



Warrington Township

Department of Emergency Services

Fire Marshal's Office

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2017 Annual Report

Department of Emergency Services

Overview

The Department of Emergency Services is comprised of a Director, 2 full-time firefighters (Battalion Chief's), Fire Marshal (also works for Code Enforcement), 12 part-time firefighters, and an administrative assistant. There are four firefighters assigned to a rescue engine Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 4:30 pm.

Statistics

In 2017, the Department of Emergency Services responded to 236 Fire calls and 142 EMS Calls. In addition, there were 597 pre-fire inspections conducted. Pre-fire inspections are inspections of a commercial property conducted to point out life safety and potential fire hazards, in an effort to make properties are safe.

In addition to emergency calls and inspections, the Department of Emergency services averaged over 18 hours monthly checking and maintaining fire department equipment to ensure readiness. This saves the volunteer fire company thousands of dollars a year by catching problems while they are small or even completing the repairs in-house.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention program is in motion every day, however during fire prevention month (October) we step it up. Starting in September and ending in November, all elementary schools, and day care centers in Warrington Township, are visited, and an age appropriate fire safety message is delivered. This year we contacted over 1700 people during that time frame. In 2016 we visited over 1500 people so we increased by 200 People.

In addition to school visits, we also visited and spoke with community groups, homeowners associations, and conducted annual fire safety training in some daycare centers for the teachers.

Mapping Project

The mapping project was completed in 2017. The Department of Emergency Services reviewed and updated all maps in Warrington Township for Emergency Response. This included adding all the new developments, as well as prepare for the future developments that are not yet completed.

Each map is extremely detailed consisting of addresses, fire hydrants, sprinkler connections, and stand pipe connections. To accomplish this task, each street was driven and all the pertinent information was confirmed. The maps are now being used each day.

Training

Training was conducted as often as possible when we could fit it in around other duties. Special consideration was employed to work on areas of concern that we deal with, or have the potential to deal with on a regular basis.

In addition to daily/weekly training, training was obtained by members going outside and receiving education. For example, the Director received Certification by the International Association of Arson Investigators as a Fire Investigative Technician. The Fire Marshal attended several continuing education classes focused on fire plan review and sprinkler education. Battalion Chiefs' McCann and Miller attended several tactical classes focused on fire ground tactics.

In Closing

This report is a "snap shot" of the accomplishments by the Department of Emergency Services. It was a busy year, and 2018 is slated to pick up where 2017 left off. We will be continuing our fire prevention efforts consisting of pre-fire inspections, pre-fire planning and school visits. We hope to conduct even more training and improve on our skill sets to better serve the community of Warrington.

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Code Enforcement

Overview

The Code Enforcement Department is comprised of the Director, Chief Permit Administrator, the Emergency Services Administrative Assistant, Fire Marshal (also works for Emergency Services), 2 part-time code enforcement inspectors, the zoning inspector, the Residential Building Inspector, and the Commercial building Inspector (Building Code Official). They work together to make the code enforcement process seamless for the residents and business owners in Warrington Township.

Statistics

2017 was a busy year for Code Enforcement. 1,044 permits were issued for the year. The staff conducted 3,803 inspections. These inspections included: construction permits, fire permits for alarm and fire sprinkler construction, use and occupancy (both residential and commercial), and rental inspections. In addition, there were an abundance of code enforcement inspections addressing complaints through the Township's Response Line.

Training

Each year the code inspectors have to attend continuing education training to both keep up their certifications, but also keep up with new construction techniques. Our inspectors attend training as often as their schedule allows and still maintain enough office and field time to serve the township.

In Closing

Each year, the code enforcement department spends countless hours working with residents and business owners to make their projects a success. We strive to make every contact a positive one, as customer service is a priority.