

**WEST
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ANNUAL
REPORT 2014**



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Mission Statement



The West Lafayette Fire Department's mission is to protect our community's people, property, and environment through intervention, prevention, and education, ensuring West Lafayette is always a safe and great place to work, live, and play.

Message from the Chief

It is an honor and blessing to be the Fire Chief of the West Lafayette Fire Department, serving and protecting this beautiful city with such an outstanding group of men that always puts the safety of our citizens first. Their courage, loyalty, and dedication astound me.

2014 was filled with amazing milestones: from record-setting runs and awarded grants to new equipment and new firefighters. Plus, we nearly doubled our coverage with the annexation of close to 4,000 acres.

I couldn't do what I do without each and every member of the West Lafayette Fire Department. They are what make this city a great place to work, live, and play.

I am very proud of our accomplishments in 2014 and look forward to all that awaits us in 2015.

Sincerely,

Tim Heath, Fire Chief

Personnel Roster

Chief

Tim Heath

Deputy Chief

Tony Schutter

Assistant Chiefs

Ed Spitznagle - A Shift

Jeff Holder – B Shift

Bob Molter – C Shift

Inspector

Mike Francis

Administrative Assistant

Beth DeHahn

Captains

Mike Anthrop

Scott Barker

Greg Booth

Terry Jones

Bruce Sigman

John Irr

Lieutenants

Dannie Neal

Jeff Richards

Jeff Need

Sergeants

Drew Fellure

Ty Morris

Keith Barker

Firefighters

Bret Yundt	Kyle Glover
Dan Miller	Joe Heater
Jim Redd	Sean Mayer
Brian Harshbarger	Stevie Jenkinson
Ryan Harber	Hector Zaragoza
Ben Jones	Chad Dazey
Shawn Leuck	Brad Schwartz
Grant Birge	Michael Alt
Eric Doyle	Caleb Church
John Keller	Curtis Shidler
Keith Burton	Jeff Lyons
Shane Chapman	Cody Stacy
Ryan Linder	Travis Bender
Justin Taylor	Drew Snider
Jon VanNess	Thomas Lynch

Fire Stations



#1



#2



#3

Total Runs for 2014

2,058

Includes the Following:

Fire (91)

Non-Fire Related (558)

EMS (1,409)

By the Numbers

2,058 total calls in 2014

5.6

Calls per day on average in 2014

STATISTICS

Calls Answered

January	187	July	159
February	171	August	163
March	151	September	189
April	172	October	182
May	200	November	167
June	131	December	186

West Lafayette Fire Department then...



Chauncey Fire Station, Late 1800's





Herman Wright, Albert Manguson, T.J. Litsey, 1922



and now.....



Mayor Dennis at the Celery Bog



Scott Barker and Sean Mayer



2014 was an extraordinary year for the WLFD. It started off with two incredible grants. The SAFER Grant allowed us to hire 8 new firefighters: Michael Alt, Caleb Church, Jeff Lyons, Cody Stacy, Curtis Shidler, Travis Bender, Drew Snider, and Thomas Lynch. And a \$20,982.12 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant allowed us to purchase 12 Heartstart FRx defibrillators with cases and 12 AED wall cabinet fast response kits.

Also in 2014, the WLFD started using FIREHOUSE Software, the nation's most trusted and most widely used fire and EMS records management system which will provide us with more accurate and more detailed fire run information.

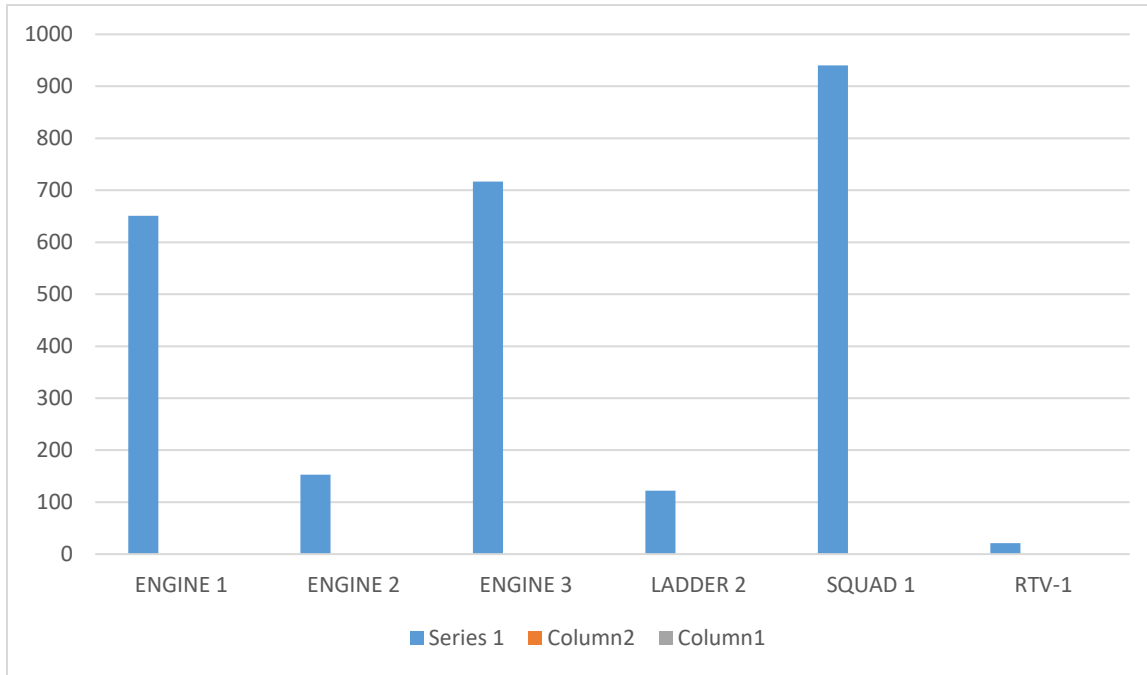
The WLFD began teaching ALL city employees CPR.

The Redevelopment Commission approved funding for a new pumper which is being produced by KME. It is due to be delivered in October or early November, 2015.

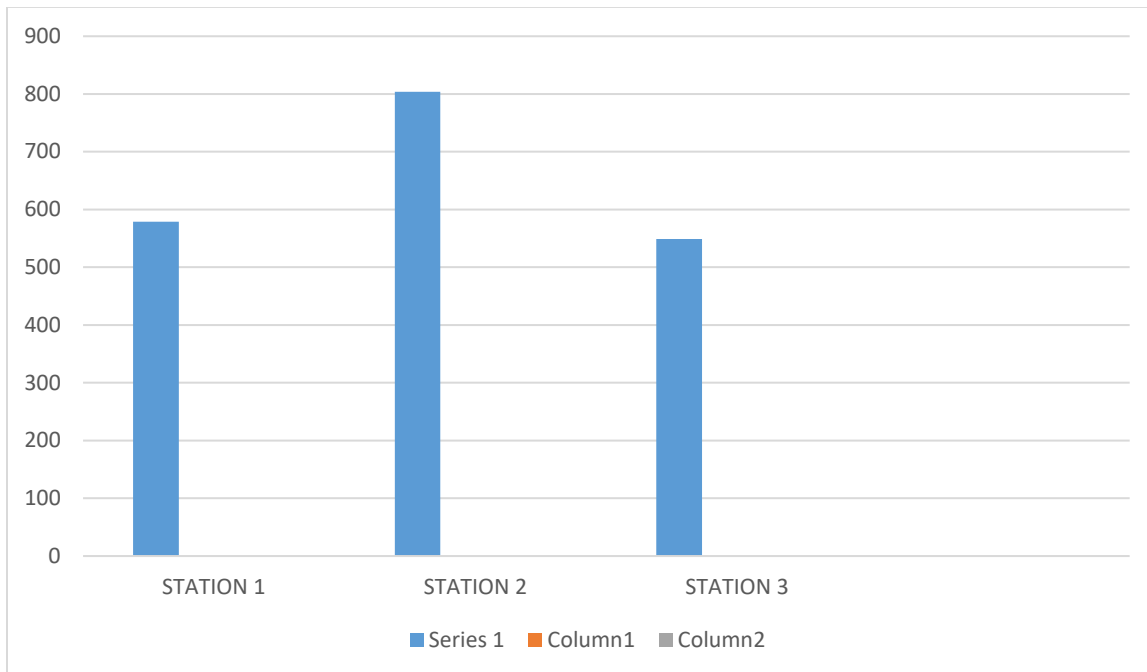
And the WLFD kicked off its “Keep Me In & I’ll Get You Out” Public Education Program, reminding students of the importance of keeping batteries in their smoke detectors. Kidde Corporation donated 100 10-year smoke detectors, and Energizer donated over 1,300 9V and AA smoke detector batteries. The WLFD then went door-to-door throughout the community installing new smoke detectors and batteries where needed.



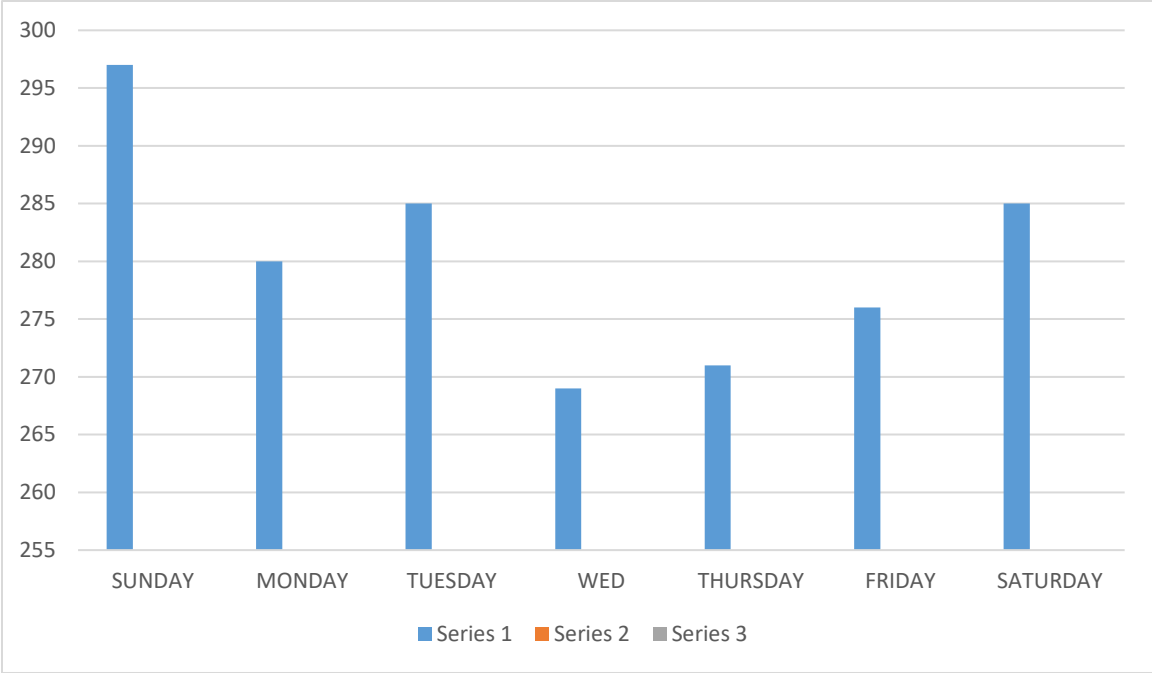
2014 Responses By Unit



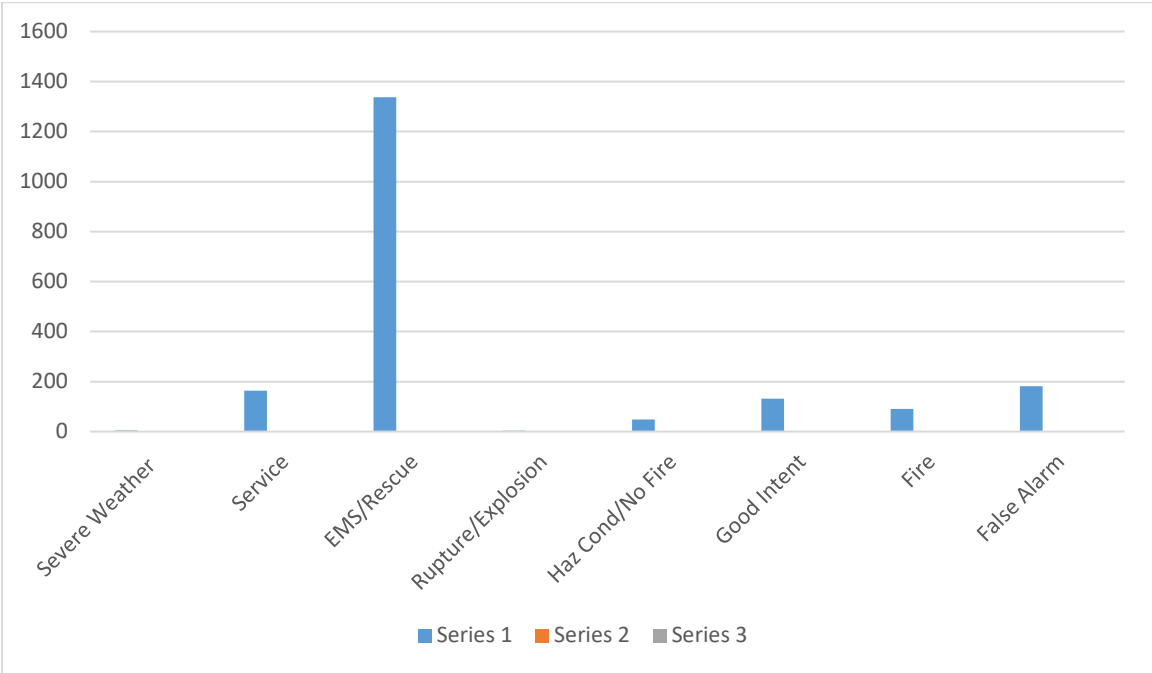
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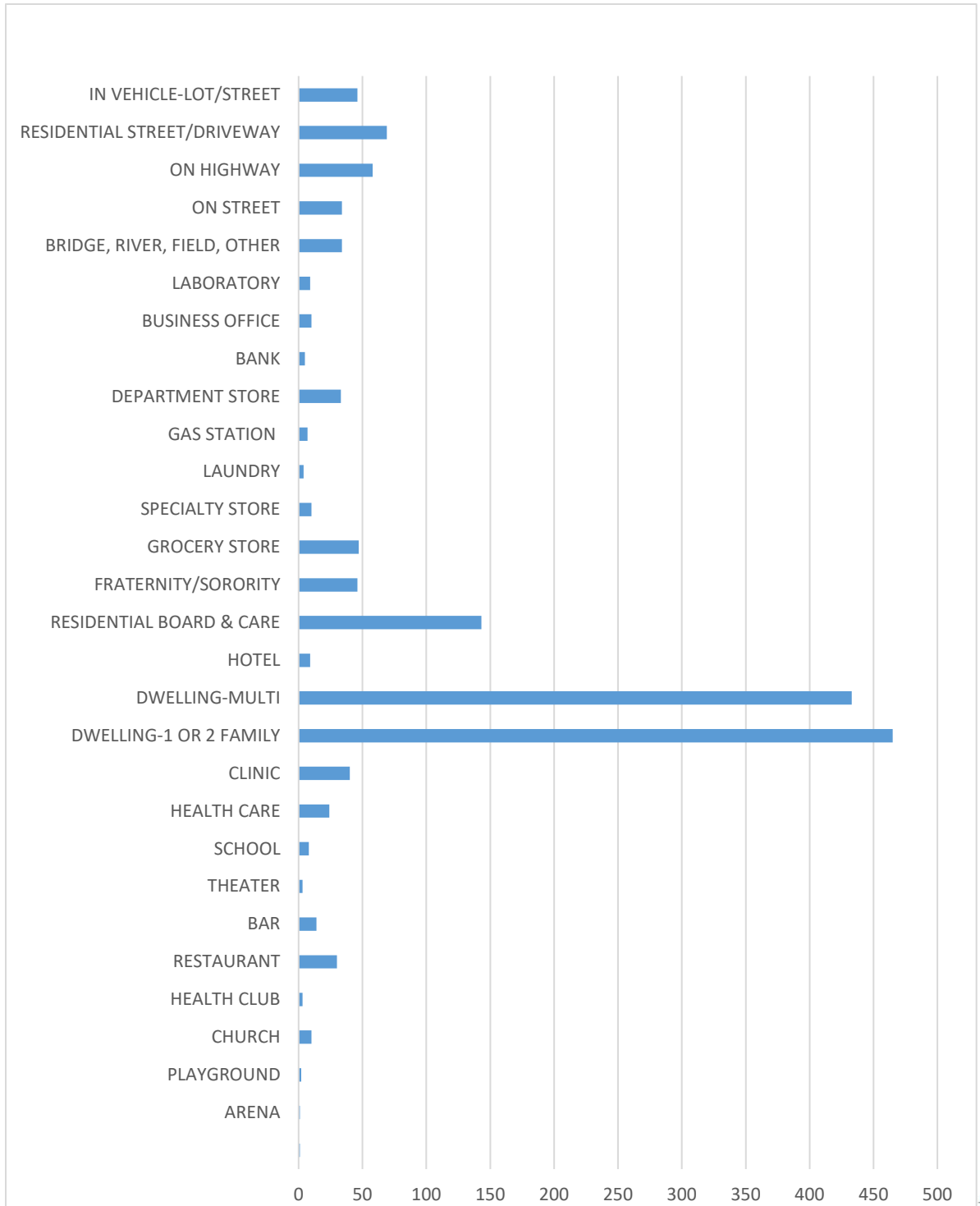
2014 Responses By Day Of Week



2014 Responses By Type



2014 Property Runs



2014 Training

In 2014, the WLFD put in over 5,000 combined man hours of training, including EVOC, ARFF, MAYDAY, Active Shooter, Repelling, Medical Training, Map Study, Pre-Plans, and Physical Fitness. A-Shift had over 1,419 hours of combined training. B-Shift had over 1,700 man hours, and C-Shift had over 1,800 man hours of training in 2014.

In January, the brutal cold hampered the training schedule since the frigid temperatures limited the amount of time trucks were outside. The men did ice rescue training, chimney fire training, and winter ops.

In February, Harshbarger and Doyle went to the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association Conference in Michigan City. Several men from all three shifts attended week-long Officer Development class. A-Shift finished with 180 man hours of training, B-Shift more than 160 man hours, and C-Shift 290 man hours.

In March, all shifts toured the new 720 Northwestern building, taking notes and preparing preplans. They did "Mayday" procedures review, new EMS protocols and patient assessment Medical In-Service plus Physical Fitness, giving A-Shift 68 man hours, B-Shift over 100 man hours, and C-Shift 167 man hours of training.

In April, Jeff Need taught a class called Command and Control based on what he learned at the National Fire Academy. There were more tours of the 720 Northwestern building, EVOC training, and live burns for the Parks Department which brought A-Shift's training to 54 man hours, B-Shift to over 200 man hours, and C-Shift to 216 man hours of training.

May was a busy training month: EVOC training, Fire Streams training, Strategy & Tactics training, medical in-service that included Audit & Review and Bleeding & Shock, tours of the new Meijer store and gas station. Molter and Morris learned about evidence-collection while assisting at the fire scene on River Road, and Molter attended the Fire and Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation course in Indy.

June was a busy training month, too. Reviews of elevator rescue operations; pumping operations/hydrant connection; portable ladder skills training; Active Shooter training; EVOC; a VEIS (Vent Enter Isolate Search) class; tours of Chauncey Square, Connection Point Church and the Med Institute; plus installing Storz fittings on hydrants throughout the city brought A-Shift's total man hours of training to 151, B-Shift to 150, and C-Shift to 212.5.

July training consisted of air bag system lifting and cribbing; Active Shooter training with WLPD, PUF, and PUPD; dispatcher ride-along and dispatch center tour; and touring the new apartments on Wiggins. A-Shift's total man hours of training: 145.5, B-Shift: 95, C-Shift: 156.5 man hours of training.

August training kicked off at 720 Northwestern, checking smoke detectors, the fire alarm system, touring residential floors and commercial occupancies, measuring stairwells and hallways. The men also trained with Purdue Fire with ropes and repelled off the Northwestern parking garage. A-Shift had 119 total man hours of training, B-Shift 182, and C-Shift 188.

September consisted of nozzle testing, foam training, extrication training, and Map Study. And the smoke detector program continued which gave each station a chance to go through rental properties, seeing local construction and how older homes have been converted into apartment buildings. Joe Heater attended Firehouse

Software training in New Orleans. A-Shift total man hours of training was 86.5, B-Shift 274, C-Shift 192.75.

October kicked off with maps review followed by training on Ladder 2 operations at Station 2 where each firefighter had to reach strategically-placed cones on the roof with the bucket. The men did training on the RTV and trails, reviewed Squad operations, did annual hose testing, and toured the new building at North and Northwestern. A-Shift total man hours: 180, B-Shift 247, C-Shift 152.

November training consisted of maps review, ARFF training, Audit & Review, truck familiarization, and Medical In-Service that covered gastro and neuro emergencies. A-Shift total man hours: 176.5, B-Shift 120, C-Shift 204.

The men wrapped up the year with a building tour and medical in-service with Dr. Kupon.

WLFD's 2014 training perfectly coincided with our mission: to protect our community's people, property, and environment through intervention, prevention, and education, ensuring West Lafayette is always a safe and great place to work, live, and play.



2014 Highlights

January: WLFD responded to 187 calls: 134 Medical, 3 Fire, 1 Hazardous Condition, 19 Service Calls, 6 Good-Intent Calls, 24 False Alarms. We were awarded the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant in the amount of \$20,982.12.

February: WLFD responded to 171 calls: 110 Medical, 7 Fire, 9 Hazardous Condition, 16 Service Calls, 11 Good-Intent Calls, 1 Special Incident, 18 False Alarms. The annexation took effect February 13, and it was extremely smooth.

March: WLFD responded to 151 calls: 99 Medical, 10 Fire, 2 Hazardous Condition, 8 Service Calls, 11 Good-Intent Calls, 7 Overpressure/Rupture Calls, 1 Special Incident, 13 False Alarms.

April: WLFD responded to 172 calls: 122 Medical, 18 Fire, 8 Service Calls, 8 Good-Intent Calls, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 13 False Alarms. Assistant Chief Chuck Eldridge retired on April 1, and Ed Spitznagle was promoted to Assistant Chief. Three new firefighters joined the ranks: Michael Alt, Caleb Church, and Curtis Shidler. John Irr was promoted to Captain, Jeff Need to Lieutenant, and Keith Barker to Sergeant. On April 24, WLFD responded to a fatal fire at 202 S. River Rd.

May: WLFD responded to 200 calls: 137 Medical, 11 Fire, 6 Hazardous Condition, 14 Service Calls, 11 Good-Intent Calls, 1 Special Incident, 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 13 False Alarms.

June: WLFD responded to 131 calls: 108 Medical, 3 Fire, 5 Hazardous Condition, 6 Service Calls, 4 Good-Intent Calls, 4 False Alarms. On June 17, WLFD signed a Memorandum of Agreement to do AARF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting) Training with Grissom Air Reserve Base to prepare us for an aircraft emergency.

July: WLFD responded to 159 calls: 115 Medical, 10 Fire, 2 Hazardous Condition, 10 Service Calls, 6 Good-Intent Calls, 14 False Alarms. Monday was the busiest day of the week in July, and B-Shift had the most runs.

August: WLFD responded to 163 calls: 116 Medical, 4 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 12 Service Calls, 9 Good-Intent Calls, 14 False Alarms, 4 Other. We kicked off our “Keep Me In and I’ll Get You Out” Public Education Program, going door-to-door throughout the community installing smoke detector batteries, raising awareness of the importance of keeping your battery in your smoke detector.

September: WLFD responded to 189 calls: 146 Medical, 3 Fire, 1 Overpressure, 3 Hazardous Condition, 15 Service Calls, 10 Good-Intent Calls, 7 False Alarms, 4 Other.

October: WLFD responded to 182 calls: 139 Medical, 2 Fire, 1 Overpressure, 4 Hazardous Condition, 8 Service Calls, 13 Good-Intent Calls, 12 False Alarms, 3 Other. WLFD disbursed 34,000 “Keep Me In and I’ll Get You Out” stickers and magnets throughout October: 18,000 stickers and 16,000 magnets. Energizer donated over 1,300 new 9V and AA smoke detector batteries.

November: WLFD responded to 167 calls: 129 Medical, 4 Fire, 6 Hazardous Condition, 9 Service Calls, 7 Good-Intent Calls, 6 False Alarms, 1 Other.

WLFD made 186 runs in December, bringing the total calls in 2014 to 2,058: 1,408 Medical, 91 Fire, 50 Hazardous Condition, 175 Service Calls, 137 Good-Intent Calls, 187 False Alarms, 4 Overpressure, 4 Special Incident, 2 Other.

Fire Inspector Mike Francis performed 333 Fire Inspections.



