



CITY OF BURLINGTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2017



MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the City of Burlington Fire Department, I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for 2017. This report will highlight fire department operations for the previous year. Our mission at the Burlington Fire Department is to provide the highest level of professional service to the citizens of Burlington and its visitors that pass through our community on a daily basis. We embrace this mission head on with enthusiasm and a true desire to serve the community. We are thankful for the tremendous support we have received from our citizens, city leaders, city departments, and other organizations that we have had the privilege of working along side during this reporting period. We look forward to the coming year, as we continue to forge our future and do our best to continually improve, enhance, and expand our operations to better serve this great community.

Yours in Service,

Alan J. Babe

Fire Chief



MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Burlington Fire Department is to protect and preserve the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of the City of Burlington and it's surrounding communities from the adverse effects of fires, medical emergencies, natural disasters or the exposure to other hazardous conditions.

We achieve this objective through an effective fire prevention & education program, an established training curriculum and prompt response by a diverse organization of career and volunteer personnel.

CORE VALUES

- Pride
- Integrity
- Respect
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Synergy

2017

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Career Personnel

Fire Chief Alan Babe	Admin. Assistant Terry Bubner	Fire Inspector Wesley Miner
Fire Engineer Daniel Fallon	Fire Engineer Joshua Spencer	Fire Engineer Justin Benko

Chief Officers

Deputy Chief William McCourt	Assistant Chief Eric Jones	Assistant Chief Erich Kurth	Safety Officer Jarred Owen
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Volunteer Personnel

<u>Hose Co. 1</u>	<u>Hose Co. 2</u>	<u>Hook & Ladder Co.</u>
Captain Adam Mueller	Captain Jeremy Lazenby	Captain Frank Solofra
Lieutenant Michael Bauman	Lieutenant John McCourt	Lieutenant Matt LeDuc
Jesse Bloomberg	Thomas Brummel	Brad Eckola
Collin Burke	Brent Grochowski	John Hanson
Ryan Calkins	Bradley Keyes	Courtney Jinar
Kevin Garratt	Dalton McCourt	Doug Kerkman
Mandy Herring	Kyle Oldenburg	Ronnie Mason
John Lind	Daniel Thomas	Matthew Leitzke
Joe Milroy	Dan Rueter	Ben Schultz
Abigail Schroeder	Griffen Reed	Aaron Nelson
Heather Sympson	Joe Schenk	James Peterson
Christopher Vargo	Evan Van Ommeran	Richard Peterson
	Amelia Weavers	Dick Peterson
		Kevin Spencer
		Jeana Swanson

2017 Retirements

Deputy Chief Mark Strasser	Firefighter Larry Berndt
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Mayor Jeannie Hefty	City Administrator Carina Walters
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CITY COUNCIL

1st District Susan Kott	Edward Johnson
2nd District Bob Grandi	Ruth Dawidziak
3rd District Tom Vos	Jon Schultz
4th District Todd Bauman	Thomas Preusker

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

President Joe Busch	Vice-President William Smitz
Secretary Jeff Erickson	Commissioner Peter Hintz
Commissioner Kevin Morrow	

2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & STATISTICS

- SOG implemented for joint daytime response with BRS.
- Developed Tri-County Fire Rescue Training Association
- Added 4 new Volunteer Firefighter/EMT's.
- Hired 5 new part time Firefighter/EMT's.
- Upgraded SCBA's to NFPA edition 2002, with donation received from SC Johnson's Wax.
- SCBA face piece's with upgraded HUD devices issued to every member.
- Installed 25 residential smoke alarms in cooperation with Wisconsin Smoke Alarm and Fire Education (WisSafe).
- Accepted in kind donation from BRS, 2004 Med-Tech Ambulance, refurbished and put into service as Unit 941 first response vehicle.

Call Volume Summary			
FIRE RESPONSES	TOTAL	EMS RESPONSES	TOTAL
Structure Fires	9	Neuro Issues	88
Mutual Aid	8	Sick/Unknown	186
Hazardous Conditions	35	Breathing Issue	60
Vehicle Crash	30	Cardiac	44
Service Calls	70	Overdose	8
False Alarms	97	Fall/Lift Assist	146
Other Fires	32	Injury/Pain	107
Severe Weather	3	Other EMS	233
TOTAL CALLS	284	TOTAL CALLS	872
TOTAL CBFDF 2017 CALLS = 1,156			

2018 GOALS

- Hire additional part time employees.
- Complete high hazard occupancy pre-plans.
- Continue to enhance Water Rescue Response Capabilities.
- Revise City Emergency Operations Plan.
- Update the city Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Create and Implement a Juvenile Fire Setter Program
- Identify and hire a Fire Department Chaplain .



TRAINING DIVISION

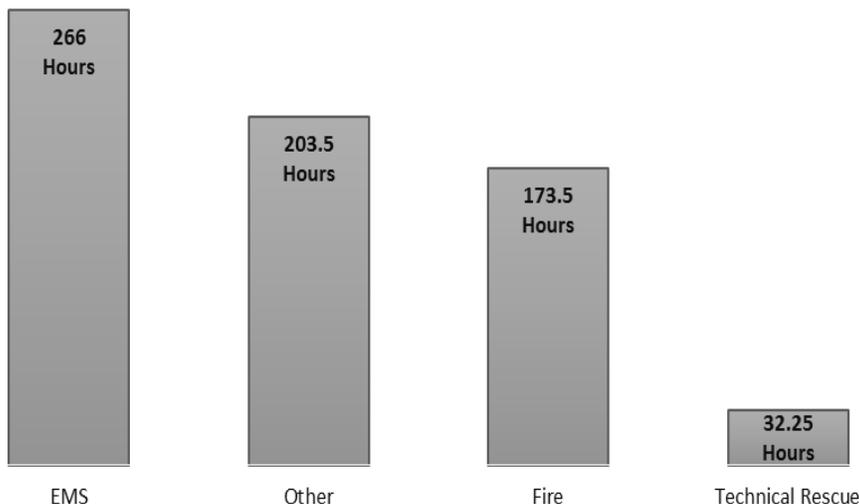
The Burlington Fire Department training program is a comprehensive, aggressive program dedicated to training its members in the fundamentals of fire suppression, emergency medicine, property preservation, fire prevention, fire inspection and investigative procedures. Trainings for department members are conducted on a weekly basis in various formats and styles. The Training Chief oversees the department's training program and instructors can range from department officers, career personnel or department members.

Every month the department meets as a whole and members participate in a "General Drill." Fire companies also meet once a month and company officers supervise "Company Drills." Members seeking the rank of Motor Pump Operator (MPO) as well as current MPO's attend monthly driver/operator trainings. Also available to department members are a variety of extra and/or elective drills through-out the month.

Both career and volunteer members of the Burlington Fire Department continue to develop better skills and techniques through training. The fulltime staff works hand-in-hand with volunteer members to enhance training in all areas of their duties.

Training Division Summary

2017 Training Hours



FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

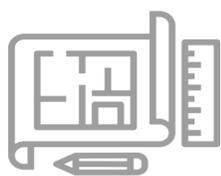
The City of Burlington Fire Department places a high priority on fire prevention activities. The Fire Prevention Division is responsible for Fire Inspections, Life Safety Building Code review and enforcement, Fire Investigations and Public Education. The Fire Prevention Division's primary mission is to reduce the risk of fire and accidents, while improving life safety in the City of Burlington. We accomplish this mission through community education about the benefits of proper fire safety practices and how to identify and eliminate all types of hazardous conditions which pose a threat to life, the environment and property.

The Fire Inspector oversees the department's fire prevention program, utilizing career, volunteer, and part-time staff for various activities. Fire Prevention staff conducted hundreds of hours of fire prevention activities at various buildings in the City including but not limited to public & private schools, hospitals, churches, senior housing, senior centers, day care centers, hotels & places of public assemblies.

Fire Prevention Division Summary



1,040
Fire
Inspections



20
Plan
Reviews



68
Occupancy
Inspections



27
Public Education
Events



11
Origin & Cause
Investigations



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

The City of Burlington Emergency Management Team consists of the Mayor, the Emergency Management Coordinator, the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and such other City officers or employees as may be designated by the Mayor or the Emergency Management Coordinator.

This team works together in the development and maintenance of an emergency plan and disaster services plan, emergency training activities, mutual aid agreements, and continued study of the need for amendments and improvements in said plans, activities and agreements. Plans of organization shall substantially conform to recommendations of the federal government and the State Office of Emergency Management.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- A delegation of 70 Racine county, municipal and school officials, along with several city staff members, representatives from business and non-profit organizations, attend the Community Specific Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD. Only a handful of communities are selected each year to participate in this training.
- Completed Rescue Task Force (RTF) Command and Control level training in conjunction with the City of Burlington Police Department and Racine County Sheriff's Office. RTF is an aggressive joint response to an active shooter incident that provides rapid medical treatment at the point of injury.
- Reviewed and revised the ChocolateFest Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The EAP identifies potential emergency conditions at the event site and prescribes the procedures to be followed to minimize or prevent loss of life and property.



2017 FLOOD OVERVIEW

On July 12-13, 2017, 7.95" of rain fell in the City of Burlington, resulting in both flash flooding and river flooding along the Fox River. Response began early Wednesday morning when emergency services responded to flash flooding situations throughout the City.

Shortly thereafter, the City of Burlington Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated. However, due to flooding issues, the EOC was moved to the City of Burlington Fire Department, where it remained operational for 8 days.

The Racine County Sheriff's Office Swift Water Dive Team was on standby for four days in the event of an accident along the raging river. In addition, over 25 fire departments from throughout southeast Wisconsin and Illinois provided assistance, the National Guard was activated and the Southeast Wisconsin Incident Management Team was called upon.

Economic losses include small and medium sized businesses, as well as industry and agricultural. The business community in Burlington was hard hit by the flooding. Estimates compiled by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce indicate nearly \$5 million in damages and an economic loss close to \$4.6 million. Some damages were directly related to flooding while others were indirectly related.

FEMA conducted a Preliminary Disaster Assessment on August 1st - 3rd. FEMA Teams, as well as representatives from the Small Business Administration, WI Emergency Management, Racine County Emergency Management and local municipalities, visited 214 homes in the City of Burlington, Town of Burlington, Village of Union Grove, Town of Yorkville and the Town of Dover.

The preliminary damage assessment conducted by the SBA, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and emergency management directors from the affected counties found the State of Wisconsin did not meet the threshold for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program. However, the initial assessment indicated the State of Wisconsin would be eligible for SBA assistance. In addition, public sector damage and expenses in the three-county area amounted to \$1.8 million, only half of what was needed to be considered for Public Assistance through FEMA.





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