

2018 Annual Report

City of York, Pennsylvania

Department of Fire/Rescue Services



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Mayor Michael R. Helfrich

The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor &
Members of the Council of the City of York
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Dear Mayor Helfrich and Members of Council:

I am pleased to present to you the 2018 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 services to our residents and visitors.

As with every other department and bureau within the city, we faced a challenging budget year in 2018. We were able to overcome some of the financial constraints by successfully obtaining several grants, including a grant to pay for overtime replacement for on duty personnel to conduct necessary training and complete the replacement of needed ground ladders.

The Department maintained 56 career firefighters in 2018. Eight new firefighters began their careers with the Department and were assigned to shifts after successfully graduating from the 60th HACC Fire Academy.

The volunteer members of the Department provided a substantial savings to the taxpayers through their time volunteered and funding contributed. The volunteers of the Department gave over 2100 hours of service to the city. In addition, the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association purchased a new service truck at a cost of over \$350,000 that provides on scene breathing air for fire suppression personnel and on scene lighting for fire scenes and police incidents when requested. We are expected to take delivery of the new vehicle in March 2019.

In 2018, the Department responded to 3794 calls for service. Estimated fire loss for the year was \$4,743,470. Throughout the year, Department personnel responded to numerous significant events including fires, accidents, and all hazards. The Fire Department also carries Naloxone on all apparatus. Department personnel revived 102 overdose victims throughout the year.

The Department once again held true to the mission of protecting lives and property through our fire prevention efforts. The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted inspections, issued permits, and registered and inspected vacant properties. 23,141 people received fire safety education and training from Department personnel.

The Department continued to provide and install free smoke detectors to residents in conjunction with several community partners. 8,685 smoke detectors have been installed as part of the program. In addition, the Department installed 1,615 batteries in smoke detectors throughout the city. I am proud to report there were no civilian fire fatalities in 2018.

A 2018 year in review video can be viewed on YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/RQLgMZ-YN-I>

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,

Chad A. Deardorff

Chad A. Deardorff
Acting Chief

~~LINE OF DUTY DEATHS~~

On March 22, 2018, the department experienced its first Line-of-Duty Death (LODD) in over 40 years on the scene of a structure fire at 127 N Broad Street. While engaged in firefighting operations on the 4th floor of the former Weaver Organ and Piano Building, the building suddenly and without warning collapsed trapping Assistant Chief Gregory Altland, Firefighters Ivan Flanschca, Erik Swanson and Zachary Anthony.

Firefighter Flanschca and Anthony both succumbed to their injuries they sustained as a result of the collapse. Assistant Chief Altland and Firefighter Swanson both sustained injuries that required hospitalization.

The members of the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services would like to say a special thank you to Mayor Helfrich, Members of York City Council, Members of the York City Police Department, all York City employees, the York Community, all fire and EMS departments that assisted at the scene of the incident, and all departments that assisted us with covering the City so our members could attend to the needs of this horrific loss.

We would also like to thank everyone that contacted us via phone calls, text messages, social media, personal visits, etc. to offer your support. Your support of York City, York City Fire Department and the members of York City Fire Department was heartwarming and was truly appreciated. None of us will ever forget the support each and everyone of you gave during this tragedy.

We would be remised if we did not thank our family members during this trying time. Our family members were grieving as well but pushed that aside to ensure that necessary items were getting done to ensure that Firefighter Flanschca and Anthony were honored for the heroes they were.



STATISTICS

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2018

Fire

	<u>Count</u>	<u>Estimated Loss</u>
Building Fire	99	\$4,551,070
Fires in Structure Other than in a Building	2	\$ 100
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container	11	\$ 250
Cooking Fire, Confined to Appliance	26	\$ 2,900
Chimney or Flue Fire, Confined to Chimney	1	\$ 0
Incinerator Overload or Malfunction, Fire	0	\$ 0
Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction, Fire	2	\$ 0
Trash or Rubbish Fire, Contained	8	\$ 325
Passenger Vehicle Fire	24	\$ 85,028
Road Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire	4	\$ 100,800
Off-Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fire	0	\$ 0
Camper or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Fire	1	\$ 50
Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire	0	\$ 0
Brush or Brush-and-Grass Mixture Fire	10	\$ 0
Outside Rubbish Fire, Other	0	\$ 0
Outside Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire	43	\$ 1350
Dumpster or Other Outside Trash Receptacle	7	\$ 100
Special Outside Fire, Other	0	\$ 0
Outside Storage Fire	1	\$ 0
Outside Gas or Vapor Combustion Explosion	0	\$ 0
Cultivated Trees or Nursery Stock Fire	0	\$ 0
TOTAL	239	\$4,471,970

Overpressure Rupture/Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)

	<u>Count</u>
Overpressure Rupture of Steam Pipe	3
Air or Gas Rupture of Pressure or Process	1
Overpressure Rupture of Boiler from Air	1
Fireworks Explosion (No Fire)	1
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with No Fire	20
TOTAL	26

Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents

Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	46
Emergency Medical Service, Other	2
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury	1084
Firefighter Injury, Non-Incident Response	2
Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	163

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2018

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

	<u>Count</u>
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident	35
Motor Vehicle Accident with No Injuries	86
Lock-In	1
Extrication Rescue	7
Extrication of Victim(s) from Vehicle	4
Removal of Victim(s) from Stalled Elevator	20
Victims Self Extricated from Stalled Elevator	1
Extrication of Victim(s) from Machinery	1
Water & Ice-Related Rescue	1
Swift Water Rescue	1
TOTAL	1,456

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

	<u>Count</u>
Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition	2
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	30
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	87
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	15
Chemical Hazard (No Spill or Leak)	3
Chemical Spill or Leak	2
Carbon Monoxide Incident	38
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other	9
Heat from Short Circuit (Wiring)	14
Overheated Motor	10
Breakdown of Light Ballast	2
Power Line Down	12
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	39
Accident, Potential Accident, Other	1
Building or Structure Weakened or Collapsed	12
Building or Structure Struck by Vehicle	24
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	94
TOTAL	394

Service Call

	<u>Count</u>
Person in Distress, Other	1
Lock-Out	8
Water Problem, Other	1
Water Evacuation	2
Water or Steam Leak	58
Water Leak - Broken Sprinkler Line	18

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2018

Service Call (Cont'd.)

Smoke or Odor Removal	1
Animal Problem	1
Animal Rescue	1
Public Service Assistance, Other	3
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency	30
Return to Fire Scene for Investigation	1
Police Matter	15
Public Service	46
Fire Watch Detail	18
Assist Invalid	1
Unauthorized Burning	8
Cover Assignment, Standby, Moveup	1
TOTAL	214

Good Intent Call

	<u>Count</u>
Good Intent Call, Other	8
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	348
Wrong Location	6
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch	104
Authorized Controlled Burning	4
Prescribed Fire	2
Vicinity Alarm (Incident in Other Location)	5
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke, Other	1
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	78
Smoke Scare, Smoke from Cooking (Not Fire)	181
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke	36
Smoke from Barbecue, Tar Kettle	3
EMS Call, Part Transported by Non-Fire	1
HazMat Release Investigation with No HazMat	72
TOTAL	849

False Alarm and False Call

	<u>Count</u>
Malicious, Mischievous False Call, Other	1
Municipal Alarm System, Malicious False	63
Direct Tie to FD, Malicious False Alarm	15

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2018

False Alarm and False Call (Cont'd.)

	<u>Count</u>
Telephone, Malicious False Alarm	12
Central Station, Malicious False Alarm	3
Local Alarm System, Malicious False Alarm	1
Bomb Scare – No Bomb	1
System Malfunction, Other	7
Sprinkler Activation Due to Malfunction	9
Extinguishing System Activation	3
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	134
Heat Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	2
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	84
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	27
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other	12
Sprinkler Activation, No Fire	8
Extinguishing System Activation	1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire	91
Detector Activation, No Fire	33
Alarm System Activation, No Fire	91
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO	13
TOTAL	611

Severe Weather and Natural Disaster

	<u>Count</u>
Lightning Strike (No Fire)	1
TOTAL	1

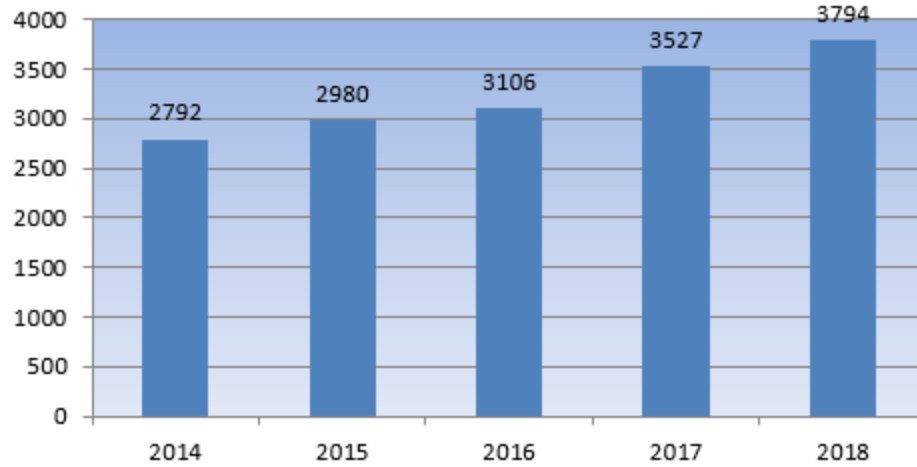
Special Incident Type

	<u>Count</u>
911 Citizen Complaint	4
TOTAL	4

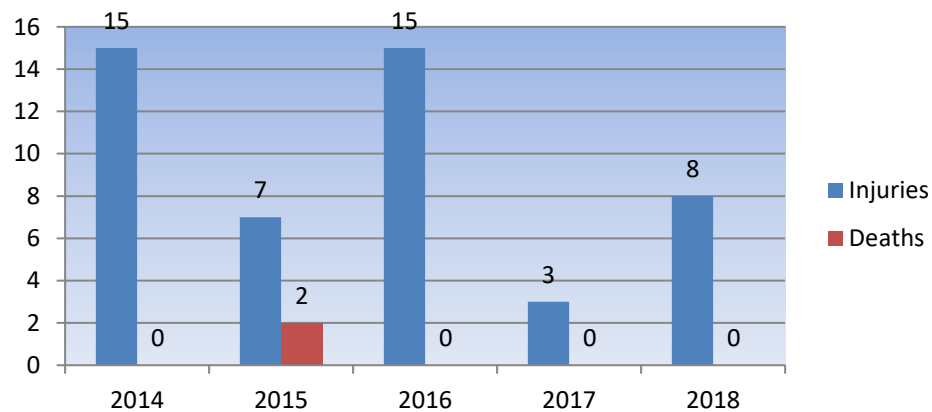
**TOTAL INCIDENT COUNT
(INCLUDES EXPOSURE REPORTS)
TOTAL ESTIMATED FIRE LOSS**

**3,794
\$4,743,470**

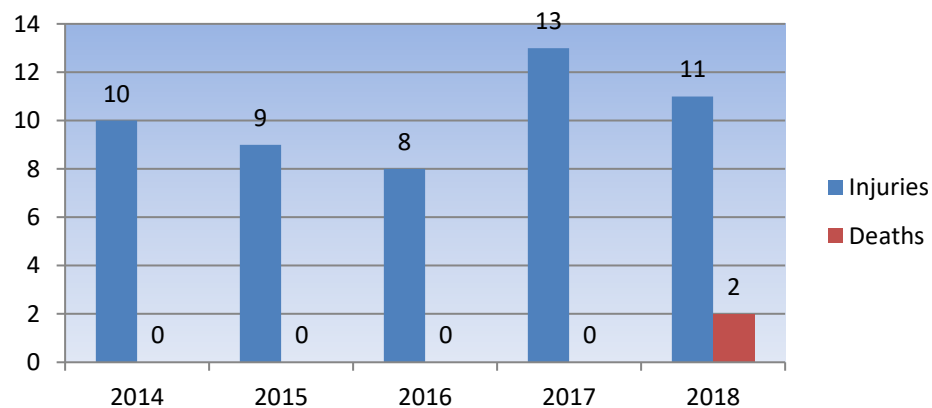
Five Year Call Comparison



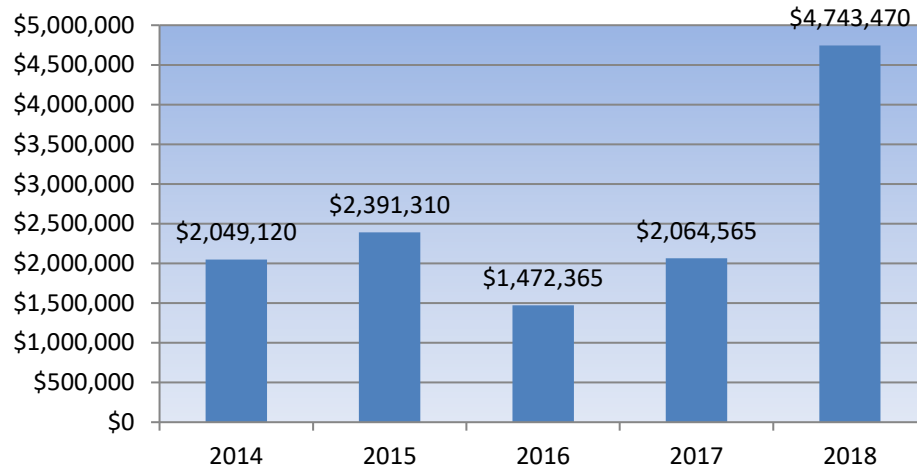
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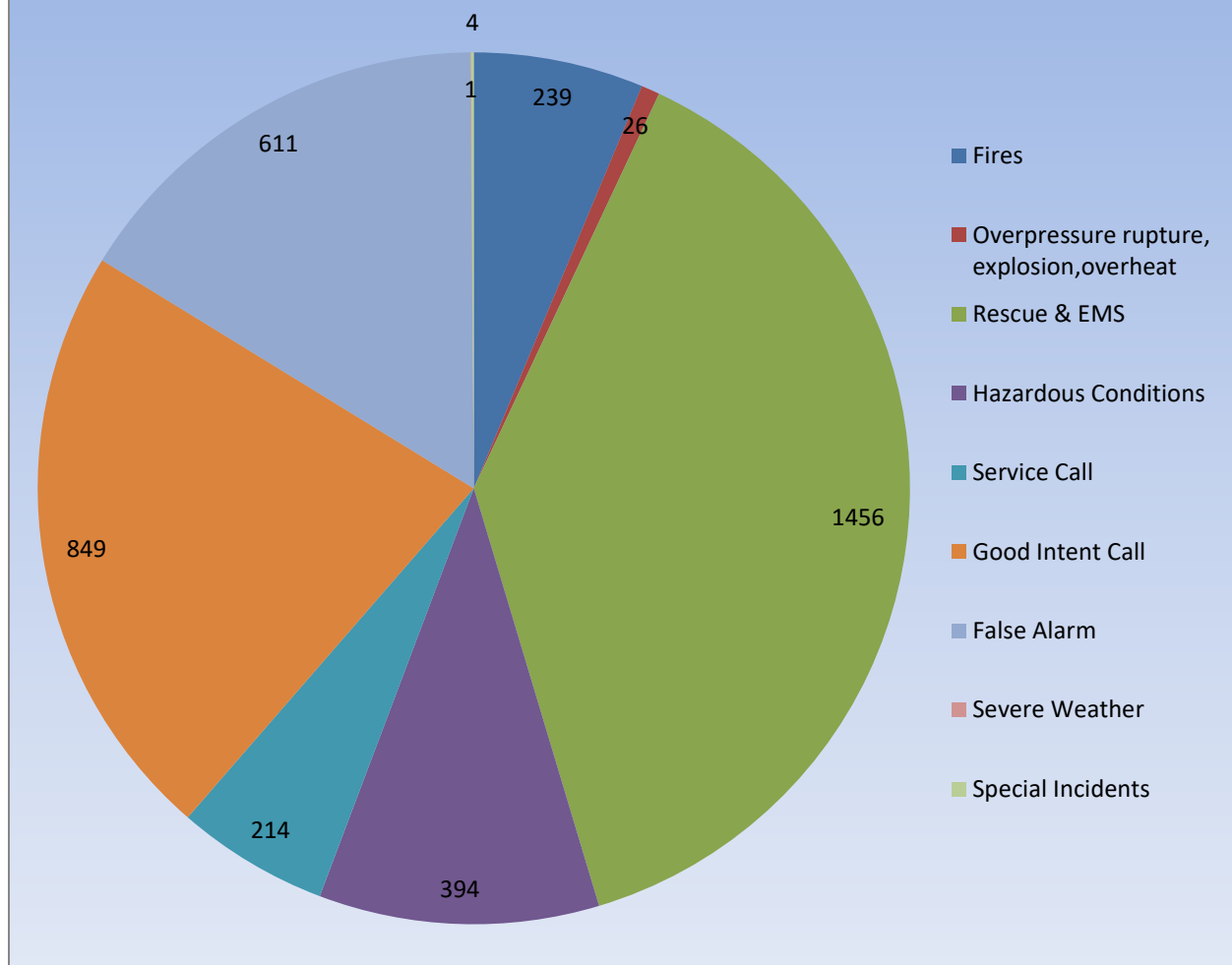
Five Year Firefighter Injury and Death Comparison

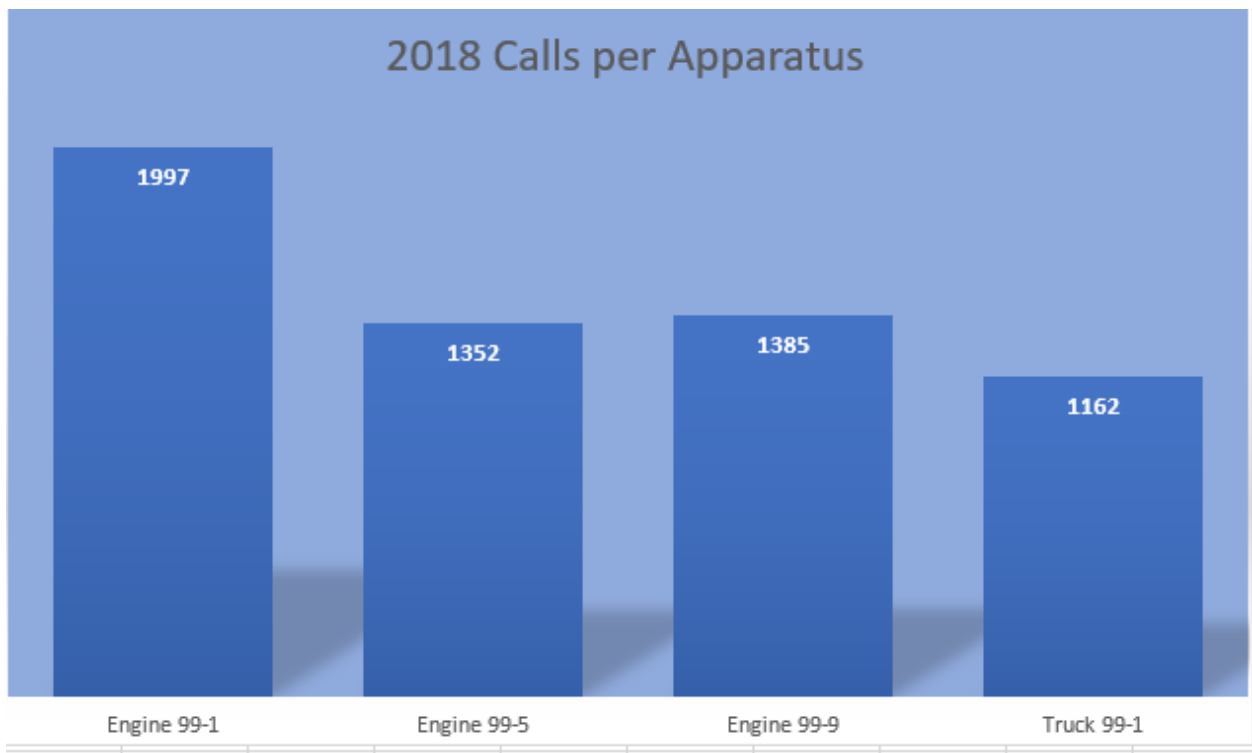
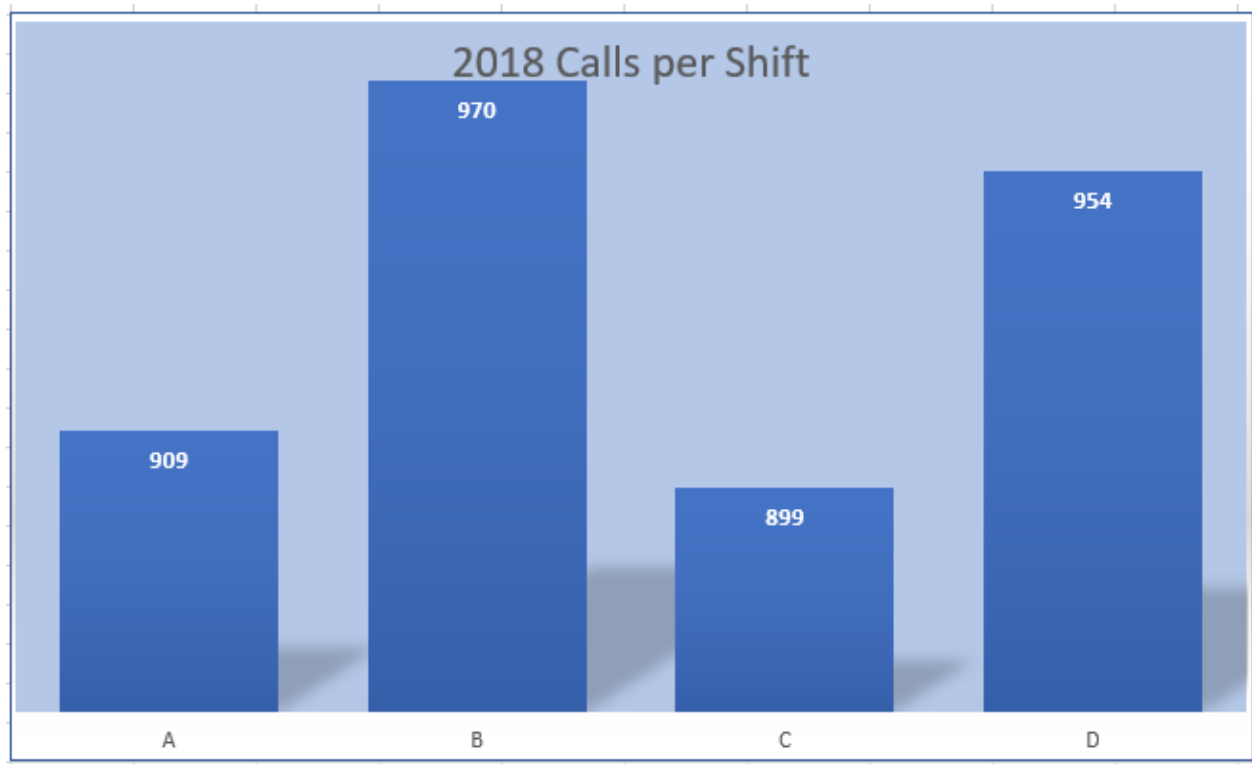


Five Year Property Loss



Call Type





O P E R A T I O N S

2018 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Fire Suppression

In 2018, 52 personnel were 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 in 2018:

Darryl King	Retired January 5, 2018
Joseph Portner	Retired February 18, 2018
Gary Landis	Retired July 14, 2018

The following were hired in 2018:

Paul Moore	Hired August 13, 2018
Derik Rhodes	Hired August 13, 2018
Tyler Landis	Hired August 13, 2018
Gregory Myers	Hired August 13, 2018
Steven Whiteman	Hired August 13, 2018
Adam Ramsey	Hired August 13, 2018
Joshua Landis	Hired August 13, 2018
Mark Pretz	Hired August 13, 2018

Summer Intern:

We were happy to welcome Marquise Granton who spent the summer with us as part of the Crispus Attucks Summer Youth Employment Program. Marquise, a student at Logos Academy, worked with our personnel on several projects.

Incidents:

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

On March 21st, a White Rose Ambulance crew responding to another incident and a York City Police Officer getting gas at the City Garage notified 911 of smoke coming from the building at 127 N. Broad St. Fire crews were dispatched to this address for a reported structure fire w/entrapment. Crews arrived on scene with significant smoke condition coming from the building. Crews made an aggressive interior attack on the fire but soon determined that the fire had a significant head start and were evacuated from the structure. Attack was changed to a defensive mode. Crews remained on scene for the remainder of the night and throughout the next day. Fire damage was listed at \$3,500,000. Cause of the fire is undetermined after a lengthy investigation by a team from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

On March 22nd, Assistant Chief Gregory Altland, Firefighter Ivan Flansch, Firefighter Eric Swanson, Firefighter Zachary Anthony and Firefighter Brandon Sawyer were making an interior attack on the 4th floor of the fire at 127 N. Broad St. when the area they were working in collapsed. A/C Altland, FF Flansch, FF Swanson and FF Anthony fell during the collapse and were trapped in debris. All four were rescued by their fellow firefighters. FF Flansch and FF Anthony succumbed to their injuries. A/C Altland and FF Swanson suffered moderate to severe injuries and were admitted to York Hospital.

On June 28th, crews were dispatched to 343 Pattison St. for a reported structure fire. Additional information was there were reports of smoke and flames visible. Crews arrived to find a working fire with heavy smoke showing from the front of the structure. Crews encountered high heat and required additional lines to attack the fire. Interior crews encountered fire on 1st and 2nd floor of the property with fire extending to the dormer windows on the 3rd floor. A 2nd alarm was requested for additional personnel. Fire was confined to the structure of origin. Damage was estimated at \$80,000. The cause of this fire was determined to be accidental and electrical in nature.

In the early morning hours of July 3rd, crews were dispatched to 541 W King St. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived on location and encountered a heavy smoke condition in the street. Due to the smoke condition, crews were initially unable to tell which property was on fire. Crews quickly determined that the bulk of the fire was in 539 W. King St. Crews made an aggressive interior attack and encountered fire on the 1st and 2nd floor with extreme heat. Additional lines were deployed to 539, 541 and 535. A total of 8 handlines were deployed to fight this fire. Fire ultimately went to 4 alarms due to weather conditions. Weather was in the mid 90's with 100% humidity during this incident. In total, 3 houses were severely or moderately damaged as a result of this fire. Damage was estimated at \$245,000. The cause of this fire remained undetermined and remains under investigation. Fire was also determined to have started outside of the property.

On July 12th, fire department was dispatched to the area of 500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived on scene to find multiple garages on fire and fire impinging on a large warehouse across the alley from the garages. A defensive attack was established due to the garages being in imminent danger of collapse due to fire damage. Personnel were advised by numerous area residents that they heard numerous fireworks being fired off just prior to noticing the fire. Ultimately the fire damaged 7 structures and 2 vehicles. Damage was estimated at \$65,000

Incidents (Cont'd.):

On September 6th crews were sent to the area of 650 W. Philadelphia St. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived on scene to find a fully involved garage fire & vehicle fire with wires and pole on fire and fire impinging on multiple garages on the opposite side of the alley. Property of the fire was located on the property to the rear of 640 Company St. Fire consumed a vehicle and garage as well as damaged three additional garages and a neighboring fence. Damage was estimated at \$40,800.

In the early morning hours of October 2nd, crews were dispatched to 49 Jefferson Ave for a structure fire w/entrapment. Crews arrived on scene with smoke visible from the front and fire from the 3rd floor rear. Crews also encountered a person coming out of the 3rd floor front window onto a ledge. Crews immediately deployed an extension ladder and safely extricated the subject. Fire was confined to the 2nd and 3rd floor rear of the structure. Cause of the fire was determined to be an unintentional fire as a result of a short in the 2nd floor rear room ceiling fan. Damaged was estimated at \$50,000.

On December 22nd, dispatch notified personnel of a reported structure fire at 804 Pennsylvania Ave. Crews arrived on scene with smoke from the 2nd floor window and people still exiting the building. An attack line was deployed and as crews were advancing the attack line up the steps, additional civilians were coming from the 2nd floor front and 3rd floor. Crews assisted in extricating the civilians and extinguished the fire. Fire was contained to the 1st middle room ceiling and the 2nd floor middle room. Damage was estimated at \$75,000. Cause of the fire was determined to be a result of a malfunction within the window A/C unit.

Training:

Throughout the year, Department members were trained in various job skills including:

- CPR
- Hazardous materials operations
- EMS
- Officer development
- Ropes and rigging
- Vehicle extrication
- Engine company operations
- Fire prevention
- Forcible entry
- Truck company operations
- Fire behavior
- Flashover recognition
- Fire instructor
- Ventilation
- College level courses

Smoke Detectors:

In 2018, 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. On December 22nd, ABC 27 donated 800 additional smoke detectors. In 2018, the Department installed 166 detectors.

In addition, the Department teamed with the American Red Cross on June 22nd as part of a commitment to reduce fire fatalities. During the United Way's Day of Service, volunteers spent the day installing smoke detectors in the northeast portions of the city. In total, 768 smoke detectors were installed that day in City homes.

Since the beginning of the smoke detector program, Department personnel have installed 8,685 smoke detectors and 1615 batteries. Fire Department personnel also installed 167 Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors throughout the City.



York City School District Public Safety and Emergency Services Training Academy:

Numerous members of the Department have participated in assisting the York City School District (YCSD) with their new Public Safety and Emergency Services Training Academy. Fire Department personnel have assisted in classroom lectures as well as practical applications. The students have been taught items such as fire behavior, ropes and knots, history of the fire service, how to don and doff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) along with numerous other portions of the Fire Service. The students have been a joy to work with and we are hopeful that we are teaching some future York City Firefighters about their future career.



Visit from German Family:

On July 31st, the Nagle family of Steinebroon Germany, along with their host family, paid a visit to the York City Fire Department. Dieter Nagle, his wife Andrea and their son Lukas are volunteer firefighters in their hometown, and they wanted to stop and pay Department members a visit. It was great to hear their stories of how they operate and what their equipment is like.



Lancaster PA 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb:

Members of the Department, and their families, participated in the annual Lancaster 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb held at Clipper Magazine Stadium. Our Red Rose City counterparts welcomed us with open arms and the entire event was led by Brooke Hoffman (wife of Zach Anthony). All personnel finished the entire event.



FIRE PREVENTION

2018 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 2018, the Fire Prevention Bureau collected \$162,976.50 in fees. Fire prevention education and training provided by staff reached 23,141 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.

The Fire Prevention Bureau continues to enforce the International Fire Code (IFC) and inspect buildings throughout the City. The Bureau also administers the Vacant Property Registration Program and the Gamewell box auxiliaries.

2018 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS

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

Inspections

Certificate of Occupancy Inspections	34
Certificate of Occupancy Re-Inspections	10
Certificate of Compliance Inspections	59
Certificate of Compliance Re-Inspections	15
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED THIS YEAR	118

Operational Permits

Operational Permit Letters	4
Operational Permit Reviews	30
Operational Permit Inspections	286
Operational Permit Re-Inspections	81
Operational Permits Issued	369
Operational Permit Site Inspections	148

Vacant Properties

Vacant Property Site Inspections	1996
Vacant Property Letters	270
Vacant Property Registrations	109

Testing

Alarm Tests	95
Gamewell Box Tests	77
Fire Suppression Tests	11
Knox Box/Caps	114

2018 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd.)

Administration

Office Hours	1,114
Meetings	87
Training Programs	10
Training Hours	50
Incident Responses	33
Other	19

Fees Collected

Gamewell Box Fees	\$ 87,360.00
False Alarm Fees	5,875.00
Training Fees	2,350.00
Vacant Property Registration Fees	18,915.00
Operational Permit Fees	47,551.50
Restitution	0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	925.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED THIS YEAR	\$162,976.50

Citation/Hearings

Citations Issued This Year	189
Hearings Attended This Year	26

Violation Notices

Violation Notices Issued This Year	67
Violation Notice Re-checks Conducted This Year	736
Violations Corrected	422

Non-Inspectional Property Visits

Ownership Verifications	999
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Plan Reviews

Plan Reviews	160
Pre-Incident Surveys	0
Fire Investigations	0

2018 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd)

Complaints

Complaint Inspections	7
Complaint Orders Issued	4
Complaint Re-Inspections	1
Complaints Corrected	1

Other

Properties Deemed	7
Properties Posted	2
Cellar to Attic Inspections	0
Cellar to Attic Re-Inspections	0

Public Education/Training

	Attendance	No. of Events
Apparatus Displays	3,504	45
Fire Station Tours	323	19
Hands-On Training Programs	5,433	77
Fire Safety House	0	0
Fire Drills	11,188	48
Miscellaneous Events	2,693	14
TOTAL ATTENDANCE/EVENTS	23,141	203

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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Firefighter of the Year – 2017

Firefighter Anthony W. Caruso was named the Firefighter of the Year for 2017. Firefighter A. Caruso has set high standards for himself and maintains department morale with his work ethics. After nineteen years on the job, he still has an enthusiasm for the profession and continues to train and learn. He is a well-respected member of the department and serves as a mentor to younger firefighters.

Firefighter A. Caruso uses his time and talents and has given countless hours as a member of Local 627's fundraising committee. In this role, he strives to raise funds that will benefit all members of Local 627. He is creative in fundraising events and is able to engage the membership and the community.

Firefighter A. Caruso has demonstrated a strong sense of brotherhood and compassion to fellow department members. He planned and supervised an event that raised funds for a fellow firefighter suffering from a serious medical condition. He also continues to provide support to our ailing brothers and their families.

Letter of Recognition

On December 12th, 2017, A disabled client began choking while eating lunch. Shadowfax staff immediately recognized a life threatening situation and placed a call to 911. At 1205 hours, the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services, along with White Rose Ambulance, was dispatched to Shadowfax at 386 Pattison Street for a reported cardiac arrest from choking.

Staff members, Kara Lefever, Sherry Bare, Melanie Watts, Sara Devore, Angi Davis, Heather Lighty & Sakaia Williams, working as team, began taking steps that saved the life of the 50-year-old female client. The 911 caller gave critical information to the 911 dispatcher including location of the patient in the building and what was the best way for emergency personnel to enter the building. A staff member remained outside to flag down emergency personnel and direct them to the patient. Other staff members immediately began emergency care and worked to dislodge the obstruction. Staff maintained the patient's airway and encouraged the victim. Staff also obtain additional patient information that would be vital to first responders.

Due to their actions, responders arrived and found the patient breathing on her own. The patient was transported to the hospital for evaluation and was released.

Unit Citations

Numerous organizations received a Unit Citation for their involvement in the collapse at the former Weaver Organ and Piano Building located at 127 N. Broad Street. These organizations responded without hesitation and provided necessary services in the rescue of York City Fire Department personnel who were trapped as a result of the collapse of the building.

The following organizations received a unit citation:

- York County Advanced Technical Rescue (ATR) Team
- Grantley Ambulance
- West York Ambulance
- White Rose Ambulance (now known as Pinnacle/Life Team)
- York Area United Fire/Rescue (YAUFR)
- York County 911
- York Regional Emergency Medical Services

Letter of Recognition

On March 22, 2018, York City Firefighters were operating at the scene of a structure fire at 127 N. Broad St., the former Weaver Organ and Piano Building. While engaged in firefighting operations, the building suddenly and without warning collapsed trapping and injuring firefighters.

As news of the collapse and injuries spread, retired York City Firefighters came to the scene to help in anyway needed. The retired firefighters were there to provide support and assistance. They assisted with operations and even took roles in the command structure.

In the days following the collapse, the retired firefighters remained supportive. They assisted with funeral services, organized and attended department events, and provided emotional support.

The York City Retired Firefighters remain dedicated to the city and the York City Fire Department, even in retirement.

Letter of Recognition

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A Mayday was called, and officers with the York City Police Department immediately responded to the scene. City police assisted with crowd and traffic control and made sure emergency rescue equipment had access to the scene. Police officers provided

escorts for the ambulances who transported our injured. Officers remained at the hospital and provided support to department members.

In the days following the collapse, city police provided escorts to honor our fallen and assisted with funeral arrangements. City police continued to secure the scene and coordinated the fire investigation with the ATF.

The officers of the York City Police Department were professional and provided support for days, months, weeks and the year to follow.

Letter of Recognition

The wives/significant others of York City Firefighters have always been a true source of support. It is the wives who are trusted to hear the stories and live out the calls with our firefighters. This has never been more evident since the collapse of the Weaver Organ and Piano Building on March 22, 2018.

Immediately following the collapse, wives went to the hospital to be with their firefighting family. In the days after, they organized dinners, supported fundraising activities, wrote countless thank you notes, helped with the funerals and the memorial service. They represented the York City Fire Department with unity and dignity.

The wives and families seldom receive recognition for their behind the scene efforts. Their support and commitment to our firefighting family is what allows our firefighters to continue to work. The strength of our department is reflective of the strength of those that support us.

Wound Bar

On March 22, 2018, Assistant Chief Gregory S. Altland and Firefighter Erik C. Swanson were engaged in firefighting operations at the scene of a structure fire at 127 N. Broad Street. While on the 4th floor of the former Weaver Organ and Piano Building, the building suddenly and without warning collapsed. They were trapped in debris and suffered injury.

Once removed from the collapse, they were treated for their injuries and transported to York Hospital. Due to the seriousness of the injuries received, they were admitted to the hospital for additional care.

Because of the seriousness of their injuries, both Assistant Chief Altland and Firefighter Swanson received the Department Wound Bar.

Chief's Commendation

On March 22, 2018, crews were on the scene of a structure fire at 127 N. Broad St. While engaged in firefighting activity, the four-story former, Weaver Organ and Piano Building, suddenly and without warning collapsed injuring and trapping four firefighters.

A Mayday was called and working as a team, personnel immediately began rescue operations. Additional resources were requested including advanced rescue equipment and EMS units.

Despite the possibility of a secondary collapse and injury to yourself, you worked to rescue your injured colleagues. Two firefighters were quickly located and removed for medical attention. Using rescue tools, sheer will and brute force, you were able to locate and remove two other firefighters who were trapped. Care was provided, and all injured firefighters were transported to the hospital.

The following Department personnel received a Chief's Commendation:

- Deputy Chief Chad A. Deardorff
- Assistant Chief Gregory S. Altland
- Assistant Chief Patrick J. Rose
- Assistant Chief Gil A. Kimes
- Captain Adam E. Smith
- Captain William H. Sleeper, Jr.
- Firefighter Marc W. Ott
- Firefighter Shawn M. Firestone
- Firefighter William E. Crenshaw, Jr.
- Firefighter Darryl K. Maxfield
- Firefighter Brandon P. Sawyer
- Firefighter Donald E. Newcomer
- Firefighter Zachary S. Calvert
- Firefighter Wade G. Fleming
- Firefighter Erik C. Swanson
- Firefighter Keith A. Ramsay
- Firefighter Lawrence T.R. Pacl
- Firefighter Brandon M. Hyder
- Firefighter Michael L. Zaler
- Firefighter Clifton R. Frederick, IV

Red Cross Hero Award

On November 15, 2018, at the annual Red Cross awards breakfast, Firefighter Ivan Flansch and Zachary Anthony received the Red Cross Hero Award posthumously as a result of the collapse of the former Weaver Organ and Piano Building on March 22, 2018. During the award presentation, the following statement was made about FF Flansch and FF Anthony:

“Both of these heroic men were role models in our community – dedicating their lives to their families, their work, and the people they served”.

Red Cross Community Leadership Award

On November 15, 2018, at the annual Red Cross awards breakfast, Fire Chief David P. Michaels received the first ever Red Cross Community Leadership Award. Chief Michaels received this award for the leadership he has provided throughout this trying year as well as throughout his career with the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services.

Dorothy Deacon Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award

The Dorothy Deacon Distinguished Citizen Award is given every year to a citizen who exhibits the positive qualities and spirit of Dorothy Deacon. The annual award recognizes a member of our community who goes above and beyond in providing extraordinary service for the safety and well-being of our community.

Judy Rohrbaugh was born and raised in York City and graduated from York High. She has spent her life-time dedicated to caring for her community and assisting countless people in need.

Judy worked at the York City School district for 33 years where she interacted with and cared for thousands of students. She is an influence to many students who still remember her today.

She has served as a volunteer with the YMCA where she was certified to teach swimming and life-saving. She also used her skills and certifications to volunteer with Jacobus Ambulance. She responded to emergencies and rendered lifesaving care and compassion to the patients she treated during her time on the ambulance.

As a Red Cross Volunteer, she has responded to countless disasters in our community. Judy had begun her volunteer service with the Red Cross as a member of the Disaster Action Team. As part of this team, she responds to assist those community members who have suffered disasters such as fires. Judy became a DAT team captain and served as the DAT team coordinator. She has been responsible for opening and running several local shelters and having assisted with the local Sound the Alarm Program that installed smoke detectors in homes. She continues to volunteer her time with the Red Cross and has recently become part of a regional team to activate client assistance cards for a 50-county area of the Greater Pennsylvania Region.

VOLUNTEERS

2018 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Volunteers

A committee was formed to look into purchasing Class-A uniforms for the active volunteers.

Another committee was formed for future volunteers to write some procedures on the SOGs for the wearing time and place of the Class-A uniforms.

Procedures are being written for the new Service 99 driving and operating the new truck.

Gordon Myers

Gordon Myers, President
Foremen's, Presidents'
and Fire Chiefs' Association

New Service Truck Committee

Committee Members:

Gordon Myers, Chairman
Albert Shaffer
George Krone
Marlin Grove

Deputy Chief Chad Deardorff, Co-Chairman
Dave Sheasley
Dean Lightner

At the end of 2018, the New Service Truck Committee appointed by the Relief Association purchased a 1999 International air truck from Lineboro Fire company to refurbish as an air truck instead of purchasing a brand new one. We put it out for bids and Fireline Equipment came back with the winning bid.

It is going to be a 2019 Freightliner M-2106 chassis. We are using the box from the 1999 International air truck and mounting it on the 2019 chassis. That will save several thousand dollars.

It already has a good generator and breathing air compressor on it which is an additional savings. The Committee worked all year on the specifications with Fireline Equipment. We expect delivery around the end of March 2019.

We sold the old 99-1 ALF truck on January 13, 2018, to the Central Fire and EMS District in Wisconsin.

Gordon Myers

Gordon Myers
Chairman

2018 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER HOURS

Trainings, Meetings, Station Manning and Incident Response

	Hours	Name		Hours	Name
1.	216:49	Warren, Charlie	19.	31:39	Bleacher, Sharon
2.	193:56	Sheasley, David	20.	31:34	Bowman, Robert
3.	193:36	McDonald, David	21.	24:54	Bowman, David
4.	186:13	Shaffer, Albert	22.	23:24	Shilke, Bonnie
5.	153:05	Krone, George	23.	21:54	Jenkins, Sharon
6.	107:49	Harman, Arthur H.	24.	21:00	Duhnam, Nathan
7.	105:40	Witmer, Bryan	25.	20:54	Ott, Scott
8.	102:51	Kottmyer, III, Fred	26.	19:34	Halpin, Greg
9.	87:49	Dorsey, Melissa	27.	18:24	Reinhold, Harold
10.	82:02	Santiago, Cody	28.	17:54	Culp, William
11.	77:42	Sowers, Charles	29.	14:15	Duke, William
12.	60:25	Myers, Jr., Gordon	30.	13:24	March, Curtis
13.	38:24	Bowman, Osborne	31.	12:32	Harmon, Arthur D.
14.	35:20	Grove, Marlin	32.	9:30	Kane, John
15.	34:11	Welty, Lisa	33.	2:30	Kottmyer, Jr, Fred
16.	33:41	Welty, James	34.	3:00	Stahle, Richard
17.	33:39	Lightner, Dean	35.	1:30	Myers, Geoffrey
17.	33:39	Shilke, Fred	36.	1:00	David, Nick
18.	32:33	Ferguson, James			

Total Volunteer Hours: 2,060.56

VOLUNTEER SERVICE UNITS 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Incidents by Unit by District
Alarm Dates Between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2018

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Service 99-1	0	0.0	0
Service 99-2	20	91.0	141

A special thank you to the crew of Service 99 for the past years' service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Albert H. Shaffer

ALBERT H. SHAFFER
Captain
Service Unit Coordinator

CITY OF YORK VOLUNTEER FIRE POLICE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The City of York had nine (9) fire police members and three (3) inactive members for the year 2018.

In the year 2018, the fire police responded to 336 calls with a total of 600 hours of duty. Fire police officers supported the Department by providing traffic and crowd control at emergency scenes. Fire police also provided traffic control at special events throughout the year.

The following fire police were elected as officers to serve during 2018:

President	Brent Morthland
Vice-President	Clarence March
Secretary/Treasurer	Bonnie Shilke
Trustee	John Housseal
Trustee	Aaron Morthland
Trustee	Fred Shilke

The line officers appointed by the Mayor of the City to serve during 2018 were:

Chief	Clarence March
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A special thank you goes to our advisor, Sgt. Robert Goshen, 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

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSN.

YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

2018 ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

Submitted on January 16, 2019

**Robert N. Bowman
Treasurer**

2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND OTHER FIREMEN'S RELATED EXPENSES

2018	Expenses	
	Insurance:	
	Length of Service (LOSP)	\$ 4,791.74
	Health and Accident (pre-paid)	14,076.00
	Bond (2 years)	421.00
	Total Insurance	\$ 19,288.74
	Volunteer Firefighters' Supplies	0.00
	State Meetings	0.00
	Maintenance: Service 99-1 and 99-2	.000
	Fire Police	0.00
	Volunteer Firefighters' Equipment Maintenance	0.00
	Volunteer Equipment:	
	New Service Truck Part Payment	219,316.68
	Volunteer Training	466.40
	2018 TOTAL	\$239,071.81
2017		\$64,176.86
2016		\$292,636.51
2015		\$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 2018

Year		Number	Value
2018		14	\$168,187.85
2017		12	\$144,351.10
2016		12	\$144,168.80
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
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*Some claims for less than \$3,000

Submitted by,

Robert N. Bowman

ROBERT N. BOWMAN
Recording Secretary/Treasurer

**YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION
2019 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

Treasurer

Robert N. Bowman

Financial Secretary

Albert H. Shaffer, Sr.

Trustees

Gordon F. Myers

Lisa Welty

Osborne W. Bowman

Assistant Financial Secretary

Frederick A. Kottmyer, III

Quartermaster

Harold J. Reinhold

Insurance Representative

Sharon Bleacher

Investigating Committee

Osborne W. Bowman

David L. Bowman

William Culp

Volunteer Coordinator

Marlin H. Grove

Insurance Representative

Sharon Bleacher

Assistant Coordinators

Frederick Kottmyer III

Dean Lightner

EMERGENCY PLANNING

EMERGENCY PLANNING 2018

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.

York City was able to complete the winter snow season with only one large snow event. In mid-March we experienced a substantial snow fall that required the declaration of a snow emergency. Unfortunately, in concert with this weather event was a catastrophic multi-alarm fire at a large development project. This incident resulted in the line-of-duty deaths of two firefighters and the injury to several others due to a partial structure collapse. Emergency Management staff transitioned from the existing weather event through support at a major structure fire to assisting with the recovery plans from the department's tragic losses.

2018 saw a second year of personnel transition within the emergency management structure in York City. Both principal emergency coordinators for the City and Public Health moved to positions with outside agencies. These gaps were filled by existing emergency office staff with no loss of continuity of operations.

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

Major Events

Emergency Preparedness: During the first months of 2018 the new administration relocated the City Emergency Operations Center to the Police administration building. This enabled several security and technological upgrades to the new EOC.

The tragic events of March within Fire/Rescue Services were followed by the loss of a member of the Police force in a training accident. The office was able to provide support to City agencies and outside organizations responding to this situation and investigation.

The office worked to build relationships with several local partners. Notable examples of this were the strengthening of working relationships with Rabbit Transit, York College and York City School District. Utilizing these contacts, the office planned and successfully held an inter-organizational table-top exercise at York College in June. Participants represented city, county and private sector partners. This provided an opportunity for these groups to have face to face interactions as they worked through multiple emergency exercises.

Public Health Activities: The office continues to work closely with the Health Bureau on emergency planning objectives and activities. Working with Health staff an emergency immunization exercise was held to examine components of our Point-of-Distribution (POD) plan. The City POD plans call for the ability to perform either mass immunizations or mass distribution of oral prophylaxes during a public health emergency. During the November election staff

established two mass immunization points at city polling sites. Health personnel offered free influenza shots to the public coming to vote. This exercise permitted planners to evaluate inventory control processes, POD establishment and command and control issues. An After-Action Report (AAR) was submitted to the State Bureau of Health on this exercise.

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

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. Staff assisted in the program presentations to nursing students at the York County School of Technology and a complete CERT program to students at William Penn in the emergency services program. This training includes classroom, hands-on activities and a field emergency exercise at the York County Fire School.

Emergency Preparedness Staff assisted in the York City Citizens Police Academy. Presentations were given to the participants outlining the activities and duties they are performed by local emergency management coordinators.

Emergency Planning and Exercises

Special resource plans: These are developed for any event in York City with an attendance of 10,000 or greater or other unique event, as required by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Authority. Resource guides and plans were developed for several events in 2018. In addition to annual City events, such as the Olde York Street Fair and the Halloween Parade, plans were developed for July 4th Fireworks, and the York Fair. Additional events worth mentioning during 2018 were the Turkey Trot, an annual 5k run held on Thanksgiving morning. This drew a group of runners and spectators numbering in excess of 5,000. A major entertainment spectacle was held at the York Revolution Ball Stadium. This was called the "Nitro Circus". This event required the construction of ramps and jumps in the infield, closure of some roadways to accommodate the performers and other logistical needs. These activities and events necessitated the development of a special event action plan.

During the summer we began discussions with the management staff at the city WWTP to update their internal staff emergency response plan. This process is ongoing.

Resource Development

Activities: Digital conversion of plans, maps and documents continued thru 2018. At this time there are in excess of 4,800 construction and development plans and over 5,000 engineering drawings, surveys, photographs and maps scanned into digital format.

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.

During 2018 the office was given the help of an office assistant through Crispus Attucks. This individual was tasked with reviewing and to begin the cataloguing of various records maintained in the archives. This was then entered a digital environment.

Training and Education

- Regular attendance at York County Office of Emergency Management quarterly trainings.
- Participation in the “Stop the Bleed” training held by the Health Bureau.

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. Approximately 2 dozen of these requests were processed along with over 30 requests for engineering information.

City Departments and local boards requested assistance during 2018. Requests were received from Redevelopment Authority, Economic & Community Development, Public Works, Police, Business Administration, 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. Civil Enforcement Units were supported with mapping and aerial photography during clean sweeps and other special operations. Multiple maps, document exhibits, and aerials were provided to Economic & Community Development, and Redevelopment Authority to support development projects and client presentations. City maps and detailed parking maps were provided to assist with various studies and projects undertaken by parking operations. Over 40 projects were supported with mapping and exhibits.

Staff represents the City on several boards and committees. During 2018 we attended meetings by: Traffic Safety Committee, York County Emergency Coordinators, and York-Adams Metropolitan Medical Response System (YAMMRS).