

Annual Report 2016

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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 this Annual Report on behalf of the members of the Wildwood City Fire Department. The purpose of the report is to provide the 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 the past year saw our calls for service increase to levels never reached. The Wildwood City Fire Department responded to 3,676 calls in calendar year 2016. Emergency Medical calls (EMS) accounted for approximately 2100 of those responses. Customer service is our number one goal, and no matter the interaction, all our members strive to give the best service possible.

I want to thank the community for their support of the Fire Department. We are here to serve and welcome your feedback or comments. I also would like to acknowledge the support we receive from the City of Wildwood, the Mayor and Commissioners.

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

New Hires

Firefighter Brendan Phillips – Assigned to “Bravo” Platoon

Firefighter Nicholas Palmer – Assigned to “Delta” Platoon

Firefighter Tina Sacco – Assigned to “Charlie” Platoon

Promotions and Advancements

Firefighter Mark Allen – Assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau

Captain Mathew Johnson – Supervisor of “Bravo” Platoon

Captain Daniel Dunn – Supervisor of “Alpha” Platoon

Deputy Fire Chief Ernie Troiano III – Assigned to Administration

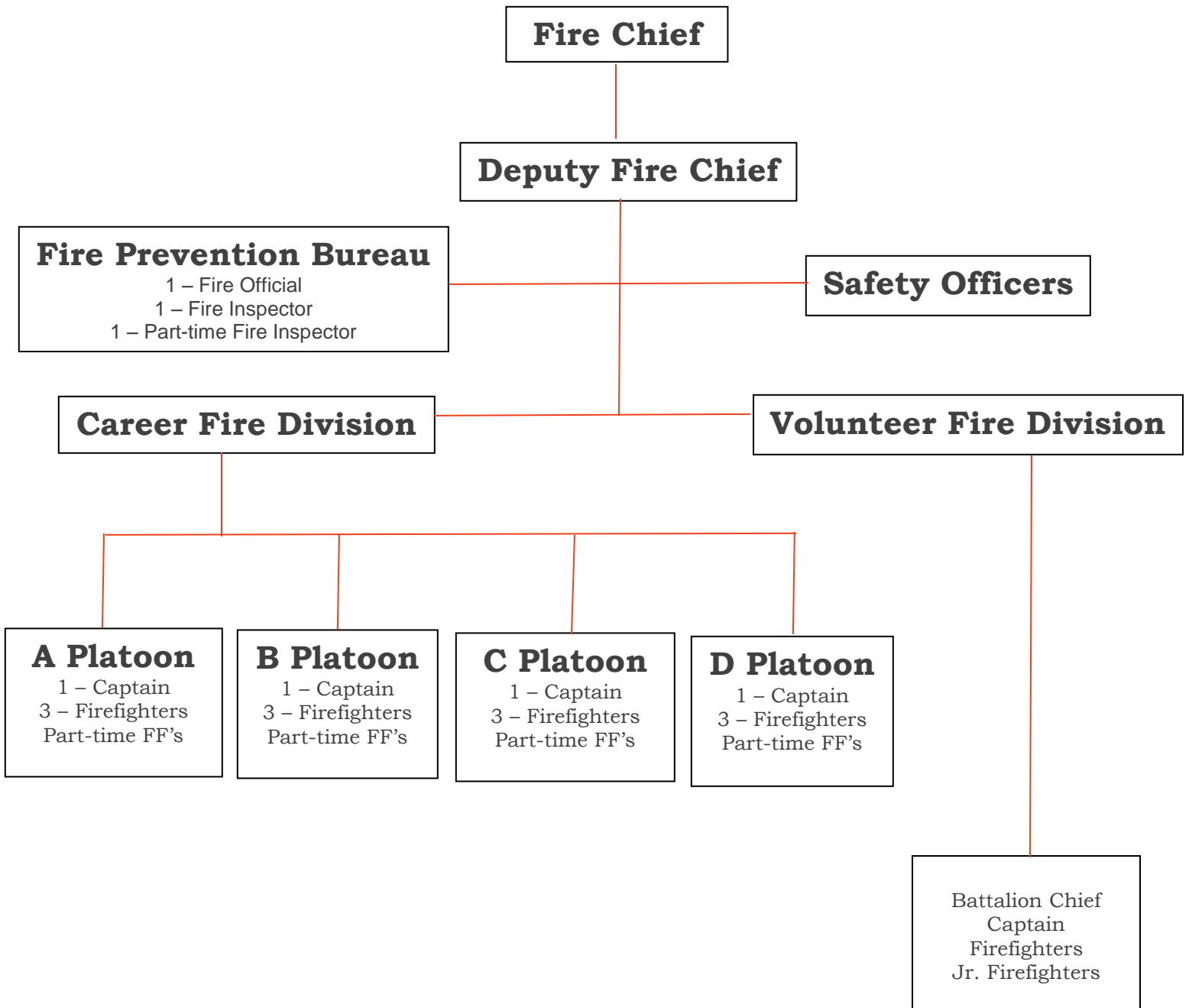
Chief Daniel F. Spiegel – Assigned to Administration

Retirements

Chief Christopher D’Amico – Retired June 1, 2016 25 Years

Captain Mark Gose – Retired September 31, 2016 31 Years

City of Wildwood Fire Department
2017 Table of Organization – Firematic



About US

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 and code enforcement.

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 Fire Department protects the City with 3 Engine Companies (1 Quint), 1 Ladder Company (Ladder Tower), 4 BLS Ambulances and several support vehicles including a water rescue/utility vehicle for the beach and several 5 ton high water vehicles. In 2016 the City of Wildwood responded to over 3,600 emergency incidents.

The Wildwood City 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:

- 2014 - 2000 GPM E-One Quint (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:

- 2002 – 95’ E-One mid-mount aerial apparatus
- 2002 – Chevy utility vehicle (support)
- 1990 – Army cargo 2.5 ton vehicle (Flood responses)

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-ship of the company which was organized since 1896. The station currently houses the following apparatus:

- 1984 Jeep Scrambler – Boardwalk support vehicle
- HW2 – 2010 Army Cargo 5 ton vehicle (Flood Responses)
- Two – BLS Transport Ambulances (reserve & special events)

Operations

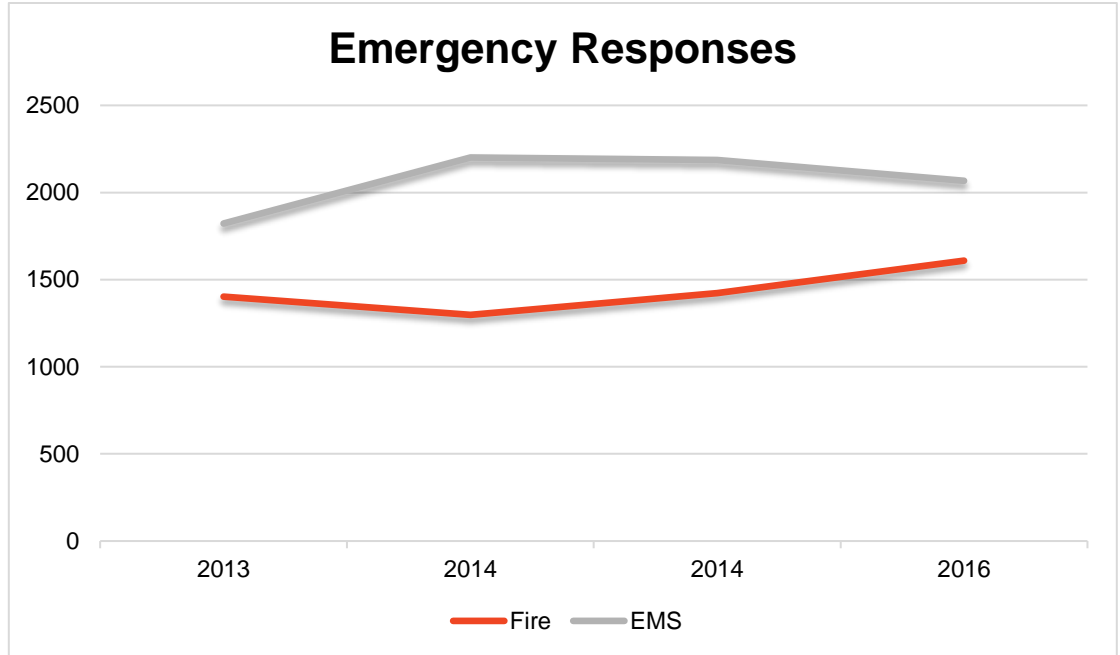


The fire department operations division is managed by Deputy Fire Chief Ernie Troiano III. Operations is the largest division of the fire department. Line operations personnel respond to all requests for service. In addition personnel also continually conduct mandatory training requirements, assists in public education, conducts fire prevention inspections supporting the inspection bureau and maintains the stations and apparatus.

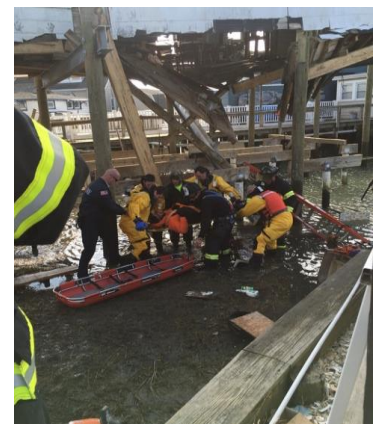
The ability to improve our service is generated through many ideas and initiatives that originate from the operational members. Their values, energy, commitment and compassion drive many of the departments' functions, programs and activities throughout the year. The operations personnel are faced daily with accomplishing our mission to provide extraordinary service to the community.

OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- RESPONDED TO 3676 CALLS FOR SERVICE
- 16 PERSONNEL ACROSS 4 PLATOONS
- 2067 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS
- 1609 – ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES



	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fire	1403	1298	1422	1609
EMS	1822	2201	2187	2067



2016 Fire Responses

Building/Structure Fires	25
Cooking Fires	29
Trash/Rubbish Fires	14
Brush/Grass/Mulch Fires	7
Other Fires (Vehicle, Equipment, etc.)	13
Assist EMS	424
Motor Vehicle Crashes	71
Water Rescues	28
Elevator Rescues	7
Technical Rescues (High/Low Angle	1
Gas Leaks	47
Power Lines Down	51
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	40
Landing Zone Assignments (MedEvac)	16
Carbon Monoxide Incidents	4
Water or Steam Leaks	11
Assist Police Department	23
Public Service	65
Assist Physically Disabled	38
Smoke Scares, Odor of Smoke	12
No Incident Found on Arrival	65
Activated Fire Alarms	322
False Carbon Monoxide Alarms	12
Sprinkler Activations	12
Haz-Mat Responses	12
Building Collapses, Weakened Structure	10
Animal Rescues	2
BLS Engine Treats	34
Misc. Calls	214
Total Engine Responses	1,609

2016 EMS Responses

Abdominal Pain	78
Altered Mental Status	42
Assault	99
Drowning	4
Respiratory Emergencies	177
Cardiac Emergencies (chest pain, cardiac arrest, STEMI)	120
Diabetic Emergencies	39
Fall Victims	267
Medical Emergencies / Alarms	367
Motor Vehicle Crashes	56
Overdoses	35
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	20
Seizures	63
Sick Person	150
Stab/Gunshot	1
Stroke/CVA	10
Trauma	57
Unconscious	108
Psychiatric Emergencies	43
Choking	8
Pregnancy/Childbirth	17
Industrial Accidents	2
Heat/Cold Exposure	10
Unknown Problem/Person Down	32
All Other	262
Total EMS Responses	2067

Fire Prevention Bureau



The Bureau of Fire Prevention is headed by Fire Official Ronald Harwood. 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 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 Inspections Conducted

Life Hazard Uses

Periodic Inspections:	246
Re-Inspections:	199
Complaints:	5
Follow-ups:	4
Others:	17
Violations:	458
Certificates Issued:	263

Non-Life Hazard Uses

Periodic Inspections:	3,205
Re-Inspections:	953
Complaints:	7
Follow-ups:	13
Others:	428
Violations:	1,066
Certificates Issued:	3,111

Bureau of Housing Inspection

Periodic Inspections	350
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Total Inspections: 5427

Training

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 space, 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 2016.

Training Courses:

- Engine/Truck/Rescue Ops
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Driver Training
- Forcible Entry
- Safety & Survival
- Elevator Emergencies
- Fire Officer / Fire Official / Fire Inspector
- Confined Space / Haz Mat / Right-to-know

Emergency Management



Captain Daniel Dunn heads the Office of Emergency Management 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 Emergency Management Division guided the effort for the City to receive the **StormReady** designation from the National Weather Service. The program encourages communities to take a new and proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear cut guidelines as to how to improve hazardous weather operations.



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 a low-lying areas, anytime 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.

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>

The Office of Emergency Management activities for 2016 included:

- Managed preparation, response and recovery to Winter Storm Jonas
- Updated the City's hazard mitigation plan
- Updated the City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to Emergency Service Functions to meet current FEMA standards.
- Entered into shared services agreement with the Borough of West Wildwood for Code Red

Community Relations

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. Some of the activities and events the department supports are:

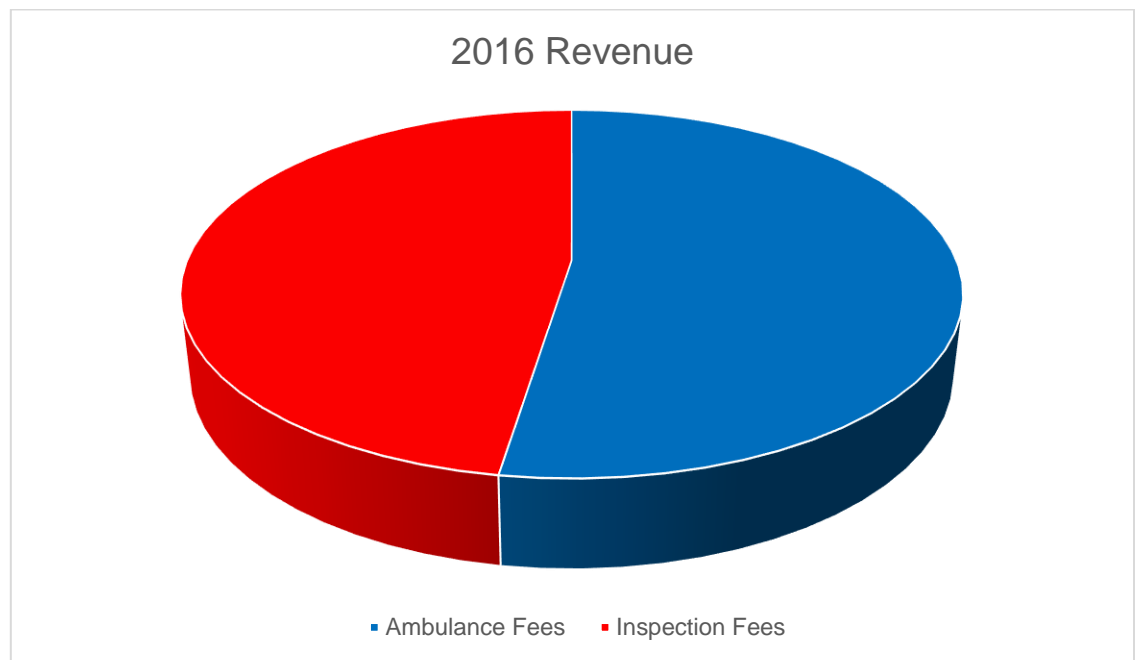
- Lieutenant Ronald C. Allison Memorial Scholarship
- Local football, basketball and baseball teams
- Santa Claus to the local schools during Christmas
- Public Education / Sparky the Fire Dog
- Special Olympics of New Jersey Polar Plunge
- Lunch with Lynch Programs
- Senior Outreach Program/Blood Pressure Screenings
- Senior outreach program at local senior centers
- American Red Cross Smoke detector give-away program



2016 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 collection is conducted “in-house” with our administrative support staff located in Fire Headquarters.

In 2016 the Wildwood City Fire Department collected a total of **\$ 726,564.79**.



Fire Safety & Housing Inspections: \$ 345,236.58

Emergency Medical Services: \$ 381,328.21

2016 Improvements / Upgrades

The year 2016 was very productive for the Wildwood City Fire Department. Through various initiatives the fire department was able to achieve the following:

- Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's – Assistance to Firefighters Grant the city was approved for \$ 464,764 to purchase a new 4x4 Fire Engine. This engine will be replacing a 1969 Mack Pumper and a 1984 Mack Pumper.
- The fire department, with the support of the city, was able to fulfil the departments table of organization by hiring and promoting due to the retirements of the Fire Chief and a Fire Captain.
- Utilized safety incentive funds through the Joint Insurance Fund to provide every structural firefighter with a medical examination for SCBA usage and to also purchase two ballistic vests to improve firefighter safety during responses to hostile situations.
- Upgraded our vehicle extrication tools to a newer battery operated unit to allow for use in areas otherwise inaccessible to powered units.
- Assigned ten members to the newly formed Regional Urban Search Team. The city, through a memorandum of agreement with the County of Cape May, has received hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of technical rescue equipment for use in the city if required.

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 services, please visit our social media outlets:

City Website: <http://wildwoodnj.org/wp/>

Department Website: <http://wildwoodfirerescue.com/>

Twitter: @Theshorehouse38

Facebook:

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



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