

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



New Support 9

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Jeff Olson Public Information Officer

TFD DISPATCH OFFICE - 715-834-6868

Ron Patraz – Dispatcher

Lisa Peterson, Office Manager

EMERGENCY PHONE - 715-834-1253

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

Our dedicated community members proudly serve the Towns of Seymour, Washington, Union, Pleasant Valley and Brunswick in Eau Claire County. We are currently adding new members. If you are interested in joining our team, call 715-834-6868 or visit www.townshipfire.org/join for an application.

OUR STATIONS

Did you know that the Township Fire Department is made up of five fire stations that work together to provide emergency services to our five towns? In an emergency situation, not only the members of your local station will respond, but members of other stations may also be called upon to assist. Our stations work together and support each other on a daily basis to provide reliable service to our entire coverage area.

SEYMOUR – Station 1

The Township Fire Department - Seymour Station is made up of 25 dedicated professionals with over 400 years of firefighting experience among us. We respond to over 150 calls each year helping out our fellow residents.

Seymour is a member of the DNR “Firewise” program which helps curb wildland fires throughout the State of Wisconsin. We are trained to help you determine what steps can be taken to help prevent damage to your home and property during a fire emergency. You can contact either the fire department or townhall to set up a free evaluation of your house and property.

We are in need of more volunteer firefighters, so if you are interested please contact the dispatch office so we can supply you with all the necessary information to help you protect and serve your fellow residents. – Randy Schenk, Battalion Chief

Randy Schenk	Battalion Chief
Mike Rudd	Captain
Matt Reas	Lieutenant
Cody Davey	Lieutenant
Travis Fischer	Lead Training/Safety Instructor
Daniel Ravenhorst	Assistant Training Instructor

WASHINGTON – Station 2

The Township Fire Department - Washington Station has a current roster of 15 members. All of our members are highly trained and honored to serve the residents of the Town of Washington and surrounding towns. Our members are always eager to pursue additional training and gain knowledge to keep up with the current trends and practices of the fire service.

In the last few years, the Washington Station has been very fortunate to have had our 1992 Ford 2,200-gallon water tender replaced with a new International 3,500-gallon water tender. Also, last year we replaced our 1994 Ford Pumper Engine with a 2019 Pierce Pumper Engine. Many hours of research time and planning were put into the decision to purchase these vehicles as they are expected to serve us approximately 25 years.

We are always in need of more volunteer firefighters. Per the Town of Washington population, only .002% are volunteering to serve the community. So, if you are interested, contact our dispatch center to learn how you can be a part of an extraordinary team of dedicated volunteers. – Aaron Nicholson, Battalion Chief

Aaron Nicholson	Battalion Chief
Issac Stiteley	Captain
Jim Gutsch	Lieutenant
Jared Rico	Lead Training/Safety Instructor
Jeff Olson	Assistant Training/Safety Instructor

UNION – Station 3

It has been a busy year at Station 3. We have been building a new rehab trailer which was purchased through fundraising. Thank you for your support! We are ready to put the new Support 9 vehicle (pictured on the cover) into service. The next vehicle will be new Tender 36 which was ordered in 2019 with an expected delivery date near the end of 2020. This tender will replace our current tender which is 20 years old.

Our roster is currently about 30 firefighters. I am thankful for such a great group to work with. Everyone is willing to step up and help whenever something needs to get done. Each summer we are involved with the various music festivals that happen in the Town of Union and enjoy getting to know our neighbors. – Dave Kleist, Battalion Chief

Dave Kleist	Battalion Chief
Frank (Eddie) Yates	Captain
Darin Kinstler	Lieutenant
Paul Travis	Lieutenant

PLEASANT VALLEY – Station 4

Pleasant Valley, Station 4, led by Battalion Chief Mark Behlke, has an active roster of 20 members. The Pleasant Valley Station is proud of its high turnout for training and work nights and is especially proud of the meals provided by our firefighters.

The current members are active in both firefighting and serving the community. The community has been generous by providing donations from the Annual Harvest Fest Run/Walk and this year's Pass the Boot Dart Tournament. The community has also been great through their support of Station 4's Annual Pancake Breakfast and Calendar Sales. Through this generosity, the station has recently acquired a full arsenal of cordless Milwaukee Tools including multiple scene/rescue lights and a cordless chainsaw.

On a side note, there's a lot of excitement around this year's softball team and the station is actively recruiting new members that can swing a bat!

Mark Behlke	Battalion Chief
John Norby	Captain
Scott Iverson	Lieutenant
Tim Johnson	Lieutenant
Mike Stage	Lead Training/Safety Instructor

BRUNSWICK – Station 5

The Township Fire Department Brunswick Station hosted the 45th Annual Pork Feed and Dance on May 18, 2019. We served delicious pork sandwiches, and danced the night away with great music from "The Homegrown Tomatoes". Funds were raised to help purchase firefighting equipment.

On October 13, 2019, we held the first annual "Open House" at the Brunswick Station. The purpose was to promote fire prevention and to recruit new members. A mock car crash was held to demonstrate what it's like to be on the scene of an accident, and instruction on fire extinguishment was provided to kids in our community. Kids were excited to use a real fire hose to spray water at a playhouse to simulate a fire. – Kevin Nelson, Battalion Chief

Kevin Nelson	Battalion Chief
Dave Vlcek	Captain
Jeremy Vlcek	Lieutenant
Brian Jorgenson	Lieutenant & Lead Training/Safety Instructor
Rick Merryfield	Assistant Training/Safety Instructor

DISPATCH REPORT

	2018	2019
Total Number of Incident Responses	339	395
(This includes 392 initial incidents and 3 second exposure incidents)		
Rock Creek Calls Dispatched	37	33
Burning Permits Issued	3,485	3,252
Calls Dispatched from Eau Claire County 911	276	337
Percentage of Calls Dispatched by Eau Claire County 911	82%	86%

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. 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**.

Are you interested in working as an occasional Relief Dispatcher for a few hours a month? If you have a strong, clear voice and stay calm under pressure, please contact our Dispatch Office to learn more.

INSPECTION REPORT

	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Total
Occupancies Inspected	30	231	120	31	39	451
Property Inspections	60	403	227	55	71	816
Violation Notices Issued	14	178	67	19	23	301

Chief of Inspections, Darrell Christy, and three Station Inspectors are responsible for inspecting 451 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 Investigator Jason Knecht.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

In 2019 there were 123 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.

2019 Volunteer Firefighter Members	96
2019 Emergicare Members	42
2019 Dive Team Members	11

EMERGICARE ACTIVITY

The Emergicare Division of the Township Fire Department is directed by Chief of Rescue Services, Joe Alf, and Captain of Emergicare, John Oxley. Emergicare was dispatched to 893 EMS calls in 2019. February was the busiest month with 95 calls. July and January were the slowest months with 69 calls each. In the absence of statistical data, there appears to be an increase in cardiac arrest cases as well as an increase in drug overdose cases. The calls were distributed as follows:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</u>
Seymour	174
Washington	334
Union	152
Pleasant Valley	76
Brunswick	74
Mutual Aid Jurisdictions	83

SPECIAL RESCUE ACTIVITY

Captain of Special Rescue, Chris Turner, leads the Special Rescue Division of the Township Fire Department. Special Rescue responded to 3 water related incidents in 2019. Special Rescue members completed over 350 hours of training in water rescue and currently has 11 specially trained members on our Dive Team.

Training & Safety Report

In-Station Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens and Report Writing, Fit Testing/SCBA/Agility, Hazmat Ops Refresher (2 nights), CPR/AED, Pumps (2 sessions), CVTC Tower Night, Traffic Incident Management, Ropes and Knots, Extrication, Driving/Maps/Radios

Main Meeting Training Topics

DNR Update, Thaler Oil Preplan, Firefighter Safety, West Central Drug Refresher, Scene Safety, Radio Communication

Emergicare Training Topics

Bloodborne Pathogens and Hazmat Awareness, Pediatric Trauma Emergencies (with Altoona), Advanced Skills Review (with Altoona), Wound Care, Firefighter Resuscitation/Firefighter Rehab, Hemostatic Injuries and Care (with Altoona), M.C.I. Water Incident (with Special Rescue and Altoona), CCR/CPR Code Drills, Advanced Skills, Ambulance Ops, Case Review

Special Rescue Topics

Rope Rescue - Mechanical Advantage, ATV/Snowmobile Rescue, Underwater Recovery Techniques, Dive Search and Recovery, Water Rescue with Emergicare, Grain Bin Rescue, SKED/Stokes/Low Angle Rescue, Ice Rescue

Additional Training Topics

Situational Awareness & Size up, Engine Operations and Pump Training, Pumps - Relay and Tender Operations, Run Out Drills, Mutual Aid Pump Training, SCBA & Search, Building Construction, Reading Smoke

Looking Ahead

Nate Murphy, Division Chief of Training & Safety has made some big changes to our training process. More than half of our trainings in 2020 will be joint trainings with either different stations or different departments. We are working to make training more than just training and to encourage our team to work together and gain knowledge of the capabilities and expertise of others. We are all concentrating on the same goal - TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY. Nate is assisted by Captains of Training & Safety Dave Griep and Ben Nemitz.

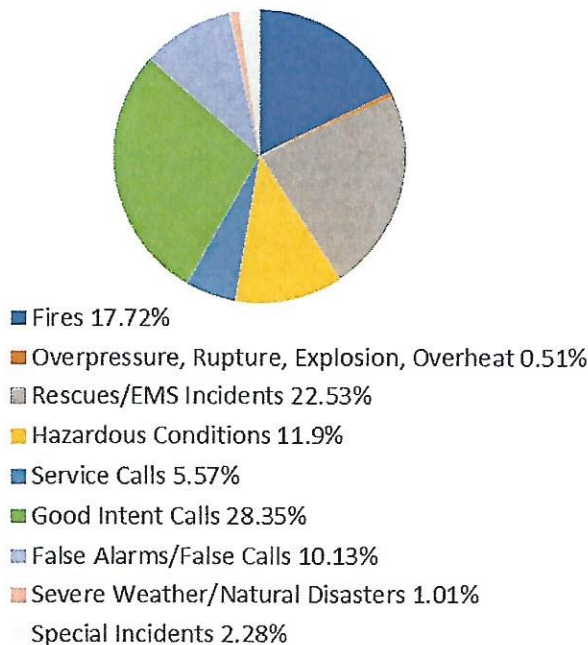
Injury/Accident Report Past Three Years

Year	Reports	Recordable Injuries
2019	1	1
2018	0	0
2017	2	1

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

The Township Fire Department responded to 392 (plus 3 second exposures) incidents in 2019. Approximately 40% of these calls were Fires or EMS emergencies. The next largest category was for Good Intent Calls, which are typically cancelled after we are dispatched but prior to our arrival on scene. The five Township Fire Department stations work very closely together. Of the 392 calls in 2019, 49 of them paged out for assistance from all TFD Stations. We often work together with our neighboring communities in times of need and provided or received mutual aid with personnel and/or equipment 149 times in 2019.

Response Types 2019

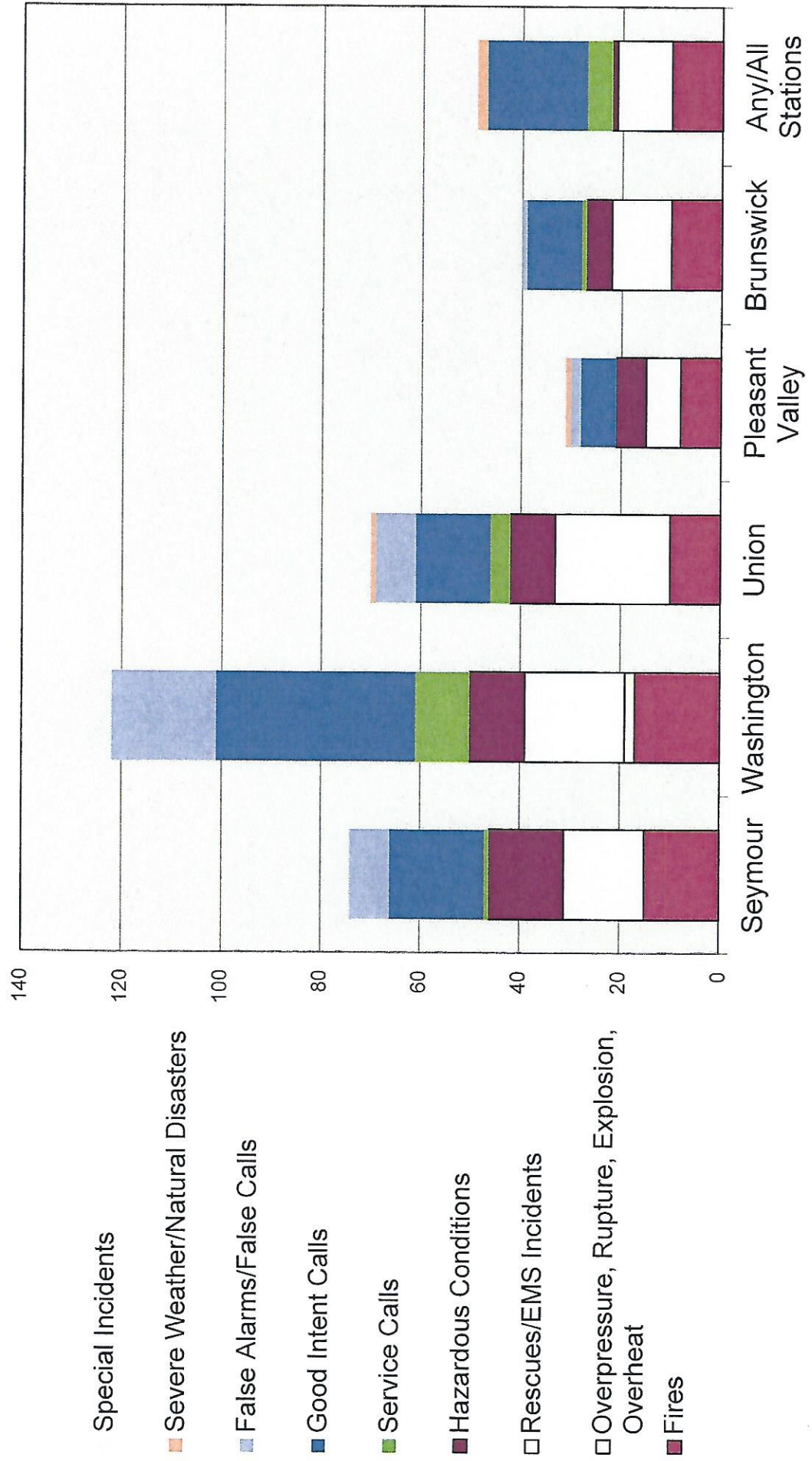


**TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
2019 RESPONSES**

Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Any/All TFD	Total
Fires	15	17	10	8	10	10	70
Fire, Other		1	1	2		1	5
Building Fire	4	5	1	1		5	16
Fires in Structure Other than a Building			2				2
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container		1			1		2
Chimney or Flue Fire, Confined to Chimney or Flue				1		1	2
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
Mobile Property Fire, Other	2			1			3
Passenger Vehicle Fire	2	2	1	1	1		7
Road, Freight or Transport Vehicle Fire			1				1
Off-Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fire					1		1
Aircraft Fire						1	1
Natural Vegetation Fire, Other	3						3
Forrest, Woods or Wildland Fire		2			1		3
Brush or Brush/Grass Mixture Fire	3	1	1		1	2	8
Grass Fire		3	2	2	2		9
Outside Rubbish Fire, Other					1		1
Outside Storage Fire		1					1
Construction or Demolition Landfill Fire					1		1
Outside Stationary Compactor/Compacted Trash Fire					1		1
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with no Ignition		2					2
Rescue/EMS Incident	16	20	23	7	12	11	89
Rescue, EMS Incident, Other		1		1		1	3
Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	2	3	1	1			7
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injury					1		1
Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	12	14	18	2	10	8	64
Motor Vehicle Accident with no Injuries	1		2	1		1	5
Extrication of Victim(s) from Vehicle		2	1		1		4
Extrication of Victim(s) from Machinery			1				1
Search for Person on Land				2		1	3
Swimming/Recreational Water Areas Rescue	1						1
Hazardous Condition	15	11	9	6	5	1	47
Hazardous Condition, Other	1	2			1		4
Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition	1						1
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill		2	2				4
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	4	2	3		2	1	12
Chemical Spill or Leak	1						1
Carbon Monoxide Incident	1	3		2	1		7
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other	1						1
Power Line Down	5	2	3	4	1		15
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	1						1
Attempt to Burn			1				1

Situation	Seymour	Washington	Union	Pleasant Valley	Brunswick	Any/All TFD	Total
Service Calls	1	11	4	0	1	5	22
Service Call, Other		4					4
Lock-out		1					1
Water Problem, Other	1						1
Water or Steam Leak					1		1
Smoke or Odor Removal		1					1
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency			2				2
Unauthorized Burning		5	2				7
Cover Assignment, Standby, Move up						5	5
Good Intent Calls	19	40	15	7	11	20	112
Good Intent Call - Other	2		3	1	1		7
Dispatched & Cancelled En Route	15	33	11	4	9	20	92
No Incident Found Upon Arrival at Dispatch Address					1		1
Authorized Controlled Burning		1	1	1			3
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	1	3					4
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke, Other				1			1
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust Thought to be Smoke		2					2
HazMat Release Investigation w/no HazMat	1	1					2
False Alarms/False Calls	8	21	8	2	1	0	40
False Alarm/False Call, Other	1	1		1			3
Municipal Alarm System, Malicious False Alarm	2						2
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	2		1				3
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction		9	1				10
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	1	5	1		1		8
Sprinkler Activation, No Fire - Unintentional			1				1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional	1	1	1				3
Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional			1	1			2
Alarm System Activation, No Fire - Unintentional	1	4	2				7
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO		1					1
Severe Weather/Natural Disasters	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
Lightning Strike (No Fire)				1			1
Wind Storm, Tornado/Hurricane Assessment						1	1
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Standby			1			1	2
Special Incident Type	1	6	1	1	0	0	9
Special Incident Type, Other	1			1			2
Citizen Complaint		6	1				7
Total Calls in 2019	75	128	71	32	40	49	395

2019 Responses By Station



Township Fire Department, Inc.

Income Statement - 12/31/18

Income

4001 · Town of Seymour	73,990.00
4002 · Town of Washington	175,910.00
4003 · Town of Union	108,780.00
4004 · Town of Pleasant Valley	89,670.00
4005 · Town of Brunswick	41,650.00
4007 · Rock Creek Dispatching	3,000.00
4020 · State of WI 2% Insurance Refund	87,919.18
4025 · HazMat Miscellaneous Income	110.00
4060 · Interest Income	3,177.08
4070 · Sale of Used Equipment	7,443.75
4075 · DNR Fire Reimbursement	1,910.00
4080 · State of WI Highway Fires	27,820.44
4110 · EC County Water Rescue	6,000.00
4140 · Group Home Inspections	250.00
4200 · Tower Income	93,040.47
4500 · Miscellaneous Income	818.32
4599 · Uncategorized Income	5,500.00
Total Income	<u>726,989.24</u>
Gross Profit	<u>726,989.24</u>

Expense

5000 · Repairs to Trucks & Equipment	45,133.55
5100 · Radio, Pagers, Monitor Repairs	3,300.00
5105 · Radio Maintenance Agreement	6,562.00
5106 · Radio Operating Expense	639.95
5111 · Gas Scope Maintenance	1,053.73
5140 · Motor Fuel	10,589.34
5160 · Dispatch Center Maintenance	4,911.75
5196 · Special Rescue Expenses	6,509.67
6000 · Station Equip. Maintenance	5,465.37
6005 · Postage and Shipping	568.63
6011 · SCBA Maintenance	5,198.43
6020 · Office Supplies	2,083.96
6030 · Emergicare Expense	7,870.40
6035 · AED Batteries	100.80
6050 · Insurance	31,407.00
6080 · Dues and Subscriptions	313.00
6090 · Attorney Fees	1,540.00
6100 · Electric/Heat Dispatch Center	3,635.16
6105 · Water-Dispatch Center	194.96
6110 · Telephone	5,823.77
6140 · Computer Expense	1,592.80
6145 · Website Maintenance	42.34
6200 · Information and Public Relations	3,585.80
6205 · Honor Guard Expenses	32.95
6210 · Fire Prevention	150.00
6230 · Fire Investigation	2,906.60
6240 · Inspections All Stations	2,625.15
6280 · Outside Fire Costs	340.01

6285 · Medical Fees	273.26
6560 · Payroll Expenses	18,026.88
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses	6,099.80
7500 · Dispatcher	33,958.41
7502 · Dispatch Relief Help	10,326.00
7510 · Dispatch - Expenses Reimbursed	4,200.00
7555 · Unemployment Compensation	60.44
7560 · Volunteer Firefighters	55,674.09
7565 · Vol Central Meeting Pay	888.00
7570 · Training Pay	44,458.53
7575 · Emergicare Runs	22,075.52
7581 · Office Manager	16,462.30
7588 · Board President Expense	1,500.00
7600 · Fire Chief Expense Account	5,000.00
7615 · Assistant Chief	3,500.00
7625 · Chief 3	3,000.00
7630 · Chief 4	3,000.00
7650 · Station Officer Expense Account	7,127.50
7664 · Chief Training Officer Expense	3,000.00
7665 · Chief Fire Inspector Expense	1,000.00
7668 · Information Officer Expense	350.00
7679 · Mechanic Expense	2,816.00
7699 · Chiefs' Convention	919.48
7700 · Schools & Training	14,444.88
7750 · Safety Committee	514.23
7800 · Firefighter Aux	717.99
7803 · Board Operating Expense	689.35
7805 · Misc. Expenses	10.00
8000 · Depreciation Expense	206,148.21
Total Expense	<u>620,417.99</u>

Net Ordinary Income \$ 106,571.25

Other Expense

9600 · Building Dispatch Center	415.98
9602 · Radio&CommAssetExp.	5,163.77
9604 · StationEquip.AssetExp	10,106.01
9605 · Hose & Nozzles AssetExp	4,837.66
9606 · Fire Truck Purchase	2,008.47
9608 · SCBA Unit Asset Exp.	735.69
9609 · Turn Out Gear Asset Exp.	15,140.48
9611 · Training Equip. Asset Expense	1,113.67
9615 · Emergicare Equip Asset Exp.	3,483.30
9650 · Computer Asset Expense	855.00

Total Other Expense 43,860.03

Net Other Income -43,860.03

Net Income 62,711.22

Township Fire Department, Inc.

Balance Sheet - 12/31/19

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1015 · RCU - CHECKING	79,788.85
1030 · RCU - SAVINGS	405,931.13
1035 · RCU- Business Savings-Opener	12.17
Total Checking/Savings	<u>485,732.15</u>

Other Current Assets

1499 - Undeposited Funds	225.00
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Total Current Assets	<u>485,957.15</u>
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Fixed Assets

1605 · Land Dispatch Center	25,659.81
1610 · Sewer System Dispatch	4,607.76
1630 · Building Dispatch	105,338.22
1640 · Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
1650 · Radio & Communications Equip.	52,716.62
1655 · Traffic Control Units	9,008.66
1670 · Fire Department Equipment	45,363.20
1680 · Fire Trucks	5,000,392.31
1685 · Equipment on Trucks	29,861.29
1693 · SCBA Units	8,574.36
1695 · Turn Out Gear	22,108.79
1696 · Special Rescue Equipment	68,035.96
1697 · Phone & Fax Equipment	10,527.85
1700 · Emergicare Equipment Assets	23,739.55
1820 · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-2,729,903.11</u>

Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,680,031.27</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,165,988.42</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

2000 · Accounts Payable	<u>-1,032.65</u>
Total Accounts Payable	-1,032.65

Other Current Liabilities

2101 · Payroll Liabilities	837.64
2300 · Federal Payroll W/H	403.00
2310 · State Payroll W/H	<u>153.61</u>

Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,394.25</u>
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Total Current Liabilities	361.60
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Long Term Liabilities

2601 · Capital Inv Seymour	-28,695.45
2602 · Capital Inv Washington	-45,618.19
2603 · Capital Inv Union	-28,695.45
2604 · Capital Inv Pleas. Valley	-32,195.45
2605 · Capital Inv Brunswick	<u>-28,234.00</u>

Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>-163,438.54</u>
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Total Liabilities	-163,076.94
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Equity

3000 · Opening Bal Equity	1,498,554.24
3900 · Retained Earnings	1,767,799.90
Net Income	62,711.22

Total Equity	<u>3,329,065.36</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>3,165,988.42</u></u>
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