



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Department of Fire/Rescue Services
City of York, Pennsylvania



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The City of York Pennsylvania

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Mayor C. Kim Bracey

The Honorable C. Kim Bracey, Mayor
Members of the Council of the City of York
101 S. George Street
York, PA 17401

Dear Mayor Bracey and Members of Council:

I am pleased to present to you the 2014 Annual Report of the Department of Fire/Rescue Services. This report represents the state of our Department and our efforts to provide professional, courteous and cost effective emergency response and service to our residents and visitors.

Five members of the department retired in 2014. The retirements included Assistant Chief Larry Shroyer, Firefighters Terry Newcomer, Gordy Myers and Jason Rhoades. Also, Steph Seredych, our Fire Prevention Administrative Assistant, retired after 40 years of service to the City. Two firefighters started their careers with the department in 2014, Firefighters Steven Bowman, Jr. and Clifton Frederick, IV.

The partnership with North York Borough continued in 2014. The City of York provided fire protection services per a negotiated contract. 2014 was the last year of providing contracted service to North York.

As with every other department and bureau within the City, we faced a very challenging budget year in 2014. Much needed maintenance on department facilities was once again deferred. The department was successful at obtaining several grants including a grant to update water rescue equipment and replace aging Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). Unfortunately, due to financial conditions, four firefighters were laid off December 31st 2014.

We continue to face the challenges of the complex operations of the Department in response to the needs of our citizens. We do this while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Our financial resources remain exceptionally limited.

In 2014, the department responded to 2,792 calls for service. Estimated fire loss for the year was \$2,049,120.00. The department responded to several significant fires throughout the year. In the early morning hours of March 20th, crews were dispatched to Philadelphia St. and Belvidere Ave. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived to find

heavy fire involving several structures. The three alarm fire threatened numerous buildings in the neighborhood. Multiple master streams were used to bring the fire under control. The fire was intentionally set.

On August 15th, shortly after midnight, crews were sent to 119 N. West St. for a reported structure fire with entrapment. Crews arrived to find heavy fire involving two duplex homes. A search of the properties found everyone did escape safely. The two alarm fire was determined to have been intentionally set.

The very next morning, on August 16th, crews were dispatched to the 100 block of Manchester St. for again, a reported structure fire with entrapment. Crews arrived to find a well advanced fire involving four row homes. Personnel searched the homes and found all occupants had escaped. The fire of undetermined origin went to three alarms before being brought under control.

On September 12th shortly after midnight, personnel were alerted to a structure fire with entrapment at 134 N. Albemarle St. Crews arrived to find a working fire and three people trapped on the roof. Crews used a ground ladder to rescue the trapped occupants. The fire was intentionally set.

On September 20th around 7:00pm, crews were sent to 237 S. Court St. for an automatic fire alarm. Crews arrived to find smoke coming from the building. Crews conducted an aggressive interior attack but found that conditions began to deteriorate rapidly. Crews were removed from the building and a defensive attack was put in place. The building had been a print shop but was converted to apartments. No one was injured in the two alarm fire.

The department continued to provide and install free smoke detectors to residents in conjunction with several community partners. 6,908 smoke detectors have been installed as part of the program. In addition, the department installed a limited number of carbon monoxide detectors in homes throughout the city.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Department for their continued hard work, dedication and cooperation during the past year. I would also like to thank Administrative Aides Steph Seredych & Trish McDowell for their valuable assistance.

Sincerely,

David P. Michaels

David P. Michaels
Chief

STATISTICS

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2014

Fire

Building Fire	129	\$1,929,460
Fires in Structure Other than in a Building	1	\$500
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container	27	\$200
Cooking Fire, Confined to Appliance	22	\$2,875
Chimney or Flu Fire, Confined to Chimney	3	\$1,000
Incinerator Overload or Malfunction, Fire	1	\$0
Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction, Fire	4	\$0
Trash or Rubbish Fire, Contained	6	\$300
Fire in Mobile Home used as Fixed Residence	1	\$0
Fire in Portable Building, Fixed Location	1	\$2,000
Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fire, Other	1	\$400
Passenger Vehicle Fire	34	\$105,980
Road Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire	0	\$0
Off-Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fire	1	\$2,000
Natural Vegetation Fire, Other	4	\$0
Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire	1	\$0
Brush or Brush-and-Grass Mixture Fire	19	\$0
Grass Fire	1	\$0
Outside Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire	35	\$4,030
Construction or Demolition Landfill Fire	1	\$0
Dumpster or Other Outside Trash Receptacle	9	\$225
Special Outside Fire, Other	1	\$0
Outside Equipment Fire	10	\$150
TOTAL	312	\$2,049,120

Overpressure Rupture/Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)

Overpressure Rupture of Steam Pipe	0
Overpressure Rupture of Steam Boiler	3
Overpressure Rupture from Air or Gas, Other	1
Explosion (No Fire), Other	1
Munitions or Bob Explosion (No Fire)	0
Fireworks Explosion (No Fire)	1
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with No Fire	11
TOTAL	17

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2014

Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents

Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	38
Emergency Medical Service, Other	1
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury	430
Firefighter Injury, Non-Incident Response	3
AED Pads Applied	0
AED Pads Applied Shock Administered	0
Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	121
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident	49
Motor Vehicle Accident with No Injuries	74
Lock-In	5
Search for Person in Water	0
Extrication, Rescue, Other	4
Extrication of Victim(s) from Buildings or Structures	1
Extrication of Victim(s) from Vehicle	1
Removal of Victims from Stalled Elevator	9
Victims Self-Extricated from Stalled	4
Extrication of Victim(s) from Machinery	0
Swimming/Recreational Water Areas Rescue	2
Swift Water Rescue	0
TOTAL	742

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

Hazardous Condition, Other	0
Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition	3
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	18
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	65
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	18
Chemical Hazard (No Spill or Leak)	4
Toxic condition, Other	0
Chemical Spill or Leak	4
Refrigeration Leak	0
Carbon Monoxide Incident	19
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other	5
Heat from Short Circuit (Wiring)	5
Overheated Motor	10
Breakdown of Light Ballast	1
Power Line Down	22
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	57
Biological Hazard, Confirmed or Suspected	1
Accident, Potential Accident, Other	2
Building or Structure Weakened or Collapsed	5

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2014

Hazardous Condition (No Fire) (Cont'd.)

Building or Structure Struck by Vehicle	23
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	64
Vehicle Accident, Unstable Vehicle	1
Attempt to Burn	1
TOTAL	328

Service Call

Person in Distress, Other	2
Lock-Out	8
Water Problem, Other	14
Water Evacuation	2
Water or Steam Leak	77
Water Leak - Broken Sprinkler Line	14
Smoke or Odor Removal	6
Animal Problem	0
Animal Rescue	3
Public Service Assistance, Other	0
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency	18
Return to Fire Scene for Investigation	1
Police Matter	8
Public Service	17
Public Service Assistance, Other	0
Fire Watch Detail	20
Unauthorized Burning	9
Cover Assignment, Standby, Moveup	3
TOTAL	202

Good Intent Call

Good Intent Call, Other	21
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	165
Wrong Location	14
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch	58
Authorized Controlled Burning	12
Prescribed Fire	0
Vicinity Alarm (Incident in Other Location)	4
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke, Other	3
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	49
Smoke Scare, Smoke from Cooking (Not Fire)	150
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke	14

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Good Intent Call (Cont'd.)

Smoke for Barbeque, Tar Kettle	3
HazMat Release Investigation with No HazMat	41
Biological Hazard Investigation	0
TOTAL	534

False Alarm and False Call

False Alarm or False Call, Other	0
Malicious, Mischievous False Call, Other	3
Municipal Alarm System, Malicious False	113
Direct Tie to FD, Malicious False Alarm	33
Telephone, Malicious False Alarm	12
Central Station, Malicious False Alarm	9
Local Alarm System, Malicious False Alarm	4
Bomb Scare - No Bomb	0
System Malfunction, Other	11
Sprinkler Activation Due to Malfunction	3
Extinguishing System Activation Due to Malfunction	2
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	102
Heat Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	6
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	92
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	3
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other	20
Sprinkler Activation, No Fire	7
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire	105
Detector Activation, No Fire	22
Alarm System Activation, No Fire	95
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO	11
TOTAL	653

Severe Weather and Natural Disaster

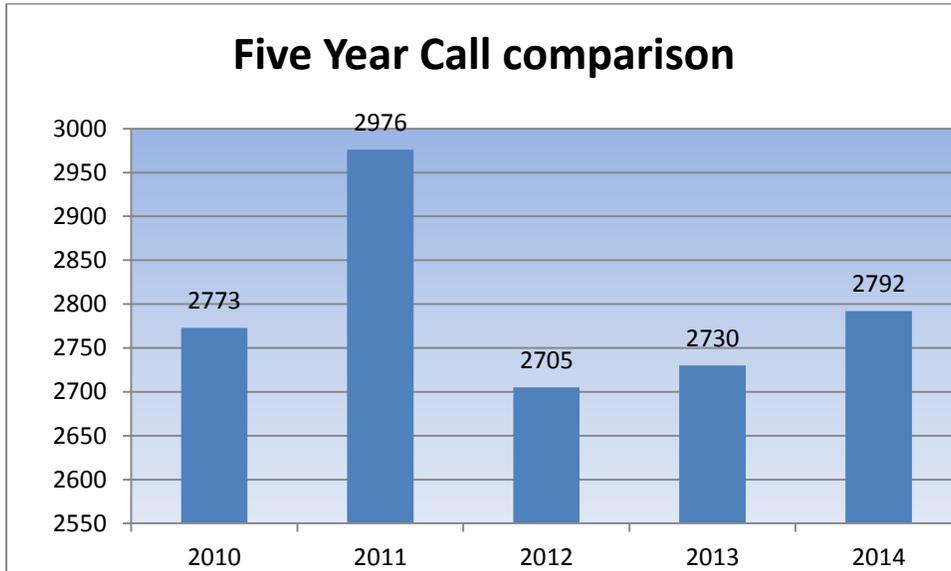
Flood Assessment	1
TOTAL	1

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2014

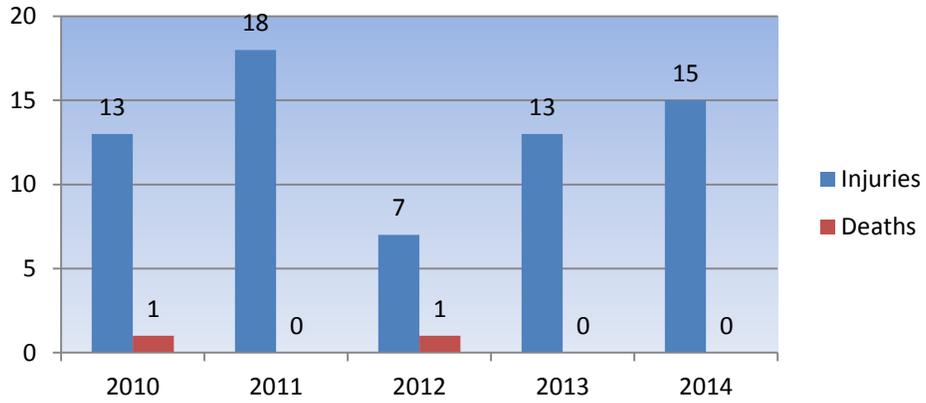
Special Incident Type

Special Type of Incident, Other	1
911 Citizen Complaint	3
TOTAL	4

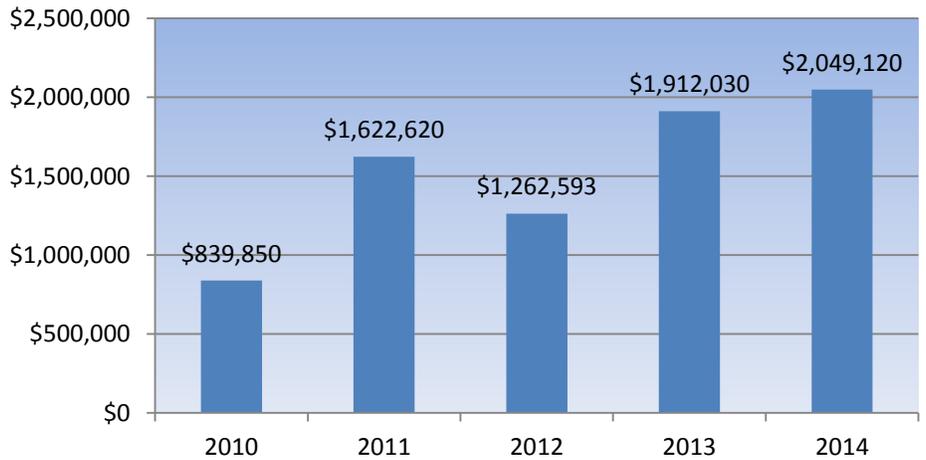
TOTAL INCIDENT COUNT (INCLUDES EXPOSURE REPORTS)	2792
TOTAL ESTIMATED FIRE LOSS	\$2,049,120



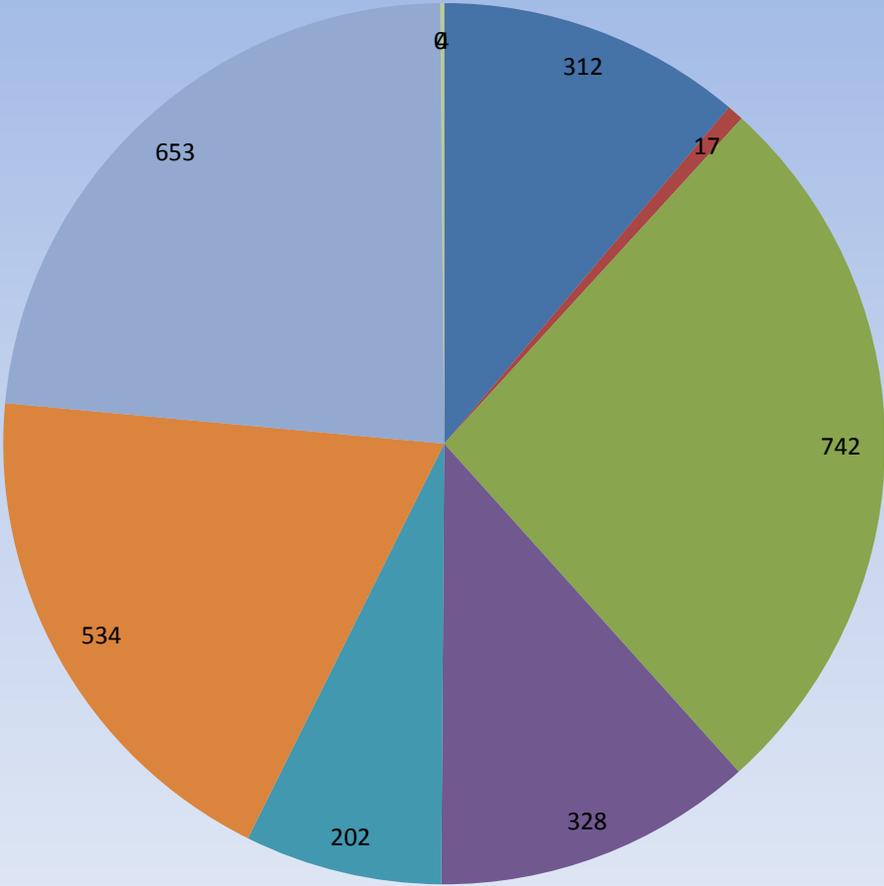
Five Year Civilian Injury and Death Comparison



Five Year Property Loss



Call Type



- Fires
- Overpressure rupture, explosion,overheat
- Rescue & EMS
- Hazardous Conditions
- Service Call
- Good Intent Call
- False Alarm
- Severe Weather
- Special Incidents

O P E R A T I O N S

2014 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Fire Suppression

There are currently 48 personnel assigned to fire suppression. The firefighters/officers are assigned to four operational platoons. The Department operates three engines and one ladder truck. Each platoon is commanded by an Assistant Chief and a Captain.

Suppression personnel:

- Answer calls for emergencies
- Maintain equipment
- Attend trainings
- Perform fire prevention inspections
- Maintain facilities
- Perform pre-fire plan inspections
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Conduct fire safety events

In addition to performing the above duties, personnel continue to save money for the city through their work. Personnel perform vehicle maintenance, maintain ladders and small tools, service power equipment and test and maintain all department breathing apparatus. Personnel also continue to keep up with building maintenance on a limited budget.

Personnel Changes:

The following personnel retired from the department in 2014:

Assistant Chief Larry Shroyer	34 Years of Service
Firefighter Terry Newcomer	20 Years of Service
Firefighter Jason Rhoades	20 Years of Service
Firefighter Gordon Myers	20 Years of Service
Administrative Assistant Steph Seredych	39 Years of Service

The following personnel were hired by the department in 2014:

Firefighter Steven Bowman, Jr.
Firefighter Clifton Frederick, IV

Firefighters Bowman and Frederick both graduated from the HACC Fire Academy.

Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter William Collins was named Firefighter of the Year for 2013.

Incidents

The Department was confronted with several major incidents throughout the year.

On March 20th at 0104 hours, on-duty crews were dispatched to Philadelphia St. and Belvidere Ave. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived to find a well involved and fast moving fire. The fire involved several structures and was threatening other buildings. The three alarm blaze was intentionally set. City Police did arrest a suspect who was caught climbing out of a window of the building.

On August 15th at 0025 hours, a dispatch was made for a structure fire with entrapment at 119 N. West St. Personnel arrived and reported heavy fire involving two duplex homes. The properties were searched and all occupants had safely escaped. The two alarm fire was determined to have been intentionally set.

On August 16th at 0154 hours, crews were dispatched to 120 Manchester St. for a reported structure fire with entrapment. Crews arrived in minutes to find a well involved and fast moving fire involving four row homes. A search of the properties found all occupants were accounted for. The fire of undetermined origin went to three alarms before being brought under control.

On September 12th at 0038 hours, crews were alerted to a structure fire with entrapment at 134 N. Albemarle St. Crews arrived to find a working fire with three people trapped on the roof. A ground ladder was used to rescue the trapped occupants. The fire was determined to have been intentionally set.

On September 20th at 1854 hours, crews received an automatic fire alarm at 237 S. Court St. Personnel arrived and reported smoke showing and upgraded the assignment to a structure fire response. An interior attack was underway and crews soon found that conditions were deteriorating rapidly. With the change in conditions, the Incident Commander pulled all crews from the building. Crews switched to a defensive attack with numerous master streams in operations. The multi-alarm fire of undetermined origin occurred in a building that had been a print shop but converted to residential apartments. The extremely smoky fire blanketed the downtown with smoke and caused numerous residents and business to lose power.

On October 20th at 0544 hours, a dispatched was made to the rear of the Yorktown Mall on N. Duke St. for a person trapped in a garbage truck. Personnel arrived to find a homeless person had been sleeping in a dumpster when the garbage truck emptied the dumpster into the garbage truck. After the operator of the garbage truck had activated

the compactor he heard a noise and found someone was trapped in the truck. Crews were able to rescue the person from the truck. Amazingly, he suffered no injuries.

On November 9th at 0548 hours, a call was dispatched to the 200 block of N. George St. for a report of flames coming from a building. Crews arrived to find heavy fire from the third floor of Cupid's Adult Store at 244 N. George St. The two alarm fire caused \$125,000.00 in damages.

On December 3rd, at 1800 hours, a civilian ran to Station 2 to report she had seen a person in the creek at the Market St. Bridge. Crews immediately responded and had found that a person had jumped from the bridge into the creek. Crews made their way to the creek and were able to get the person out of the water. It was an extremely cold night and the patient suffered from multiple injuries including a back injury and a collapsed lung. Truck 99-1 used the ladder to lower the Stokes basket on a haul system to the patient. The patient was packaged and brought up to the bridge. Care was transferred to White Rose Ambulance and the patient was transported to York Hospital.

Training:

Department members had a total of 5,384 hours of training throughout the year. Department members were trained in:

- CPR
- Haz-Mat operations
- EMS
- Confined space rescue
- Ropes and rigging
- Vehicle extrication
- Front seat rider course
- Fire prevention
- Water supply
- Truck company operations
- Fire behavior
- Pump operations
- Ventilations

In 2014, the department was recognized by the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner as a Participating Department. The recognition is achieved through department personnel obtaining State certifications.

F I R E P R E V E N T I O N

2014 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau is comprised of four firefighters/inspectors, a Captain, and an Assistant Chief. The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for the tenant occupied licensing and inspection program. The Fire Prevention Bureau is also responsible for enforcing the International Fire Code and the Property Maintenance Code.

Members of the Bureau:

- Conduct cellar-to-attic inspections
- Conduct certificate of occupancy inspections
- Receive and investigate complaints
- Conduct certificate of compliance inspections
- Issue operational permits
- Review plans
- Conduct fire drills
- Provide public education
- Register and inspect vacant properties
- Maintain certifications
- Serve on the Civil Enforcement Unit
- Conduct clean sweeps

In 2014, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 9,344 inspections and collected \$1,301,562.00 in fees. Fire prevention education and training provided by staff reached 7,334 people.

The Fire Prevention Bureau received 638 complaints for 2014 and issued 389 citations.

The work of the Fire Prevention Bureau is often unable to be measured. Without a doubt, the inspection of properties and enforcement of codes reduces the number of fires and potential loss of life and serious injury. The work of the Fire Prevention Bureau is not only to save lives but also improve the quality of life throughout the city.

In October of 2014, the duties of Tenant-Occupied Inspection and License program were transferred from the Fire Department as part of a settlement of a long standing contract dispute. The department retained the Fire Prevention Bureau and continues to enforce the International Fire Code and inspect buildings throughout the city.

Steph Seredych, our Fire Prevention Administrative Assistant retired on September 2nd 2014. Steph began work for the city in 1975. In 1980 she moved to the Fire Prevention Bureau where she remained until her retirement. Steph was extremely dedicated to the Department and the city and will be missed.

2014 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS

The Department of Fire/Rescue Services performed the following fire prevention activities during the year 2014.

Inspections

Residential Inspections (Initial-Units)	4,137
Residential Re-Inspections	2,986
Certificate of Occupancy Inspections	123
Certificate of Occupancy Re-Inspections	49
Site Inspections	341
Storage Tank Inspections	0
Complaints Received This Year	638
Complaint Re-Inspections	1,070
Complaint Orders Issued	389
Fire Separation Inspections	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED THIS YEAR	9,344
TOTAL UNITS INSPECTED THIS YEAR	9,344

Fees Collected

License Fees Collected This Year	\$778,309.00
Inspection Fees Collected This Year	\$344,128.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$570.00
Fire Extinguisher Training Fees	\$1,750.00
Fire Department Issued Permit Fees	\$29,355.00
Vacant Property Registration Fees	\$45,630.00
False Alarm Fees	\$16,500.00
Gamewell Box Connection Fees	\$85,320.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED THIS YEAR	\$1,301,562.00

Citation/Hearings

Citations Issued This Year	506
Hearings Attended This Year	143

2014 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd.)

Violation Notices

Violation Notices Issued This Year	468
Violation Notice Re-checks Conducted This Year	1,376

Non-Inspectional Property Visits

Ownership Verifications	866
Properties Posted	46
Properties Deemed Unfit	50
TOTAL PROPERTY VISITS THIS YEAR	962

Plan Reviews

Construction Plan Reviews	26
Evacuation Plan Reviews	0

Miscellaneous Activities

Fire Alarm Boxes Tested	125
Fire Drills Conducted	29
Activities Not Otherwise Specified	6
Hours of Office Coverage by Inspectors	3,472

Public Education/Training

	Attendance	No. of Events
Fire Station Tours	191	13
Hands-On Training Programs	453	81
Public Education Programs	100	1
Public Awareness Events	6,590	41
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	7,334	136

V O L U N T E E R S

2014 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Volunteers

There are nine volunteer fire companies associated with the York City Fire Department: Eagle, Goodwill, Laurel, Lincoln, Rescue, Rex, Union, Vigilant, and Royal.

In 2014, the department continued working to combine all volunteers into one firefighting unit. This allows each company to maintain their identity and members and brought all volunteers under the same structure. The new structure should help in recruiting and maintaining volunteer firefighters.

The volunteer firefighters operate two service trucks. The service trucks provide support during fires and other emergencies. The service trucks are capable of providing breathing air for air packs, lighting, rescue equipment and can serve as a rehab or command post.

Fire Police continue to provide a valuable service to the city. They provide traffic and scene control at the scene of emergencies. Fire police also provide traffic control at special events throughout the city.

The York City Fireman's Relief Association continues to provide benefits to the city. The Relief Association has purchased equipment that continues to save taxpayer's money. In 2014, the association purchased over \$43,000 worth of equipment including a set of airbags to be used for rescue situations and turn-out gear for volunteer firefighters.

2014 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER HOURS

Trainings, Meetings, Station Manning and Incident Response

1	294:49	Shaffer, Albert	17	40:54	Wiley, Melvin
2	265:37	Grove, Marlin	18	37:30	Weaver, Kenneth
3	246:41	Warren, Charlie	19	37:01	Bowman, Osborne
4	235:18	McDonald, David	20	36:30	Myers, Geoffrey
5	186:46	Ferguson, James	21	35:00	Kottmyer, Frederick Jr.
6	130:00	Sheasley, David	22	34:30	Jenkins, Sharon
7	115:39	Harman, Arthur H.	23	31:00	Reinhold, Harold
8	98:56	Huffman, Ricky	24	26:00	Lightner, Dean
9	81:28	Wiley, Eddie	25	25:30	Bleacher, Sharon
10	78:49	Riley, Christopher	26	21:54	Harman, Arthur D.
11	56:07	Krone, George	27	16:00	Culp, William
12	50:22	Welty, James	28	15:13	Stahle, Richard
13	46:00	Welty, Lisa	29	9:48	Shilke, Fred
14	45:54	Wiley, Theodore	30	6:00	Ferguson, Kathy
15	44:30	Kottmyer, Frederick III	31	3:03	Fox, Erin
16	41:30	Bowman, Robert	32	1:19	Leas, Dennis

Total Volunteer Hours: 2,395:38

VOLUNTEER SERVICE UNITS 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

During 2014, Service 99-1 and Service 99-2 responded to the following calls:

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Service 99-1	49	52.0	596
Service 99-2	7	0.4	59

A special thank you to the crew of Service 99 for the past year's service of **over 101.80 hours**.

We also thank the City of York for the repairs and maintenance on the truck the career and volunteer firefighters for helping throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert H. Shaffer

ALBERT H. SHAFFER

Captain

Service Unit Coordinator

CITY OF YORK VOLUNTEER FIRE POLICE

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The City of York had nine (9) fire police members and three (3) inactive members for the year 2014.

In the year 2014, the fire police responded to 40 calls with a total of 157.5 hours of duty. Of the 40 calls, 29 were emergency calls for a total of 53 hours and 11 special calls for a total of 104.5 hours. There were a total of 344.25 hours for meetings.

The following fire police were elected as officers to serve during 2014:

President	Paul Leiphart
Vice-President	Clarence March
Recording Secretary	Bonnie Shilke
Treasurer	Raymond Sneddon
Trustee	John Housseal
Trustee	Richard Hauck
Trustee	Fred Shilke

The line officers appointed by the Mayor of the City to serve during 2014 were:

Chief	Clarence March
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A special thank you goes to our advisor, Sgt. Rick Barth, and to all Chiefs and Captains of the York City Fire Department for all your help and advice given to us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence "Bud" March

CLARENCE "BUD" MARCH
Chief

YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

2014 ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

Submitted on January 21, 2015

**Robert N. Bowman
Treasurer**

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND OTHER FIREMEN'S RELATED EXPENSES

2014	Expenses	
	Insurance:	
	Length of Service (LOSP) (2 years)	\$ 8,142.50
	Health and Accident (paid in 2014)	0.00
	Bond	0.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Supplies	1,116.91
	State Meetings	297.98
	Maintenance: Service 99-1 and 99-2	19.95
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment Maintenance	669.61
	Volunteer Equipment: Service 99-1	0.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment - Turnouts	15,055.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment – Airbags	11,195.00
	Volunteer Training	7,459.11
	2014 TOTAL	\$ 43,956.06
2013		\$89,136.34
2012		\$ 25,648.43
2011		\$ 31,040.34
2010		\$ 37,998.31
2009		\$ 58,592.01
2008	SCBAs	\$498,686.98
2007		\$ 64,044.51
2006		\$ 53,980.19
2005		\$ 51,291.13
2004		\$ 60,608.90
2003		\$103,338.43
2002		\$160,304.98
2001		\$ 94,873.42
2000	(Two engines)	\$385,685.99
1999	(Includes 3-year insurance and trucks-45/ladder)	\$669,822.34
1998		\$113,923.41
1997		\$ 44,247.54
1996	(Includes 3-year insurance)	\$237,835.43
1995		\$ 53,871.98
1994		\$ 60,693.93
1993	(Includes 3-year insurance)	\$ 61,983.35
1992		\$ 24,191.05
1991		\$ 24,881.63
1990	(Includes 3-year insurance)	\$ 57,053.94
1989		\$ 38,495.84
1988		\$ 43,990.79
1987	(Includes 3-year insurance)	\$ 37,431.95

1986	(Includes Service 45)	\$128,552.57
1985		\$ 83,651.50
1984	(Includes 3-year insurance)	\$ 41,239.78
1983		\$ 9,659.30
1982		\$ 13,647.36
1981	(Includes 3-year insurance)	\$ 29,002.10
1980		\$ 30,415.33

YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION SUMMARY OF DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2014

Year	Number	Value
2014	6	\$ 72,106.40
2013	13	\$156,097.01
2012	16	\$192,249.85
2011	18	\$216,487.30
2010	11	\$157,096.10
2009	15	\$180,230.70
2008	14	\$168,227.45
2007	12	\$144,104.90
2006	10	\$120,093.60
2005	11	\$132,084.26
2004	14	\$168,188.00
2003	17	\$204,157.96
2002	12	\$144,182.15
2001	(Based on \$12,000.00)	11 \$132,087.50
2000	19	\$152,332.51
1999	(Based on \$8,000.00)	12 \$ 94,466.50
1998	20	\$100,202.30
1997	25	\$125,344.30
1996	(Based on \$5,000—7/1/1996)	22 \$ 94,178.85
1995	22	\$ 88,214.85
1994	16	\$ 64,153.15
1993	21	\$ 84,486.30
1992	22	\$ 88,163.10
1991	(Based on \$4,000)	15 \$ 59,659.70
1990	26	\$ 91,282.95

1989	(Based on \$3,500)	17	\$ 59,615.70
1988		32	\$ 96,267.40
1987		18	\$ 54,129.86
1986		32	\$ 96,177.95
1985		25	\$ 75,241.30
1984		21	\$ 63,123.20
1983		21	\$ 63,138.05
1982	(Based on \$3,000)	30	\$ 90,206.45
1981		28*	\$ 77,134.80
1980	(Some under \$3,000)	26*	\$ 65,129.70

*Some claims for less than \$3,000

Submitted by,

Robert N. Bowman

ROBERT N. BOWMAN

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

**YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION
2013 OFFICERS**

President

David C. Sheasley

Assistant Treasurer

Dean A. Lightner

First Vice-President

Marlin H. Grove

Recording Secretary

David L. Bowman

Second Vice-President

James Welty

Assistant Recording Secretary

Sharon A. Bleacher

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EMERGENCY PLANNING

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The primary focus of this office is to develop and maintain resources, documents, maps and plans for the protection and safety of our community and its first responders. 2014 proved to be a year with unique challenges and rewards. The year began with a record number of snow emergency events. July brought the Can-Am Police and Fire Games to York drawing on athletes from all over the Americas and World. We closed out the year confronting the public health issues of Ebola and developing strategies to face this new challenge.

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Major Events

- a. Emergency Preparedness Activities. As a member of the Can-Am Police and Fire Games Incident Command Staff this office was charged with development and coordination of emergency planning and credentialing activities for the games. Athletic events were held in York, Lancaster and Dauphin Counties. These games were the culmination of planning and event scheduling that began in 2007.
- b. Public Health Activities. In 2014, the PA Department of Health revised their requirements for the performance and annual reporting required in the PPHR Program. This resulted in major revisions to the reporting documentation. Additional Special Operating Guides (SOG's) and Reference Procedures were developed for such activities as Volunteer Management, Incident Action Plan Development and Staff Deployment Medical Evaluations. These changes resulted in revisions to several existing SOG's and ESF#8A Public Health All Hazards Annex in the York City Emergency Operations Plan.

A component of the PPHR requirements are to develop and execute training and educational activities for the Health Bureau staff. We completed self-contained breathing apparatus training, fit testing of staff and training in the new technologies of WEB EOC and Knowledge Center (KC). Both WEB EOC and KC will be used to monitor, respond and coordinate emergency response activities in our Task Force Area and the State.

Ebola emerged as a major public concern in the fall of this year. This viral disease became a national concern during October and November. To combat public concerns, several activities and information briefs were developed with the assistance of our local partners. The Bureau worked with CDC, PA Department of Health, YAMMRS, WellSpan, Memorial Hospital, White Rose Ambulance and Family First Health Care.

- c. Emergency Response. This office responded to several fire and emergency calls. In January there was a Hazardous Materials discharge on the Codorus Creek. This was tracked back to Hokes Mill Run outfall. The source was located in West York Borough. A Gas line rupture resulted in the evacuation of half a City block. This resulted in temporary sheltering and care of about a dozen residents.

2. Community Education and Training

- a. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – CERT is a training program offered to citizens to provide them with basic skill sets in disaster survival, rescue and emergency preparedness. CERT training was provided to the York Housing Authority management staff. We have been engaged with the City Latino Affairs Coordinator to develop outreach to this city demographic.

In coordination with other York County CERT instructor's guidelines were developed to provide a consistent approach to execute CERT trainings.

- b. Organizations and schools – Emergency preparedness presentations were provided to over 5 schools and organizations. This included reviews and assessments of their present emergency plans and protocols. Some of these were; York Catholic High School, Shadow fax, Lutheran Home and York Ice Co.

3. Emergency Planning and Exercises

- a. Special resource plans - These were developed for any special event in York City with an attendance of 10,000 or greater or a unique event, as required by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Authority. Resource guides and plans were developed for eight events in 2014. In addition to City events such as the Street Fair and York Fest plans were developed for July 4th Fireworks, Firestock, York Fair and for 2015 Festivice.
- b. TMI Emergency Exercise – In April this office participated as part of the York County EOC staff during the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant drill monitored by Federal authorities. Staff functioned as Liaison Officer under the incident command system.
- c. Plan Development – This office participated in the Pennsylvania Department of Health Children's Health in Disasters exercise.

4. Resource Development

- a. Regular updates and revisions are done to major mapping coverages. There were several updates to reflect building demolitions and new construction. The available GIS data and mapping capabilities have been expanded and enhanced through a close working relationship with County Planning GIS operations, County E911 GIS operations and the SCTF GIS work group. Several of the existing map sets were updated and adjusted for inclusion on the City WEB page.
- b. FEMA has released update flood analysis mapping. This mapping data in both hard copy and GIS files have been added to arsenal of emergency resource documents.

5. Training and Education

- a. During 2014, staff attended several training and informational events.
 - i. Emergency response update and training with South Central Task Force (SCTF) at Harrisburg Area Community College.
 - ii. Regular attendance at County Office of Emergency Management quarterly trainings.
 - iii. Completed training IS-15.b “Special Events Contingency Planning”
 - iv. Completed training IS-139 “Exercise Design and Evaluation”
 - v. Completed Training G-235 “Emergency Planning”
 - vi. Completed Training G-290 “Basic Public Information Officer”
 - vii. Completed Training G-489 “Management of Spontaneous Volunteers In Disasters”
 - viii. Completed training CDC’s Radiological Response
 - ix. Completed, submitted and received the Professional EMA Certification from PEMA. There are only 4 Emergency Management Coordinators out of 72 in York County with this certification. This office will be number 5.

6. Additional Activities

- a. The office reviews and tracks Hazardous Material Facilities, answers “Right to Know” requests and responds to information requests on historical, environmental and engineering issues. Twenty-one of these requests were processed along with 33 requests for engineering information.
- b. City Departments and local boards requested support during 2014. Requests were received from Redevelopment Authority, Economic & Community Development, Public Works, Police, Business Administration, Information Systems, Mayor’s Office and City Council. All requests by these departments and several associated boards and bureaus were provided services by Emergency Planning as expeditiously as possible.
 - i. Civil Enforcement Units were supported with mapping and aerial photography during clean sweeps and other special operations.
 - ii. The Police were provided with mapping and data to support Neighborhood Enforcement Units.
 - iii. Multiple maps and aerials were provided to Economic & Community Development, and Redevelopment Authority to support development projects and client presentations.
 - iv. Several research requests were addressed from Business Administration pertaining to various city properties.
 - v. A research project from the Mayor’s Office was undertaken. This involved researching all parcels with the city limits.
- c. Staff represents the City on several boards and committees. During 2014 we attended meetings by: Traffic Safety Committee, York County Emergency Coordinators, York-Adams Metropolitan Medical Response System (YAMMRS) and MS4 group.