

**WEST
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DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL
REPORT 2015**



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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.

2015 was filled with amazing milestones: from record-setting runs and awarded grants to new equipment and new firefighters. Jodie Imel came on board as our new Fire Inspector, and Firefighter Eric Doyle became our newly created Department Training Instructor.

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 2015 and look forward to all that awaits us in 2016.

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

Jodie Imel

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

Fire Stations



#1



#2



#3

Total Runs for 2015

2,095

Includes the Following:

Fire (71)

Non-Fire Related (589)

EMS (1,435)

By the Numbers

2,095 total calls in 2015

5.7

Calls per day on average in 2015

STATISTICS

Calls Answered

January	202	July	180
February	147	August	194
March	164	September	190
April	156	October	186
May	188	November	172
June	154	December	162

2015 was an extraordinary year for the WLFD. It started off with two incredible grants. Thanks to a \$154,000 Assistance to Firefighter Grant, we are able to purchase new portable radios. And a \$4,000 Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant will allow us to purchase water rescue equipment.

Also in 2015, thanks to funding approved by the Redevelopment Commission, WLFD received a new pumper, produced by KME. The 1500-gallon-per-minute pumper carries 1,000 gallons of water and 30 gallons of foam. It was delivered on December 30th.

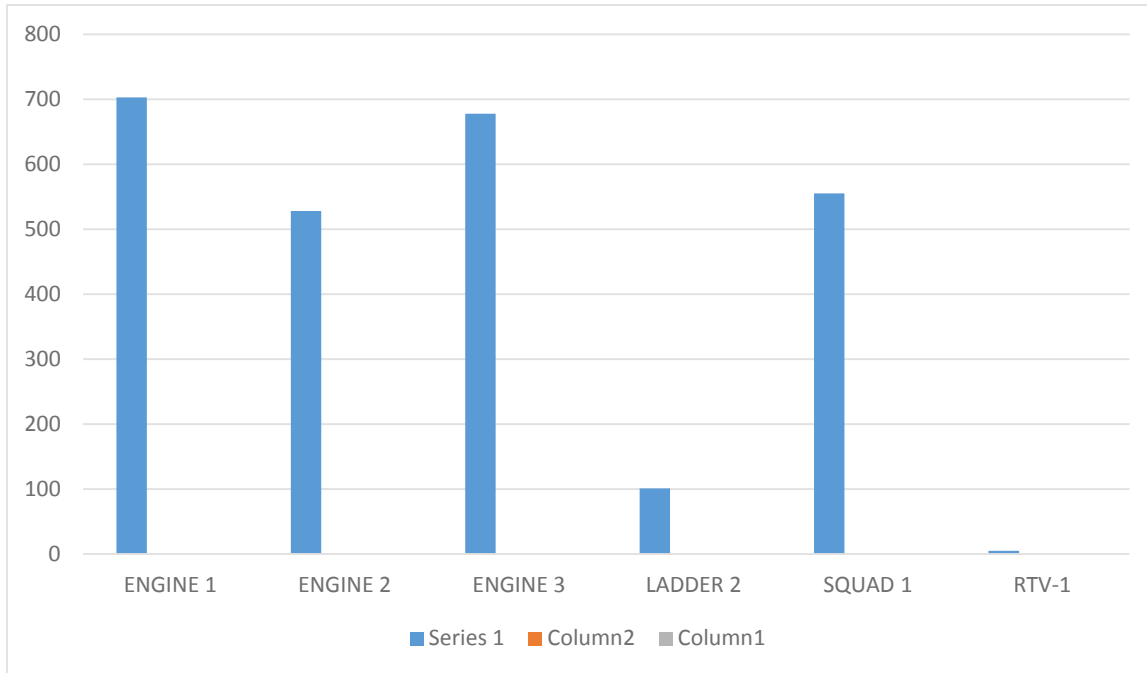
The WLFD became a part of “Project Safe Place”. In cooperation with the YMCA/Center for Youth Alternatives, all three fire stations became a “Safe Place” where youth could turn for help.



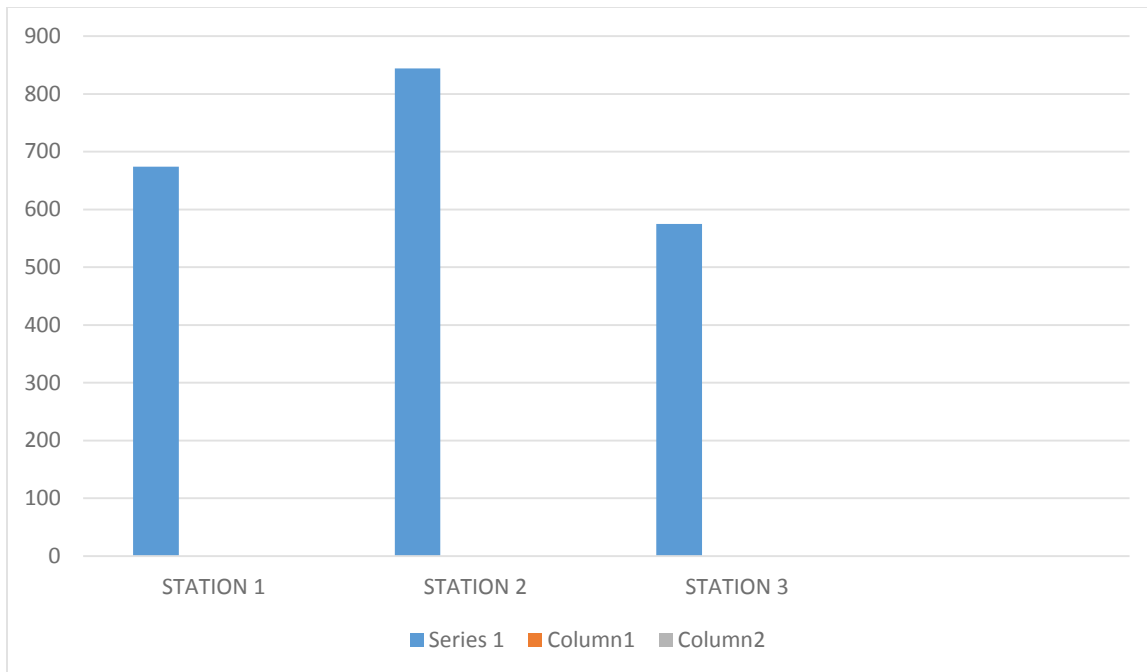




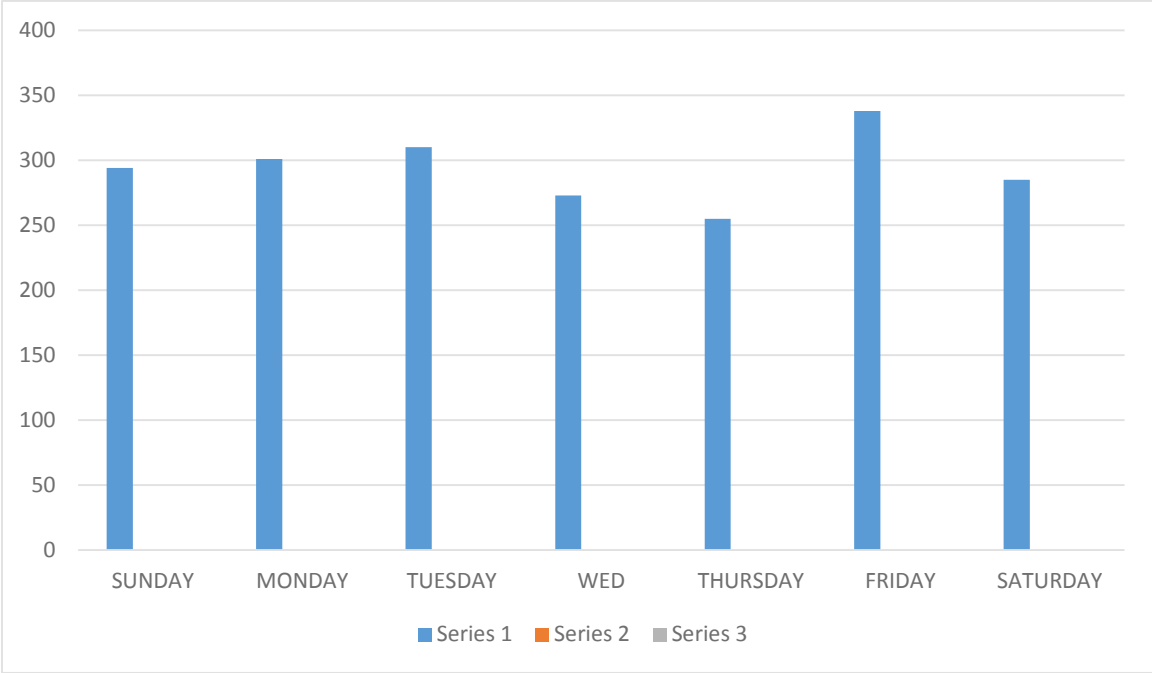
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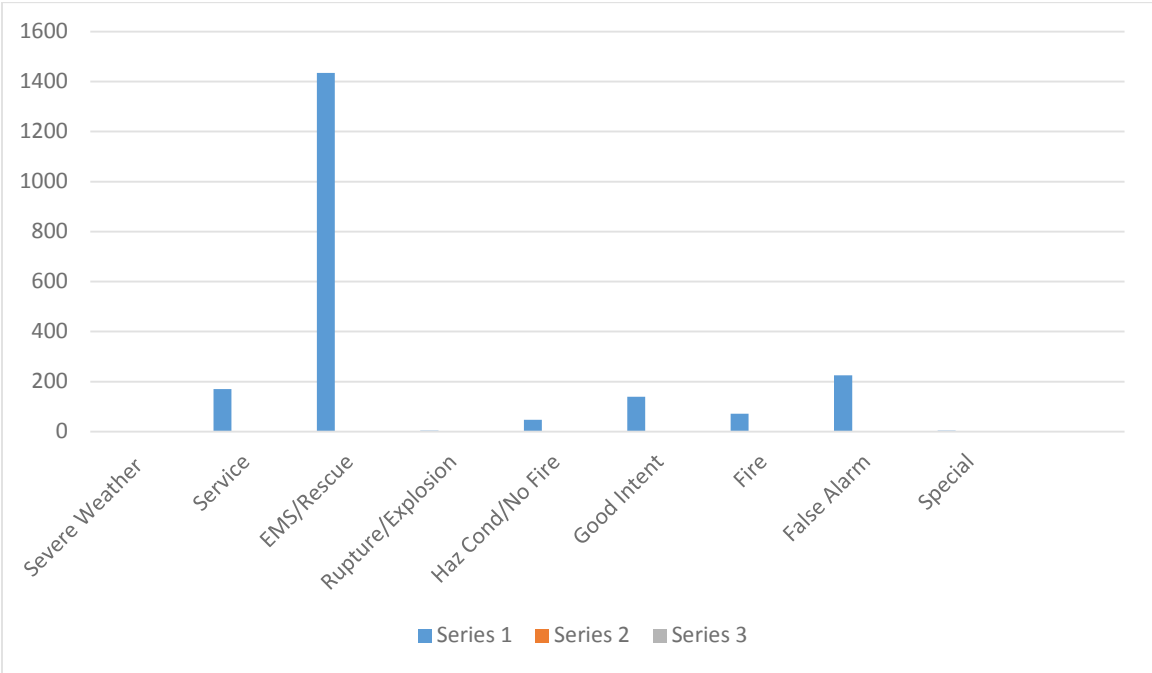
2015 Responses By Station



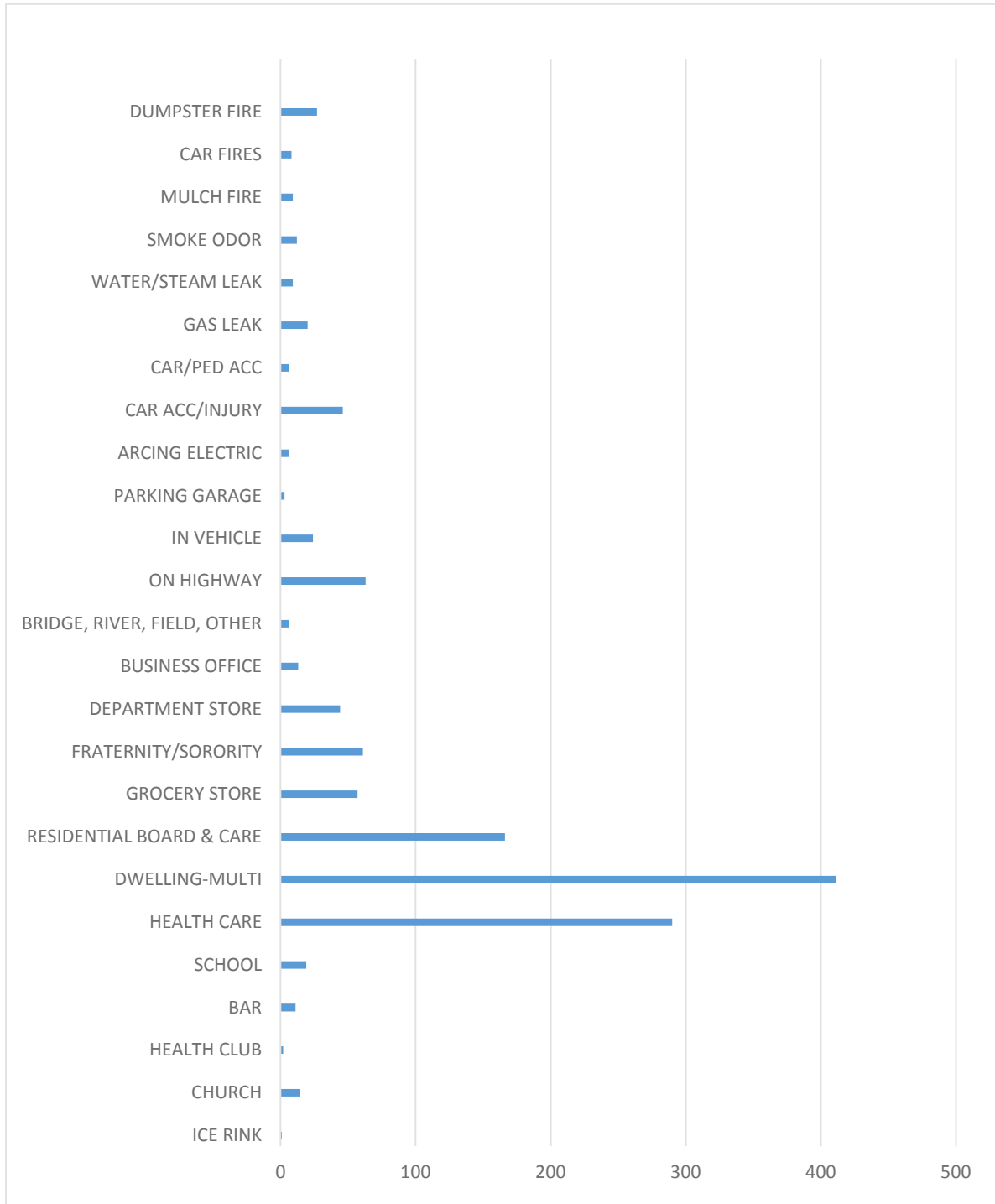
2015 Responses By Day Of Week



2015 Responses By Type



2015 Property Runs



2015 Training

In 2015, the WLFD put in over 4,000 combined man hours of training, including EVOC, ARFF, Active Shooter, Repelling, Medical Training, Map Study, Pre-Plans, and Physical Fitness. Members took part in certification classes provided by the Indiana District Fire Training system, a Fire Investigators class at the Jasper Fire School, a Fire Instructors course at the District 4 Training Center. WLFD became a member of a fire training system that provides world-class fire training under live-fire conditions: the Fire Department Training Network. Eighteen firefighters took part in a live-fire evaluation at Grissom Air Force base in Peru as part of an Aircraft Fire Rescue training program. The department increased its ability to treat a drug overdose by adding the lifesaving drug Naloxone to its Emergency Medical equipment. There were new and old building tours; EMT refresher training; and extensive search and rescue, ventilation, and hose line operations training at a house donated for use by the City of West Lafayette Parks Department.

In January, several firefighters attended the Pipeline Emergency Response program. There was also ice rescue training, map study, medical training, pump operations, ropes and knots evolution, and physical fitness, bringing A-Shift's total man hours of training to 90.25, B-Shift's to 209, and C-Shift's to 120.5.

In February, the men did building tours, map study, equipment familiarization, NFA and IDHS certifications online, and physical fitness, bringing A-Shift's total man hours of training to 157.5, B-Shift's to 340, and C-Shift's to 176.5.

In March, all shifts took part in a 2-hour Ice Rescue drill at the Parks Department pond along with an Incident Command class

presented by Lt. Jeff Need. There was also Active Shooter training, EMS with Lynnette Lister, bringing total man hours of training for the department to 724.5. A-Shift had 243, B-Shift had 253.5, C-Shift had 228. Eric Doyle became the new Department Training Instructor on March 1.

In April, firefighters Mayer, Zaragoza, Linder, and Schwartz took the District 4 Fire Instructor course at the district training facility in Lafayette. Joe Heater taught a 2-hour firehouse software update training session. There were building preplans, prairie grass controlled burn, hydrant cap installs, EMS in-service bringing total man hours of training to 578. A-Shift had 245, B-Shift 190, C-Shift 143.

May was a busy training month. The department kicked off the month with EMS training which focused on Weapons of Mass Destruction related to emergency medical services. The department also received a new tool for emergency medical care. Dr. Kupon trained all fire and police personnel on the administration of Naloxone, a drug used to treat heroin overdose. There was a hose-line operations hands-on drill and classroom session with Instructor Doyle, map study, driver training, ladder skills, bringing total man hours of training to 307.5: A-Shift 122, B-Shift 98, C-Shift 87.5.

June was a busy training month, too, starting with a review of the RIT pack. EMS instructor Lynnette Lister led a medical training session on bleeding and shock. And 18 members of the department went to Grissom Air Force base to complete a live-fire training exercise with the Grissom Fire Department. There was also building tours, map study, driver training, and skills review, bringing the total man hours of training for the department to 319.

July training consisted of EMS refresher training on cardiovascular emergencies and hands-on skill review, building tour pre-plans of Wang Hall, North by Northwest Apartments, and River Bend

Hospital. Training Instructor Doyle trained on hose line operations in multiple dwellings. There was a hands-on drill at McCormick Place Apartments stretching hose lines throughout the stairwells of one of the apartment buildings. There were also reviews of map study, SOG review, the Firehouse systems, elevator rescue, ladder skills, pump operations, gear drills and repelling systems, bringing total man hours of training to 301.

August training kicked off with a lecture by members of the Tippecanoe County Youth Services on the Safe Place system. Each of our stations was designated a safe place where at-risk children or teens can go for help. Members learned how to handle situations and how to contact the right authorities. The men took part in an aerial ladder training session and took part in an equipment drill covering the department's rotary saws and operation along with truck checks, hose line operations, building tours, and de-con training, bringing total man hours of training to 342.

September started with EMS training with Lynnette Lister on patient assessment followed by each member completing a full patient assessment for the skills review. All firefighters then moved on to response area familiarization training. Firefighters Mayer and Jenkinson took part in a three day class at the Fire Department Training Network. The men closed out the month learning ventilation operations by cutting ventilation holes in the roof of the Parks Department's training house. There were also sessions on building tours, map study, and fire truck maintenance, bringing total man hours of training to 432.

October kicked off with firefighters Dazey and Lyons attending a live-fire boot camp at the Fire Department Training Network where they practiced engine company and ladder company skills under live-fire conditions. EMS in-service training with Lynnette Lister included blood borne pathogens and care of geriatric patients.

Members completed a test on every piece of fire hose in WLFD's inventory. The department closed out the month with Hazardous Materials refresher training with Instructor Joe Heater. This plus truck maintenance, building tours, gear review, and new firefighter orientation training, brought total man hours of training to 440.5.

November was a busy month of training. Members completed CPR recertification training performed, for the first time, by three WLFD firefighters who are newly trained CPR instructors.

Firefighters continued placing new fire hydrant connections on the city's fire hydrants, which was valuable for several reasons. One, it will allow the men to connect the fire truck to the fire hydrants quicker and easier on fire runs...and, since they placed the connections themselves, the men now know the locations of all hydrants. There was also a portable ladder training session plus truck checks, pumping operations, ladder truck operations, and search drills, bringing total man hours of training to 372.

2015 was filled with training that will continue to further the level of service the West Lafayette Fire Department provides to the community. Our members completed over 4,077 man hours of training which 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.



2015 Highlights

January: WLFD responded to 180 calls: 124 Medical, 6 Fire, 2 Hazardous Condition, 16 Service Calls, 12 Good-Intent Calls, 16 False Alarms. Six firefighters represented WLFD at the “Bop to the Top”, 36-floor stair climb up the OneAmerica Building in Indianapolis. Bret Yundt, Shawn Leuck, Chad Dazey, Joe Heater, Travis Bender, and Keith Barker took the challenge which benefitted Riley Hospital for Children.

February: WLFD responded to 123 calls: 91 Medical, 4 Fire, 2 Hazardous Condition, 7 Service Calls, 8 Good-Intent Calls, 1 Excessive Heat/Scorch Burn, 7 False Alarms. Keith Barker, Bret Yundt, and Sean Mayer represented WLFD in the American Lung Association “Fight for Air” 31-floor stair climb up the Oakbrook Terrace Tower in Illinois.

March: WLFD responded to 153 calls: 111 Medical, 5 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 13 Service Calls, 12 Good-Intent Calls, and 6 False Alarms, including 3 cooking fires, 1 vehicle fire, and 2 gas leaks. Jodie Imel joined the department as the new Fire Inspector. Nine firefighters represented WLFD at the American Lung Association’s “Fight for Air” Climb and won FIRST PLACE in the firefighter division! Bret Yundt, Shawn Leuck, Chad Dazey, Keith Barker, Eric Doyle, Sean Mayer, Joe Heater, Curtis Shidler, and Hector Zaragoza did the 47-floor stair climb up the Chase Building in Indianapolis.

April: WLFD responded to 112 calls: 79 Medical, 4 Fire, 9 Service Calls, 8 Good-Intent Calls, 4 Hazardous Condition, including 2 motor vehicle accidents with injuries and one motor vehicle/pedestrian accident. Fire Inspector Imel performed 86 fire inspections. And Inspector Imel and firefighter Justin Taylor attended the Jasper Fire School.

May: WLFD responded to 155 calls: 91 Medical, 12 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 16 Service Calls, 10 Good-Intent Calls, 3 Special Incident, 19 False Alarms. Inspector Imel performed 113 fire inspections.

June: WLFD responded to 154 calls: 96 Medical, 2 Fire, 8 Hazardous Condition, 14 Service Calls, 15 Good-Intent Calls, 16 False Alarms. Inspector Imel performed 82 inspections. And several members of the department started the City's Summer FitBit Fitness Walking Program.

July: WLFD responded to 142 calls: 101 Medical, 3 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 13 Service Calls, 6 Good-Intent Calls, 15 False Alarms. Inspector Imel completed 50 inspections. And the City's Summer FitBit Walking Program came to a close.

August: WLFD responded to 175 calls: 135 Medical, 6 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 5 Service Calls, 10 Good-Intent Calls, 15 False Alarms. Inspector Imel performed 100 inspections.

September: WLFD responded to 189 calls: 132 Medical, 3 Fire, 1 Hazardous Condition, 16 Service Calls, 8 Good-Intent Calls, 23 False Alarms, 5 Other. Inspector Imel performed 77 inspections.

October: WLFD responded to 186 calls: 114 Medical, 7 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 21 Service Calls, 10 Good-Intent Calls, 26 False Alarms, 4 Other. Inspector Imel performed 36 inspections. And firefighters Glover and Stacy saved three lives while on a duck hunting trip in Michigan.

November: WLFD responded to 169 calls: 90 Medical, 8 Fire, 3 Hazardous Condition, 16 Service Calls, 15 Good-Intent Calls, 30 False Alarms, 6 Other. Inspector Imel performed 54 inspections.

WLFD made 162 runs in December, bringing the total calls in 2015 to 2,095: 1,435 Medical, 71 Fire, 47 Hazardous Condition, 170

Service Calls, 139 Good-Intent Calls, 225 False Alarms, 3 Overpressure, 3 Special Incident, 2 Other.

Fire Inspector Jodie Imel performed 689 Fire Inspections.

