



ZIONSVILLE
Fire Department

2006
Year End Report

January 8th, 2007

Zionsville Fire Department's Mission Statement

The mission of the Zionsville Fire Department is to prevent harm to the citizens and visitors of the Town of Zionsville, Eagle Township, Union Township, and other areas requested, by providing the highest possible levels of service through fire prevention, public education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and mitigation of the effects of natural and man-made disasters consistent with the resources provided, and in the safest manner possible for those providing these services.

STATEMENT OF VALUES

Public Services - committed to providing the highest level of service to citizens and visitors of the Town of Zionsville, Eagle Township, and Union Township within the resources allocated.

Bravery and Courage - committed to service to the public, and in offering such service, our employees will act bravely and with courage as required.

Caring - committed to dealing with each citizen in a timely, professional, and courteous manner.

Teamwork - committed to the development of a team working together to achieve goals in a trusting and cooperative environment.

Management - committed to excellence in management, working toward the best interests of employees, residents and visitors of the protection area.

Individual Responsibilities - committed to employee excellence, expecting no less than the best effort on each task performed.

Professionalism - committed to professionalism in performance, appearance, and attitude.

Safety - committed to the safety of citizens and visitors of the Town of Zionsville, Eagle Township and Union Township, and the personnel of the Zionsville Fire Department.

Productivity - committed to greater productivity by continually offering new or increased services of emergency mitigation and control.

Education - committed to education for its personnel and the public to limit death and destruction from fires and other emergencies.

Community Relations - committed to the continued improvement of our community.

2006 Incident Statistics

Incident Type	2005	2006	+ / -	%
1 Fire	73	86	13	19%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)	5	4	-1	-
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	271	584	313	116%
4 Hazardous Condition (no fire)	74	69	-5	7%
5 Service Call	44	72	28	65%
6 Good Intent Call	109	108	-1	-
7 False Alarm & False Call	139	118	-21	15%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5	1	-4	20%
Total Count	720	1042	322	45%

Incidents By Zone	2005	2006	+ / -	%
Eagle Township	296	322	26	9%
Town of Zionsville	353	691	338	96%
Mutual Aid (Note 38 were Union Contract in 05)	71	29	-42	60%
Total Count	720	1042	322	45%

Note worthy statistical information:

1 Fires-slight increase over 2005 most notably in building and vehicle fires

3 Emergency Medical Services (EMS)-We anticipated the increase in EMS incidents with the activation of the Basic Life Support Ambulance from the ZVFD on February 25 2006, the first Fire Department transportation of a patient was 3 days later on February 28th. These incidents also took a jump in July of 2006 when Chief VanGorder started responding Fire Department Ambulance on every EMS call due to performance related issues with BCEMS and Dispatch. The Fire Department ambulance transported 65 times in 2006.

5 Service Calls- The reason for the increase can be attributed to the number of public education events, and general calls for assistance.

7 False Alarms-The success story continues as we keep a watchful eye on false alarms, where we experience a 15% decrease during 2006

Incidents Simultaneous

We experienced a tremendous increase in the number of times we had simultaneous incidents (When more than one call for help was happening at the same time). In 2005 this happened 49 times, however in 2006 it happened 71 times. As the community grows and we expand EMS services this will become an even bigger item to handle. This will be covered by the hiring of additional personnel in coming years.

2006 Fire Prevention Report

Public Education – 73 Total events

Station tours – 12
Pre-school programs – 8
Elementary school programs – 14
Adult programs – 7
Car seat inspections – 3
Special events – 17
Miscellaneous - 13

Total Children – 2,176

Total Adults – 609

Commercial Building Inspections – 175

General Inspections – 115
Final occupancy inspections – 26
Partial/Temporary occupancy inspections – 1
Pre-occupancy inspections - 33

Commercial Certificates of Occupancy Signed – 18

Plan Reviews – 133

Major Accomplishments for the Department in 2006 include:

1. Fire Department administration staff has acted as technical advisors in preparing for the fire territory.
2. Zionsville Fire Protection Territory became official on July 1, 2006.
3. Received our 39' Fire Safety Trailer which was funded in part by a Federal Grant, St. Vincent Children's Hospital Sponsorship, and fundraising efforts which are on going.
4. Boone County Fire Chief's Association has been active in 2006, proposing County Ordinances, Completed constructing public safety training tower, and most importantly the new 800 radio system has become operational. Chief VanGorder serves as President of the Association.
5. The medical services training and supervision agreement with St. Vincent Hospital and Dr. Mike Kaufman, and overseen by Dr. Pete Dillman has been the backbone of Emergency Medical Services, and is supporting the ALS Certification.
6. The Department changed to a new manufacture for our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's)—the product has been working well with limited maintenance required.

Budget

The department completed 2006 within the prescribed budget, carried out fire and rescue services as effective as possible with given resources, and administrative staff functions were effective and productive. With significant changes on the horizon, the department will once again be called upon to perform to the best of our ability. The department continues to struggle with the delivery of services given the limited staffing budgets.

Staff

The Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department maintained membership at 40 personnel in the volunteer ranks; we concluded 2006 with 32 part-time firefighter/EMT employees for the Town. Our most important asset continues to be our personnel! Plans for 2007 include the addition of EMS only volunteers; ZVFD Inc. is beginning a process to allow EMT/Paramedics to volunteer their time.

Every one of our personnel is trained to the Firefighter I/II level; we have 30 Emergency Medical technicians, and 5 paramedics. As we continue to grow and add fire stations, the need for personnel will also grow. This community has been blessed with dedicated volunteers for over 75 years, and we will continue to need these volunteers for years to come.

With our history and current situation well documented, 2007 will be a historical year with several changes including: the hiring of 17 full time personnel, an improved Emergency Medical Service capability by becoming an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider, and the increased fire prevention and education efforts utilizing the new fire safety trailer, are just a few.