

# TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Proudly serving the Towns of Seymour, Washington, Union, Pleasant Valley and Brunswick in Eau Claire County



Harvest Festival Parade in Pleasant Valley



New Tender and Engine in Washington



New Tender in Pleasant Valley



# DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Douglas Kranig, President . . . . . Town of Seymour  
Micheal Peterson . . . . . Town of Washington  
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Dan Hanson, Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . Town of Pleasant Valley  
Fred Turk, Vice President . . . . . Town of Brunswick

## DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Jack Running . . . . . Chief  
Kerry Parker . . . . . Assistant Chief  
Joe Alf . . . . . Chief of Rescue & Special Rescue  
Darrell Christy . . . . . Division Chief of Operations, Inspections & Investigations  
Chad Peterson . . . . . Division Chief of Training & Safety  
Chris Turner . . . . . Captain of Special Rescue  
John Oxley . . . . . Captain of Emergicare  
Mark Behlke . . . . . Lead Fabricator/New Trucks  
John Schultz . . . . . Lead Mechanic  
Nate Murphy . . . . . Public Information Officer

## 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

715-834-6868

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

Ron Patraz – Dispatcher

Lisa Peterson, Office Manager

## EMERGENCY PHONE

**715-834-1253**

**This number is for EMERGENCY CALLS only, 24 hours/day.**

## **DISPATCH REPORT**

	2017	2018
Total Number of Incident Responses	371	339*
*Includes 337 initial incidents and 2 second exposure incidents		
Rock Creek Calls Dispatched	31	37
Burning Permits Issued	3,396	3,485
Calls Dispatched from Eau Claire County 911	300	276
Percentage of Calls Dispatched by Eau Claire County 911	80.86%	82%

Requests for burning permits are extremely high on Saturdays, especially in the Spring and Fall. If we are unable to take your call immediately due to high call volume or if we are busy with an emergency, permits are available through our website, [www.townshipfire.org](http://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
<b>Occupancies Inspected</b>	30	225	115	31	39	5	445
<b>Property Inspections</b>	60	407	203	53	68	9	800
<b>Violation Notices Issued</b>	10	143	58	24	26	2	263

Chief of Inspections, Darrell Christy, and three Station Inspectors are responsible for inspecting 445 occupancies annually. Most of these require two inspections per year. The Station Inspectors are Dennis Bauer, Jason Knecht, and Jeff Meyer. Upon becoming an Inspector, each individual has opportunities to attend a County Code Seminar, a four-day State Code Conference and to become a State Certified Fire Inspector.

Darrell Christy is also Chief of Investigations and is assisted by Fire Investigators Jason Knecht and Andrew Gaede.

## **ACTIVE MEMBERS**

In 2018 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.

2018 Volunteer Firefighter Members .....	119
2018 Emergicare Members .....	44
2018 Dive Team Members .....	13

## **EMERGICARE ACTIVITY**

In 2018, the Emergicare Division of the Township Fire Department responded to 696 EMS calls. The advanced skills of our Emergicare members include: Draw up Epi from a vial (Allergic Reaction), Albuterol (Breathing Difficulty), Advanced Airway (Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest), CCR (Advanced Cardiac Resuscitation), Selective Spinal Immobilization, Tourniquet and Clotting Agents, Aspirin Administration, Narcan Administration and AEDs.

## **SPECIAL RESCUE ACTIVITY**

The Special Rescue Division of the Township Fire Department responded to 11 water related incidents in 2018. Specialized diving equipment, including a Fortuna Rescue Craft, was purchased in 2018 to assist with search and rescue efforts. Dive Team members completed over 170 hours of training. We currently have 13 specially trained members on our Dive Team.



# Training Report

## In-Station Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazardous-Materials Operations Refresher – 6 hours, SCBA – Fit Testing, Vehicle Extrication, Pumps, Driving & Maps, Wildland Fires, Overland Search and Rescue, Flammable Liquids/Foam Application at Station 3, Firefighter Safety, Equipment Familiarization, CVTC Tower Night, Ambulance Check-Off, New Engine 21, New Tenders 26 & 46, Driving with Trailers, Tour & Pre-Plans

## Main Meeting Training Topics

DNR Update with Ranger Kaurich, Landing Zones with MAYO 1, Farm Equipment Extrication, Tree Stand Rescue, Tour/Pre-plan of Jacob's Well Church

## Emergicare Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens & Hazmat Awareness Refresher, Responder Roles in Cardiac Resuscitation, Scene Safety, Medic 5 – Equipment Familiarization, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support – 8 hours, Case Reviews, Tree Stand Incidents, Water Rescue Incidents, Ambulance Operation and Familiarization, Advanced Skills Check-Off, Scene Safety & Traffic Incident Management, Year-End Case Review, Electrical Line Safety with Eau Claire Energy

## Special Rescue Topics

Dive – Pool Session with the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Dive – Dry Suit – Pool Session, Ice Rescue, Knots & Rigging, Swiftwater Rescue, High Angle Rescue, Dive Rescue/Tender/Sonar, ATV/GPS, AGA Maintenance

## Additional Training Topics

DNR Tanker Certification, Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic, WI Fire Inspectors Conference, WI Arson Investigators Conference, WI Society of Fire Service Instructors Conference

## Station Training Instructors

- ❑ Seymour – Travis Fischer & Daniel Ravenhorst
- ❑ Washington – Jared Rico & Jeff Olson
- ❑ Union – Nate Murphy & Alex Bourget
- ❑ Pleasant Valley – Mike Stage & Ben Nemitz
- ❑ Brunwsick – Rick Merryfield & Brian Jorgenson

## Training Hours by Category

	In-Station	Technical Rescue	CVTC	Main Meeting	Other Paid	Other Not Paid	Total
Seymour Station	787.25	58	1,018	53.75	64.5	40	2,021.5
Washington Station	464	19	396	40.5	20.5	48	988
Union Station	554.5	95	514	71	25.5	24.5	1,284.5
Pleasant Valley Station	414	13.5	192	8	45	80	752.5
Brunswick Station	185	13	122	11.5	37.5	16	385
Emergicare	592.5	9.75	252	2	-	-	856.25
Special Rescue	-	8.5	-	-	-	-	8.5
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>2,997.25</b>	<b>216.75</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>186.75</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>208.5</b>	<b>6,296.25</b>

## SAFETY REPORT

The Health and Safety Committee met two times in the year 2018. The meeting locations were stations 2 & 3. Minutes from each meeting get posted at the Stations and at Base.

There were no injury, accident, or near miss reports submitted in 2018.

## Injury/Accident/Near Miss Reports Past Three Years

Year	Reports	Recordable Injuries
2018	0	0
2017	2	1
2016	5	2



## 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.

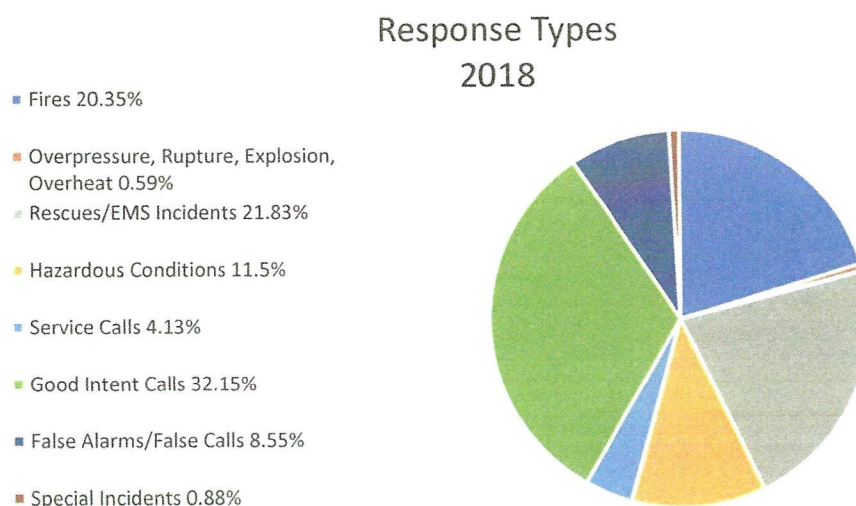
The activity log shows the hours members have spent assisting with funerals, visitations, and attending training.

Date	Event	Location	# of Members Involved	# of Hours
01/12/18	Visitation/Funeral – Kari Steen	Osseo, WI	5	40
02/15/18	Visitation/Funeral – William Haas	Birchwood, WI	1	5
03/05/18	Visitation – Douglas Dvorak	Black River Falls, WI	1	5
03/06/18	Funeral – Douglas Dvorak	Black River Falls, WI	1	5
03/10/18	Memorial Service – John Neihart	Eau Claire, WI	3	12
04/16- 04/21	Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic	Milwaukee, WI	3	104
04/21/18	Visitation/Funeral – Barrett Smallwood	Briggsville, WI	1	8
05/03/18	Funeral Procession – Greg Rosenthal – EMS	Wausau-Woodruff	1	10
05/28/18	Memorial Day Parade	Eau Claire, WI	4	8
06/12/18	Osseo Fire Dept Open House	Osseo, WI	5	10
07/13/18	Visitation - Cory Barr	Sun Prairie, WI	1	9
07/14/18	Funeral – Cory Barr	Sun Prairie, WI	6	54
08/20/18	Funeral – Alec Muth	Black River Falls, WI	1	6
10/08/18	WSFM – Final Alarm Ceremony	WI Rapids, WI	3	36

Total Hours of Service for 2018 by the Honor Guard was 312 hours and over 3,563 miles.

# TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

The Township Fire Department responded to 337 and 2 second exposure incidents in 2018. Over 42% of these calls were Fires or EMS emergencies. Roughly one-third of our calls were Good Intent Calls. The five Township Fire Department stations work very closely together. Of the 377 calls in 2017, 55 of them required assistance from more than one TFD Station. We often work together with our neighboring communities in times of need and provided or received mutual aid with personnel and/or equipment 126 times last year.





**TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
2018 RESPONSES**

<b>Situation</b>	<b>Seymour</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley</b>	<b>Brunswick</b>	<b>Any/All TFD</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fires</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>69</b>
Fire, Other		2		5	2	1	10
Building Fire	3	5	2	1	2	7	20
Fires in Structure Other than a Building		1			1		2
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container			1				1
Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction, Fire Confined					1		1
Trash or Rubbish Fire (Contained)		1					1
Fire in Mobile Home used as a Fixed Residence	1				1		2
Passenger Vehicle Fire		4	2	3		2	11
Road, Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire		1	1				2
Self-Propelled Motor Home or RV				1			1
Off-Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fire					1		1
Natural Vegetation Fire, Other	2						2
Forrest, Woods or Wildland Fire				1		2	3
Brush or Brush/Grass Mixture Fire	1	1				2	4
Grass Fire		1			3	2	6
Outside Rubbish Fire, Other	1						1
Outside Rubbish, Trash or Waste Fire	1						1
<b>Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat, Other		1					1
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with no Ignition				1			1
<b>Rescue/EMS Incident</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>74</b>
Rescue, EMS Incident, Other					1		1
Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew			1		1	3	5
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury		1			1		2
Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	9	16	12	2	5	10	54
Motor Vehicle Accident with no Injuries			1				1
Search for Person in Water	4				1		5
Water & Ice-Related Rescue, Other						1	1
Swimming/Recreational Water Areas Rescue	1						1
Trapped by Power Lines				2			2
Rescue or EMS Standby	1	1					2
<b>Hazardous Condition</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>
Hazardous Condition, Other		1	1				2
Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition				1			1
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	4	1	1		1		7
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill		2	2			1	5
Toxic Condition/Other	1						1
Carbon Monoxide Incident		4			2		6
Heat From Short Circuit (Wiring), Defective/Worn		1					1
Overheated Motor		1					1
Power Line Down	3	2				1	6
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	1	2					3
Aircraft Standby						1	1
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	2	1			1	1	5



Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Any/All TFD	Total
<b>Service Calls</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
Service Call, Other	1	1		1			3
Water Problem, Other		1					1
Smoke or Odor Removal		1					1
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency	1			1		1	3
Unauthorized Burning		2	2				4
Cover Assignment, Standby, Move up						2	2
<b>Good Intent Calls</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>109</b>
Good Intent Call - Other	1	3		1	2		7
Dispatched & Cancelled En Route	8	22	25	4	4	18	81
Authorized Controlled Burning	1	5	2		2		10
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	2	2	3	1			8
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke	1						1
HazMat Release Investigation w/no HazMat	1		1				2
<b>False Alarms/False Calls</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>
False Alarm/False Call, Other	2	3		1			6
Malicious, Mischievous False Call, Other		1					1
Local Alarm System, Malicious False Alarm					1		1
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	1	1			1		3
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	2				1		3
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction		2	2				4
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other		2					2
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional	2	1	1				4
Alarm System Activation, No Fire - Unintentional		3					3
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO		1	1				2
<b>Severe Weather/Natural Disasters</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Special Incident Type</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Citizen Complaint	2		1				3
<b>Station Totals 2018</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Calls Not Assigned to a Specific Station</b>							<b>55</b>
<b>Total Calls in 2018</b>							<b>339</b>



# 2018 Responses By Station

