

GENOA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT#

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I present to you a summation of 2010 emergency response statistics, department activities, and community involvement. I am pleased to inform you that with some operational changes our total 2010 departmental expenditures were \$4,521.08 less than 2009.

As a result of the overwhelming support of the community, the Fire Department will begin its first year of the new 4.7 mils, 5 year levy. The revenue generated by the new levy will result in the hiring of nine (9) new firefighter/paramedics thus greatly increasing our ability to respond, the protection of the community, and the safety of the firefighters.

Upon completion of the hiring and training process, the department will be requesting a review by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). Implementing changes that improve services, record keeping, and training, as well as increased manpower, typically results in a reduction of the department's ISO property protection classification rating. An improved rating often results in lower insurance premiums to businesses and homeowners.

In recognition of a declining economy a reorganization of operational functions and manning took place while maintaining the protection of the community and safety of the employees. Restructuring our part-time employee schedule, thus increasing their availability by 3,000 hours reduced the need for overtime by 700%. This resulted in only a 2% increase in total wage expenditures in 2010 (\$1,648,720 in 2009 to \$1,678,099 in 2010) although employees received a 5% increase in accordance with the labor agreement.

Also, in 2010, in an attempt to become "more green", we have installed additional insulation throughout the station. To this point we have reduced natural gas and electrical utility expenditures by 26% from \$27,185 in 2009 to \$21,575 in 2010.

In 2011 the department will be focusing on the hiring and training of our new personnel. In addition, we are researching grants to further our training and fire prevention efforts.

Your Fire Department continues to provide all encompassing emergency services to the community in the most cost effective and efficient means possible.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote fire safety awareness in the township and respond in times of fire, accident or other emergency to preserve lives, property and the environment.

We fulfill our mission through training, community programs, and incident response. We are an all-encompassing emergency service organization trained to handle a variety of emergencies including, but not limited to, fire suppression, auto extrication, under water/ice rescue, and advanced emergency medical care and transport. We also provide ancillary non-emergency services along with a variety of public education programs.



Emergency Response

In 2010 Genoa Township responded to a total of 1,507 incidents. This represents a 13% increase over 2009 and is the highest number of incidents for one calendar year in the department's history.

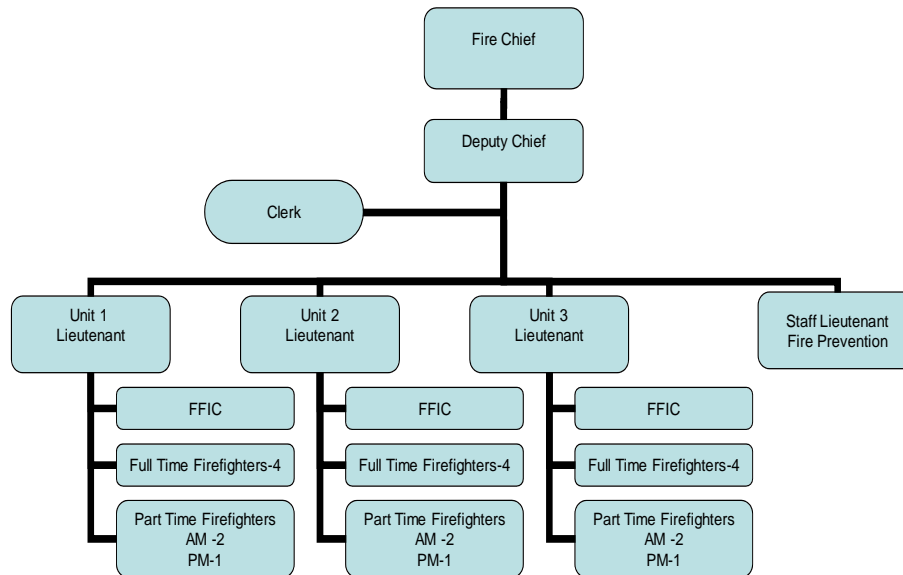
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOT
Dispatched Incidents	122	123	117	93	105	122	134	149	132	129	149	132	1507
Fire	50	58	53	43	40	58	60	57	60	74	73	61	687
Structure	4	3		1	3	7	3	4	5	3	3	5	41
Vehicle	1			1	1		1	1					5
Chimney			1							1		4	6
Grass				2				1	2		1		6
Trash/Waste Burn	2	1	4	3		1	1	2		2	3		19
Alarm Drops	2	5	4	6	4	8	10	3	6	10	6	3	67
EMS	72	65	64	50	65	64	74	92	72	55	76	71	820
Alarm Drops	1	4	1	2	2	1			1		6	3	21
Transports	27	18	25	20	24	20	26	34	26	18	21	25	284
Rescue			1					1	1	1	1		5
Auto Accident	5	5	5	1	6	4	7	7	4	5	7	4	60
Lock Out				1				2		1	2	1	7
CO Detector Activation	3	7	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	7	33
Smoke Detector Activation	1	4	5	6	3	8	7	5	7	8	6	7	67
Gas Leak	6	4	2	1	2	3	2	4	13	6	6	4	53
Water or Stream Leak	1	2			1			1					5
Public Service Call	1	3	5	1	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	27
Animal Rescue			5	1	1								7
Search for Lost Person											1		1
Water & Ice Rescue				1	1	3	2	1		1			9
Arcing, Electrical Equip.	2	1	2	3	1	2	6	2	2	1			22
Hazardous Spill	1			1	1			1		2	1	1	8
Severe Weather related					1	2		1					4
Power Line Down		1					1			1			3
Good Intent Calls	21	22	16	13	10	14	16	17	18	30	32	23	232

The area experiencing the largest increase of alarms was natural gas leaks. The department responded to 54 gas leaks this past year. This represents a 300% increase over 2009. The increase is primarily due to WOW Cable's blitz of the township for fiber optic installation.



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Organizational Chart



Safety

In keeping with our commitment to safety, for the second year in a row, the department has not experienced any loss time injuries in the performance of duties.

This may be attributed in part to the mandatory physical fitness program that the firefighters are engaged in. They perform a minimum of 30 minutes of weights and exercise on a daily basis to keep in shape and prevent injuries.



The Fire Department installed 15 additional fire hydrants throughout the more rural areas of the township and hopes to install an additional 15 in 2011. This action is critical in our goal to reduce the township's ISO rating.

Fire Prevention

Fire Inspector Lt. Craig Skeel conducted 291 commercial building inspections and 20 residential inspections over the past year. In addition to the inspections Lt. Skeel and the firefighters also performed 146 educational presentations throughout the community including 23 presentations throughout the schools.

- Twenty-six plan reviews were conducted throughout the past year.
- A new safety program was developed for students K-2.



Citizens Fire Academy

The first ever Genoa Township Citizens Fire Academy took place in 2010. This 12 week course covered aspects of fire, EMS, and rescue operations as well as public education. Twelve citizens from our community graduated with a new understanding of firefighting and the many aspects associated with emergency services.



Training

The goal of the Genoa Township Fire Department's Training Division is to ensure each member possesses the knowledge and physical abilities to perform their duties in each response discipline. To that affect, they are provided with programs that are presented in the most efficient and effective means possible. The instructional material centers on operational techniques and personnel safety.

Deputy Chief Hancock was successful in procuring a FEMA training grant worth over \$48,000 in 2010. This grant will allow us to improve our in house training abilities in lieu of paying outside contractors.

The 2010 department training hours break down as follows:

Fire Suppression	3,414
EMS	513
Rescue	1,169
Safety	175
Hazardous Materials	110
Professional Development	233
Physical fitness	2,056
Total hours for 2010	7,670

