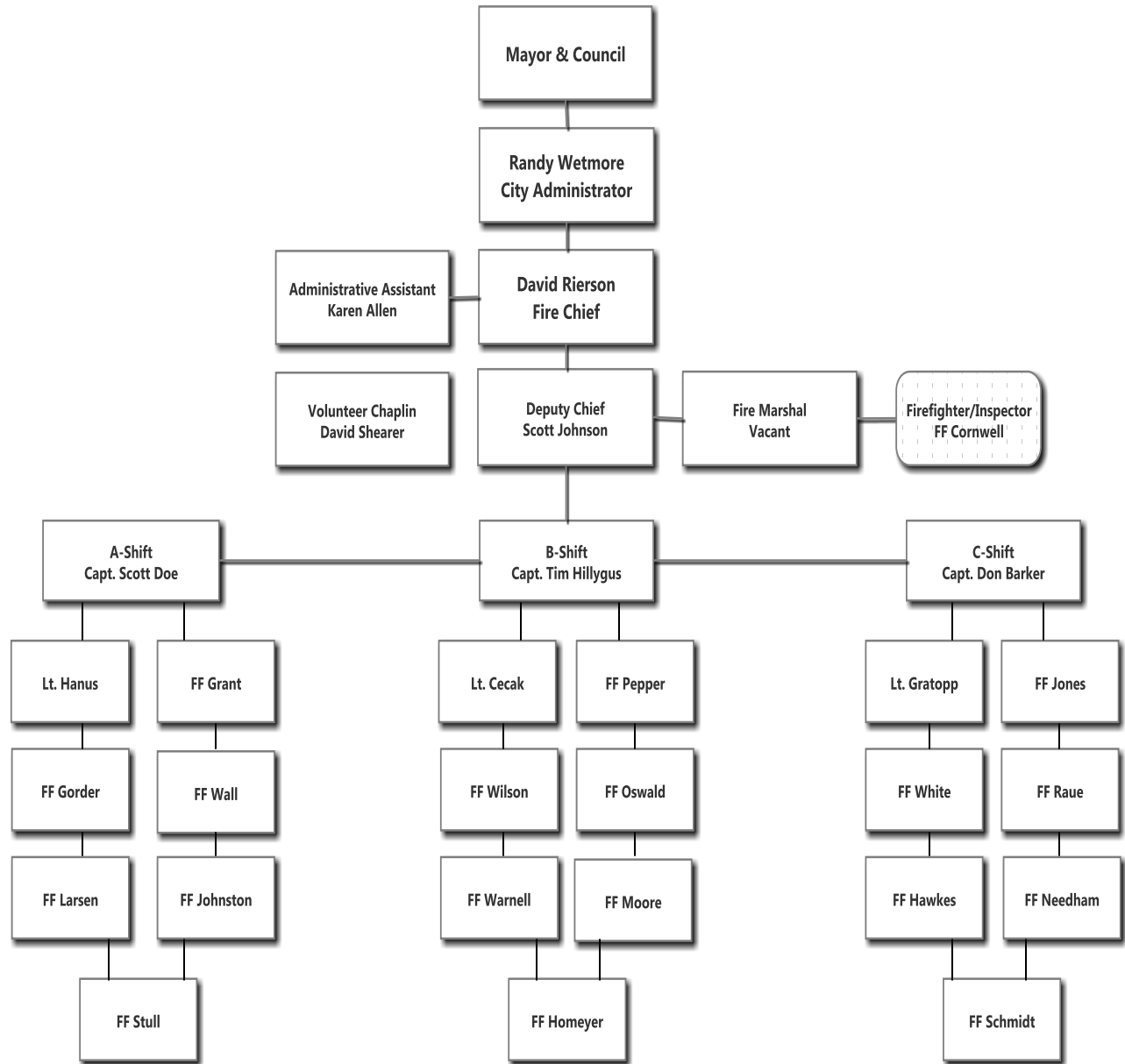


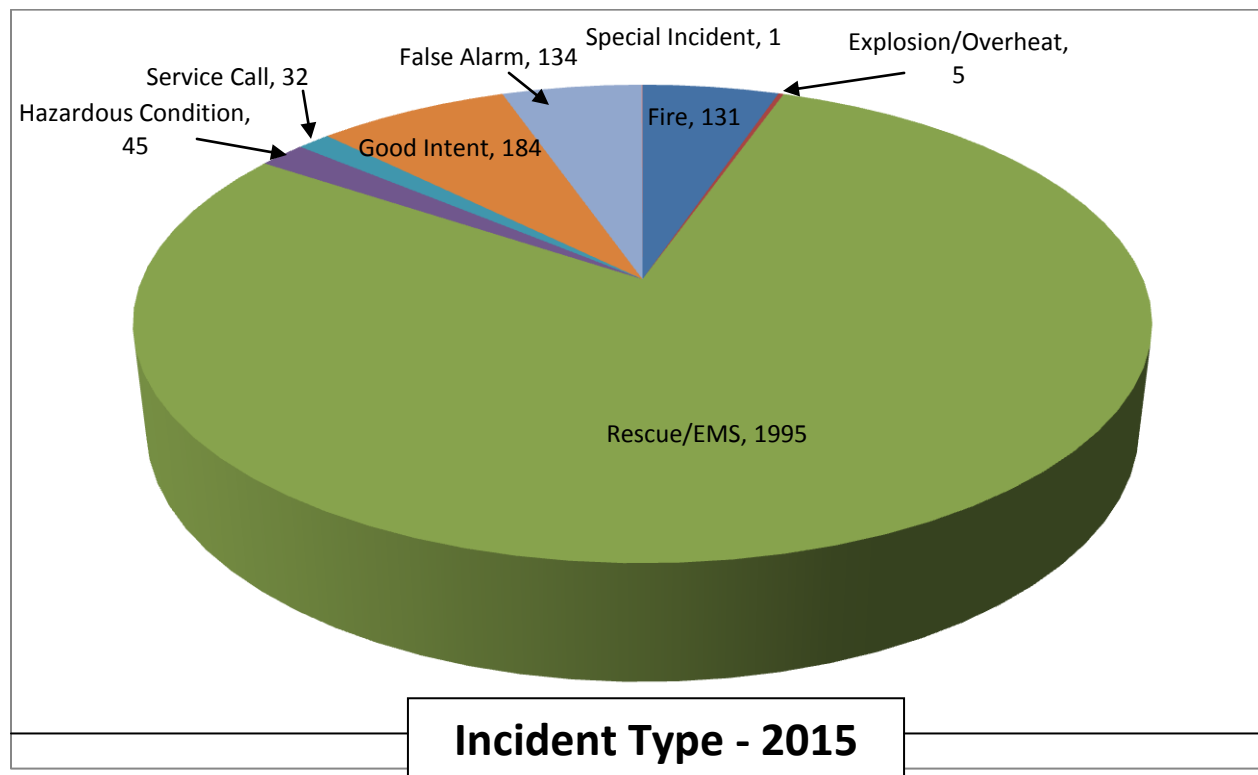
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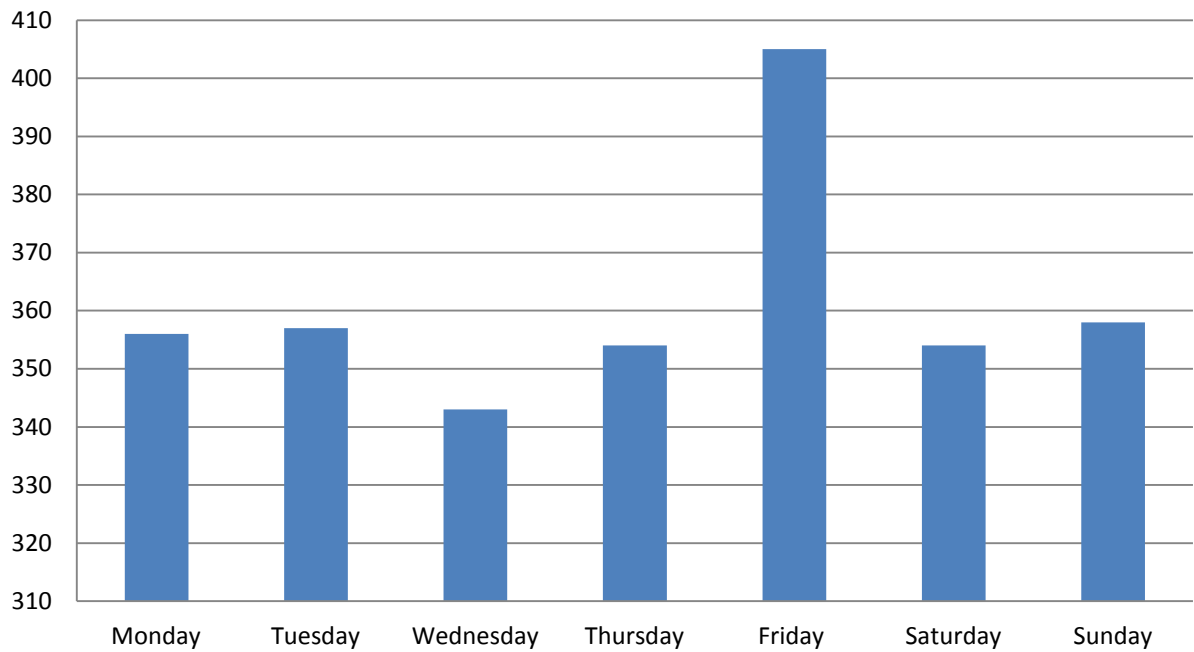


As the Fire Chief of Marshalltown Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present this summary of activities for the year 2015. The Marshalltown Fire Department responded to 2,527 requests for service, a decrease of three requests from 2014. As an all-hazards agency, Marshalltown Fire Department responds to emergency situations that include fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous material incidents, water and ice rescue, trench and confined space rescue, and vehicle extrication.

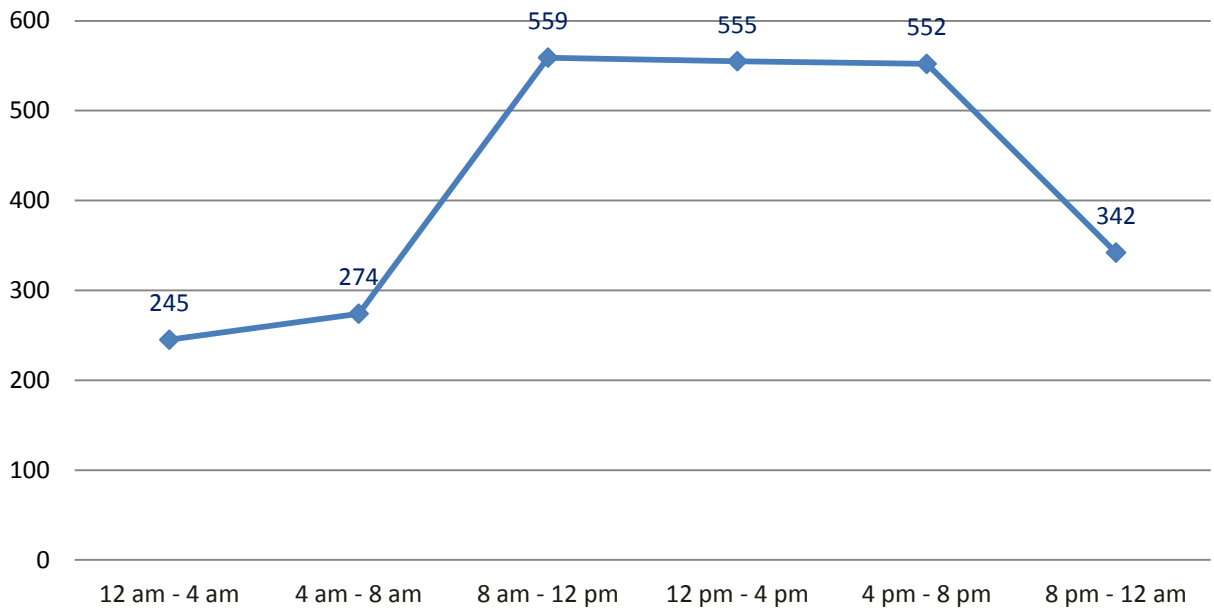


In addition to incident type, calls were reviewed by day of the week, hour of the day, response time performance, and number of overlapping calls. Overlapping calls identifies the times when multiple requests for service occur. This is important from a response point of view as unit responses will be delayed, or in a worst case scenario, no unit would be able to respond to a request for service. In 2015, the department experienced 186 incidences of overlapping calls, down 2.1% (190) from 2014.

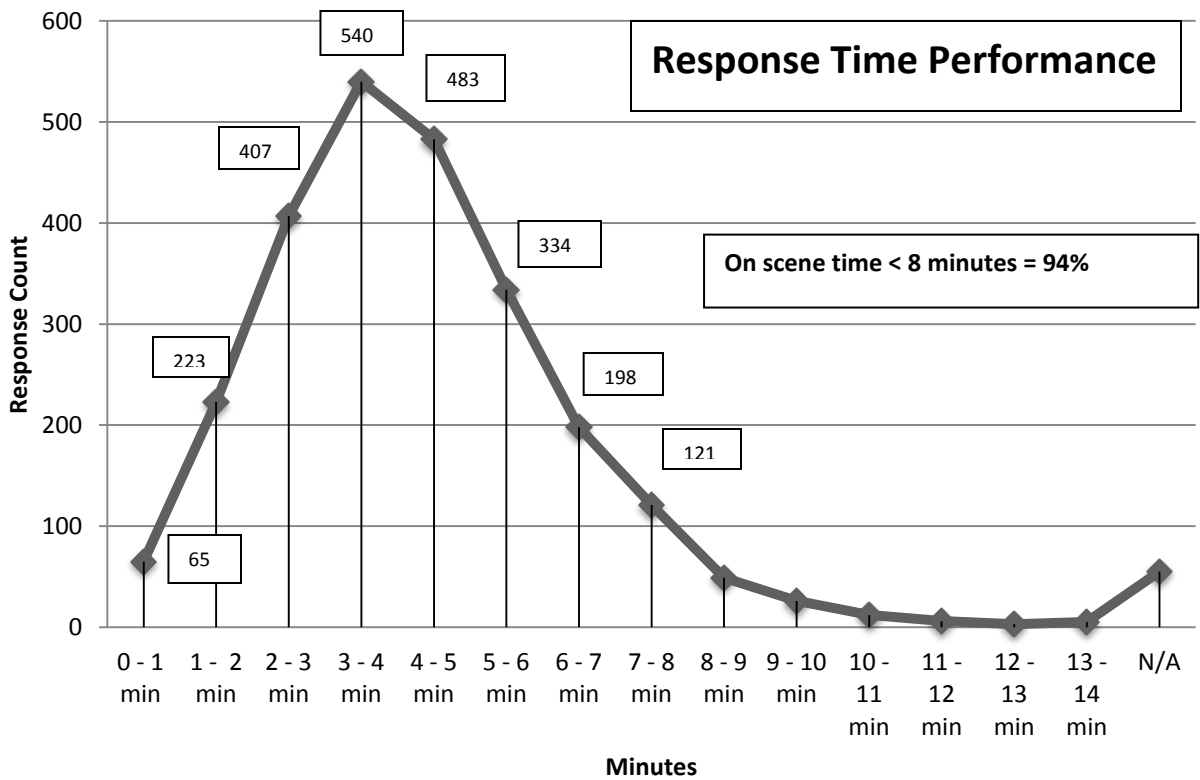
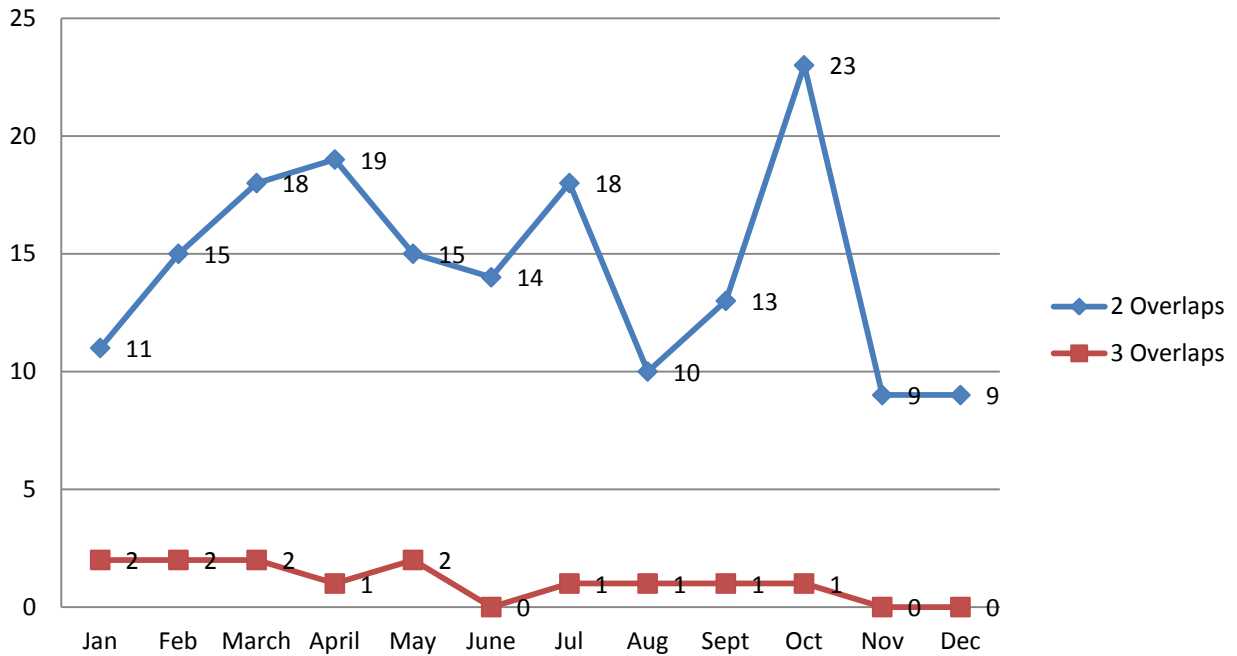
Call By Day of Week - 2015



Incidents by Time of Day - 2015



Overlapping Calls - 2015



In 2015, the department responded to 131 fire incidents. This represents an increase of 4 incidents (3%) from 2014. While the number of fire incidents increased in 2015, the total dollar loss decreased by \$220,785 for a total dollar loss of \$292,120.

Fire Type	Number of Incidents	Dollar Loss
Fires in Structures Other Than Buildings	4	1,600
Building Fires	20	214,470
Cooking Fires	3	750
Passenger & Mobile Vehicle Fires	17	74,750
Water Vehicle Fire	0	0
Trash/Rubbish Contained	1	0
Brush/Grass Weeds	5	0
Outside Dumpster/Trash Fire	81	550
	131	292,120

In addition to emergency situations, Marshalltown Fire Department provides a number of non-emergent services and activities that include public education, fire code enforcement, building plan review, fire investigation, station tours, smoke detector installations, and public relations events in the community. These services are designed to educate and keep our community safe during their daily activities.

In 2015, the department sponsored the Fire Safety Poster Contest in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Open to students in second through fourth grade, 520 students participated with Guadalupe Torres from Woodbury Elementary being chosen the city-wide winner.

Smoke detectors have been proven to be an effective tool in the early notification of building occupants to the presence of fire. This fact was proven twice during 2015 when smoke detector activation alerted family members and allowed them to escape, saving seven lives. Another service of the department is the provision and installation of smoke detectors. During 2015, the department provided and installed 27 smoke detectors for residents of the community.

The department also participated in fire safety and public relations events that included the Kids Safety Day, Knights of Columbus Kids Safety Fair, Fire Prevention Week, Summer Reading Program, and the Guns versus Hoses Challenge to raise money for the Salvation Army. In addition, the department teamed with Marshalltown Rotary (Project Warm) and Iowa River Hospice to provide winter garments for kids in need. Operation Complete (Fire) collected and distributed 410 hats and 408 pairs of gloves. Total activities included:

Station Tours: 7

Public Education & Public Relations Events: 27

Total Participants: 1,632

Fire Code enforcement and inspection activities increased significantly in 2015. Several new projects came online which included:

- Central Iowa Healthcare Outpatient Facility
- Thiessen's Addition
- Hobby Lobby
- Dunkin Donuts
- A.T. & T.
- Dominos Pizza
- Iowa Wholesale Rehabilitation
- Midwest Manufacturing
- Alliant Power Plant (underground fire protection lines)
- Happy Tails

2016 appears to be heading in the same direction as 2015. Projects currently being worked on include:

- The Kibbey Building Rehabilitation
- Marshalltown Dental Clinic
- Aspen Dental
- Slumberland
- Alliant Power Plant (plant fire protection systems)
- Bobcat Academy
- The Willows

Additionally, the department began the process of computerizing inspection records and streamlining permit inspections. Additionally, the department entered into an agreement with the Iowa State Fire Marshal to assist in the training of department members who are interested in codes enforcement and building plans review. The agreement is for a two year period with the intent to develop internal candidates to fill the Fire Marshal position.

Codes activity in 2015 included the following:

- Building Inspections: 247
- Re-Inspections: 170
- Fire Protection System Inspections: 44
- Site Consultations: 31
- Plan Review: 27
- Total Activities: 519
- Total Man Hours : 432

While activity increased significantly, it is important to point out that only 53% (approximately) of our businesses received an inspection. Re-inspections accounted for 37% of our total inspection activity, which takes time away from completing initial

inspections and some occupancies required multiple re-inspections. Additionally, inspection found some significant issues with sprinkler and alarm systems in various occupancies that are still being addressed. It is anticipated there will be more of these types of issues as the department inspects buildings that have not received an inspection in several years. Moreover, staffing, or lack thereof, plays a role in the number of occupancies that can be inspected on an annual basis.

The fire service is an organization steeped in tradition. Of those traditions, brotherhood and family are high on the list. Like our civilian families, our fire service family experienced some losses and additions. Retired members Firefighter Clarence Andrews and Chief Jim Hilsabeck passed away in 2015 leaving a void in the connection to our past.

In 2015, Lieutenant Kevin Horner announced his retirement from the organization effective July 22, 2015, ending a 17 year career.



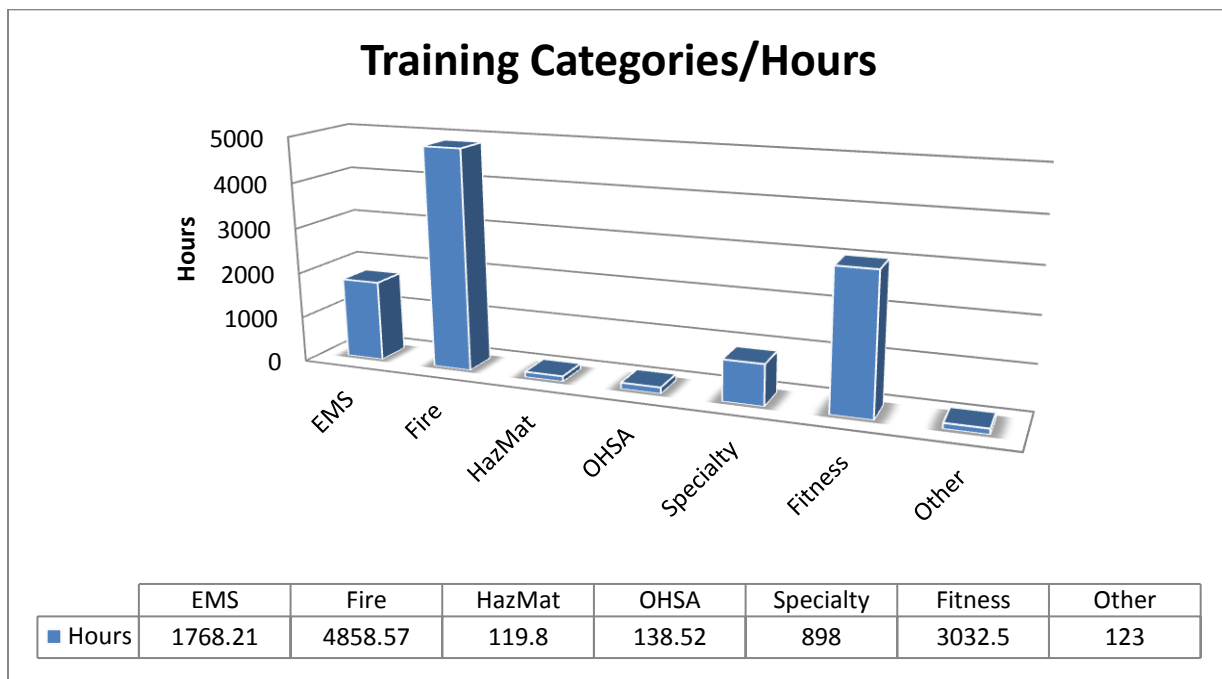
2015 also marked the promotion of Nick Hanus from Firefighter/EMT to the rank of Lieutenant.



Lastly, our fire service family experienced some additions in 2015. Firefighter/EMT's Joshua Stull, Alex Needham, Tyler Homeyer, and Cody Schmidt joined Marshalltown Fire Department.



As an all-hazards department, training is an important part of our annual activity. Training is provided through a combination of in-house instruction, outside instruction, and on-line courses. In 2015, 13,402 man hours were spent in training. Below is a breakdown of the training categories and hours.



In 2015, the department received a generous donation from Alliant Energy for the purpose of training and equipping department members to better provide confined space and high angle rescue activities. Not only will this training benefit Alliant, it will benefit all

businesses in Marshalltown that present the department with confined space and high angle rescue challenges. This includes JBS, Lennox, Fisher Control, and IVH.



As the Department has searched for ways to deal with difficult economic times, public and private grant opportunities have been explored. The department applied for and received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$161,000. The grant funding allowed for the replacement of obsolete self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and to replace five sets of protective fire gear.

2016 will continue to present challenges to the Department as we explore and implement ways to improve services and efficiencies. Examples include:

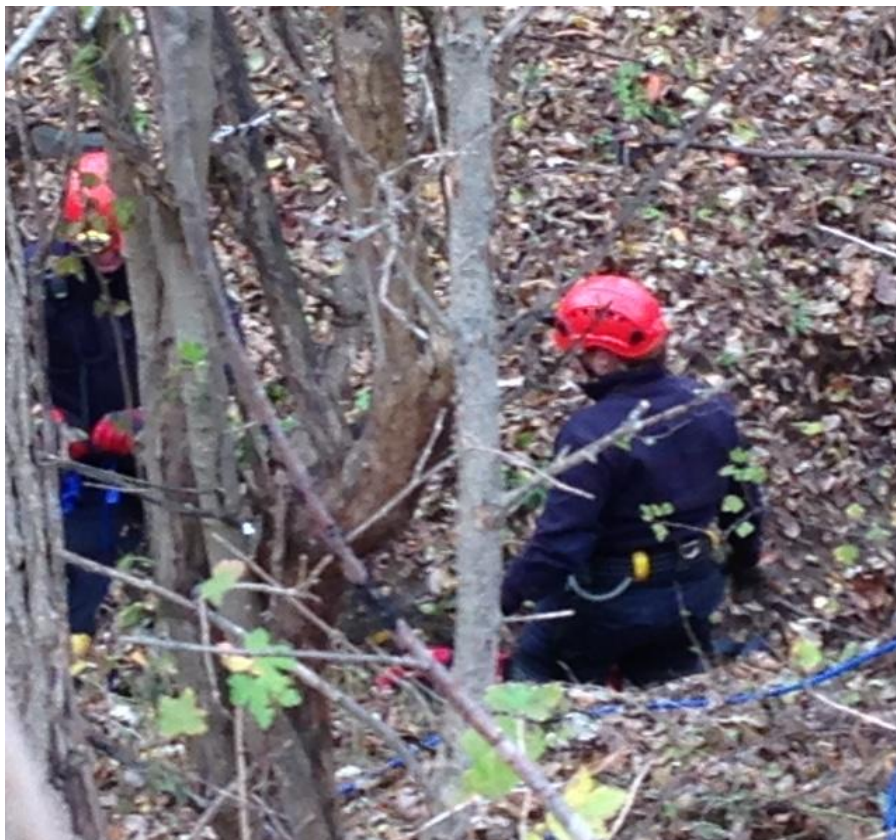
- Continued pursuit of public and private grant funding opportunities
- Expanding the small response vehicle concept into other areas of our operations
- Improving procedures for arson investigation and evidence collection
- Revised plan review and permit fee schedule
- Streamlining permit and alcohol inspections

Like 2015, professional development will remain a focus for the department in 2016 as we prepare members to step in for future retirements and fill the void in our Fire Marshal's Office. Classes planned include:

- Fire Officer I and II
- Fire Inspector I
- Leadership
- Plans Review
- Protective Structures and Systems
- Fire Inspection Principles and Practices



Mutual aid grain bin rescue
assisting Gilman Fire, Grinnell Fire,
and Newton Fire.



Joint search and rescue training
exercise with Marshall County
Sheriff's Office, Marshalltown
Police, Marshall County EMA, and
the STAR Team.



High angle rescue training at
Sutherland Generating Station