# ALLENTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

2016 Review



# 2016 Review (Statistics)

- <u>Fire Responses</u> (as of 8/31) 7336
  - On pace to exceed our 2015 responses (12,036) by
    500 in 2016



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#### Structure Fires 34

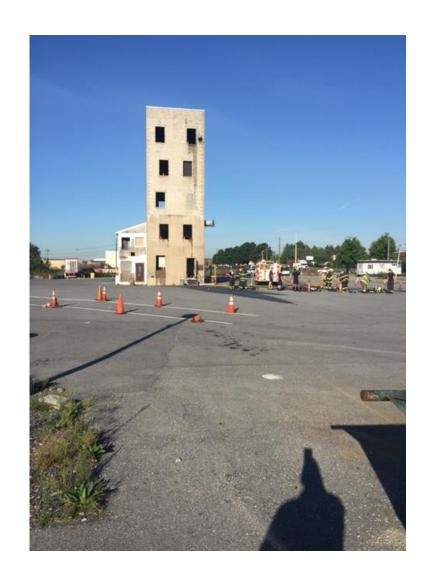
- As of 8/31
- -2015(57)
- Large Dollar Loss

#### Cooking Fires 42

- As of 8/31
- -2015(62)
- Major Damage
- Trending Upward



- Personnel
  - 120 uniformed members
  - 2 in academy scheduled to graduate in November



#### Historic Snow Storm

- 7 straight days of 3 times
  the normal call volume
- (3) AFD Utility vehicles averaged 60 calls per day
- Responded with AEMS units to plow streets for accessibility to house
- Assisted taking patients to ambulance 3 blocks away



#### Fire Prevention

- Home Fire Campaign
- Red Cross/AFD joint venture to install smoke detectors.
- Over 200 detectors installed so far
- Next event scheduled for
  October 15 on the Eastside
  of the COA



#### Public Relations and Education

- Ride to School Program with the Allentown School District and Charter Schools
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Year of the program
  - Rewarding 2 students per facility for being a role model and leader.
  - The program reached over 4800 students.



- Engine Company Static
  Displays and Fire Safety
  Education
  - Over 4000 adults and children in attendance
  - Topics Addressed
    - Exit Drills in the Home
    - Smoke Detectors
    - CO Detectors
    - Stop Drop and Roll



#### Community Outreach

- Childcare Classes with
  473 providers in
  attendance
- Career Days in elementary and middle schools
- Fire Extinguisher
  simulator classes for
  residents and employees
  of the COA



#### Community Outreach

- Fire and Life Safety
  education classes
- Fire Station Tours
- Operation Playground
- Work with our partners
   at the Health Bureau and
   APD with joint events
   such as CERT and APD
   Youth Academy



- Special Teams
  - Hazardous Materials

- Team certified through PEMA
- Instrumental in putting procedures in place to satisfy the DEP Storm water audit
- 25 Pro-board Certified Technicians
- Preplanned and Inspected over 70 hazardous materials sites within the City of Allentown



#### Bomb Squad

- Recertified with ATF and FBI
- Certified robot operators

#### Dive/Water Rescue

- 20 members certified in swift water Rescue
- Members completed master diver certification
- Boat rescue certification department wide

#### Technical Rescue

- Members certified C-Space Technician
- Trained and certified in high angle rope rescue

#### Arson K9 Judge

- Over 5000 citizens took part in educational demonstrations
- Pilot program with autistic children
- 52.7 % drop in arson fires since 2011
- Named 2016 Hero Dog of the Year (Arson Category)



## 2017 Goals & Priorities



- Updating Fire Engine
  Fleet
  - Capital
  - Special PA LoanFinancing
  - Alternate Source funding
    - Easton/Lafayette
    - Bethlehem/Sands



- Firefighters
  - Add 7 members to reduce overtime
  - Apply for Safer grant to fund positions
- Bail Out Kits for all Members
  - Funded through AFG Grant
- Meters and Thermal Imagers
  - Upgrade older thermal imager technology
  - Upgrade to more sensitive chemical and biological detection meters





- Fire Academy
  - Add classroom space
  - Capital/Partnership Funding
- Community Outreach
  - Double our efforts to educate the public about safe cooking practices
  - Work with Upside Allentown to secure funding for fire prevention material in different languages



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