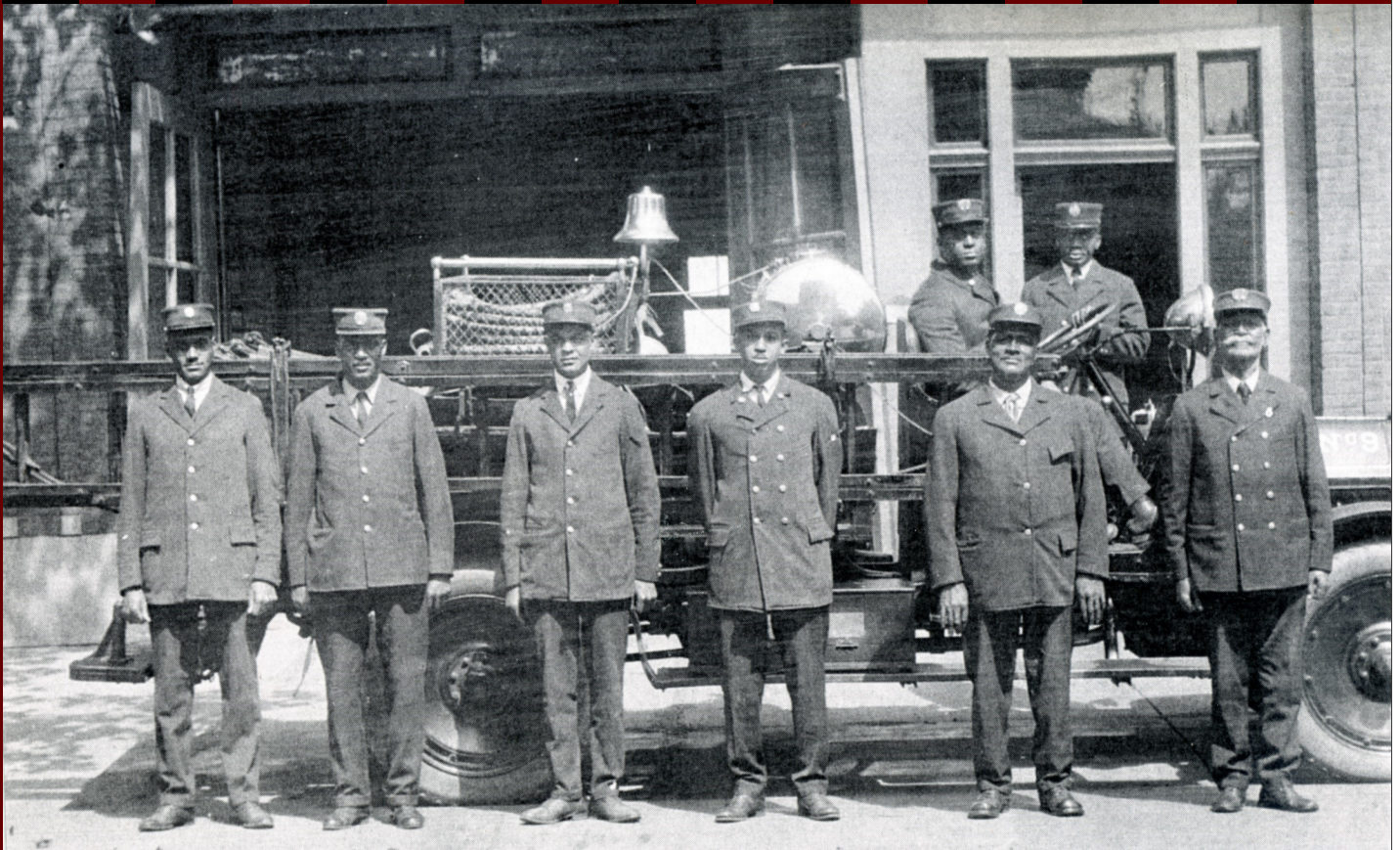


# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CONCERNED PROFESSIONALS PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE



**Hose House #9    322 Olive Street    1920**



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Evansville Fire Department  
550 SE Eighth Street  
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**EVANSVILLE**  
**EPD**  
**FIRE DEPT.**

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF



FIRE CHIEF CONNELLY

On behalf of the men and women of the Evansville Fire Department, I am pleased to submit the 2017 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 received an award in 2017 from FEMA through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program that will improve adherence to industry standards. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program recommends, “The fire department shall prevent exposure to firefighters and contamination of living and sleeping areas to exhaust emissions.” Carcinogens are the number one killer of firefighters due to occupational exposure. Compliance with this standard reduces that health risk for our own firefighters here in Evansville, Indiana.

September 11, 2017 the Evansville Fire Department dedicated a new Pierce 75' Quint to be placed in service at Station #5. Continuous renewal of firetrucks in the fleet provides a safe and reliable platform for our firefighters to work from when called to the emergency scene.

Health and wellness of the firefighting force is paramount to a safe and resilient community. Firefighter's face more stress and more tragedy in one day than any ordinary citizen may face in a lifetime. The Evansville Fire Department has implemented a Peer Support Team as a means to manage the emotional toll of this stress and tragedy during their career. This team keeps the firefighters ready to respond any day, any time.

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

- 1) Life Safety
- 2) Incident Stabilization
- 3) 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 2017 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.

*C. Michael Connelly*  
*Fire Chief*



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EFD ADMINISTRATION

### ***Fire Chief***

Charles M. Connelly

### ***Assistant Fire Chief***

Paul Anslinger

### ***Battalion Chiefs***

Chief of Public Information Dan Grimm  
Chief of Administration Charles Hertzberger

### ***District Chiefs***

Chief of Training Mike Ewald  
Chief of Health & Safety Ray Goff  
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 Mike Kane

### ***Investigators***

Supervisory 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

IT/Communications Specialist Jeff Crawford

EMS Manager Keith Current

Office Manager/Bookkeeper Kelly Frankenberger

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

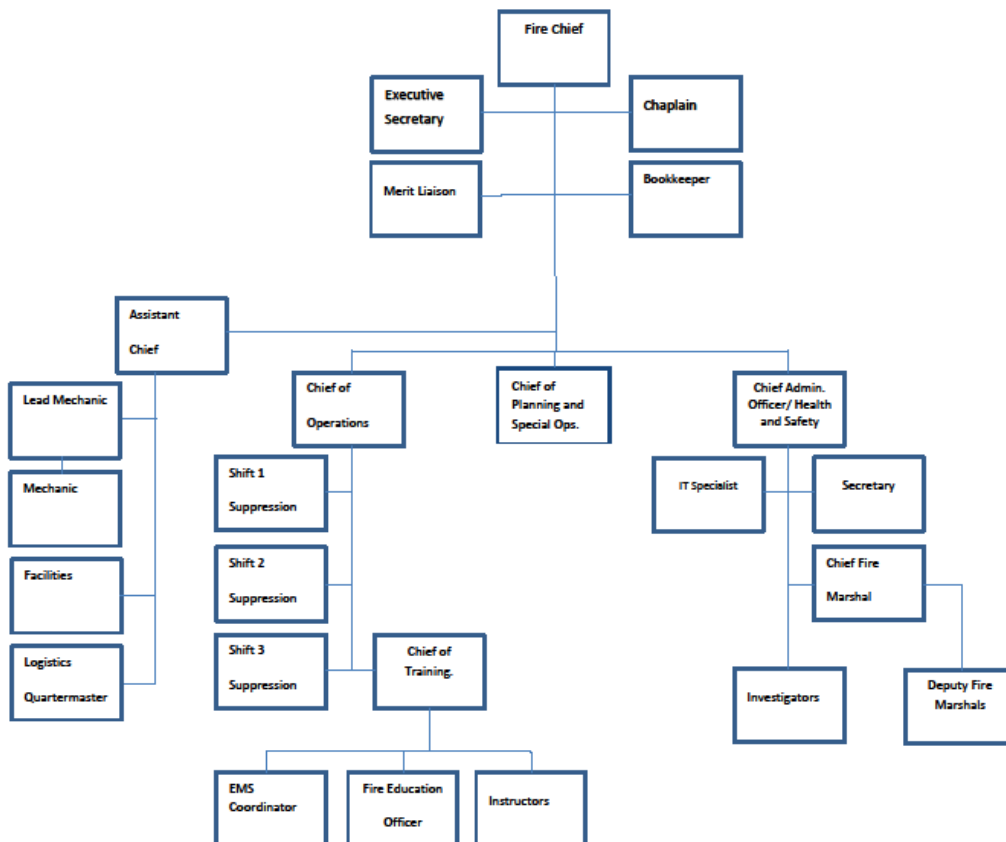
Mechanic James Nellis





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2017 TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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 Mike T. Gilkey  
James E Nunning, Commissioner  
Jesse O. Storey, Commissioner

### 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 Captain Anthony Knight  
Lieutenant Daniel Goodman  
Captain Kirk Kuhnel  
Captain James Melloy  
District Chief (Retired) Bruce Woodward

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF

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

The Fleet Maintenance Division maintains and services the department's vehicles, apparatus, support vehicles, firefighting equipment, SCBA cascade systems and SCBA air packs. Fleet Maintenance schedules and performs all annual services and recertification of the fire pumps, aerial devices, fire hose and all ground ladders.

Two of the Divisions Technicians are certified in SCBA repairs which at times becomes a full time job to maintain and service the 125 SCBA air packs in our inventory. In 2017 the Department purchased a new Pierce 75' Quint that was put into service at Station 5 to replace their 23 year old apparatus.

The Facilities Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining all 17 of the Fire Department facilities and on occasions, handles the remodeling or updating of the facilities. Additionally, the Facilities Manager inventories and delivers all necessary Stations supplies.

The Communications/IT Division is responsible for maintaining and updating the Departments computers, mobile computer terminals (MCT), mobile radios, and portable radios for each firefighter.

The Quartermaster is responsible for outfitting all Fire Suppression Personnel with all of their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). All Suppression Personnel are issued two sets of structural firefighting gear. This effort has proven to increase the service life of each set of gear. The Quartermaster schedules all annual inspections on the fire gear, makes repairs to the fire gear and replaces the gear when it is no longer serviceable.



ASST. CHIEF ANSLINGER



2017 New Quint 5

The Departments inventory of apparatus, vehicles, equipment, facilities, firefighting gear and communications equipment requires a lot of attention and maintenance to keep the Department working efficiently.

Dedicated, hardworking individuals in each of these Divisions keep the Evansville Fire Department functioning on a daily basis and ready to respond to any emergency that might arise.

*Paul H. Anslinger*  
*Assistant Fire Chief*



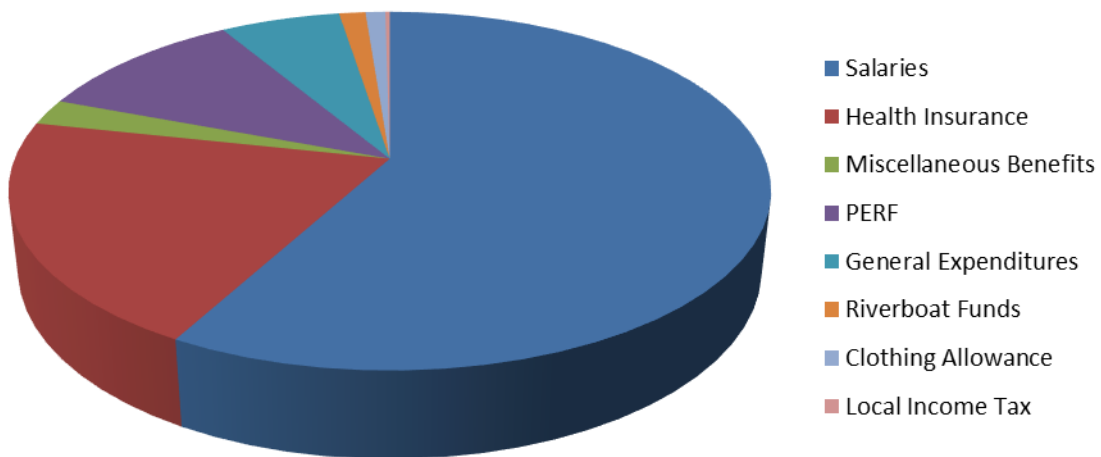
# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## BUDGET/EXPENDITURES

The Evansville Fire Department's total budget for 2017 was \$29,695,177.. The following is a breakdown of our budget:

- Salaries \$17,045,159 or 57.23% of the total budget
- Health insurance \$5,979,627.27 or 20.14% off the total budget
- Social Security, Unemployment & Workman's Comp \$684,590.62 or 2.31% of the total budget
- PERF (Public Employees Retirement Fund) \$3,130,644.90 or 10.54% of the total budget
- General Expenditures \$1,771,117.02 or 5.96% of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/Riverboat Funds \$388,512.77 or 1.31% of the total budget
- Clothing Allowance \$292,647.87 or .99% of the total budget
- Capital Expenditures/ Local Income Tax (LIT) \$65,147.70 or .22 % of the total budget

**Evansville Fire Department's Total 2017 Budget**



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OPERATIONS DIVISION



### DOWNTOWN APARTMENT FIRE

The Suppression Division consists of 255 firefighters comprised of one Operations Chief, six District Chiefs, 51 Captains, 36 Lieutenants, 155 Privates, four Fire Investigators and one Arson K-9. The Suppression Division is manned by firefighters who work one of three twenty-four hour rotating shifts. Each shift is comprised of 83 personnel operating from one of Evansville's 14 fire stations. In 2017, the Evansville Fire Department employed 6.08 firefighters per square mile which represents 2.24 firefighters per every 1000 persons. The Departments minimum staffing levels meet 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.

The firefighting fleet of the Evansville Fire Department consists of nine engines, four of which carry 1000 gallons on board water. These Engines are primarily used to pump water from the fire hydrants through hoses to the fire scene. The department has one aerial Ladder (100'), which is used to provide large volumes of water and firefighter access to buildings in excess of three stories. The department also houses five Quints, with one being a 107' aerial platform quint that can be used as an engine or aerial ladder at fire scenes, two Rescue Squads that supply additional lighting, breathing air and specialty rescue equipment, a hazardous materials response vehicle, which includes a 30' trailer for equipment, and four suppression chief vehicles. All emergency apparatus, with the exception of our Rescue Squads, respond to emergencies with a minimum of four firefighters. The Rescue Squads respond with a minimum of two firefighters. The Suppression Division also has eight pieces of reserve apparatus consisting of two Engines (Type I), one Aerial Ladder (110'), one Heavy Rescue, two Chief vehicles, and two Quints (75').

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

### PRESENT FIRE STATION LOCATIONS & MINIMUM DEPLOYMENT CONFIGURATION

Station 1 HAZMAT TRT Rescue	750 S.E. Eighth St.	Engine 1 Ladder 1 Rescue 1 Investigation Unit Hazmat 1 & Trailer	4FF 4FF 2FF/EMT 1 Investigator Cross-staffed
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Station 2	3601 Maxx Rd.	Engine 2 Engine 902	4FF
Station 3 Water Rescue Dive Rescue	310 N. Fourth Ave.	Engine 3 Rescue 3 Utility 3 Water 3/Zodiac 3 Dive Trailer Rescue 903	4FF 2FF/EMT Cross-staffed Cross-staffed Cross-staffed
Station 4	1200 Oakhill Rd.	Engine 4 Brush 4	4FF
Station 5	2413 W. Maryland St.	Quint 5	4FF
Station 6	6521 Washington Ave.	Engine 6	4FF
Station 7	1050 S. Barker Ave.	Engine 7 Engine 905	4FF
Station 8	2003 N. Kentucky Ave.	Quint 8 Quint 908	4FF
Station 9	2020 Keystone	Quint 9 Quint 909	4FF
Station 10 WEST CHIEF OFFICE	120 E. Columbia St.	Engine 10 West District Chief	4FF 1DC
Station 14	545 S. Willow Rd.	Engine 14	4FF
Station 15	1711 S. Weinbach Ave.	Engine 15	4FF
Station 16 EAST CHIEF OFFICE	2801 Washington Ave.	Quint 16 Ladder 916 East District Chief	4FF 1DC
Station 17	425 W. Mill Rd.	Quint 17	4FF



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OPERATIONS DIVISION



1403 Marshal Ave House Fire



Riverside & Adams Street House Fire

### Evansville Fire Department/Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch Events by Nature Code

Year	Calls	Average Response Time	Average Scene Time	Total Call Time	Average Call Time
<b>2017</b>					
	9151	0:04:22	0:28:57	3269:05:13	0:32:43
<b>2016</b>					
	9312	0:04:45	0:46:02	3421:49:35	0:51:29
<b>2015</b>					
	9063	0:04:27	0:57:09	3409:49:34	1:14:22

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

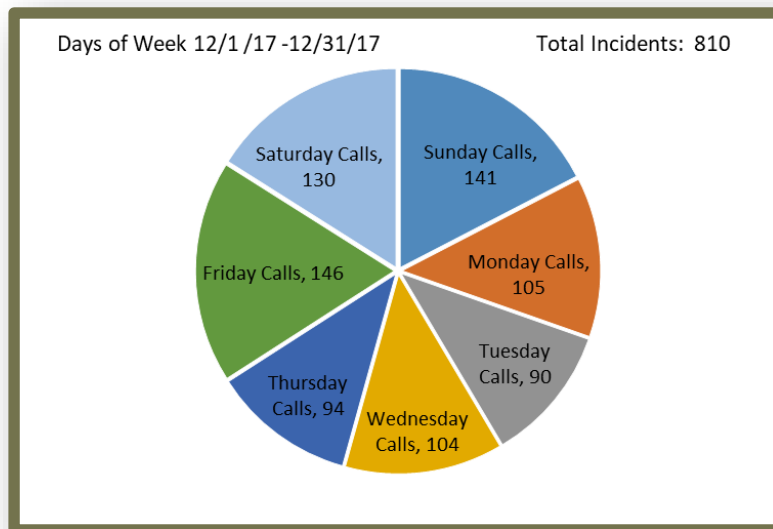
## OPERATIONS DIVISION

### City Fire Response Activity

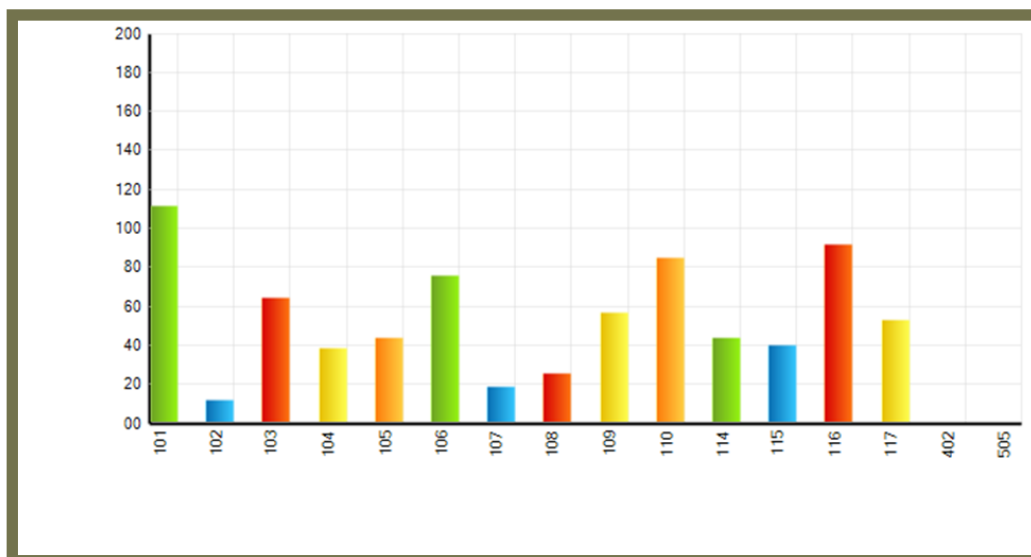
The Evansville Fire Department responded to a total of 9151 fire and medical “Calls for Service” in 2017. These “Calls for Service” generated 9694 apparatus responses. The total number of “Calls for Service” resulted in 3269:69:13 hours and minutes of man-hours.

The average time for the Evansville Fire Department from dispatch to arrival on scene of the emergency was 4:07 minutes and 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.

### CITIZEN CALLS FOR SERVICE DECEMBER 2017



### RUNS BY FIRE STATIONS 12/1/201—12/31/2017



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

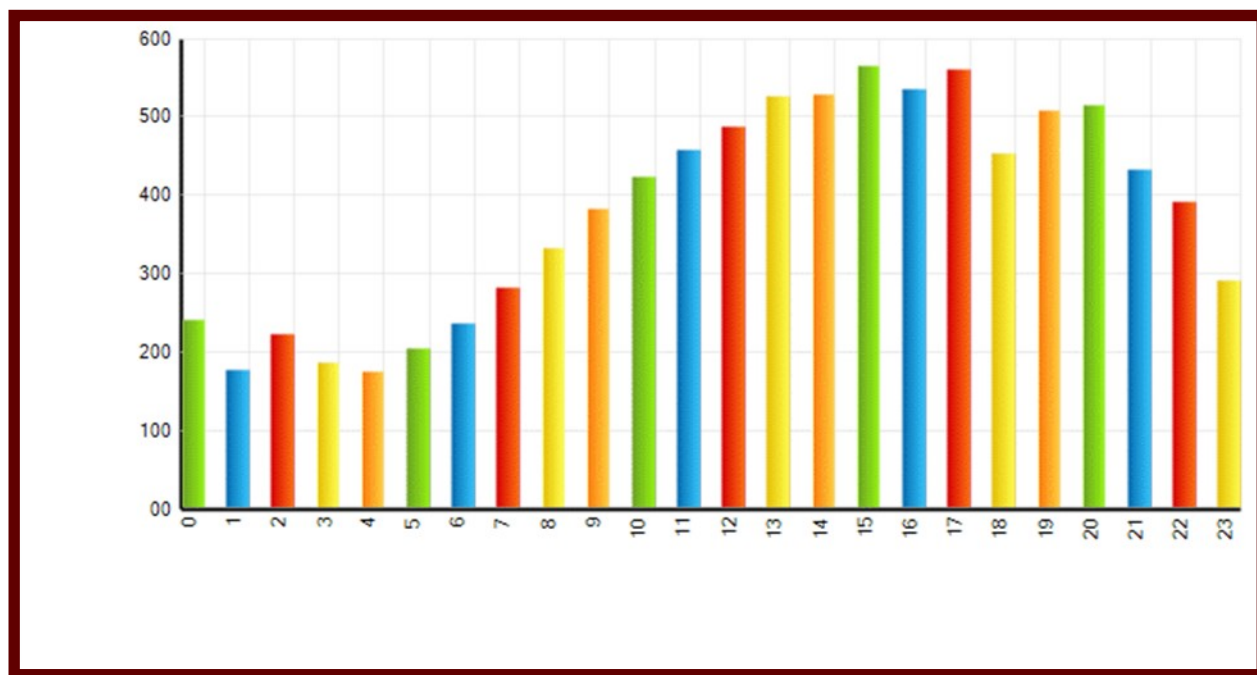


Hercules House Explosion



219 Main Street Fire

### 2017 RUNS BY TIME OF DAY (00:00 — 24:00)





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

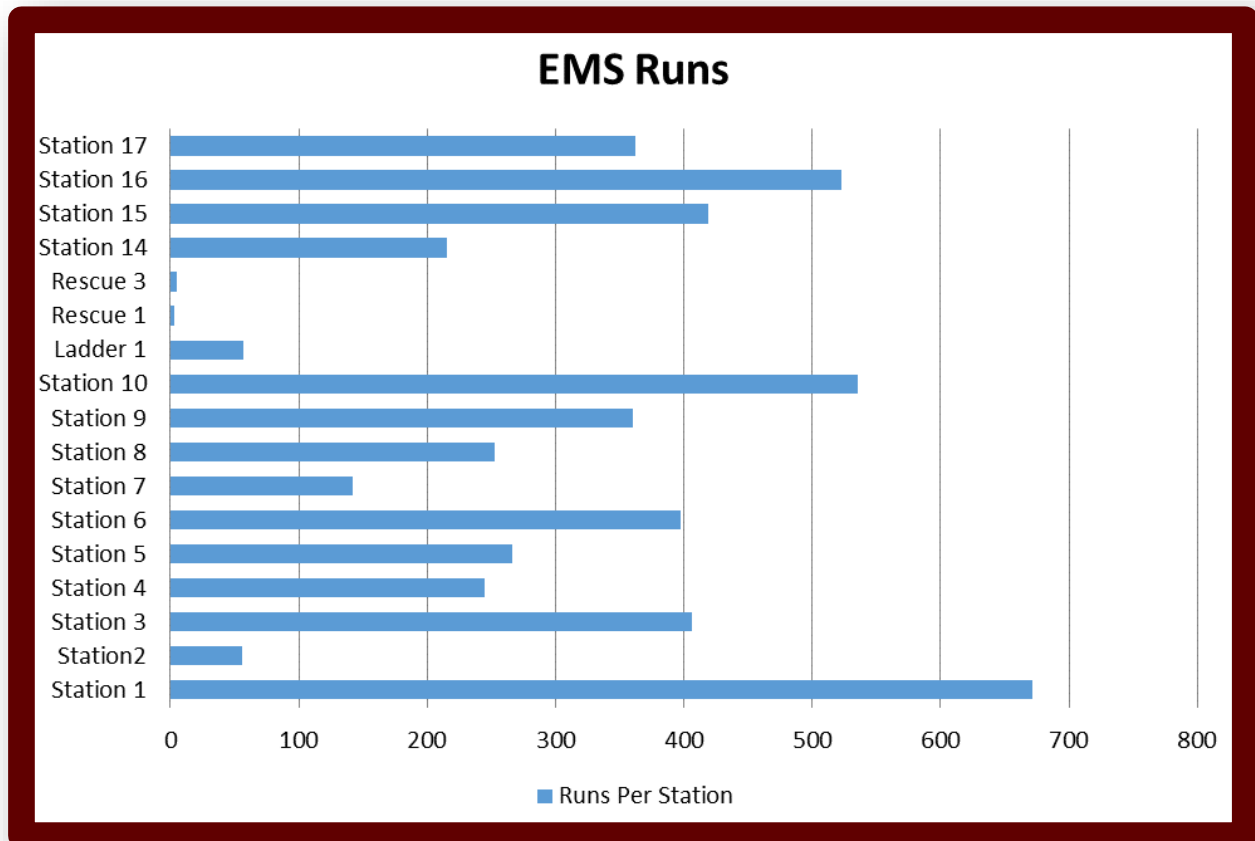
### TOTAL RUNS FOR THE YEAR 2017

<u>Day of Week/Year</u>	<u>Incidents</u>
Sunday	1281
Monday	1334
Tuesday	1401
Wednesday	1390
Thursday	1457
Friday	1435
Saturday	1396
Total Incidents	9694



Riverside & Adams Street House Fire

### EFD MEDICAL RESPONSE BY FIRE STATIONS



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OPERATIONS DIVISION



1403 Marshal Ave. Fire



1403 Marshal Ave Fire

The Evansville Fire Department organization was restructured with a new Division Chief/Chief of Operations in 2017. The goal is to provide a new direction of leadership, personal accountability, and training, for a more stable work environment.



Pin Shore Court Outbuilding Fire



Downtown Apartment Building Fire

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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.





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION



The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) Training Division oversees Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training for the department's 274 members.

Recruit Class #56-17 added five new firefighters to fill vacancies in 2017.

Upgrades to the EFD/Indiana Firefighter Training System District 10 Training Facility were made using an Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant to provide electrical power and lighting to the site and roof prop, lighting and power in the Training Tower, and the installation of a decontamination shower in the Training Classroom.

### 2017 Training Division Personnel

Mike Ewald, District Chief  
Steve Jordan, Instructor  
Mike Larson, Instructor  
Rick Whitehouse, Instructor

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

### Training Facilities

#### Evansville Fire Department Administration Building

550 S.E. Eighth Street, Evansville, IN 47713

House/Apartment Search and Rescue Prop  
Administration Classroom  
Fitness Center  
Quartermaster

The EFD Administration Building houses the offices of the Chief of Instruction, Instructors and the EMS Manager, as well as storage of supplies and reference materials. The warehouse portion of the facility houses a small scale "House/Apartment" prop which is used for SCBA and Search and Rescue Training.

Additional amenities at the Administration Building which are used frequently by the Training Division include the Fitness Gym/Locker Room, the Administration Building Classroom and the Quartermaster Area for cleaning and maintaining personal protective equipment.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION

### **Evansville Fire Department Training Site** 2301 Buchanan Road, Evansville, IN 47720

The EFD Training Site is a 2.0 acre site used for various training evolutions. The paved site contains a 5-Story concrete Training Tower, a 1,200 SF Classroom Building, a Fire Behavior Burn Chamber, a multi-use Roof Ventilation Prop Building, a propane-fueled Car Fire prop and a Forcible Entry door system prop. The site has electric power to the Classroom Building and two municipal fire hydrants. Current mobile training props include a METS Bus, a School Bus and passenger vehicles for use in training evolutions.

The EFD Training Site serves as the Primary Training Site for the 12 counties comprising District 10 of the Indiana Firefighter Training System. In doing so, the facility is available for use by departments served by District 10. In 2017, District 10 provided upgraded internet service for the site and purchased Max Fire Box fire behavior props, with one being assigned to the District 10 Primary Training Center at the Evansville Fire Department.

An Indiana Department of Homeland Security Maintenance Infrastructure Grant provided electric power and Classroom improvements in 2017. Power wiring and receptacles were installed to serve all areas of the site, including pole-mounted lighting to better illuminate the west end of the site. Power was restored to the Training Tower with safety lighting and receptacles installed to serve all floors. A decontamination shower and ice freezer were installed to assist with firefighter safety and rehabilitation while on site.

The Training Facility site currently houses an Evansville METS bus, an EVSC school bus and passenger vehicles for use as training props.

### **2017 Indiana Association of Fire Chief's Instructor of the Year Rick Whitehouse**



*2017 Indiana Fire Chief's Association Instructor of the Year Rick Whitehouse teaching Pump Operations to members of EFD Recruit Class #56-17.*

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division participated in the following activities related to Professional Development, Fire Department Public Relations, New Recruit Firefighter Training, Probationary Firefighter Training, Incumbent Firefighter Training, Training Facility Improvements and Equipment Testing in 2017:

### **Professional Development:**

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

Instructor Larson participated in the two-day ISFSI Basement Fires Study Training held in Philadelphia, PA.

Instructors Larson and Jordan and District Chief Ewald attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, IN, participating in Hands-On Training, Conference Workshops and Classroom Sessions.

District Chief Ewald attended the Firehouse Expo Conference in Nashville, TN, participating in Conference Workshop and Classroom Sessions.

District Chief Ewald and Instructor Jordan attended a 4 hour Max Fire Box Training Prop Train-the-Trainer session for using the new District 10 prop.

Assisted the Inspection Division in obtaining Inspector II skills completion and certification testing.

The Training Division participated in 4 hours of automatic fire suppression system training.

District Chief Ewald assisted the Henderson (KY) Fire Department in serving as an Assessment Center Evaluator for their testing process to fill a Training Captain position.

District Chief Ewald participated in the District 10 Training Council, serving as the Evansville (career) Fire Department representative.

### **Fire Department Public Relations:**

The Training Division hosted Senator Donnelly and his staff at the Training Facility for media coverage of a "Donnelly Day" visit, where the Senator participated in fire training evolutions with Recruit Class #56-17.

The Training Division coordinated media coverage of Recruit Class #56-17 with Channel 14 and Channel 44 News.

The Training Division assisted Fire Chief Connelly with the Chief for the Day Program by providing tours and demonstrations at the EFD Training Facility.

The Training Division assisted Fire Chief Connelly and the Evansville Professional Firefighters Union Local 357 in hosing area politicians and community leaders for a Fire Ops 101 program at the Training Facility. The program allows area leaders a hands-on opportunity to experience the challenges of being a firefighter.

Conducted Modern Fire Dynamics training for the Public Safety Class at the Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center. The Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center (SICTC) assisted EFD in building approximately 30 small scale houses to use as training props for use with Modern Fire Dynamics Training.

The Training Division presented the Modern Fire Dynamics program at the German Township Fire Department.

District Chief Ewald and Instructor Larson maintain Department's social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION



*Senator Joe Donnelly at the EFD Training Site for a “Donnelly Day” visit to suit up and participate in hands-on fire training with EFD Recruit Class #56-17.*

### **Incumbent Firefighter Training:**

First due EFD Companies, 2 District Chiefs, the Operations Chief and the EMS Manager participated in a “Mock Active Shooter Drill” with Deaconess Hospital, the Evansville Police Department, EPD SWAT, Central Dispatch and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Department.

First due EFD Companies, 4 District Chiefs, the Operations Chief and the EMS Manager participated in a “Working Fire Drill” with Tropicana Casino, the Evansville Police Department, Central Dispatch and American Medical Response.

First due EFD Companies, 2 District Chiefs, the Operations Chief and the EMS Manager participated in a “Mock Aircraft Disaster Drill” with the Evansville Regional Airport Fire & Safety Department, the Evansville Police Department, the Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Department, Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency and Central Dispatch.

The EFD Operations Chief, 3 EFD District Chiefs and the EFD EMS Manager 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.

Conducted Wrecker-Assisted Heavy Vehicle Extrication Training at the EFD Training Facility with primary responding Companies on the Interstate Highways and Rescue Squad Companies in conjunction with Tri-State Towing and Recovery.

Conducted Modern Fire Dynamics training at the EFD Training Facility for all EFD Companies.

Conducted Above-Ground Storage Tank Fire training for first due EFD Companies in conjunction with Marathon Petroleum and Williams Fire & Hazard Control at the SICTC campus and Evansville Regional Airport. Several members of the Evansville Regional Airport Fire & Safety Department, the Henderson (KY) Fire Department and the Mt. Vernon Fire Department joined EFD for the training.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION

Provided department-wide training and guidance on Response to Fentanyl Incidents at the EFD Training Facility in conjunction with EPD Narcotic Division Detective Brock Hensley.

First due EFD Companies participated in Military Aircraft Accident training at the Evansville Regional Airport in conjunction with Wright-Patterson AFB Fire Department and the Evansville Regional Airport Fire & Safety Department.

The Training Division assisted the Operations Chief in conducting After-Action Reviews of significant incidents including the Hercules Avenue House Explosion, the Ashley Court Apartment Fire and the Linwood and Monroe Vehicle Accident.

Performed 45 hours of Extrication Training with Rescue Squad personnel.

The Training Division monitored progress of the completion of over 60,000 hours of assigned Incumbent Company Training for all EFD Suppression personnel.

Performed Company Training evolutions at various acquired structures in conjunction with the Evansville Land Bank.



*EFD Firefighters training on Heavy-Duty Wrecker Assisted Extrication at the EFD Training Facility in conjunction with Tri-State Towing and Recovery.*



*EFD Firefighters training on Water Supply and Foam Application at the Evansville Regional Airport in conjunction with Marathon Petroleum and Williams Fire and Hazard Control.*



*EFD Firefighters training on Forcible Entry at an acquired structure with Instructor Steve Jordan*



*EFD Firefighter training in the Burn Chamber*



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION

### Probationary Firefighter Training

In addition to completing incumbent Firefighter Training, 10 Probationary Firefighters completed the following assigned training during 2017 as a condition of their employment:

The Training Division monitored progress of the completion of Required In-Station training for 10 Probationary Firefighters from the Summer 2016 Recruit Class, including driver training at the company level.

Completed Driver Certification consisting of 240 hours of driving and skills proficiency testing for 10 Probationary Firefighters from the Summer 2016 Recruit Class.



*Above Left: Probationary Firefighter being tested on Aerial Operations by Instructor Mike Larson.*



*Above Right: A Probationary Firefighter being tested on Pump Operations by Instructor Steve Jordan.*



*Above Left: EFD Recruit Firefighters train on roof ventilation skills at an acquired structure on Read Street during EFD Recruit Class #56-17. Above Right: EFD Recruit Firefighters control a car fire training evolution at the EFD Training Center during EFD Recruit Class #56-17.*



Recruit Class #56-17 produced Five Probationary Firefighters, each receiving Indiana FF I/II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, and Indiana Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications following the completion of 480 hours of fire training and 240 hours of EMT training.

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TRAINING DIVISION

### Training Facility Improvements

Completed infrastructure improvements at the Training Tower Facility via a \$50,000 District 10 Training Infrastructure Grant.

Completed construction of an “Apartment” on the fourth floor of the existing Training Tower for use with live fire training.

Received a Max Fire Box fire behavior training prop via District 10 of the Indiana Fire Training System.



*In 2017, the Indiana Firefighter Training System purchased a Max Fire Box prop to be housed at the EFD Training Facility, the Primary Training Site for District 10 of the IFTS. (Photo by John M. Buckman, III / Wildfire Studio)*

### Equipment Testing

Performed ground Ladder Testing in accordance with NFPA 1932 for all department apparatus.

Performed SCBA and APR respirator fit testing in accordance with NFPA 1500 and NFPA 1404 for all new and incumbent suppression personnel.

Performed hands-on evaluation testing of battery powered extrication tools and stabilization struts with Rescue Squad personnel and local vendors.

### CONTINUANCE

The Evansville Fire Department Training Division will continue to keep our firefighters EMS compliant and provide continuing education to insure that they are trained on the latest innovations and methods.

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EMS DIVISION

### 2017 EMS Incidents

Abdominal Pain	37	
Allergic Reactions	41	
Animal Bites	3	
Assaults/Rapes	37	
Back Pain	6	
Difficulty Breathing	1228	21%
Burns	3	
CO/Hazmat	8	
Cardiac/Resp. Arrest	207	3.6%
Chest Pains	627	10.8%
Choking	28	
Seizures	550	9.5%
Diabetic	131	2.3%
Drowning	4	
Electrocution	2	
Falls	357	6.1%
Headache	2	
Cardiac Emergency	62	
Heat/Cold Emergency	22	
Hemorrhage	41	
Industrial Accident	3	
Overdose/Poisoning	230	4%
Overdose Narcan Used	144	2.5%
Pregnancy	58	
Psychiatric Emergency	49	
Sick Person	43	
Shooting/Stabbing	65	
Stroke	44	
Motor Vehicle Crash	911	15.7%
Traumatic Injury	3	
Unconscious Person	629	10.8%
Dead At Scene	113	2%
Unknown	2	
Manpower	19	
Lift Assist	73	
Forcible Entry	32	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5814</b>	

The Evansville Fire Department first responds to all Delta response calls with American Medical Response (AMR), and when requested by the Evansville Police Department and other agencies. According to information obtained by searching EMS reports that were submitted into the Firehouse EMS reporting system, the Evansville Fire Department responded to 9720 overall calls in 2017, with the EMS Division responding to 5814 of those calls for assistance. That shows that EMS runs accounted for 60% of the overall run volume of the Evansville Fire Department for the year 2017. The breakdown is charted in the table on the left.

The most drastic increases in our responses from 2016 to 2017, was a 116% rise in **overdose** runs, a 48% increase in **psychiatric** runs, a 35% increase in fall runs and a 35% increase in **cardiac/respiratory arrest** runs.

**Unknown** runs **decreased** by 82%, **manpower** runs decreased by 74%, and **lift assist runs** decreased by 59% in 2017, compared to the figures from 2016.

### Programs/Events

Assisted the SICTC in certifying 21 of their Public Safety Curriculum students as EMR's.

Assisted the Special Teams Chief and provided crews for the first aid stations at Thunder Fest and at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival.

Assisted the Health and Safety Chief with scheduling, compliance, preparedness and supplies for the annual required Work Performance Evaluations (WPE) for all suppression personnel.

Worked with Deaconess Hospital on training all EFD personnel on the State-Mandated "Stop the Bleed" class.

Worked with AMR to recertify all EFD personnel in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) Training.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EMS DIVISION

### Training

Our monthly EMS training man-hours for 2017 was 6810. We also are sending out training and keeping records for numerous EPD officers and other agencies who are certified at the EMT level.

We completed Blood borne and Airborne Pathogen training in January, which is an annual OSHA requirement. With the opium and opioid epidemic, we trained the entire department as to how to administer Narcan and we began carrying Narcan on all apparatus, as of April 10. We also trained all EFD personnel in the State required Stop the Bleed class with assistance from the Deaconess staff.

The Evansville Fire Department in conjunction with our recruit academy completed 1 EMT class of 242 hours, in 2017 with a 100% pass rate, certifying 6 new firefighters, 1 EMR, and 1 EPD officer as EMTs. This was the first class in Indiana where it was mandatory that they complete the National Registry exam and become National Registered as EMTs.

The Evansville Fire Department recertified 3 Paramedics, 134 EMTs, and 40 EMRs in 2017. The Evansville Fire Department currently has 75% of its members certified as EMTs or Paramedics. Everyone is at least certified at the Emergency Medical Responder level.

In 2017, the Evansville Fire Department put a fully stocked Rehab unit in service. It is to be deployed to fire scenes and locations where extended time incidents may occur. It was deployed to some incidents in 2017, and will be used to rehab our firefighters in extreme conditions.

The Evansville Fire Department EMTs are certified to either administer or assist in, administering oxygen, aspirin, glucose, nitroglycerin, Narcan, and Epi-Pens. We average nearly 99% compliance in oxygen administration, and nearly 98% compliance in administering aspirin for chest pain patients per our protocols.



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.

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.

*LEFT: EFD Recruit Firefighters participate in CPR training using AMR's enhanced CPR manikin in the EFD Administration Building Classroom during EFD Recruit Class #56-17.*





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS & PLANNING

Special Operations coordinate 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, Hydro Fest Security & Safety planning, and the IDHS District 10 Weapons of Mass Destruction Team.

### 2017 Special Operations Incidents

High-angle rescue – 1  
Water rescue related events – 18  
Technical Rescue events - 52  
Natural gas/LPG leak – 171  
Chemical hazard, spill, or leak – 40  
Carbon monoxide incident – 101

### Special Operations Training Hours

2014 – 2,620 hours  
2015 – 3,054 hours  
2016 – 2,964 hours  
2017 – 3,143 hours

### 2017 Special Operations Training Summary

<u>Hours</u>	<u>Discipline</u>
1,968	Hazardous Materials
776	Dive
233	Rope/Confined Space
60	Technical Rescue
196	Incident Command

### Planning Section

In 2017, EFD and the Evansville Police Department (EPD) developed an Incident Action Plan for the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival that was utilized by EFD, EPD, AMR, the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 53<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team, Central Dispatch, and Fall Festival Executive Staff. Again in 2017, we utilized Vanderburgh County EMA's Mobile Emergency Operation Center to establish a unified command presence with EFD & EPD at the ready for immediate incident command needs. Additionally in 2017, The EFD Planning Section assisted in the development of incident & operational action plans for:

2017 Shriner Fest Airshow  
2017 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks  
2017 Hydro Fest Boat Races

The Evansville Fire Department supported these special events with dedicated fire, water rescue, and EMS services valued at \$55,600.

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM



The Hazardous Materials Team consists of 52 firefighters who are trained as hazardous materials technicians stationed at Stations 1 & 10. They utilize our well-equipped Ferrara Hazmat Truck and 35' Hazmat trailer with Command Space. Should mass decontamination be required, firefighters will deploy our TVI decon tent capable of decontaminating both ambulatory & non-ambulatory patients. Therefore, 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) asset, as WMDs are a hazmat incident with "an attitude".

Firefighters must undergo rigorous training to remain proficient and competent as hazardous materials technicians, trained to identify unknown substances with a cadre of instruments on our hazmat trailer, or donning a "Level A" suit to stop a Chlorine leak. In conjunction with the Henderson Fire Department, seven members of EFD completed an 80-hour

Hazardous Materials Technician class. The Kentucky Emergency Management hosted 40 hours of training, and the remaining hours were conducted at EFD involving extensive hazmat skills and knowledge. Firefighters Colton Blanchard, Lucas Macke, Pat Moore, Ian Pate, Jamie Phillips, Brad Roberts, and Rob Smith received their Indiana Hazardous Materials Technician Certifications. Hazmat team leaders Captains Shadrick, Kuhnel, and Bacon led numerous training evolutions including: bonding & grounding, flammable liquid fires, bio threat sampling, and leak control.

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 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), EFD received and recorded 185 Tier II facility reports, reporting 658 chemicals of reportable quantities within those facilities. District Chief Zuber is EFD's LEPC representative & Vanderburgh County LEPC Chairman. EFD assisted in writing a tabletop scenario to challenge Evansville's response plan during a chemical emergency.

In conjunction with the LEPC, a \$6,300 Hazardous Materials & Emergency Planning (HMEP) training grant was written to obtain Action Training's hazardous materials educational series for response, incident management, containment, and decontamination. We also obtained updated hazmat chemical research resources for our hazmat library & training.

### EFD Capital purchases for the hazmat team in 2017

Biological Test Kits	\$5,300
Hazmat Protective Clothing	\$8,400
Rad/Nuc Detection Equipment	\$1,900
Decontamination berm	\$1,100
Hazmat meter maintenance	\$5,800
Chlorine kit upgrades	\$3,200



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ROPE/CONFINED/TECHNICAL RESCUE



Raising & Lowering systems



Captains Scheller & Riley working in the "Steel"

### Rope/Confined Space Team

EFD is represented by 26 firefighters as Rope Rescue Technicians, and all equipment is housed on Rescue 1 and Ladder 1. Captains Bryan Will, Rick Scheller, & Tony Knight 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. EFD Capital purchases for the rope team in 2017 included:

Replace rescue rope beyond service life	\$1,200
Replace/Upgrade rope rescue hardware	\$4,700
Confined Space Communications	\$1,200
Rope & Confined Space field manuals	\$ 400

### Technical Rescue

EFD is the host of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) District 10 Technical Rescue trailer. The Technical Rescue Team Leaders are Captains Ed Parker & Chad Jordan, and Lieutenant Lester Seib. The Tech Rescue 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.





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## DIVE TEAM



Dive training on LST 325—Prop Inspection



Ice Rescue at Helfrich Golf Course

The team consists of 25 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 Intespiro Divator & OTS Stealth full face dive mask with underwater communications, and DUI dry suits that enable divers to enter contaminated or cold waters. DUI TLS350 Public Safety 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. Our primary boat is a 22' Scorpion aluminum hull, V8 jet-drive boat that is also capable of providing 2,500 gallons of water per minute for firefighting operations. A Humminbird side scan sonar allows us to scan the bottom of the Ohio River for submerged objects.

Captain Jon Grubb serves the dive team as its Instructor, and Captains Brandon Barnard, Keith Bowden, and Dan Brown serve as team leaders to coordinate the required training to maintain dive rescue competence and proficiency. In 2018, these team leaders will design an additional boat to be added to our fleet via grants and gifts from the West Nut Club, and Vanderburgh Community Foundation. EFD Capital purchases for the dive team in 2017 included:

DUI Public Safety Dry suits with Insulation	\$4,700
Diver Redundant Dive System	\$ 500



Dive training on LST 325



Dive training on LST 325



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION



Inspector Mike Doran at the Holy Spirit Health Fair

The Prevention Division of the Evansville Fire Department provides education and training to Commercial businesses and Community groups year round. The Division instructed 2,727 adults and 550 children in classroom discussion and/or on the proper use of an extinguisher. 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 day-care child awareness visits.



Station 16 Visit with Captain Jamison



Inspector David Brinkmeyer at the Job Spark Fair

### 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 Apparatus	100	Schools, Daycares, Senior Groups, Neighborhood Assoc.
Merit Commission Business	102	Meetings, Testing, Recruiting



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE OPS 101



Fire Ops 101 is a collaboration between the Evansville Professional Firefighters Union Local No. 357 and the Evansville Fire Department Administration. The program is intended to build and strengthen relationships with local elected officials and community leaders. The goal of the one-day, hands-on event is to educate the target audience on what it takes physically, mentally and financially to perform the duties of a firefighter. In addition to learning about firefighting and the operation of the fire department, the participants are issued personal protective equipment and perform realistic firefighting evolutions.

The 2017 Fire Ops 101 program was held at the EFD Training Facility on September 16, 2017. A group of some twenty-five participants ranging from State Representatives to members of the local media “suited up” for the event. Accompanied by EFD Firefighters and Training Division Instructors, the participants performed five evolutions: Live Fire; Emergency Medical Call; Automobile Extrication; Car Fire; and Aerial Ladder Operations.



*Left: A Fire Ops 101 participant uses the powered-hydraulic spreaders, commonly referred to as the “Jaws of Life”, to force open a car door during the Automobile Extrication evolution. \**



*Right: A Fire Ops 101 participant exits the EFD Fire Behavior prop after experiencing real heat and smoke conditions produced during the Live-Fire evolution. \**



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE OPS 101

The Fire Ops 101 target audience is mostly comprised of local leaders who often oversee public safety budgets and expenditures. This program provides a unique opportunity to see and use the equipment they are routinely asked to approve for purchase. During the evolutions, participants wear the \$7,500 in personal protective equipment that each firefighter must wear, they experience a real fire in a \$50,000 fire training prop and they climb to the top of the five-story training tower on the telescoping aerial ladder of a \$900,000 aerial fire apparatus.



*A Fire Ops 101 participant climbs the telescoping aerial ladder of EFD Quint 9 to reach the fifth floor of the EFD training tower. \**

The participants who complete the program enjoy an increased understanding of public safety and fire department operations, an appreciation for the physical demands and mental stresses of the job, and an awareness of the need for safe and reliable firefighting equipment. With the exception of some issues with the fear of heights, all the participants thoroughly enjoyed spending the day as a Firefighter.

*2017 Fire Ops 101 participants, EFD Firefighters and Evansville Professional Firefighters Union Local No. 357 members. \**



*\* Fire Ops 101 photos courtesy of Photographer John M. Buckman, III / Wildfire Studios*



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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.

**2017 GUNS & HOSES  
8,000 FANS AND \$135,000 RAISED**



### 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 Distributed 200 boxes of toys to the children in the local hospitals.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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. 2017 was the tenth year for Guns and Hoses. Guns won this year, bringing about a tie! We are excited to see if the Hoses break the tie in 2018.



#### Photos

Above: Airport Firefighter and McCutchanville Fire Chief Neil Reitz with Coaches Mike Doran and Daniel Orange.

Right: 2017 Guns and Hoses Coaches and Staff.; M. Doran, M. Garnett, D. Orange, C. Reiter, D. Harmon, S. Jung,, K. Hicks, T. Edwards, J. Brown, L. Willingham, D. Harris.





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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.



2017 Pull For the Cure - Evansville's Fire Team



Evansville Fire Pull For the Cure Team



Ragnar Trail 2017 Team EFD



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Chilly Hilly Trail - 2017 Team EFD



Evansville Fire SWAT Challenge Team



Marshal Doran and Jaylyn Brendel at the Highland Challenger League

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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 be 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!



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION

The Health and Safety Division is tasked with managing the overall health and safety of the men and women of the Evansville Fire Department. EFD uses a multi-faceted approach to ensure the health and safety of our members. We begin each year with an annual physical, which is set out in **NFPA 1582 Standard on Fire Department Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments**. All Uniformed Firefighters receive a comprehensive annual physical. In addition to the physicals, our Department has collaborated with Deaconess Hospital to provide all members comprehensive health programs, which include cancer, cardiac, and respiratory screenings.



EFD has developed a Work Performance Evaluation (WPE) program to assist members to work in a safe manner while operating at an incident. This program is designed to assist our members in reducing the risk of injuries/illnesses and returning to duty in a timely manner. Our Department has implemented the IAFF/IAFC Wellness/Fitness Initiative and currently has 19 EFD certified Peer Fitness Trainers (PFTs). This group of Peer Fitness Trainers designs and instruct physical fitness programs for our members.

District Chief Amy Smith and Battalion Chief Charles Hertzberger take the Certification Class to become Peer Fitness Trainers.

Currently our Division is reviewing **NFPA 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program** to ensure that our current policies, procedures, and standard operating guidelines are in compliance. Once our Division has determined a standard is out of date, it is rewritten to ensure compliance with applicable laws and standards. The most important part of our safety program is to provide a drug and alcohol free work place, ensured by a random drug/alcohol testing program.





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

The Evansville Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office consists of two divisions: Inspection and Investigations. The Inspections Division consists of eight Deputy Fire Marshals and the Fire Investigation Division consists of one unit supervisor and three investigators. Both divisions are under the leadership of the Chief Fire Marshal for the City of Evansville. Serving others through Fire Prevention and Investigation services is the mission of the Fire Marshal's Office. This is accomplished through the three E's of Fire Prevention, Education Enforcement, and Engineering. The mission of the Fire Investigation Division of the Fire Marshal's Office 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.

### Education

The Fire Prevention Division of the Fire Marshal's Office has the privilege of conducting fire safety, community risk reduction, and fire extinguisher classes to the citizens of the community. This is a great opportunity to spread the mission of the Evansville Fire Department by educating the public on proactive measures they can take in preventing loss of life and property from the devastation of fire. The public can make a request for fire safety classes by going to the Fire Department's website located at [www.evansvillegov.org](http://www.evansvillegov.org). In 2017, the Department conducted over 60 classes with 3,277 adults and children attending.

### Enforcement

The Fire Prevention Division has made the following accomplishments in 2017:

The Evansville Fire Department is responsible for protecting, and inspecting commercial properties with an assessed value of over \$ 2,198,324,800.00. The Inspection Division conducted over 1,280 commercial inspections of properties within the City of Evansville. These inspections identified 1,724 fire code violations, which required 224 fire inspection follow-ups within the 2017 fiscal year.

The Fire Marshal's Office received a total of 25 citizen's complaints in reference to fire hazards in places of occupancies. The Fire Marshal's Office most common complaints were blocked exits in places of assembly.

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

1. Obstructions in front of electrical panels. Violation of **IFC 315.3.3 Equipment rooms:** Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms or electrical equipment rooms.
2. Use by occupant of extension cords/multi-plug adaptors. Violation of **IFC 605.5 Extension cords/multi plug adaptors:** Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.
3. Exit signs /emergency exit Lighting. Violation of **IFC 1011.1 Where required:** Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. The path of egress travel to exits and within exits shall be marked by readily visible exit signs to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel in cases where the exit or the path of egress travel is not immediately visible to the occupants. Exit sign placement shall be such that no point in a corridor is more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) or the listed viewing distance for the sign, whichever is less, from the nearest visible exit sign. Violation of **IFC 1011.3 Illumination:** Exit signs shall be internally or externally illuminated.



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## INSPECTION / INVESTIGATION

4. Open electrical junction boxes. Violation of **IFC 605.6 Unapproved conditions:** Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. *Approved* covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.
5. Address premise information. Violation of EMC 96.55 & IFC 505.1 **Address Identification:** New and existing building shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible from the street or road fronting the property. Violation of **City of Evansville Ordinance 96.55 Numbers Required.** All persons owning, occupying or serving as agents for any owner or shall have the street address numbers place on the building so public safety officials can see address number from the roadway.
6. Combustibles in mechanical rooms. Violation of **315.3.3 Equipment rooms:** Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms or electrical equipment rooms.
7. Open knockouts found in electrical panel circuit breaker boxes. Violation of IFC 605.6 **Unapproved conditions:** Open junction boxes and open wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.
8. Obstructions found in front of exits. Violation of **315.3.2 Means of egress:** Combustible materials shall not be stored in exits or exit enclosures for stairways and ramps.
9. Obstructions in front of standpipe and sprinkler risers. Violation of IFC **509.2 Equipment access:** *Approved* access shall be provided and maintained for all fire protection equipment to permit immediate safe operation and maintenance of such equipment. Storage, trash and other materials or objects shall not be placed or kept in such a manner that would prevent such equipment from being readily accessible.
10. No supporting on site documentation of inspection records on site. Violation of **IFC 901.6.2 On site Records** documentation of all system inspections, test and maintenance required by fire code.

### Engineering

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.

Within this context, the Fire Marshal's Office has two fire inspectors assigned as plans review officers. A plans review officer is responsible for seeing that construction plans submitted by the design professional meet the requirements of the Fire Code. The division reviewed over 232 plans for new construction and structures undergoing renovation. Some of the most notable projects are occurring in the downtown area with several new hotels, the new IU Medical Center, and completion of the first land based casino in Indiana.

The division also conducted follow-ups on fire protection system activations, such as automatic sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, and smoke and heat detection systems. The purpose of fire protection system follow-up inspections are to determine if the designed system responded appropriately to the situation causing the activation. The Fire Prevention Division conducted over 100 follow-ups on alarms and systems in 2017. Out of all of these system activations, only six responded to an actual fire event with the alerting, detection, extinguishment and confinement of fire.

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION

### 2017 FIRE, FATALITY, INJURY AND PROPERTY LOSS

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL FIRES	FIRES	DEATHS	INJURIES	PROPERTY LOSS	PROPERTY SAVED	INSPECTIONS
PRIVATE DWELLINGS	77	2	8	\$1,754,550.00	\$7,882,660.00	N/A
APARTMENTS	33	0	2	\$1,258,000.00	\$15,693,460.00	41
HOTELS	0	0	0	\$ .00	\$ .00	13
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	\$ .00	\$ .00	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$3,012,550.00</b>	<b>\$23,576,120.00</b>	
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY	7	0	0	\$277,500.00	\$3,281,500.00	66
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	3	0	0	\$5,200.00	\$20,082,564.00	1
HEALTH CARE	0	0	0	\$ .00	\$ .00	17
STORES AND OFFICES		0	0	\$46,000.00	\$827,000.00	752
INDUSTRY	7	0	2	\$85,000.00	\$14,515,000.00	16
STORAGE	24	0	0	\$323,200.00	\$891,440.00	27
OTHER STRUCTURES	4	0	1	\$2,200.00	\$1,700.00	347
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$739,100.00</b>	<b>\$39,599,204.00</b>	
FIRE IN HIGHWAY VEHICLES	79	0	0	\$185,000.00	\$185,850.00	N/A
FIRES IN OTHER VEHICLES	0	0	0	\$ .00	\$ .00	N/A
FIRES OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURES	1	0	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$5,000.00	N/A
FIRES IN BRUSH, GRASS, WILDLAND	89	0	1	\$ .00	\$ .00	N/A
ALL OTHER FIRES	61	0	0	\$ .00	\$ .00	N/A
<b>TOTAL FOR FIRES</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$186,600.00</b>	<b>\$190,850.00</b>	
STRUCTURES FIRE INTENTIONALLY SET	39	0	0	\$380,740.00	1,732,020.00	N/A
VEHICLES FIRES INTENTIONALLY SET	10	0	0	\$32,950.00	\$29,000.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL INTENTIONALLY SET FIRES</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$413,690.00</b>	<b>\$1,761,020.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FIRES</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$4,351,940.00</b>	<b>\$65,127,194.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ARSON INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Above: Senior Fire Investigator and Arson K-9 Handler, Investigator Richard Howard and arson K-9, Shadow.

Right: Arson K-9 dog "Shadow"



### Fire Marshal's Office, Investigation Division

The Fire Marshal's Office Investigation Division conducted 248 fire investigations in 2017. Looking at 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. The Fire Marshal's Office Investigation Division established an Arson Tip Line in 2017. This has been a very beneficial tool in the fight against arson crime within the City of Evansville.

### MOST COMMON FIRE CAUSES AND THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN 2017

Candle Use fire - 1- resulting in 0 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injury/displacing 1 citizen

Fireworks Use - 3- resulting in 0 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injury

Cigarette/Smoking material Fires – 19 -resulting in 2 civilian injuries and 1 firefighter injury/displacing 8 citizens

Accidental/Other Fires- 27- resulting in 2 civilian injuries and 1 firefighter injury/displacing 3 citizens

Electrical Fires - 30 – resulting in 2 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injuries/displacing 13 citizens

Stove top/ Cooking Fires- 23- resulting in 0 civilian injuries and 0 firefighter injury/displacing 12 citizens

Undetermined /Other Fires - 60 -resulting in 2 civilian fatalities, 5 civilian injuries, and 1 firefighter injury/displacing 37 citizens

Incendiary/ Open flame - 71 - resulting in 1 civilian injuries and 1 firefighter injury/displacing 3 citizens

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION

### Lead Mechanic

Greg Lantaff

### Mechanics

Chris Cox

David Hulgus

Jamie Nellis



### During 2017, we completed:

- (687) Truck Maintenance Request
- (139) Car Maintenance Request
- (476) Small Equipment Request
- (26) Truck Service's
- (19) Truck Pump Test
- (9) Aerial Inspection cleaned & lubed
- (19) Hose Test

### Fire Hose sections replaced

- 9—5" X 100' hose
- 3—5" X 50' hose
- 1—5" X 25' hose
- 9—2 ½ "hose
- 8—1 ¾ "hose

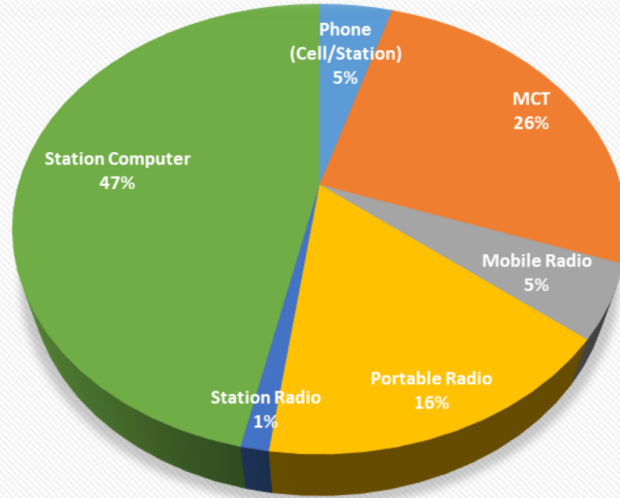
### Apparatus/Vehicles placed in service in 2016

- 2017 Pierce Quint Q5
- 2017 Ford F 450 Shop Service Truck

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Maintenance requests are a large part of the Communication Divisions day-to-day operations. The last 5 months of the year 2017 brought a total of 325 completed maintenance requests.



	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
MCTs	15	26%
Portables	53	16%
Station PC	151	47%
Phones (Cell/Station)	15	5%
Mobiles	17	5%
Station Radios	4	1%

### 2017 PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

In the spring of 2018, the Vanderburgh County Dispatch Center will scheduled an upgrade to the P25 Digital Communications Standard. The Evansville Fire Department, in cooperation with the Vanderburgh County Dispatch Center, made necessary preparations to the Fire Department inventory of mobile and portable radios in preparation of this upgrade.

The Fire Department's current computer platform in fire apparatus is outdated. The department is looking to replace these computers with up-to-date ruggedized computers. These computers are used in the apparatus when dispatched on emergency 911 calls, to gather important information before arriving on scene at the destination. Because of the harsh environment these computers are exposed to, the department requires a rugged computer. The Evansville Fire Department has tested a ruggedized computer tablet to see if it would meet our requirements. The department continues to look at all options.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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 landscaped, 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 2017 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. Tristate 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 2017, 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, JE Shekel, E.L. Walters and Schmitt Refrigeration



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EFD PIPE & DRUM CORP

### 2017 Pipe & Drum Corp

#### Pipers

Vice-president/treasurer  
Captain Greg Lehman  
Lt Chad Buttry  
Lt. Adam Bigge  
Keith Jeffers—Instructor and pipe  
maker

#### Drummers

President Jim Morrow  
Lt. Joey Jones  
Pvt. Kurt Behme  
Pvt. Kenny Woolsey

#### Pipers in Training

Pvt. Ryan Winingger  
Pvt. Joe Hall  
John Pace, Henderson FD  
Billy Schwartz, Henderson FD



The Evansville Firefighters Pipe and Drum Corps is a group of volunteers from the Evansville Fire Department, as well as the surrounding community.



Fall Festival Parade

The Corp was formed with the intention of bringing attention to the members of the Evansville Fire department who had died in the line of duty throughout the decades.

We have taken it upon ourselves to offer our services to the families of fallen Firefighters, Police officers, and Military members so that we might honor their sacrifice by playing the pipes at their funeral. We also are proud to be participants in the "welcome home" events that are put on for our local Honor Flight attendees.

Along with the aforementioned activities, we also play for public ceremonies such as inaugurations, visiting dignitaries, 9-11 Memorials, Church services, and various other events. It is our goal to continue to honor our fallen heroes through our music and to encourage community involvement with the public safety community by being willing to share our love of music wherever it is welcome.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HONOR GUARD

August 1995, marked the launch of The Evansville Firefighters Professional Union Local 357 Honor Guard. After expressing the necessity of support to the families of deceased firefighters, Battalion Chief Larry Chapman, Captain Tom Shadrick and Firefighter Mark Dietsch, took it upon themselves to attend as many firefighter's funerals as time would permit. Soon, as word spread, several firefighters throughout the department joined in which became Honor Guards inaugural start up. Since the Honor Guard inception, they have volunteered for every firefighter's funeral, active or retired. In 1999, the guard was the first and only Honor Guard to be presented a Meritorious Award from the State of Indiana. Their mission is the same as it was in 1995.



The Honor Guard, to date has participated in more that 220 details. Including sending members to Emmitsburg, MD for the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service, and placing names of our fallen line of duty deaths on the Memorial. Each year we also participate in the Indiana State Firefighter Memorial at the Capital Building. Three Members were the first recipient of the Larry Chapman Leadership Award in 2017. Chapman, was a founding member of the Honor Guard and instrumental in the success it has become today and he remained active after retirement until his passing in 2017. Newly Retired member's Battalion Chief Dan Grimm, Captain Tony Hertweck, and active Captain Tom Shadrick have been awarded the LCLA. Retired Fire Arson Investigator Jessy Storey was presented Commanders Choice Service Award for his services to the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard is solely comprised of volunteers of the Professional Firefighters Union Local 357 and funded raising funds and by donations. Funds are used to honor fallen members and present a grave marker to the family at the time of the funeral service to be placed on the gravestone representing his or her service to the community. "TIME SERVED IS NOT IN VAIN"



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HONOR GUARD

### 2017 Honor Guard

Commander Ben Ward  
Vice Commander Dan Grimm  
Secretary Scott Weber  
Guide Chris McCutchan  
Shift Coordinator Tony Hertweck

#### Members

Mike Bacon  
Chad Buttry  
Randy Damm  
Sean Farmer  
Kim Garrett  
Shane Gray  
Mark Goebel  
Nick Hughes  
Joey Jones  
Kirk Kuhnel  
Jamie Phillips  
Lester Seib  
Lucas Macke  
Mick Maddox  
Joe Schenk  
Tom Shadrick  
Adam Smith  
Amy Smith  
Roger Smith  
Syl Stofleth  
Jerry Steckler  
Jesse Storey  
Emmett Tramill  
Chris Wagener  
Darryl Adler



*Our profession is full of those who dedicate their lives to helping others sometimes at the high price. The Honor Guard is not in existence for public performance. Our only purpose is to show respect and honor to the families who paid a high price through the years for their loved one to be a part of this profession. We hope in some small way, the family of our deceased brothers and sisters will take comfort in knowing we do our best to take care of our own*



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Chief Administrative Division is comprised of Health & Safety, Fire Marshal(s), Fire Investigations, Fire Merit (promotional testing /discipline), Civilian staff and Public Information. The Division encompasses multifaceted aspects of the of the Evansville Fire Department, and the Chief Administrative Officer coordinates all these disciplines to work harmoniously together to better enable positive outcomes.

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, department physical implementation, and injury leave.

The Chief Administrative Officer coordinates 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.

Part of the Administrative Officer's responsibility is to be the intermediary between the Fire Merit Commission and the Evansville Fire Department. The Merit Commission has five members who oversee Promotional Testing, Disciplinary Issues, and Applicant Testing for the Evansville Fire Department. There are scheduled Merit Commission Meetings each month, and several Special Meetings throughout the year. This past year the Merit Commission amended the Applicant Testing process, where multiple meetings were initiated to implement the new process. In addition, many hours of Applicant Testing (written, oral interviews, and physical ability tests were implemented to complete the Applicant Process). This applicant list is now in place for the next two years.

Civilians account for their work hours to the Chief Administration Officer. All scheduling of events falls under this job description because it is an administrative position and is integrally involved in many aspects of department operation. Additionally, the Chief Administrative Officer has assisted in other areas of the department while personnel are on leave. Some of these areas are scheduling fire station tours, truck request and safety education.

### **Fire Station Tours:**

Many Community groups request tours of the Fire Stations throughout the year. This ranges from 35-45 groups a year coming through individual fire stations where fire crews share insight into their day, their safety and how equipment is used when called for an emergency.

### **Truck Requests:**

The Evansville Fire Department participates in Community events, parades, safety demos, and charitable events each year. You may see us in your next parade, or safety event. This last year we participated in approximately 60 events throughout the City of Evansville.

### **Safety Education:**

Schools, daycares, and neighborhood associations are always interested in educating their members. Our dedicated professionals provide safety insights specific to the facility and age group, and are happy to be involved in the greater community. We average from 40-70 educational events each year.

# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## AWARDS/PROMOTIONS

# 2016

## GREEN RIVER KIWANIS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Darryl Adler, wife Abigail and daughter Grace

The Green River Kiwanis selects a "Firefighter of the Year" based on peer nominations at the end of the year. Nominees were Matt Garnett, Zachary Conner, Mike Bacon, Darryl Adler, Sean Farmer and Jim Pauli.

After being named Evansville's firefighter of the year, Lt. Darryl Adler deflected personal acclaim, instead giving credit to the other seven nominees for the award given by the Green River Kiwanis Club.

"I'm very surprised and very humbled at being chosen. There was a great group of guys who were nominated, all of them very deserving," he said. "I just consider it an honor to serve the city in the capacity that I am. Like I said, I'm very humbled by it, and (I am) very honored to be part of great tradition of firefighters and the guys who have come before."

However, Adler was quick to thank both his wife, Abigail, and 13-year-old daughter, Grace, for their support that comes with being the family members of a firefighter. "They're the ones who have to stay at home when I'm at the fire station for 24 hours (at a time)," Adler told reporters. "They do a lot of sacrifice on the family's behalf." And in return, Abigail Adler was willing to sing her husband's praises, even if the 11-year fire department veteran wouldn't do it himself. She said her husband considers serving others his calling.

Congratulations Darryl Adler.

### *PROMOTIONS*

Michael Kane promoted to District Chief

Joey Jones promoted to Captain  
Benjamin Pfeffer promoted to Captain  
Jennifer Hunt promoted to Captain

James Cohen II promoted to Lieutenant  
Brett DeVault promoted to Lieutenant  
Gentre Thompson promoted to Lieutenant



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SERVICE AWARDS

### CELEBRATING 1 YEAR

Pvt. Brian Dispenza  
Pvt. Joshua Petrig  
Pvt. Derek Rollins  
Pvt. Ian Pate  
Pvt. Matthew Alexander  
Pvt. Colton Blanchard  
Pvt. Jamie Phillips  
Pvt. Michael Kleeman  
Pvt. Eric Scheub  
Pvt. Brian Richardt  
Pvt. Ryan Wininger  
Pvt. John Alexander  
Pvt. Matthew Mastison  
Pvt. Addison Crawford  
Pvt. Paul Sink  
Pvt. Joshua Utley  
Pvt. Greg Siebenkittel  
Pvt. Eric Hetzel-Gaynor  
Pvt. Ryan Valandra  
Pvt. Collin Jackson  
Pvt. Kenneth Woolsey  
Pvt. Michael Fendley

### CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

Lt. James Cohen  
Lt. Brett DeVault  
Pvt. Michael Goldman  
Pvt. Kerry Postlewaite  
Pvt. Brian Stute

### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Lt. Adam Bigge  
Pvt. Ken Bachelder  
Pvt. Patrick McBride

### CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

Capt. Ben Pfeffer  
Capt. Mike Bacon  
Lt. Gary L. Barr  
Lt. Scott Olson  
Lt. James Garnett  
Lt. Chad Buttry  
Pvt. Scott Weber  
Fire Marshal Kevin Shelley  
Bookkeeper/Office Manager Kelly Frankenberger

### CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Capt. Eric Jamison  
Capt. Dean Haas  
Capt. Chris Leduc  
Pvt. Kling Willis  
Pvt. Brad Lauderdale  
Pvt. Sean Farmer  
Fire Marshal Brian Singer

### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Capt. Greg Lehman  
Capt. Ed Gunn  
Lt. Kurt Koewler  
Lt. Chuck Mangold  
Fire Investigator Richard Howard  
Instructor Mike Larson

### CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

District Chief Mark Mastison  
District Chief Time Krack  
Capt. Gary Green  
Lt. Doug Wilcox  
Pvt. Dan Hauschild



# EVANSILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2017 NEW RECRUITS/EMPLOYEE



Aaron Bigge



Jonathan Haire



Joshua Howard



Jeremy Nelson



Dominic Turi



Jeff Crawford  
Communications  
Specialist

# EVANSILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## RETIREES



### ***BATTALION CHIEF***

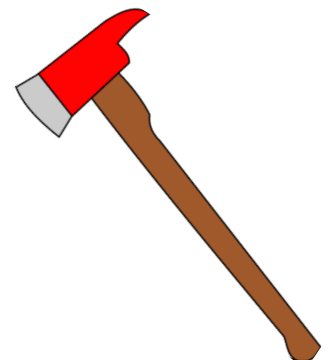
Battalion Chief Dan Grimm  
29 Years of Service

### ***CAPTAIN***

Captain Tony Hertweck  
29 Years of Service

### ***LIEUTENANT***

Lieutenant Roger E. Powless  
30 Years of Service





# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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 [www.evansville.gov](http://www.evansville.gov).

### **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 [www.evansville.gov](http://www.evansville.gov).

### **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 colorless 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.

### **Are you on Facebook or can you be followed on Twitter?**

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



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## KIDS CORNER



### STOP THE FIRES

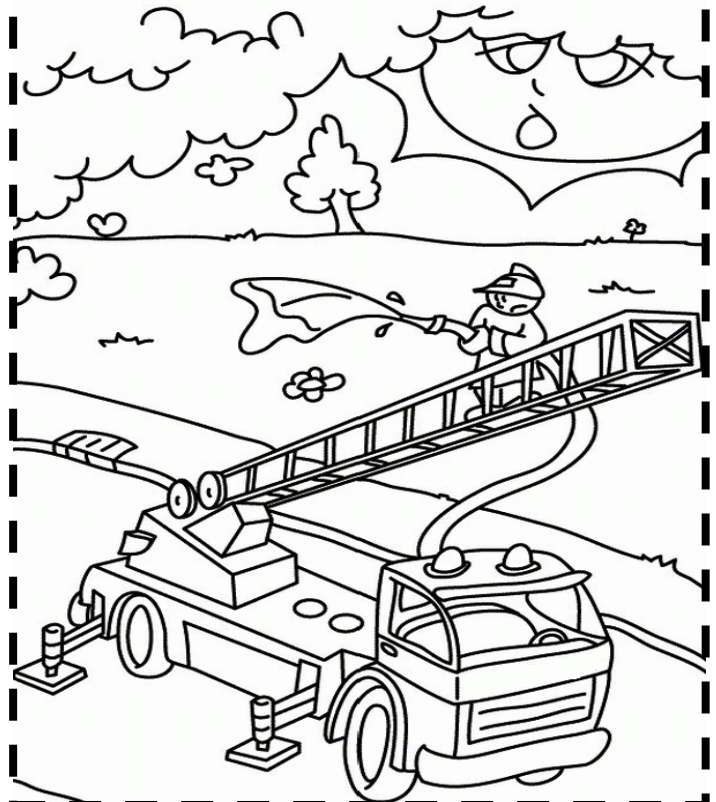
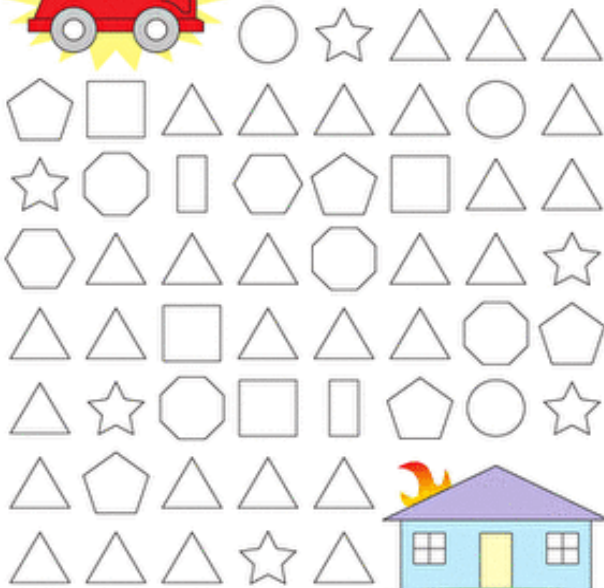
Firefighters stop fires and save people from them. Help the firefighters stop the fires and find their way back to the firehouse.



### TRIANGLE TRUCK



Steer the fire engine to the fire by coloring all the **TRIANGLES** along its path.



# EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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

## 2017 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.