

# TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

4601 E. Hamilton Avenue, Eau Claire, WI, 54701

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## BATTALION CHIEFS

Kerry Parker ..... Station 1, Seymour  
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Dave Kleist ..... Station 3, Union  
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Kevin Nelson ..... Station 5, Brunswick

DISPATCHER – Ron Patraz

OFFICE MANAGER – Lisa Peterson

BUSINESS PHONE (8 am – 8 pm, Monday – Saturday) - 715-834-6868

EMERGENCY PHONE – 715-834-1253

## **DISPATCH REPORT**

	2015	2016
Total Number of Incident Responses	394	352
Rock Creek Calls Dispatched	45	31
Burning Permits Issued	3,953	4,141
Calls Dispatched from Eau Claire County 911	322	277
Percentage of Calls Dispatched by Eau Claire County 911	81.9%	78.7%

The Dispatch Office arranged for 12 Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Meetings, and received 9,397 phone calls during 2016. An update to our phone system provides recorded information about current burning conditions and regulations. As an added convenience, in the near future, burning permits, will be available on our website, [www.townshipfire.org](http://www.townshipfire.org). A complete explanation of burning rules and regulations will also be available online. Our Dispatch Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 am – 8 pm for general business and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for emergencies.

## **ACTIVE MEMBERS**

2015 Volunteer Firefighter Members .....	135
2016 Volunteer Firefighter Members .....	136*

\* This number includes 17 personnel who are Emergicare members only, administrative staff or emeritus members.

# **INSPECTION REPORT**

	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Clear Creek	Total
<b>Occupancies Inspected</b>	30	212	115	30	43	5	435
<b>Property Inspections</b>	57	373	210	50	74	10	774
<b>Violation Notices Issued</b>	23	162	126	27	25	1	364

The Township Fire Department has appointed 4 inspectors responsible for the areas covered in our jurisdiction. They are Darrell Christy, Joe Dahl, Jason Knecht and Jeff Meyer. The Occupancies represent the number of buildings in each town that need inspection. Some require inspection once per year and some require two inspections per year.



# Training Report

## In-Station Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens, 8 hour Hazardous-Materials Operations Refresher, SCBA – Fit Testing & Confidence Course, CVTC Tower Night , EVOC, Vehicle Extrication, Pumps, Mutual Aid, Driver/Operator – Cones Course, Gas Props, ATV's, Ladders, Ropes, Traffic Incident Management, Power Tools, Electrical Safety, Equipment Familiarization, Driving & Size-up, Pre-Plans, Wildland Fire Season Preparation.

## Main Meeting Training Topics

Scene Safety, DNR Update with Ranger Kaurich, Building Construction with Kim Nessel, Water Movement, Fire Scene Preservation with DCI Agent Tiffany Ince.

## Emergicare Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens & Hazmat Awareness Refresher, AED/CCR/CPR & Non-Visual Airways, Active Shooter, WARDS, Ag Trauma, Patient Packaging/Rescue Moving/Stokes & Sked, Water Rescue, Protocols Review & Check Off, Skills Review, Equipment & Ambulance Review, Year-End Review.

## Special Rescue Topics

Ice Rescue, Dive Searches & Tender Training, TFD – Swift Water Rescue Class, Swiftwater Rescue – River Swim, Tower Rescue, ATV/Sled/Stokes/Low Angle, Sonar & Underwater Camera, Water Rescue with Emergicare, Dive Search & Recovery, Overland Search/GPS & Compass, Confined Space Refresher

## Additional Training Topics

DNR Tanker Certification, Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic, TFD Honor Guard Clinic, WITC – Emergency Services Conference, Fire Inspectors Conference, Arson Investigators Conference, Airport Drill, CVTC House Burns (Pleasant Valley and Washington), N95 Fit Test Training.



## Training Hours by Category

	<b>In-Station</b>	<b>Special Rescue</b>	<b>CVTC</b>	<b>Main Meeting</b>	<b>Other Paid</b>	<b>Other Not Paid</b>	<b>Total</b>
Seymour Station	789.5	81	180	60.5	39.5	70	1,220.5
Washington Station	425.5	34.5	472	77.5	102.5	104	1,216
Union Station	568	254.5	284	86.5	44.5	64	1,301.5
Pleasant Valley Station	419.5	19	166	55	18.5	92	770
Brunswick Station	266	34	262	23.5	45	60	690.5
Emergicare	367	8	312	0	89.5	0	776.5
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>2,835.5</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>339.5</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>5,975</b>

## Station Training Instructors

- Seymour – Travis Fischer & Matt Reas
- Washington – Jim Gutsch
- Union – John Schultz & Nate Murphy
- Pleasant Valley – Mike Stage & Ben Nemitz
- Brunswick – Rick Merryfield & Brennan Porter

# **SAFETY REPORT**

The Health and Safety Committee met two times in the year 2016. The meeting locations were Stations 2 & 4 (Washington and Pleasant Valley). Minutes from each meeting get posted at the Stations and at the Dispatch Office.

There were 5 injury, accident, or near miss reports submitted in 2016.

## **Injury/Accident/Near Miss Reports**

Date	Type	Fire/EMS/Other	Recordable
01/23/16	Back Strain	At Station	No
01/23/16	Wrist Injury	At Station	Yes
04/23/16	Cut	At Station	Yes
05/07/16	Near Miss	Accident Scene	No
11/11/16	Near Miss	Accident Scene	No

## **Past Three Years**

Year	Reports	Recordable Injuries
2016	5	2
2015	5	3
2014	4	1

# Honor Guard Activity

The Honor Guard was established in 2013 and consists of a group of individuals who have Respect, Compassion and Honor for their brothers and sisters in the fire service who have gone before them.

Several members have also joined on as members of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial Funeral Guard and have donated countless hours traveling around the state to assist at visitations and funerals.

The activity log shows the hours members have spent assisting with funerals, visitations, and attending training.

## Honor Guard Activity Log

Date	Event	Location	# of Members Involved	# of Hours
4/1/16	TFD Awards Banquet	Eau Claire, WI	4	2
4/3/16	Visitation/Funeral Retired Chief Marshall Horlacher	Eau Claire, WI	6	24
4/7/16 - 4/9/16	Milwaukee Fire Department Honor Guard Clinic	Milwaukee, WI	5	120
5/1/16	Funeral – Fire Fighter Robert Wolfram	Washburn, WI	1	8
6/25/16	Visitation/Funeral – Asst. Chief Haydysch	Desoto, WI	1	8
7/1/16	Visitation/Memorial – Asst. Chief Osterberg	Rhineland, WI	1	11
7/18/16	Memorial – Asst. Chief Mitch Koski	Montreal, WI	1	12
8/7/16	Visitation – Retired Fire Fighter James Mertes	Eau Claire, WI	4	16
8/8/16	Funeral – Retired Fire Fighter James Mertes	Eau Claire, WI	4	16
10/8/16	WSFM – Final Alarm Ceremony	WI Rapids, WI	2	24
10/22/16 & 10/23/16	Township Fire Department Honor Guard Clinic	Eau Claire, WI	5	80
12/3/16	WSFM District Training	Eau Claire, WI	7	21

Total Hours of Service for 2016 by the Honor Guard was 342 hours.



## TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

## 2016 RESPONSES

Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Total
<b>Fires</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>
Fire Other	1	1		1	1	4
Building Fire	2	4			1	7
Fires in Structure Other than in a Building				1	1	2
Cooking Fire		1				1
Camper or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Fire		1				1
Off Road Vehicle/Heavy Equipment Fire	1	1				2
Passenger Vehicle Fire		3	1	1	2	7
Road, Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire	1	1				2
Natural Vegetation Fire			1			1
Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire					3	3
Brush or Brush/Grass Mixture Fire	1	1	1	2	1	6
Grass Fire	1	1				2
Special Outside Fire, Other		1	1			2
Outside Equipment Fire			2			2
Outside Rubbish, Trash or Waste Fire		1				1
<b>Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with no Ignition		1			1	2
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat		1				1
<b>Rescue/EMS Incident</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>
Rescue, EMS Incident, Other	1	1	1			3
Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	3	1	3		2	9
EMS Call Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury		1				1
Vehicle Accident with Injury	2	17	18	5	5	47
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident		1	1			2
Search for Person on Land					1	1
Extrication, Rescue, Other		1				1
Extrication of Victim(s) From Vehicle		4	2		2	8
Search for Person in Water	1					1
Extrication, Rescue, Other	1					1
High-Angle Rescue			1			1
Watercraft Rescue					1	1
Water & Ice Related Rescue	1				3	4
<b>Hazardous Condition</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>
Hazardous Condition - Other					1	1
Gas or Other Flammable Liquid Spill/Condition			2	1	1	4
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)		3	1		1	5
Carbon Monoxide Incident	1	4	1		1	7
Overheated Motor			1			1
Power Line Down	1	2	1	1	1	6
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup		1		2	1	4
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem. Other		1				1
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	1		1		1	3
<b>Service Calls</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency			1			1
Unauthorized Burning		7	2	1		10



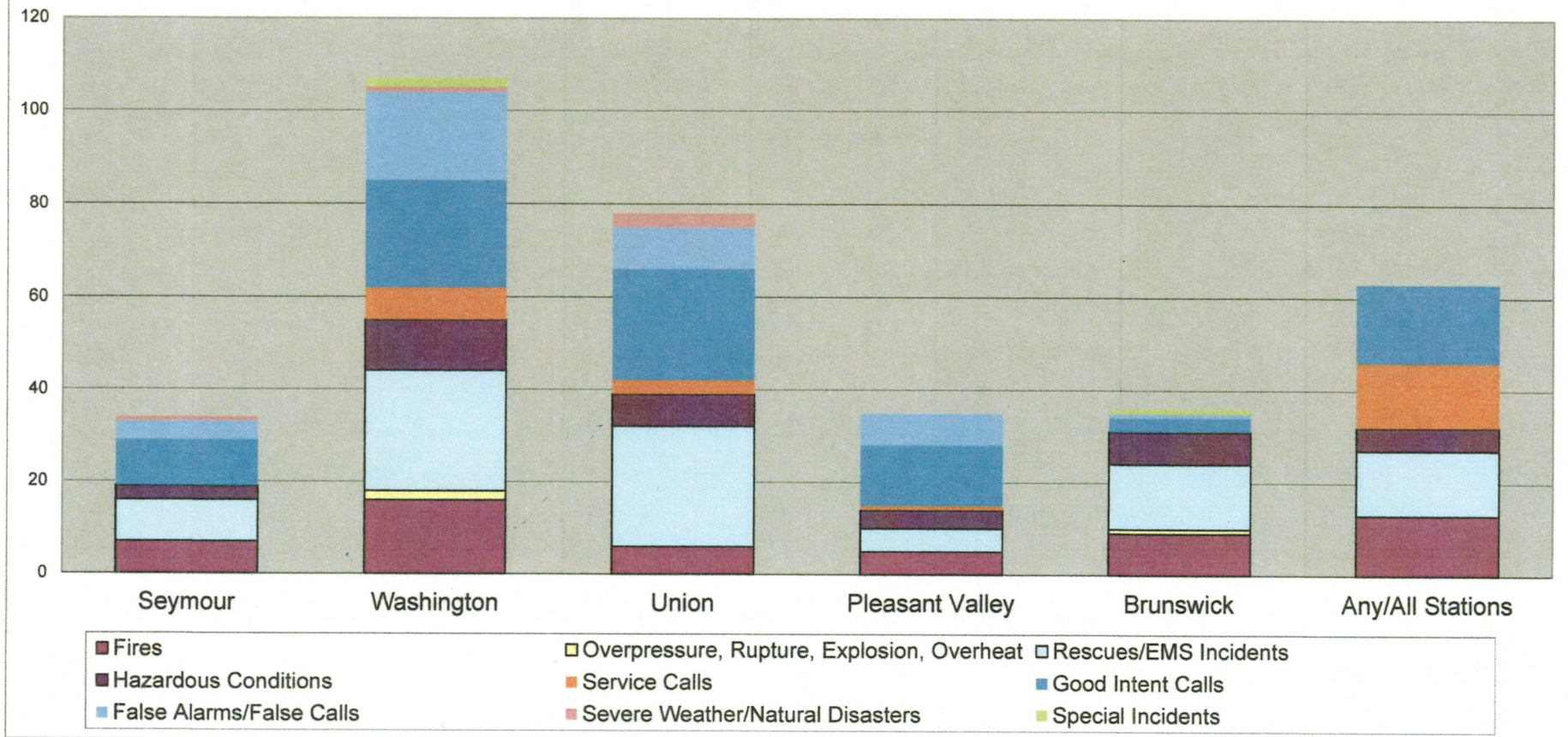
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2016 RESPONSES						
Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Total
<b>Good Intent Calls</b>	10	23	24	13	3	73
Good Intent Call - Other	1	3	2	1		7
Dispatched & Cancelled En Route	5	15	18	12	2	52
No Incident Found Upon Arrival		1				1
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke, Other			1			1
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke		1				1
HazMat Release Investigation w/no HazMat			1			1
Authorized Controlled Burning	2	2	1		1	6
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	2	1	1			4
<b>False Alarms/False Calls</b>	4	19	9	7	1	40
False Alarm/False Call, Other		2	1	2	1	6
Telephone, Malicious False Alarm			1			1
System Malfunction, Other			1	1		2
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	1	3	3			7
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional		1	1			2
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	1	4	1	1		7
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	1	4	1			6
Alarm System Activation, No Fire - Unintentional	1	3		2		6
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other		1				1
Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional		1		1		2
<b>Severe Weather/Natural Disasters</b>	1	1	3	0	0	5
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster, Other		1	1			2
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster, Standby			2			2
Wind Storm, Tornado/Hurricane Assessment	1					1
<b>Special Incident Type</b>	0	2	0	0	1	3
Citizen Complaint		2				2
Special Type of Incident - Other					1	1
<b>Station Totals 2016 (Includes Additional Exposures)</b>	34	107	78	35	36	290
<b>Calls Not Assigned to a Specific Station*</b>						63
<b>Total Calls in 2016 (Includes Additional Exposures)</b>						353
<b>Estimated Dollar Loss in 2016</b>						\$1,150,335

<b>2015 Total Calls</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>2015 Estimated Dollar Loss</b>	<b>\$1,635,010</b>

*\*TFD responded to 63 calls in areas outside of our 5 Towns. These areas included responses to the City of Eau Claire, the City of Altoona, Dunn County, the Towns Elk Mound, Lincoln and Clear Creek.*



## 2016 Responses





# EMERGICARE REPORT

## EMERGICARE CALLS - 2016

	Number of Calls	Responses	No Response	Response Rate
<b>Seymour</b>	114	101	13	89%
<b>Washington</b>	332	276	56	83%
<b>Union</b>	172	162	10	94%
<b>Pleasant Valley</b>	66	61	5	92%
<b>Brunswick</b>	87	70	17	80%
<b>Clear Creek</b>	20	6	14	30%
<b>Eau Claire</b>	11	10	1	91%
<b>Altoona</b>	44	16	28	36%
<b>Rock Creek (Dunn County)</b>	21	9	12	43%
<b>Spring Brook (Dunn County)</b>	18	16	2	89%
<b>Lincoln</b>	3	2	1	67%
<b>Ludington</b>	5	4	1	80%
<b>Fall Creek</b>	1	1	0	100%
<b>Bridge Creek (Augusta)</b>	1	1	0	100%
<b>Drammen</b>	1	1	0	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>82%</b>

Our Emergicare Division responded to 896 calls in 2016. All of these were dispatched through the Eau Claire Communications Center except for the call in Bridge Creek. On that call, one of our Emergicare members was in the area and rendered aid, therefore requiring a report number. Seven of these incidents occurred during special events in the community.

**Emergicare Call Volume - 2016**

