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From the Desk of the Chief

“The End of Another Great Year... the Beginning of a Better One”

2015 marked the completion of 30 years of service for me as a member of the Salisbury Fire Department and was another busy year for the Department. We responded to 11,905 calls for emergency services – 3273 calls for fire related events (up 4.67%), and 8635 calls for EMS related events (down 0.12%). We have seen many improvements to our performance over the past year. Improvements have been made to our operations that have allowed us to meet the increased demand for our services.



The volunteer services section continues to bring in new members and prepare them for the rigors of volunteer service in their community. Over the past year the volunteer services section has saved the community in excess of \$8.1M in cost avoidance from their provision of services to the community.

We continue to monitor and measure our performance/response to fire and EMS incidents; where we have seen some areas of improvement and have identified other areas where improvement is still needed. In 2016 we will continue to receive the benefit of the additional staffing and the improvements to service delivery that comes in and through their service.

By the end of the month the department will prepare and submit its annual operating budget for consideration to the Mayor and City Council. There will be many enhancements requested that will go a long way in improving employee and volunteer morale and hopefully reduce turnover in our human capital. Each of our requests will be designed to steer the community's risk from fire and life safety in a more positive direction.

From the Desk of the Chief (continued)

In the coming months the executive staff of the department will hear recommendations from an internal team, the Volunteer Response Task Force, which was created to evaluate alternatives to our current volunteer response and staffing model. The work of this group is to develop alternatives to improve our ability to adequately and speedily response to emergencies. When the task force presents its plan we will work to implement the changes necessary to improve our overall performance. In this and other efforts the department is better positioned to reach its ultimate vision destination of becoming a truly integrated combination fire, EMS, and rescue services organization.

I remain confident in the effort the members of the department put into their profession. The hours of training and preparation continue to show through on the scenes of the emergencies we handle on a daily basis. The members of the SFD continue to face the challenges of emergency service delivery with great energy and enthusiasm. The department continues to focus on the mission of the SFD to “ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our community by providing prevention and mitigation of fire and life safety hazards in an effective and efficient manner.” At times when moments of reflection take place, I am truly amazed at all we have accomplished. Certainly, the members of the Salisbury Fire Department deserve all of the credit for our short-term achievements and successes.

In closing, the men and women of the Salisbury Fire Department are proud to provide a tradition of excellent public safety service to the residents of the Salisbury Fire District. On behalf of the citizens we are sworn to protect, I thank them for their continued support and want them to know that their service is valued and much appreciated. As we look forward to another great year, we will continue to remain focused on the mission, core values, and vision for our department. I look forward, with great confidence that we will ultimately be a truly integrated combination fire service that provides the very best in public safety.

Respectfully Yours in Service,

Richard A. Hoppes

Richard A. Hoppes, BS, Chief of the Department

Station I Volunteers

Assistant Fire Chief Cory Polidore - Fire Captain Ben Waples - Acting Fire Lieutenant Justin Elliott

The membership of Station I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2015 turned out to be a busy year for our members. Some of the many activities and achievements included: two (2) members with over 30 years of service, numerous members taking classes to further their education, and some new purchases to enhance our station and department.

First and foremost, we would like to congratulate Firefighter/Engineer David Elliott for his 35 years of dedication and service to the citizens of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department. During his career in the department he has served in many capacities varying from Assistant Fire Chief and President of the Corporation at Station I. We would also like to recognize Firefighter/EMT/Engineer Ray Beauchamp for his 30 years of service. During Ray's career with the department, he has served on numerous committees and was elected to the Board of Trustees for Station I for an extended period of time. Thank you both for your dedication and service.

During the past few months, we have had numerous members taking classes to better themselves and the department. We would like to recognize the following members for completing the Department's Firefighter I academy last fall; these members are: Charles Childs, Ben Davenport, Jon Donalds, Vincent Jones, and Thomas Rivera. Congratulations to these members and remember this is only the beginning of your training! Furthermore, we have had members take EMT, Emergency Vehicle Operator, and Fire Officer II. These members are: Justin Elliott, Eric Foskey, Gaije Hallstrom, Tom Councilor, David Marquez, Carlos Stanley, and Ron Montgomery. This spring we have approximately eight (8) members from Station I enrolled in the Department's Fire Academy class. Good luck to all of our members taking classes and best of luck to you.

Every year at Station I, the fire line officers select a member to be awarded the Firefighter of the Year award. This year, Assistant Chief Polidore awarded Firefighter David Marquez as the station's Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Marquez is a great attribute to Station I and the Salisbury Fire Department. Congratulations David.

This year the station presented a new award from the corporation to recognize a member for their help and assistance with administrative duties throughout the year. The President's Award, which was announced by President Chuck Foskey, was awarded to Acting Lieutenant and Secretary Justin Elliott. Congratulations to both members on their strong work and dedication to the station.

Coming to a fire prevention event near you, the station purchased a new Sparky the Fire Dog mascot. The new outfit is replacing a tired and worn Sparky that has helped spread the word of fire prevention for several years to the citizens of Salisbury. The new Sparky is equipped with a voice modifier, animated mouth and blinking eyes. We are excited to introduce the new Sparky, as it will be used for fire prevention activities throughout the City of Salisbury. Lastly, while passing by Station I you might notice a new LED electronic sign in the front lawn. The sign was a combination effort of the volunteer corporations of 1, 2 and 16. When the sign is complete and operational, it shall display fire safety tips, membership opportunities, emergency alerts, and various other messages to aid the public.

The leadership of Station I wishes everyone a safe new year, with continued growth and development.

Train like your life depends on it, because it does.

Station 2

Firefighter/EMT Daniel Hill and Firefighter/EMT Steve Mizell



As the city draws near to unveiling its newest building, it also begins the countdown to saying goodbye to its oldest, operational fire station. The original Station 2 was constructed in 1930 and has provided emergency service to the citizens in the northeast sector of the city for almost 86 years.

Originally the station only housed two apparatus, contained to a single bay. However, in 1992 there was an additional two bays added to the station, allowing an expansion in the emergency service capabilities, housing four pieces of fire apparatus. But after eight and a half decades the original station could no longer fulfill the needs of the department.

The new Station 2 will be approximately 12,083 square feet, which is over one and a half times larger than the current facility. The new station will offer many aspects the current station couldn't provide. Some of those items include three drive through bays, fitness center, private restroom/shower facilities, locker room, conference area for training and educational events, and a dedicated storage area for turn out gear. The new station was also designed and constructed in compliance with the ADA guidelines, making the facility friendly to all whom wish to visit.

At the time of this article the new building is well under way of being "closed in". It currently has most of the roof covering installed; windows are being set, and the building has temporary heat to permit progress throughout the winter. Even with the loss of fifteen days due to weather, the project is still on schedule, and barring any further setbacks, is projected to be finished around June 16, 2016

Station I—E-Shift

Firefighter/EMT Jeremy Layton

When talking about ventilation on a fire ground you are referring to the removal of heat, smoke, and fire gases from a structure. Ventilation is an imperative part on all structure fires that dates back to the beginning of the fire service. As firefighters we know we vent for two main reason, to vent for fire and to vent for life.

When venting for fire we are trying to improve interior condition by removing the heat and smoke from the structure for the attack lines. It is crucial that this process is done in coordination with interior attack crews so they can make a push on the fire and extinguish it. If we do not have a coordinated attack and ventilation takes place before attack lines are in service, we have just given the fire the fuel it needs to grow. By doing that we have ended up making it harder for our attack lines to get a push on the fire and get a knock on it.

Venting for life is also coordinated but not with attack lines. It is coordinated by the interior search team to allow them the possibility of reaching the victim. When venting for life you are trying to pull the fire or smoke and heat away from the victim buying them more time till you can get to them. Venting for life is usually done from inside the structure as the search team advances. The biggest concern with venting for life is the possibility of fire conditions intensifying because it is not coordinated with attack lines. So interior search crews need to be aware of the fire conditions around them and know when it is safe to move forward or pull back and regroup.

Ventilation on the fire ground is a great tactic to use. What we as firefighters on the fire scene need to understand is the importance of why we vent and for what reason, whether it is venting for fire or venting for life. We need to insure that if we are venting for fire it is coordinated with attack lines, if not the amount of work need greatly increases. When venting for life we need to

have a situational awareness. We need to know what the fire is doing, because as stated above when venting for life the chance of fire intensifying increases because it is not coordinated with attack lines. Do I have time to get to victim or will I become one myself. Do I need to regroup and figure another tactic to rescue the victim? When done the proper way, ventilation on the fire ground greatly increases the chances of accomplishing all goals; whether it is getting a quick knock on the fire or removing a victim in a timely manner.



Historical Corner

Assistant Chief Bryan W. Records

The Firefighting Navy

It's hard to imagine what the waterfront of Salisbury looked like a hundred years ago when compared to today. After the founding of Salisbury in 1732, the Wicomico River shaped the development of what would be one of the busiest ports in Maryland. The waterfront was full of buildings and commercial businesses that provided everything from wood products to steam boat repair. The Wicomico River was the life's blood of a thriving community and the Salisbury Fire Department was tasked to protect its vast waterfront. Prior to 1943 all firefighting would have been provided by land based firefighting units. During the war years of the 1940's; Salisbury experienced a rate of fire losses at more than twice the levels of Baltimore City. The department had experienced diminished rosters of available manpower during the war, which contributed to such high numbers.

As with many problems in life; a negative of war would be turned into a positive solution by our members. Veterans returning home from military service brought valuable skills which would be put to use by the department. At the same time surplus equipment was made available by State and Federal governments to local agencies. In 1943 the Salisbury Fire Department acquired a surplus vessel and established the first fire boat in Salisbury. The fire boat named the Lloyd was retrofitted with nozzles and a pump to provide the first marine based fire suppression unit for Salisbury. Volunteer members utilized their skills to create an efficient firefighting vessel that would provide a valuable resource for fires along the waterfront.



By 1949, World War II had ended and the City of Salisbury was prospering with a population of 18,000. An underwriters study in 1947 had noted the city's high rate of fires and made several recommendations to improve its ISO rating. The fire boat Lloyd had served its purpose and once again the department acquired a surplus vessel from the State of Maryland. For the sum of 100 pennies; the department purchased what would be the "Grand Daddy" of all fire boats for this area. A 51 foot vessel named the Fred A. Grier after the past Chief of Department from 1890-1900. The Fred A. Grier could supply 1500 G.P.M. through its pump driven by three Chrysler engines and supply land based units up to 1000 feet away. Its four large deck pipes could provide a serious punch to fire suppression from the river side of any fire. The Fred A. Grier could also provide a Foamite blanket 200 feet long to fight petroleum fires.



Historical Corner (continued)

The Grier proved its worth early in its career when a fire broke out in Salisbury's shipyard. Firefighters were able to save the business with the help of the waterfront attack. The annual budget for the new vessel was \$1000 which was supplemented by performing services to the private sector. Task such as testing new oil storage tanks for leaks, washing hulls and cutting riverbed trenches for telephone cable at a rate of \$15 an hour. The crew of 22 members was comprised of power boat enthusiast, a hair dresser, businessmen, dry cleaners, book keepers and mechanics. The unit known as the Salisbury Fire Department Marine Division was a dedicated unit that held weekly drills early every Sunday morning. Chief Fred Grier Jr. estimated it would take \$75,000 or more to construct a boat similar to this one. The skilled members of the Marine Division had invested only \$2500 to bring the vessel up firefighting readiness. The most notable fact about the Marine Division was that it was comprised of an all- volunteer crew. The only known unit of its kind in the country at the time.



Time passed and the landscape of the city's waterfront had changed dramatically. Many of the buildings which once lined the waterfront had faded away and petroleum storage had grown to meet the needs of a growing economy and population. The 22 member Marine Division had also declined to just a few members. Time had taken its toll on the Fred A Grier and the vessel had sunk at least twice while resting at the dock just off Mill St. Once again the department was able to acquire a surplus vessel to serve as the city's fire boat. The Datum became the department's third fire boat in the mid 70's. The Datum was a 37 foot Dubuque that had been used on the Mississippi River for channel marking by Army Corps of Engineers. Once again the skilled members of the department chipped in and contributed their labor and skills to create a working firefighting vessel. The Datum was powered by twin Detroit 471 Diesel drive motors and a Detroit 653 pump drive capable of providing 1250 G.P.M. The value of the Datum was realized in July of 1979 when a major fire broke out on the Downtown Plaza. The Datum utilized its 1250 G.P.M. pump to supply numerous land based units with water.



Historical Corner (continued)



By the late 90's the department purchased a much smaller boat to meet the changing needs of the department. The 26 foot Privateer had only a small portable pump and was utilized mainly for dive support and watercraft emergencies. This vessel would also fall victim to the elements and sink twice while moored in the harbor.

In the summer of 2012 the department would acquire the most modern fire boat in its history. A Homeland Security grant provided funding for the Michael J. McMullen.

The 36 foot Metalcraft Firestorm is powered by two Cummins QSB 5.9 motors and a Darley pump capable of flowing 1750 G.P.M. to its deck pipes or land based apparatus. It features the most modern electronics and navigational systems available today. The McMullen was designed to provide support for firefighting, dive operations, environmental and watercraft emergencies.

If it is hard to imagine the Salisbury waterfront of 100 years ago, it is certain the "Fire Sailors" of the 1940's could never have dreamt how far the department has come today in The Firefighting Navy.



Emergency Medical Services

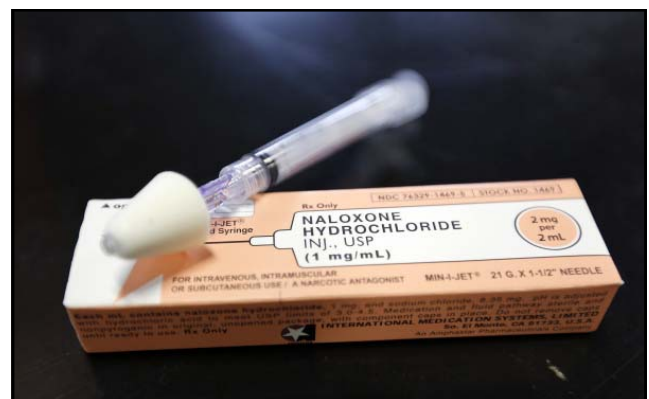
Acting Lieutenant Chris Truitt

Narcotic Overdose

Narcotic overdose cases have been on the rise nationwide, and Salisbury is no exception. A narcotic is typically a pain medication that is made from opium, and some examples are: Morphine, Codeine, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, and Heroin. These substances are used for pain management because they bind to certain receptors in the brain that cause the body to feel better instead of worse.

The down side is that over time the body may become so used to the medication, it will only respond in a good way to the narcotic. These medications also have the down side of decreasing the body's drive to breath, to the point of stopping. During times that the body does not breath normally, the brain cannot get the oxygen it needs, and damage can begin quite quickly (damage being memory loss, seizures, or death).

Now, there is a medication (Narcan/Naloxone) available to reverse the effects of narcotic use. The down side is that it does not reverse any brain damage that has occurred, nor is it a reliable "fix" as different narcotics have a stronger effect on the body than others, especially depending on whether or not the narcotic was mixed with anything else. If someone has received Narcan in any form, they still need to receive medical care as it may wear off and the person could stop breathing again. I hope this helps in your understanding some, take care and be aware.



Fire Prevention & Public Education

Assistant Chief James E. Gladwell

Wow!! What a quarter of action relating to Fire Prevention and Public Education!! Normally, the final quarter of the calendar year that encompasses October, November, and December is the busiest of the year. But, this year, the department truly excelled. Of course, Fire Prevention Week is a huge reason for the increased numbers, but the department continues to receive requests for Public Education and Fire Prevention services well beyond the “norm” of Fire Prevention Week.

We continue to receive requests for services relating to the disbursement of smoke alarms and their installation. These requests are often beyond the capabilities of the department’s budget. Yet again, this quarter, we’ve been blessed with having community businesses recognize the need and value of the SFD’s smoke alarm project. FF/EMT-P Jason Stimis’ mother, Merry, of Shore Bank, collected donations and contacted Lowes of Salisbury in an effort to obtain smoke alarms. Lowes accommodated, and provided smoke alarms at a much-reduced rate, which were then donated to the SFD. The smoke alarms will be utilized to provide citizens of the SFD fire district with an additional level of protection that they may not be able to afford. The department recognizes the contributions of the local community for their efforts to try to help ensure each resident of the SFD fire district is as protected against fire as possible.



Beyond Fire Prevention services, members of the Department will again be participating in the Blazing a Trail for Literacy program, beginning early 2016. Chief Donaway has again completed all the leg-work for the SFD to go to local elementary schools and attempt to expand the little one’s interest in reading. So, beyond smoke alarms, plastic helmets, apparatus displays, bracelets, pencils, stickers, etc...members of the SFD continue to be more and more involved with the community. Whether providing Fire Prevention tables at local safety fairs, recruiting at the Salisbury University High School Job Fair, raising money for the Salvation Army, or reading to school children, the SFD continues to be an integral part of the local community. We are more than “just a fire department.”



Fire Prevention & Public Education (continued)

According to information obtained from FIREHOUSE Software, for the quarter 1 October 2015 through 31 December 2015, the department participated in 64 different events. The Fire Prevention Task Force visited 12 day care centers, 11 local schools (private and public), and welcomed Ronald McDonald for his annual program. Other SFD members provided numerous apparatus displays at locations such as Old Navy, Home Depot, Sears, and Kmart, installed numerous smoke alarms, and yes...rescued a couple of cats out of trees! In doing so, we made positive contact with 2,339 adults and 4,577 children and expended nearly 500 staff hours to get the job done.

I can't thank each of you enough for the support you provide to meet this specific portion of the Mission Statement. Your efforts and time invested are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making 2015 a huge success, and I look forward to having an even greater year in 2016! I hope that each of you had a wonderful, safe holiday and the happiest New Year ever.



Hazardous Materials

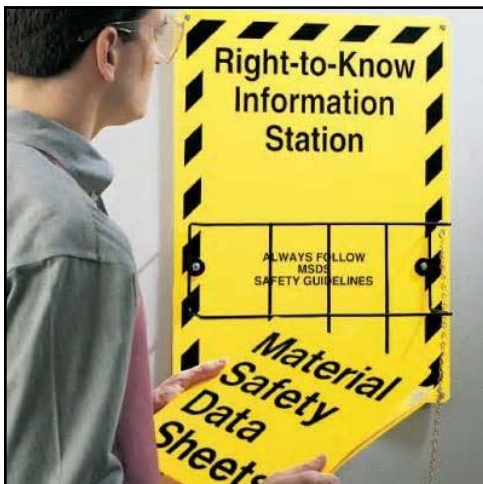
Acting Lieutenant Ron Wismer

The current controversy surrounding Flint, Michigan brings up a very important but often overlooked law. Every person in the United States has the Right to Know what hazardous materials they may be in exposed to. Congress has passed legislation protecting this right not only in the workplace but also in the community.

Many of those who work in industrial settings are familiar with the workplace right to know laws. Your workplace is required to keep you informed of any chemicals that you may be exposed to. Usually most workplaces maintain compliance with these laws with a Right-to-Know book. These books contain a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each chemical in their inventory. They are required to make this information available for you. The MSDS sheet will list important health effects of exposure to the chemical, allowing the worker to remain informed about possible symptoms. The MSDS sheet will normally also include treatment options that appropriate medical intervention can be informed. If you have never seen the Right to Know book at your workplace, it is recommended that you familiarize yourself with it. If you remain uninformed, you cannot make correct decisions.

The other right to know is the community right to know. A good website to get more informed about the community right to know is <http://www3.epa.gov/epahome/r2k.htm>. The summary of this information is this, hazmat producers have a responsibility to keep the public informed of any potential hazards they may be exposing to the environment. There can be serious repercussions for companies caught violating the right to know. This information is important because it allows the government and its agencies, such as your local Hazmat team to be prepared to respond to releases at these sites. Currently, hazmat producers in Wicomico County submit their data to the state, the county and the local fire company. This allows those agencies to come up with plans for response. In Salisbury, that information is placed in a computer program called PEAC-WMD, that allows us to keep you safe in case of emergency.

In our next installment we will discuss how we discuss this information to keep the public safe.



Hot Shots



Statistics - July– September 2015

Salisbury Fire Department Quarterly Report July - September 2015

Fire Incident Type	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Structure Fires	14	22	2%
Cooking fire	7	17	1%
Vehicle Fires	10	23	1%
Natural Cover/Brush	8	17	1%
Trash/Dumpster	14	28	2%
Fire, Other	7	14	1%
Medical	383	722	42%
Vehicle Accidents	154	287	17%
Rescue Calls	7	23	1%
Hazardous Conditions	55	99	6%
Service Calls	34	80	4%
Good Intent Calls	70	139	8%
False Alarms	148	287	16%
Other Incident Type	6	8	1%
Totals	917	1766	

Workers Compensation Summary	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD
1 - Knee, 1 - Ankle, 1 - Hand, 1 - Shortness of Breath	4	10
Hours lost due to Injuries	12	30

Fire Incidents by Fire Station	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Station 1	236	440	26%
Station 2	257	479	28%
Station 16	424	847	46%

Fire Loss Data	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Property Value	\$15,002,530	\$24,357,230	N/A
Property Destroyed	\$1,023,931	\$2,173,503	7%
Property Saved	\$13,978,599	\$22,183,727	93%

Fire Prevention Summary	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD
Fire Inspections/Preplans	9	24
Plan Reviews	3	6
Smoke Alarms Distributed	167	208
Smoke Alarms Installed	2	5
Public Education Events		
a. Adults in Attendance	2339	5500
b. Children in Attendance	4374	6179

Medical Chief Complaints	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Abdominal Pain/GI Problem	128	268	5.45%
Allergic Reaction/Bites/Stings	11	21	0.47%
Altered Level of Consciousness	35	82	1.49%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	57	107	2.43%
Breathing Problem	44	71	1.87%
Burns/Smoke Inhalation	5	11	0.21%
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest/DOA	37	64	1.58%
Cardiac Problems	177	360	7.54%
Choking/Airway Obstruction	3	4	0.13%
Diabetic Problem	42	82	1.79%
Drug/Alcohol	49	115	2.09%
Nausea/Vomiting	44	85	1.87%
No Apparent Injury	163	293	6.94%
OB/GYN/Pregnancy/Childbirth	11	22	0.47%
Other	1025	1903	43.64%
Respiratory Distress	71	123	3.02%
Seizure/Convulsions	64	111	2.72%
Sick Person/Flu-like	99	178	4.21%
Stroke/CVA/TIA	36	70	1.53%
Syncope/Fainting	50	94	2.13%
Traumatic Injury	100	225	4.26%
Unconscious	19	44	0.81%
Weakness	79	146	3.36%
Totals	2349	4479	

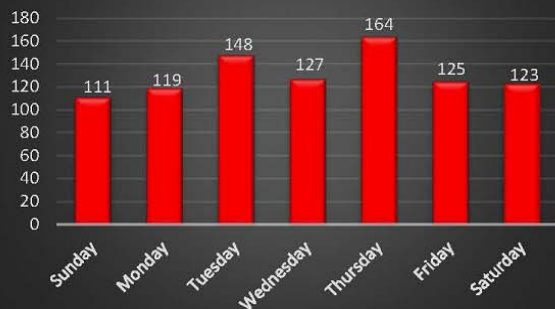
Training	Classes	Attendees	Hours
Administrative	14	102	150.5
Engine Co. Ops	21	137	251.5
EMS	28	188	368.5
Driver Operator	73	230	482.75
General	43	231	319
Incident Command	0	0	0
Rescue Company Ops	12	77	130.19
Special Ops	27	147	344
Truck Company Ops	30	119	194
Totals - 1st Quarter	248	1231	2240.44
FY16 YTD Totals	540	2493	4253.65

Department Aid Summary	2nd Qtr.	FY16 YTD
Mutual Aid Given	17	32
Mutual Aid Received	30	67

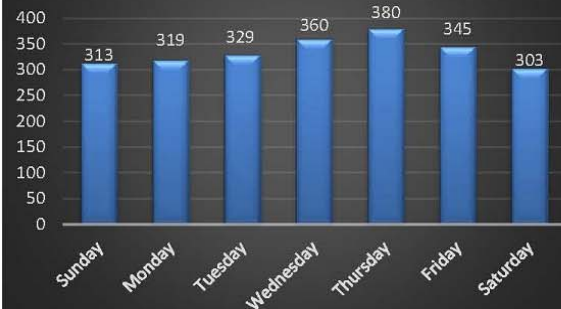
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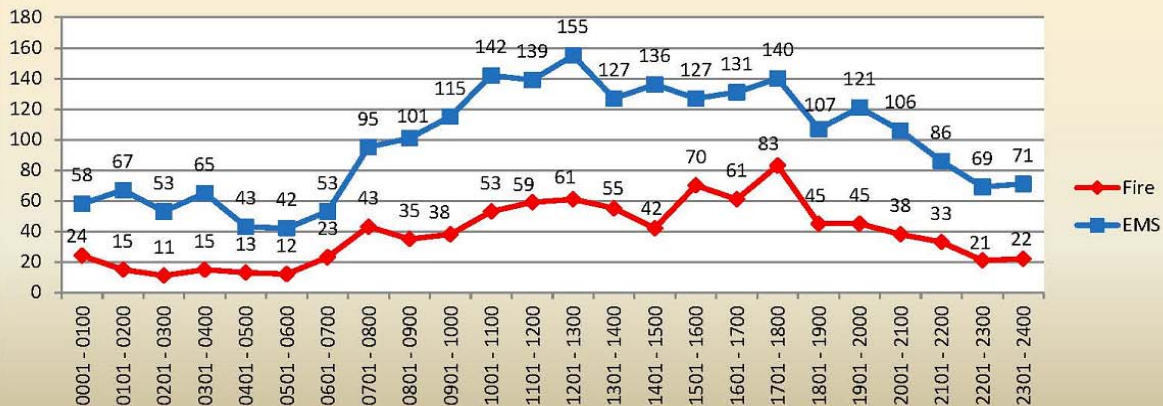
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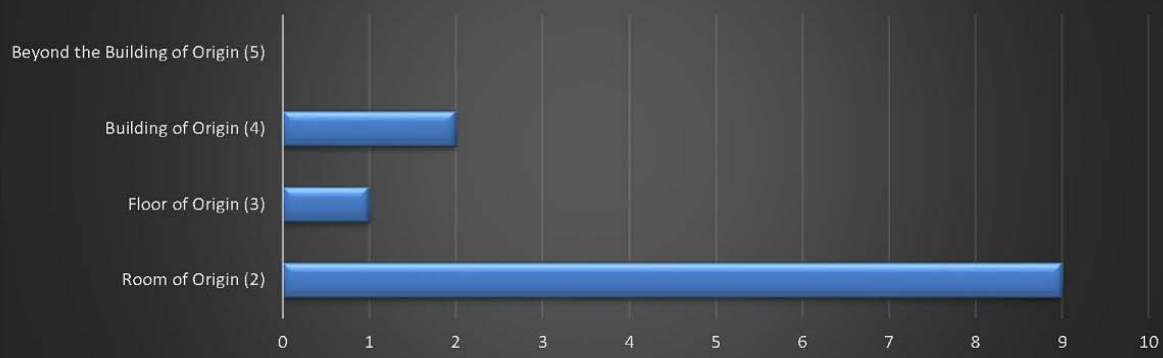
EMS Call Volume by Day of Week



Fire & EMS Call Volume by Hour



Fire Containment 2nd Quarter FY16



Correspondence from the Community

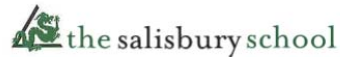
To: All Firefighter & Paramedics

Yesterday my 4 year old daughter and I were in a fairly serious rear end collision on Old Ocean City Rd. The crew that showed up was some of Salisburys finest. I want to thank those involved and those that weren't. Please have a safe holiday season and know we will be thinking of you.

Thanks From the bottom of my Heart.

Joe Nott

TX-2	PM-2	PM-1
LeCates	Engle	Warner
Mizell	Nelson	Phipps
Scott		
Evans		



December 15, 2015

Dear Salisbury Fire Dept,

On behalf of The Salisbury School and the 2015 Gala Committee, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to this year's event held at Seacrets in Ocean City. With your support, the auction was a huge success! We rely on our community to help us support the mission of our exceptional school, and you did not disappoint us in our endeavor.

Funds raised from the Gala directly benefit the faculty, staff, and most importantly the students of TSS. These funds are used to support and enhance our educational programs, maintain and expand our facility, hire and retain outstanding faculty, and offer scholarships to students in need of financial aid. The Salisbury School genuinely seeks to be a diverse community of learners and a community that seeks to graduate students who have developed a strong sense of inner confidence and conviction, and the desire to lead creative and purposeful lives.

Thank you for your donation of:

Fire Truck Ride to School!

Please retain this receipt for your records. Thank you again for your support.

Best regards,

Jamie LeCates
Business Manager/CFO
The Salisbury School

Dear Members:

Thank you, from Steve and I,
for your kind & very generous gift.
It was much needed and greatly
appreciated. Your visit, prayers and
thoughtfulness will never be forgotten

Sincerely,

Deb White



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December 10, 2015

Salisbury Fire Department – Attention Chief Hoppes
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Dear Chief Hoppes,

I want to thank you and every volunteer and career member of the Salisbury Fire Department for all of the support provided to our department as we mourned the loss of Chief Steve White. The week of November 5th – November 14th was by far one of the most difficult times that any Fire Department could ever experience. The assistance that your department provided us sets the highest example of Brotherhood/Sisterhood in the Fire Service.

If there is ever anything that we can do for your department, we are always here for you 24/7.

Yours in Service,

Eric J. Tyler
Acting Fire Chief