

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2016, the Wilmington Fire Department responded to 3,733 calls for service. That is up once again, from 3,651 in 2015. This makes our average 10.23 calls per shift. We responded to 533 Fire related calls and 3,200 EMS calls. We provided mutual aid assistance to neighboring departments 164 times, covered neighboring departments' calls 3 times, and received mutual aid assistance 10 times.

In the first half of 2016, our Assistant Chief retired after 15 years of service, taking our department work force to 15. In the second half of the year, we hired Probationary Firefighter/EMT James Hadley, who was assigned to shift, bringing our work force back up to five per shift.

The fire department applied for several grants in 2016 and were successful in many. We received a grant from Walmart allowing us to purchase high angle rescue equipment. We also received a grant from the State of Ohio for training and education. Lastly, we received a grant from Nationwide Insurance for the purchase of a grain bin rescue tube and the accompanying training.

We continue to receive money from EMS billing, which helps offset the department expenses. Since beginning billing in 2003, we have received over \$7 Million.

Working with administration, we are making plans for 2017 to increase staffing using grant opportunities, repair station equipment, as well as replace firefighting equipment that has reached its lifespan.

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