

2015 Annual Report
City of York, Pennsylvania
Department of
Fire/Rescue Services



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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
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Dear Mayor Bracey and Members of Council:

I am pleased to present to you the 2015 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.

Four members of the Department were laid-off at the beginning of 2015 due to the financial condition of the city. Fortunately the laid-off firefighters were called back to work after the Department applied for and received a SAFER grant. Three members of the Department retired in 2015. Firefighter Scott Ott retired after 21 years of service, Captain Robert Behler retired after 20 years of service, and Deputy Chief Greg Halpin retired after 34 years of service.

As with every other department and bureau within the City, we faced a very challenging budget year in 2015. Much needed maintenance on department facilities was once again deferred. The Department was successful at obtaining several grants, including a grant to update training props as well as outdated fire hose. The Department also received a FEMA SAFER Grant. The grant in the amount of \$790,234 will be used to pay for four firefighter positions for a two year period.

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 2015, the Department responded to 2,980 calls for service. Estimated fire loss for the year was \$2,391,310.00. The Department responded to several significant fires throughout the year. In the early afternoon of March 11th, crews were dispatched to 606 E. Market Street for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived to find heavy fire showing from the building and received several reports of people trapped. Crews conducted an

extensive search and found that all occupants had escaped safely. The fire was confined to one building and was caused by an electrical malfunction in a third floor apartment.

On April 18th, crews were advised that a 7 year old boy had been reported missing. All on-duty crews assembled and prepared to conduct a search. Crews were assigned to search the banks of the Codorus creek. The creek was searched from Beaver St. to Richland Ave. After hours of searching, crews were happy to learn the child was found safe at a friend's house.

In the early afternoon of May 4th, crews were dispatched to the 500 block of Walnut Street for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived to find a well advanced fire involving several row homes. It took several hours to bring the three alarm fire under control. Four female juveniles were arrested for starting the fire.

In the early morning of August 6th crews were alerted to a structure fire at 450 Manor St. Crews arrived to find a working fire in a commercial building. The former Manor Club sustained major damage in the two-alarm fire of undetermined origin.

On September 13th, as crews were preparing to participate in a 9/11 remembrance ceremony, a dispatch was made for a structure fire in the 700 block of Tioga Street. Crews arrived in minutes to find heavy fire visible from 771 Tioga Street. Neighbors advised the occupants were still in the home. Crews immediately entered the home and found the two occupants. They were removed from the home. Despite all efforts, the two occupants died as a result of the fire.

The department continued to provide and install free smoke detectors to residents in conjunction with several community partners. 7,548 smoke detectors have been installed as part of the program. In addition, the Department installed 1,561 batteries in smoke detectors 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 Assistant Trish McDowell for her valuable assistance.

Sincerely,

David P. Michaels

David P. Michaels
Chief

STATISTICS

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2015

Fire

Fire, Other	1	\$0
Building Fire	126	\$1,908,165
Fires in Structure Other than in a Building	1	\$500
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container	28	\$550
Cooking Fire, Confined to Appliance	19	\$1,125
Chimney or Flu Fire, Confined to Chimney	1	\$0
Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction, Fire	2	\$250
Trash or Rubbish Fire, Contained	2	\$10
Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fire, Other	2	\$5,275
Passenger Vehicle Fire	29	\$99,325
Road Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire	3	\$76,500
Off-Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fire	2	\$100
Natural Vegetation Fire, Other	1	\$0
Brush or Brush-and-Grass Mixture Fire	18	\$220
Outside Rubbish Fire, Other	3	\$25
Outside Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire	28	\$1,265
Construction or Demolition Landfill Fire	1	\$0
Dumpster or Other Outside Trash Receptacle	5	\$2,500
Special Outside Fire, Other	4	\$0
Outside Storage Fire	1	\$0
Outside Equipment Fire	6	\$260,500
TOTAL	283	\$2,356,310

Overpressure Rupture/Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)

Overpressure Rupture from Steam, Other	1
Overpressure Rupture of Steam Boiler	1
Overpressure Rupture of Boiler from Air or Gas	1
Air or Gas Rupture of Pressure or Process Vessel	1
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with No Fire	13
TOTAL	17

Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents

Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	36
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury	571
Firefighter Injury, Non-Incident Response	1
Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	130
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident	51
Motor Vehicle Accident with No Injuries	77

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2015

Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents (Cont'd.)

Lock-In	1
Search for Person on Land	2
Extrication of Victim(s) from Buildings or Structures	2
Extrication of Victim(s) from Vehicle	6
Removal of Victim(s) from Stalled Elevator	6
Victims Self-Extricated from Stalled Elevator	3
Confined Space Rescue	1
High-Angle Rescue	1
Extrication of Victim(s) from Machinery	1
Water & Ice-Related Rescue, Other	1
TOTAL	890

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition	3
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	9
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	81
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	19
Toxic condition, Other	1
Chemical Hazard (No Spill or Leak)	7
Chemical Spill or Leak	1
Carbon Monoxide Incident	16
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other	7
Heat from Short Circuit (Wiring)	6
Overheated Motor	15
Power Line Down	11
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	42
Biological Hazard, Confirmed or Suspected	1
Accident, Potential Accident, Other	1
Building or Structure Weakened or Collapsed	5
Building or Structure Struck by Vehicle	25
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	74
Attempted Burning, Illegal Action, Other	1
Attempt to Burn	1
TOTAL	326

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2015

Service Call

Person in Distress, Other	5
Lock-Out	5
Water Problem, Other	3
Water or Steam Leak	64
Water Leak - Broken Sprinkler Line	12
Smoke or Odor Removal	5
Animal Problem	1
Animal Rescue	5
Public Service Assistance, Other	4
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency	13
Police Matter	6
Public Service	31
Fire Watch Detail	16
Assist Invalid	1
Defective Elevator, No Occupants	1
Unauthorized Burning	6
Cover Assignment, Standby, Moveup	2
TOTAL	180

Good Intent Call

Good Intent Call, Other	7
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	207
Wrong Location	1
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch	84
Authorized Controlled Burning	6
Prescribed Fire	1
Vicinity Alarm (Incident in Other Location)	2
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke, Other	2
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	72
Smoke Scare, Smoke from Cooking (Not Fire)	146
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke	13
Smoke from Barbecue, Tar Kettle	3
HazMat Release Investigation with No HazMat	36
TOTAL	580

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2015

False Alarm and False Call

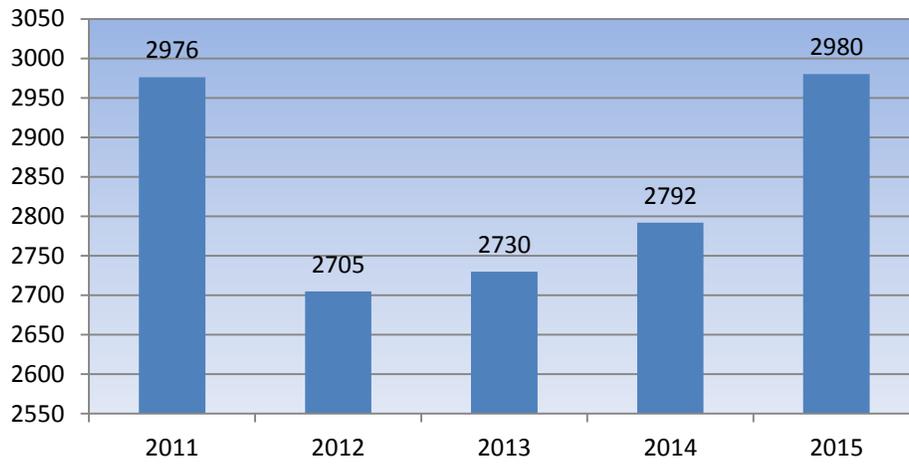
False Alarm or False Call, Other	1
Malicious, Mischievous False Call, Other	1
Municipal Alarm System, Malicious False	111
Direct Tie to FD, Malicious False Alarm	36
Telephone, Malicious False Alarm	7
Central Station, Malicious False Alarm	8
Local Alarm System, Malicious False Alarm	4
System Malfunction, Other	11
Sprinkler Activation Due to Malfunction	6
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	109
Heat Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	2
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	78
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	7
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other	18
Sprinkler Activation, No Fire	11
Extinguishing System Activation	1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire	133
Detector Activation, No Fire	39
Alarm System Activation, No Fire	102
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO	4
TOTAL	689

Special Incident Type

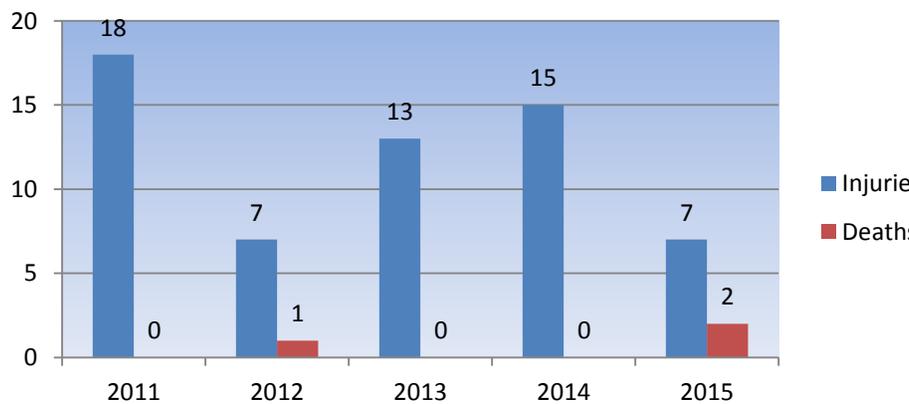
911 Citizen Complaint	15
TOTAL	15

TOTAL INCIDENT COUNT (INCLUDES EXPOSURE REPORTS)	2980
TOTAL ESTIMATED FIRE LOSS	\$2,391,310

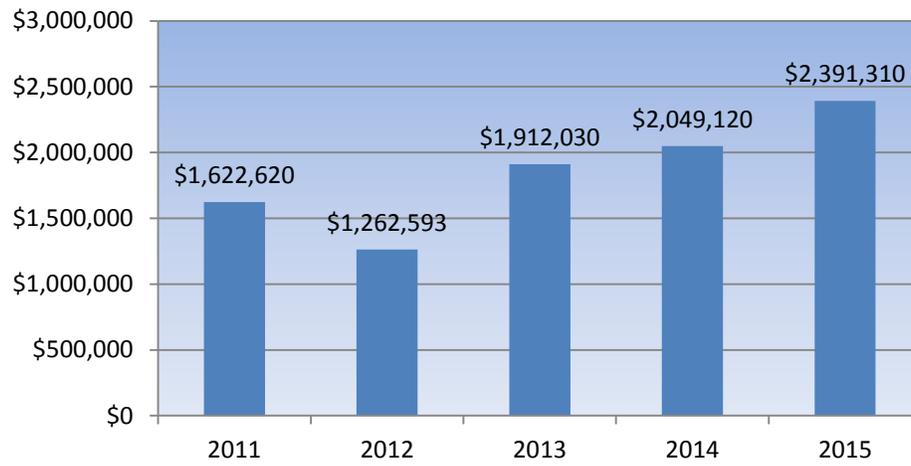
Five Year Call Comparison



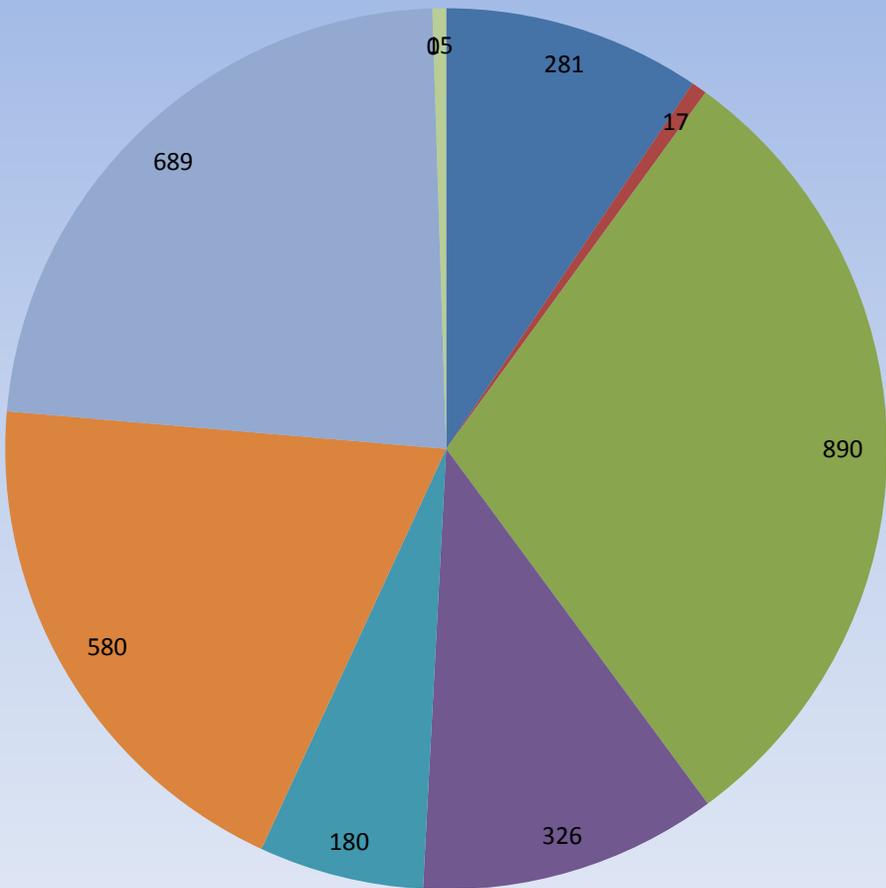
Five Year Civilian Injury and Death Comparison



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

2015 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 2015:

Firefighter Scott Ott	21 Years of Service
Captain Robert Behler	20 Years of Service
Deputy Chief Greg Halpin	34 Years of Service

The following were promoted in 2015:

David Ferguson promoted to Assistant Chief on May 4th 2015
William Sleeper promoted to Captain on May 29th 2015
Chad Deardorff promoted to Deputy Chief on June 1st 2015
Will Collins promoted to Captain on November 2nd 2015

Incidents

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

On March 11th at 1139 hours, crews were dispatched to 606 E. Market Street for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived to find heavy fire showing from the building and received several reports of people trapped. Crews conducted an extensive search and found that all occupants had escaped safely. The fire was confined to one building and was caused by an electrical malfunction in a third floor apartment.

On April 18th, on duty personnel were advised that a 7 year old child had been reported missing. Crews immediately assembled and a search of the Codorus Creek area was conducted. Crews searched the creek from Beaver St. to Richland Ave. After hours of searching, crews were happy to learn that the young child was found safe at a friend's house.

On May 4th at 1332 hours, crews were dispatched to the 500 block of Walnut Street for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived to find a well advanced fire involving several row homes. It took several hours to bring the three-alarm fire under control. Four female juvenile were arrested for starting the fire.

On June 12th at 1047 hours, crews were sent to the 800 block of S. Duke St. for a subject trapped in a chimney. Crews arrived and met with City PD. PD advised they had been chasing a person from a raid. The male went to the roof and went into the chimney in an attempt to hide from the police. The subject was stuck in the chimney between 802 & 804 S. Duke St. Personnel worked to free the subject with the assistance of the York County ATR team. The subject was transported to York Hospital for observation and released to police custody.

On June 12th at 2214 hours, the stations received Gamewell box 353 for 543 N. Newberry St. Personnel responded and found a serious one-vehicle accident. A vehicle had struck the telephone pole that held the Gamewell box, which caused the box to activate. One person had self-extricated but two males were heavily entrapped. The driver was extricated and pronounced dead at the scene. The passenger was extricated and pronounced dead at the hospital. An assessment showed both deceased victims had gunshot wounds which contributed to the accident and ultimately their deaths.

On July 17th, crew were advised that a dog was stuck on a roof in the 700 block of W. Poplar St. Crews responded and found the dog was actually stuck on a 3rd floor window sill. Crews used the ladder truck to reach the dog and bring it to safety.

On August 6th at 0443 hours, a dispatch was made for a structure fire at 450 Manor St. Crews arrived to find a working fire in a commercial building. The former Manor Club sustained major damage in the two alarm fire of undetermined origin.

On September 13th, as crews were preparing to participate in a 9/11 remembrance ceremony, a dispatch was made for a structure fire in the 700 block of Tioga Street. Crews arrived in minutes to find heavy fire visible from 771 Tioga Street. Neighbors advised the occupants were still in the home. Crews immediately entered the home and

found the two occupants. They were removed from the home. Despite all efforts, the two occupants died as a result of the fire.

On October 15th at 0332 hours, a structure fire was reported at 363 Pattison St. Crews arrived to find all occupants were out of the house and heavy fire showing from the rear 2nd floor balcony area. The occupants advised that they were awakened to the sound of a smoke detector. They investigated and found there was a fire. All occupants including a 9-month old baby escaped the building. It was learned that our personnel installed the smoke detectors that alerted the family.

On October 21st at 1739 hours, a dispatch was made reporting a structure fire in the 300 block of E. Poplar St. Crews arrived within two minutes to find heavy fire and smoke showing from the rear of four homes. Crews immediately noticed people throwing items from a 2nd floor front window. Crews entered the home to evacuate the residents. Crews made the 2nd floor and were searching for additional victims when the rapidly progressing fire cut off their escape route. A MAYDAY was called for firefighters who were trapped. All firefighters were able to exit the building. Two firefighters were treated for burns. The three-alarm fire damaged four homes and displaced 21 people. Three juveniles were arrested for setting the fire.

On December 30th at 0725 hours, crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 737 W. Princess St. As crews were responding, York County 911 advised they were receiving numerous calls. On arrival, crews were met with heavy fire involving two homes and rapidly spreading. An aggressive attack was used to contain the fire to 735 and 737 W. Princess St. The fire that caused thousands of dollars in damage was started by an electrical malfunction with a freezer.

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
- Engine company operations
- Fire prevention
- Water supply
- Truck company operations
- Fire behavior
- Pump operations
- Ventilation
- College Level Courses

In 2015, 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.

Smoke Detectors:

In 2015, the Department continued with the smoke detector program. On request, the Department will send personnel to install the proper number of smoke detectors in their proper locations. All smoke detectors used by the Department are obtained through donations. In 2015, the Department installed 626 detectors and 92 batteries.

In addition, the Department teamed with the American Red Cross as part of a commitment to reduce fire fatalities. The Red Cross program has a goal to reduce fire fatalities by 25% over the next four years. On October 15th, Department personnel worked with the Red Cross and other volunteers to install smoke detectors. Throughout the day, 627 smoke detectors were installed in homes. Additional smoke detectors were installed in the following days bringing the total to 775 smoke detectors. Since the beginning of the smoke detector program, department personnel have installed 7,548 smoke detectors and 1,561 batteries.

Air Packs:

Thanks to the generosity of Wellspan Health and the York Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association, the Department started the process to replace all air packs in the Department. The new air packs, the MSA G1, will offer safety to our firefighters working in hazardous and toxic environments. The air packs cost a total of \$356,288.00 and will serve the Department for years to come.

Staff Vehicle:

Thanks to the generosity of Wellspan Health, the Department was able to purchase a new staff vehicle. A 2016 Ford Explorer was purchased for a total cost of \$40,000.00.

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

2015 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau is comprised of a Captain and an Assistant Chief. The Fire Prevention Bureau enforces the International Fire Code and the Property Maintenance Code. The bureau strives to make the city a safer place through the enforcement of applicable codes.

Members of the Bureau:

- 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 2015, the Fire Prevention Bureau collected \$201,475.50 in fees. Fire prevention education and training provided by staff reached 4,742 people.

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, property loss and potential loss of life and serious injury. The work of the Fire Prevention Bureau is not only to save lives but also to improve the quality of life throughout the city. This work is accomplished by investigating complaints, issuing violations and writing citations when necessary.

In October of 2014, the duties of the 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. The Bureau also administers the Vacant Property Registration Program and the Gamewell box auxiliaries.

2015 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS

The Department of Fire/Rescue Services performed the following fire prevention activities during the year 2015.

Inspections

Certificate of Occupancy Inspections	58
Certificate of Occupancy Re-Inspections	26
Certificate of Compliance Inspections	64
Certificate of Compliance Re-Inspections	30
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED THIS YEAR	178

Operational Permits

Operational Permit Letters	7
Operational Permit Reviews	22
Operational Permit Inspections	205
Operational Permit Re-Inspections	80
Operational Permits Issued	402
Operational Permit Site Inspections	327

Vacant Properties

Vacant Property Site Inspections	575
Vacant Property Letters	216
Vacant Property Registrations	201

Testing

Alarm Tests	241
Gamewell Box Tests	256
Fire Suppression Tests	54
Knox Box/Caps	588

2015 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd.)

Administration

Office Hours	1,478
Meetings	123
Training Programs	23
Training Hours	87
Incident Responses	49
Other	32

Fees Collected

Gamewell Box Fees	\$ 90,360.00
False Alarm Fees	14,125.00
Training Fees	600.00
Vacant Property Registration Fees	39,587.00
Operational Permit Fees	47,785.50
Restitution	461.00
Miscellaneous Fees	8,557.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED THIS YEAR	\$201,475.50

Citation/Hearings

Citations Issued This Year	158
Hearings Attended This Year	42

Violation Notices

Violation Notices Issued This Year	108
Violation Notice Re-checks Conducted This Year	733
Violations Corrected	385

Non-Inspectional Property Visits

Ownership Verifications	892
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Plan Reviews

Plan Reviews	93
Pre-Incident Surveys	2
Fire Investigations	1

2015 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd)

Complaints

Complaint Inspections	16
Complaint Orders Issued	23
Complaint Re-Inspections	92
Complaints Corrected	37

Other

Properties Deemed	3
Properties Posted	6
Cellar to Attic Inspections	1
Cellar to Attic Re-Inspections	18

Public Education/Training

	Attendance	No. of Events
Apparatus Displays		46
Fire Station Tours	333	20
Hands-On Training Programs	2,891	67
Fire Safety House	250	2
Fire Drills	743	63
Miscellaneous Events	525	10
TOTAL ATTENDANCE/EVENTS	4,742	208

V O L U N T E E R S

2015 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 2015, the Department continued working to combine all volunteers into one firefighting unit. This allows each company to maintain their identity and brings all volunteer members 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 unit 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 2015, the association purchased over \$117,000 worth of equipment which includes a set of airbags to be used for rescue situations and turn-out gear for volunteer firefighters.

2015 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER HOURS
Trainings, Meetings, Station Manning and Incident Response

1.	723:09	Grove, Marlin	19.	33:43	Riley, Christopher
2.	240:55	Warren, Charlie	20.	32:45	Jenkins, Sharon
3.	204:47	Shaffer, Albert	21.	32:15	Welty, James
4.	181:58	Sheasley, David	22.	31:13	Shilke, Fred
5.	141:51	McDonald, David	23.	30:45	Lightner, Dean
6.	132:37	Ferguson, James	24.	26:30	Stahle, Richard
7.	84:34	Krone, George	25.	25:31	Myers, Geoffrey
8.	80:56	Witmer, Brian	26.	15:15	Culp, William
9.	69:40	Harman, Arthur H.	27.	15:00	Shilke, Bonnie
10.	53:08	Myers, Jr., Gordon	28.	14:30	Weaver, Kenneth
11.	48:49	Bowman, Osborne	29.	11:33	Wiley, Eddie
12.	42:22	Kottmyer, III, Fred	30.	9:00	Dunlap, Raymond
13.	42:15	Bowman, Robert	31.	5:42	Wiley, Theodore
14.	38:51	Bleacher, Sharon	32.	4:30	Ferguson, Kathy
15.	38:31	Harman, Arthur D.	33.	1:00	Updegraff, Michael
16.	36:45	Kottmyer, Jr., Frederick	34.	1:00	Wiley, Michael
17.	34:37	Welty, Lisa	35.	:31	Duke, William
18.	34:15	Reinhold, Harold			

Total Volunteer Hours: 2,520:43

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - 2014

Lisa Welty was named the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for 2014. She was appointed as a volunteer firefighter with the Eagle Fire Company in 1990 and demonstrates a sincere desire to serve her community.



Lisa is active in the Foreman's President's and Fire Chief's Association and the York City Volunteer Relief Association where she regularly attends meetings and serves on committees.

She has attended trainings and has maintained her active firefighter status. She is willing to respond to emergency calls at any time help is needed.

225TH CELEBRATION OF LAUREL FIRE COMPANY



2015 marks the two hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the Laurel Fire Company No. 1. The Laurel Fire Company is the oldest fire company in York County, the organization tracing its roots back to 1770 when a number of villagers in Yorktown became aware of the necessity of making some provision to protect their property from the ravages of fire. The villagers formed the Sun Fire Brigade of Yorktown in January of 1771, purchasing a fire engine from the Sun Fire Company of Philadelphia, and erecting an engine house on North George Street in 1773.

The members of the Sun Fire Brigade reorganized as the Laurel Fire Company No. 1. The Company being officially chartered as a fire company and articles for the government of the company were adopted in 1790.

The Laurel Fire Company No. 1 has provided continuous service to the citizens of the village of Yorktown, the Borough of York and the City of York from the era of hand-drawn human operated pumping engines, to horse-drawn steam-powered pumpers to modern-day motorized firefighting apparatus.

Today, the Company, is housed in a building, which was dedicated in 1878, continues to provide exemplary service to the citizens of York.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE UNITS 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

During 2015, Service 99-1 and Service 99-2 responded to the following calls:

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Service 99-1	50	31.0	497
Service 99-2	1	0.3	34

A special thank you to the crew of Service 99 for the past year's service of **over 86.45 hours**.

We also like to thank the City of York for the repairs and maintenance on the truck. We would like to thank the career and volunteer firefighters for all of their continued help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert H. Shaffer

ALBERT H. SHAFFER

Captain

Service Unit Coordinator

CITY OF YORK VOLUNTEER FIRE POLICE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The City of York had twelve (12) fire police members and three (3) inactive members for the year 2015.

In the year 2015, 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 2015:

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 2015 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

2015 ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

Submitted on January 20, 2016

**Robert N. Bowman
Treasurer**

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND OTHER FIREMEN'S RELATED EXPENSES

2015	Expenses		
	Insurance:		
	Length of Service (LOSP)	\$ 4,686.06	
	Health and Accident (paid in 2014)	48,118.00	
	Bond (2 years)	793.00	
	Total Insurance		\$53,397.06
	Volunteer Firefighters' Supplies		77.77
	State Meetings		761.40
	Maintenance: Service 99-1 and 99-2		58.16
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment Maintenance		0.00
	Volunteer Equipment: Service 99-1		0.00
	Volunteer Equipment: Boots		370.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment: Turnout Pants		568.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment: Airbags		55,000.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment: Computer		1,635.21
	Volunteer Training		5,737.08
		2015 TOTAL	\$117,804.68
2014			\$ 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 2015

Year	Number	Value
2015	19	\$228,523.94
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

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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. This past year much of the emergency planning focus was on internal office and governmental preparations. A rewrite was begun of the City Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). This was undertaken to bring our plan up to date and reflect current organizational structures. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has directed local Health Bureaus to undertake the re-certification process for Project Public Health Readiness (PPHR). Submissions from our certification five years ago are under review and the new submission will reflect changes to staffing and core missions.

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Major Events

Emergency Preparedness Activities: The office undertook the re-tooling of the City's COOP in conjunction with the training and certification in the current COOP processes. Additionally an effort was initiated to begin conversion of the City's vast engineering documents into a digital format. This will allow for wider access by first responders and other client groups.

Public Health Activities: In 2015 there were several staff changes with PA Department of Health and within the City Health Bureau. Changes at the state again resulted in a realignment to their requirements for the performance and annual reporting required in the PPHR and other emergency preparedness programs. These changes resulted in revisions to several existing Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) and ESF#8A, Public Health All Hazards Annex, in the York City Emergency Operations Plan.

- Annually the Bureau plans and executes various emergency preparedness exercises. This year the exercise was "TMI+36". This was a re-play of the Three Mile Island accident in 1979. This two day exercise involved Health Bureau staff, City EMA, York County EMA, City Hall staff and Representative Schreiber's office staff. The Bureau was charged with distribution of oral prophylaxis to all city hall personnel. They had to break down bulk shipments, repackage, inventory and distribute these items to all staff. City staff could accept or refuse the medications. Supervisors were instructed to follow City emergency attendance protocols during the exercise. An After Action Report and Improvement Plan along with all other pertinent Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) documents were submitted to PA Department of Health.
- Ebola emerged as a major public concern in 2014. In 2015 the Health Bureau was able to secure funding to bring on staff to specifically develop EBOLA/Novel Virus response plans and assist with public education. This office participated in the interview process and selection of this individual.
- In December a Point of Dispensing (POD) clinic was planned and held for the public. This was for the free vaccination against the shingles virus. The POD required the coordination between Family First Health, PA Department of Health, City Bureau of Health and several of our county Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) teams. An AAR/IP and exercise documents will be submitted to the PA Department of Health concerning this very successful POD.

Finally, this office and Bureau Staff are assisting/participating in the development of the plans for the York County Disaster Shelter for the vulnerable population.

Emergency Response: This office responded along with the Department of Fire/Rescue Services to several structure fires, hazardous material and other emergency calls.

- The winter months continued with several snow emergencies. One snowfall prompted the early closure of City Hall offices.
- October brought a threat to the community from Hurricane Joaquin. The storm was tracked and preliminary measures were taken should the path impact our area. Ultimately it tracked to the east causing major rain and flooding events in the Carolinas.
- Staff was brought in by the Missing Child Task-force to assist with resource coordination and mapping during the efforts to locate a missing child.

2. Community Education and Training

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. Several classes were held for the community. Staff assisted in the program presentation to nursing students at the York County School of Technology and the planning and execution of a CERT refresher day training event. This was held at the York County Fire School.

Organizations and Schools: Emergency preparedness presentations were provided to schools, colleges and organizations. This included reviews and assessments of their present emergency plans and protocols. Some of these were; Susan Brynes Health Education Center, York Academy and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC).

This office organized and coordinated fire extinguisher training for city personnel.

In conjunction with York County EMA and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), staff is assisting with the development and execution of multi-year exercise development programs for Dentsply and York Ice Co.

3. Emergency Planning and Exercises

Special Resource Plans: These were developed for any special event in York City with an attendance of 10,000 or more people or for a unique event, as required by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Authority. Resource guides and plans were developed for ten events in 2015. In addition to city events such as the Street Fair and York Fest plans were developed for July 4th Fireworks, Firestock, and the York Fair. At the York County Emergency Management Coordinators quarterly training, staff did a presentation on the process and how the city approaches special event planning.

TMI Emergency Exercise: In April this office and Health Bureau personnel 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.

Plan Development: This office participated in the both the York-Adams Metropolitan Medical Response System (YAMMRS) and the South Central Task Force's emergency exercises.

4. Resource Development

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 York County Planning GIS operations, York County E911 GIS operations and the South Central Task Force (SCTF) GIS work group. Several of the existing map sets were updated and adjusted for inclusion on the City WEB page.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under took updates and revisions to the flood mapping. Staff assisted in the crafting of the City's new flood plain ordinance. Revised mapping has been released. This mapping data is available in hard copy as well as GIS files have been added to an arsenal of emergency resource documents.

5. Training and Education

During 2015, staff attended several training and informational events.

- i. Emergency response update and training with SCTF at Harrisburg Area Community College.
- ii. Regular attendance at York County Office of Emergency Management quarterly trainings.
- iii. Completed, submitted and received from Homeland Security/FEMA, certification as a Level 1 Professional Continuity Practitioner/Planner. This certification required the successful completion of 13 sections of coursework.
- iv. Training in mustering and working with faith-based groups during an emergency.
- v. Training by United States Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) on Agra-terrorism.
- vi. Training on disaster preparedness and response as it relates to health care organizations.

6. Additional Activities

The office reviews and tracks Hazardous Material Facilities, answers "Right To Know" requests and responds to information requests on historical, environmental and engineering issues. Thirty-four (34) of these requests were processed along with thirty-one (31) requests for engineering information.

City Departments and local boards requested support during 2015. Requests were received from the 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. A final total of 73 requests were made for mapping assistance.

- vii. Civil Enforcement Units were supported with mapping and aerial photography during clean sweeps and other special operations.
- viii. The Police Department was provided with mapping and data to support Neighborhood Enforcement Units.
- ix. Multiple maps and aerials were provided to Economic & Community Development, and the Redevelopment Authority to support development

projects and client presentations. (i.e. York City Revitalization & Improvement Zone (YCRIZ) and various neighborhood and business proposals) were completed.

- x. Several research requests were addressed from Business Administration pertaining to various city properties. (i.e. Street Light Assessment proposal and an examination of downtown parking opportunities)

- xi. This office assisted the U.S. Attorney's Office, ATF and York City Police in various cases and incidents in 2015.

Staff represents the City on several boards and committees. During 2015 we attended meetings by: Traffic Safety Committee, Safety Committee, York County Emergency Coordinators, and YAMMRS.