

TOWNSHIP

FIRE

DEPARTMENT



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

A volunteer-driven organization that provides fire suppression and emergency services to the Towns of Seymour, Washington, Union, Pleasant Valley and Brunswick.

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Douglas Kranig, President
Town of Seymour

Micheal Peterson
Town of Washington

Fred Turk, Vice President
Town of Brunswick

Debbie Smith
Town of Union

Dan Hanson, Secretary/Treasurer
Town of Pleasant Valley

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief, Jack Running (Town of Seymour)

Assistant Chief, Kerry Parker (Town of Seymour)

Chief of Rescue & Special Rescue, Joe Alf (Town of Union)

Division Chief of Operations, Inspections & Investigations, Darrell Christy (Town of Pleasant Valley)

Division Chief of Training & Safety, Chad Peterson (Town of Seymour)

Captain of Special Rescue, Chris Turner
(Town of Union)

Captain of Emergicare, John Oxley
(Town of Seymour)

Lead Fabricator/New Trucks, Mark Behlke
(Town of Pleasant Valley)

Lead Mechanic, John Schultz
(Town of Union)

Public Information Officer, Mark Porter
(Town of Brunswick)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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BATTALION CHIEFS

Randy Scheck Station 1, Seymour
Aaron Nicholson Station 2, Washington
Dave Kleist Station 3, Union
Mark Behlke Station 4, Pleasant Valley
Kevin Nelson Station 5, Brunswick

TFD DISPATCH OFFICE

Ron Patraz Dispatcher
Lisa Peterson Office Manager

BUSINESS PHONE - 715-834-6868

Office hours are 8 am – 8 pm, Monday – Saturday. The office is closed on Sunday.

EMERGENCY PHONE - 715-834-1253

Emergency calls only, 24 hours/day.

DISPATCH REPORT

	2016	2017
Total Number of Incident Responses	352	371
Rock Creek Calls Dispatched	31	31
Burning Permits Issued	4,141	3,396
Percentage of Burn Permits Issued Online		20.5%
Calls Dispatched from Eau Claire County 911	277	300
Percentage of Calls Dispatched by Eau Claire County 911	78.7%	80.86%

Burning permits are available on our website, www.townshipfire.org. A complete explanation of burning rules and regulations is also available online. Our Dispatch Office is open Monday through Saturday, 8 am – 8 pm for general business and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for emergencies.

INSPECTION REPORT

	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Clear Creek	Total
Occupancies Inspected	30	334	115	29	42	5	555
Property Inspections	56	389	222	50	73	9	799
Violation Notices Issued	16	126	61	20	26	4	253

Chief of Inspections, Darrell Christy, and 3 station inspectors are responsible for inspecting 555 occupancies annually. Several of these require two inspections per year. The 3 station inspectors are Joe Dahl, Jason Knecht, and Jeff Meyer.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

In 2017 there were 140 Active Members of the Township Fire Department. The membership breakdown is as follows. Membership overlaps, as many of our members are trained in more than one area.

2017 Volunteer Firefighter Members	114
2017 Emergicare Members	51
2017 Dive Team Members	10

In addition, there are 13 members with Emeritus status.

EMERGICARE ACTIVITY

The Emergicare Division of the Township Fire Department has 51 trained members. In 2017, we responded to 798 EMS calls. Total hours devoted to EMS calls were 2,140. Five extremely dedicated Emergicare Members accounted for 54% of the total response hours.

SPECIAL RESCUE ACTIVITY

The Special Rescue Division of the Township Fire Department responded to 14 water related incidents in 2017. We currently have 10 specially trained members on our Dive Team.

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

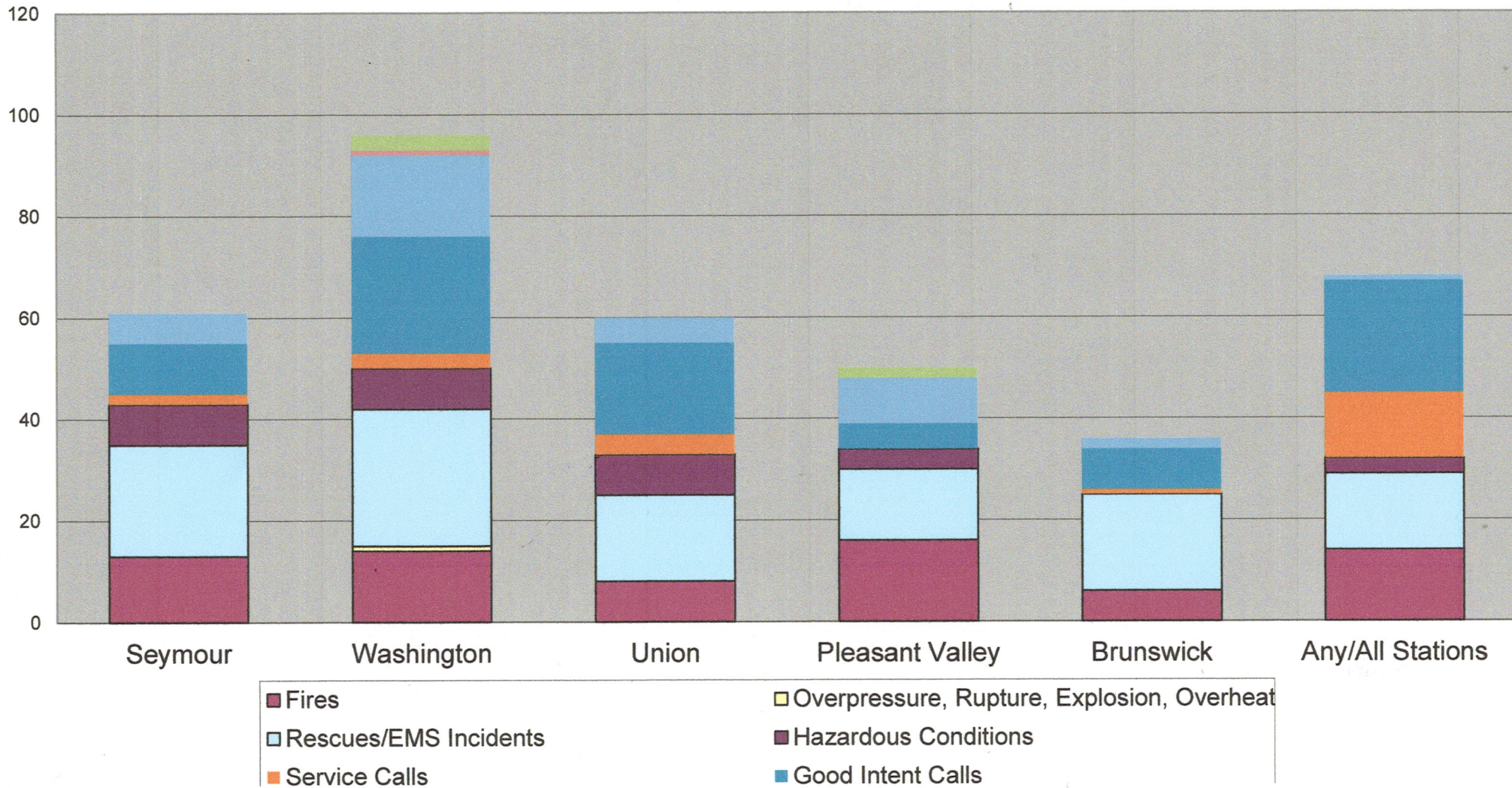
The Township Fire Department responded to 371 incidents in 2017. Fire and EMS incidents accounted for over 50% of those calls. Other high percentage categories include Hazardous Conditions, Service Calls, Good Intent Calls, and False Alarms. The five Township Fire Department stations work very closely together. Of the 371 calls in 2017, 68 of them required assistance from more than one TFD Station. Of those, 51 calls were mutual aid to other areas or agencies. We work together with our neighboring communities in times of need and received mutual aid assistance from other departments for 11 calls last year. A complete breakdown of calls by station and category can be found on the following two pages.

**TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
2017 RESPONSES**

Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Any/All TFD	Total
Fires	13	14	8	16	6	14	71
Fire Other		1	2	2			5
Building Fire	2	4	2	4	4	11	27
Cooking Fire		1				1	2
Chimney Fire		1		2	1		4
Trash or Rubbish Fire (Contained)		1					1
Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fire, Other			1	2			3
Garbage Dump or Landfill Fire	1						1
Passenger Vehicle Fire	1	1	1	2		1	6
Road, Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire	2			1			3
Aircraft Fire (Standby)						1	1
Outside Storage Fire		1					1
Outside Equipment Fire					1		1
Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction				1			1
Brush or Brush/Grass Mixture Fire	2	3	1				6
Grass Fire	2	1		2			5
Outside Rubbish, Trash or Waste Fire	3		1				4
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with no Ignition		1					1
Rescue/EMS Incident	22	27	17	14	19	15	114
Rescue, EMS Incident, Other		1	2	3	2		8
Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	1	5		3	3		12
Vehicle Accident	15	19	14	7	7	11	73
Extrication of Victim(s) From Vehicle		2	1				3
Extrication, Rescue, Other				1			1
Search for Person on Land					3		3
Sear for Lost Person, Other	1						1
Search for Person in Water					4	3	7
Swimming/Recreational Water Rescue	3						3
Water Craft Rescue	1						1
Water/Ice Related Rescue	1					1	2
Hazardous Condition	8	8	8	4	0	3	31
Gas Leak	1	2	1	1			5
Gas/Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill			1			1	2
Carbon Monoxide Incident	4	2		3			9
Overheated Motor	1	1					2
Power Line Down	1	1	3			1	6
Arching/Shorted Electrical Equipment		1	1				2
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	1	1					2
Accident, Potential Accident, Other						1	1
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other			2				2
Service Calls	2	3	4	0	1	13	23
Public Service Assistance			1				1
Cover Assignment, Standby, Move-up	1					13	14
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency			2		1		3
Unauthorized Burning	1	3	1	0			5

Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Any/All TFD	Total
Good Intent Calls	10	23	18	5	8	22	86
Good Intent Call - Other	1	1	1	1	1		5
Dispatched & Cancelled En Route	8	17	13	3	6	22	69
No Incident Found Upon Arrival	1	2					3
Authorized Controlled Burning		1	3	1	1		6
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke		2	1				3
False Alarms/False Calls	6	16	5	9	2	1	39
False Alarm/False Call, Other	3	2	1	5			11
Alarm System Malfunction, Other	1	2					3
Alarm System Activation, Unintentional		7					7
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	1	2			2	1	6
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke			1				1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional				1			1
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	1	1	3	2			7
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO		2		1			3
Severe Weather/Natural Disasters	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lightning Strike (No Fire)		1					1
Special Incident Type	0	3	0	2	0	0	5
Citizen Complaint		3					3
Special Type of Incident - Other				2			2
Station Totals 2017	61	96	60	50	36	68	303
Calls Not Assigned to a Specific Station							68
Total Calls in 2017							371

2017 Responses By Station



Training Report

In-Station Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens, TFD-Agility, Hazardous-Materials Operations Refresher, SCBA – Fit Testing, Vehicle Extrication, Pumps, Mutual Aid with Fall Creek & Rock Creek Fire Departments, Maps & Size-ups, Driving & Radios, Gas Props at Station 3, Equipment Familiarization, CVTC Tower Night, EVOC at CVTC, CPR/AED & 1st Aid, Trailer Backing, Ambulance Check-Off, Water Movement, Fire Service Skills Refresher

Main Meeting Training Topics

Special Rescue, DNR Update with Ranger Kaurich, WRR Tour & Pre-plan, Emergency Vehicle Operations with Tony Helstern, Grain Bin Rescue Equipment, Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI)

Emergicare Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens & Hazmat Awareness Refresher, Legal & Ethical Issues, Airway Management, Patient Assessment, EMS Appreciation Banquet, Medical Case Reviews, Cardiac Management, Trauma – Bleeding & Soft Tissues, ASA Protocol, Skills Review, Childbirth & OB, Ambulance Operations and Documentation, Year-End Case Review

Special Rescue Topics

ATV/Snowmobile Rescue, Ice Rescue, Swiftwater Rescue with Altoona FD, Rope Gear/Knots/Rigging, Dive Training at UWEC Pool, Dive Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Ice Rescue

Additional Training Topics

DNR Tanker Certification, Traffic Incident Management (T.I.M.), Chippewa County MABAS Drill, Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic, WI Fire Inspectors Conference, WI Arson Investigators Conference, "The New Firefight" with Chief Peter Van Dorpe, Pre-Plan Tour of Menards Distribution Center, Bus Extrication with Fall Creek Fire Dept., Introduction to Wildland Fire Suppression for WI Fire Departments, MABAS/ICS

Station Training Instructors

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

Training Hours by Category

	In-Station	Special Rescue	CVTC	Main Meeting	Other Paid	Other Not Paid	Total
Seymour Station	802.25	105	436	42.5	63.5	48	1,497.25
Washington Station	559	12	544	63.5	70	-	1,248.5
Union Station	723.5	109.5	630	92.5	114.5	12	1,682
Pleasant Valley Station	357.5	-	396	33	55.5	44	886
Brunswick Station	250.5	24.5	141	23	26.5	24	489.5
Emergicare	349	12	478	-	3.5	-	842.5
Total Hours	3,041.75	263	2,625	254.5	333.5	128	6,645.75

SAFETY REPORT

The Health and Safety Committee met two times in the year 2017. The meeting locations were Stations 2 & 5 (Washington and Brunswick). Minutes from each meeting are posted at the Stations and at the Dispatch Office. There were 2 injury, accident, or near miss reports submitted in 2017.

Injury/Accident/Near Miss Reports

Date	Type	Fire/EMS/Other	Recordable
September, 2017	Exposure	Fire	Yes
December, 2017	Fall – Minor Injury	Fire	No

Past Three Years

Year	Reports	Recordable Injuries
2017	2	1
2016	5	2
2015	5	3

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.

Date	Event	Location	# of Members Involved	# of Hours
01/04/17	Visitation/Funeral – Curt Benrud	Owen, WI	2	16
01/21/17	WSFM District Training	Augusta, WI	4	12
02/28/17	Funeral – Steven Schultz	Watertown, WI	1	10
02/28/17	Planning Meeting for Terry Shafer	Spring Valley, WI	1	5
03/02/17	Visitation – Terry Shafer	Spring Valley, WI	1	10
03/03/17	Visitation/Memorial – Terry Shafer	Spring Valley	3	28
03/15/17	WSFM Division Training	Fall Creek, WI	7	21
03/28/17	Funeral – EMT Mary Zemlicka	New Glarus, WI	1	12
04/20 – 04/22	Milwaukee FD Honor Guard Clinic	Milwaukee	2	48
10/08/17	WSFM – Final Alarm Ceremony	WI Rapids, WI	5	34
10/28/17	WSFM District Training	Eau Claire, WI	5	25

Total Hours of Service for 2017 by the Honor Guard was 221 hours.