

**Zionsville Fire Department**

**2009  
Year End Report**

**January 4th, 2010**

## **Zionsville Fire Department**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Zionsville Fire Department is to prevent harm to the citizens and visitors of the Town of Zionsville and other areas as 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 CORE VALUES**

- **Public Services** - committed to providing the highest level of service to citizens and visitors of the Town of Zionsville 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 emergency 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, 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 through public presentations and programs.

## 2009 Statistics

### Fire Prevention Report-Fire Marshal Mike Delong

	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Public Education</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>113</b>
Station tours	12	16	16	31
Pre-school programs	8	11	14	13
Elementary school programs	14	10	19	10
Adult programs	7	7	5	5
Safety Trailer Programs	0	20	12	13
Special events	17	18	21	19
Home Safety Inspections	0	5	8	4
Misc.	16	7	8	13
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>3877</b>	<b>3552</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>856</b>
<b>Commercial Building Inspections</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>242</b>
General Inspections	115	127	138	144
Final occupancy inspections	26	28	30	19
Partial/Temporary occupancy	1	3	0	0
Pre-occupancy inspections	33	51	56	49
<b>Plan Reviews</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Dry Hydrant Testing</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

### 2009 Emergency Response Statistical Information:

The total number of incidents for 2009 increased only slightly, there were two significant statistical items that are noted:

For the second year the Fire Category had a double digit percent increase (11% for 2009) and False Alarms decreased 17% which is a significant decrease, most of these can be attributed to the decrease in automatic false alarms.

### Major Accomplishments for the Zionsville Fire Department

1. Hired ten (10) fulltime personnel

Six firefighter paramedics started on August 10<sup>th</sup> and were assigned to an operational shift after completing orientation training. On December 17<sup>th</sup> four firefighter EMT's started their orientation training and were assigned an operational shift at year end. Our fulltime personnel continues to be supported by our ever dedicated volunteers and part-time staff to provide fire and emergency medical services to the fifty-two (52) sq/mile service area.

2. CPR and AED's

The Zionsville Fire Department was able to build upon our AED program from 2008 where we purchased 18 Semi-Automatic Defibrillators (AED's) and issue one to every Zionsville Police Department patrol officer, by partnering with Witham Health Services and jointly purchasing 20 more AED's that were given to the Boone County Sheriff's Department in 2009. These efforts led by Lt. Steve Gilliam also provided CPR training to every freshman student in the Zionsville School System.

3. Opening of Station 92

The 8,100 sq foot fire station was completed under budget and ahead of schedule on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. The station sits on approximately seven acres and includes things such as bio-swales for storm water management and an advance septic treatment system with drip irrigation. The fire station has also been certified by the Indiana Wildlife Federation for its landscape design. The new station is staffed with five fire and EMS personnel daily to serve the area which has improved the emergency response times dramatically.

#### 4. Apparatus

- A 2009 fire engine manufactured by KME was placed in-service in May 2009; this fire engine has a pumping capacity of 2000 gallons per minute and also has the ability to carry class A & B foam. This is the first fire apparatus in our fleet which offers air bags for firefighter safety.
- The 4th transporting Ambulance was placed in-service in the fall of 2009 and was purchased with NO TAX DOLLARS—using dollars generated from the ambulance fees from patients who are transported to the hospital.
- A Heavy Rescue was purchased in April 2009. It is anticipated to be completed by April 2010 and once training is completed should be in-service shortly thereafter.

#### 5. Station 91 Interior Renovations

The fire departments administrative offices were relocated to the town hall in late 2008 for easier community access and to allow more room for fulltime staff at Station 91. Significant renovations were needed to the kitchen and pantry storage area, men and women's locker room, training room, and several other areas of the building. All this would not have been possible without the hard work of the entire staff performing the majority of the work while on duty or volunteering their time and talent. This effort allowed us to minimize the use of outside vendors and limit the cost on the project.

#### 6. Other projects and items

Several other items occurred during this past year that were important to the department and community.

- In June 2009 the first ever Larry K Rust Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department Golf Outing was held at the Zionsville Golf Course, with proceeds going to the Scholarship fund in the Boone County Community Foundation, a \$1000.00 scholarship will be given away each year starting in May 2010 which is open to all students in Boone County.
- In December of 2009 Elliot Russell, Jason Potts, and Lance Turner were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant after completing a competitive promotion process where a total of 9 current employees participated.
- Improvements were made to our Advance Vehicle Locating (AVL) system in 2009, this system allows all public safety to see each other on our computers in our vehicles to improve response times and hopefully reduce accidents.
- Fire Department is working closely with Zionsville School representatives to finalize a location on CR 700 East at the Z West Middle School Campus to locate a fire station. Plans are to finalize location, finish design elements and possibly begin construction before the end of 2010.
- A joint venture between the Zionsville Parks Department and the Fire Department may yield a joint project. Both departments are working collectively to acquire property that would locate a fire station in the future on the North West edge of the Urban area of the Town of Zionsville.
- Working hard on grants and federal and state surplus property continued in 2009 with the successful acquisition of an airport firefighting vehicle from Rota Spain. While primarily designed for airport use the vehicle has the ability to use on several types of incidents from large field fires to petroleum fires.
- 2009 was also the departments first year to participate with the Hoosier Burn Camp. The Support Service Division raised \$ 1000.00 to sponsor a child to attend this year's camp. In June several ZFD firefighters went to participate in the fire department parade at the Camp. All involved found the event moving and have planned to return in 2010 to assist with children who have suffered burns that attend next year.