

ALLENTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

2016 Review



2017 Goals

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2016 Review (Statistics)

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



2016 Review (Statistics)

- **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



2016 Overview

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



2016 Overview

- 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



2016 Overview

- **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



2016 Overview

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



2016 Overview

- 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



2016 Overview

- 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



2016 Overview

- 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



2016 Overview

- 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



2016 Overview

- 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

2016 Overview

- 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



2017 Goals

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



2017 Goals

- 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



2017 Goals

- 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



Thank You