

WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

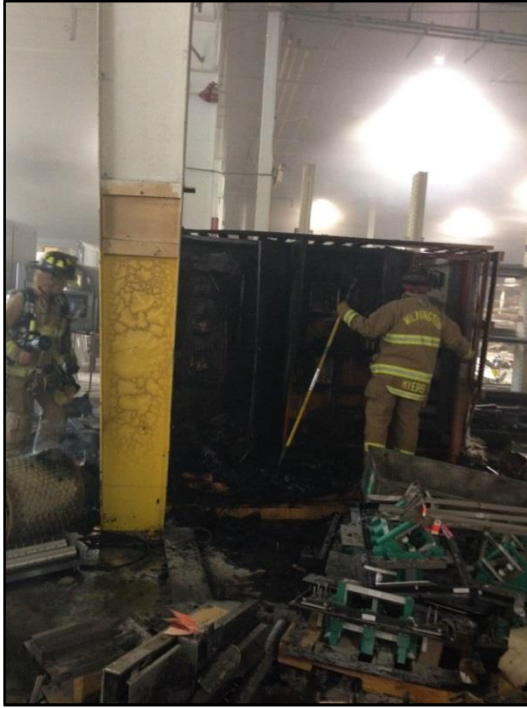


For the Wilmington Fire Department, 2014 was another record setting year in terms of runs. The number of calls for service we receive and respond to continues to rise.

Below is a chart of 2014 run numbers, including a comparison with 2013:

Type of Call	2013	2014
EMS Calls	2743	3083
Fire Calls	487	504
Total Calls	3230	3587
Mutual Aid Calls	111	167
Cover Runs	4	10
Received Mutual Aid	18	4
Average Runs per Day	8.85	9.83

In 2014, about 15 percent of our call volume was for fire-related emergencies.



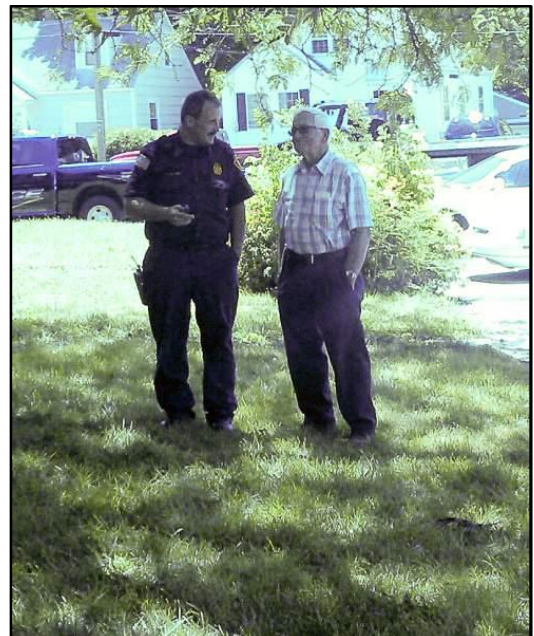
Members of the Wilmington Fire Department actively putting out a fire at a local manufacturing company.



The Fire Department and its members took part in many community events this year, including departmental tours, public interaction opportunities, as well as providing Fire and EMS coverage at special events in our area.



Fire Station Tour



One of the key services of the Wilmington Fire Department is fire inspections. These inspections are performed at existing buildings and businesses as well as for new construction projects. Fire inspections are time-intensive, but allow us to interact one-on-one and build valuable relationships with businesses owners and employees. The Fire Department staff completed approximately 400 fire inspections/re-inspections during 2014.

Participating in the foam tests at the Air Park was particular enlightening. The picture (below) depicts testing of the fire suppression system in the new JUMP hangar. During testing, this suppression system created approximately a ten-foot layer of foam in less than three minutes.



Testing of fire suppression system at JUMP hangar

We roll out our fire equipment the most for accidents, either vehicle or otherwise. Accidents tend to be the most difficult and challenging incidents we face.



Extraction of vehicle from building



The Fire Department's sources of revenue include levies, contracts with other jurisdictions, EMS billing, and leasing of fire equipment to other departments. In 2014, these sources of revenue totaled around \$1.3 million.

In 2014, we started the roof project on Fire Station I and are looking forward to its completion early in 2015. Our plans to repair the in-house vehicle exhaust system are currently on hold due to budget considerations.



Hose pressure testing –Annual maintenance



Rescue Boat Training

Regular training exercises and equipment maintenance programs are integral to ensuring department excellence. We look forward to continuing to stand at the ready in 2015, available to respond when the citizens of the City of Wilmington need us.

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