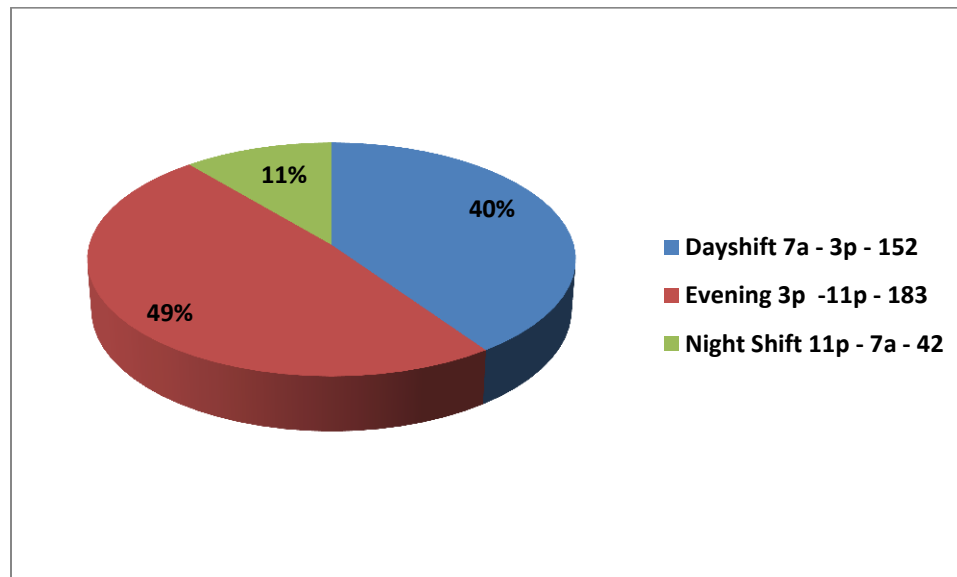
## *Incidents handled*

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.





## *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.

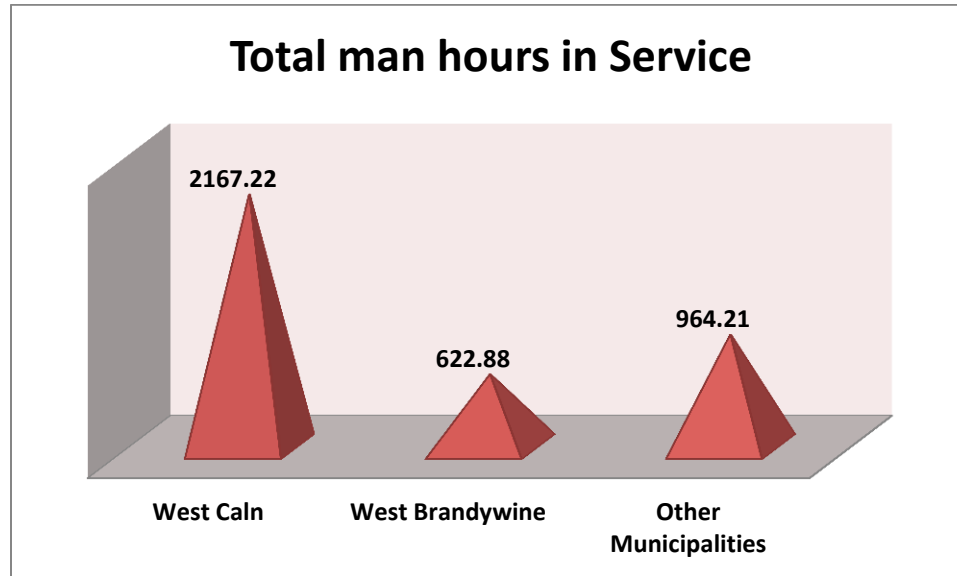
| <b>Type</b>   | <b># Calls</b> | <b>Total Value</b> | <b>Total Loss</b> | <b>Total Saved</b> | <b>% Loss</b> | <b>% Saved</b> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Building Fire | 5              | 1,325,000          | 285,500           | 1,039,500          | 21.6%         | 78.5%          |
| Vehicle Fire  | 1              | 3,500              | 3,500             | 0                  | 100.0%        | 0.0%           |
| Outside Fire  | 1              | 5,500              | 5,500             | 0                  | 100.0%        | 0.0%           |
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**Total Percent Lost: 22.08%**  
**87.83 %**

**Total Percent Saved:**  
**77.92%**

*With a total number of incidents at 377 with a total of 3833 responding personnel we averaged 11 members per incident and had an average response time from dispatch to onscene of 7:16minutes.*

## *Time in Service*



**Total Man Hours in service – 3754.31**

## *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.

## *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.







# *In Action*





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*Thank you for your support throughout the year.*

*L. Todd Ziegler*

*Fire Chief*

*Wagontown Volunteer Fire Co.*