

2015 Annual Report

Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority

Serving the communities of Eagle Township
and Watertown Charter Township since 2003

John Clark, Fire Chief

Michael Roman, Assistant Fire Chief



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LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD

The Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board is pleased to present the Annual Report for 2015. In this report you will find a review of what we did last year, including our performance and achievements and statistics. The LGRFA is responsible to set the annual budget and approve the overall direction of the Service. The Authority meets every month to review the overall functions and direction of the Authority. The LGRFA works with the Delta Township Fire Department Chief John Clark and Assistant Chief Mike Roman on all matters that pertain to the overall operation and success of the mission statement of the Authority. The LGRFA is also responsible to report Eagle Township and Watertown Charter Township in all matters as it relates to the contract agreement.

The Board would like to thank the members of the Delta Township Fire Department, the members of the Eagle Township and Watertown Charter Township and the support of the community for the work and efforts during the year of 2015. We look forward to continued success to serve our entire communities.

Steve Smith

Deb Adams

Billy Crego

John Clark

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February 15, 2016

Supervisor Patti Schafer

Supervisor John Maahs

Members of the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board

Members of the Eagle and Watertown Township Boards

The attached Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority 2015 Year End Report reflects the activities of the fire department for 2015. The report accurately reflects the department's ongoing fire prevention, training and emergency response to alarms.

I wish to thank the Board of Trustees of both townships, and the Township Manager of Watertown Charter Townships for all of their support given during the past year.

Sincerely,



Michael Roman

Assistant Fire Chief

Mission Statement

The mission of the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority is to protect the life and property of all within our service area by providing prevention, education, and rapid effective response to all fire and emergency situations.

History

The Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority was established in the fall of 2001 by an agreement between the Township of Eagle and the Watertown Charter Township as allowed by the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967.

The LGRFA has six appointed members that serve three year terms; each township selects and appoints three members. The Board has a facility committee and an executive committee that each have specific functions in the operation and management of our facility.

The LGRFA, in consultation with the townships, established a shared service agreement with Delta Township in 2012 to provide staffing for fire responses as well as an added ambulance service to better serve the emergency medical needs of our two communities. The LGRFA continues to own the building and equipment located near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and I-96.

The LGRFA board remains the entity responsible for providing emergency services to the two Townships. The day-to-day operations of the department are conducted by Delta Township Fire Department personnel under the direction of Delta Township Fire Department Assistant Chief Michael Roman.

The Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board



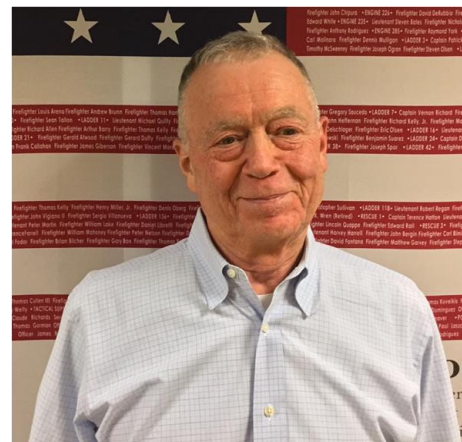
Steve Smith - Chairman



Deborah Adams



Billy Crego



John Clark



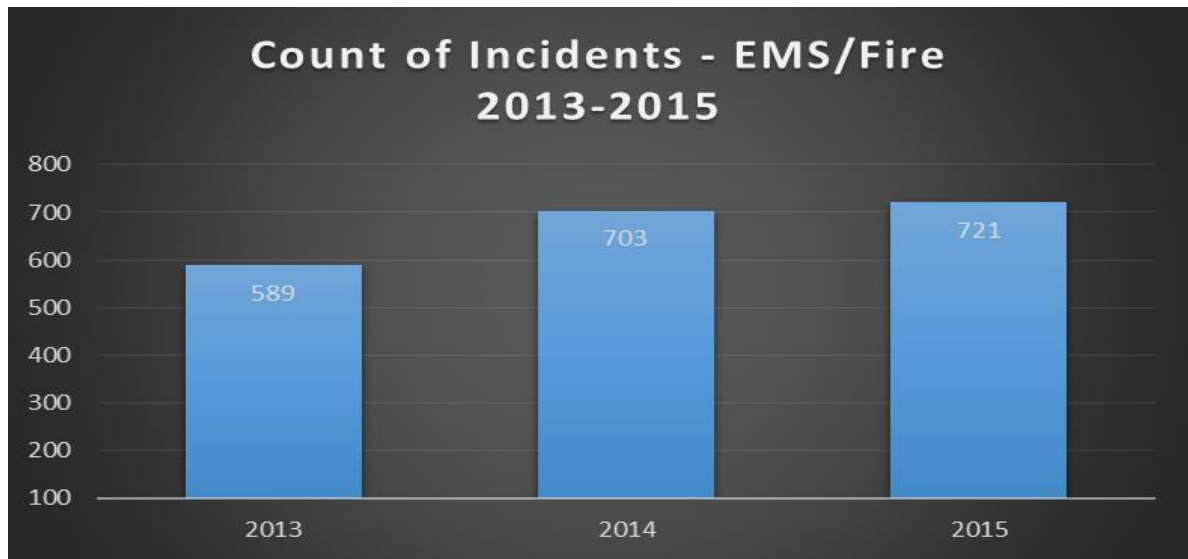
Phil Hill – Secretary



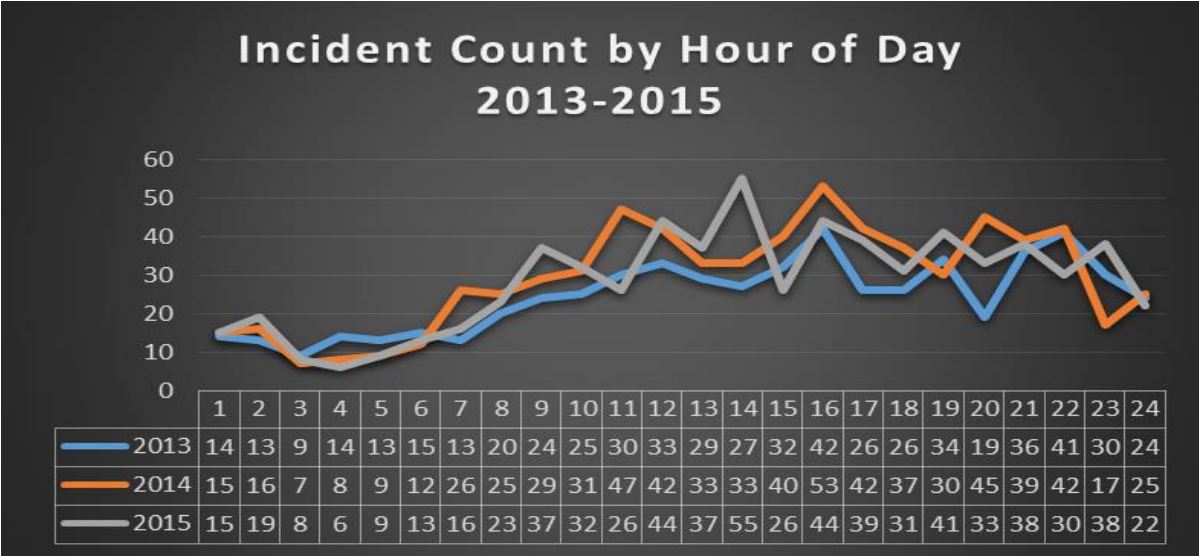
Ken Mitchell



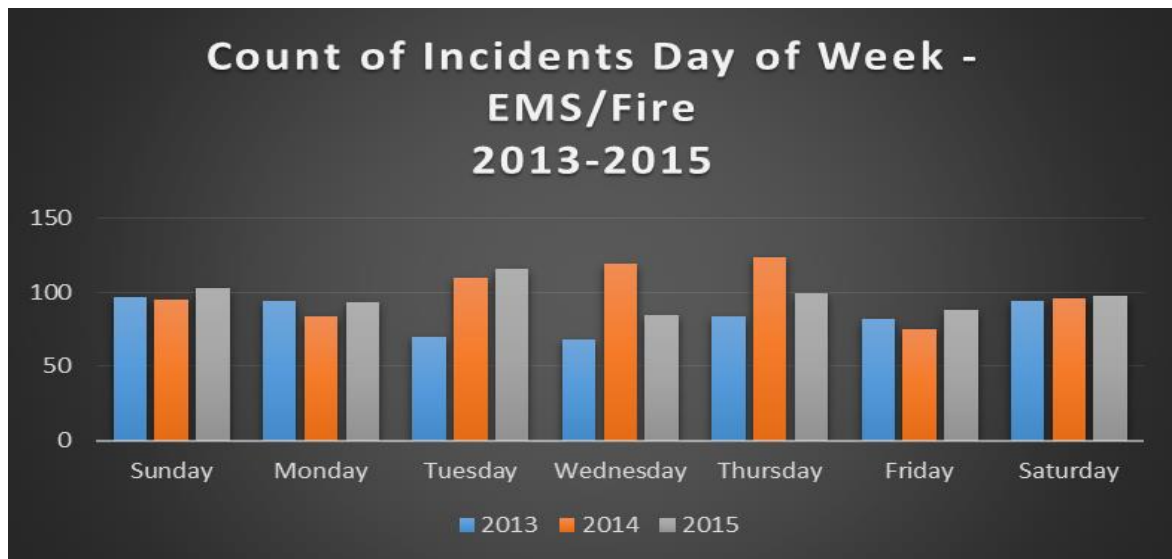
Incidents for Eagle and Watertown



June 9, 2015 - Eaton Hwy.



February 14, 2015 - Hinman Rd garage fire



September 21, 2015 - M-100 South of Clark Rd.

Notable Incidents For 2015

January 2015

- Ice rescue training at Sharp Park.

February 2015

- House fire on Hinman Rd
- PALS and ACLS recertification
- House fire with explosion in Delta Sunday 03-08-2015
- Granger landfill fire
- New SCBA bottles received

April 2015

- House fire on Wacousta Rd. across from Twp. Hall
- Hazmat at Wright Rd and Herbison, large red/green liquid spread across roadway - "liquid fertilizer" with concentration mix of "10-34-0"
- New SCBA bottles were put in service.

May 2015

- Working on training house in Delta on Old River Trail – plan is to train in it for the next 5-6 months, with live fire training in September

June 2015

- PI on Wright at I-96 – cement truck vs. car
- 2 vehicle PI on I-96 at MM82 (Wright Rd.) multiple rollover with multiple ejections from vehicle, 8 patients transported with one fatality from SUV
- Portland Tornado response

July 2015

- Roll-over, pin in accident on W. Grand River in Eagle, found on its roof with driver trapped

September 2015

- 2 semi-trucks with pickup truck crushed between them, minor injuries.
- Towed vehicle caught fire on Wright Rd. and Clark Rd.

October 2015

- Barn fire on W. Grand River, fully involved on arrival, no injuries
- Vehicle accident on I-96 at M-100, multi-vehicle with driver of one vehicle ejected and was a fatality

November 2015

- Car/semi accident in front of Flying J with approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel on the roadway
- Starting training at the old Days Inn on W. Saginaw. Room burns with multiple days of hose evolutions and forcible entry training
- House fire on Rolling Hill Ln. (started in an attached garage)

Personnel

John Clark, Fire Chief
Michael Roman, Assistant Fire Chief
Kenneth VanHall, EMS/Training Captain
Michael Roberts, Fire Inspector

Shift I

Dave Boomer
Captain
Del Teigeler
Acting Lieutenant
Brian Hatfield
Acting Lieutenant
Robert Cassie
Engineer
Kelby Leiby
Engineer
Jason Sarata
Engineer
Andrew Roman
FF/P
Nick Oberst
FF/P
Jay Green
FF/P
Dustin Hall
FF/P
Eric Miller
FF/P
Tim Conley
FF/P

Shift II

Kent Nordlund
Captain
Tom Maier
Lieutenant
Ken Barnes
Acting Lieutenant
Mike Martin
Engineer
Brian Beckwith
Engineer
Rachelle Feldpausch
Acting Engineer
Matt Calus
FF/P
Matthew Ash
FF/P
Daniel Bennett
FF/P
Travis McMillan
FF/P
Kevin Zimmerman
FF/P
Zach Williams
FF/P

Shift III

Stephen Funk
Acting Captain
Robert Lane
Acting Lieutenant
Ryan Morrissey
Acting Lieutenant
Tony Skutt
Engineer
Brent Davenport
Engineer
Michael Ruster
Engineer
Aaron Gorden
FF/P
Brian Oliveto
FF/P
Steven Casciotti
FF/P
Javier Ornelas
FF/P
Marten Reader
FF/P
Robert Urburtis
FF/P

Part-time

Rich Kieft, ***FF/EMT***
Rex Waltersdorf, ***FF/P***
Jeffrey Lyon, ***FF/EMT***
Nathan Bailey, ***FF/EMT***
Samuel Biddle, ***FF/EMT***
Dave Miller, ***Photographer***
Jacob Johnson, ***FF/P***
Nathan Lay, ***FF/P***

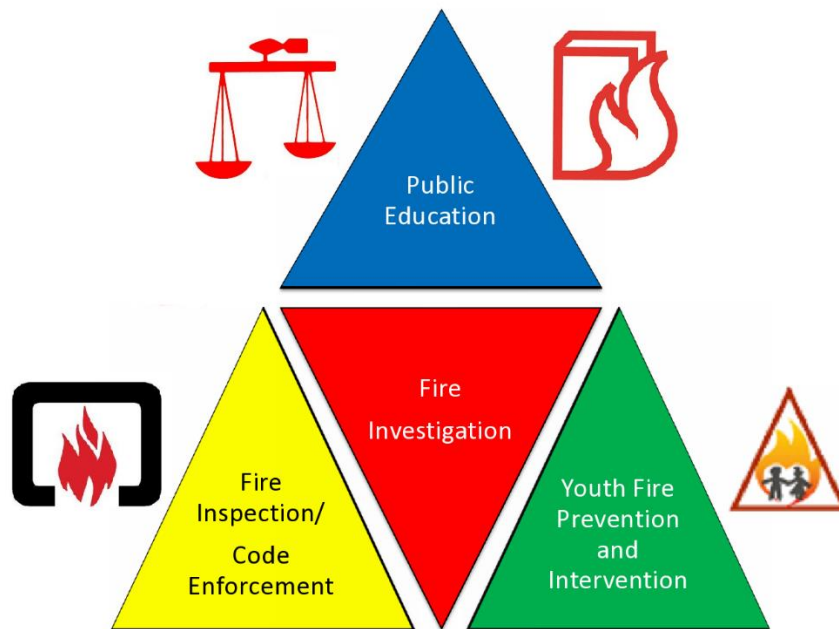
Support Services

Bernadette Burne
Seth Arbanas
Chris Fry
Kalis Greer
Jacob Jones
Chas McCoy
Elijah Bean
Derek Guyot



October 13th 2015 - Grand River and Jones Rd.

A Strategic Approach to Fire Prevention



The core mission of the fire service, fire department, and every firefighter is to protect lives and property. This is accomplished through a strong commitment to both fire prevention and fire response. While each of these services are equally vital in carrying out this mission, the Delta Township Fire Prevention Bureau focuses on the strategic planning and execution of fire prevention. This is accomplished with stakeholder involvement through 4 broad categories. These disciplines are Fire Investigation, Public Education, Fire Inspection, and Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention.

Paradoxically the best fire prevention begins with a comprehensive fire investigation of a fire incident. Finding the origin and cause of a fire and the analysis of that data allows the fire department to hold individuals accountable for their actions, and to discover trends and construct programs to lower fire risk. The Delta FPB currently conducts fire investigations in the LGRFA region in cooperation with the Clinton County Sherriff's Office.

Nationally, the fifth greatest cause of accidental deaths is those caused by fires in residential dwellings. State and local ordinances do not require that all dwellings be inspected for fire safety. The most effective means for fire prevention in these occupancies is public education. This is accomplished through presentations to associations and community groups, offering voluntary fire safety checks, and

providing information through social and news media outlets. The Delta FPB and the LGRFA have provided life safety information through the local media and have provided many demonstrations, stories, and other fire safety information. We recognize contributions to our effort from many local groups such as the Wacousta-Dewitt Masonic Lodge.

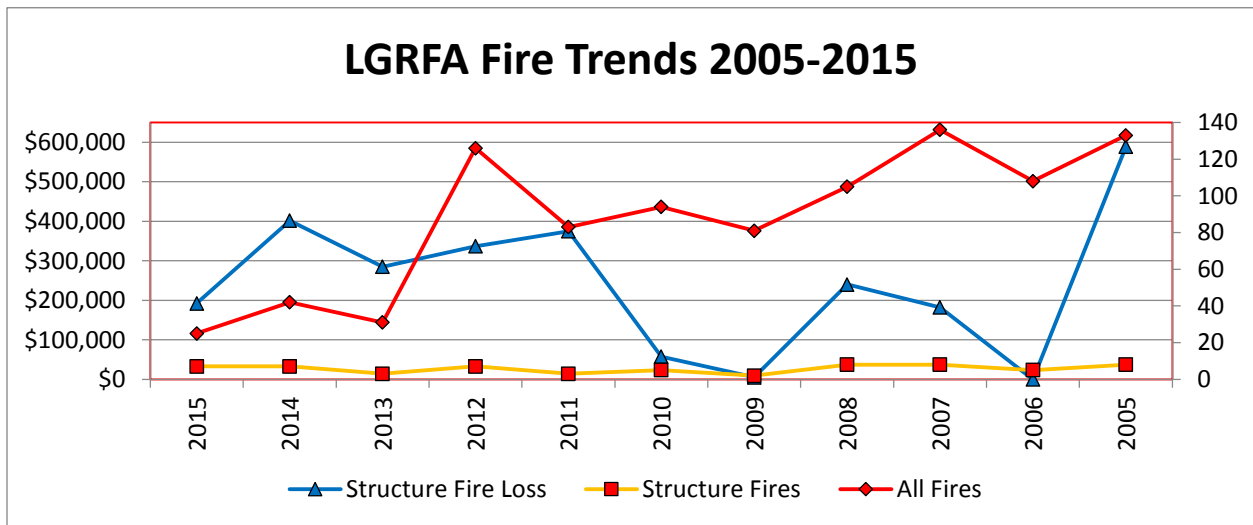
In order for fire prevention to be successful, there must be a behavior/culture change within an individual or organization towards fire and life safety. The most effective age group to instill these lifesaving skills is children. When children learn about fire and life safety, it tends to stay throughout their life. This also means that children who are found to be misusing fire (there is no such thing as “playing” with fire) need immediate intervention, education, and possible referral to our mental health community partners. We have annual targeted fire safety programs in the Wacousta Elementary School, hand out fire safety materials with a long “shelf-life”, and have provided intervention to children in the LGRFA area who were found to be misusing fire.

There is a symbiotic relationship between a community’s economy and its local business. In addition to the life safety of patrons and employees, the effect of fire on a business directly affects the surrounding businesses and local economy. Loss of supply, loss of community needs, loss of property, and loss of employee income are all products of a fire event in a business that affect the local economy. Fire inspections allow the fire department to aggregately lower the risk of fire throughout the business community and protect the local economy.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Structure Fire Statistics for LGRFA area

<u>Year</u>	<u>All Fires</u>	<u>Fires/1,000 pop.</u>	<u>Structure Fires</u>	<u>Total Fire Loss</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
2005	133	19.46	8	\$456,000	\$200,000
2006	108	15.81	5	\$0	\$0
2007	136	19.90	8	\$140,500	\$167,400
2008	105	15.37	8	\$165,000	\$340,000
2009	81	11.85	2	\$5,000	\$240,000
2010	94	13.76	5	\$55,200	\$122,000
2011	83	12.15	3	\$300,000	\$300,000
2012	126	18.44	7	\$213,600	\$928,500
2013	31	4.54	3	\$70,000	\$574,100
2014	42	6.15	7	\$267,900	\$1,303,500
2015	25	3.66	7	\$114,900	\$1,015,028



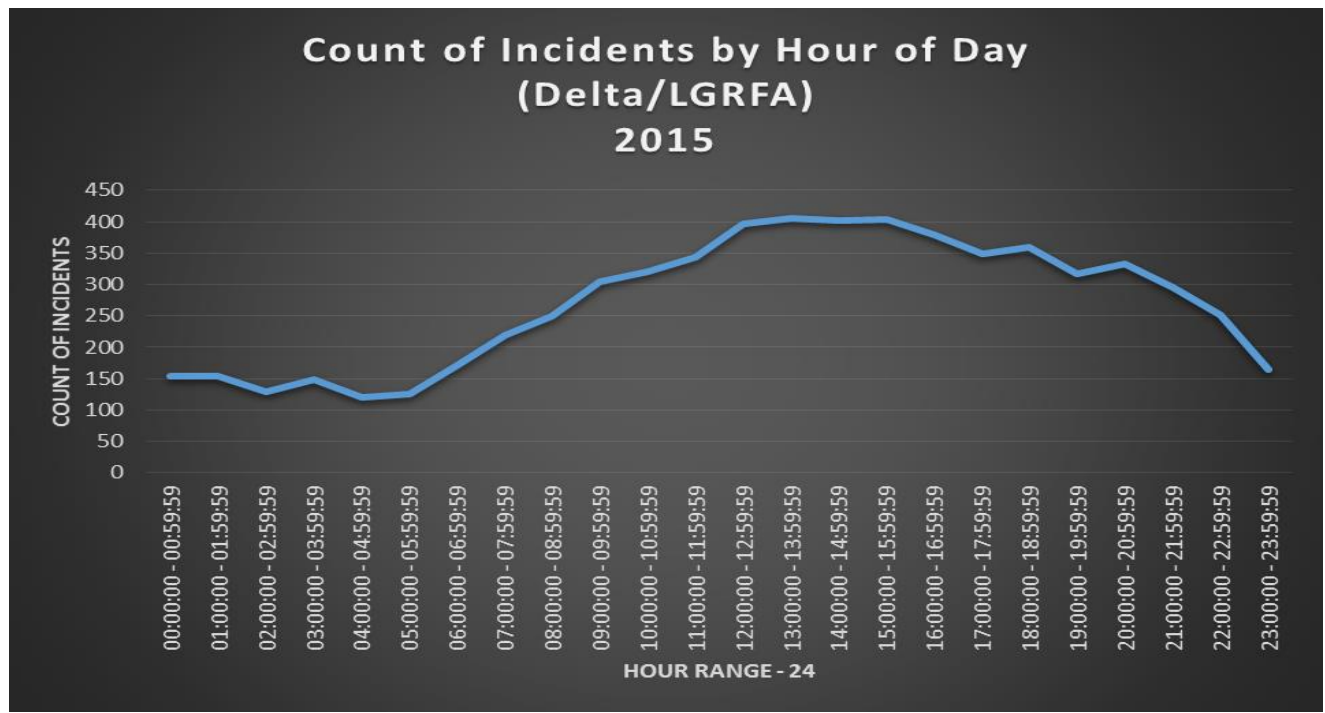
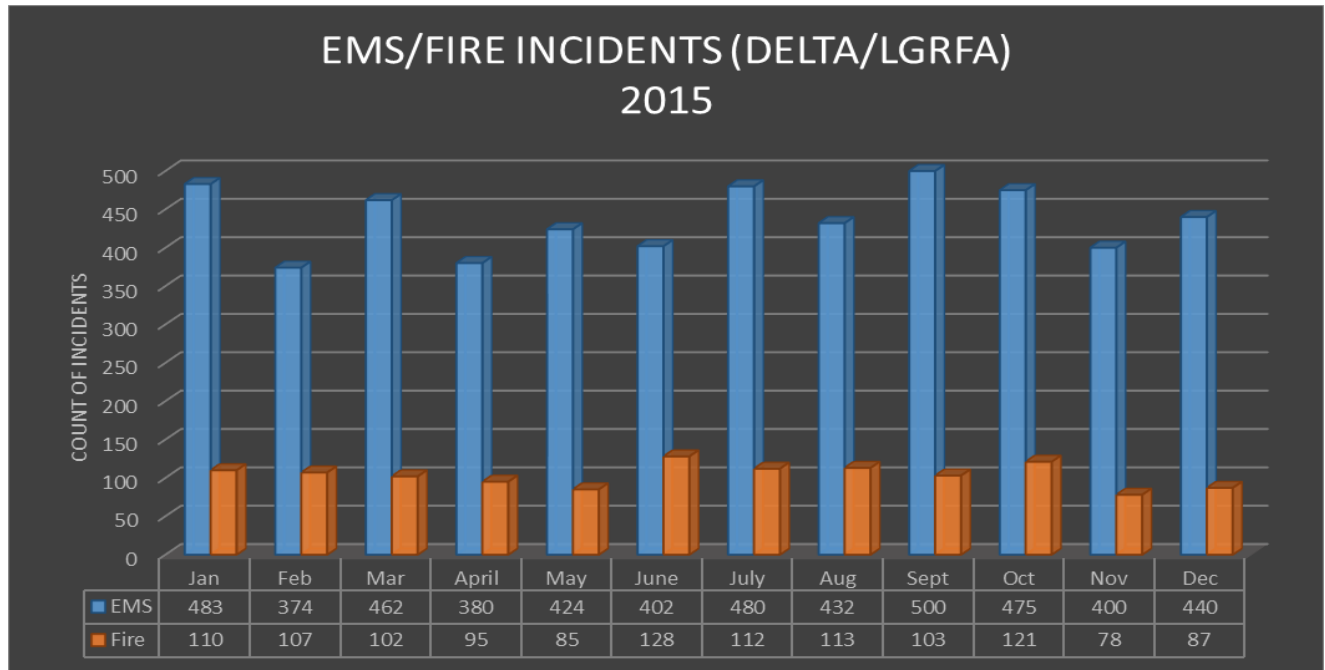
Plan Review

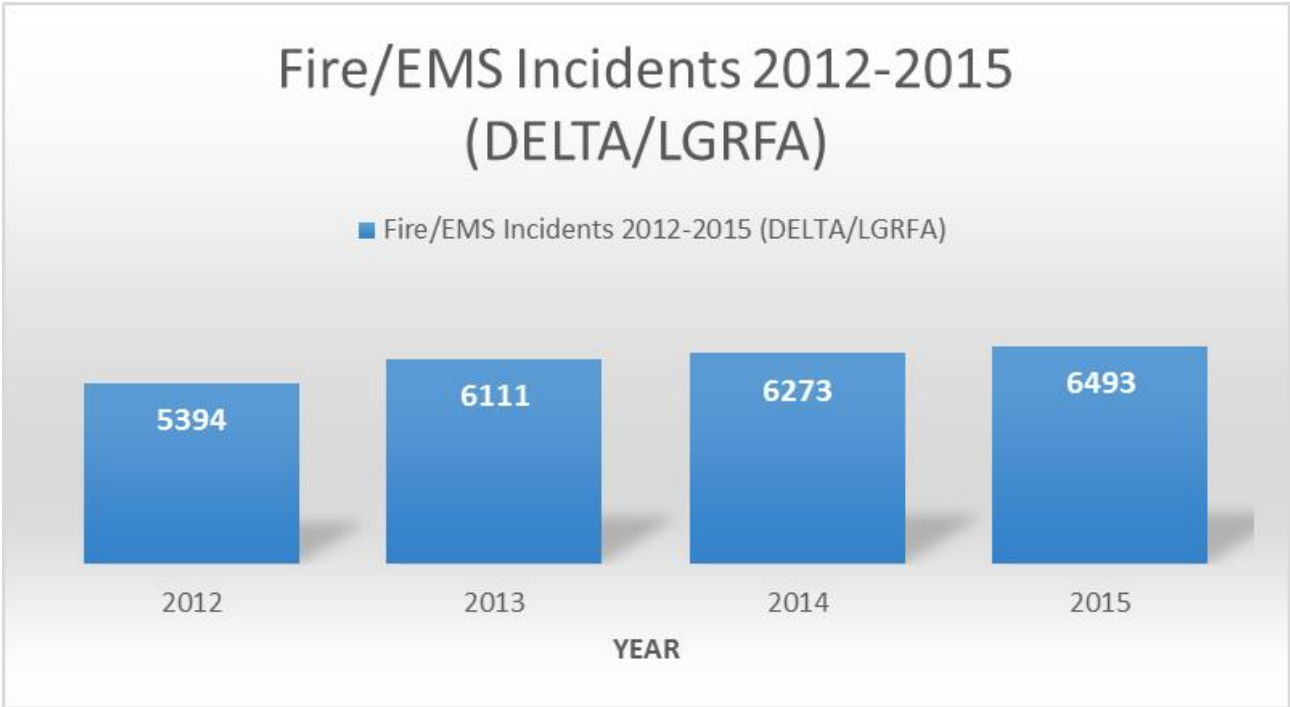
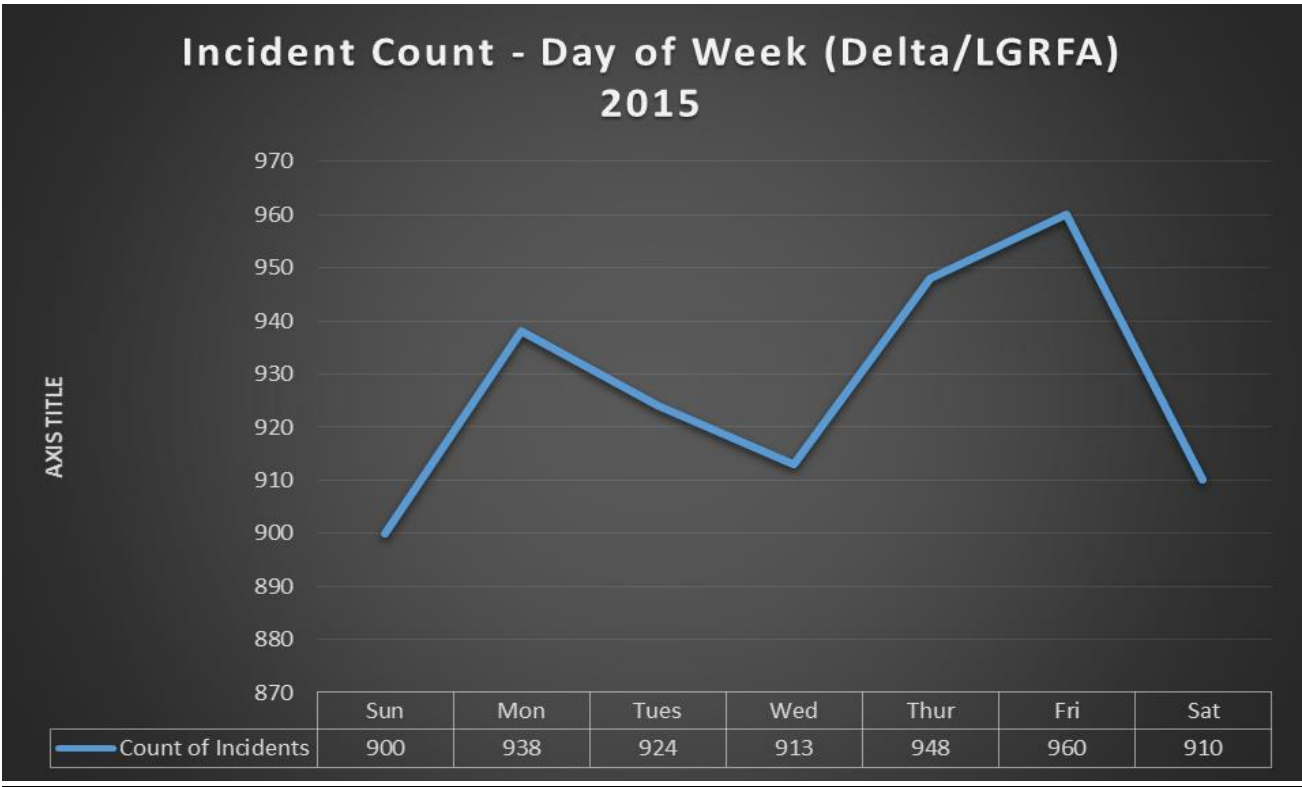
A total of 1 new and remodel construction plan review was conducted in 2015



April, 2015 - Wacousta Rd. House Fire

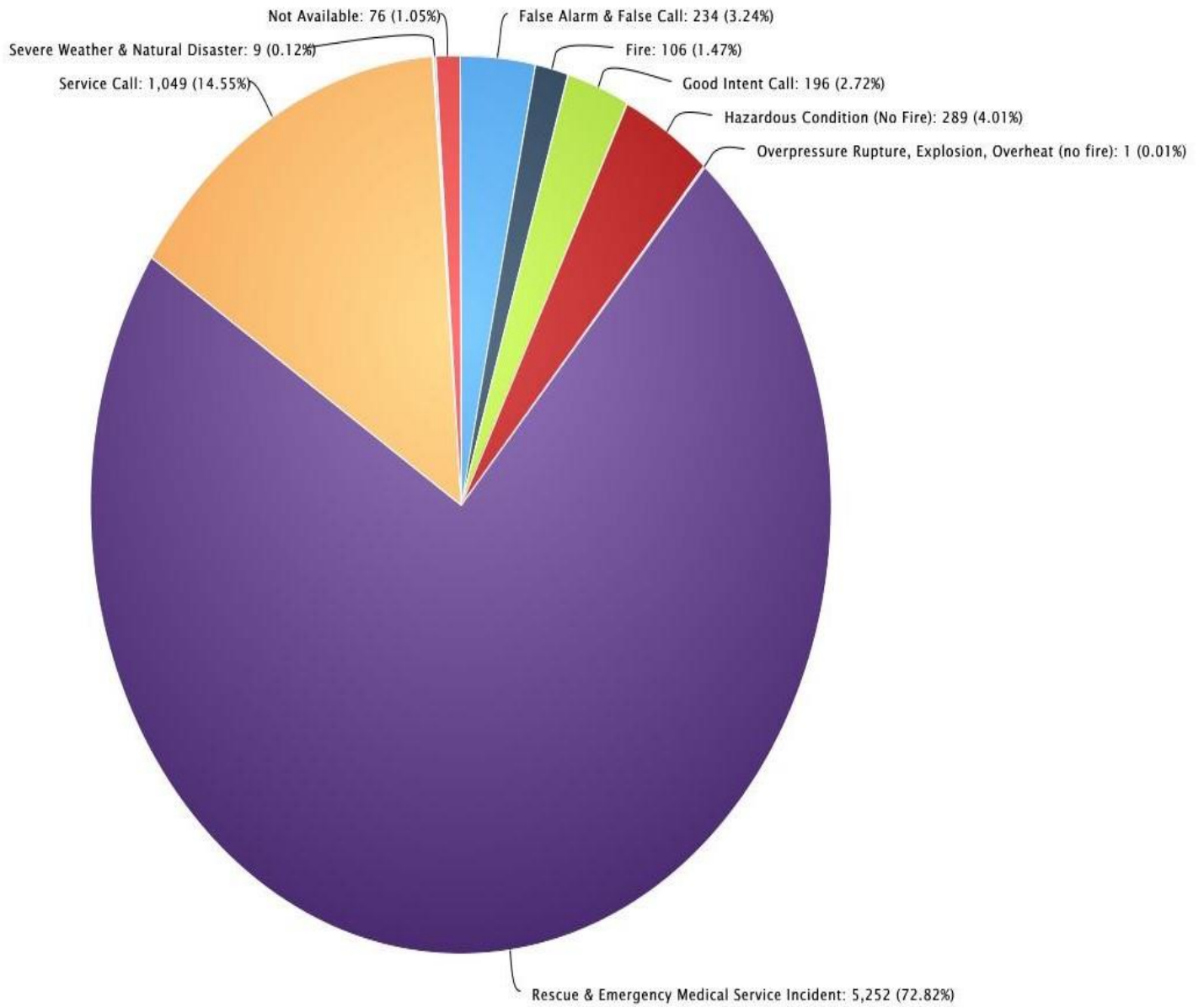
INCIDENT DATA for Delta and LGRFA

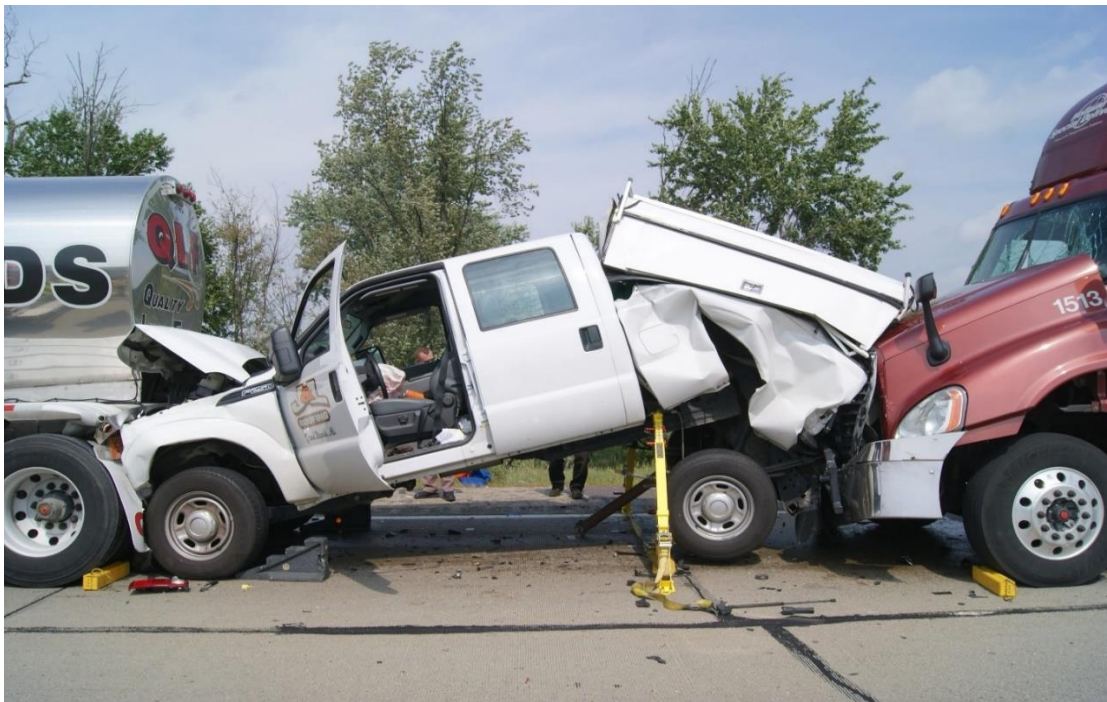
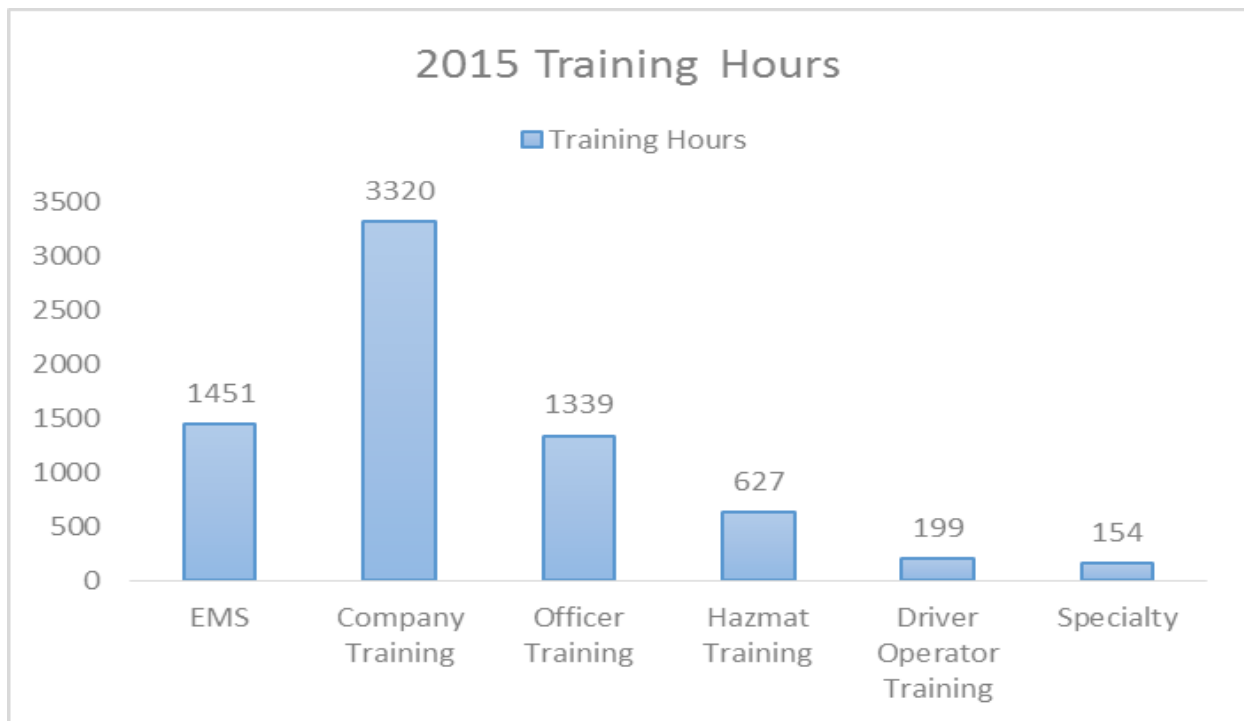




Count of Incidents by Incident Type (DELTA/LGRFA)

2015





September 8, 2015 - I-96 and M-100



June 19, 2015 - M-100 and I-96



September 21, 2015 - M-100 South of Clark Rd.



November 10, 2015 - in front of Flying J. Truckstop



July 23, 2015 - I-69 at Lowell Rd.