

WILDWOOD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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Executive Summary

The Wildwood City Fire Department had made considerable progress in services provided, training, equipment and funding opportunities available to our department for the year 2017. 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 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 now Trench Rescue. In the spring of 2017 members assigned to the team completed training in Structural Collapse Rescue. This was an intense 45-hour course demonstrating the capabilities of rescuing victims entombed in building debris as a result of natural (i.e. hurricanes, storms) or man-made (terrorists attacks) disasters.

In the fall of 2017 the same members completed both a Trench Collapse Operations and Technician Level course. On a daily basis utility companies, both public and private, work below grade either servicing their equipment or installing new utilities. From sewer or water departments to cable, phone or electric companies, these agencies continuously work on making our daily lives much safer and a lot easier with the technology they provide. Prior to this year, there was no agency in the County of Cape May able to perform Trench Rescue Operations. Fire Departments had to rely on departments from Atlantic County or the State of New Jersey to respond, which in life and death situations is unacceptable. The Wildwood City FD is proud to now be able to provide such a service.

Training

Training and being prepared for the unknown is always at the forefront of a fire department. However, many departments go above and beyond to ensure their members meet higher national standards such as Incident Safety Officer and Fire Service Instructor. The Wildwood City Fire Department held both National Fire Academy courses in-house in the spring of 2017 for the Officers and senior Firefighters of the department. All Company Level Officers and senior Firefighters now are certified in both categories which directly aids us during emergency incidents and training evolutions.

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The department also currently has our Deputy Fire Chief and two Captains participating in 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 of which they are scheduled to graduate in the summer of 2018.

Equipment and Funding opportunities

The Wildwood City Fire Department continues to try and be the best equipped and trained agency in order to provide emergency services based on our community risk assessments. Being an urban city on an island with a tremendous tourist base in the busy summer season makes our municipality vulnerable.

This was evident to the federal government when our department received its very first 4x4 Pierce Fire Apparatus awarded to us in 2016 and delivered in the summer of 2017. This apparatus, currently responding first due to all emergencies in the city, was 95% funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agencies (F.E.M.A.) – Assistance to Firefighter Grant (A.F.G) program. Wildwood Fire Company # 1 funded the remaining 5% which resulted in zero costs to the tax-payers of the City of Wildwood. The apparatus total cost was \$491,325.

The City of Wildwood was also fortunate to be notified in the summer of 2017 of being awarded another two FEMA grants, specifically for the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.).

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 while working the duty shift. It also increases morale and working conditions between career and volunteer staff.

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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.

We believe the officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency also agreed with such an approach since they awarded the City of Wildwood over \$ 832,000 for our staffing needs.



FEMA Provided - Squad Company 3

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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

I am honored to present our 2017 Annual Report on behalf of the members of the Wildwood City Fire Department. The purpose of the report is to provide insight and 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 once again. The Wildwood City Fire Department responded to 4,006 calls in calendar year 2017. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls accounted for approximately 2,500 of those responses. Fire type calls accounted for just over 1,500 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.

I would like to thank the community for their support of the Fire Department. We are here to serve you and welcome your feedback or comments. I also would like to acknowledge 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 is committed to improving our service delivery through a constant review and evaluation of our actions, programs and activities. A process of self-evaluation challenges us to provide the highest level of service to our residents and visitors.

Chief Daniel F. Spiegel, CPM

2016 Personnel Milestones



Although there were no changes in the department personnel during the 2017 calendar year the City of Wildwood did promote our first ever Honorary Fire Chief Jaxon Mitchell.

Chief Mitchell is a young boy from Wildwood Crest who is battling a degenerative eye disorder which is causing him to lose his sight. One of Jaxon's dreams was to become a career firefighter when he was older.

The Officers and Members of the Wildwood City Fire Department made sure he achieved his dream after he completed the cadet firefighter program this summer and was promoted Honorary Fire Chief during the graduating ceremonies.

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Administration:

Fire Chief

Daniel F. Speigel

Deputy Fire Chief

Ernie Troiano III

Secretary

Mary Peer

Fire Prevention Bureau:

Fire Official

Ronald Harwood

Fire Inspector

Mark Allen

Secretary

Kelly Sweger

Part-time Fire Inspector

Greg Collier

Operations:

A Platoon

Captain Daniel Dunn

Firefighter Robert Feltwell

Firefighter Matthew Long

Firefighter Richard Harron

Firefighter Matthew Capone (PT)

Firefighter Chad Alvarado (PT)

B Platoon

Captain Matt Johnson

Firefighter Ryan Troiano

Firefighter Darrick Kobierowski

Firefighter Brendan Phillips

Firefighter Craig Thompson (PT)

Firefighter Mike DeLuca (PT)

C Platoon

Captain James Grauel

Firefighter Gerry Vessels

Firefighter David Bannon

Firefighter Tina Sacco

Firefighter Vincent Mascio (PT)

Firefighter James Gameron (PT)

D Platoon

Captain Aldo Sacco

Firefighter William Cripps

Firefighter Adam Feltwell

Firefighter Nick Palmer

Firefighter Sean Stanton (PT)

Firefighter David Speigel (PT)

On Call Part-time Firefighters:

Walter Belles Sr.

Ryan Frank

Alex Kolbe

Ryan Brooks

John Snyder

Donald Fancher

Dale Eggert

Mark Gose Jr.

Steve Lyons

Sam Springsteen

Rayquan Walker

Jeremy Embs

Matt Kilmer

Jake Spiegel

Volunteer Duty Crews

Curtis Bosley

Rick Mascio

Michael Pardy

Joel Hatch

Cornelius Maxwell

Herbert Porter

Mike Johnson

Joshua Otton

Julio Rivera

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 3 firefighters assigned to each platoon. In addition the career division is supplemented by 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 one part-time fire inspector 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, and hazardous material 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 2017 the City of Wildwood responded to over 4,000 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 3-2 is 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 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 also 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)
1996 – 1500 GPM Pierce Engine (recall apparatus)
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. The volunteer firefighters supplement the on-duty firefighters when assistance is needed. The station currently houses the following apparatus:

2014 - 2000 GPM E-One Quint (first due apparatus)
2002 – Chevy utility vehicle (support)
1990 – Army cargo 2.5 ton vehicle (flood responses)

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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 since 1896. The station currently houses the following apparatus:

1984 - Jeep Scrambler – Boardwalk support vehicle

2010 - Army Cargo 5 ton vehicle (Flood Responses)

Two – BLS Transport Ambulances (reserve & special events)





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, assists in public education, conducts fire prevention inspections supporting the inspection bureau and maintains 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 4006 CALLS FOR SERVICE
- 16 CAREER PERSONNEL ACROSS 4 PLATOONS
- 2492 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS
- 1514 – SQUAD/ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES

2017 Fire Responses

1 Fire

111 Building fire	15
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	2
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	16
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	2
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
131 Passenger vehicle fire	5
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
142M Mulch Fire	9
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	6
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	4
160 Special outside fire, Other	3
162 Outside equipment fire	<u>2</u>
	68

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

311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	598
320 Emergency medical service, other	3
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	16
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	28
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	4
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	5
331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	9
354 Trench/below-grade rescue	1
356 High-angle rescue	1
360 Water & ice-related rescue, other	2
361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	3
363 Swift water rescue	3
364 Surf rescue	6
365 Watercraft rescue	<u>2</u>
	683

4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

400 Hazardous condition, Other	13
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	8
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	65
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	6
421 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	2
422 Chemical spill or leak	3
424 Carbon monoxide incident	3
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	6
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	3
442 Overheated motor	4
444 Power line down	31
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	16
451 Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1
460 Accident, potential accident, Other	1
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	3
462 Aircraft standby	22

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463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	<u>15</u>
	202
5 Service Call	
511 Lock-out	6
522 Water or steam leak	6
531 Smoke or odor removal	3
542 Animal rescue	4
550 Public service assistance, Other	5
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	15
552 Police matter	1
553 Public service	23
554 Assist invalid	10
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	4
561 Unauthorized burning	4
571 Cover assignment, standby, move up	<u>1</u>
	82
6 Good Intent Call	
600 Good intent call, Other	30
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	64
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	8
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	<u>3</u>
	121
7 False Alarm & False Call	
700 False alarm or false call, Other	4
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	3
730 System malfunction, Other	2
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	37
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	45
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	7
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	12
7401 Unintentional transmission of Medical Alarm.	15
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	4
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	26
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	19
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	166
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	<u>3</u>
	345
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	
812 Flood assessment	<u>1</u>
	1
9 Special Incident Type	
911 Citizen complaint	<u>2</u>
	2

2017 Total NFIRS Incidents: 1506

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March 28, 2017 – Mutual-aid to Wildwood Crest



April 7, 2017 – Riggings Gas Station Fire



August 2, 2017 – 100 Blk. East Montgomery (Civilian Rescued)

2017 EMS Responses

Not Applicable/Undefined	154
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Alcohol - Intoxication (F10.92)	122
General/Other - *Weakness (R53.1)	87
Pain - Extremity (Non-traumatic) (M79.609)	87
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Alcohol (F10.9)	85
CV - Chest Pain - *Presumed Cardiac (I20.9)	73
Injury/Trauma - Head without L.O.C. (S06.0X0A)	73
Neuro - Seizure (G40.909)	56
General/Other - *Syncope - Syncopal Episode (or Near) (R55)	55
Injury/Trauma - Face (S09.93)	54
Pain - Abdominal Pain Acute Onset (R10.0)	52
General/Other - Other not listed specify in narrative (F60.8)	51
Pain - Back (Non-traumatic) (M54.9)	51
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Narcotic (i.e. Heroin) (F11)	50
Pain - Not Elsewhere Mentioned Sudden Onset (G89.1)	48
General/Other - *Dizziness (R42)	47
Pain- Abdominal Pain Generalized (R10.84)	46
Behavioral - Anxiety (F41.9)	45
Pain - Chest (presumed non-cardiac) (R07.89)	41
Pain - Acute pain due to trauma (G89.11)	40
Respiratory - Not Otherwise Listed (J98.9)	39
Respiratory - Acute Onset Distress (J80)	38
GI/GU - *Nausea (With Vomiting) (R11.2)	31
General/Other - Bleeding or Hematoma Post Procedure/Medical Device (L76.22)	30
Injury/Trauma - Wrist, Hand, or Fingers (S69.9)	30
Injury/Trauma - Lower leg (S89.9)	29
Respiratory - COPD Exacerbation (J44.1)	28
Endocrine - Hypoglycemia - Diabetic (E13.64)	27
Injury/Trauma - Not Otherwise Listed (T14.90)	27
General/Other - Other Unspecified (R53.8)	25
Behavioral - Strange Behavior (R46.2)	21
CV - Hypertension (I10)	21
Behavioral - Suicidal/Homicidal Ideation (R45.85)	19
Neuro - Unconscious (R40.20)	18
Behavioral - Depression (F32.9)	17
Neuro - Stroke/CVA (I63.9)	17
Pain - Pelvic or Perineal Pain (R10.2)	17
General/Other - Dehydration (E86.0)	16
Endocrine - Hyperglycemia - Diabetic (E13.65)	15
General/Other - *Allergic Reaction (T78.40)	15
General/Other - *Fever (R50.9)	15
General/Other - *Malaise (R53.81)	15
Injury/Trauma - Shoulder or Upper Arm (S49.9)	15
Injury/Trauma - Neck (S19.9)	14
Neuro - Altered Mental Status (R41.82)	14

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Neuro - Headache (R51)	14
Pain - Neck (Non-traumatic) (M54.2)	13
Behavioral - Mental Disorder Not Otherwise Listed (F99)	12
Injury/Trauma - Forearm (S59.91)	12
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Alcohol - Withdrawal (F10.239)	11
Behavioral - Uncooperative/unwanted assessment (R45.5)	11
GI/GU - GI Problem Not Otherwise Listed (K92.9)	11
Injury/Trauma - Head with L.O.C. (S06.0X9A)	10
Respiratory - Asthma Exacerbation (J45.901)	10
CV - *Cardiac Arrest (I46.9)	9
EENT - Eye Pain (Non-traumatic) (H57.10)	9
General/Other - Death - DOA (G93.82)	9
Injury/Trauma - Foot (S99.92)	9
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Hallucinogen (F16)	8
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Poisoning Unspecified (T65.9)	8
CV - *Hypotension (I95.9)	8
GI/GU - *Nausea (Without Vomiting) (R11.0)	8
Infectious - *Common Cold/cough (J00)	8
Injury/Trauma - Ankle (S99.91)	8
Injury/Trauma - Eye and/or Orbit (S05)	8
Injury/Trauma - Lower Back (S39.92)	8
CV - Cardiac Arrhythmia/Dysrhythmia (I49.9)	7
Injury/Trauma- Elbow (S59.90)	7
Neuro - Neuro Problem Not Otherwise Listed (G99.8)	7
OB/GYN - Contractions (O62.0)	7
Pain - Chronic (G89.2)	7
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Sedative, Hypnotic or Anxiolytic (F13)	6
Behavioral - Disorientation (R41.0)	6
CV - Chest Pain - Angina (I20.0)	6
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Psychoactive Substance (F19)	5
General/Other - Mobility - Reduced (Z74.09)	5
GI/GU - *GI Bleed - Melena (Bloody Stool) (K92.1)	5
Injury/Trauma - Thigh (upper leg) (S79.92)	5
Respiratory - Hyperventilation (R06.4)	5
Behavioral - Suicide Attempt (T14.91)	4
Injury/Trauma - Hip (S79.91)	4
Neuro - Visual Disturbance (H53.9)	4
OB/GYN- Vaginal Bleeding (N93.9)	4
Environment - Heat Exhaustion (T67.5)	3
General/Other - Cancer (D49)	3
GI/GU - *GI Bleed - Hematemesis (Vomiting Blood) (K92.0)	3
GI/GU - Constipation (K59.00)	3
Injury/Trauma - Abdomen (S39.91)	3
Injury/Trauma - Genitalia (S39.94)	3
Injury/Trauma - Nose (S09.92)	3
Pain - Chronic pain due to trauma (G89.21)	3
Respiratory - Pulmonary Edema Acute Onset (J81.0)	3
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Cocaine (F14)	2

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Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Abuse of Inhalant Substances (huffing) (F15)	2
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin Toxic Exposure (Intentional) (T65.92)	2
Behavioral - Violent (R45.6)	2
CV - Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) (I50.9)	2
EENT - Foreign Body to Eye (T15)	2
General/Other - Allergic Reaction with Shock (Anaphylaxis) (T78.2XXA)	2
General/Other - Dental/Tooth Pain (K08.8)	2
GI/GU - *GERD (Reflux) (K21)	2
GI/GU - Diarrhea (K59.1)	2
Infectious - *Influenza (Flu Like Symptoms) (J11)	2
Infectious - Disease Unspecified (B99.9)	2
Injury/Trauma - Thorax (upper chest) (S29.9)	2
Neuro - Headache - Migraine (G43.9)	2
Neuro - Status Epilepticus (G40.901)	2
OB?GYN - Vomiting Due to Pregnancy (O21.9)	2
Maltreatment - Adult Sexual Abuse/Rape Suspected (T74.21)	1
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Inhalant related disorders (F18)	1
Alcohol /Drug/Toxin - Suspected Exposure to a Health Hazard (Z77.9)	1
Behavioral - Hallucination - Auditory (R44.0)	1
Behavioral - Hallucination - Visual (R44.1)	1
CV - *Cardiac Arrest/Obvious Death (R99)	1
CV - Chest Pain - Myocardial Infarction (Non-STEMI) (I21.4)	1
CV - Chest Pain - STEMI of Anterior Wall (I21.0)	1
Endocrine Hypoglycemia - Non-diabetic (E16.2)	1
Environment - Frostbite With Tissue Necrosis (T34.90)	1
GI/GU - Bowel Obstruction (K56.60)	1
GI/GU - Foreign Body Genitourinary Tract (T19.9)	1
GI/GU - GU Problem Not Otherwise Listed (N39.9)	1
Infectious - *Pneumonia (J18.9)	1
Infectious - *Sepsis (A41.9)	1
Maltreatment - Child Sexual Abuse/Rape Suspected (T74.22)	1
Neuro - Stroke (CVA) Hemorrhagic (I62.9)	1
Neuro - TIA (transient ischemic attack) (G45.9)	1
Newborn Care - Normal (Z38.2)	1
OB/GYN - OB Complaint Not Otherwise Listed (O26.90)	1
OB/GYN - Preterm Labor Without Delivery (O60.0)	1
OB/GYN - Spontaneous Abortion (Miscarriage) (O03)	1
Respiratory - Distress Due to Chemicals, Gases, Fumes, or Vapors (J68.9)	1
Respiratory - Foreign Body Airway (T17.9)	1
Respiratory - Smoke Inhalation (J70.5)	<u>1</u>

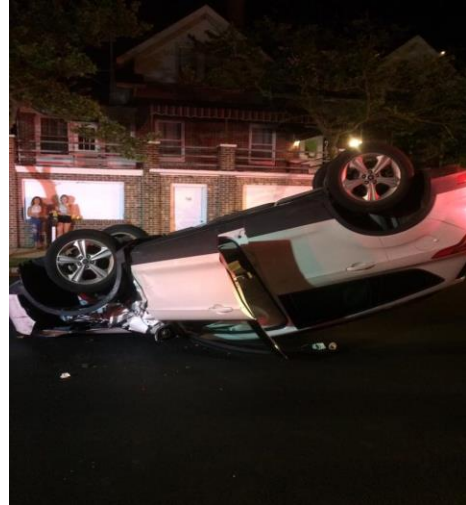
2017 Total EMS Incidents:

2492

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January 28, 2017
MVC Roberts & Ocean



June 14, 2017
MVC – Poplar & Pacific



July 14, 2017 – Elevator Rescue 4900 Susquehanna Avenue



July 11, 2017 – Trauma Fall Victim – “J” Avenue West Wildwood

Fire Prevention Bureau



The Bureau of Fire Prevention is headed by Fire Official Ronald Harwood. Firefighter Mark Allen is detailed to the bureau as a Fire Inspector. During the busy summer season a part-time Fire Inspector is 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 conducts NJ State Housing Inspections. The Fire Official also serves as the city's Housing Official.

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 2017

Life Hazard Uses

Periodic Inspections:	267
Re-Inspections:	120
Complaints:	6
Follow-ups:	4
Others:	20

Violations:	237
Certificates Issued:	297

Non-Life Hazard Uses

Periodic Inspections:	2691
Re-Inspections:	1111
Complaints:	17
Follow-ups:	13
Others:	409

Violations:	887
Certificates Issued:	2745

Bureau of Housing Inspection

Periodic Inspections	225
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Total Inspections: 4883

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 communities needs but to mitigate the hazards that are present. Members of the department spent well over 3000 hours in over 100 topics in education in 2017.

One notable course completed was the Fire Service Peer Fitness Trainer program attended by Captain James Grauel. This program gives the ability to design and implement fitness programs, to improve the wellness and fitness of firefighters and to assist with the physical training of recruits.

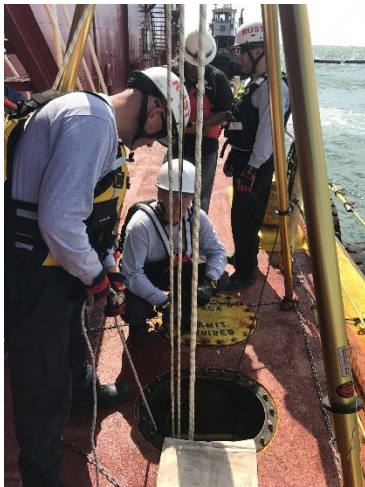
Training Courses:

New Mexico Tech – Emergency Response to Bombing Incidents
National Fire Academy - Incident Safety Officer
NJ Division of Fire Safety – Instructor Level I
Fire Service Peer Fitness Trainer
Leadership Courses – Transitioning from peer to supervisor
NJ Career Fire Chief’s Leadership Seminar
NJ Division of Criminal Justice – Basic Course of Arson Investigators
Engine Company Operations
Truck Company Operations
Rescue Company Operations
Structural Collapse Operations
Trench Awareness and Operations
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
Driver Training
Forcible Entry
Elevator Emergencies
Fire Officer
Fire Official
Fire Inspector
Confined Space
Hazardous Materials

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 2017 the team finalized training in trench collapse rescue resulting in the first-ever team in the county's history. 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 2017 Captain James Grauel requested to conduct research on establishing a Fire Department Honor Guard to “Present the Colors” at special events including opening day for little league baseball, September 11th memorial, ceremony’s, conventions, city ceremonies, parades and other community type events. While conducting his research it was learned there was not a fire department in Cape May County with such a unit. With the approval of Fire Chief Daniel Speigel and Commissioner Tony Leonetti a fund raising campaign was launched and within days the department received several thousand dollars to begin purchasing the necessary equipment for the unit. Captain Grauel also contacted Battalion Chief Rich Gorman of the Jersey City’s Fire Department Honor Guard who donated his time to come down and instruct the members in proper Honor Guard etiquette.

In a matter of months the team had the necessary equipment, training and was quickly tapped by the Greater Wildwood Little League Association to perform at the opening day ceremonies at the little league field in Wildwood Crest. The unit also presented the colors during the City of Wildwood’s 9-11 ceremony in September. The team also was asked by the Cape May County Pipes and Drums Brigade to march every Monday night on the Wildwood Boardwalk. Wildwood City FD Honor Guard graciously donated their time to this great endeavor.



Special Units - continued

Awards Committee

Captain Matthew Johnson organized the department's first annual "MEDAL DAY" in 2017 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 20, 2017 and a list of the award recipients is listed below:

- 9-11 Response citation
Chief Daniel Spiegel, Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III, Captain Mike Neill (ret), Safety Officer Lew Ostrander, Fire Official Ron Harwood, Firefighter Wm. Cripps, Firefighter Rick Mascio.
- Super Storm Sandy citation
Chief Conrad Johnson (ret), Chief Chris D'Amico (ret), Chief Daniel Spiegel, Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III, Battalion Chief Ernie Troiano Jr., Captain Mike Neill (ret), Captain Aldo Sacco, Captain James Grauel, Captain Daniel Dunn, Captain Matt Johnson, Firefighters Greg Neill (ret), Mark Allen, Wm. Cripps, Gerry Vessels, Robert Feltwell, Ryan Troiano, Adam Feltwell, Dave Bannon, Matt Long, John Davis, Fury Tasoni, Bruce McCausland.
- Winter Storm Jonas citation
Chief Chris D'Amico (ret), Chief Daniel Spiegel, Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III, Battalion Chief Ernie Troiano Jr., Captains Aldo Sacco, James Grauel, Daniel Dunn, Matt Johnson, Fire Official Ronald Harwood, Firefighters Mark Allen, Wm. Cripps, Gerry Vessels, Robert Feltwell, Ryan Troiano, Dave Bannon, Matt Long, Derrick Kobierowski, Tina Sacco, Rich Harron, Nick Palmer, Brendan Phillips, David Spiegel, Matt Capone, Curtis Bosley, Ray Walker.
- Firefighter Response Award
Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III (395 incidents)
- EMS Response Award
Firefighter Derrick Kobierowski (307 incidents)
- Administrative Award
Firefighter Adam Feltwell
- Exceptional Duty Award
Captain Daniel Dunn
- Honor Guard citation
Captains James Grauel, Daniel Dunn, Firefighters Gerry Vessels, Robert Feltwell, Ryan Troiano, Matthew Long, Darrick Kobierowski, Rich Harron, Nick Palmer.
- Bravery citation
Captain Matt Johnson, Fire Official Ron Harwood
- Commendation citation
Captains Aldo Sacco, Daniel Dunn, Firefighters Wm. Cripps, Matt Long, Dave Bannon.
- Stork citation
Firefighter Matthew Long
- EMS Lifesaving citation
Firefighters Nick Palmer, Matt Long
- Lifesaving citation
Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano III, Firefighter Dave Bannon
- Civilian Service Award
Mr. John Lynch

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.

The Wildwood City Office of Emergency Management completed a complete update of the City's Emergency Operations Plan during 2017 and received State approval of the plan in March. The plan was converted from the old format of Functional Annexes to the new Emergency Support Function (ESF) format which streamlines the entire plan. This was a major undertaking with the assistance of the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management. 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 2018 the OEM looks to continue to add to the plan and explore additional shared services opportunities.



Office of Emergency Management (Continued)

The Office of Emergency Management also provides a Code Red 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.

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.

This system is also utilized during nor 'Easters, hurricanes and any other threats to our community.

You can 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 continues to be very active within the community in various capacities. Our members belong to many community and civic organizations promoting the betterment of the city.

In 2017 the Wildwood City Firefighters began a senior outreach program at the Lion's Senior Center. The program was a monthly 2-hour initiative speaking to residents about fire safety and also providing blood pressure screenings. Many times folks would ask about their medications and for advice on daily life activities.

Firefighter William Cripps spearheaded the 1st annual cadet program for children 10-17 years of age. This week long summer camp taught kids the various aspects of firefighting. The children learned about Engine Company, Truck Company, Rescue Company operations, EMS and water rescue. This was a very successful program that will continue every summer.

September 11th is always remembered by the members of the fire department with the affect 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 2017 to host the first annual 9-11 memorial service on Pacific Avenue, Captain James Grauel organized the first annual Wildwood 9-11 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 is 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 \$ 18,000 in its first year.

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



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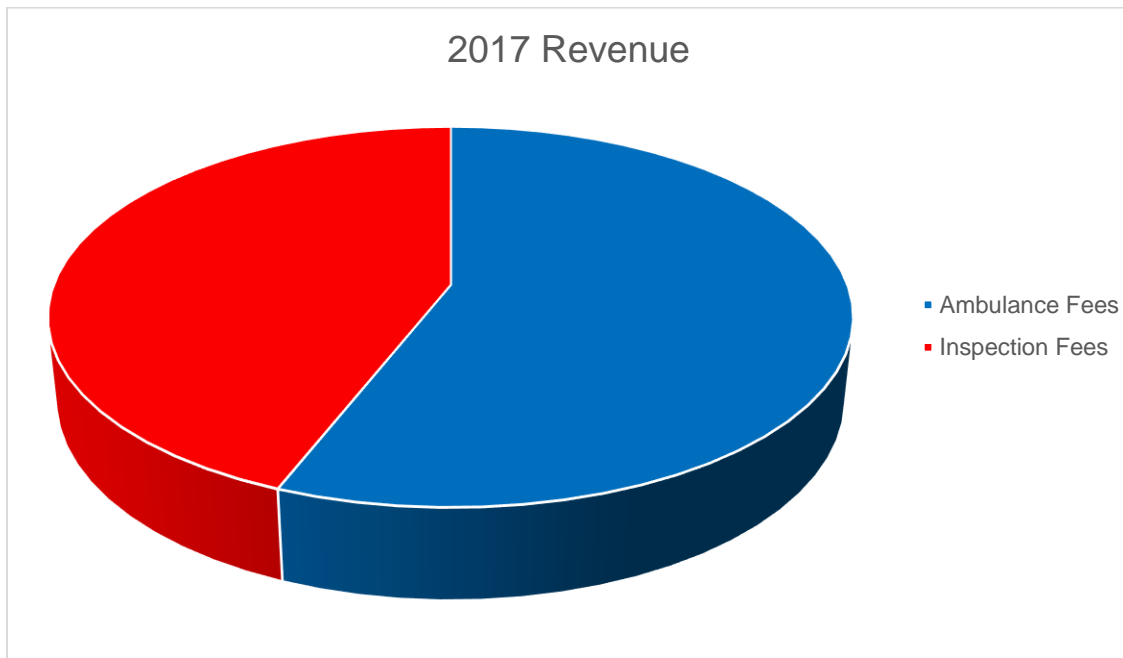


2017 Revenue

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

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

In 2017 the Wildwood City Fire Department collected a total of **\$ 734,334.06**



Fire Safety & Housing Inspection: \$ 323,288.71

Emergency Medical Services: \$ 411,045.35

Achievements: 2017

The year 2017 was very productive for the Wildwood City Fire Department. All of the goals set for the year were accomplished through initiatives by the fire department:

- Awards Committee “Medal Day”
- Implementation of the Honor Guard
- Certifying all Fire Captains and Senior Firefighters in Instructor Level I
- New Fit Test Machine for S.C.B.A. usage
- Continued and expanded participation in R.U.S.T. program
- Senior out-reach program

In addition to the goals set above the following items listed below improved the efficiency, operations and public relations of the department:

- Reduction of apparatus (Tower 3) and equipment (10 SCBA's) placing \$ 345,000 back into the city's coffers.
- Completion of fiber-optic up-grades for radio communications
- Entered into an inter-local agreement with the Township of Lower providing Fire and EMS coverage for Schooner Island
- Created the annual Cadet Summer Camp program for children ages 10-17.
- Placed into service the new 2017 Pierce Fire Apparatus (F.E.M.A. grant)
- Sustained minimum 4-person platoon coverage
- Awarded 2 Staffing of Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) grants for hiring four firefighters and volunteer recruitment & retention which has increased the volunteer duty-crew program to 24x7 coverage of one volunteer firefighter per shift.

Goals/Objectives: 2018

- Initiate the hiring of four Firefighters through the use of the S.A.F.E.R. funding
- Purchase of a 4x4 new ambulance to replace an existing 1998 ambulance.
- Purchase of 3 new AED's which will complete the overhaul of the older units (purchased 5 in 2016)
- NJ Division of Fire Safety Instructor Level II program for all those certified in Instructor Level I (in house training)
- Completion of radio communication up-grade to include receivers and transmitters
- Work with Cape May County Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.) for a grant funding to replace existing 1988 Rescue apparatus (R.U.S.T.)
- Seek 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 fire departments)
- All Firefighters trained in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Level
- Three Officers completing Certified Public Manager Program through Rutgers University
- Offer "Stop the Bleed" classes to the community (Basic Bleeding Control)
- Presentation of Colors at this year's NJ State Firemen's Association Convention

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/>



Twitter: [@Theshorehouse38](https://twitter.com/Theshorehouse38)



Facebook:

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



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Appendix A - Awards

9/11 Response Citation

September 11th 2001 was a day that not only changed the world but it changed the fire service forever. As many of us know 343 firefighters lost their lives as well as thousands of others some even local. In the days following the attacks many departments sent personnel to assist. The City of Wildwood was no different. The following firefighters spent as much as 10 days at ground zero assisting. The following members are being awarded the 9/11 Citation.

Chief Daniel Speigel - then a rescue specialist with New Jersey -Task Force 1 (Urban Search & Rescue) immediately responded to assist with search and rescue operations from September 11th - September 20th operating in areas including the PATH station, customs building along with being directly on the pile of the twin towers.

The following members respond with the City of Wildwood Fire Department to assist;

DFC Ernie Troiano	Retired Capt. Mike Neill	S/O Lew Ostrander
Fire Official Ron Harwood	Firefighter William Cripps	Firefighter Rick Mascio

Super Storm Sandy Citation

In October of 2012 The City of Wildwood was hit by Super Storm Sandy, a hurricane which will go down in the history books for its level of devastation across the state and the Northeast region of the country. The men and woman of the department left their families and loved ones to weather the storm so they could protect and serve the City. In a 72 hour period the department responded to over 93 emergencies, including 4 fires and numerous water rescues. The following members are being awarded the Citation for their service during Super Storm Sandy.

Chief Conrad Johnson (ret)	Chief Chris Damico (ret)	Chief Daniel Speigel
DFC Ernest Troiano III	BFC Ernest Troiano Jr	Captain Mike Neill (ret)
Capt. Aldo Sacco	Capt. James Grauel	Capt. Dan Dunn
Capt. Matt Johnson	Firefighter Greg Neill (ret)	Firefighter Mark Allen
Firefighter William Cripps	Firefighter Gerald Vessels	Firefighter Robert Feltwell
Firefighter Ryan Troiano	Firefighter Adam Feltwell	Firefighter Dave Bannon
Firefighter Matt Long	Firefighter John Davis	Firefighter Fury Tasoni
Firefighter Bruce McCausland		

Winter Storm Jonas Citation

In January of 2016 the City of Wildwood was hit by a large winter storm which many believe was worse for the city in comparison to Super Storm Sandy. The men and woman of the department left their families and loved ones to weather the storm so they could protect and serve the City. In a 48 hour period the department responded to over 84 emergencies, including numerous water rescues. The following members are being awarded the Citation for their service during Winter Storm Jonas.

Chief Chris D'Amico (ret)	Chief Daniel Speigel	DFC Ernie Troiano III
BFC Ernest Troiano Jr	Capt. Aldo Sacco	Capt. James Grauel
Capt. Dan Dunn	Capt. Matt Johnson	Fire Official Ron Harwood
Firefighter Mark Allen	Firefighter William Cripps	Firefighter Gerald Vessels
Firefighter Rob Feltwell	Firefighter Ryan Troiano	Firefighter Dave Bannon
Firefighter Matt Long	Firefighter Darrick Kobierowski	Firefighter Tina Sacco
Firefighter Rich Harron	Firefighter Nick Palmer	Firefighter Brendan Phillips
Firefighter Dave Speigel	Firefighter Ray Walker	Firefighter Curtis Bosley
Firefighter Matt Capone		

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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 2016 the City of Wildwood Fire Department responded to 1609 fire related incidents. These vary from activated fire alarms to dwelling fires.

The 2016 Recipient of the Firefighter Response Award is DFC Ernie Troiano III who responded to 395 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 2016 The City of Wildwood Fire Department responded to 2067 EMS related incidents.

The 2016 Recipient of the EMS Response Award is Firefighter Darrick Kobierowski who responded to 307 medical calls. Firefighter Kobierowski began his career in July of 2014 and is currently assigned to the Bravo Platoon.

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 generated \$381,328 from EMS billing in the year 2016. After each EMS incident a lengthy report must be completed and reviewed. The reports are then sent to an outside source for final billing. The recipient of this award has spent countless hours reviewing reports, following up with billing, correcting mistakes, attending various classes and seminars and training the department in proper report writing and review. Ambulance billing is one of the major sources that allows our department to operate effectively and efficiently.

The 2016 Recipient of the Administrative Award is Firefighter Adam Feltwell. Firefighter Feltwell began his career in August of 2011 and is currently assigned to Delta Platoon.

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 wears multiple hats within the department. This person is not only a Fire Captain but the city's OEM Coordinator and Safety Coordinator for the Joint Insurance Fund. Countless hours have been spent by this individual attending meetings, conferences, and training seminars many of which were on his own time. This is not to exclude the many hours of preparation for major events and emergencies within the city. The City's OEM has become one that many try to model. Through this person's efforts the city has been able to

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recuperate funds and replace damaged equipment caused by recent storms which in return has saved the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The 2016 Recipient of the Exceptional Duty Award is Captain Daniel Dunn. Capt. Dunn is currently Platoon Supervisor of Alpha Platoon.

Honor Guard

In 2016 Captain James Grauel approached Chief Spiegel about assembling a department honor guard. With Chief Spiegel's support Captain Grauel began the formation. Those interested had to apply and were individually interviewed by Captain Grauel. Even though the unit is still in the beginning stages there has been a strong commitment and dedication to this unit. Captain Grauel (unit leader) and the following members are being recognized for their role as founding members of the City of Wildwood Fire Department Honor Guard.

Captain Daniel Dunn	Captain Matthew Johnson	Firefighter Gerald Vessels
Firefighter Robert Feltwell	Firefighter Ryan Troiano	Firefighter Matthew Long
Firefighter Darrick Kobierowski	Firefighter Richard Harron	Firefighter Nick Palmer

The Citation for Bravery

Criteria: To receive the Citation for Bravery, the firefighter(s) must be a member of the department, in the performance of duty, who performs an act of bravery showing stamina in adverse conditions of fire, environmental, weather or materials.

On December 14th 2016 at approximately 11:17, with an air temperature in the low 30's, winds 20-25 MPH out of the NNW, and a water temperature in the mid 40's Engine Co. 38 (Capt. Matt Johnson, FF. R. Troiano, FF. B Phillips) were dispatched for a reported industrial accident at 604 W Rio Grande Ave. Chief Spiegel arrived on scene and updated the call to a building collapse with two people in the water. Engine Co. 38 arrived on location and began to assess the situation.

Capt. Matt Johnson entered the water wearing only his structural fire gear and found a male patient partially submerged in the water suffering from an obvious head injury and his right leg pinned to under water by a chain that was wrapped around both his leg and a steal I- beam. The patient was in extreme pain and beginning to suffer from hypothermia. Capt. Johnson immediately recognized the problem and began taking appropriate measures to mitigate the situation. Fire Official Harwood arrived moments later and also entered the water wearing only his structural fire gear.

Additional support was provided by Capt. Aldo Sacco, Capt. Daniel Dunn, Firefighter William Cripps, Firefighter Matt Long, and Firefighter Dave Bannon, who helped stabilize and remove the patient from the water and to the awaiting ambulance.

The Commendation Citation for their rapid response and support is being awarded to Captain Aldo Sacco, Captain Dan Dunn, Firefighter William Cripps, Firefighter Matt Long and Firefighter Dave Bannon.

The Citation for Bravery is being awarded to Captain Matt Johnson and Fire Official Ronald Harwood.

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Stork Citation

Criteria: To receive the Stork Citation the member(s) of the department must deliver a new born baby in the field prior to arrival at the Emergency Room

On June 29, 2016 at approximately 12:45 Firefighter Matt Long and Seasonal Firefighter Krystal Hill responded to 318 E Youngs Ave for a maternity. Upon arrival it was determined that the delivery of the baby was imminent. Firefighters Long and Hill loaded the patient into the ambulance and began to prepare for the delivery. A few short minutes later a healthy baby girl was successfully delivered. Firefighters Long and Hill then transported mom and baby to CRMC.

The Stork Citation is being awarded to Firefighter Matthew Long. Firefighter Long began his career October of 2014 and he is currently assigned to the Alpha Platoon.

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 August 26, 2016 Firefighters Matt Long and Nick Palmer responded mutual-aid to the Borough of Wildwood Crest for a respiratory emergency. Upon arrival the patient was found in severe respiratory distress. Firefighters Long and Palmer began basic life support. Shortly after loading the patient into the ambulance he went into respiratory arrest followed by cardiac arrest. Firefighters Long and Palmer began CPR and within 5 minutes the patient regained pulses and a regular heart rhythm. The patient's condition continued to improve to the point the patient was able to communicate. The patient was transported by air to ACMC (Mainland Division) where a full recovery was made.

The Citation for EMS Lifesaving is awarded to Firefighter Matt Long and Probationary Firefighter Nick Palmer. Firefighter Palmer began his career in November of 2016 and is currently assigned to the Delta Platoon.

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 August 6, 2016 at approximately 20:20 Deputy Fire Chief Ernie Troiano III (then Captain) and Firefighter Dave Bannon responded to the area of 13th and the beach in the City of North Wildwood for a reported water rescue. Upon arrival it was determined that there were multiple victims in the water. Capt. Troiano and Firefighter Bannon donned their PPE and entered the water. With nightfall approaching this was an inherently dangerous situation. Capt. Troiano and Firefighter Bannon split up and quickly reached two swimmers that were in distress and safely brought them back to shore.

The Citation for Lifesaving is being awarded to Deputy Chief Ernie Troiano and Firefighter Dave Bannon. Chief Troiano began his career in August of 2002 and currently oversees the department's Operations Division. Firefighter Bannon began his career in July of 2014 and is currently assigned to the Charlie Platoon.

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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.

When you think of a civilian who goes above and beyond for the community one name comes to mind. This person has done the same for the Wildwood Fire Department by way of his friendship and support as he waded through the same flood waters as we did to not only document these historic events but physically assist civilians in their time of need.

The 2016 recipient of the Civilian Service Award is presented to Mr. John Lynch

