

FY 18 Fire Department Budget
Presentation

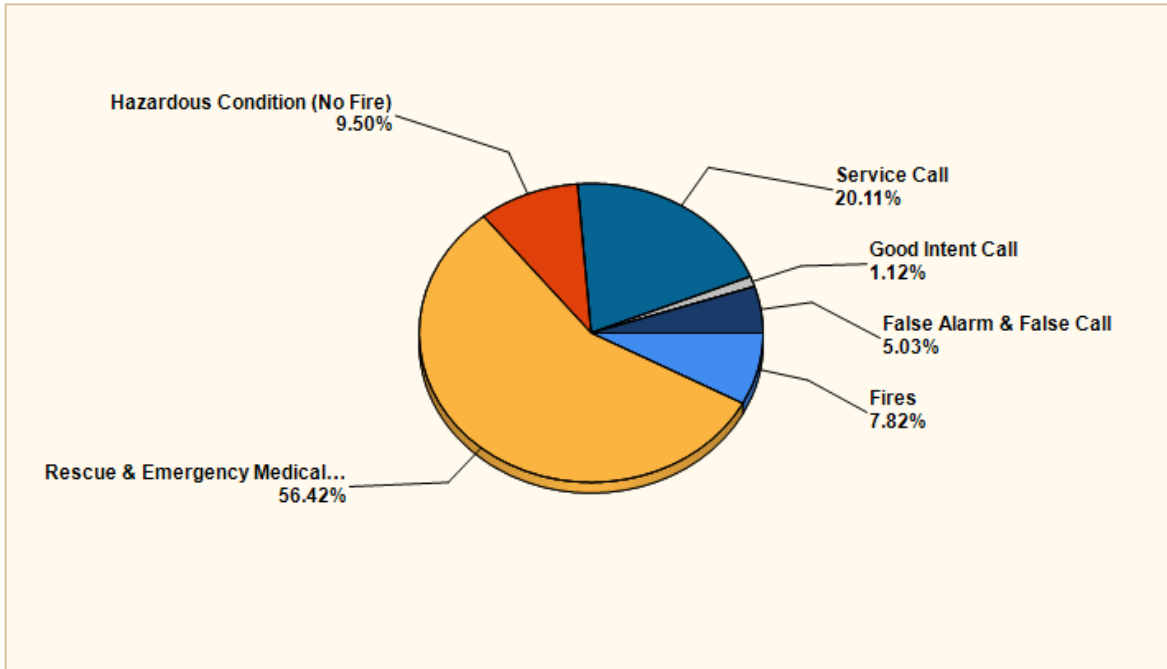


Westhampton Fire Department

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2017 - Westhampton Fire Department

The Westhampton Fire Department had another busy year in 2016 providing emergency services to the community. The Department responded to one-hundred and seventy-nine calls for service this year. These calls for service were for fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, motor vehicle accidents, utility wires down, residential fire alarm activations, inspections and many more.



2016 emergency calls breakdown

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	14	7.82%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	101	56.42%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	17	9.50%
Service Call	36	20.11%
Good Intent Call	2	1.12%
False Alarm & False Call	9	5.03%
TOTAL	179	100.00%

The Department's fleet of apparatus consists of a 2004 Engine, 1987 Engine, 2017 Vacuum Tanker, 2002 Brush Truck, 2009 Rescue Truck, 2009 Mobile Air trailer with a light tower and generator, and a 1996 ambulance. All vehicles are checked by Department personnel on a regular basis to ensure a state of operational readiness and reliability. In addition, we have an outside contracted company provide professional service and maintenance to all of these vehicles to increase the safety of all our personnel operating these vehicles. The vehicle maintenance program helps to prolong the expected life-span of the vehicles and improve the safety during emergency responses. Again this year, we had both Engines professionally pump-tested to ensure adequate pump performance as determined by the manufactures. These testing procedures are also reflected in the Department's Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating and meet the requirements set by National Standards pertaining to Fire Apparatus.



Westhampton Tanker 1

Projects completed this fiscal year to date:

- Took delivery of new Tanker vehicle and placed into service on November 20, 2016
- 9 new sets of protective gear obtained through a grant and put into service
- Annual Pump testing completed
- Air trailer annual service test completed
- Extrication equipment annual service test completed
- Annual hose testing completed
- Ground ladder annual testing completed
- SCBA's all service tested
- Voice amplifiers put in service for all personnel
- Obtained \$5,000 grant to install back up cameras on all vehicles
- Obtained grant to cover 50% costs of new multi meters
- Hazards mitigation plan updated
- Partnered with Council on Aging to install over 30 CO meters in homes throughout community
- Transitioned all vehicle maintenance to individuals certified as Emergency Vehicle Technicians
- Electronic records- all reports, inspections, vehicle maintenance, equipment records and inventory put online with electronic software system
- CPR in schools taught to over 60 Students
- Continued community outreach with social media and electronic records online at Department website
- Applied for federal grant in the amount of \$180,000 for new ambulance
- Applied for federal grant in the amount of \$25,000 for new fire hose
- Continued to maintain one of the few vibrant and active volunteer Fire & EMS services in the region

Federal grants obtained-

- 2006- \$90,050- communications equipment
- 2007- \$4,351- Community CPR classes
- 2008- \$67,878- Protective Gear
- 2009- \$153,693- air trailer & EMS equipment
- 2013- \$115,416- SCBA, air cylinders, face pieces
- 2014- \$15,429- Protective Gear
- 2014- \$226,667- Tanker Truck
- **Total- \$673,484**

FY 17 Goals-

- Complete installation of backup cameras on all vehicles
- Replacement of fire hose that does not meet national standards
- Ongoing replacement of protective clothing that does not meet standards
- Place into service new gas meters
- Continuation of electronic records and data
- Develop inventory for each vehicle
- Offer fire extinguisher classes
- Offer community CPR classes
- Work on state legislation to help maintain volunteer/call organizations
- Work on replacement plan of public safety complex
- Work on ambulance replacement
- Continue to offer training opportunities to all members
- Implement plan to provide annual medical exams for all members based on national recommendations for fire service personnel to minimize potential for medical issues and increase Firefighter safety

The Department currently has 30 all-volunteer members of which ten are EMT's. We meet twice a month for our monthly meetings and trainings and respond to all hazards emergencies throughout the year. In addition, we issue and complete more than 350 inspections throughout the year with burn permits, smoke detector/carbon monoxide detectors, oil burners, propane installations, tank removals, blasting permits, and firework displays.

As Fire Chief, I am responsible for overseeing all of these personnel, their safety, equipment, vehicles and the public safety complex and the annual budget administration and development of the public safety complex. Emergency Management continues to become a greater responsibility for my position and a greater requirement for the Town to ensure all plans and personnel are meeting all requirements to maintain our eligibility for grants and FEMA reimbursement.

It continues to be a privilege being Fire Chief in my home community and the personnel in the organization are incredible. I hope you find some of this information helpful in providing a quick overview of our organization and if anyone ever has any questions about anything, please don't ever hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Norris
Fire Chief