

2009

**Service Delivery Summary to the
Town of Winona Lake Town Council
by the
*Winona Lake Volunteer Fire
Department***

Your neighbors, co-workers and friends, helping you when you need it.



Your 2009 Fire/EMS Service Leaders

Chief: Mitch Titus

Asst Chief: Kevin Gelbaugh

Asst Chief: Kevin Bell

Captain: Jack Keirn

1st Lt: Dave Yotter

2nd Lt: Seth Rife



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Mission of the Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department

The mission of the Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department is the protection of life and property from the adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies or exposure to dangerous conditions through fire suppression, rescue, disaster preparedness, fire prevention and community education. The members of this department, working together, will provide a professional and caring environment that is fair, honest, ethical and that treats all individuals with respect and dignity.

Services Provided

Engine Company Operations
Ladder Company Operations
Rescue Company Operations
Hazardous Materials Operations
Storm Management Services
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Inspections
Fire Investigations
Community Social Activities, Winona Days, Triathlons,
Bike Races, Fundraising, etc.



Organization Background

Area Protected (square miles)	25
Population Protected	4,000
Number of Stations	1
Membership	28
Apparatus	
Engines	2
Aerial Trucks	1
Tankers	1
Utility Vehicles	1
Brush Truck	1



Accomplishments in the Last 12 Months

1. *Delivered Fire Prevention Programs to approximately 1,500 students and individuals in and around Winona Lake*
2. *Updated fire reporting software for state fire reports*
3. *Continuation of the FREE Smoke Detector give-away program*
4. *Expand our firefighting and rescue capabilities by acquiring updated equipment through grants and fundraisers.*
5. *Department members completed a comprehensive Ice Rescue Training course*
6. *Implemented Mobile Data Computer in Engine 152 with updated GIS mapping capabilities.*
7. *Evaluated Fire Territory Option*
8. *75 foot Ladder Truck acquisition*



Objectives for 2009-2010

1. **Financial Management**
 - a. **Recognize Organizational priorities.**
 - b. **Evaluate optional forms of revenue through grants and fund raisers for specific items (training, equipment, etc).**
 - c. **Begin developing short and long term strategies for tough economic times.**

2. **Begin Capital improvement plan for: Station, Equipment, and Apparatus**
 - a. **Fire Station – Evaluate additional improvement needs (25 years old)**
 - b. **Equipment – Evaluate aging equipment needs/replacement, Continue bunker gear replacement program 5 year cycle**
 - c. **Apparatus – Evaluate/continue preventative maintenance practices, Evaluate aging apparatus needs/replacement.**

3. **Evaluate and enhance the delivery of the Fire Department based EMS (First Responder Program) within the community in cooperation with Multi-township EMS and under the direction of Kosciusko Community Hospital.**



Objectives for 2009-2010

- 4. Continue to provide quality training for members to meet the growing demands of our service delivery. (Trench Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Water Rescue, Ice Rescue, Vehicle Rescue, Rapid Intervention Training, Advanced Fire Suppression Training, Hazardous Materials Training, EMS Training, etc)**
- 5. Continue an aggressive Fire Prevention Program to educate the community about Fire and Life Safety issues.**
- 6. Continue to conduct fire awareness and fire extinguisher training to Grace College Resident Assistants and Resident Directors.**
- 7. Continue a proactive business inspection program to enhance public safety and reduce the chance of fire loss.**
- 8. Conduct pre-fire planning for local businesses, churches, schools and assembly areas.**
- 9. Continue to establish the Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department as leaders in the Fire Service!**

Grants obtained over past several years

• 1999 K-21 Thermal Imager	\$ 15,000
• 2000 Indiana Department of Homeland Security Tanker 155	\$ 100,000
• Fundraising for Tanker	\$ 40,000
• 2002 FIRE Act Grant	
• Air supply compressor	\$ 23,700
• SCBA	\$ 20,000
• Bunker Gear	\$ 10,000
• 2003 K-21 First Responder Equipment	\$ 12,000
• 2003 K-21 5 Gas meter	\$ 2,000
• 2003 US Smokeless Tobacco Gator Rescue Vehicle	\$ 12,000
• 2004 Fire Act Grant	
• Hose and nozzles, Hose tester	\$ 25,000
• Bunker Gear Washer/Dryer	\$ 11,300
• Vehicle Exhaust System	\$ 35,000
• 2006 K-21 SCBA	\$ 90,000
• 2006 Donations and Fundraisers Extrication Tools	\$ 15,000
• 2007 Indiana Dept of Homeland Security, Laptop, projector	\$ 5,400
• 2002-2008 Indiana DNR Bunker Gear	\$ 20,000
• 2002-2008 Kosciusko County Foundation Bunker Gear	\$ 30,000

Over \$500,000 Total



Annual Volunteer Value

Annual Volunteer Value is based on Independent Sector estimates for 2008 the value of a volunteer hour is \$20.25 per hour

2008 man hours for WLFD fire/EMS runs and training = 9,891 hours

Total 2008 Value in man hours \$ 200,293.00

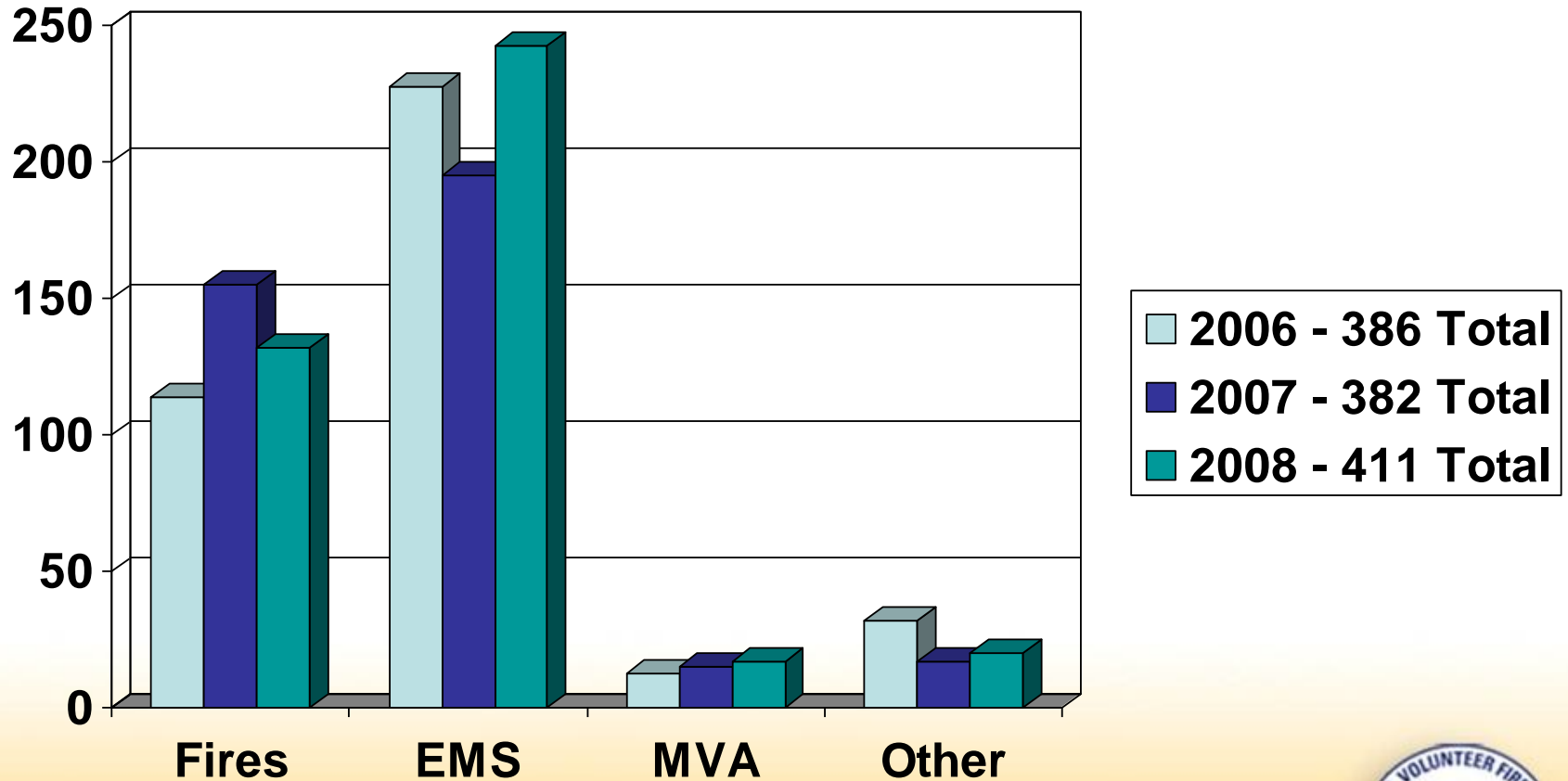
(This value does not include hours devoted to meetings, Apparatus checks and upkeep, or administrative duties)



Run Statistics

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Structure Fires	94	90	69
False Alarms	32	48	29
Vehicle Fires	1	5	5
Vegetation Fires	5	12	11
EMS-Calls	242	195	227
Vehicle Accidents	15	15	13
Other Rescues	2	3	1
Hazardous Materials	15	15	14
Service Calls	4	0	9
Other Calls	1	2	9
Total Runs	411	382	386
Total Times WLFM Received Mutual Aid from other FD's			
	19	18	20
Total Times WLFM Gave Mutual Aid To other FD's			
	60	68	30

Response Patterns (Years)



Training – The Foundation of a Firefighter!

- 28 Active member have put in 2,888 total hours of training over the last three years.
- Training requirements for volunteer firefighters is exactly the same as it is for career firefighters.
- WLFD firefighters have traveled as far as Maryland to the National Fire Academy for training.

Did You Know...

- Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department has been in service since 1914.
- Nearly 8 of every 10 firefighters in the U.S. is a volunteer
- Volunteers, if paid, would cost taxpayers an estimated \$48 billion per year
- 75% of the 31,000 fire departments in the U.S. are all volunteer, Additional 17% are mostly volunteer. 83% of fire departments in Indiana are all volunteer.
- 823,950 volunteer firefighters in the U.S.
- 59% of Fire Departments provide EMS services

Figures taken from NFPA US Fire Dept. Profile Through 2006, NASF Rural Fire Protection in America, 2007





Frank Wegloski 2007

Engine 153 – 1990 Grumman Pumper 1250 GPM Pump 1000 Gal. Tank



Frank Wegloski 2007

Engine 152 – 1995 E-One Pumper 1250 GPM Pump, 1000 Gal. Tank



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Tanker 155 – 2000 S&S Tanker, 500 GPM Pump, 3000 Gal. Tank



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Truck 154 – 2007 Chevy Pickup, 125 GPM Pump, 100 Gal. Tank



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2003 John Deere Gator – Rescue Vehicle



1984 American LaFrance 75' Ladder, 1500 GPM Pump, 300 Gal. Tank

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**Thank you for your
continued support.**

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