

*Monroe Township
Fire District #3*



*Annual Report
2011*

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Mission Statement



Monroe Township Fire District Three is committed to providing the highest possible level of fire and rescue services to the citizens of Monroe Township. Our mission is to provide efficient and effective protection of life and property with respect and compassion at all times. This department shall be primarily responsible for fire suppression, fire prevention, fire safety education, control of hazardous materials emergencies, response to natural or man-made disasters and rescue of trapped and/or injured persons within our response area. Monroe Township Fire District Three shall also provide assistance when necessary to township, county, state, and federal emergency service organizations within the scope and resources available.

Message From The Chief Of The Department

I am proud and humbled to have been selected as the Chief of Monroe Township Fire District # 3, an organization whose members continue to enhance a proud tradition of selfless service, continued commitment, and unparalleled professionalism while serving the citizens of Monroe Township.



I truly believe the Chief's role is to provide the leadership and support which will move the organization forward through challenges and changes that bring progress to any fire department. Monroe Township Fire District # 3's role is in protecting people and property of the township is carried on daily by all members of this department. It is each of you doing your job every day, being skilled professionals in your interaction with the citizens, striving to gain expertise in your craft, and carrying that pride and personal integrity into your daily lives which makes Monroe Township Fire District #3 one of the finest in the county.

When I accepted the position of Chief I knew I would be facing new challenges, not only am I on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week, for any emergency that may arise whether it is a personnel matter, equipment problem or a disaster within the community. The day-to day operations, development and management of the budget is also my responsibility.

I set goals and priorities for myself to better serve the department and the residents of Monroe Township Fire District #3. Some areas I focused on for 2011 were:

- Reducing financial costs in these hard economic times, by applying for Federal and State funded grants.
- The District received \$104,800 Federal grant to replace our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units that did not comply with current regulations and specifications. The units were replaced with state of the art equipment. This process has resulted in direct tax relief for the residents of Fire District # 3. This is one example of the diligent work the administration does to keep the residents and firefighters safe and to maintain low expenditures.

For the year 2012 I look forward to the upcoming challenges and, at the same time, know as I face those challenges I will not be successful on my own. Each of you, working with me, working with each other, and ultimately, working to provide the residents of Monroe Township Fire District #3 with the service they deserve, will ensure our success, maintain our tradition of excellence, and prepare this department to meet the future needs of the township head-on. Your participation and teamwork are important to me. I will continue to include a broad cross-section of input and inclusiveness in all initiatives, committees, and programs.

Thank You

*Peter J. Gasiorowski
Chief/Administrator*

Staffing Summary

Fire District Three is staffed twenty four (24) hours a day with a eight (8) person duty crew, consisting of two (2) Lieutenants, and six (6) firefighters. All alarms received involving a dwelling or structure fire cause the dispatch of all three fire districts. The initial response is two (2) engines, and two (2) ladders, with a complement of sixteen (16) personnel. Our personnel are staffed twenty four (24) hours a day at two (2) strategically located stations, providing an excellent response time to emergencies within our district.

Fire District #3 responds to a countless number of calls for service including incidents involving fire, medical calls, automobile accidents, releases of hazardous substances, technical rescue incidents, water and ice rescue incidents, confined space rescue, and community service requests to name several broad categories. Of course, there are numerous additional sub-call types within each of those general descriptions. Functions such as, fire safety inspections, public education, building preplanning, community outreach, and fire prevention have become the foundations of the new fire service.

Services Provided

- FIRE PREVENTION/ FIRE SUPPRESSION
- VEHICLE EXTRICATION
- CONFINED SPACE RESCUE
- WATER RESCUE
- ICE RESCUE
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE
- PUBLIC EDUCATION
- CONDUCT MONTHLY SCHOOL FIRE DRILLS
- COMMERCIAL FIRE PRE-PLANNING
- TANKER TASK FORCE

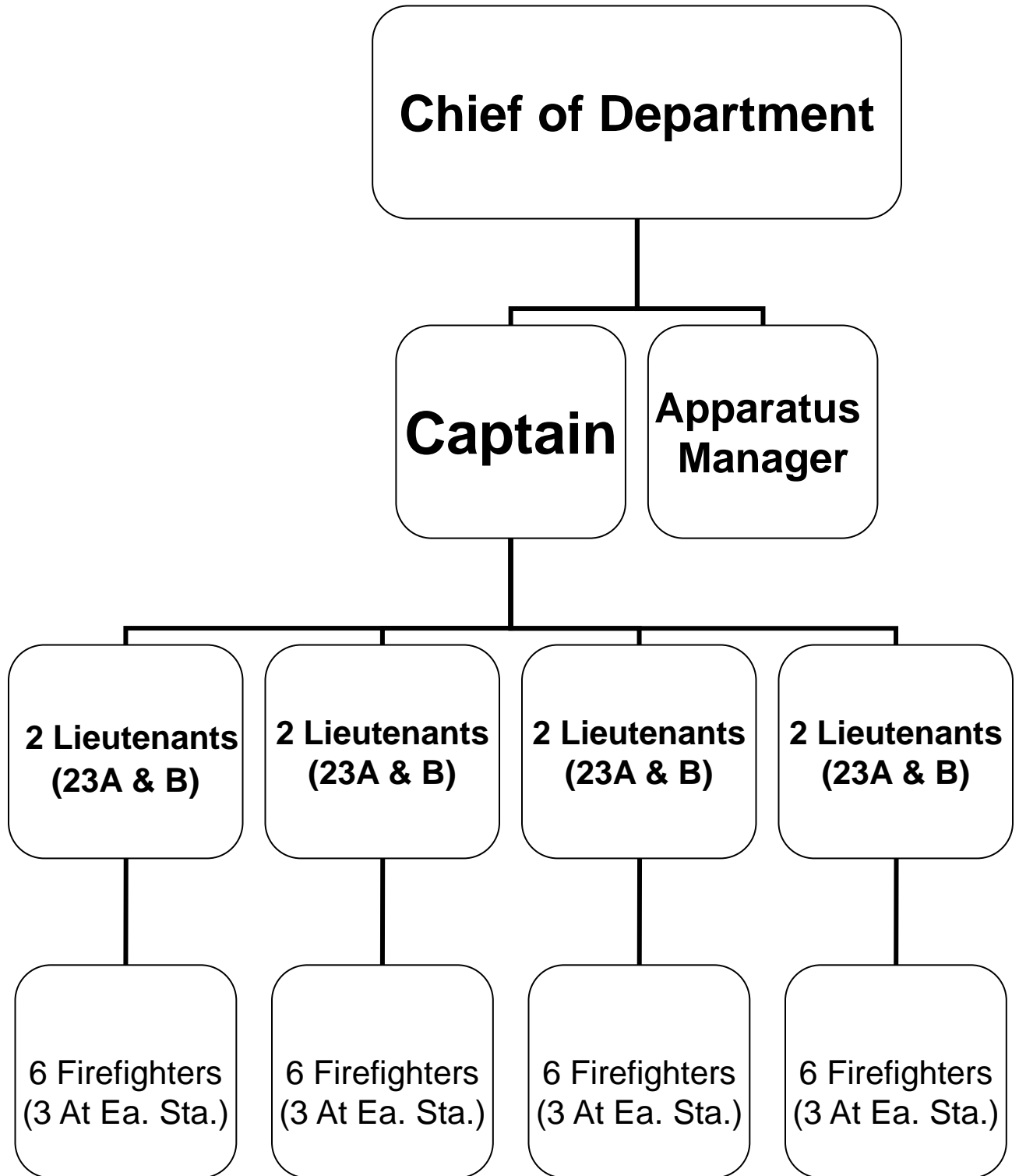
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

- FIRST AID
- CPR
- DEFIBRILLATION

FIRE PREVENTION

- FIRE INVESTIGATION/ CAUSE AND ORIGIN
- LIFE HAZARD INSPECTIONS
- NON LIFE HAZARD INSPECTIONS
- RESIDENTIAL RESALE SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTIONS
- SENIORS FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM
- SCHOOL FIRE PREVENTION
- ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
- PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS
- FIRE SAFETY AND EDUCATION FOR CHILD CARE
- SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Organizational Chart



Board of Fire Commissioners

Chairman

Douglas S. Martin

Vice Chairman

Gerald Kaplan

Secretary

Les Barta

Treasurer

Joel H. Kaplan

Assistant Treasurer / Secretary / Tri-District

Liaison

Joseph Haff

Officers

Chief / Administrator

Peter J. Gasiorowski

Captain

Raymond LeBrun

Book Keeper

Susan Bilt

Firefighters

Platoon A

23A

Lt. Lelong

R. Meyer

S. Sikora

D. Sanchez

23B

Lt. Primiano

L. Melick

D. Ohlson

J. Serrao

Platoon B

23A

Lt. Fraler

J. Bader

D. Salkeld

G. Martinez

23B

Lt. Wood

B. Johnson

V. Waranowicz

D. Koch

Platoon C

23A

Lt. Volkmann

S. Thomas

R. Dziminski

M. Wesolowski

23B

Lt. Lyons

J. Campbell

E. Ritz

M. Palumbo

Platoon D

23A

Lt. Link

S. Blundell

S. Stashek

S. Macri

23B

Lt. Daley

S. Genthe

J. Hannon

S. Booke

Station 23A is located at 359 Schoolhouse Road

Station 23B is Located at 16 Centre Dr.

Apparatus



23-5

2010 Seagrave Marauder II
1750 GPM Pumper



23-6

2009 Seagrave Tanker
3000gal



23-15

1991 Pierce Lance
1500 GPM Pumper



23-8

2005 E-1 CAFS
75' Quint

Apparatus Continued



23-11

1997 E 1 Rescue
Extrication Equipment,
Rope Rescue, Confined
Space Rescue, Lighting



23-14

2007 Ford F350
Brush/Utility Truck



SO-23

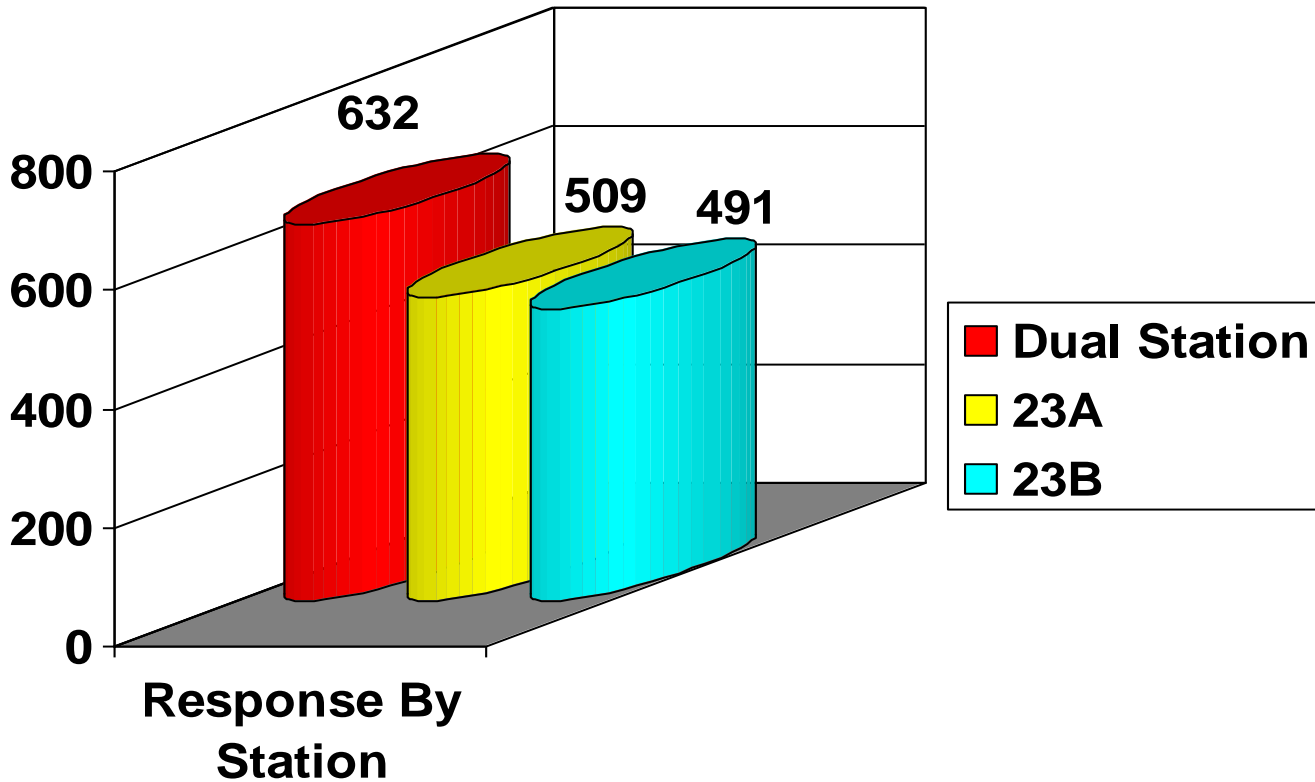
Special Operations
Trailer
Water/Ice Rescue Equipment
Hazmat

2011 Departmental Highlights

- Continued success of the smoke detector battery replacement program.
- The District received \$104,800 Federal grant to replace our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units that did not comply with current regulations and specifications. The units were replaced with state of the art equipment. This process has resulted in direct tax relief for the residents of Fire District # 3. This is one example of the diligent work the administration does to keep the residents and firefighters safe and to maintain low expenditures



Incident Summaries



Between January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011, Monroe Township Fire District # 3 had 632 dual station responses, 509 single Station 23A responses, 491 single Station 23B responses for a total of 1632 Incidents. 12 of those incidents were out of town Mutual Aid responses.

Response Times

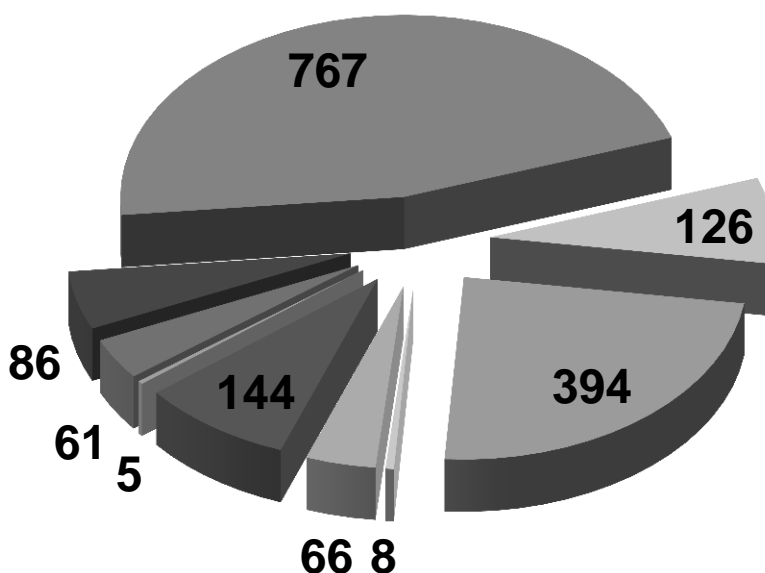
Fire District # 3 response times average from 4 to a maximum six minutes, depending on location. Response times are calculated from the time the alarm is received at the firehouse to the time fire apparatus arrive at the scene

Incident Summaries Cont.

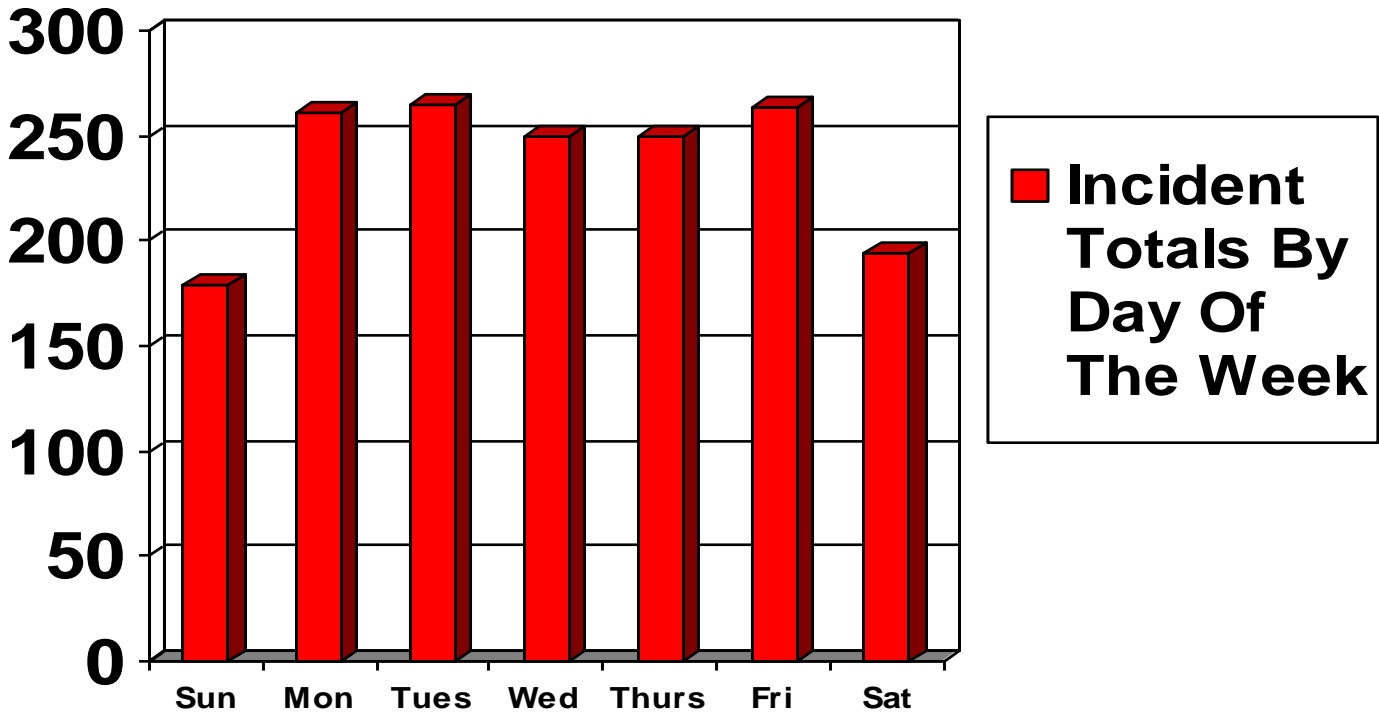
Further Breakdown of Fire Calls by NFIRS categories

1. Fires (i.e. Structure Fire, Brush Fire, Cooking Fire, Etc.) – **144**
(82 were cooking related, confined to container)
2. Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire) – **5**
3. Rescue, Emergency Services Incident – **61**
4. Hazardous Condition (No Fire) – **89**
5. Service Call – **767** (650 – Battery Program)
6. Good Intent Call (ex. Steam mistaken for smoke, canceled en route, wrong location, No emergency found etc.) – **126**
7. False Alarm, False Calls – **394** (206 were unintentional, 141 were fire alarm system malfunctions, 23 were Carbon Monoxide related, remaining categorized as other)
8. Severe Weather/ Natural Disaster – **8**
9. Special Incident Type (Includes supervised school fire drills) - **66**

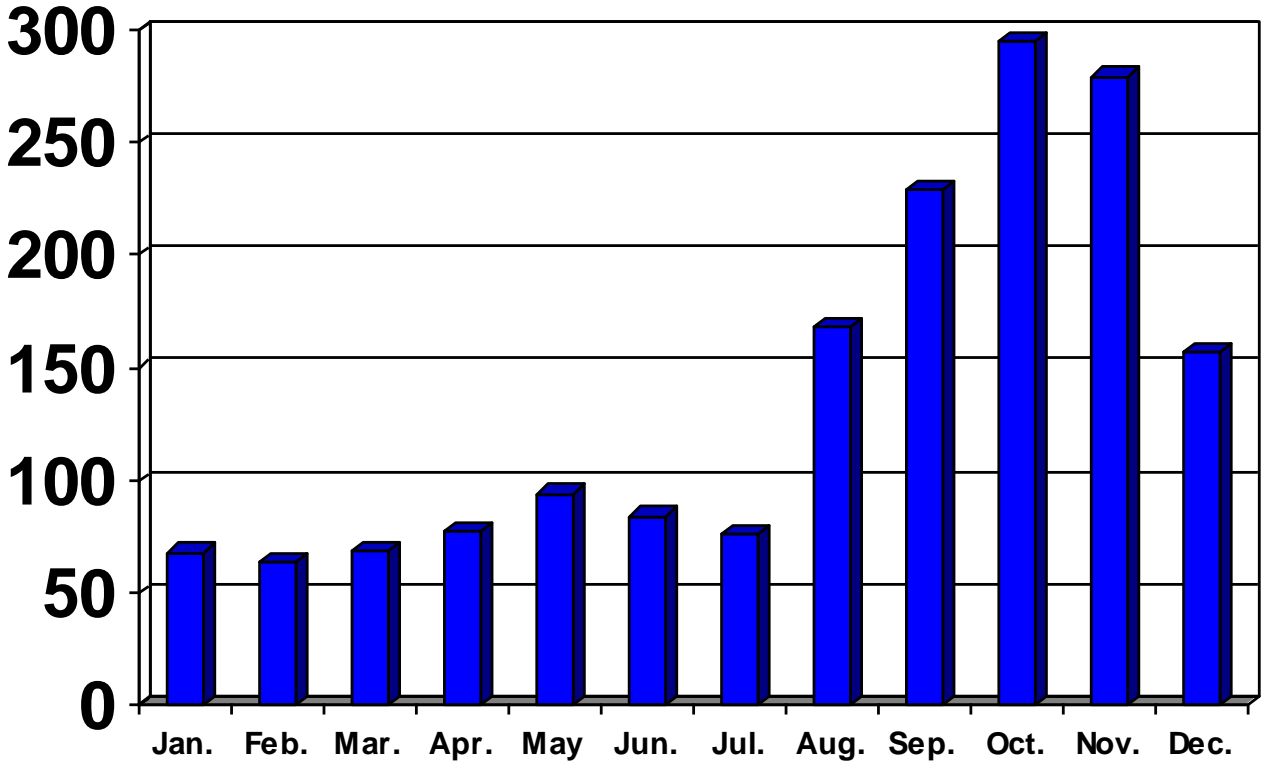
- Fires
- Overpressure/Explosion
- Rescue / EMS Incident
- Hazardous Condition
- Service Call
- Good Intent Call
- False Alarms
- Severe Weather
- Special Incident Type



Incident Summaries Cont.



Incident Totals by Month Of Year



Fire Prevention Bureau Report

The Bureau of Fire Prevention Conducts Inspections of all Life Hazard Use Facilities and all Non-Life hazard Use Facilities to ensure that the Safety requirements are being maintained in accordance to the New Jersey Fire Code.

The Bureau is self sustained with a Budget of \$20,500 a year.

The entire operating budget for the Bureau is generated from Local Inspection Fees and Life Hazard Use fees.

- Inspections of commercial properties are performed in order to maintain the safety of its Occupants and the Emergency Service Personnel.
- All Inspections are required to be carried out on an annual basis.
- Inspections consist of walking through the entire building and citing any violations as outlined in the Code.
- Time parameters are set to have all violations corrected.
- At the scheduled date of re-inspection all violations are to be corrected
- Any violations which are considered imminent hazards, must be corrected immediately.
- The Inspections are on going and are required to be performed annually as outlined by the Division of Fire Safety.
- Should any violations be considered continuing violations, fines are imposed in order to gain compliance of the code.
- Conducts investigations of all fires.
- Recertification inspections of all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors before the resale of all homes.
- Conducts Complaint Inspections on Commercial and Residential properties.
- Gather information for Maintaining Commercial Property Pre-Plans.
- Assists with the development of Evacuation Plans.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report Cont.

Other Duties of Fire Prevention



- The Bureau also provides the community with training and information in order to prevent fires.
- This consists of Giving Fire Safety presentations to all Schools, Community Organizations public and private.
- Fire Safety Presentations consists of Fire Extinguisher training, Baby sitting safety classes, evacuation drills in Assisted living facilities, Residential Health Care Facilities, and Warehouses.
- Fire escape and prevention in your home.



MTFD3 Fire Prevention Poster Contest

The annual fire prevention poster contest is a chance for elementary age students to draw a picture that relates to fire prevention. The contest is broken into divisions based on age. Upon completion of the program the best pictures are picked by the prevention bureau and then the winning pictures are sent on to compete in the County and then State prevention contest.

The local winners received gift cards in the amount of: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25. This year Division 1, 3, & 6 winners went on to win the County contest and the Division 6 poster went on to win the State competition where the contestant won a brand new computer.

Training Division

The year 2011 has been a busy one for the members of the Training Division. Members have traveled across the nation to attend many Instructor Continuing Education seminars. This year, staff members have been speakers at many national Firefighter Conferences, including the ***Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC)***, held in Indianapolis, and ***Firehouse Expo***, which is held in Baltimore. Members bring back tips and training techniques from these expositions and share them with members of the entire department.



Monroe Twp. Fire District 3's Bravest participated in Factory-Level Certification Training as instructors in the SCOTT EZ-Scape SCBA Bailout System that is now part of their protective equipment.

Training Division Cont.

This past year, members of the Training Division, along with other members of the department, received formal certification as Instructors for SCOTT Aviation. Recently the Department took delivery of new, state-of-the-art Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), complete with rapid escape systems built into the assemblies. Members achieved this certification so they could teach other members of the department the safe and efficient methods of self-rescue, in the event they become trapped at an emergency. Additionally, members of the Training Division have filed applications and paperwork with the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) for review and acceptance for National Accreditation, which identifies Trainers and Instructors as those who perform above benchmarks and standards that are set at the National Level for Fire Service Training Excellence.

In 2012, the Training Division will continue to set the bar higher and higher for our members. As we set the training schedule for this year, advanced courses such as ***Handling Anhydrous Ammonia Incidents, Advanced Structural Firefighting Techniques, Officer Decision-Making Training, and Courses from the National Fire Academy on Incident Safety*** are just a few of the scheduled events that are on the slate. These courses will allow us to continue our mission of providing efficient protection of life and property with respect and compassion at all times.

Community Services & Outreach

Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program

In the fall of 2010, Fire District #3 started a pilot program with a unique approach to assisting with fire prevention/detection to its senior residents. The senior residents of Fire District #3 were given the opportunity to call the fire station and make an appointment to have their smoke detector batteries replaced. The homeowner was responsible for providing the batteries, and the firefighters would come to their homes at a predetermined time to provide the service.

With the great success of this program, in our second year, our firefighters had changed the smoke detector batteries for 652 separate homes. These homes contained a number of detectors ranging from one detector to eleven. The used batteries were then collected and recycled at an approved recycling center. The battery program continues to thrive and has been a huge benefit for taxpayers as well as our firefighters. Some of this benefits to the firefighters include:

- The ability for our firefighters to get out and speak with the tax-payers.
- We were able to introduce you to the personnel responsible for your protection in the event our assistance is required.
- We offered the opportunity to answer questions in regards to our fire department structure and operations.
- Reduced false alarms due to newer batteries in working units.
- Peace of mind to the community.
- Finally, this program gave us the chance to familiarize ourselves with the common layouts of homes within the community.

In addition to the township run battery program, Monroe fire reached out to the state and through the "Operation Save a Life " program a total of 200 battery operated smoke detectors were handed out to families that qualified . With the continued support and tremendous response we have received from the adult communities, the Chief and the board members have decided to continue this program. We look forward to getting the word out when the program will be available again in the coming months.

Community Services & Outreach

Members of Monroe Township Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 3170, in conjunction with the Board of Fire Commissioners for Fire District 3, have joined many other fire departments across the state in collecting Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC). This program which is run by The Burn Center at St. Barnabas, located in Livingston NJ, collects money from recycling the cans and uses it to fund vital research, and assist families dealing with burn injuries.



Members of Local 3170 began this program here in Monroe in the late half of 2009. Since its inception the program has been an extreme success. Because of the enormous commitment from Monroe residents the few saw a need to install a second cage to store the cans in. The second cage was installed at the firehouse located at 359 Schoolhouse, thus giving us two locations. Once the bin is full, members take the cans to a recycling center, on their personal time, where they are weighed, and a check is written to St. Barnabas, which is then presented to the Burn Center.

St. Barnabas started this wonderful program approximately 2 decades ago, and from that time it has raised countless dollars and awareness towards the needs of patients with these types of injuries. With the money raised, St. Barnabas is able to provide fire safety education for numerous community groups, and assist families dealing with burn injuries.

The members of IAFF Local 3170 have and will continue to give their time and energy to support this program. Please bring your aluminum cans to either firehouse in Fire District # 3. With continued support from the public and from the Board of Fire Commissioners for District 3, this program will continue to grow by leaps and bounds.