

MAHONING TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
EAST END FIRE COMPANY
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DANVILLE, PA 17821

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Mahoning Township Supervisors
Mahoning Township Municipal Building
849 Bloom Rd
Danville, PA 17821

Dear Supervisors,

The following is a summary of activities of the Mahoning Township Fire Department for the Year of 2018.

Incident Summary

The MTFD had a very busy year. There were a total of 248 incidents in 2018. The number of incidents increased from 228 in 2017, a 9% increase. For the 248 incidents, the department logged 1,832 personnel hours. Unfortunately, there were two major residential structure fires in Mahoning Township that resulted in great fire loss.

TOTAL INCIDENT:	248
INCIDENTS IN MAHONING TOWNSHIP:	126 51%
TOTAL MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS:	122 49%
TOTAL HOURS AT INCIDENTS:	1,832
APPARATUS AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:	5.0 Minutes
AVERAGE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS PER INCIDENT:	6
NUMBER OF FIRE FIGHTERS INJURED AT INCIDENTS:	0
HOSE USED AT INCIDENTS:	5,825 Feet
ALARMS RECEIVED VIA AUTOMATIC ALARMS:	74

ALARM TIME BREAKDOWN:

ALARMS BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 3:59PM:	115	46%
ALARMS BETWEEN 4:00PM AND 11:59PM:	79	32%
ALARMS BETWEEN 12:00AM AND 7:59AM:	54	22%

INCIDENTS REPORTING FIRE LOSS: 2

AMOUNT OF FIRE LOSS REPORTED: \$900,000.00

MEMBER STATUS OF INCIDENTS ATTENDED:

<u>% Attended</u>	<u>2018 Members</u>	<u>2017 Members</u>	<u>2016 Members</u>
Above 50%	1	5	3
40% - 49%	5	2	4
30% - 39%	2	2	4
20% - 29%	3	4	0
10% - 19%	7	6	5
Below 10%	28	30	31
	46	49	47

*(includes members who joined and members who left during the year)

CALL BREAKDOWN:

Grass/Woods Fire:	10	4%
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	29	12%
Vehicle Fire:	2	1%
Structure Fire:	42	17%
False Alarm:	64	26%
Investigation:	4	2%
CO Response:	3	1%
Rapid Intervention Team:	18	7%
Public Service:	11	4%
Haz Mat Response:	0	0%
Water Rescue:	13	5%
Other/Misc:	52	21%

(includes burnt food, EMS assists, transfers, rubbish fires, etc.)

Training Summary

The Department logged a total of 612 hours of in-house training and 310 hours of certification training for 2018. The Department also conducted tours of Geisinger Medical Center and other local businesses.

TOTAL IN HOUSE TRAINING SESSIONS:	28
TOTAL IN HOUSE TRAINING HOURS:	612
CERTIFIED TRAINING HOURS:	310
NUMBER OF INJURIES DURING TRAINING:	0
HOSE USED DURING TRAINING:	2,050 Feet

MEMBER STATUS OF TRAINING ATTENDED:

<u>% Attended</u>	<u>2018 Members</u>	<u>2017 Members</u>	<u>2016 Members</u>
Above 50%	8	10	12
40% - 49%	4	4	2
30% - 39%	3	2	2
20% - 29%	4	2	5
10% - 19%	4	2	3
Below 10%	23	29	23
	46	49	47

MEMBERS INJURED PEFORMING MAINTENANCE: 0

TOTAL HOURS MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT/ FACILITY: Est. 5,000 hrs.

Fire Prevention Summary

The Department was also very active in Fire Prevention activities in 2018. The Department logged 31 specific events. During those activities the Department had 319.5 hours. The Department performed various inspections, safety talks, and fire drills at local nursing homes and assisted living centers. Personnel from the Department also visited numerous day cares and the local primary and intermediate schools to present fire prevention presentations. In addition, the Department had several members participate in the 9th annual Fire Safety Camp for Kids that is held each August. This camp is a joint effort by all Montour County Fire Departments to teach fire safety and also spark an interest in firefighting in an effort for future recruitment. In addition, we held took Engine 63 out into the neighborhood on Trick-or-Treat night to hand out treats to children and promote recruitment of volunteers.

TOTAL FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES: 31

TOTAL HOURS FOR F.P. ACTIVITIES: 319.5

ACTIVITIES BREAKDOWN:

FIRE PREVENTION:	29
RECRUITMENT:	0
INSPECTIONS/FIRE DRILLS:	2

Financial Summary

The financing of the MTFD comes from three main sources. The East End Fire Co., The Mahoning Township Volunteer Fireman's Relief Association, and Mahoning Township Fire Fund (Fire Tax) are the three main sources of monetary support for the Department. Also, the Department continues to seek alternative funding sources through Federal, State, and local contributory grants. Finally, the Department continues to maintain fiscal responsibility to the township tax base while ensuring high quality/appropriate resources, training, and equipment.

Mahoning Township Fire Fund – Operations	\$19,276.54
Mahoning Township Vol. Fireman's Relief Assoc.	\$ 5,166.00
East End Fire Co.*	\$22,218.69
East End Fire Co. (for radio purchase)	\$ 9,744.56
State Grant (for radio purchase)	\$14,676.26
County Donation Drive (for radio purchase)	\$11,343.00
Total Operational	\$82,425.05
Est. Total Fire Fund (Apparatus Replacement)	\$40,000.00

The Fire Tax brings the department between \$60,000.00 and \$70,000.00. As provided in the past, the residual balance after operational and equipment expense is placed into a separate Fire Fund designated for apparatus replacement. The continued goal is to place a maximum amount of residual balance into the apparatus replacement fund. In August 2018, \$40,000.00 was transferred from the checking account to the apparatus Fire Fund.

The Department has requested the same budget from Mahoning Township, \$70,000.00, for the year 2019, with the same goal in mind. That is to place a maximum amount of the fire tax into the apparatus replacement fund.

The Department was also required to purchase new high-band radios at the request of the East Central Emergency Network. This was a large purchase of over \$35,000.00. None of this expense came from the Fire Tax. This expense was covered solely by grant money, donations and fundraising, and the East End Fire Company.

*Excludes plant and facility overhead and indirect operational costs.

Chief's Thoughts

The Mahoning Township Fire Department continues to be a busy department. In 2018, the MTFD responded to 248 calls for assistance and held 28 training sessions. We also continue to have a strong fire prevention and education program, which includes an annual fire camp for kids. We had two major structure fires in the Township resulting in approximately \$900,000.00 in fire loss. In the summer, our boat was dispatched to several neighboring communities to assist and rescue those affected by flooding. In fact, Boat 68 and the crew made National news when they rescued a family from their home that was surrounded by flooding creek water.

The leadership of the East End Fire Company continues to support the mission of the MTFD, by effectively running a business that is solely for the support of the Fire Department. I would like to thank these volunteers who dedicate their time and support this worthy cause.

As I say every year, a "Thank You" is also due to the men and women who make up the ranks of fire fighters from junior fire fighters to fire fighters to line officers. Without their dedication, the MTFD would be non-existent. These individuals give up time selflessly, missing important family functions, holiday celebrations and meals – all for nothing in return. The MTFD would also be non-existent if not for the support of the families of our volunteers. The families give up a lot too, and we truly appreciate that more than we can express.

We were able to send three fire fighters to the annual FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference) in Indianapolis, Indiana. This conference features fire fighter training courses instructed by the best fire instructors from around the world. The training attended was top-notch and we will offer this training to 2 members each year.

While our number of fire fighters per call has decreased slightly, I am proud to say that we maintained our average response time of 5 minutes. However, the decline in volunteers is alarming; we need to find a way to bring in new members. As promised, with the assistance of my Deputy Chief, I have been investigating new ways to try and recruit new members. We both attending training session on recruitment and retention and have some solid ideas. What we have found though, is that funding these ideas is proving to be tricky.

In 2019, I would like to create and implement a retention program for the dedicated members we currently have. Another goal is to host a state certified structural burn training for the MTFD fire fighters. This was a goal for 2018, however, it was put on hold until one active member would be 18 and able to attend. In conclusion, recruitment and retention will be our top priority in 2019 (aside from fire protection and rescue).

Best Regards,

Leslie A. Young
Chief 60
Mahoning Township Fire Department