2017 Annual Report
I am very pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report for the Owensboro Fire Department. The report is a summary and sampling of the various activities of OFD over the past year. When looking through our Mission Statement I would like to focus on two words, “Professionals” and “dedicated.” Our citizens should be as proud of our Professional Firefighters as I am as to their commitment and dedication to this community. Not only do they train and work hard in our everyday risk reduction and emergency services, but they serve our local organizations in many ways through participation and fundraising. In 2017 we honored those we lost, and are thankful for those we gained. We took steps toward reducing occupational cancer risk, and will continue to do so in the coming years. At OFD we conducted extensive study into the means needed to continue a high level of service to the entire community, and completed a significant amount of training stepping up our level of special operations ability. Please enjoy looking through our annual report and please, have a fire safe day.

Chief Steve Mitchell
MISSION

The Professionals of the Owensboro Fire Department are dedicated to providing a high level of safety and emergency services protecting the lives and livelihoods of the Citizens and Visitors of the Owensboro Community

Core Values
Compassion
Caring
Concern
Respect
Trust
Excellence
Teamwork
Integrity

Saving Lives..........................Protecting Property
Since 1866
Insurance Rating = Class 2
2017 – 2018 Budget

- Personnel Services - $8,518,704
- Maintenance - $342,888
- Supplies - $291,564
- Utilities - $265,598
- Other - $142,196
- Capital - $632,577
- Total = $10,193,527

Fire Chief Steve Mitchell presents the 2017-18 budget plan
The Owensboro Fire Department celebrated 150 years of service to the Citizens of Owensboro in 2016.
GOALS

The Owensboro Fire Department established a Vision 2020 that sets forth goals and objectives toward the primary overall strategy to maintain a high quality level of emergency and risk reduction service for the Owensboro Community in a fiscally responsible manner.
GOALS

Our 2017 budget process took an extensive and hard look at the strategic plan and the needs of the City over the next four years. A plan was developed and implemented to address the expansion on the east side of the City. This plan will begin in 2018 with the addition of a Quint apparatus (Ladder Truck) for the east side to be located at Fire Station 2.
Apparatus
In 2017 25% of incidents overlapped.

Total Apparatus Responses – 10699
Total Emergency Responses Presented Above – 8101
2017 Incidents
% by Time of Day

- 0700 - 1700
- 1700 - 2200
- 2200 - 0700

% by Time of Day
2017 Incidents

% Calls by Day of Week

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

% Calls by Day of Week
Call Volume by City Area 2017

Legend:
- North/Central
- NW/W
- NE/E
- SE
- S/SW
AWARDS
Leading Fire Incident Calls For Service Cause: Cooking

Cooking fires were up slightly over 2016, however were lower than previous years.

2017 Civilian Fire Related Deaths
Risk Reduction Activities

Hydrant Flow Testing - 751

Facility Fire and Life Safety Inspections - 2056

Result - In 2017 only 12 fires occurred in commercial occupancies

Public Fire Safety Education

Pre-Planning Facility Visits
With a total of 15923 personnel training hours in 2017, OFD completed goals on several training initiatives. Our Special Operations Team completed a significant amount of specialized training in 2017.

With a Completion date in 2018, OFD began a Chief Fire Officer Academy in the Fall of 2017 to prepare mid-level managers for the next level.
In 2016 the Owensboro Fire Department joined with several partners to announce a new education program that would allow High School Seniors in four counties to enter a Fire Rescue Training Program with credit through the Owensboro Community and Technical College. The First Class started in 2017 and the students are doing well.
RECRUITMENT – New Personnel
Fire Safety

Just like in previous years, OFD partnered with other area agencies and organizations for programs such as door to door smoke alarm campaigns and fire safety education.

OFD, along with local partners such as the Red Cross, US Bank, and Neighborhood Alliances, provided fire safety information for over 1200 homes and installed over 100 smoke alarms.
Battalion Chief David McCrady and Former Fire Chief Randall Martin were laid to rest in 2017. Captain Jeff Millay was placed on the Kentucky Firefighter Memorial Wall.
2018 GOALS

- Implement the apparatus and staffing plan based on the deployment analysis for the east side of the City.
- Continue to implement the OFD Professional Development Plan.
- Continue the work of, and implementation of initiatives of the OFD Firefighter Occupational Cancer Prevention Task Force
- Complete the process for a new Ambulance Service Contract on July 1, 2018
- Continue to provide high quality risk reduction services and fill in gaps where necessary
Community Activity

OFD and our Firefighters are very active in the Community to include assisting in fund raising. Here are just a few examples:

- MDA
- United Way
- Goodfellows
- Red Cross
- Cancer Organizations
- Owensboro Health Foundation
- Puzzle Pieces
- St. Judes
- Western Kentucky Blood Bank
- Wendell Foster’s Campus
- Make A Wish
- Owensboro Catholic Elementary
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