

WILDWOOD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Executive Summary

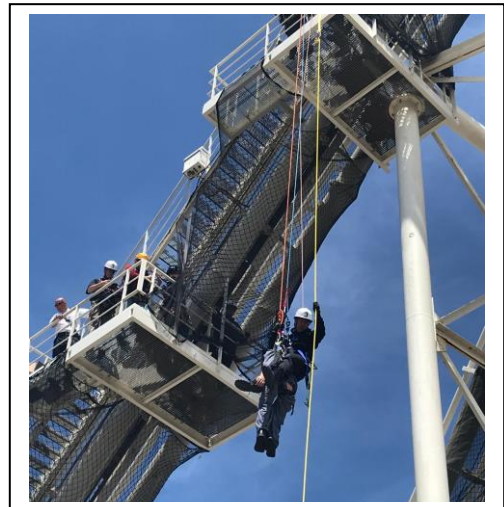
This was yet another busy year for the Wildwood City Fire Department as we continue to make progress in the services provided, training of our members, equipment and funding opportunities available to our municipality for the year 2018. The department continues to look at providing the very best in Fire, Rescue and EMS services to our municipality while being financially responsible to the people we serve.

Services Provided

Being able to provide a variety of specialized services, not customary to most fire departments, is what sets our department apart from others within our county.

The Wildwood City Fire Department continues to offer open water rescue responses during the “shoulder season” for our island community when the beach patrol is no longer in service. We also continue to support the A.L.E.R.T. (After-hours Lifeguard Emergency Response Team) in conjunction with the Wildwood Beach Patrol’s unit in the summer evening hours when the beaches are closed.

The Wildwood City Fire Department is the lead agency for the Cape May County - Regional Urban Search Team (R.U.S.T.). This team specializes in Structural Collapse Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, High-angle Rope Rescue, Surface Ice and Water Rescue and Trench Rescue. In the spring of 2018 the team completed training in Structural Collapse Technician, a 45-hour specialized course to complete the Structural Collapse program. Also during the spring of 2018 the R.U.S.T. unit completed a two-day Rope Rescue for Target Hazard course utilizing the facilities at a local amusement pier. Through continued community risk assessments the team leaders determined it would be prudent in doing a “real-life” scenario involving civilians trapped on stalled rides along with the possibility of workers, who constantly maintain the rides, being in a situation where they would need to be rescued from high elevations.



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Training

The Officers and Firefighters of the Wildwood City Fire Department continuously further their education through officer development classes and tactical courses. Training and being prepared for the unknown is always at the forefront of our department. During the 2018 calendar year the department held several significant in-house training programs including;

- New Jersey Fire Service Instructor – Level II meeting the requirements of NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications
- Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (T.E.C.C.) – Addressing the unique and challenging requirements of administering point of wounding medical care during a high-threat event



In addition to the classes held in-house members spent hundreds of hours participating in fire, rescue and emergency medical courses throughout the county, state and country.

The department's Deputy Fire Chief and two Fire Captains participated in and graduated from the Certified Public Manager (C.P.M.) program administered through Rutgers University. The program is designed to develop public sector managers, administrators and supervisors into efficient, effective and ethical organizational leaders. This is a 252 hour, plus 50-hour work-related capstone project, course of which they completed in the summer of 2018.



Capt. Grauel, Capt. Dunn, DFC Troiano III

Equipment and Funding opportunities

Through our Community Risk Assessments the Wildwood City Fire Department continues to try and be well equipped and trained in order to provide the very best in emergency services for our residents and visitors. Being an urban city on an island with a tremendous tourist base in the busy summer season makes our municipality vulnerable.

The City of Wildwood was fortunate to be awarded two **F**ederal **E**mergency **M**anagement **A**gency (F.E.M.A.) grants, specifically for the **S**taffing for **A**dequate **F**ire & **E**mergency **R**esponse (S.A.F.E.R.).

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The first grant for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters was to expand our current volunteer duty-crew program where volunteer firefighters would be compensated through a stipend program for shifts worked along with the career staff. The program allows volunteer firefighters to schedule their obligational duty and also satisfy training requirements while working the duty shift. It also increases morale and working conditions between career and volunteer staff.

The second grant for the hiring of career firefighters was to allow our department to meet national standards, specifically the **National Fire Protection Association** (N.F.P.A.), for staffing levels on fire apparatus.

With this hybrid approach of hiring career firefighters along with utilizing volunteer firefighters for duty crews it not only allows the municipality to ensure adequate staffing and response capabilities but also shows the financial responsibility of both the city and fire union. Although the turn-over and capability of retaining volunteer firefighters will remain difficult we believe the City of Wildwood currently has the best approach of any department in the county currently having issues with staffing levels or response times by utilizing this pilot program.

A third grant was awarded in 2018 to the City of Wildwood Fire Department in cooperation with the Wildwood Fire Company # 1, who contributed to the required percentage match. This grant, for a total of \$116,200, was given by the United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) Economic Impact Initiative for Purchase of Fire Equipment. This grant allowed the department to replace 36 Scott SCBA cylinders, 2 escape confined space paks, 6 sets of Personal Protective Equipment and a new SCBA Air-compressor for filling of air-pak cylinders. Without the continued support of Wildwood Fire Company # 1 this grant would not have been awarded to our city.

A fourth grant in the amount of \$13,675 was received from the Joey D Foundation. The Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation (Joey D Foundation) believes that firefighters can't save lives if they can't save themselves. Too often firefighters become trapped unexpectedly due to collapse, flashover, backdraft or more and need to get out FAST. Sometimes the only way out is a window. This organization knows this all too well – founded by people directly impacted by the FDNY “*Black Sunday*” where 3 firefighters lost their lives and 3 suffered life-changing injuries – all because they had no way out but a 5th story window. The foundation is committed to providing personal safety systems and training to fire departments in need. This grant provided emergency escape systems and training to all of our firefighters.

For more information on the Joey D Foundation and FDNY “*Black Sunday*” please visit: <https://www.joeydfoundation.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXo25xL01MM>

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Fire Department Mission Statement:

The Wildwood City Fire Department is committed to prevent or minimize the loss of life, damage to the environment and loss of property from the adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, natural disasters and hazardous conditions by providing the highest level of emergency services for our community since 1912.

Fire Department Vision Statement:

- We will strive to be role models in the community and leaders in our profession
- We will be accountable to those we serve, each other and any fire service organization we interact with
- We are committed to providing the best public service through training, education and equipment to the best of our abilities
- We are committed to our mission, values and dedicated to our fire service profession

Fire Department Core Values:

Teamwork:	Working together to achieve common goals
Integrity:	Committed to the highest standard of moral and ethical conduct
Excellence:	Demanding the best from ourselves and others



Message from the Chief

It is our departments' commitment to provide the highest level of professional services to the public by protecting lives, property and the environment. It is important for our stake holders, both internally and externally, to understand this. The purpose of this report is to provide that insight and the accomplishments of the fire department during the past year and to highlight the many services and activities that support our community.

Responding to emergencies is our core mission and in this past year we saw our calls for service increase. The Wildwood City Fire Department responded to 4,131 calls in calendar year 2018. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls accounted for approximately 2,400 of those responses. Fire type calls accounted for just over 1,700 of the emergencies handled. Customer service is our number one goal, and no matter the interaction, all our members strive to give the best service possible.

Through our aggressive campaign toward grant funding and other funding opportunities, our department continues to progress. We would not be able to continue to provide the services we do without the commitment and support of our governing body and our community. I would like to thank the community for their support and also the support we receive from the City of Wildwood, specifically Mayor Ernie Troiano and Commissioner Pete Byron and our Commissioner of Public Safety Tony Leonetti.

The Wildwood City Fire Department continues to be a service driven recognized leader in providing emergency services with our resources and a healthy, highly trained and motivated workforce. As we look forward, our aim is to exceed your expectations.

I am honored to present the 2018 annual report which showcases our dedication and commitment to the citizens of the City of Wildwood as well as our visitors and neighbors. We welcome your concerns and feedback and ask that you please contact us whenever you may have an issue, questions or a concern.

Yours in service,

Daniel F Spiegel

Chief Daniel F. Spiegel, CPM

2018 Personnel Milestones



Hires: There was a significant change in meeting the national standards for emergency responses with the addition of four firefighters due to the S.A.F.E.R. grant we received. This brings our on-duty career staffing to five per platoon. Pictured are Firefighter Walker, Firefighter Speigel, Commissioner Leonetti, Chief Speigel, Firefighter Snyder and Firefighter Sharp.



Promotions: Firefighter William Cripps was assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau as Fire Official and oversees the life safety inspections along with public education for the City.

Retirements: Fire Official Ronald Harwood retired on May 1, 18 after 25-years of service to the City of Wildwood. Fire Official Harwood began his career as a volunteer in 1990, began working part-time in 1993 and then was hired as a Career Firefighter on July 1, 1995. Congratulations to Fire Official Harwood on you retirement.

Deceased: Firefighter (ret) Walter Larcombe – October 19, 2018
Firefighter (ret) Benjamin Ingersoll – December 26, 2018

Wildwood City Fire Department

Administration:

Fire Chief

Daniel F. Speigel

Deputy Fire Chief

Ernie Troiano III

Secretary

Mary Peer

Fire Prevention Bureau:

Fire Official

William Cripps

Fire Inspector

Mark Allen

Secretary

Kelly Sweger

Part-time Fire Inspectors

Sean McDevitt

Rich Harron Sr.

Operations:

A Platoon

Captain Daniel Dunn

Firefighter Robert Feltwell

Firefighter Darrick Kobierowski

Firefighter Tina Sacco

Firefighter John Sharp

Firefighter Matthew Capone (PT)

Firefighter Chad Alvarado (PT)

B Platoon

Captain Matt Johnson

Firefighter Ryan Troiano

Firefighter Rich Harron Jr.

Firefighter David Speigel

Firefighter Jake Spiegel (PT)

Firefighter Mike DeLuca (PT)

Firefighter Tom Flynn (PT)

C Platoon

Captain James Grauel

Firefighter Gerry Vessels

Firefighter Mathew Long

Firefighter Nick Palmer

Firefighter Ray Walker

Firefighter Brittney Mulvenna (PT)

Firefighter Frank Zavala (PT)

(PT = Part-time)

D Platoon

Captain Aldo Sacco

Firefighter Adam Feltwell

Firefighter Dave Bannon

Firefighter Brendan Phillips

Firefighter John Snyder

Firefighter Sean Stanton (PT)

Firefighter Thomas Hurden (PT)

On Call Part-time Firefighters:

Walter Belles Sr.

Jeremy Embs

Steve Lyons

Ryan Brookes

Mathew Kilmer

James Gameron

Dale Eggert

Alex Kolbe

Andy Hilvert Jr.

Volunteer Duty Crews

Mike Johnson

Mike Pardy

Vincent Stone

Andres Infante

Rick Mascio

Herbert Porter

Kevin Wiley

Cornelius Maxwell

Julio Rivera

Daniel Cochran

About Us

The City of Wildwood is a 1.3 square mile seashore resort City that is a popular summer tourist destination for hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. As of the 2010 census the City has a population of 5,325 which can swell to 250,000 or more during the peak summer season. The City is famous for its large boardwalk with numerous shops, restaurants, amusement piers and waterparks and for being home to the World's largest, finest, and safest bathing beach. The City is home to many hotels/motels, apartment/rooming houses, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, bars/nightclubs, as well as many condos and single family residences.

The City of Wildwood has a combination-type Fire Department consisting of a career division and a volunteer division. The Department is led by the Career Fire Chief who has overall responsibility for the administration of the Department. In addition to the Fire Chief there is a Deputy Fire Chief, who along with the Fire Chief, handles administrative and operational duties. The career division consists of 4 platoons with a Captain and 4 firefighters assigned to each platoon. In addition the career division is supplemented by a volunteer duty-crew member and also part-time seasonal staff to increase staffing levels during the busy summer season. The Fire Prevention Bureau is headed by the Fire Official and has one full-time and two part-time fire inspectors assigned. The Volunteer Division consists of the Holly Beach Fire Company # 1 and the Wildwood Fire Company # 1. The Volunteer Battalion Chief is the highest ranking volunteer officer responsible for both companies. The City of Wildwood Fire Department is an all-hazards response organization providing fire suppression, emergency medical services (Basic-Life Support Transport), technical/heavy rescue (high-angle rope rescue, confined space rescue, vehicle extrication, open water rescue, surface ice rescue, hazardous material and trench rescue response), fire prevention, code enforcement and emergency management services.

The City of Wildwood Fire Department protects the municipality with 1-Squad Company, 1-Quint Company, 1-Rescue Company and 1-Engine Company, 4 BLS Ambulances and several support vehicles including a water rescue/utility vehicle for the beach and several 5 ton high-water vehicles. In 2018 the City of Wildwood responded to over 4,100 emergency incidents.

The City of Wildwood Fire Department is proud to have an ISO Class 3 designation and we continuously strive to better that classification.

Facilities and Apparatus

The City of Wildwood Fire Department maintains facilities and apparatus to ensure timely and efficient responses to emergencies. The department has three stations that cover responses for the city although Station's 3-1 and 3-2 are currently not operating for fire responses.

Fire Stations:

Fire Headquarters – 4400 New Jersey Avenue

Headquarters is located within the City Hall building, between City Hall and the Police Department. The offices of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and the Fire Prevention Bureau are all located on the second floor of Headquarters. Administrative staff for the Fire Chief's Office and the Fire Prevention Bureau are located here as well. The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is also located at Fire Headquarters.

The Career Division firefighters are located in Headquarters on the first floor. The on-duty platoon handles all emergencies called into the City of Wildwood Fire Department with the following apparatus being assigned to Headquarters:

2017 - 2000 GPM Pierce Squad (first due apparatus)
2014 – 2000 GPM E-One Quint
1988 – Marion Duplex Rescue
2007 – Dodge Ram 2500 (beach response apparatus)
Two – BLS Transport Ambulances (first due)
2007 – ATV Bobcat (special event unit)

Station 3-1 – 4310 Washington Avenue (Holly Beach)

Station 3-1 is located directly across from Fire Headquarters and houses the volunteer division of the department. Although we currently do not utilize this building for fire responses it still houses reserve equipment. The company members of this station still hold their monthly meetings and maintains the charter of the company which was organized in 1884. The station currently houses the following apparatus:

2002 – Chevy utility vehicle (support)
1990 – Army cargo 2.5 ton vehicle (flood responses)
2007 – ATV Bobcat (special event unit)

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Station 3-2 – 111 East Pine Avenue (Pine Avenue)

Station 3-2 is located in the northern-end of the city and houses the volunteer division of the department. Although we currently do not utilize this building for fire responses it still houses reserve equipment. The company members of this station still hold their monthly meetings and maintains the charter of the company which was organized in 1896. The station currently houses the following apparatus:

- 1996 – 1500 GPM Pierce Engine (reserve)
- 1984 - Jeep Scrambler – Boardwalk support vehicle
- 2010 - Army Cargo 5 ton vehicle (Flood Responses)
- Two – BLS Transport Ambulances (reserve & special events)



Quint Company 3



Rescue Company 3



Squad Company 3



Engine Company 3



Operations

The fire department operations division is managed by Deputy Fire Chief Ernie Troiano III. Operations is the largest division of the fire department. Operations personnel respond to all requests for service.

In addition personnel also continually conduct mandatory training requirements, assist in public education, conduct fire prevention inspections supporting the inspection bureau and maintain the fire stations and apparatus.

The ability to improve our service is generated through many ideas and initiatives that originate from the operational members. Their values, energy, commitment and compassion drive many of the departments' functions, programs and activities throughout the year. The operations personnel are faced daily with accomplishing our mission to provide extraordinary service to the community.

OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- RESPONDED TO 4131 CALLS FOR SERVICE
- 20 CAREER PERSONNEL ACROSS 4 PLATOONS
- 2424 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS
- 1707 – SQUAD/ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES

2018 Fire Responses

1 Fire

110 Fire, Other	4
111 Building fire	28
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	1
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	34
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
131 Passenger vehicle fire	5
134 Water vehicle fire	4
138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
142M Mulch Fire	10
143 Grass Fire	1
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	<u>4</u>
	97

2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)

220 Overpressure rupture from air or gas, other	<u>1</u>
	1

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	626
320 Emergency medical service, other	2
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	14
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	21
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	8
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	8
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	12
356 High-angle rescue	1
360 Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	3
363 Swift water rescue	5
364 Surf rescue	4
365 Watercraft rescue	<u>1</u>
	707

4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

400 Hazardous condition, other	9
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	70
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	4
422 Chemical spill or leak	1
423 Refrigerant leak	1
424 Carbon monoxide incident	5
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	6
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2
442 Overheated motor	1
444 Power line down	56
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	27
460 Accident, potential accident, other	1
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	2
462 Aircraft standby	12
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	<u>18</u>
	221

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5 Service Call

500 Service call, other	2
511 Lock-out	13
520 Water problem, other	1
521 Water evacuation	1
522 Water or steam leak	18
541 Animal problem	1
542 Animal rescue	6
550 Public service assistance, other	7
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	22
552 Police matter	2
553 Public service	46
554 Assist invalid	13
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	4
561 Unauthorized burning	<u>2</u>
	138

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, other	27
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	71
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	7
631 Authorized controlled burning	1
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	14
653 Smoke from barbeque, tar kettle	2
661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire	2
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	<u>3</u>
	127

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, other	5
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	3
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
721 Bomb scare – no bomb	1
730 System malfunction, other	3
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	6
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	61
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	60
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	4
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	12
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	8
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	34
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	17
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	194
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	<u>5</u>
	414

9 Special Incident Type

911 Citizen complaint	<u>1</u>
	1

2018 Total NFIRS Incidents: 1705

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May 9, 2018 - 5100 Lake Road
(3 boats and 8 condos – 1 civilian flown to burn unit)



June 19, 2018
100 W. Buttercup Ave



July 21, 2018
300 Block Tacony Road

2018 EMS Responses

Not Applicable / unavailable	425
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Alcohol - Intoxication (F10.92)	125
General/Other - *Weakness (R53.1)	104
General/Other - Other not listed specify in narrative (F60.8)	101
CV - Chest Pain - *Presumed Cardiac (I20.9)	72
Pain - Extremety (Non-traumatic) (M79.609)	65
Neuro - Seizure (G40.909)	63
Pain- Abdominal Pain Generalized (R10.84)	63
General/Other - *Syncope - Syncopal Episode (or Near) (R55)	62
Injury/Trauma - Head without L.O.C. (S06.0X0A)	53
Pain - Chest (presumed non-cardiac) (R07.89)	49
Respiratory - Not Otherwise Listed (J98.9)	48
Pain - Not Elsewhere Mentioned Sudden Onset (G89.1)	45
Behavioral - Anxiety (F41.9)	43
Injury/Trauma - Face (S09.93)	40
General/Other - *Malaise (R53.81)	40
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Alcohol (F10.9)	39
Pain - Acute pain due to trauma (G89.11)	38
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Narcotic (i.e. Heroin) (F11)	38
Pain - Abdominal Pain Acute Onset (R10.0)	36
General/Other - *Dizziness (R42)	35
Respiratory - Acute Onset Distress (J80)	33
Injury/Trauma - Lower leg (S89.9)	32
Pain - Back (Non-traumatic) (M54.9)	32
GI/GU - *Nausea (With Vomiting) (R11.2)	29
Injury/Trauma - Wrist, Hand, or Fingers (S69.9)	27
General/Other - Bleeding or Hematoma Post Procedure/Medical Device (L76.22)	26
CV - Hypertension (I10)	26
Neuro - Altered Mental Status (R41.82)	21
Injury/Trauma - Neck (S19.9)	20
Injury/Trauma - Not Otherwise Listed (T14.90)	20
Endocrine - Hypoglycemia - Diabetic (E13.64)	18
General/Other - *Allergic Reaction (T78.40)	17
Neuro - Unconscious (R40.20)	17
Respiratory - COPD Exacerbation (J44.1)	17
General/Other - Other Unspecified (R53.8)	16
Injury/Trauma - Lower Back (S39.92)	16
Injury/Trauma - Ankle (S99.91)	15
Neuro - Stroke/CVA (I63.9)	15
General/Other - Dehydration (E86.0)	14
Neuro - Headache (R51)	14
Behavioral - Strange Behavior (R46.2)	14
Respiratory - Asthma Exacerbation (J45.901)	14
Behavioral - Suicidal/Homicidal Ideation (R45.85)	13
Endocrine - Hyperglycemia - Diabetic (E13.65)	13

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Injury/Trauma - Forearm (S59.91)	13
Behavioral - Depression (F32.9)	13
Pain - Neck (Non-traumatic) (M54.2)	13
General/Other - *Fever (R50.9)	12
CV - Chest Pain - Angina (I20.0)	12
Pain - Chronic (G89.2)	12
Injury/Trauma - Foot (S99.92)	11
Injury/Trauma - Head with L.O.C. (S06.0X9A)	11
Injury/Trauma - Shoulder or Upper Arm (S49.9)	11
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Psychoactive Substance (F19)	10
CV - Cardiac Arrhythmia/Dysrhythmia (I49.9)	10
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Alcohol - Withdrawal (F10.239)	10
Injury/Trauma- Elbow (S59.90)	10
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Hallucinogen (F16)	9
GI/GU - *Nausea (Without Vomiting) (R11.0)	9
CV - *Hypotension (I95.9)	9
EENT - Eye Pain (Non-traumatic) (H57.10)	8
CV - *Cardiac Arrest (I46.9)	8
Behavioral - Mental Disorder Not Otherwise Listed (F99)	7
Injury/Trauma - Hip (S79.91)	7
Infectious - *Common Cold/cough (J00)	6
Burn - Unspecified Degree (T30.0)	6
GI/GU - GI Problem Not Otherwise Listed (K92.9)	6
Respiratory - Hyperventilation (R06.4)	5
General/Other - Death - DOA (G93.82)	5
GI/GU - *GI Bleed - Hematemesis (Vomiting Blood) (K92.0)	5
Behavioral - Uncooperative/unwanted assessment (R45.5)	5
Infectious - Disease Unspecified (B99.9)	5
Injury/Trauma - Ear (S09.91)	5
Injury/Trauma - Thigh (upper leg) (S79.92)	5
Injury/Trauma - Eye and/or Orbit (S05)	4
Injury/Trauma - Nose (S09.92)	4
OB/GYN - Contractions (O62.0)	4
Respiratory - Foreign Body Airway (T17.9)	4
Behavioral - Disorientation (R41.0)	4
Neuro - Headache - Migraine (G43.9)	4
Pain - Chronic pain due to trauma (G89.21)	4
Injury/Trauma - Thorax (upper chest) (S29.9)	4
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Sedative, Hypnotic or Anxiolytic (F13)	3
General/Other - Cancer (D49)	3
GI/GU - *GI Bleed - Melena (Bloody Stool) (K92.1)	3
Injury/Trauma - Abdomen (S39.91)	3
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Poisoning Unspecified (T65.9)	3
Behavioral - Suicide Attempt (T14.91)	3
CV - Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) (I50.9)	3
Pain - Pelvic or Perineal Pain (R10.2)	3
Behavioral - Hallucination - Visual (R44.1)	3
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin Toxic Exposure (Intentional) (T65.92)	3

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Environment - Heat Exhaustion (T67.5)	3
General/Other - Dental/Tooth Pain (K08.8)	3
Burn - First degree (L55.0)	2
Infectious - *Pneumonia (J18.9)	2
CV - Chest Pain - STEMI of other sites (I21.2)	2
GI/GU - Obesity (E66.9)	2
Not Recorded	2
OB/GYN- Vaginal Bleeding (N93.9)	2
Respiratory - Bronchospasm Acute Onset (J98.01)	2
General/Other - Mobility - Reduced (Z74.09)	2
Injury/Trauma - Pelvis (S39.93)	2
Endocrine Disorder - Otherwise Not Listed (E34.9)	1
GI/GU - Esophageal Obstruction (K22.2)	1
Infectious - Croup (J05.0)	1
Neuro - Stroke (CVA) Hemorrhagic (I62.9)	1
OB/GYN - Obstetric Trauma (O71.9)	1
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Inhalant related disorders (F18)	1
Endocrine Hypoglycemia - Non-diabetic (E16.2)	1
Neuro - Hemiplegia (G81.90)	1
Respiratory - Pulmonary Edema Acute Onset (J81.0)	1
Burn - Second degree (L55.1)	1
GI/GU - GU Problem Not Otherwise Listed (N39.9)	1
Maltreatment - Adult Neglect Suspected (T74.01)	1
EENT - Foreign Body to Ear (T16)	1
Environment - Hypothermia (T68)	1
General/Other - Allergic Reaction with Shock (Anaphylaxis) (T78.2XXA)	1
Infectious - *Influenza (Flu Like Symptoms) (J11)	1
Neuro - TIA (transient ischemic attack) (G45.9)	1
Shooting (Gunshot) (itICD.048)	<u>1</u>

2018 Total EMS Incidents:

2424

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October 5, 2018
MVC - Pine & NJ Avenues



June 19, 2018
MVC – Roberts & Arctic Avenues



April 14, 2018
MVC – Oak & Park Blvd.

Fire Prevention Bureau



The Bureau of Fire Prevention is headed by Fire Official William Cripps. Firefighter Mark Allen is detailed to the bureau as a Fire Inspector. During the busy summer season 2 part-time Fire Inspectors are hired to assist with the inspection work load. The personnel of the Bureau focus on all aspects of life safety. Their primary objective is to reduce preventable deaths, injuries and property loss through public education programs, fire inspections of all commercial and non-owner occupied occupancies and through enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code. The office also oversees NJ State Housing Inspections.

The Bureau educates building owners and tenants while conducting fire safety inspections. This helps to gain voluntary compliance, as well as limit the number of repeat violations in the future. The fire inspectors conduct annual fire safety inspections of existing commercial properties each year which may result in follow-up inspections to ensure compliance.



Fire Inspection Bureau activities for 2018

Life Hazard Uses

Periodic Inspections:	265
Re-Inspections:	159
Complaints:	5
Follow-ups:	1
Others:	18

Violations:	336
Certificates Issued:	257

Non-Life Hazard Uses

Periodic Inspections:	2786
Re-Inspections:	1364
Complaints:	18
Follow-ups:	19
Others:	525

Violations:	1150
Certificates Issued:	2845

Bureau of Housing Inspection

Periodic Inspections	1264 (units)
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Total Inspections: 6424

Training & Education

The Wildwood City Fire Department continues to maintain a high level of commitment and dedication to training. The city presents a unique geographic make-up with a number of high community risks to include high-rise buildings, confined spaces, amusement rides and open bodies of water. Over the years, the fire service has evolved into an “all hazards” approach agency with the Wildwood City Fire Department being no exception. Firefighters are the initial responders to all water related emergencies to include, but not limited to, the bay, the beach during periods that the Lifeguards are off-duty, tidal flooding and natural disasters.

Since the Wildwood City Fire Department embraces the “all hazards” approach our firefighters are highly trained to not only respond to the community’s needs but to mitigate the hazards that are present. Members of the department spent well over 4300 hours in over 100 topics in education in 2018.

One notable course completed was the Certified Public Manager Program completes by Deputy Fire Chief Ernie Troiano III and Captains James Grauel and Daniel Dunn. The program, which is administered by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission through Rutgers University, equips our Fire Officers with the skills and competencies needed to impact our organization’s efforts to meet its mission and performance goals in today’s dynamic public management environment.

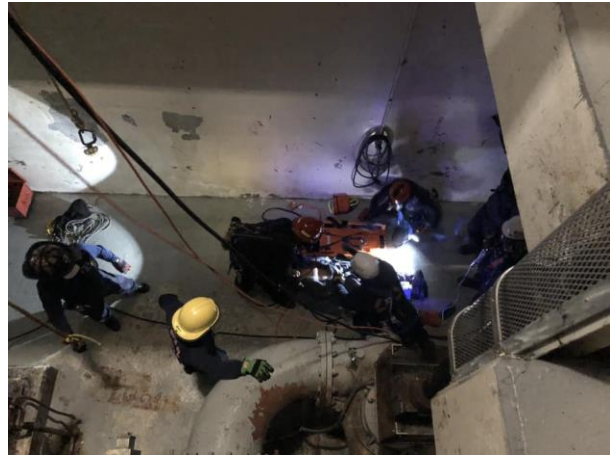
Training Courses:

NJ Department of Community Affairs – Housing Inspector
NJ Division of Fire Safety – Instructor Level II
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
Rutgers – Certified Public Manager Program
NJ Career Fire Chief’s Leadership Seminar
Trench Awareness and Operations
Open-water Rescue Operations
Structural Collapse Technician
Rescue Company Operations
Engine Company Operations
Truck Company Operations
National Fire Academy
Elevator Emergencies
Firehouse Expo
Driver Training
Fire Inspector
Fire Official
Fire Officer

Special Units

Regional Urban Search Team (R.U.S.T.)

The Regional Urban Search Team is a highly-specialized team of fire department members trained in structural collapses, confined space rescue, high-angle rope rescue, surface ice/water rescue and trench rescue. The team is a county asset who would be able to respond to any such emergencies. In 2018 the team finalized training in structural collapse rescue completing the 90-hour Structural Collapse Technician Level. The members must maintain a high level of proficiency in all technical aspects for these low frequency/high risk events.



Special Units - continued

Honor Guard

In 2018 the Honor Guard had the privilege of “Presenting the Colors” during several highly attended and public events.

- During the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association’s annual convention in September, attended by over 7,000 firefighters from the state of N.J.
- During the Wildwood Business Improvement District’s (BID) annual September 11th memorial ceremony held at the new Byrne Plaza.
- During Governor-elect Murphy’s visit to the Wildwood’s Convention Center in January for his kick-off to his inauguration.
- During the Veteran’s Sunrise Flag Service in honor of Sgt. Alessandro Plutino of the 75th Ranger Division who was Killed in Action.



Special Units - continued

Awards Committee

The department's second annual "MEDAL DAY" in 2018 was held in May to recognize employees of the Wildwood City Fire Department who often perform in a manner that deserves special recognition. The city and command staff identifies and recognizes these individuals because of their various achievements. The ceremony was held on May 19, 2018 and a list of the award recipients is listed below:

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| • Firefighter of the Year | Firefighter David Bannon |
| • Firefighter Response Award | Captain Daniel Dunn (371 incidents) |
| • EMS Response Award | Firefighter Brendan Phillips (407 incidents) |
| • Administrative Award | Captain Michael Johnson |
| • Exceptional Duty Award | Fire Official William Cripps |
| • EMS Lifesaving citation | Captains Daniel Dunn and Matt Johnson and Firefighters Mark Allen, Gerard Vessels, Robert Feltwell, Ryan Troiano, Rich Harron, Brendan Phillips and David Speigel. |
| • Lifesaving citation | Chief Daniel Speigel and Firefighter Tina Sacco and Nick Palmer. |
| • Meritorious Conduct | Battalion Chief Ernie Troiano Jr. and Firefighter Mark Allen |
| • Special Operations (R.U.S.T.) | Chief Daniel Speigel, Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III, Captains Matt Johnson and Daniel Dunn and Firefighters Rob Feltwell, Ryan Troiano, Dave Bannon, Darrick Kobierowski, Matt Long and Rich Harron |
| • Civilian Service Award | American Legion Post # 184 |

See appendix A for detailed information to the above.

Office of Emergency Management



Captain Daniel Dunn heads the Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.) for the City of Wildwood. The mission of the Emergency Management Division is to develop plans and procedures that provide effective responses to all threats facing the City of Wildwood. By developing and exercising the all-hazards plans we strive to minimize the impacts of an emergency or disaster on our citizens, visitors, property, the environment and the City of Wildwood.

The Emergency Management Division works closely with public and private sector partners to ensure we are able to coordinate during an emergency or disaster. This coordination requires planning and close relationships with local, county, state and federal partners.

During 2018 the Wildwood City Office of Emergency Management continued to update its newly approved Emergency Operations Plan. In addition, the City continued a shared services agreement with the Borough of West Wildwood for the CodeRed Emergency Communication Notification System. This is the system that alerts residents of emergencies such as flooding events and storms. This shared services agreement allows both communities to save money. In 2019 the OEM looks to continue to add to the plan and explore additional shared services opportunities. The OEM also met with officials during the year to explore ideas for FEMA approved temporary debris management areas in the event of major disasters such as hurricanes. At the end of 2018, Cape May County released its new Tidal Flooding Awareness program. This web-based program provides real time tide gauge information and flood predictions, as well as a feature where residents can input their address and get information (flood inundation maps, a visual representation of areas of danger, etc.) about how pending flooding will affect their specific property. The link to this program is on the City of Wildwood's website under Departments-Public Safety-Emergency Management. It is also readily available on the Fire Department's webpage at www.wildwoodfirerescue.com under Emergency Management.



Office of Emergency Management (Continued)

The Office of Emergency Management administers the CodeRed community notification program. This program enables residents and visitors to sign up to receive a phone call in the event of an emergency or natural disaster such as hurricanes, flooding, snow storms or nor'easters. In 2018, the OEM had to send out 11 emergency notifications for 7 significant weather events that included major winter storms and coastal storms. The flooding that occurred on October 27th was the highest tide levels since Jonas in 2016.

With much of the city being low-lying areas, any time there is the possibility for flooding this system allows city officials to immediately contact those who have signed up for the notifications to be briefed on the latest projections of approaching storms.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for this notification by visiting the City of Wildwood's website under Departments, Public Safety, Emergency Management or by typing the link below into your browser:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/5A633ADA497E>

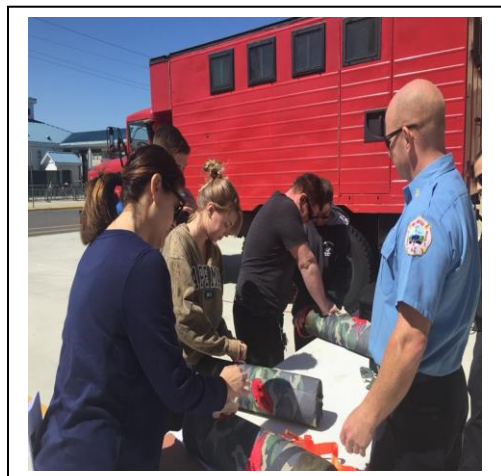


Community Relations and Outreach

The Wildwood City Fire Department has always been very active within the community with our members belonging to many community and civic organizations promoting the betterment of the city.

We also continuously research and implement new initiatives delivering important fire and life safety messages through various outlets to the citizens, visitors and our business community.

One new such initiative begun in 2018 was the “*Stop the Bleed*” campaign through the committee on trauma and www.bleedingcontrol.org. This programs goal is to train every American in basic bleeding control techniques and to work tirelessly toward placing bleeding control kits in every public venue, including schools, community centers, places of worship, and other places of assembly. Captain James Grauel led this program delivering it to civilians and also to our local schools teaching staff during a professional development program.

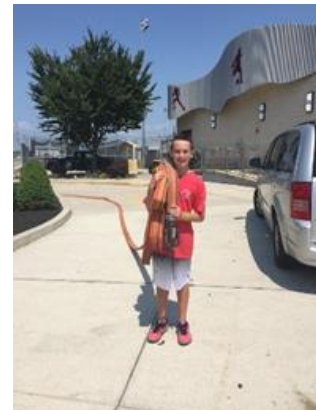


In 2018 the Wildwood City Fire Department began an “*Adopt-a-School*” program where the on-duty Firefighters visit the local elementary and high school. The Adopt-a-school Program is designed to reach our young citizens and build a strong relationship between them and the Wildwood City Fire Department. It is the goal of this program to improve communications between the fire department, school officials, students and parents. The Adopt-a-School Program goes further by not only providing school children with the education needed to prevent fires but by providing opportunities for Firefighters to serve as role models.



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Fire Official William Cripps coordinated the 2nd annual cadet program for children 10-17 years of age. This week long summer camp taught kids the various aspects of firefighting and emergency medical services. The children learned about Engine Company, Truck Company, Rescue Company operations, EMS and water rescue. The event continues to grow and is looked forward to by not only the children who attend but the many firefighters who volunteer their time during the week-long program.



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September 11th is always remembered by the members of the fire department with the effect it had on our country and the fire service as a whole. In addition to working with the Business Improvement District (B.I.D) in 2018 to host the 2nd annual September 11th memorial service at the new Byrne Plaza, Captain James Grauel coordinated the 2nd annual Wildwood September 11th Memorial Stair Climb. Each participant pays tribute to a FDNY firefighter by climbing or walking the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Through firefighter and community participation we can ensure that each of the 343 firefighters are honored and that the world knows that we will never forget. The proceeds of these events help the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation create and maintain programs that support fire service survivors. This event raised over \$ 20,000. This year's event was held on the Sunday of the Firefighter's convention and is anticipated to be held that day each year.



The Wildwood City Fire Department also continues the Lt. Ronald Allison Memorial Scholarship, Santa Claus visits to the schools, Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Lunch with Lynch Program and many others.

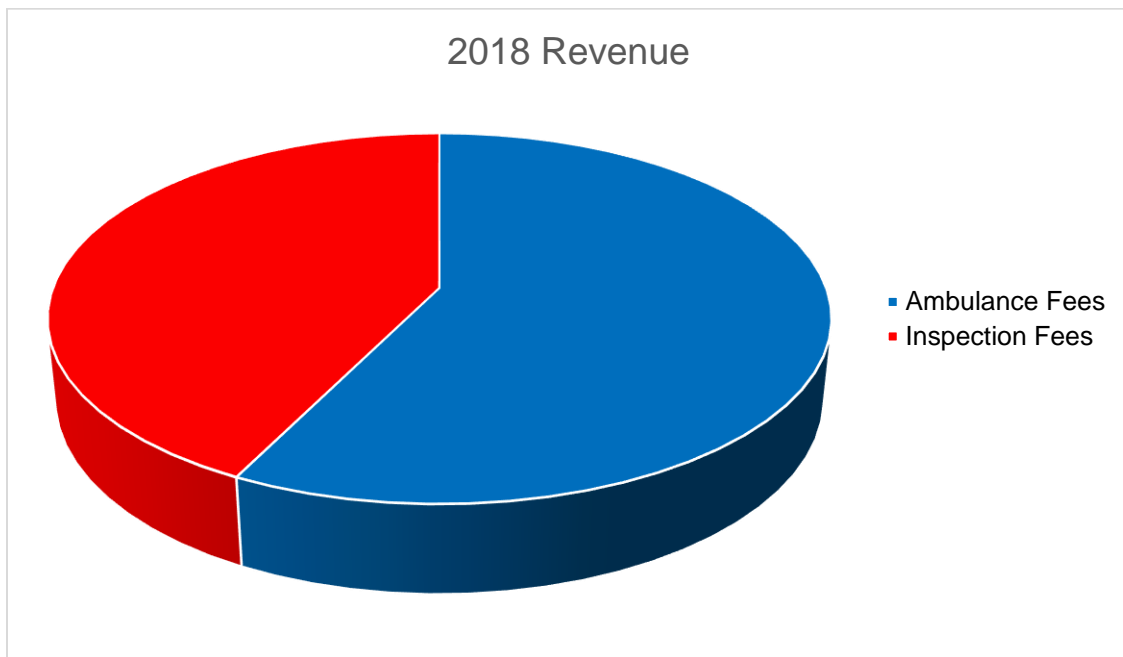


2018 Revenue

The Wildwood City Fire Department offsets many of the costs associated with the services we provide through various fees and permits. The department contracts with a billing agency to administer the fee collection associated with ambulance services.

The fire prevention fees are collected “in-house” with our administrative support staff located in Fire Headquarters.

In 2018 the Wildwood City Fire Department collected a total of **\$839,674.64**. This is an increase of over \$105,629 that was collected in 2017.



Fire Safety & Housing Inspection:	\$357,909.02
Emergency Medical Services:	<u>\$481,765.62</u>

Total Revenue for 2018:	\$839,674.64
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Achievements: 2018

- The hiring of four Firefighters through the use of the *Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response* (S.A.F.E.R.) funding
- Purchase of a 4x4 new ambulance to replace an existing 1998 ambulance. To be used for special event details and storm responses.
- Purchase of 3 new AED's which will complete the overhaul of the older units. Every apparatus now carries an A.E.D.
- NJ Division of Fire Safety Instructor Level II program for all those certified in Instructor Level I (in house training)
- USDA grant for \$ 116,000 to purchase SCBA cylinders, Confined Space escape paks, PPE and a new SCBA compressor (partially funded with the cooperation of the Wildwood Fire Company # 1)
- Worked with Cape May County Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.) for funding to replace existing 1988 Rescue apparatus. Tentatively scheduled for Capital Bond through in 2019.
- Obtained a deficiency report and needs assessment along with funding sources for the possibility of a new fire station (combining all three stations into one for better efficiency and operations to satisfy current code compliance for the fire service). Awaiting approval from U.S.D.A.
- All Firefighters were trained in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Level
- Deputy Fire Chief and 2 Fire Captains completed the Certified Public Manager Program through Rutgers University
- Offered "Stop the Bleed" classes to the community (Basic Bleeding Control)
- Presentation of Colors at this year's NJ State Firemen's Association Convention, Governor-elect visit, September 11th Memorial and the Sunrise Veteran's Service on the North Wildwood Seawall.
- Obtained a \$ 14,000 grant through the Joey D Foundation providing emergency Bail-out systems for all firefighters for their Personal Protective Equipment (www.joeydfoundation.org)

Goals/Objectives: 2019

- Complete radio communications upgrades with equipment received
- Place into service our new 4x4 Ford Ambulance ordered in 2018
- Obtain Instructor certifications for additional Firefighters through the New Jersey Department of Health
- Order the new Rescue Apparatus for the Cape May County Regional Urban Search Team (R.U.S.T)
- Monthly public safety messages to be released in conjunction with the monthly statistic releases
- Create a character/mentoring program for school-age children
- Deliver NJ Division of Fire Safety Drill Ground Instructor for all those certified in Instructor Level II (In house training)
- Increase participation in a county-wide policy for hostile/active shooter incidents
- Purchase an additional ATV EMS unit to be used for the many beach events held annually in the City of Wildwood.
- Seek donations to purchase new EMS bicycles to be utilized during special events to include concerts at Byrne Plaza, boardwalk activities, etc.
- Increased “Presentation of Colors” by our Honor Guard. Presented the colors during the Flyers game on January 10, 2019 in Philadelphia.
- Complete department-wide training in the bail-out systems we received on the Joey D grant in 2018.
- Installation of “Bleeding Control Kits” in City of Wildwood buildings for use by employees who have been trained.

A Final Word

The Wildwood City Fire Department is dedicated to serving the residents, visitors and community of the City of Wildwood.

The Fire Department continues to explore methods to enhance and improve our services. We always welcome comments from our citizens.

For additional information on the department and the services we provide please visit our social media outlets:



City of Wildwood Website:

<http://wildwoodnj.org/wp/>



Department Website:

<http://wildwoodfirerescue.com/>



[@TheShoreHouse38](#)



https://www.facebook.com/WildwoodCityFD/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel



Instagram

[@Wildwoodfiredept.](#)

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Station 3-2 - (111 East Pine Avenue)	609-522-2654

Appendix A - Awards

Firefighter of the Year

Criteria: The Firefighter of the Year medal is presented to a firefighter/fire officer who best characterizes the best attributes of being a firefighter, a mentor, and a leader with the best interests of the department and the City they serve.

The individual who is being presented this year's Firefighter of the Year medal constantly shows a commitment to not only the department but to the community as well. This firefighter dedicates much of his time coaching and mentoring the young children of our community. He brings that drive and passion to work with him and is often found taking the newer firefighters and seasonal personnel and having them show their proficiency and demonstrating the equipment within the department.

He balances his family life, his work ethic and his outside business ventures proportionally finding the commitment to be successful at each one. He is a member of our department's Regional Urban Search Team, which is an extremely high commitment to training annually.

In 2017 he was awarded the Citation for Bravery for his actions during a building collapse and severe injury of a worker on December 14, 2016. He was also awarded the Life Saving Citation for his actions in rescuing a swimmer in distress on August 16, 2016.

The Firefighter of the Year is being awarded to Firefighter Dave Bannon. Firefighter Bannon began his career in July, 2014 and is currently assigned to the Delta Platoon

Firefighter Response Award

Criteria: This is awarded annually to the firefighter(s) who responded to the highest number of fire related incidents during the year.

During 2017 the City of Wildwood Fire Department responded to 1506 fire related incidents. These vary from activated fire alarms to dwelling fires.

The 2017 Recipient of the Firefighter Response Award is Captain Daniel Dunn who responded to 371 fire/engine related calls during the year.

EMS Response Award

Criteria: This is awarded annually to the firefighter(s) who responded to the highest number of EMS related incidents during the year.

During 2017 The City of Wildwood Fire Department responded to 2492 EMS related incidents.

The 2017 Recipient of the EMS Response Award is Firefighter Brendan Phillips who responded to 407 medical calls. Firefighter Phillips began his career in November of 2016 and is currently assigned to the Delta Platoon.

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Administrative Award

Criteria: This is awarded to a member of the department who has contributed an excessive amount of time and effort into increasing the efficiency of the department.

The City of Wildwood Fire Department received a Staffing of Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Grant in the amount of \$ 350,400 to increase the volunteer duty-crew program that we implemented in 2014. The scheduling of this program is handled by a volunteer officer who spends many hours on the scheduling of personnel. This program has proven itself successful because of the time and effort this person has put into it.

The 2017 Recipient of the Administrative Award is Captain Mike Johnson. Captain Johnson has been with the volunteer division for over 25 years.

Exceptional Duty Award

Criteria: This is awarded to a member of the department for the highly credible accomplishment of bringing public acclaim to the department or fire service as a result of devotion to duty.

The recipient of this award was given the task of implementing a summer cadet program for school age children to discover the attributes the fire service has within the City of Wildwood and the community as a whole. The pilot week long program was extremely successful and will continue for years to come. This Firefighter spent many hours and made many contacts to ensure the program was a success. His contacts with other agencies to assist in the program also proved invaluable.

The 2017 Recipient of the Exceptional Duty Award is Firefighter William Cripps. Firefighter Cripps began his career in July, 2000 and is currently assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau as the city's Fire Official.

EMS Lifesaving Citation

Criteria: To receive the EMS lifesaving commendation, the firefighter(s) must be a member of the department who are principally involved in saving the life of another person and whose personal actions were directly responsible for saving that life.

On Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 16:34 hours The Wildwood Fire Department was dispatched to 423 E. Magnolia Ave. (Nino's Restaurant) for a person in cardiac arrest. An eight-man crew was assigned to a beach detail that day when they heard the call over the radio. Those eight members, realizing the severity of the call, immediately responded to the incident location which is located directly off the boardwalk. As the members arrived they found family members performing chest compressions on an elderly male patient, who was confirmed to be in cardiac arrest. Fire department personnel took over CPR, applied the AED, and administered high flow oxygen. Through a very coordinated effort and several shocks from the AED fire department personnel were able to regain a pulse and the patient began breathing on his own. Shortly thereafter, the patient became conscious, alert, and oriented to the point that he was speaking in full sentences. Paramedics arrived on scene and the patient was then transported to the landing zone and flown to Atlantic Care Regional Medical Center (Mainland Campus) where he made a full recovery.

The Citation for EMS Lifesaving is awarded to Captains Daniel Dunn and Mathew Johnson and Firefighters Mark Allen, Gerard Vessels, Robert Feltwell, Ryan Troiano, Richard Harron, Brendan Phillips and David Spiegel.

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The Lifesaving Citation

Criteria: To receive the Lifesaving Citation, the firefighter(s) must be a member of the department who is principally involved in saving the life of another person and whose personal actions were directly responsible for saving that life. (non-ems)

On Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 15:08 hours Quint 3 was dispatched to the area of Young Ave. and the Beach for the report of two swimmers in distress. While en- route WPD confirmed the report of two swimmers in distress and reported that they were now in the area of Taylor Ave. Upon arrival FF Palmer and off-duty FF Sacco quickly entered the unguarded water and began swimming to the victims. Chief Spiegel arrived on scene and also began swimming to the victims before being handed a rescue board. Both FFs Palmer and Sacco quickly reached and secured both victims. One victim was brought back to shore by FFs Palmer and Sacco while the second victim was placed on the rescue board and brought back to the shore by Chief Spiegel. Both victims were then evaluated by EMS with one of the two being transported to Cape Regional Medical Center for further evaluation.

The Citation for Lifesaving is being awarded to Chief Daniel Spiegel and Firefighters Tina Sacco and Nick Palmer. Chief Spiegel began his career in 1995 and was promoted to Chief of Department in 2016. Firefighter Sacco began her career in June, 2016 and is currently assigned to the Alpha Platoon. Firefighter Palmer began his career in November, 2016 and is currently assigned to Charlie Platoon

Meritorious Conduct Award

Criteria: To receive the Meritorious Medal, the firefighter must be a member of the department who performs a notable act of distinction in the performance of duty and reflects integrity and devotion.

On March 27, 2017 at 18:19 hours Quint 3 responded mutual aid to Wildwood Crest at 5508 Park Blvd. for a Dwelling fire. Also responding was Battalion Chief Ernie Troiano Jr. who arrived prior to any fire department units. BC Troiano found a man and small child trapped on a second-floor balcony. The man was holding the child over the railing with the desperate thought of dropping the child to safety. BC Troiano, with the support of several civilians, convinced the man to drop the child into their arms. The man did in fact drop the small child who was then caught by BC Troiano. Following this, the man was able to escape by jumping from the balcony onto a garage roof before jumping to the ground.

The Citation for Meritorious Conduct is being awarded to Battalion Chief Ernie Troiano Jr. Battalion Chief Troiano began his firefighting career in 1973 and has been the volunteer Battalion Chief since 1999.

Meritorious Conduct Award

Criteria: To receive the Meritorious Medal, the firefighter must be a member of the department who performs a notable act of distinction in the performance of duty and reflects integrity and devotion.

On August 2, 2017 at 16:33 hours Quint 3 responded on the District Alarm to 110 E. Montgomery Ave. for the report of smoke coming from the building. Chief Spiegel arrived on

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scene and reported a working fire with a victim trapped on the second-floor balcony and requested for the Box to be filled. Capt. Johnson, arriving on Quint 3 assisted Deputy Chief Troiano in throwing a ground ladder to the second-floor balcony before stretching a 1.75" handline for fire attack. Safety Officer Mark Allen arrived on scene, along with Chief McClain of the North Wildwood Fire Department. With the victim directly above the fire, that was seconds from breaching the window below, Safety Officer Allen and Chief McClain were able to remove the victim as Capt. Johnson quickly knocked down the bulk of the fire which prevented it from venting out the window. The victim was treated on scene by the Wildwood Crest Rescue Squad for smoke inhalation.

The Citation for Meritorious Conduct is being awarded to Captain Matt Johnson and Firefighter/Safety Officer Mark Allen. Captain Johnson began his career in August, 2011 and was promoted in November, 2016. Firefighter Allen began his career in May, 1999 and has been assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau since June, 2016.

Special Operations - Regional Urban Search Team (R.U.S.T.)

It is the primary mission of the Regional Urban Search Team (R.U.S.T.) to provide advanced technical search and rescue capabilities to victims trapped or entombed in structurally collapsed buildings. In addition to structural collapse emergencies the R.U.S.T. also responds to Confined Space, High-angle Rope Rescue, Surface Ice Rescue and Trench Rescue emergencies.

To this endeavor R.U.S.T. members pledge to the citizens of the City of Wildwood, the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey to provide efficient and effective rescue technologies in a planned and measured response system that mirrors the Federal Emergency Management Agency's guidelines on urban search and rescue and the appropriate National Fire Protection Association Standards.

The City of Wildwood Fire Department currently has 11 members who are assigned to the team. The members listed below are being recognized for their continued dedication and commitment to the team.

Chief Daniel Speigel (Team Leader)
Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III (Asst. Team Leader)
Captain Matthew Johnson (Asst. Team Leader)
Captain Daniel Dunn
Fire Official William Cripps
Firefighter Rob Feltwell
Firefighter Ryan Troiano
Firefighter Dave Bannon
Firefighter Darrick Kobierowski
Firefighter Matthew Long
Firefighter Rich Harron



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The Civilian Service Award

Criteria: To receive the Civilian Service Award, the recipient may not be an active member of the department, but volunteered his or her own time to help serve the department in a non-operational roll and assist the department in a highly commendable manner. This person has also made a positive impact on the community through their countless effort, dedication, and kind acts.

We have had a long, very productive and community orientated relationship with this organization. They have donated thousands of dollars to the safety of our community which allowed us to purchase equipment which in turn has directly aided many residents and visitors of our community.

They continuously participate in programs with local children, annually hold dinners for recruits from our armed services and were a major driving force in the construction of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. They have always recognized our department during the many functions they hold annually.

The 2017 recipient of the Civilian Award is presented to the Byron Pennington Croker American Legion Post 184.

