

ADA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



2012 Annual Report

The purpose of this report is to maintain the line of communications between the Ada Township Board, the citizens of Ada Township, and the Fire Department.

The report highlights the activities of the Department for 2012.

We cannot do our job without the support of the community and the Township Board and we want to thank you for your continued support.

I would encourage anyone with questions to call or visit the Fire Department.

Jim DuVall

Fire Chief

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PERSONNEL The Department currently has 24 firefighters, 21 of which are paid on call. This last year we lost three firefighters, one with health issues, one to care for her second child, and the third didn't have the time it takes. Recruitment and retention of Paid on Call firefighters is an ongoing challenge across the country.

Fire Department Personnel with Years of Service and Level of Training

	Years of Service	Firefighter Classification	Medical Licensure
LT. Glenn Haglund	36.1	Fire Officer III	Medical First Responder
Dep. Chief Daryl Anderson	35.3	Fire Officer III	Medical First Responder
F.F. Scott Ross	26	Fire Officer III	Medical First Responder
Lt. Dave Murray	25.5	Fire Officer III	Basic EMT
F.F. Steve Ryan	23.4	Fire Officer III	Medical First Responder
F.F. Ben Thomet	22.6	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Tom Woderak	19.3	Firefighter II	Paramedic
F.F. Bill Moore	17.7	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
Lt. Brian Anderson	16.3	Fire Officer III	Medical First Responder
Chief Jim DuVall	15.5	Fire Officer III	Medical First Responder
F.F. Jeff Jacobs	11.4	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Rob Kramer	10	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
Lt. David Langeland	9.1	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Nick Dewey	8.3	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. John Shipley	7.8	Firefighter II	Basic EMT
F.F. Tom Kaywood	7.5	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Mick Tiede	7.2	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. John Ferin	4.6	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Peggy Ferguson	3.4	Firefighter II	Basic EMT
F.F. Mike Hansberry	3.5	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Brandon Holmes	1.8	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Scott Stephen	1.8	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder
F.F. Kate Dernocoeur	1.1	In Class	Basic EMT
Lane Zuidema	.3	Firefighter II	Medical First Responder

The Department has an average of 13 years of service

SAFETY The Department had no injuries in 2012. Individual and team safety is discussed at least monthly in training and at incident critiques which are held shortly after any major incident. All recommendation made at the training and critiques are discussed at officers meeting and corrective action is taken if warranted. This ongoing concern for safety throughout the Department had paid a real benefit.

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TRAINING Ada Township firefighters attended 1297 hours of in house training and 720 hours of training outside the Department in 2012. The in house training covered such topics use of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, advancing hose lines inside buildings, search and rescue of trapped individuals and firefighters, engine set up and pumping water and medical emergencies. Nine of our firefighters attended a training class at the Kent County Airport which dealt with aircraft emergencies and fires. Much of the training was hands on extinguishing aircraft fires. We felt the opportunity was very timely due to the helicopter hanger on Fox Hollow, the proposed hanger on Pettis, and the aircraft crash at Egypt Valley and Two Mile five years ago.



COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT The Department strives to be visible and active in the community and hosts a number of activities. Cub Scout Pack 3634 has held their Pine Wood Derby at Station 1 for the last twelve years and the local Girl Scouts have used Station 1 as a distribution point for their annual cookie sales for the last nine years. A group of woman meet at Station 1 every Tuesday afternoon to paint, as well as a group of Alticor retirees who meet every other Monday to knit caps for babies. The Department training room is used by the Ada Business Association for their monthly meeting. The Department has attended several block parties; church picnics, the Girls Scout Day Camp, and is active in the August in Ada Kids Fair. These events as well as the Halloween Party, Christmas Parade, and the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast help the Department be a positive influence in the community.



Lt. David Murray is involved with the Safe Kids Coalition of Michigan in infant and child car seat installation and inspections. The Department is an approved site where parents can bring their vehicles.



CALLS FOR SERVICE The call volume has increased 12.7% over the last ten years with the majority of the increase in home medical emergencies and vehicle accidents with injury. The number of structure fires have been holding somewhat steady.

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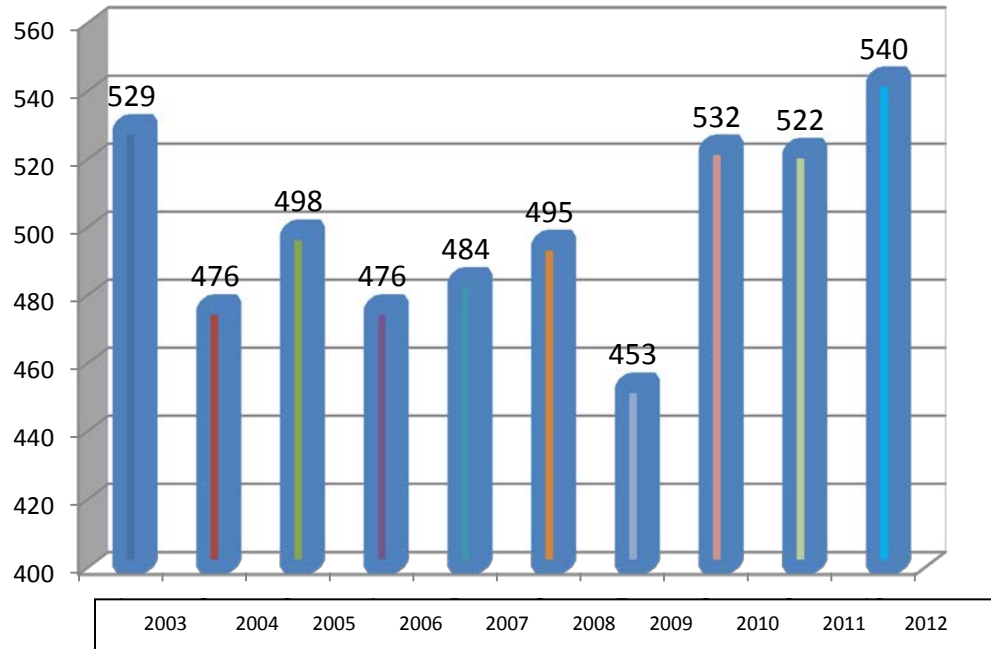
Types of Calls for Service

A Comparison 2008 - 2012

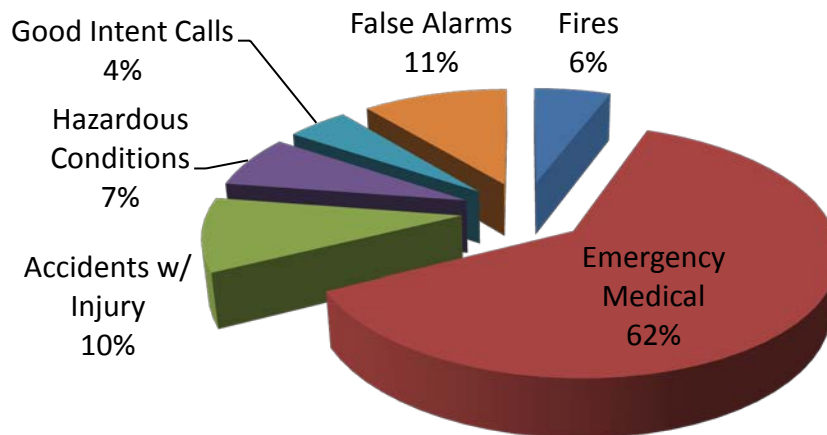
Type of Call	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	# Call	% Call	# Call	% Call	# Calls	% Call	# Call	% Call	# Call	% Call
Building Fire	13		12		18		21		14	
Cooking Fire	1		0		0		2		0	
Chimney Fire	1		4		4		1		1	
Trash or Rubbish fire	1		1		0		1		0	
Vehicle Fire	1		1		5		6		1	
Off road vehicle or heavy equip. fire	0		1		1		0		0	
Grass Fire	1		3		6		0		12	
Outside rubbish fire	1		1		1		0		2	
Outside equipment fire	1		1		0		0		1	
Total Fires	20	4%	28	6.1%	35	6.6%	31	5.9%	31	5.7%
EMS Call	250		262		275		274		335	
Motor Vehicle Accident W/ Injury	71		48		45		65		54	
Extraction of victim	0		2		13		1		1	
Elevator Rescue	1		1		1		0		1	
Water/Ice Rescue	2		0		0		0		1	
Total Medical	324	65.4%	313	69%	334	63.8%	340	65.1%	390	72.2%
Gas Leak	3		4		4		8		2	
Oil /Combustible liquid spill	0		0		5		0		0	
Chemical Hazard	0		0		1		0		0	
Carbon Monoxide Incident	2		2		5		4		2	
Overheated Motor	1		0		3		0		0	
Power Line Down	30		9		17		17		14	
Arcing, shorting Electrical Equip.	2		1		3		2		1	
Total Hazardous Conditions	38	7.6%	16	3.5%	38	7.2%	31	5.9%	19	3.5%
Lock out of Vehicle	3		4		3		4		4	
Water or Steam Leak	1		0		2		0		0	
Public Service	1		0		0		2		3	
Smoke or Order Removal	10		4		5		3		4	
Unauthorized burn	2		0		0		0		2	
Cover Assignment	1		2		0		2			
Other	0		1						3	
Total Service Calls	18	3.6%	11	2.4%	10	1.9%	11	2.1%	16	2.9%
Good Intent Call	4		1		0		1		0	
Dispatched & Cancelled en route	3		1		2		0		0	
Wrong Location	1		0		3		3		0	
No Incident found on Arrival	3		2		0		0		3	
Authorized Controlled Burn	18		11		27		16		12	
Steam, other mistaken for Smoke	2		4		1		0		1	
Smoke Scare, odor or smoke	6		6		2		0		6	
Steam, vapor thought to be smoke	2		1		2		0		2	
Smoke from barbecue	0		0		0		1		0	
Total Good Intent Calls	40	8%	26	5.7%	37	7.1%	30	5.7%	25	4.6%
Smoke Detector Activation, No fire	48		50		54		67		52	
Carbon Monoxide , No CO	5		9		4		12		8	
False Alarm & False Call	53	10.7%	59	13%	64	12.2%	79	15.1%	59	10.9%
Total Response for the Year	495		453		532		522		540	

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Calls for Service A Comparison – The Last Ten Years

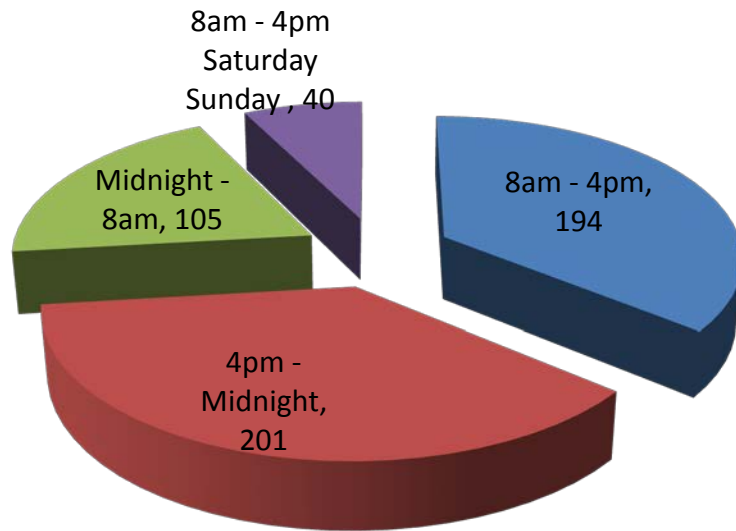


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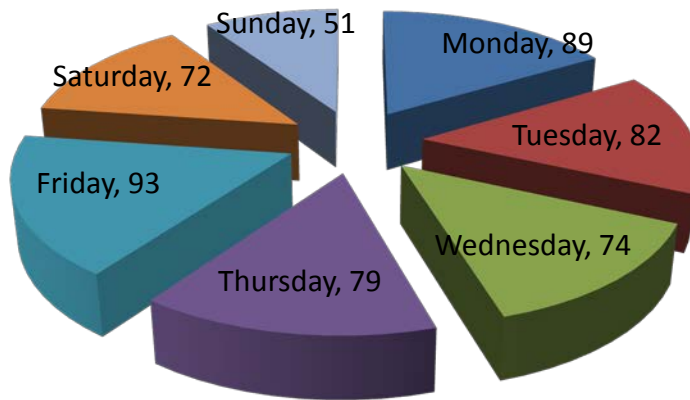


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Call by the Time of the Day



Calls by the Day of the Week



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