

***2019 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
101 S. George Street
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Dear Mayor Helfrich and Members of Council:

I am pleased to present to you the 2019 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.

The Department had a change in senior leadership due to the retirement of Fire Chief David Michaels after 28-years of service. On February 27, 2019, Acting Fire Chief Chad A. Deardorff was appointed to the position of Fire Chief. On March 25, 2019, Assistant Chief William H. Sleeper, Jr. was appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

Additional personnel who retired in 2019 were Captain Jeffrey Miller after 25-years of service, Assistant Chief Gregory Altland after 28-years of service, Firefighter Donald Newcomer after 24-years of service and Keith Ramsay after 19-years of service.

The Department maintained 65 career firefighters in 2019. Fourteen new firefighters began their careers with the Department in 2019 and were assigned to shifts after successfully graduating from the 61st and the 62nd HACC Fire Academy.

The volunteer members of the Department provided a substantial savings to the taxpayers through their time volunteered and funding contribution. The volunteers of the Department gave just shy of 2600 hours of service to the city throughout 2019. 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. The department took delivery of this vehicle in 2019 and has been a great asset to the department.

In 2019, the Department responded to 3741 calls for service. Estimated fire loss for the year was \$8,698,327. 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 83 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. 23,997 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.

A 2019 year in review video can be viewed on YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/TawHC2iv9Q0>

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
Fire Chief

STATISTICS

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2019

Fire

	<u>Count</u>	<u>Estimated Loss</u>
Building Fire	130	\$8,560,040
Fires in Structure Other than in a Building	0	\$ 0
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container	21	\$ 1,140
Cooking Fire, Confined to Appliance	28	\$ 4,502
Chimney or Flue Fire, Confined to Chimney	1	\$ 0
Incinerator Overload or Malfunction, Fire	0	\$ 0
Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction, Fire	1	\$ 0
Trash or Rubbish Fire, Contained	9	\$ 170
Passenger Vehicle Fire	19	\$ 67,250
Road Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire	1	\$ 65,000
Off-Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fire	0	\$ 0
Camper or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Fire	1	\$ 0
Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	\$ 0
Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire	2	\$ 0
Brush or Brush-and-Grass Mixture Fire	14	\$ 0
Outside Rubbish Fire, Other	0	\$ 0
Outside Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire	47	\$ 225
Dumpster or Other Outside Trash Receptacle	3	\$ 0
Outside Stationary Compactor/Compacted	1	\$ 0
Special Outside Fire, Other	0	\$ 0
Outside Storage Fire	0	\$ 0
Outside Gas or Vapor Combustion Explosion	0	\$ 0
Cultivated Trees or Nursery Stock Fire	0	\$ 0
TOTAL	280	\$8,698,327

Overpressure Rupture/Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)

	<u>Count</u>
Overpressure Rupture from Steam, Other	1
Overpressure Rupture of Steam Pipe or Pipeline	2
Overpressure Rupture of Steam Boiler	1
Overpressure Rupture of Air or Gas	2
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with No Fire	7
TOTAL	13

Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents

Rescue, EMS Incident, Other	1
Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	103
Emergency Medical Service, Other	7
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury	1081
Firefighter Injury, Non-Incident Response	4

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2019

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

	<u>Count</u>
Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries	157
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident	44
Motor Vehicle Accident with No Injuries	66
Lock-In	1
Extrication Rescue, Other	4
Extrication of Victim(s) from Building/Structure	1
Extrication of Victim(s) from Vehicle	6
Removal of Victim(s) from Stalled Elevator	25
Victims Self Extricated from Stalled Elevator	6
Trench/Below-Grade Rescue	1
High-Angle Rescue	1
Swift Water Rescue	3
TOTAL	1,511

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

	<u>Count</u>
Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition	1
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	33
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	92
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	30
Toxic Condition, Other	4
Chemical Hazard (No Spill or Leak)	1
Chemical Spill or Leak	3
Carbon Monoxide Incident	48
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other	4
Heat from Short Circuit (Wiring)	3
Overheated Motor	4
Breakdown of Light Ballast	4
Power Line Down	11
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	40
Biological Hazard, Confirmed or Suspected	1
Accident, Potential Accident, Other	3
Building or Structure Weakened or Collapsed	11
Building or Structure Struck by Vehicle	27
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	90
Vehicle Accident, Unstable Vehicle	1
Attempted Burning, Illegal Action, Other	1
TOTAL	412

Service Call

	<u>Count</u>
Person in Distress, Other	1
Lock-Out	8
Ring or Jewelry Removal	1
Water Problem, Other	6
Water Evacuation	1
Water or Steam Leak	52
Water Leak - Broken Sprinkler Line	9
Smoke or Odor Removal	1
Animal Problem	1
Animal Rescue	5
Public Service Assistance, Other	6
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency	24
Return to Fire Scene for Investigation	1
Police Matter	18
Public Service	28
Fire Watch Detail	16
Assist Invalid	1
Defective Elevator, No Occupants	1
Unauthorized Burning	19
TOTAL	199

Good Intent Call

	<u>Count</u>
Good Intent Call, Other	2
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	418
Wrong Location	7
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch	88
Authorized Controlled Burning	4
Prescribed Fire	2
Vicinity Alarm (Incident in Other Location)	3
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke, Other	4
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	67
Smoke Scare, Smoke from Cooking (Not Fire)	108
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke	40
Smoke from Barbecue, Tar Kettle	4
HazMat Release Investigation with No HazMat	34
Biological Hazard Investigation	2
TOTAL	783

False Alarm and False Call

	<u>Count</u>
Malicious, Mischievous False Call, Other	2
Municipal Alarm System, Malicious False	55

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT – 2019

False Alarm and False Call (Cont'd.)

	<u>Count</u>
Direct Tie to FD, Malicious False Alarm	12
Telephone, Malicious False Alarm	15
Central Station, Malicious False Alarm	4
Local Alarm System, Malicious False Alarm	3
System Malfunction, Other	7
Sprinkler Activation Due to Malfunction	8
Extinguishing System Activation	3
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	113
Heat Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	6
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	71
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	25
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other	11
Sprinkler Activation, No Fire	5
Extinguishing System Activation	1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire	59
Detector Activation, No Fire	22
Alarm System Activation, No Fire	105
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO	11
TOTAL	538

Severe Weather and Natural Disaster

	<u>Count</u>
Windstorm, Tornado/Hurricane Assessment	2
Lightning Strike (No Fire)	1
TOTAL	3

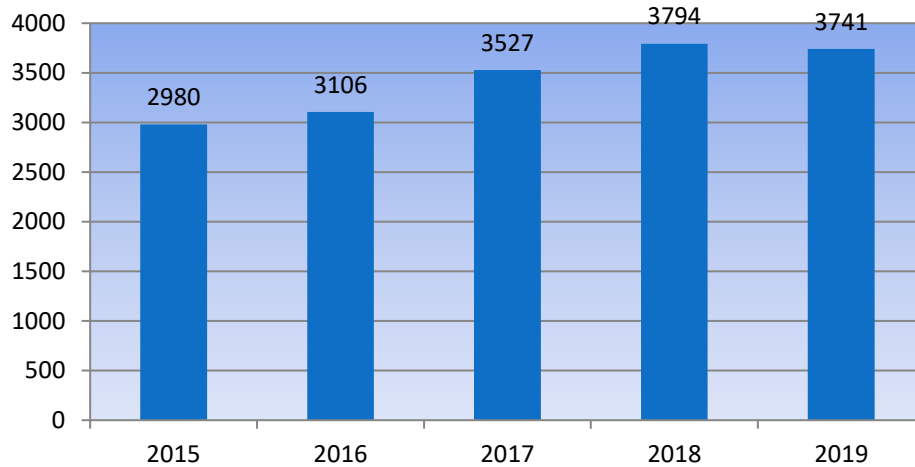
Special Incident Type

	<u>Count</u>
911 Citizen Complaint	2
TOTAL	2

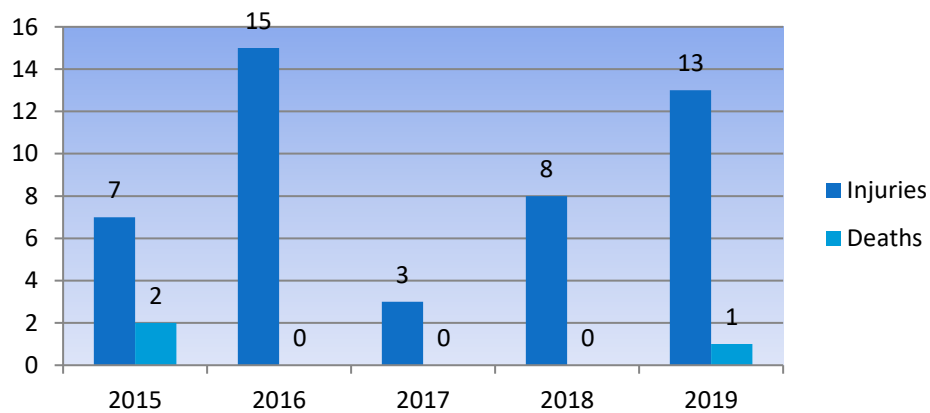
**TOTAL INCIDENT COUNT
(INCLUDES EXPOSURE REPORTS)
TOTAL ESTIMATED FIRE LOSS**

**3,741
\$8,698,327**

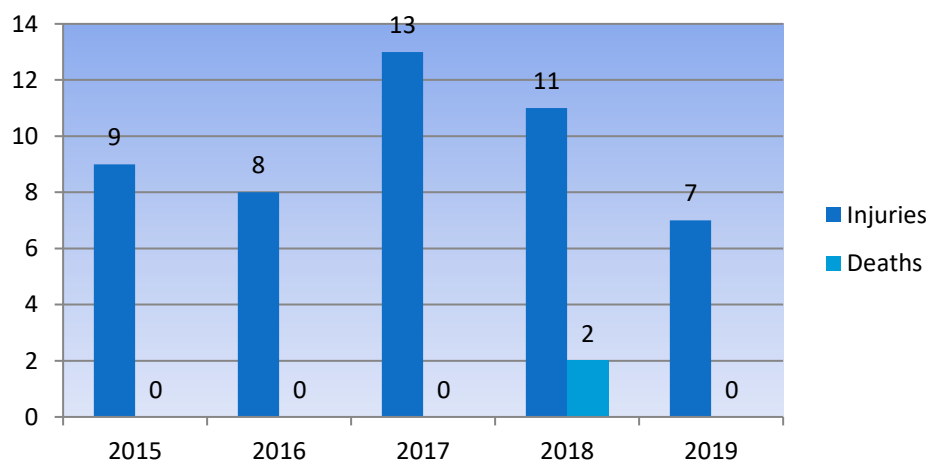
Five Year Call Comparison



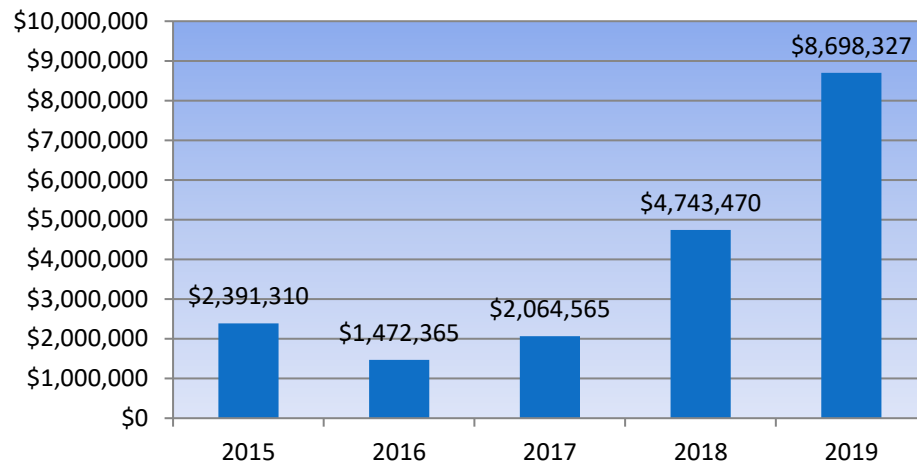
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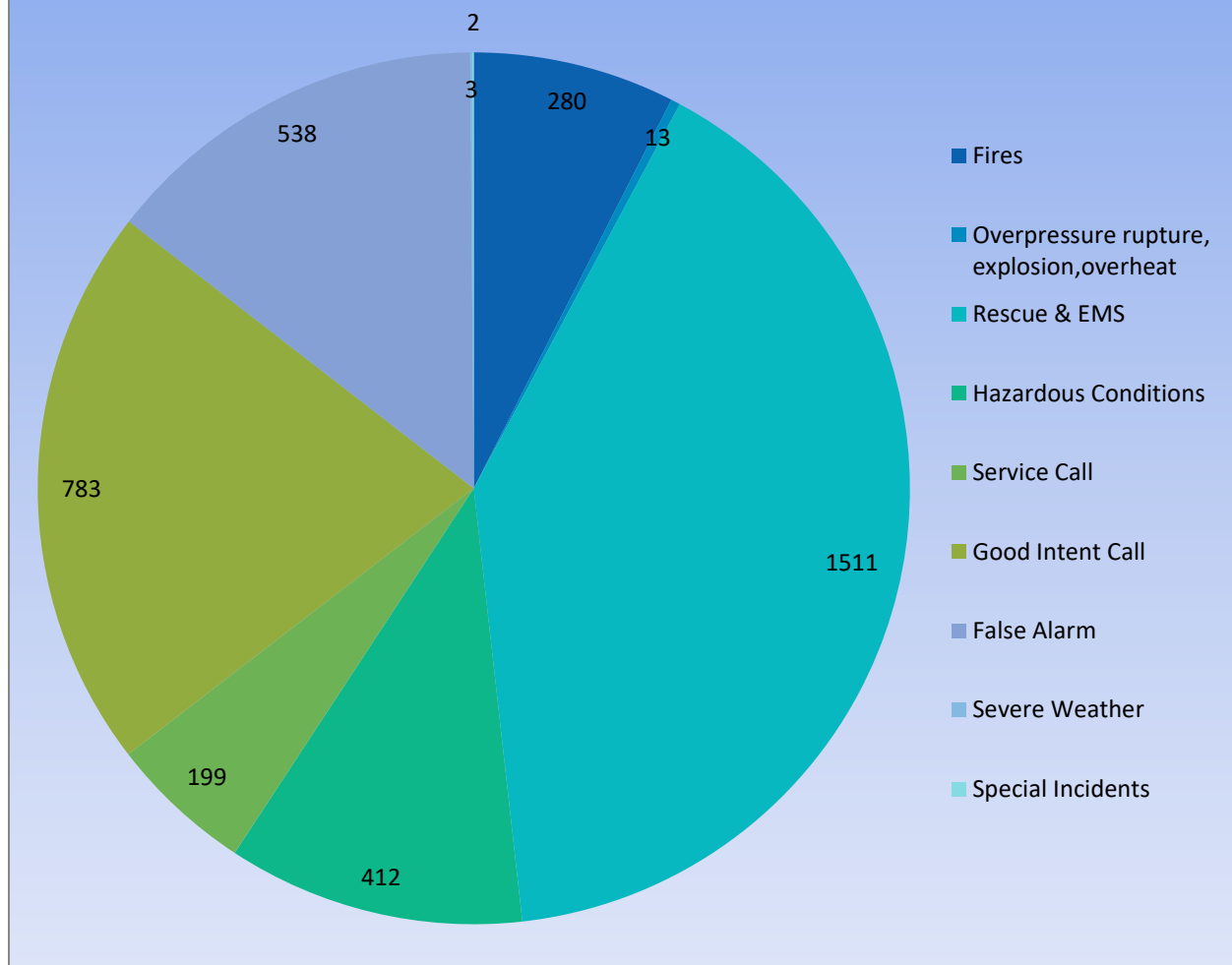
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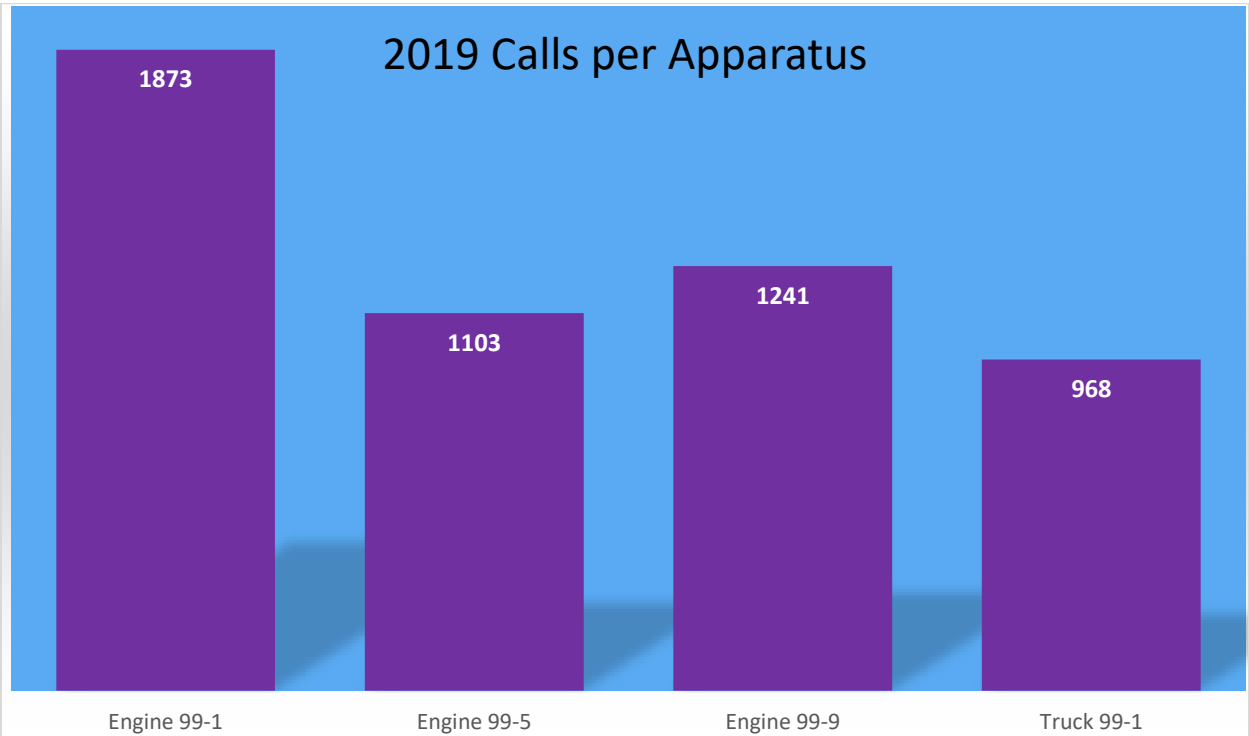
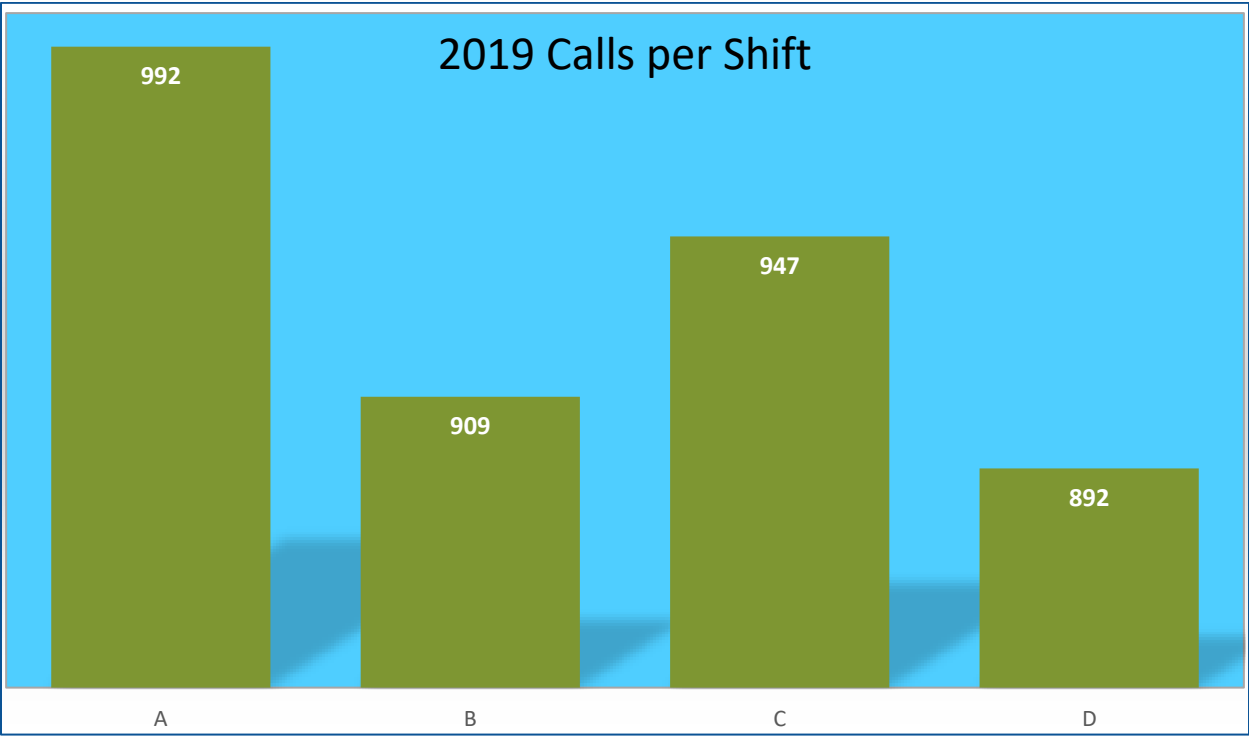


Five Year Property Loss



Call Type





O P E R A T I O N S

2019 Annual Report for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services Fire Suppression

In 2019, 61 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 2019:

Jeffrey Miller	Retired January 03, 2019
Gregory Altland	Retired January 10, 2019
David Michaels	Retired February 27, 2019
Donald Newcomer	Retired July 13, 2019
Keith Ramsay	Retired July 31, 2019

The following were hired in 2019:

Michael Melhorn	Hired January 21, 2019
Joseph Gilbert	Hired January 21, 2019
Scott Nelson	Hired January 21, 2019
Ryan Robeson	Hired January 21, 2019
Dylon Johnson	Hired January 21, 2019
Nathan Raine	Hired January 21, 2019
Nathan Huggins	Hired January 21, 2019
Jake Stephan	Hired January 21, 2019
Alec Hijazi	Hired January 21, 2019
Brian Rohrbaugh	Hired February 11, 2019
Christopher McCullough	Hired August 12, 2019
Tylin Firestone	Hired August 12, 2019

The following were hired in 2019 (cont'd):

Jason Sandmeyer
John Fram, III

Hired August 12, 2019
Hired September 16, 2019

Incidents:

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

On January 22nd, a York City Police Officer reported that two (2) buildings at 900 N. Hartley St. were on fire. Fire crews were dispatched to this address for the reported structure fire. Crews arrived on scene with fire through the roof of one building, a burning conveyor belt and a second building on fire on the other side of the conveyor belt. Crews made an aggressive interior attack on the fire on both buildings and were able to contain the fire. Crews remained on the scene for a significant period of time to overhaul and investigate the fire. Crews were challenged with near zero temperatures which caused significant slip hazards due to freezing water. Fire damage was listed at \$1,000,000. Cause of the fire was determined to be an accidental fire that started in the front-end loader parked inside of the W building.

On February 3rd, crews were dispatched to 232 Chestnut St. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived on location to find a well-advanced fire that involved multiple structures. An aggressive interior attack was made and crews were able to hold fire to the buildings involved on arrival. In all, the fire caused damage to 230, 232, 234 & 236 Chestnut St. The fire caused \$150,000 and displaced multiple families. No injuries were reported to any civilians or fire service personnel. Cause of the fire was the result of an undetermined malfunction to the rear of the clothes dryer that was located in the 1st floor rear of 232 Chestnut St.

On February 6th, crews were dispatched to 110 W Cottage Pl for a reported structure fire. Additional information was this was a vacant property and that there was the possibility of homeless people inside. Crews arrived to find a working fire with the B (East) wall of the structure collapsed with debris lying in the street. Crews immediately set up a defensive operation and protected the exposures on each side of the structure. Fire was confined to the structure of origin with minimal damage done to 100 W Cottage Place from radiant heat and the collapsing wall. Damage was estimated at \$67,000. The cause of this fire was determined to be an intentionally set fire.

On March 2nd, crews were dispatched to 658 E Market St. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived and found heavy fire conditions in the 2nd and 3rd floor rear of the structure. Damage was estimated at \$95,000. The cause of this fire was unintentional and was the result of a mattress being placed up against the stove and the pilot light catching the mattress on fire.

On March 9th, crews responded to Market St & George St. for vehicle fire with reported entrapment. Crews were advised enroute that the vehicle was to be fully involved and that bystanders removed the victim. Crews arrived on scene and found a fully involved vehicle fire parked along the curb on N George St. just N of the intersection. Crews attended to the victim as well as extinguished the fire. Cause of the fire was the result of the occupant smoking in his vehicle. The occupant was transported to YHED where he

was later transferred to Lehigh Valley Burn Center where he ultimately succumbed to the injuries sustained in the fire.

On May 29th, crews were dispatched to 828 Gunnison Rd. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived on scene to a working structure fire. One resident sustained facial burns and smoke inhalation as a result of the fire, was treated on the scene and denied transport to hospital. An aggressive interior attack was made and the fire was confined to the floor of origin. Fire caused damage that was estimated at \$150,000. Fire was an unintentional fire and was the result of an electrical malfunction of an outlet in the basement.

On June 9th, crews were sent to 637 W Philadelphia St. for a structure fire w/report of entrapment. Crews arrived on scene to find a working fire at 639 W. Philadelphia St. Crews confirmed that all occupants were safely out of the structure and conducted an aggressive interior attack. Fire was confined to 639 W Philadelphia St. and caused an estimated \$100,000 damage. Fire was an accidental fire caused by careless discarding of smoking material in a 2nd floor bedroom.

While operating at the fire located at 639 W. Philadelphia St. crews were advised of a 2nd structure fire located to the rear of 832 W Poplar St. Crews arrived on scene and found a fully involved garage fire with extension into two additional garages. Damaged was estimated at \$40,000 and was listed as an undetermined cause.

On July 1st, crews were dispatch for a reported structure fire on Smyser St. Crews arrived on scene and found a well-developed fire to the rear of 302 W North St. Multiple attacks lines were deployed and as a result, the fire was contained to the rear of the building of origin. Due to the heat and humidity, a 2nd alarm was requested for additional personnel. Fire was contained to the 1st and 2nd floor rear rooms. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. Cause of the fire was determined to be the result of careless discarding smoking material outside to the rear of the structure.

On July 3rd, the department was dispatched to the 100 block of S Pershing Ave. for a reported house fire. Crews arrived and found a well-advanced fire in the 2nd and 3rd floor rear of 106 S Pershing Ave. Crews deployed multiple handlines to attack the fire. Due to the heat and humidity, a 2nd alarm was requested for additional personnel to the scene. Fire was confined to 106 & 104 S Pershing Ave. and caused \$250,000 in damage. Cause of the fire remains undetermined but did not appear to be suspicious.

On July 29th, crews responded to 315 Lindbergh Ave. for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived and found a deep-seated fire in the walls traveling the rear of 315 & 317 Lindbergh Ave. Due to the work intensity of getting to the fire and the heat and humidity, a 2nd alarm was requested for additional personnel. Crews deployed numerous handlines into both structures. Fire caused an estimated \$160,000 in damage and was the result of an electrical malfunction and was unintentional.

In the early morning hours of August 23rd, crews were alerted to 133 N Duke St for a reported high-risk structure fire. Crews arrived on scene of a single-story strip mall with heavy smoke coming from the building. Crews deployed a 2.5" attack line and made an interior attack on the fire. Crews encountered numerous obstacles of a deep-seated fire and were ultimately pulled from the structure due to suspected structural issues of the roof rafters. A 3rd alarm was ultimately requested for this incident. Fire damaged nine businesses within the mall. Fire caused an estimated \$5,000,000 in damage and was

Incidents (Cont'd.):

listed as an accidental fire. Cause of fire was determined to be the result of spontaneous combustion of rags in the office of the Panaderia Bakery.

On October 10th, crews responded to 733 Terrace Road for a structure fire. Crews arrived and found fire showing from the E side of the structure. An aggressive interior attack was made and the fire was confined to the east side of the structure. Radiant heat caused damage to East property. Fire caused an estimated damage of \$125,000 and was the result of carelessly discarded cigarettes in the trash on the outside of the structure.

Late in the evening of November 11th, crews responded to 201 N Sherman St. for a commercial structure fire. Crews arrived and found fire coming from the front of the building. Crews deployed attack lines and contained the fire. Fire caused approximately \$200,000 in damage and was listed as an intentionally set fire.

Crews provided mutual aid to multiple incidents throughout the year. Many of those incidents were significant incidents that we were able to assist our neighboring municipalities with.

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 2019, 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 2019, the Department installed 159 smoke detectors, 33 batteries and 48 carbon monoxide detectors.

Since the beginning of the smoke detector program, Department personnel have installed 8,745 smoke detectors and 1632 batteries. Fire Department personnel also installed 222 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.



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. All personnel finished the entire event.



IAFF Memorial Service (Colorado Springs, CO):

Numerous members of the department and their families were in Colorado Springs, CO for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) annual memorial. In 2019, Firefighters Ivan Flanscha and Zachary Anthony were placed on the wall and will forever be memorialized at this sacred location.



NFFF Memorial Service (Emmitsburg, MD):

Numerous members of the department and their families were in Emmitsburg, MD for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) annual memorial service. In 2019, Firefighters Ivan Flansch and Zachary Anthony were placed on the wall and will forever be memorialized at this sacred location.



FIRE PREVENTION

2019 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 2019, the Fire Prevention Bureau collected \$175,301.50 in fees. Fire prevention education and training provided by staff reached 23,667 people.

Too often, the work of the Fire Prevention Bureau is overlooked because of the inability to measure the direct positive effect the Fire Prevention Bureau has on the community. 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.

2019 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS

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

Inspections

Certificate of Occupancy Inspections	87
Certificate of Occupancy Re-Inspections	25
Certificate of Compliance Inspections	115
Certificate of Compliance Re-Inspections	33
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED THIS YEAR	260

Operational Permits

Operational Permit Letters	0
Operational Permit Reviews	29
Operational Permit Inspections	126
Operational Permit Re-Inspections	34
Operational Permits Issued	214
Operational Permit Site Inspections	130

Vacant Properties

Vacant Property Site Inspections	2024
Vacant Property Letters	272
Vacant Property Registrations	311

Testing

Alarm Tests	80
Gamewell Box Tests	64
Fire Suppression Tests	5
Knox Box/Caps	64

2019 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd.)

Administration

Office Hours	1,054
Meetings	87
Training Programs	20
Training Hours	70
Incident Responses	45
Other	16

Fees Collected

Gamewell Box Fees	\$ 105,975.00
False Alarm Fees	6,100.00
Training Fees	1,960.00
Vacant Property Registration Fees	15,405.00
Operational Permit Fees	44,536.50
Restitution	0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	1,325.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED THIS YEAR	\$175,301.50

Citation/Hearings

Citations Issued This Year	161
Hearings Attended This Year	33

Violation Notices

Violation Notices Issued This Year	90
Violation Notice Re-checks Conducted This Year	645
Violations Corrected	370

Non-Inspectional Property Visits

Ownership Verifications	957
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Plan Reviews

Plan Reviews	116
Pre-Incident Surveys	0
Fire Investigations	0

2019 FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS (Cont'd)

Complaints

Complaint Inspections	2
Complaint Orders Issued	0
Complaint Re-Inspections	0
Complaints Corrected	0

Other

Properties Deemed	4
Properties Posted	3
Cellar to Attic Inspections	0
Cellar to Attic Re-Inspections	0

Public Education/Training

	Attendance	No. of Events
Apparatus Displays	3,691	41
Fire Station Tours	330	14
Hands-On Training Programs	3,461	63
Fire Safety House	0	0
Fire Drills	16,105	53
Miscellaneous Events	410	3
TOTAL ATTENDANCE/EVENTS	23,997	174

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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Firefighter of the Year – 2018

Firefighter Marc W. Ott was named the Firefighter of the Year for 2018. Firefighter Ott has set high standards for himself and maintains department morale with his work ethics. After twenty 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 Ott uses his time and talents and has given countless hours to the members of Local 627 regarding health care issues. In this role, you were the point of contact for all active and retired members for any health care insurance issues and worked with the City of York Human Resources office to resolve. This position benefits all members of Local 627.

In 2018, you went above and beyond to assist the department through one of the darkest times in the department's history. After the Weaver Organ and Piano Building collapse on March 22, 2018, you played a critical leadership role in ensuring our heroes' families, that the needs of our fire department personnel were met and ensuring our fallen heroes were laid to rest with honor.

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.

Letter of Commendation

Brandon Ortiz & Jose Ortiz

On December 19, 2019, the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services was dispatched to a reported structure fire with entrapment at 123 S. West Street. Crews arrived on the scene to find smoke showing from the front of the property and people coming out of the building

After talking with you at the scene after the fire was under control, it was learned that you were notified of the fire by the occupant. You immediately went to the home and noticed a smoke condition inside. You entered the structure and discovered a small fire in the kitchen in which you assisted in extinguishing. You assisted in removing the burned items out of the structure and assisting the occupant out of the structure.

Due to your actions, the fire was quickly extinguished, property damage was minimized and there were no injuries. I am proud to recognize your willingness to go into harm's way to protect the citizens of our city. It is citizens like you who make York a wonderful city.

Letter of Commendation

Firefighters Johnathan Brown, Zachary Calvert, Steven Whiteman, Paramedic Marcus Smith and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Adam Dell

On February 02, 2019, you were dispatched to 209 E Cottage Place for a cardiac arrest. Incident # 19-0286.

You arrived on scene and found Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel performing CPR on an adult male patient in the bedroom.

You worked as part of a team and continued Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for thirty (30) minutes at which point the patient regained a pulse and was transported to York Hospital. The patient was later declared brain dead and ultimately succumbed to this medical event.

Due to your actions, you assisted in keeping the patient sustainable for organ donation and there are twelve (12) people who were able to receive organ donations as a result of your efforts.

Letter of Commendation

Julianne Devaney, Calogero Elia, Shanita Little, Suzanne Manzi, Kathryn Watkins

On March 09, 2019, the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services was dispatched to a reported vehicle fire with entrapment at N. George Street & W. Market Street. Crews arrived on the scene to find a well involved vehicle fire with a male patient lying in the street being assisted by numerous bystanders.

After talking with you at the scene after the fire was under control, it was learned that you came upon the fire and worked as a team with other bystanders to attempt to extinguish the fire and extricate the occupant from the vehicle. Once the occupant was extricated from the vehicle, you continued to assist with treating and comforting the occupant.

Due to your actions, the fire was quickly extinguished, and property damage was confined to the vehicle. The occupant was transported to York Hospital where he would later be transferred to Lehigh Valley Burn Unit for treatment. I am proud to recognize your willingness to go into harm's way to protect the citizens of our city. It is citizens like you who make York a wonderful city.

Chief's Commendation

Firefighter Marc Ott, Firefighter Wade Fleming, Firefighter Brandon Hyder & Firefighter Shawn Firestone

On October 02, 2018, you were dispatched to a reported structure fire with entrapment at 49 Jefferson Avenue. Incident # 18-2907.

You arrived on scene to find a working fire with visible fire from the 3rd floor rear and a victim coming out of a 3rd floor window through heavy smoke

You worked as part of a crew to deploy a ground ladder to the window maneuvering around high voltage overhead wires on steep and narrow topography to assist the victim out of the window and down the ladder.

Due to your actions, the victim was able to be treated on scene by EMS for smoke inhalation and was released.

Your actions are in the highest tradition of the department and I am pleased to award you this Chief's Commendation.

Red Cross Firefighter Award

On November 21, 2019, at the annual Red Cross awards breakfast, Firefighter's Marc Ott, Wade Fleming, Brandon Hyder and Shawn Firestone were awarded with the Red Cross Firefighters Award. They were awarded for their efforts in the effective rescue of a male patient of a structure fire on October 2, 2018. On arrival, crews encountered a fire on the 3rd floor with an occupant of the 3rd floor coming out of the 3rd floor front window. The crew deployed a ground ladder on steep topography and around power lines to ascend and assist the occupant to safety.

Red Cross Good Samaritan Award

On November 15, 2019, at the annual Red Cross awards breakfast, the following civilians (Julianne Devaney, Calogero Elia, Shanita Little, Suzanne Manzi, Kathryn Watkins) were awarded the Red Cross Good Samaritan Award for their efforts of rescuing the occupant of a vehicle fire at the intersection of N George St and W Market St. They were awarded for their efforts in the effective rescue of a male occupant of a vehicle that they came upon on fire. They worked as a team and extricated the occupant and drug him to safety.

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.

Marilyn Hake, a York City resident, has spent her lifetime dedicated to caring for her community and assisting countless people in need.

Marilyn spent a career in nursing providing care and comfort to ill people. Although retired from nursing, she continues to share her time and talents in the health care field. She has provided education to city residents on how to deal with diabetes.

Marilyn volunteered time as a 4H Club advisor and has volunteered in numerous cleanup projects in the city.

As a member of the Elks Club, Lodge 213 in downtown York, Marilyn is active in committees that provide support and charity to members of our community who are in need. She serves on the board of the North East Neighborhood Association and is involved in numerous charity events. She runs a food pantry and a neighborhood garden that offers nourishment to residents of the city.

She is a supporter of children and gives back in many ways. Marilyn organizes a prom gown give away for students. She also is involved in the Christmas Bundles program. This program provides items for students of the Tidings of Peace School at Christmas. She also assists with the Christmas Smile program that provides gifts to less fortunate children. Marylin is the head of the Elk's Scholarship Committee that provides students the chance to attend higher education.

Marilyn also is a supporter of our Military Veterans. She is active in the Heroes Among Us Program held at the Elks Club annually. Military Veterans are provided a meal and entertainment to thank them for their service.

In 2013, Marilyn received a Chief's Letter of Recognition from the York City Fire Department for the support she provided to victims of the Rodeway Inn fire. Marilyn was in the area of the fire and saw residents fleeing into the cold morning. She recognized help was needed and with others, immediately offered the Elks club for a shelter. She made sure residents were warm, had food and gave them comfort in a time of need.

Marilyn has gone above and beyond in providing extraordinary service for the safety and well-being of our community members. It is my honor to present the 2019 Dorothy Deacon Distinguished Citizen award to Marilyn Hake.

VOLUNTEERS

New Service Truck Committee

Committee Members:|

Gordon Myers, Chairman, Fire Chief Chad Deardorff, Co-Chairman, Albert Shaffer, Dave Sheasley, George Krone, Dean Lightner

At the end of 2017, the New Service Truck Committee appointed by the Relief Association purchased a 1999 International air truck from Lineboro Fire company to be refurbished 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, 2019, to the Central Fire and EMS District in Wisconsin.

We took delivery of the new truck called Service 99-1 on May 03, 2019. Service 99-1 is equipped with an air cascade system that allows firefighters to fill their self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) during an incident. It is also equipped with an air compressor that fills the air cascade system constantly throughout an incident. The truck is also equipped with a light tower which can be utilized by both the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Both the Service trucks are operated by the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services Volunteer firefighters. These dedicated individuals play a critical role in the operation of the department. Service 99-1 was dedicated to Station 99-2 in January 2020.

Gordon Myers

Gordon Myers
Chairman

2019 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER HOURS

Trainings, Meetings, Station Manning and Incident Response

	Hours	Name		Hours	Name
1.	597:01	Warren, Charlie	18.	21:00	Bowman, Osborne
2.	393:49	Sowers, Charles	19.	20:45	Kottmyer, III, Fred
3.	241:35	Sheasley, David	20.	19:52	Welty, James
4.	183:22	Myers, Jr., Gordon	20.	19:52	Welty, Lisa
5.	188:00	Shaffer, Albert	22.	19:40	Shilke, Fred
6.	154:33	Krone, George	23.	18:15	Reinhold, Harold
7.	141:45	Dunham, Nathan	24.	17:45	Bowman, Robert
8.	97:31	Witmer, Bryan	25.	16:49	Harmon, Arthur D.
9.	67:59	Bowman, Ryan	26.	16:28	Bleacher, Sharon
10.	54:01	Harman, Arthur H.	26.	14:45	Culp, William
11.	41:35	Duke, William	28.	14:45	Jenkins, Sharon
12.	34:06	Sanford, Erick	29.	13:30	Halpin, Greg
13.	34:00	Lightner, Dean	30.	11:30	Shilke, Bonnie
14.	29:24	Bowman, David	31.	11:00	Ott, Scott
15.	27:12	Dorsey, Melissa	32.	8:16	Ferguson, James
16.	26:46	McDonald, David	33.	4:15	Myers, Geoffrey
17.	21:52	Grove, Marlin	34.	1:30	Stahle, Richard

Total Volunteer Hours: 2,584:28

VOLUNTEER SERVICE UNITS 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Alarm Dates Between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2019

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Service 99-1	24	53.81
Service 99-2	26	49.70

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
Service Unit Coordinator

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSN.

YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

2019 ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

Submitted on January 15, 2020

**Robert N. Bowman
Treasurer**

2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND OTHER FIREMEN'S RELATED EXPENSES

2019	Expenses	
	Insurance:	
	Length of Service (LOSP)	\$ 4,772.74
	Health and Accident (pre-paid)	\$14,076.00
	Bond (2 years)	\$421.00
	Total Insurance	\$19,269.74
	Maintenance: Service 99-1 and 99-2	\$2,669.98
	Volunteer Equipment:	
	New Service Truck Final Payment	\$109,079.20
	Various Volunteer Items	\$2,884.54
	Total Equipment	\$111,963.74
	Volunteer Supplies	\$164.99
	Volunteer Training	\$877.00
	Totals for 2019	<u>\$134,945.45</u>
2018		\$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 2019

Year	Number	Value
2019	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

Submitted by,

Robert N. Bowman

ROBERT N. BOWMAN

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

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EMERGENCY PLANNING

EMERGENCY PLANNING 2019

The primary focus of this office is to coordinate responses and resources, develop and maintain those resources, documents, maps and plans for the protection and safety of our community and its first responders.

During 2019 York City was fortunate to complete the year without any significant events that required significant response coordination. Much of the year was devoted to updating information and providing assistance to city and outside agencies. The Emergency Management Coordinator position was filled with existing staff and all mandated operations were satisfied.

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Major Events

Emergency Preparedness During 2019 there were three significant activities undertaken by this office. Each event pulled on vastly different skill sets and resources.

- Coordinating with Public Works and Army Corps of Engineering we provided engineering assistance and historic documentation for storm water outfalls along the Codorus Creek. The goal of this was to determine ownership and operational status of these storm water pipes. The Army Corps goal is to reduce the number of penetrations along the creek walls and levees. The work will result in the elimination of these outdated and abandoned facilities along the Codorus Creek.
- Working with multiple partners a mass immunization exercise was developed and planned for the Community. Multiple Point of Distribution (POD) operations were to occur in a coordinated exercise in September. We were utilizing free influenza immunizations as the vehicle for this effort. This involved the York City EMA, York City Health Bureau, York City Fire/Rescue, York City Police, York City School District, Northeastern School District, York County Office of Emergency Services, PA State Department of Health, York Adams Metropolitan Medical Response System (YAMMRS) and other community partners. The planning for this exercise began in February and continued throughout 2019. Resources and supplies were inventoried and ordered, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and volunteer nursing staff were recruited and trained to assist with this exercise. It was the first coordinated mass immunization exercise in this area of Pennsylvania.

Unfortunately, due to real world events, notably the measles outbreak and logistical failures at higher levels of the command and control structure the exercise was cancelled at the eleventh hour. But participation and coordination by City participants was excellent and without issue. A complete After-Action Report (AAR) on this exercise was developed by this office and submitted to the State Department of Health.

- During 2019 the area was subjected to multiple days of sub-freezing temperatures and excessive runs of high temperatures during the summer months. This office along with multiple community partners participated in the development of a “Code Blue” policy for York County. This involves the coordination of procedures and resources to 1. Alert the community of potential hazardous temperature extremes and 2. Where community resources are available to aid and/or shelter individuals needing assistance during these events.

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. 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. The program at William Penn High School is in the second year. In 2019 this office participated or coordinated four CERT programs in the community.

Emergency Preparedness

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

3. 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. Fifteen resource guides and plans were developed for several events in 2019. 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 2019 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. Additionally, this office worked to aid in the coordination and development of the plans for the 10,000 Acts of Kindness event held in Penn Park in the fall.

4. Resource Development

Activities

Digital conversion of plans, maps and documents continued thru 2019. At this time there are in excess of 5,500 construction and development plans and over 5,700 engineering drawings, surveys, photographs and maps scanned into digital format.

An archival project to organize and catalogue Fire Prevention hard copy plans and digital plans was undertaken. This is staffed using Firefighters assigned to light duty and assistance through a Crispus Attucks Senior program. The databases will allow for better location and easier access of drawings and files for the Fire Prevention Office.

The City reviewed and the Mayor and City Council adopted the updated York County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. This office participated in the development of information for this document and aided during the plan development. This plan was originally written in 2008 and has undergone updates and reviews every five years.

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.

5. Training and Education

- i. Regular attendance at York County Office of Emergency Management quarterly trainings.
- ii. Attended a Mass Evacuation Training held by the SCTF.
- iii. Attended the annual Homeland Security Conference supported by the SCTF.
- iv. Participated as a member of the County Emergency Operations team during the annual nuclear exercise evaluate by State EMA and FEMA authorities.

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. Approximately a dozen of these requests was processed along with over 60 requests for engineering, addressing and mapping information.

Multiple city departments and local boards requested assistance during 2019. 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.

Staff represents the City on several boards and committees. During 2019 staff attended meetings by: Traffic Safety Committee, Safety Committee, York County Emergency Coordinators, and York-Adams Metropolitan Medical Response System (YAMMRS), and York County Emergency Program Advisory Committee.