# 2016 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### CONCERNED PROFESSIONALS PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE





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#### INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the men and women of the Evansville Fire Department, I am pleased to submit the 2016 Executive Summary. We are an organization that is dedicated to our community. Our Mission Statement includes the following, "Concerned professionals protecting the community we serve". We serve our citizens, neighbors, friends and visitors with passion and professionalism. The Evansville Fire Department is making great strides improving the resiliency of the firefighter to meet the ever increasing demands from the community. The most important component of our emergency response capability is a fit, trained and equipped response force.

The Evansville Fire Department now adheres to industry standard medical evaluations. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments includes cardiac and cancer screening. Deaths due to heart attacks and cancer related illness are the top two killers of firefighters nationwide. Compliance with this standard reduces that risk for our own firefighters here in Evansville, Indiana.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security awarded the Evansville Fire Department an Infrastructure Maintenance Grant for use at the EFD Training Facility. The grant

provides funding for ongoing maintenance and improvements to the facility that is also utilized by area departments within Indiana Department of Homeland Security, District 10. This improves our ability to train not only our firefighters but also firefighters around the region.

In April of 2016 EFD received delivery of a new Pierce Pumper that was put in service on the city's east side at Station #6. In October, 2016 the Evansville Fire Department submitted a purchase order for a new Pierce 75' Quint (combination Ladder truck and Pumper truck) to be placed in service at Station #5 in August of 2017. Those purchases keep us on pace for replacement of one truck in our emergency response fleet every year. That replacement rate of fire-trucks in the fleet continues to provide a stable platform for our firefighters to work from when called to the emergency scene.

With a fit, trained and equipped response force we can achieve our mission's three primary objectives:

Life Safety Incident Stabilization Property Conservation

The members of our fire department and support staff are at your service. We provide the basic components of emergency response, but we also provide more. Within the pages of the 2016 Executive Summary, you will find professionals that are eager to serve you.

You and your family's safety is my goal. Please contact my office if you have ideas to share that will help the Evansville Fire Department improve our community and its safety.

I am prepared to serve you.

Thank you.

#### EFD ADMINISTRATION

*Fire Chief* Charles M. Connelly

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Anslinger

*Battalion Chiefs* Chief of Administration Dan Grimm Chief of Operations Charles Hertzberger

**District Chiefs** Chief of Training Mike Ewald Chief of Inspections Greg Main Chief of Special Operations & Planning Ken Zuber

First Platoon Shift Operations West District Chief Amy Smith First Platoon Shift Operations East District Chief Shawn Willis Second Platoon Shift Operations West District Chief Mike Dickinson Second Platoon Shift Operations East District Chief Mark Mastison Third Platoon Shift Operations West District Chief Tim Krack Third Platoon Shift Operations East District Chief Ray Goff

#### **Investigators**

Supervising Investigator Richard Howard First Platoon Investigator Eric Eifert Second Platoon Investigator Kim Garrett Third Platoon Investigator Tim Strange

> *Chaplains* Chaplain Ken Olson Chaplain Tony Payne

#### **Instructors**

Instructor Steve Jordan Instructor Mike Larson Instructor Rick Whitehouse

#### **Inspectors**

Inspector David Brinkmeyer Inspector Michael Doran Inspector Steve Hochstetler Inspector Bill Jackson Inspector Joe Mayer Inspector Randy Rankin Inspector Kevin Shelley Inspector Brian Singer

#### **Office** Administration

Receptionist Ruth Ann Adams EMS Manager Keith Current Office Manager/Bookkeeper Kelly Frankenberger IT/Communications Specialist Ryan Hobbs Fire Safety Education/Fire Merit Liaison, Instructor Jerry Steckler Facilities Management, Inspector Syl Stofleth Executive Secretary Cathleen Tamez

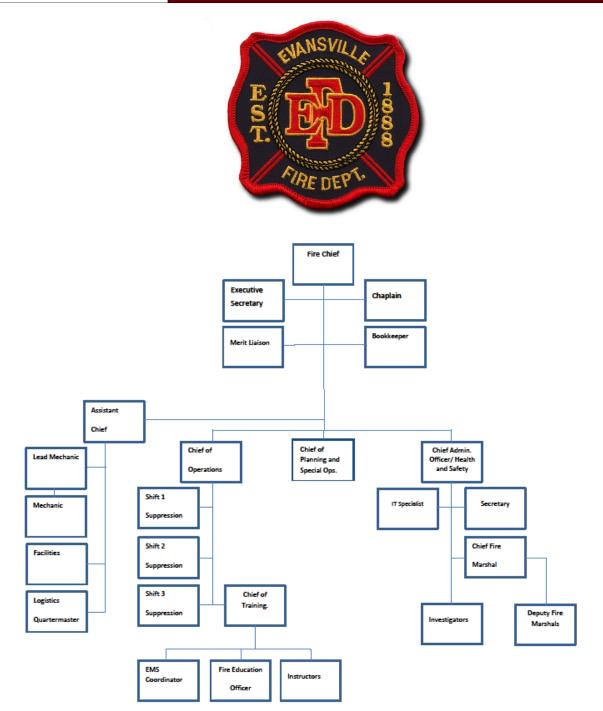
#### Fleet Maintenance Shop

Lead Mechanic Greg Lantaff Mechanic Chris Cox Mechanic David Hulgus Mechanic James Nellis





#### TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



### 2016

#### COMMISSION & BOARDS

# **Fire Merit Commission**

The Evansville Fire Merit Commission shall consist of five commissioners. Each commissioner must have been a legal resident of Vanderburgh County for three consecutive years immediately preceding his term and must be a person of good moral character. Each commissioner shall take an oath of office to conscientiously discharge his duties. The term of a commissioner is four years.

The commission shall have the authority to adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations concerning selection, appointment, promotion, and procedural matters relating to discipline of members of the Fire Department.

The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing the selection and appointment of persons to be employed as members of the department, subject to State pension requirements and this chapter.

President Ryan M. Schulz Vice president Talmage O. Vick Secretary James E. Nunning Member Michael T. Gilkey, Member Jesse O. Storey, Member

# FIRE PENSION BOARD

The Evansville Fire Department's Pension Board is comprised of the Mayor and the Fire Chief who shall hold their positions as long as they are in office, one (1) retired member of the department, and four (4) active members of the department, of which one is elected Pension Secretary.

The Fire Pension Secretary is responsible for the 1937 fund members, the converted member's payroll and administration of the fund. The Board is responsible for all new candidate applications and medical acceptance into the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS). The Pension Board is responsible for all disability claims submitted to INPRS. The EFD Fire Pension Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meetings are open to the public and are available on the City's meeting archives.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke Fire Chief Mike Connelly Pension Secretary Lt. Chuck Mangold Captain Anthony Knight Captain Kirk Kuhnel Captain James Melloy District Chief (Retired) Bruce Woodward

### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF

The office of the Assistant Chief is responsible for overseeing the Fleet Maintenance Division, Facilities Maintenance Division, Communications/IT Division and Quartermaster.

The Fleet Maintenance Division is responsible for the upkeep of the department's vehicles, apparatus, support vehicles, firefighting equipment, SCBA cascade systems and SCBA air packs. The Department has:

20 Frontline apparatus43 Staff vehicles5 Reserve apparatus2 Training Division apparatus7 Special Operations apparatus125 SCBA air packs



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All apparatus are required to have annual services and recertification of the pumps, aerial devices, fire hose and all ground ladders. The work is performed by 4 personnel, the Lead technician and 3 technicians.

The Facilities Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining all Fire Department facilities. The Evansville Fire Department has 14 Fire Stations, 1 Training Center, Fleet Maintenance shop and the Fire Administration building the require continuous upkeep. This work is handle by the Facilities Manager and the City Maintenance personnel.

The Communications/IT Division is responsible for all Fire Department computers and communication equipment. All apparatus are equipped with mobile computer terminals (mct), mobile radios, 800 MHz Hoosier Safe-T radios as well as portable radios for each firefighter. This work is performed by 1 Communications Specialist.

The Quartermaster is responsible for outfitting all Fire Suppression Personnel with the needed structural firefighter gear they will need to perform their duties as firefighters. In 2016, all Suppression Personnel were issued a second set of structural firefighting gear. This effort will help increase the service life of each set of gear. The Quartermaster is also responsible for scheduling annual inspections on the fire gear, making repairs to the fire gear and replacing the gear when it is no longer serviceable. This work is performed by the Quartermaster.

The Evansville Fire Department has a large inventory of apparatus, vehicles, equipment, facilities, firefighting gear and communications equipment that is maintained by 7, dedicated and hardworking, individuals who help keep the Evansville Fire Department functioning on a daily basis.

Paul H. Anslinger Assistant Fire Chief

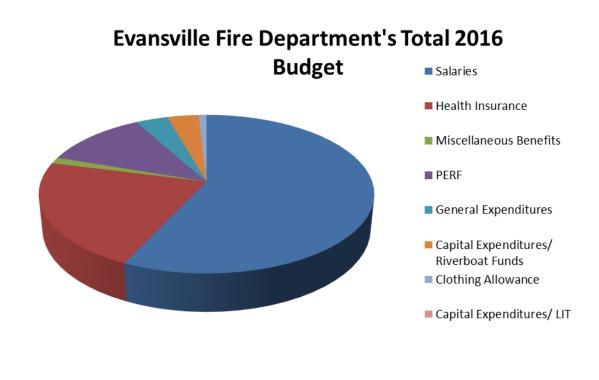
### 2016

#### BUDGET/EXPENDITURES

The Evansville Fire Department's total budget for 2016 was \$29,625,382.72. The following is a breakdown of our budget:

- Salaries \$16,621,150 or 56.11% of the total budget
- Health insurance \$6,405,666.64 or 21.62% off the total budget
- Social Security, Unemployment & Workman's Comp \$533,234.29 or 1.29% of the total budget
- PERF (Public Employees Retirement Fund) \$3,406,975.69 or 11.5% of the total budget
- General Expenditures \$1,063,717.56 or 3.59% of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/Riverboat Funds \$1,033,242.25 or 3.49% of the total budget
- Clothing Allowance \$256,004.34 or .86% of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/ Local Income Tax (LIT) \$4,138.80 or .01% of the total budget

The cost for fire service is \$204.01 per resident/year.



#### OPERATIONS DIVISION

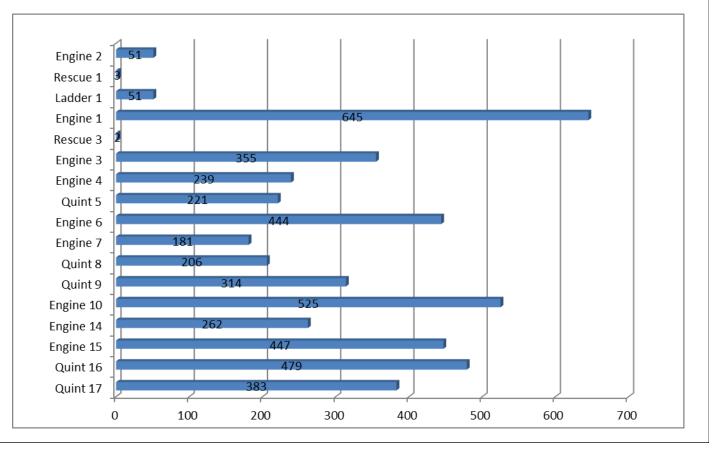


The Suppression Division consists of 255 firefighters comprised of 1 Chief of Operations, 6 Suppression Chiefs, 51 Captains, 36 Lieutenants, 155 Privates, 3 Fire Investigators and 1 Arson K-9. The Suppression Division is manned by firefighters who work on one of our three (3) twenty-four (24) hour rotating shifts. Each shift is comprised of 83 personnel operating from one of Evansville's 14 fire stations.

Prompt response times equate to greater management to property conservation. More importantly, our efforts to safely respond in a timely manner, saves more lives. The Evansville Fire Department had a total of 9314 emergency incidents in 2016. The Average Response Time was 3 minutes and 48 seconds (3:48) for the first company arrival.

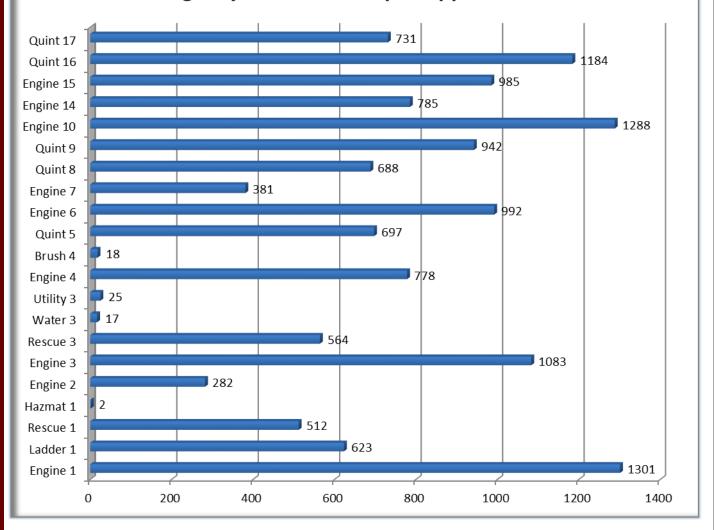
The Evansville Fire Department has and will succeed in providing superior response and care for the Citizens of Evansville. As a professional fire service organization that believes in superior service and care, we continue to strive for improvement through daily adherence to preparedness and training.

### **EFD MEDICAL RESPONSE BY FIRE STATIONS**



### OPERATIONS DIVISION

**Emergency Run Numbers per Apparatus 2016** 



#### <u>Calls: 9314</u> Average Response Time 3 minutes and 48 seconds (3:48) (Dispatch notification to 1<sup>st</sup> company arriving on scene)

In 2016 the Evansville Fire Department responded to a total of 9314 fire and medical "Calls for Service." The average time for the Evansville Fire Department from dispatch to arrival of the first company at the emergency was 3 minutes and 48 seconds. The Departments response time is consistent with NFPA Standard 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.

### OPERATIONS DIVISION

		Engine 1	4FF
Station 1 HAZMAT		Ladder 1	4FF
TRT Rescue	750 S.E. Eighth St.	Rescue 1	2FF/EMT
		Investigation Unit	1 Investigator
		Hazmat 1 & Trailer	Cross-staffed
Station 2	3601 Maxx Rd.	Engine 2	4FF
		Engine 902	
		Engine 3	4FF
Station 3	310 N. Fourth Ave.	Rescue 3	2FF/EMT
Water Rescue Dive Rescue		Utility 3	Cross-staffed
Dive Rescue		Water 3/Zodiac 3	Cross-staffed
		Dive Trailer	Cross-staffed
Station 4	1200 Oakhill Rd.	Engine 4	4FF
		Brush 4	
Station 5	2413 W. Maryland St.	Quint 5	4FF
	-	Quint 908	
Station 6	6521 Washington Ave.	Engine 6	4FF
Station 7	1050 S. Barker Ave.	Engine 7	4FF
		Engine 905	
Station 8	2003 N. Kentucky Ave.	Quint 8	4FF
	5	Quint 908	
Station 9	2020 Keystone	Quint 9	4FF
	5	Quint 909	
Station 10	120 E. Columbia St.	Engine 10	4FF
WEST CHIEF OFFICE		West District Chief	1DC
Station 14	545 S. Willow Rd.	Engine 14	4FF
Station 15	1711 S. Weinbach Ave.	Engine 15	4FF
		Ē915	
Station 16	2801 Washington Ave.	Quint 16	4FF
EAST CHIEF OFFICE	÷	Ladder 916	
		East District Chief	1DC
Station 17	425 W. Mill Rd.	Quint 17	4FF





### EMS DIVISION

The Evansville Fire Department first responds to all Delta response calls with AMR, and when requested by the Evansville Police Department and other agencies. The Evansville Fire Department responded to 9314 overall calls in 2016, with the EMS Division responding to 5793 of those calls for assistance. That shows that EMS runs accounted for 62% of the overall run volume of the Evansville Fire Department for the year 2016.

The Evansville Fire Department recertified 6 Paramedics, 72 EMTs, and 30 EMRs in 2016. The Evansville Fire Department currently has 74% of its members certified as EMTs or Paramedics. Everyone is at least certified at the Emergency Medical Responder level. The Evansville Fire Department tracks the following vital signs: Blood Pressure, Heart Rate, and Respiratory Rate. We maintain a 99% compliance in obtaining at least partial vital signs on runs where we arrive prior to AMR.

In 2016, The Deaconess Hospital Foundation, purchased 35 pulse-ox units that were placed on all Evansville Fire Department apparatus. This is another essential tool for checking oxygenation of our patients, in the field.

In May, the Evansville Fire Department received word from The Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival program, that they had a 39.8% return of pulse by EMS for their patients, which is 6.1 % higher than the national average, and their survival to discharge from hospital to home, is 14.4% compared to the national average of 10.6%.

We will continue to keep our firefighters EMS compliant and provide further continuing education training so that they are up to date on the latest innovations and methods. We have placed pulse-ox units on all apparatus and we

will be deploying our new rehab unit to assist at scenes to assist with the health and safety of our firefighters.

#### **Programs/Events**

Worked with the Southern Indiana Technical School in certifying 19 of their students as EMRs

Worked with Training Division and provided crews for the first aid stations at the Fall Festival.

Worked with Administration with scheduling, compliance, preparedness and supplies for the WPE.

Worked on with Deaconess on training for the new pulse-ox units placed on our apparatus.

Currently working with Deaconess on new EMS protocols in order to stay current with the changes in pre-hospital healthcare.



### QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

Since the implementation of the Evansville Fire Department Quartermaster Division in 2014, we have striven to continue upgrading and replacing the gear on which our firefighter's lives depend. The Quartermaster Division's

function is to provide service to firefighters through proper evaluation, maintenance, and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Firefighter safety is the number one focus of the Quartermaster Division.

The goal is to maintain two sets of gear for each firefighter which will allow the firefighters with a back-up set in the event their primary set is dirty or needs repairs. This has the added benefit of helping the longevity of each set of gear.

Evaluation of firefighter gear will be an ongoing process for the Quartermaster Division. Along with the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Safety Committee, the Quartermaster Division will continue to seek out PPE that best fit the Department's needs.

Maintenance of Evansville Firefighter gear consists of cleaning, inspection and repair. NFPA recommends that this is done at least once per year. The Quartermaster Division documents all of this through tracking software, with all cleaning and repairs entered in a PPE tracking software.



The Quartermaster Division does most of its repairs in-house, which includes patching, replacing Velcro, fixing suspender and liner attachments, pocket replacements, pocket dividers, zipper repairs and helmet liner replacements among others. It also performs occasional tests on the PPE including the water resistance ability of liners and boots.

Firefighter turnout gear is recycled in different ways when it comes to the end of its useful life. The Quartermaster strips the gear of all useful parts and uses those parts to repair other gear and the Training Division will utilize some of the recycled gear for non-fire training scenarios.

Proper care and maintenance of firefighter PPE will not only help to keep firefighters safe on the job; it will help to prevent future illness. Exposure to hazardous contamination left on the gear is one of the leading causes of death in retired firefighters. Firefighters help to protect our city; the Quartermaster Division in turn helps to protect them.

#### TRAINING DIVISION



The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) Training Division oversees Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training for the department's 274 members. An unprecedented 22 new firefighter positions were filled in two large Recruit Classes in 2016.

2016 brought an additional Instructor to fill a vacancy and an additional District Chief position to serve as a dedicated Chief of Instruction who will oversee Fire & EMS Training.

#### **2016 Training Division Personnel**

Ken Zuber, District Chief (January – October) Mike Ewald, District Chief (October – Present) Steve Jordan, Instructor Mike Larson, Instructor Rick Whitehouse, Instructor

R. Keith Current, EMS Coordinator Jerry F. Steckler, Fire Education Officer/Merit Liaison/Instructor



### TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division participated in the following training activities for new Recruit Firefighters, Incumbent Firefighters and Instructor professional development in 2016:

Instructor Larson participated in reviewing Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) applications for a week in January 2016, on behalf of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI).

2 EFD Instructors and District Chief Zuber attended a 4 hour Traffic Incident Management Course for ongoing Instructor Development.

5 EFD Instructors attended a 4 hour Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics Train-the-Trainer session for ongoing Instructor Development.

21 EFD Firefighters participated in a "Mock Active Shooter Drill" with the Evansville Police Department, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and American Medical Response.

1 EFD Battalion Chief, 3 EFD District Chiefs and the EFD EMS Coordinator participated in a 2 hour "Fall Festival Tabletop Disaster Drill" with the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival Safety Committee, Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency, Evansville Police Department, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department, American Medical Response, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch and Deaconess Hospital.

The Training Division monitored progress of the completion of over 60,000 hours of assigned In-Station training for our 274 Incumbent Firefighters.

Spring 2016 Recruit Academy produced 10 Probationary Firefighters receiving Indiana FF I/II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, and Indiana Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications following the completion of 4,000 hours of fire training and 2,420 hours of EMT training.

Summer 2016 Recruit Academy produced 12 Probationary Firefighters receiving Indiana FF I/II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, and Indiana Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications following the completion of 5,280 hours of fire training and 2,904 hours of EMT training.

Attended the 16-hour Alcoa Fire School with the Spring and Summer 2016 Recruit Classes.

The Training Division monitored progress of the completion of Required In-Station training for 22 Probationary Firefighters including driver training at the company level.

Completed Driver Certification consisting of 168 hours of driving and skills proficiency testing for 7 Probationary Firefighters from the Fall 2015 Recruit Class.

Began Driver Certification consisting of 162 hours of driving and skills proficiency testing for 9 Probationary Firefighters from the Spring 2016 Recruit Class, working toward completion of the certification by March 2017.

Conducted Probationary Firefighter documentation with EFD Training Groups.

### TRAINING DIVISION

Coordinated mandatory Storm Water Retention training required of Suppression Personnel by the City of Evansville Water and Sewer Department.

Participated in the District 10 Training Council.

Produced budget proposal to assist in securing a \$50,000 District 10 Training Infrastructure Grant, with the funds to be administered by December 31, 2017.

Purchased a "Rescue Randy" Training Manikin for use in training exercises with a donation from the West Side Nut Club.

Performed ground Ladder Testing for department apparatus.

Performed SCBA and APR respirator fit testing for all suppression personnel.

Facilitated a Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST) certification course through District 10 with the course being held at the EFD Tower and Administration Building Classrooms.

Performed 144 hours of Extrication Training with Rescue Squad personnel.

Conducted joint Water Rescue Awareness course with Evansville Police Department Officer Recruits and EFD Recruit Firefighters.

101 Incumbent Fire Officers completed the 5-part Online Fire Training, "Thinking Firefighters Do It Different" Fire Dynamics training.

19 Newly promoted Fire Officers completed 190 hours of Online "Thinking Firefighters Do It Different" Fire Dynamics training.

14 Newly promoted Fire Officers completed 56 hours of Online "The Right Seat" Officer Development training.

11 Newly promoted Fire Officers completed 44 hours of Online "The Art of Reading Smoke" Fire Behavior training.



### TRAINING DIVISION



### SPECIAL OPERATIONS & PLANNING

The Training Division coordinates the activities of the Evansville Fire Department (EFD) Hazardous Materials, Dive, Rope, and Confined Space Teams. Through a cooperative effort with EFD and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) District 10 planning council, Technical Rescue resources and capabilities have been implemented. The Planning Section assist the Chief to develop or manage significant planning efforts as directed or required. EFD participates with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Indiana Association of Hazardous Materials Responders, West Side Fall Festival Security & Safety planning, Shriner Fest Security & Safety planning, and the IDHS District 10 Weapons of Mass Destruction Team. Special Operations Liaison assignments: Hazmat – Instructor Jordan, Rope/Confined Space – Instructor Whitehouse, Dive – Instructor Larson, and Technical Rescue – Captain Knight.

Each Special Operation team's training is coordinated and often led by their respective platoon's team leader. The team leaders in conjunction with Special Operations District Chief Zuber prioritize the training objectives and mission critical equipment of their respective teams.

2016 Special Operations Team Leaders				
Platoon	Hazmat	Dive	Rope	Technical
1	Captain Shadrick	Captain Ewald	Captain Will	Captain Parker
2	Captain Kuhnel	Captain Bowden	Captain Scheller	Lieutenant Seib
3	Captain Campbell	Captain Jordan	DC Krack	Captain Knight





HAZMAT COMBUSTIBLE METAL INCIDENT

HAZMAT 1 EQUIPMENT STORAGE

The team consists of 48 firefighters who are trained as Hazardous Materials Technicians stationed at Stations 1 & 10. They utilize our well equipped Hazmat Unit and 35' Hazmat trailer with Command Space. Should mass decontamination be required, Station 14 firefighters will deploy our TVI decon tent. Allowing EFD to modestly and efficiently decontaminate patients involved in a chemical spill. Our hazardous materials team represents Southwest Indiana as the IDHS District 10 Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) team, as WMDs are a hazmat incident with "an attitude". Should a hazardous materials incident occur in IDHS District 10 we would be utilized as being the only Municipal "Technical" Hazmat Team.

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS & PLANNING

Firefighters must undergo rigorous training to remain proficient and competent as Hazardous Materials Technicians, thus training to identify unknown substances with a cadre of instruments on our hazmat trailer, or donning a "Level A" suit to stop a Chlorine leak. Instructor Steve Jordan & District Zuber attended Hazmat IQ Chemical Assessment & Pipeline Emergency classes to provide greater education of our EFD hazmat team members upon their return.

The objective of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) is to: allow State and Local planning for chemical emergencies, provide for notification of emergency releases of chemicals, and address communities' right-to-know about toxic and hazardous chemicals. Therefore, as a representative of the Vanderburgh County LEPC, EFD received and recorded 83 Tier II facility reports, thus reporting chemicals of reportable quantities within those facilities. Instructor Steve Jordan is EFD's LEPC representative and he assisted in writing a tabletop scenario to challenge Evansville's response plan while practicing unified Incident Command with public safety partners during a chemical emergency.

In conjunction with the LEPC, a \$6,500 Hazardous Materials & Emergency Planning (HMEP) Training Grant was written to purchase four educational training series including DVDs, PowerPoints, and student manuals & three reference books for ongoing/in-house hazmat training & reference material. In 2016, 47 Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment requests were researched according to EFD's National Fire Incident Reporting (NFIR) system. In the United States, an **environmental site assessment** is a report prepared for a real estate holding that identifies potential or existing environmental contamination liabilities. The analysis, often called an **ESA**, typically addresses both the underlying land as well as physical improvements to the property.



#### 2016 Special Operations Incidents

High-angle rescue – 2 Confined space rescue – 1 Water rescue related events – 29 Technical Rescue events – 68 Flammable liquid/Gasoline spill – 36 Natural gas/LPG leak – 160 Chemical spill or leak – 3 Carbon monoxide incident – 90





### SPECIAL OPERATIONS & PLANNING

#### **Special Operations Training Hours**

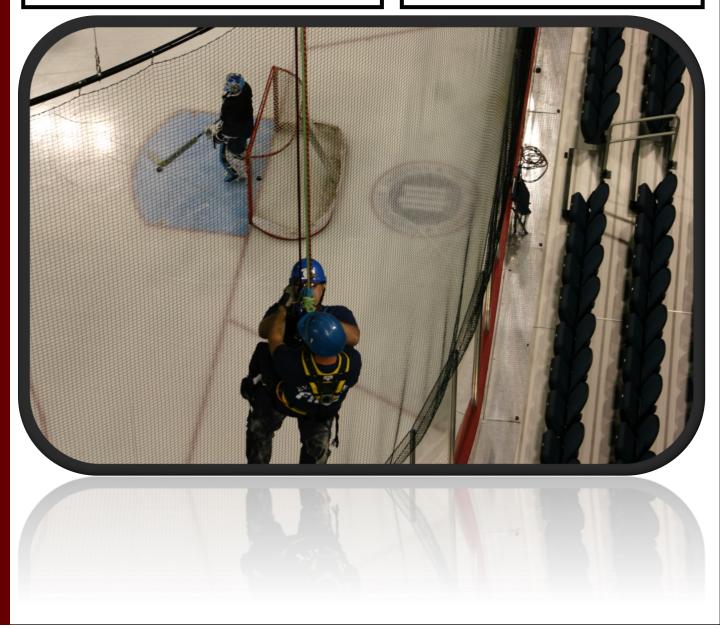
2011 - 2,191 hours 2012 - 3,572 hours & 462 hours of MCT implementation training

2013 – 3,742 & 721 hours of Hazmat Incident Command 2014 – 2,620 hours 2015 – 3,054 hours 2016 – 2,964 hours

#### 2016 Special Operations Training Summary

#### **Discipline**

Hazardous Materials Dive Rope/Confined Space Technical Rescue Incident Command



### ROPE/CONFINED/TECHNICAL RESCUE

Twenty-six firefighters represent EFD as Rope Rescue Technicians, and all equipment is housed on Rescue 1 and Ladder 1. Firefighters Tim Krack, Rick Scheller, and Bryan Will serve as team leaders and instruct their respective shift in the effective and safe use of raising and lowering systems and other technical evolutions. The team utilizes a full cadre of ropes, harnesses, carabiners, pulleys, intrinsically safe communications, surface supplied SCBA air system, and Skyhook systems tripod. The team utilizes our four-story training tower, local grain bins, water treatment plant, and the Ford Center for their high rise & confined space rescue evolutions.



Rope & Confined Space Training at Cargill Grain Elevator



Rope Training at Lamar Outdoor Billboards

EFD is the host of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) District 10 Technical Rescue trailer. This trailer provides the ability to respond to building & trench collapse incidents, thus providing specialized equipment that requires specialized training. The District 10 team has 35 members; 27 of which are from the EFD.





Trench Rescue Shoring Operations Training

### DIVE TEAM

The team consists of 26 firefighters who are trained as Public Safety and Dive Rescue Specialist divers. The divers respond from fire stations within Evansville, but the cadre of equipment is at Station #3, and thus all firefighters from Station #3 support the team as dive tenders, boat operators, or equipment maintenance. The dive team utilizes AGA full face dive mask with underwater communications, and Viking dry suits that enable divers to enter contaminated or cold waters. DUI dry suits have been added to the PPE inventory to diversify our dry suit capability, and the flexibility of their ZipSeal technology to better fit more divers around their necks & wrists. Should water rescue operations require the need of a boat, EFD is fortunate to have two capable boats. First, we have a 22' Scorpion aluminum hull, jet-drive boat that is also capable of providing 2,500 gallons of water per minute for firefighting operations. Second, a 13' rubber hull Zodiac boat allows the capability to hand carry the craft to serve lakes or navigate Pigeon Creek. A Humminbird side scan sonar allows us to scan the bottom of the Ohio River for submerged objects.



#### **DIVE TRAINING AT LLOYD POOL**



#### NEW DIVERS AT GARVIN PARK LAKE

Captain Jon Grubb serves the dive team as its Public Safety Scuba Instructor, and in 2016 we certified 7 new EFD Dive Rescue Specialist/Divers. The ten-day program consist of classroom, Lloyd Pool basic SCUBA skills, open water dives, and finally arduous simulated rescue dives in zero visibility situations.



#### FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION



Children from local middle and high schools attend the Vectren Career Exploration Day to learn about the many careers in Government, Law & Social Services. Inspector Randy Rankin and Inspector Mike Doran of the Evansville Fire Department are eager to talk to young people about a career in the Fire Service with the EFD. (Left)



The Prevention Division of the Evansville Fire Department provides education and training to Commercial businesses and Community groups year round. In 2016, we provided the highest annual total number of classes recorded in history. We handle a broad range of requests; from fire extinguisher live burn simulations, classroom setting slide and video presentations, business tours and consulting to local vocational school Q&A, and daycare child awareness visits.





### FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION



The Evansville Fire Department coordinates with many local agencies throughout the year supporting community events and local charities. Among them are: United Way of Southwestern Indiana, Public Education Foundation, United Neighborhoods of Evansville, local law enforcement's National Night Out, American Red Cross' Smoke Detector Campaign, the Junior Achievement Job Shadow Program and Holly's House to name a few.





Fire Prevention Officer, Instructor Jerry Steckler

#### **SAFETY EDUCATION** Fire Station Tours 44 Community groups visiting the Fire Stations **Truck Requests** 58 Community Events, Parades, Safety Demos, Charity Walks/Runs Safety Education with Apparatus 44 Schools, Daycares, etc. Safety Education without Appa-64 Schools, Daycares, Senior Groups, Neighratus borhood Assoc. Merit Commission Business 102 Meetings, Testing, Recruiting





### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Fire Chief for the Day Participant

The winner of the "Fire Chief for a Day" package makes his/her rounds with the Fire Chief to the various stations. The participant learns about the crews and the apparatus they man. The participant will chose to have lunch with a station crew or a oneon-one lunch with the Fire Chief.

#### FIRE CHIEF FOR THE DAY

Each year, the Fire Chief auctions off the "Chief for a Day" package as part of the WNIN Channel 9 Auction. Proceeds from the auction provide funds to produce, acquire and broadcast commercial free programs in the Tristate area that are entertaining, educating and inspiring.



Fire Chief for the Day Participant



#### SWAT CHALLENGE

The Swat Challenge is hosted by the Evansville Police Department and the EPD Swat Team. The event is a 5k run with various challenge obstacles throughout the course. Proceeds from the EPD Swat Challenge are awarded in financial grants to collaborative community programs.

The Evansville Fire Department entered a Team to participate in the Swat Challenge, held on May 2, 2016.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# 911 GIVES HOPE



#### **EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

911 Gives Hope is an Evansville non-profit founded by local Police and Fire who receive no compensation, with the hope of enriching the lives of local special needs children and their families. They present "Guns and Hoses" athletic events, a toy drive for children in local hospitals, and numerous other local fundraising efforts. In nine years we have raised over one million dollars for local children.

#### OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS RAISED IN TEN YEARS

#### **Toy Drive**

Firefighters participate in 911 Gives Hope for the Holidays. A 53 foot trailer is parked in the East Side Walmart where a local radio station announces that the firefighters are collecting toys for children in the local hospitals. Every year, the citizens of Evansville answer the call and completely fill the 53 foot trailer. The firefighters distribute the toys to the children in the local hospitals.





### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### EVANSVILLE, INDIANA GUNS & HOSES TEAMS



The Evansville Firefighters and the Evansville Police Officers come together for Guns & Hoses, an annual boxing match for charity. 2016 was the ninth year for Guns and Hoses. Hoses have won five out of the nine years. We are excited to see if 2017 brings a lead or a tie for the Hoses.



#### PHOTOS

Pictured above: The 2016 Guns & Hoses Teams

Right: a fighter representing the Evansville Police gets knocked down by an EFD firefighter during the fourteenth fight of the night.

Pictured Opposite Page: Top: A firefighter in red trunks and a Police Officer in Blue trunks battle in the ring for Guns & Hoses.

Hoses Win!

Bottom : The little Guns and Hoses Teams meet up.



### **EVANSVILLE FIRE**

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



EFD SUPPORTING SUSAN B KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE



ANSWERING PHONES TO BENEFIT EASTER SEALS REHABILITATION CENTER



### EFD FALL FESTIVAL BOOTH SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES



2016 RUGGED MANIAC EFD CROSSES THE FINISH LINE



#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH







Top Left: Local Children take a tour of Station 16 and help Captain Jamison hold the hose.

Top Right: A child tries on Captain Jamison's gear.

Bottom Left: A local Senior Citizen group tours Station 10.

The Firefighter's Union gives out charitable donations throughout the year to many groups and not-for-profit organizations. YMCA Youth Boxing Program, Challenger Baseball League, SWIRCA and many others. We also award 2 annual college scholarships to firefighter's families. In addition, we help fund and support groups like the Hoosier Burn Camp for children who are burn victims, EFD Honor Guard and EFD Pipe and Drum Corp. The MDA Boot Drive allows firefighters to collection money in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

#### A DAY IN THE LIFE

On the Evansville Fire Department firefighters are on duty 24-hours a day, 7-days per week, 365-days per year. There are three different duty platoons. As a firefighter you are assigned to one of the three duty platoons. A day in the life of a firefighter on the Evansville Fire Department starts early in the morning. The tour of duty starts at 7:00 am. But in order to be ready to respond to an emergency at 7:00 am you must arrive a few minutes early. Usually around 6:45 am or earlier. Each tour of duty is 24 hours. Each work period (work week) is three non-consecutive workdays followed by 4 days off. That time off allows you to recover from the demands of the world's most satisfying and trusted profession. At any time during the 24 hour tour of duty (shift) you may me called to an emergency, so you must be



ready to drop everything at a moment's notice and respond to an emergency call! There are 4 firefighters assigned to each truck. You are a firefighter and report for duty to the Company Officer. He or she is in charge of the fire apparatus that day.

6:45 am. Daily Checks. You start the day by readying your personal protective equipment, (turnout gear) to be ready for a call that could occur at any moment. Next you will check the fire apparatus (truck) for all equipment in place and ready for action. That includes fire suppression hose, nozzles, forcible entry tools, and medical response equipment. Batteries need to be fully charged, tools must be clean and in good repair and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (air packs) must be fully pressurized and operate properly.

7:00 am. Administration. The Company Officer who is in charge of the fire apparatus will log the inventory and note any special maintenance requests of equipment concerns.

7:30 am. Breakfast time. After breakfast it is time to clean up after yourself. Your Mom doesn't work here! If you want to eat you need to either bring food in or be ready to chip in on the cost of a meal as a group.

9:00 am - 11:00 am. Exercise/Training. Firefighting is one of the world's most physically demanding professions. In order to do the job well each firefighter must maintain a state of physical fitness. At some point throughout the day time will be made to exercise both for strength and endurance. Updates on the latest medical treatment protocol, testing out a new style of fire attack nozzle or learning how to use new technology may be the focus for this particular tour of duty. Learning street locations, operating fire apparatus, and studying building construction. There is no limit to the number of subjects that we may study. Firefighting is more than just "putting the wet stuff on the red stuff!"

12:00 pm. Lunch. Firefighters are known to have good meals and share them together. At some point during each tour of duty there is time to take a break. Usually during afternoon hours it is a prime time to nap. Most fire calls come during overnight hours. Sleep deprivation is a huge factor in quality of life for the firefighter (you). To be sure you are able to think clearly and perform effectively you need to be sure and rest if you need it when you can.

5:00 pm. Supper. The firefighting family that eats together grows closer together. This bond is unlike any other work environment with the exception of the military.

7:00 pm. Down Time. Typically this time of day is down time. Most firefighters spend time watching television, playing cards, reading books, etc. Overnight you may be called to respond to emergency runs, but you are trained, healthy and equipped to perform to your best ability!

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

#### Chief Administration Officer / Health & Safety Officer / PIO

The Chief Administrative Officer oversees the Administration Division. This position also acts as the Health & Safety Officer and the Department Public Information Officer.

Civilians account for their work hours to the Chief Administration Officer. Calendar scheduling of events falls under this job description due to the fact that it is an administrative position and is integrally involved in many aspects of department operation.

The Health and Safety Officer has the responsibility of managing, on a short and long-term schedule, the Safety and Medical needs of department members/employees on medical, illness, and injury leave.

In 2016, the department conducted health screenings on all members of the Evansville Fire Department. Those screenings were in compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments.

In accordance with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Wellness Fitness Initiative, the Evansville Fire Department implemented a Work Performance Evaluation program. The program is designed to help firefighters operate safely on the fire-ground. The program is designed to help all members reduce the risk of injury/illness and help them to return to work more quickly after an injury/illness.





In accordance with the IAFF and the IAFC Wellness Fitness Initiative, 22 EFD Personnel certified as Peer Fitness Trainers began to make contact with each firefighter one hour per month for coaching and counseling in the area of physical fitness and increasing work capacity. The contact is designed for firefighters to assist their "brothers and sisters" in long term exercise program development, nutritional counseling, injury prevention and rehabilitation.

Random members of the department were tested for the influence of drug and alcohol under the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. The Department sent nearly one hundred members to the Deaconess Comp Center for random drug and alcohol testing.

The PIO provides media updates at large fires or other incidents where EFD responds. Additional duties include seasonal safety messages and reminders about fire safety during extreme weather conditions. Finally the most enjoyable part of this assignment is showcasing the department and the asset it is to the community at events like "National Night Out".

### INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

The Evansville Fire Department Fire Prevention/Investigation Division consists of eight Deputy Fire Marshals. The Fire Investigation Division consists of one Unit Supervisor and three Investigators. Both of these divisions are under the leadership of the Chief Fire Marshal for the City of Evansville.

Serving others through Fire Prevention and Investigation is the mission of these Divisions. This is accomplished through the Three E's of Fire Prevention: Education, Enforcement, and Engineering.

The Fire Prevention Division has the privilege of conducting Fire Safety, Community Risk Reduction, and fire extinguisher classes to the public. This is a great opportunity to spread the mission of the division by educating the public on the proactive measures they can take to prevent the loss of life and property from the devastation of fire.

The professional development for the Fire Inspectors in the area of fire prevention and code review required over 1,745 man hours in 2016.

The Evansville Fire Department is responsible for protecting, and inspecting commercial properties with an assessed value of over \$ 2,109,202,300 . The Inspection Division conducted over 11,340 commercial inspections of properties within the City of Evansville. This resulted in 30 inspections a day, and 218 inspections per week. These inspections identified 5,167 fire code violations which required 755 fire inspection follow ups within the 2016 fiscal year.

The Fire Prevention Division received a total of 46 citizen complaints in reference to fire hazards in places of occupancies.

The 10 most common fire code violations found in commercial properties by the Fire Inspection Division are as follows:

Obstructions in front of electrical panels. Use by occupant of extension cords/multi-plug adaptors. Exit signs /emergency exit Lighting. Open electrical junction boxes. Address premise information. Combustibles in mechanical rooms. Open knockouts found in electrical panel circuit breaker boxes. Obstructions found in front of exits. Obstructions in front of standpipe and sprinkler risers. No supporting on site documentation of inspection records on site.

The engineering arena of fire prevention refers to the engineered solutions that can prevent incidents from occurring or mitigating the damage once they do occur. Fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, fire alarm systems and technologies to prevent the spread of fires are all examples of engineering solutions.

With this in context the Fire Prevention Division has two Fire Inspectors assigned as Plan Review Officers. A Plan Review Officer is responsible for seeing construction plans submitted by the design professional meet the requirements of the Fire Code for the type of occupancy that is being constructed.

### INSPECTION /INVESTIGATION

In 2016 the Division reviewed over 212 plans for new construction and structures undergoing renovation. Some of the most notable projects are occurring in the downtown area with several new hotels and the new IU Medical Center.

#### Investigation

The mission of the Fire Investigation Division is to find the cause and origin of fires so that it benefits all, with the development of fire codes, educational programs and engineering solutions to prevent the future loss of life and property from fires.

The Investigation Division conducted 298 fire investigations in 2016. Looking to causes of fire within the City allows the department to conduct a risk assessment as to where fires are occurring and the leading causes of fire.

Some of the most common fire causes and the number of incidents in 2016 are as follows:

Candle Use fire- 5- resulting in 4 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injury Fireworks Use - 8- resulting in 0 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injury Cigarette/Smoking material Fires – 21 -resulting in 1 civilian injuries and 1 firefighter injury Accidental/Other Fires- 35- resulting in 8 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injury Electrical Fires - 48 – resulting in 3 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injuries Stove top/ Cooking Fires- 47- resulting in 9 civilian injuries and 1 firefighter injury Undetermined /Other Fires - 52 -resulting in 2 civilian fatalities, 2 civilian injuries, and 1 firefighter injury Incendiary/ Open flame - 82 - resulting in 1 civilian injuries and 2 firefighter injury

#### ARSON K-9

The Evansville Fire Department Arson Division is proud of its K-9 friend (Shadow). He was obtained through the State Farm Arson Dog Program.

Shadow has been with EFD for over 6 years. Shadow has been very successful in combating Arson Fraud in the City of Evansville.





EFD K-9 ARSON DOG—SHADOW

#### FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION

#### Lead Mechanic

Greg Lantaff

#### **Mechanics**

Chris Cox

David Hulgus

Jamie Nellis



#### During 2016, we completed:

(604) Truck Maintenance Request
(136) Car Maintenance Request
(356) Small Equipment Request
(26) Truck Service's
(19) Truck Pump Test
(1) Aerial Test (5 year independent test Ladder 1)
(9) Aerial Inspection cleaned & lubed
(19) Hose Test

#### **Fire Hose sections replaced**

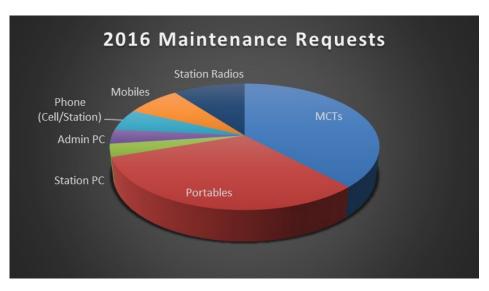
7—5" X 100' hose 4—5" X 50' hose 2—5" X 25' hose 10—2 <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>2</sub> "hose 17—1 <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> "hose

#### Apparatus/Vehicles placed in service in 2016

Engine 6 Pierce pumper

### COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Maintenance requests are a large part of the Communication Divisions day-to-day operations. The year 2016 brought a total of 273 maintenance requests that were completed. Below is a breakdown of the year's maintenance requests.



	TOTAL	PERCENT- AGE
MCTs	104	38%
Portables	86	32%
Station PC	9	3%
Admin PC	10	4%
Phones (Cell/Station)	15	5%
Mobiles	21	8%
Station Radios	28	10%

#### **2016 PROJECTS/PROGRESS**

Demonstration models for new MCT hardware was brought in to test. The process to begin replacing MCT hardware started with testing new small form factor technology. A tablet and convertible laptop were brought in to test in select apparatus.

A new computer lab was put into place in our training classroom. The addition of 10 new desktops allowed us to create a computer lab for our new recruit classes, specialized training, and every day computer learning skills.

Progress with functionality of our MCTs was implemented. The stabilization of our MCT system brought new changes to the way data is captured for Evansville Fire Department run information. The newly implemented changes allows for more accurate data collection as our individual apparatus are now responsible for status changes.

#### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

The Facilities Management Division, with the assistance of City Maintenance, and local vendors work together to maintain our 17 locations and the departmental training facility. Throughout the year, the department continued to perform regularly scheduled maintenance on Station and Administration buildings and equipment. Station crewmembers clean daily and twice a year they thoroughly clean the stations during spring and fall house cleaning. They are responsible for keeping the station property mowed, weeded and manicured. The landscaping is attended to throughout the year. The Facilities Management Division at the Administration Building makes sure that the property is land-scaped, mowed and weeded to present a professional building facade.



Unexpected issues occurred which challenged the equipment's performance and/or created maintenance issues. The age of a piece of equipment is a determining factor when a repair or replacement is warranted. In 2016 some of the repairs or replacements were due to age or excessive use. Additional cost savings is the ongoing review of upgrades to all fire stations. Tri-state Painting cleaned and painted outside Fuel Tanks due to rusting at five locations consisting of nine tanks.

The Evansville Fire Department does not have its own maintenance personnel. Therefore, we rely on the City Maintenance Department for monthly filter maintenance and repairs on the HVAC units, lights and fixtures, electrical repairs, plumbing, welding and other general maintenance. In 2016, 475 maintenance requests were submitted for repairs. Of those, 465 maintenance requests were completed, leaving only 10 maintenance requests outstanding or ongoing. The department prides itself on taking care of maintenance issues quickly and efficiently.

Physical Fitness is a major issue for Firefighter health and safety. Our fitness area was increased from an area size of 16' X 49' to 26' X 74' enclosed with Heat and AC. The remodeling of Fitness area was completed. The Facilities Management Division maintains all fitness equipment and the fitness area.

The Facilities Management Division maintains all fire extinguishers located at the stations and the Admin Bldg. This is accomplished thru contracts with outside vendors. The suppliers are responsible for checking these pieces of equipment and ensuring that they are in proper working condition.

The Evansville Fire Department relies on local vendors for maintenance repair service, parts, and supplies. The Department remains committed to the use of local, WMBE, and other vendors. Some of the vendors include Pro-Tex-All, KRS, EAB Associates, Altstadt Office City, Nichols Electric, Kor-X-All, American Sanitary, Tri State Lighting, Graybar, Evansville Garage Door, Tri State Fire Protection, Nunning Heating, Alpha, Shekell, E.L. Walters and Schmitt Refrigeration



#### EFD PIPE & DRUM CORP



The Evansville Firefighter's Pipe and Drum Corps was formed in 2006 as a way to honor our fallen firefighters. Their mission statement is, "To honor the original American Firefighter, those who have gone before us and those who have paid the ultimate price. We will also instill in our current ranks a new sense of pride and tradition. We will do this by playing at events and funerals of our fallen firefighters, police officers, veterans and their families."

The original members are Greg Lehman and Jim Morrow. They have teamed up with a local piper, Keith Jeffers, to learn the in-and-outs of the music and setting up a pipe band. Adam Bigge, Chad Buttry, and Joey Jones followed them a short time later. These members are currently in the process of teaching the pipes and drums to five potential new members.

The members work closely with the Evansville Fire Department Honor Guard, and Evansville Police Department Honor Guard, providing the sounds of the bagpipes at funerals of our retired and active firefighters. They also play at funerals, weddings and events for the public that may require the sounds of pipes and drums.



More information can be found at <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>efpipedrum</u>



### HONOR GUARD

The Evansville Firefighters Local 357 Honor Guard was formed in August of 1995 by members of the Local 357 Firefighters who saw the need of helping ease the pain of families after losing a brother, sister, spouse or parent in a Line of Duty Death. Our profession consists of those who dedicate their lives in service to others. The Honor Guard's purpose is to show respect and honor to the family who paid the ultimate price through the years while their family member was a part of this profession. The families of deceased brothers and sisters should take comfort in knowing that the Honor Guard does their very best to take care of their own.

### **2016 Honor Guard**

Commander Ben Ward Vice Commander Chris Wagener Secretary Shane Gray Guide Emmett Tramill Shift Coordinator Dan Grimm

> Members Randy Damm Sean Farmer Kim Garrett Mark Goebel **Tony Hertweck** Nick Hughes Joey Jones Kirk Kuhnel Lester Seib Lucas Macke Mick Maddox Chris McCutchan Joe Schenk Tom Shadrick Adam Smith Amy Smith Syl Stofleth Jesse Storey Scott Weber

> > <u>Chaplains</u> Ken Olson Tony Payne





### FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL

After visiting the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Honor Guard researched the Evansville Fire Department archives to ensure that all local fallen firefighters were honored on the department's Fallen Firefighter Memorial plaque. After countless hours of archival research, the names of 15 fallen firefighters were added to the plaque.

On November 5, 2016 a Fallen Firefighter Memorial Observance & Dedication was held at the Victory Theatre. The memorial was held to add 15 names and show support to the families of our fallen brothers and Honor Guard. The total number of Line of Duty Deaths is 34.



Fire Chief Mike Connelly (left) attends the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Lt. Chris Wagener (right) rings the Brass Bell in Memoriam to each of the 34 Fallen Firefighter.





Commander Tony Hertweck, Fire Chief Mike Connelly, Union President Larry Zuber and Chaplain John Lefler present a memorial wreath at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Observance & Dedication.

### MERIT AWARD

#### FOUR VICTIMS RESCUED FROM HOUSE FIRE AT 911 TAYLOR AVENUE ON JULY 11, 2015

#### **Company Citations** Engine 1 Captain Jeffery Crowe Private Kevin Miller Private Stevie McDaniel Private Mic Bradford Ladder 1 Lieutenant James Payne Private Brett Seib Private Greg Moore Lieutenant Robert "Cooky" Hames **Engine 14** Captain Ben Morris Private George Madison Private Robert Ralph Private Chris Reiter Engine 15 Captain Larry Wildt Private Shane Grav Private Derrick Fullen Private Wathen Masden **Rescue 3** Captain Jon Grubb Lieutenant Joe Carr **Quint 16** Captain Chad Jordan Lieutenant David Weis Private Matthew Turley Private Christopher Ivy **Silver Merit Awards** Engine 1 Captain Jeffery Crowe Private Stevie McDaniel Private Mic Bradford Ladder 1 Lieutenant James Payne

Private Brett Seib Private Greg Moore Lieutenant Robert "Cooky" Hames

#### Engine 14 Captain Ben Morris Private Robert Ralph Private Chris Reiter

Engine 15 Captain Larry Wildt Private Derrick Fullen Private Wathen Masden

#### **Bronze Merit Awards**

Engine 1: Private Kevin Miller, driver Engine 14: Private George Madison, driver Engine 15: Private Shane Gray, driver District Chief Greg Main District Chief Tim Krack

#### **Commendation Certificates**

#### **AMR Personnel**

Heather Henry, EMTP Supervisor Jason Leonard, EMTB Stacie Ballestero, EMTP Josh Gehlhausen, EMTB Brittney Frank, EMTP Stephanie Brooks, EMTB Clayton Long, EMTP Michael Barrett, EMTB

#### Evansville Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch

Debra Gordon, Fire Dispatcher Tanya Oglesby, Dispatcher/Call Taker

#### **Animal Control**

Jeff Wright

#### Letter of Acknowledgement

Evansville Police Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, July 11, 2015

### AWARDS/PROMOTIONS

# 2015

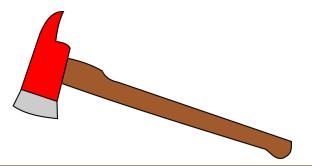
### GREEN RIVER KIWANIS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR





The Green River Kiwanis selects a "Firefighter of the Year" based on peer nominations at the end of the year. The 2015 nominees were Beth Csukas, Eric Eifert, Matt Garnett, Jonathan Sprinkle and Chris Wagener.

Eric Eifert was Named Firefighter of the Year and received a plaque, a pin for his uniform, \$100 from Mulzer Crushed Stone, a gift certificate from the Evansville Fire Fighters Federal Credit Union, a custom made ring, along with two tickets to the Boots and Ladders Gala from Local 357. A billboard with his picture will soon be erected, courtesy of Lamar Outdoor Advertising. Congratulations Eric Eifert.



#### **PROMOTIONS**

Ray Goff promoted to District Chief Michael Ewald promoted to District Chief Shawn Willis promoted to District Chief

Steve Jordan promoted to Instructor

Michael Bacon promoted to Captain Brandon Barnard promoted to Captain Eric Gentry promoted to Captain Edward Parker promoted to Captain Nicholas Raber promoted to Captain

Daryl Adler promoted to Lieutenant Adam Brock promoted to Lieutenant Daniel Goodman promoted to Lieutenant Nicholas Hughes promoted to Lieutenant Timothy Olson promoted to Lieutenant Jonathan Sprinkle promoted to Lieutenant

### SERVICE AWARDS

#### **CELEBRATING 1 YEAR**

Pvt. Jeffery T. Watkins Pvt. Stephen M. Smith Pvt. Blake E. Hochstetler Pvt. Jacob A. Hildenbrand Pvt. Joseph A. West Pvt. Eric S. Baumberger Pvt. Justin WT Klueg

#### **CELEBRATING 5 YEARS**

Pvt. Marc C. Schiele Pvt. Lucas D. Macke Pvt. Christopher L. Ivy Pvt. Joseph W. Hall Pvt. Curtis W. Brown Pvt. Brent A. Poag Pvt. Clint E. Hoskins Pvt. Adam J. Brock Pvt. Richard J. Ottway Pvt. Dustin R. Cline Pvt. Chad M. Beckham

#### **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

Capt. Brandon D. Barnard Capt. Nicholas W. Raber Lt. Jonathan R. Sprinkle Lt. Darryl E. Adler Lt. Timothy J. Olson Lt. Zachary A. Conner Lt. Mark A. Kast Pvt. Shane A. Gray Pvt. Daniel C. Marx Pvt. Dustin A. Kaposta

#### **CELEBRATING 15 YEARS**

Executive Secretary Cathleen M. Tamez Lt. Keith A. Reising Pvt. Blake D. Fulton

#### **CELEBRATING 20 YEARS**

Instructor Steven D. Jordan Capt. James R. Melloy Pvt. Kevin R. Miller

#### **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**

Asst. Chief Paul H. Anslinger Inspector Joseph G. Mayer Capt. Jerry R. Cavins Capt. Robert F. Shipman Capt. Walter T. Shadrick Capt. Larry J. Zuber Pvt. Robert F. Doerr Pvt. Michael L. Duncan Pvt. Michael A. Baehl

#### **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**

District Chief Greg Main Lt. Roger Powless

#### **CELEBRATING 35 YEARS**

Instructor Jerome F. Steckler, Jr. Lt. Franklin Joseph Carr Pvt. Wathen W. Masden

#### **CELEBRATING 38 YEARS**

J. Ervin Stucki





### NEW RECRUITS



Alexander



Blanchard



Dispenza



Kleeman



Pate



Petrig



Phillips



Richardt



Rollins



Scheub



Alexander



Crawford



Fendley



Hetzel-Gaynor



Jackson



Mastison



Siebenkittel



Sink



Utley



Valandra



Wininger



Woolsey



### RETIREES

### **DISTRICT CHIEF**

District Chief Robert A. Alexander 31 Years

District Chief Bruce A. Woodward 33 Years

### **CAPTAIN**

Richard A. Dorsey 35 Years

> Jan C. Land 30 Years

Brian J. Stark 28 Years

### PRIVATE

Private Wathen W. Masden 35 Years

Private Barry D. Rolley 34 Years

Private Scott A. Stigleman 31 Years

Private Michael R Fields 30 Years

Private Daniel R. Kissel 30 Years

Private Jim L. Stofleth 29 Years

Private Henry T. Willingham 29 Years

Private Robert L. Gulledge 27 Years





### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How do I get a fire report?

You may request a fire report in person at the Fire Department Administration Building located at 550 SE Eighth Street in Evansville, Indiana or contact the EFD Administration Building at (812) 435-6235. There is a nominal fee for a Fire report.

#### How do I report a fire code violation?

You may report a fire code violation by contacting the Chief Fire Marshal at EFD Administration building by calling (812) 435-6235 or on the City's website under Citizens complaint Fire Hazards/Fire Code violations.

#### How do I schedule a Fire Station tour?

You may submit a request for a tour by completing the request on the Evansville Fire Department's webpage located on the City's website at <u>www.evansvillegov.org</u>.

#### How do I request a Fire Safety Class?

You may request a Fire Safety Class by completing the request form located on the Evansville Fire Department's webpage located on the City's website at <u>www.evansvillegov.org</u>.

#### Why are there names on the fire trucks?

All new apparatus are dedicated in honor of a fallen firefighter.

#### How do I register my daycare with the Fire Department.?

To register your daycare, please call the EFD Receptionist at (812) 435-6235.

#### Do you have to have a permit to have a recreational fire?

You must have approval from the City of Evansville Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If the fire department responds to a reported fire and you do not have the proper permit, you may be fined.

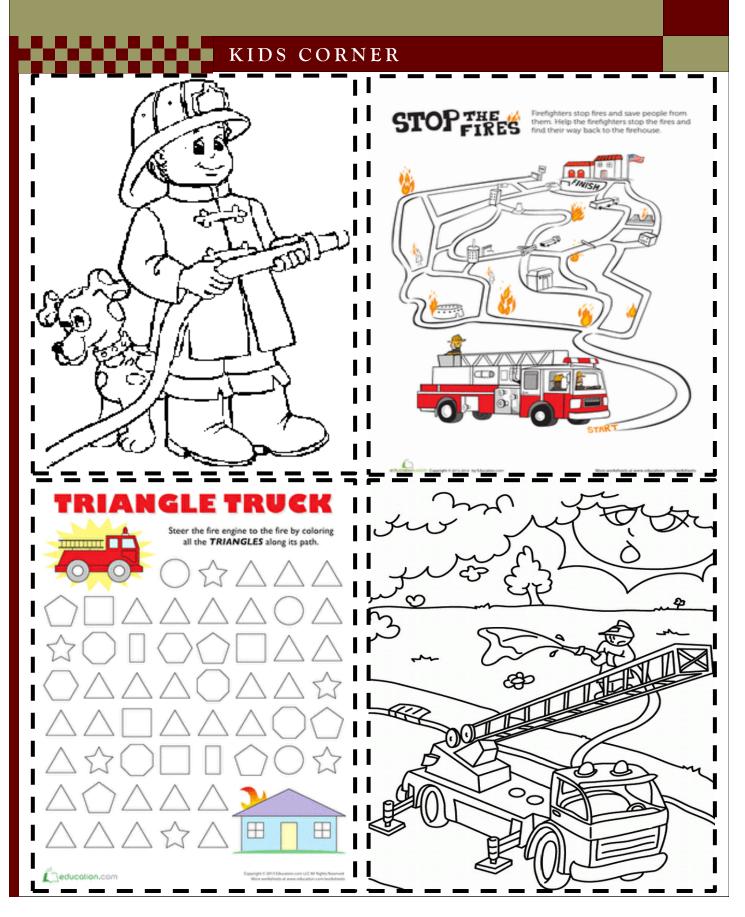
#### What should I do if my Carbon Monoxide detector activates?

If your alarm goes off, it is recommended that you exit the home and call 911. Carbon Monoxide is a color less and odorless gas created by incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels. This is commonly called the silent killer because it is not noticeable by smell or sight. A Dangerous gas that connects to blood cells at a rate of 200 times faster than oxygen. It is recommended that all homes have a working carbon monoxide detector.

#### <u>Are you on Facebook or can you be followed on Twitter?</u>

Yes, you may find us on Facebook/Evansville Fire Department and Twitter @EvansvilleFD





### EFD IN ACTION







### EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are dedicated to preserving life, property, and the environment, utilizing effective principles and practices of modern fire science technology, technical rescue, emergency medical service and preventing fires through fire safety education, code enforcement, preplanning and fire investigation.



Cathleen Tamez, Editor/ Publisher

2016 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# Firefighter's Prayer

- Author Unknown

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert, and hear the weakest shout, quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling, to give the best in me, to guard my friend and neighbor, and protect his property.

And if according to Your will I must answer death's call, bless with your protecting hand, my family one and all.