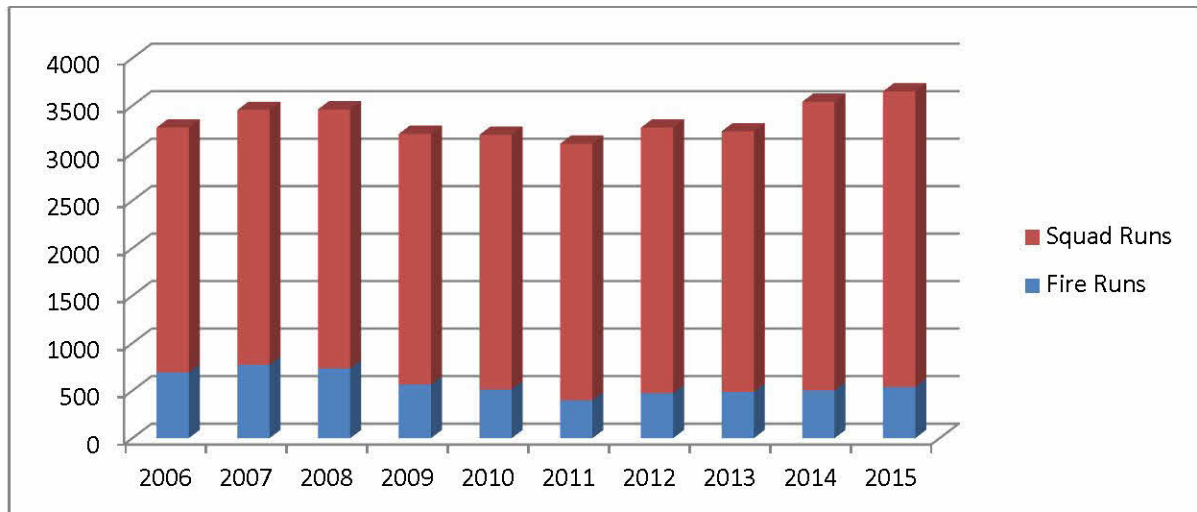


## WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015 marked 75 years of service for the Wilmington Fire Department. In October, with the help of many people and donations from many people and organizations we held an open house like has not been done in the history of the W.F.D. Hundreds of people got a chance to come see our equipment and station as well as meet the responders who serve the City of Wilmington. Once again we wish to thank everyone who got involved.

2015 was a very busy year for the Fire department. We completed approximately 430 fire inspections or re-inspections as well as foster care inspections, occupancy inspections, violation complaint investigations, and legal and illegal burn investigations.

Calls for service were up once again. Over the last 20 years our EMS calls have more than doubled from 1,584 to 3,113. Our calls for fire related emergencies have remained steady around 500 calls per year. Total call volume has almost doubled from 2,092 in 1995 to 3,651 in 2015.



For most of the year our staff remained at 16 full-time members. Staffing is currently down from approximately 40 full-time/intermittent staff at the beginning of 2009.

We began soft billing insurance companies in 2003 for EMS transports and since we began, we have collected \$6,846,991.87. This money offsets the general fund budget needed to provide services to our residents.

2016 gives us another chance to help others and we all look forward to working together as we serve others.



Field fire



Fire at Timbertech using unconventional ways to get to the fire.



Animal rescue- swan stuck in the ice.

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