

**Zionsville Fire Department**

**2008  
Year End Report**

**January 5th, 2009**

## **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.

## 2008 Incident Statistics

### Fire Prevention Report

	2006	2007	2008
<b>Public Education</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>103</b>
Station tours	12	16	16
Pre-school programs	8	11	14
Elementary school programs	14	10	19
Adult programs	7	7	5
Safety Trailer Programs	0	20	12
Special events	17	18	21
Home Safety Inspections	0	5	8
Misc.	16	7	8
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>3877</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1237</b>
<b>Commercial Building Inspections</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>224</b>
General Inspections	115	127	138
Final occupancy inspections	26	28	30
Partial/Temporary occupancy	1	3	0
Pre-occupancy inspections	33	51	56
<b>Plan Reviews</b>	133	142	115
<b>Dry Hydrant Testing</b>	4	7	7

### Major Accomplishments for the Zionsville Fire Department

1. Hired twelve (12) fulltime personnel  
 In August of 2008 twelve additional fulltime firefighters were hired and assigned to an operational shift. This addition brought our fulltime daily staffing level up to 8 personnel a day. This new hiring also included the first two (2) fulltime female firefighters in the history of the department. Our fulltime personnel are supported by part-time as well as our ever dedicated volunteers. The department provides fire and emergency medical services to fifty-two (52) sq/miles and an estimated population in excess of 30,000 people.
2. CPR and AED's  
 The Zionsville Fire Department was able to purchase 18 Semi-Automatic Defibrillators (AED's) and issue one to every Zionsville Police Department patrol officer. In addition 3 AED's with cabinets were purchased and installed in the Town Hall and the Municipal Services Building. The Department also trained all fulltime employees of the Town Of Zionsville in CPR and in operation of the AED's.
3. Added 3rd Ambulance in the Spring of 2008  
 Medic 93 our third ambulance was purchased with NO TAX DOLLARS—using dollars generated from the ambulance fees from patients who are transported to the hospital. This transporting vehicle was placed in service in the late spring of 2008.

4. Fire station construction

The Union Township fire station is moving along quickly and should be ready early! Current progress meetings indicate a late February early March move in. Several items will need to be completed but will have to wait for warmer weather. Once open the facility should improve emergency response times dramatically.

5. Purchase of a fire engine

After 11 months of specification writing, and public bidding, KME manufacturing was awarded the contract to build a new fire engine for the department. With a contract build time not to exceed 300 days, the fire engine should arrive sometime in early June 2009.

6. Relocated Fire Department administrative offices

With the fire department growing both operationally and administratively all administrative functions for the fire department were moved to the Zionsville Town Hall in November 2008. Along with this move two other upgrades were made to the Town Hall. First the facility received a new phone system allowing personnel to transfer calls, conduct conference calls, and better manage communications from the community and provide and improve all around customer service. The second improvement is scheduled to be completed by late February 2009 and that is an emergency generator to ensure critical infrastructure of Town services can be maintained during power outages.

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
1 Fire	64	73	86	76	85
2 Explosion, Overheat (no fire)	6	5	4	8	5
3 Emergency Medical Service Incident	219	271	584	1013	1103
4 Hazardous Condition (no fire)	60	74	69	49	72
5 Service Call	62	44	72	128	130
6 Good Intent Call	96	109	108	103	161
7 False Alarm & False Call	106	139	118	168	161
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5	5	1	0	10
<b>Total Count</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>1727</b>

<b>Incidents By Zone</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Union Township ** Incomplete data	31	38	**	59	118
Eagle Township	259	296	322	378	387
Town of Zionsville	294	353	691	1055	1128
Mutual Aid	34	33	29	53	94
<b>Total Count</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>1727</b>

**Note worthy statistical information:**

Fires-13% increase category wide, Structure fire went from 16 to 25 in 2008 representing at 57% increase in this sub category alone

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)-9% increase from 2007

False Alarms- noted a slight decrease for 2008

**Simultaneous Incidents**

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). 2004 26 times

2005 49 times

2006 71 times

2007 174 times

2008 312 times

As the community continues to grow this will be an ever increasing challenge. This will continue to result in the need to hire additional personnel in years to come.