

MASON FIRE

2014 Annual Report



Mission Statements

CITY OF MASON, MICHIGAN

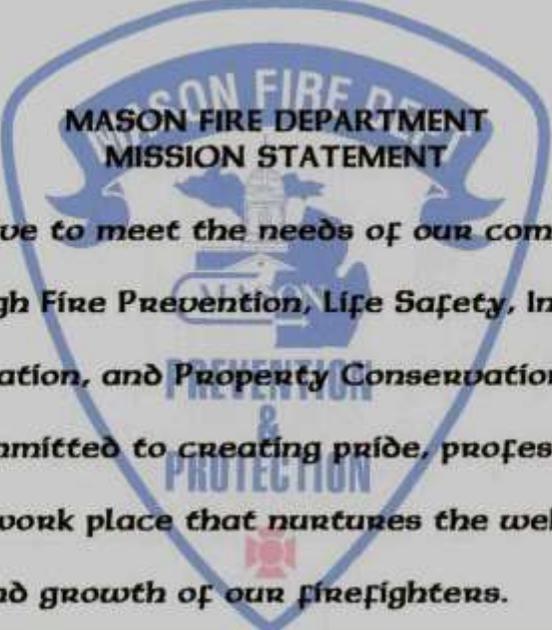
Mission Statement

Mason is a community founded upon a respect for our historic past, while encouraging an atmosphere that values family, business, the environment and arts, creating a sense of place for present and future generations.



**MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT
MISSION STATEMENT**

To strive to meet the needs of our community through Fire Prevention, Life Safety, Incident Stabilization, and Property Conservation, while being committed to creating pride, professionalism and a work place that nurtures the well-being and growth of our firefighters.



Mason Fire Department
2014 Officers



Chief Kerry Minshall



Assistant Chief Mark Howe



Captain Dennis Howe



Lieutenant Russell Whipple



Lieutenant John Sabbadin

Mason Fire Department

2014 Personnel Roster

Member:	Position:	Years of Service For Mason:	Years of Experience In Fire Service:
Stephen Armstrong	Engineer	40	40
Larry Martin	Engineer	39	45
Dennis Howe	Captain	36	36
Don Parsons	Engineer	36	36
Leon Clark	Engineer	35	35
Kerry Minshall	Chief	34	34
Mark Howe	Assistant Chief	32	32
Jim Hays	Engineer	31	31
Debra Scutt	Firefighter	29	29
Jim Jones	Assistant Engineer	27	27
Michael Buckner	Engineer	26	26
Russell Whipple	1 st Lieutenant	25	25
Art Moul	Assistant Engineer	20	31
John Sabbadin	2 nd Lieutenant	19	19
Scott Etzel	Assistant Engineer	12	21
Dan Kennedy	Fire Marshal	11	18
Matt Wood	Assistant Engineer	11	11
Scott Preadmore	Assistant Engineer	11	11
Dana Kennedy	Firefighter (11/01/2014)	10	11
John Scutt	Firefighter	9	12
Brian Jordan	Firefighter	9	20
Vaughn Vandecar	Firefighter	8	8
Jason Buckner	Firefighter (08/18/2014)	7	14
Brian Revels	Assistant Engineer	7	7
Kevin Revels	Firefighter	7	7
Joshua Woodland	Assistant Engineer	6	15
Jacob Meyers	Firefighter	6	6
Brian Wood	Firefighter	5	5
Chad Chambers	Firefighter	4	19
Kirk Crawford	Firefighter	4	4
Tom Butcher	Firefighter	3	6
Scott Davidson	Firefighter	3	8
Tai English	Firefighter	3	3
Ken Hamel	Firefighter (12/02/2014)	3	3
John Hill	Firefighter	3	3
Jason Sigman	Firefighter	3	3
Colen Armstrong	Firefighter	2	2
Tim Scott	Firefighter	2	2
David George	Trainee	0	0
Brett Richards	Trainee	0	0
Neil Sheridan	Trainee	0	0
		Total: 575	665
		Average: 14.0	16.2

Personnel Changes in 2014

New Members

We had three new members join the Fire Department in 2014.

- David George started in November. He is currently enrolled in the Ingham County Chief's Fire Academy.
- Brett Richards started in November. He is currently enrolled in the Ingham County Chief's Fire Academy.
- Neil Sheridan started in November. He is currently enrolled in the Ingham County Chief's Fire Academy.

After successful completion of the Fire Academy in March, the students will be certified at Firefighter I & II, Hazardous Materials Operations Level, Vehicle Extrication, CPR and Emergency Vehicle Driving.

All new members must:

- Pass the interview process with our Selection Committee
- Pass all reference checks
- Pass a criminal background check
- Pass a driving record background check
- Pass a new hire physical including drug screening
- Pass by a majority vote of the membership in their 11th month of probation

The City of Mason is an equal opportunity employer.

Exiting Members

There were three members who exited from the Fire Department in 2014.

- Dana Kennedy resigned from the department November 1st upon reaching 10 years of service to focus on family and work. She left as a member in good standing.
- Jason Buckner resigned from the department August 18th after selling his home and moving. He left as a member in good standing.
- Ken Hamel separated from the department December 2nd.



The year in Review

By Chief Kerry Minshall

The Mason Fire Department does much more than respond to emergency calls. Our members are active all year long volunteering and participating in community events and activities, training and much more.

There was an increase in the total number of fire calls compared to 2013. Runs in the City of Mason and Vevay Township had an increase while Aurelius Township had a decrease. The requests for mutual aid were up. Part of the total increase is due to the addition of service area in Alaiedon Township and the result of the harsh winter weather early in 2014.

We had three members leave during 2014. We continue to do well with our retention and recruitment of membership. We ended 2014 with 34 Firefighters, 3 trainees and myself for a total of 38 members.

Mason Fire Department works with several other local agencies and organizations such as City of Mason Police, Ingham County Sheriff's and Michigan State Police Departments. We often work with Mason Area Ambulance at vehicle accidents and structure fires. We interact with Mason Public Works, Ingham County Road Commission and MDOT. For utility issues we have both Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison in our service area. We utilize the American Red Cross and Mason Fire Corp at many incidents.

We are members of the Metro Fire Chiefs, Ingham County Fire Chiefs, Ingham County Hazardous Materials Team and the Ingham County Tanker Task Force. We do joint purchasing, share services, information, ideas and resources to provide better service to our communities and citizens.

I still serve on the Ingham County 911 Advisory Board where I am currently serving as Chairperson. I also serve as a Governor appointee to the Michigan Citizen Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council as a member of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Committee.

Our Captain Dennis Howe serves as the Ingham County Training Coordinator and is our training officer as well. We have a demanding training program for our members including topics such as fire suppression, search and rescue, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials mitigation, confined space rescue, water and ice rescue, carbon monoxide monitoring and more. We collaborate with the other Ingham County fire departments to offer seminars, joint trainings, Firefighter Academy and Fire Officer Classes. The Ingham County Fire Chief's Association is currently hosting a Firefighter I & II academy at the Mason Fire Station for 2014/2015. Several Mason members are Certified Fire Instructors and help teach the class along with other area instructors.

The Mason Firefighter's Association is made up of all of the members of the Fire Department and retirees plus several honorary and auxiliary members. The Mason Fire Corp is made up from community volunteers and operates under the Mason Firefighter's Association. A

recent addition to our community services is the Mason Area Disaster Response Team also comprised of community volunteers. Through fundraisers and events such as pancake breakfasts and the Golf Ball Drop the Mason Firefighter's Association raises funds for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department as well as supports our other various activities in the local area such as scholarships.

Sponsored by the Mason Firefighters Association, the Chief James M. Pelton Memorial Scholarship for 2014 was given to Mason High School Senior Mason VanDyke. The recipient of the Mason Firefighters Association Memorial Scholarship was Mason High School Senior Cole DeKett. The scholarships are funded from the proceeds of our pancake breakfast and are given out at the annual awards ceremony in May.

The fire department and the association hosted the annual Fourth of July Fireworks program which brings thousands of people to Mason. Due to the construction of a membrane structure in the infield of the fairgrounds, the fireworks were moved east to Temple Street. This change eliminated the ground displays and shifted the funds to all aerial shells. The fireworks program is made possible through donations and the hard work of many people.

The department volunteers many hours to participate in local parades such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day and the Light Parade. We also participate in parades at Dansville, Delhi and Leslie and they in turn have trucks in our parades.

The fire department continues to support the Ingham County Fair each year with many members volunteering to work at watering the race track, and providing fire protection at tractor pulls, demolition derbies and other infield events. In exchange we are given a spot for the James Malcom Fire Safety House. The safety house is staffed during fair week by members from several area fire departments.

The 13th annual Mason Cares Day was held on September 11th thanks to the generosity of Dart Bank and Colleen Briggs. Members of the community and schools come to the fire station to paint, clean the station, work on landscaping and wash and wax the police and fire vehicles. Businesses and individuals donate goods and services that help support our operations throughout the year.

Following Mason Cares our 13th annual 9-11 ceremony was held in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

In October we held our annual open house during National Fire Prevention Week which was attended by over 500 residents. Visitors could ride on a fire truck, tour the Fire Safety House, spray a fire hose, learn about fire safety and have refreshments all at no cost.

We hosted 20 classroom visits at the fire station, did two fire prevention assemblies at North Aurelius for K – 2 and 3 – 5 and hosted several scouting groups for fire safety education.

We had five firefighters participate in the Shop with a Hero program held in December at Meijer. The Mason Firefighters Association donates funds to help support the program.

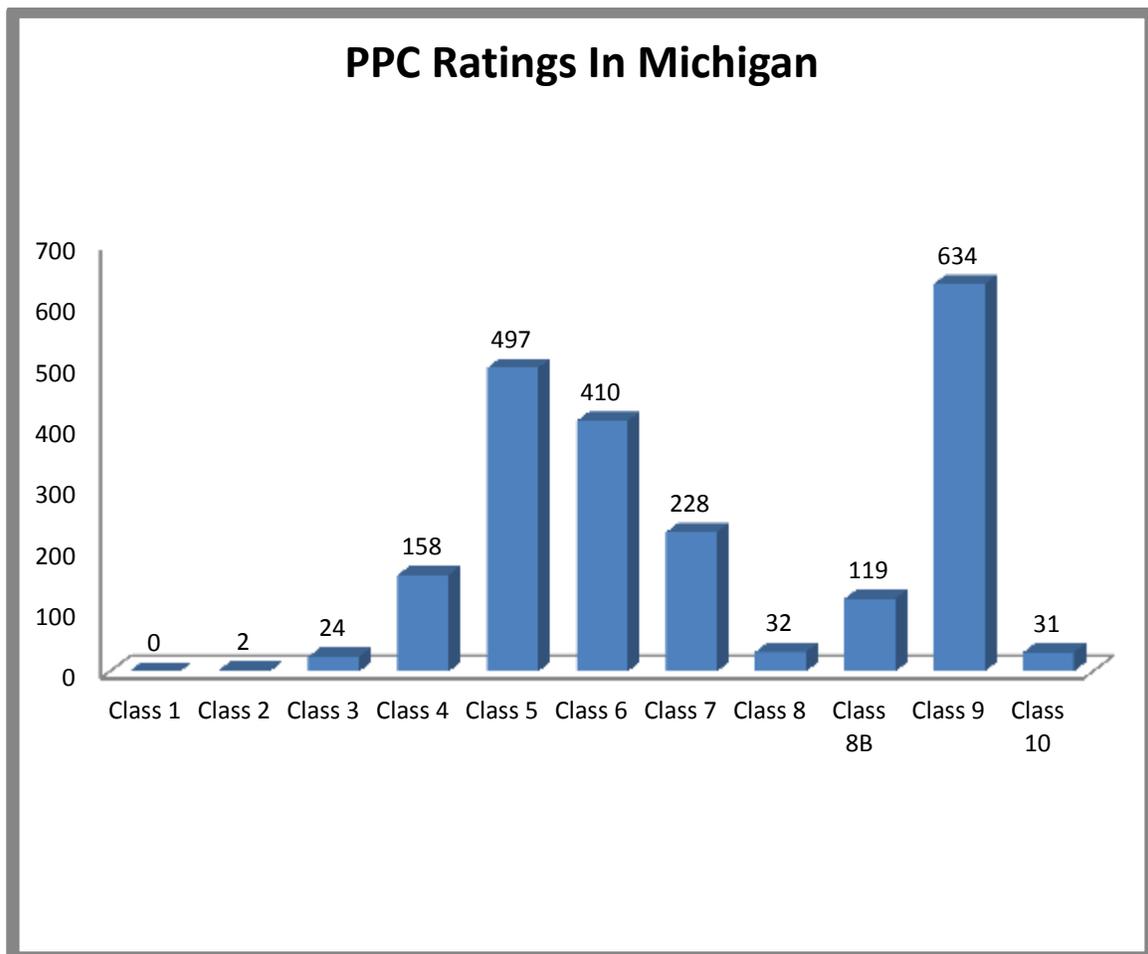
The Mason Fire Corp assisted us at several incidents throughout the year with rehab. The Corp also helped several families after their fire by donating furniture and household items that we keep on hand for just such emergencies.

ISO

The Insurance Services Offices reviewed our fire suppression capabilities in April of 2014. The rating scale used is Class 1 through Class 10 with Class 1 being the best.

The Public Protection Classification PPC for the City of Mason continues to be a 4 PPC.

Alaiedon, Aurelius and Vevay Townships are a 6/10 PPC classification. Within five road miles of the fire station is a 6 PPC and over five road miles is a 10 PPC.

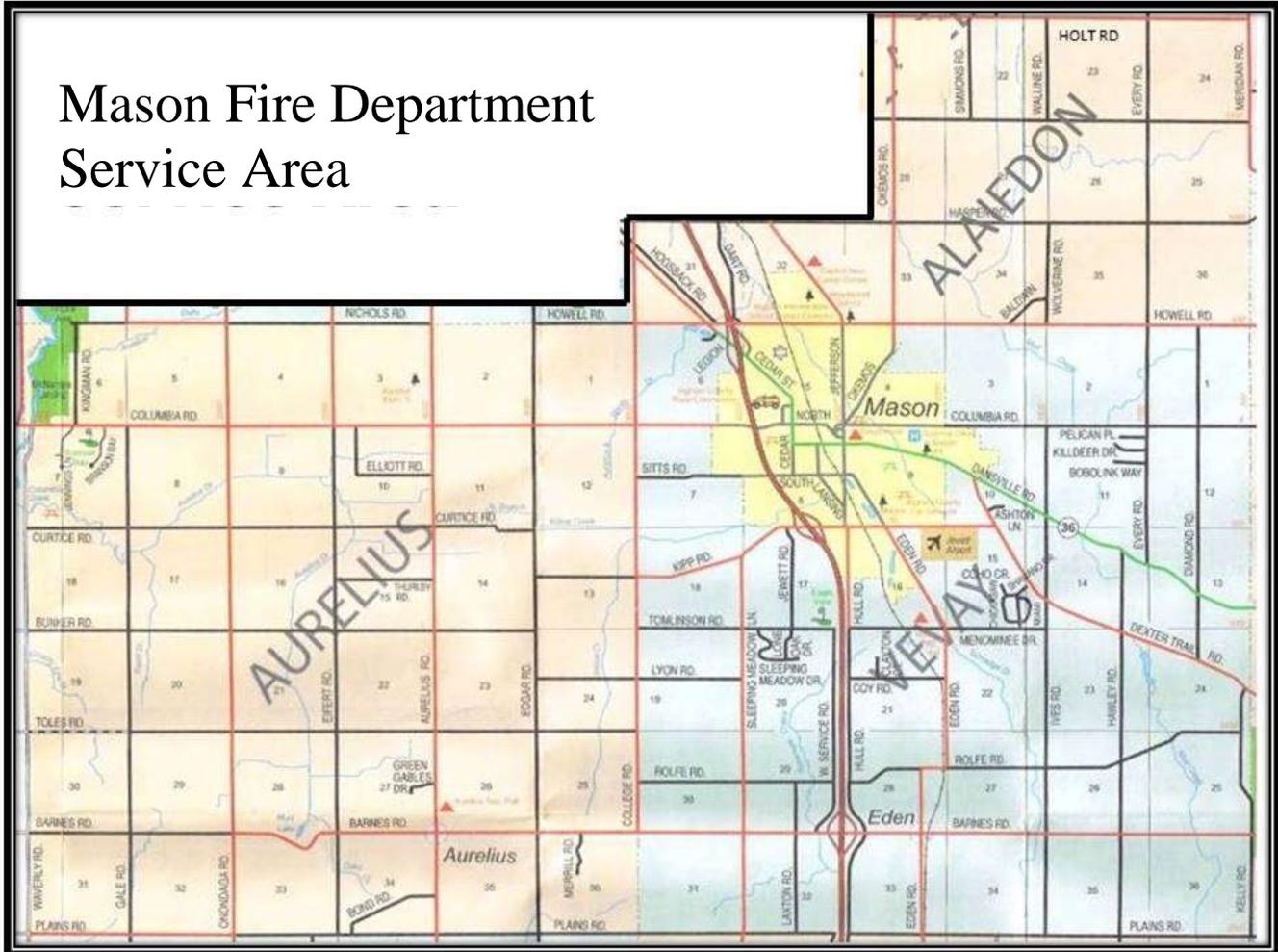


It should be noted that of the 2135 fire departments rated in Michigan as of 2014, only 26 have achieved a better PPC rating than Mason.

Information from ISOmitigation.com

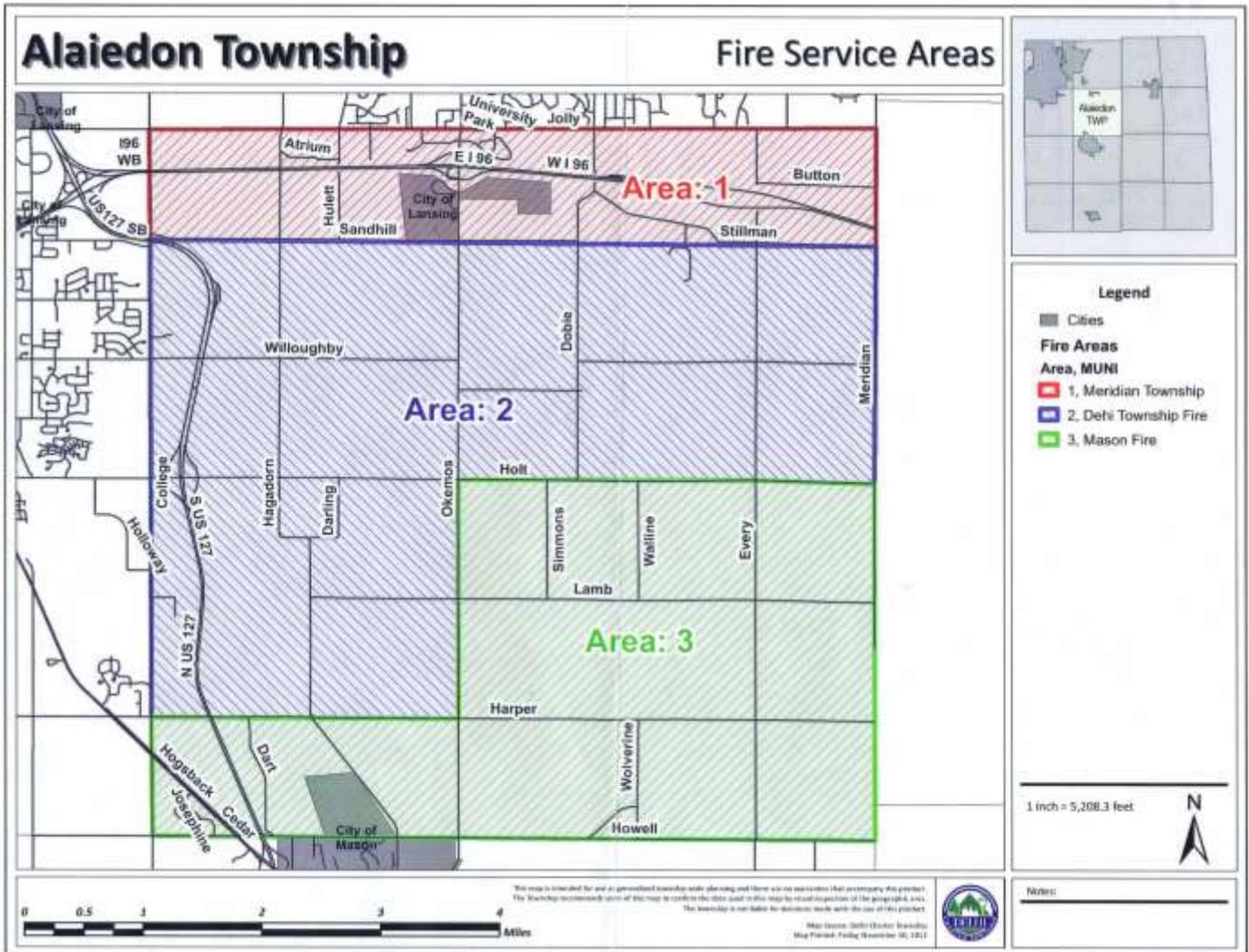
Service Area

The Mason Fire Department service area includes the City of Mason, Aurelius Township, Vevay Township and about one third of Alaiedon Township. The total area served adds up to about 85 square miles. The total population served in our coverage area is about 16,365 residents. Lansing Mason Ambulance Service is the medical responder for this area.



Alaiedon Township

Beginning January 1st of 2014, Mason Fire Department became the primary responding fire department in roughly one third of Alaiedon Township. Delhi Township is the contract holder with Alaiedon Township for fire services. Delhi Township Fire responds into Area 2. Delhi Township sub-contracts to the City of Mason for fire services for the south and eastern area (Area 3) and to Meridian Township Fire for the northern area (Area 1).



Breakdown of Incidents

Breakdown by Area Served:

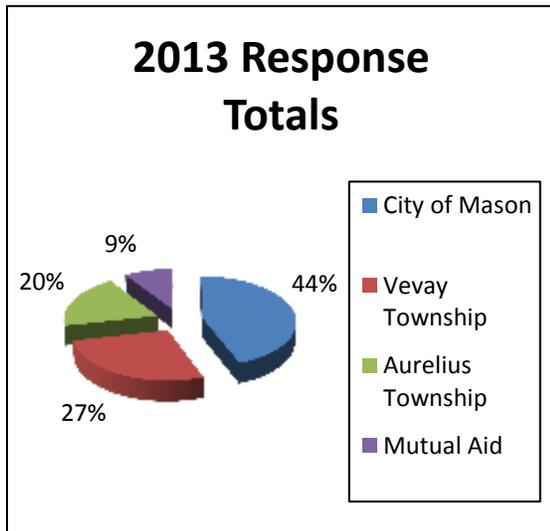
The Mason Fire Department responded to 258 incidents in 2014. This was a total increase of 41 responses compared to 2013. There was an increase in responses in the City of Mason by 6 calls. Vevay Township had an increase of 5 responses and Aurelius Township had a decrease of 5. Mutual aid to neighboring departments increased by 18 responses. Under a new subcontract agreement, we responded into Alaiedon Township 17 times.

2013 response totals:

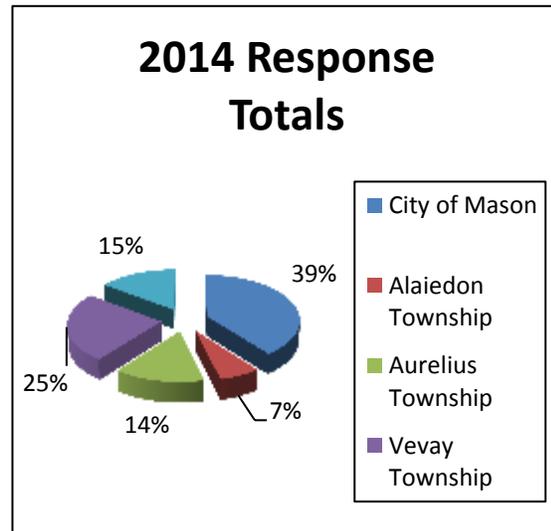
City of Mason	96
Vevay Township	59
Aurelius Township	42
Mutual Aid	20
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Total	217

2014 response totals:

City of Mason	102
Vevay Township	64
Aurelius Township	37
Mutual Aid	38
Alaiedon Township	<u>17</u>
Total	258



Total Responses 2013
By percent



Total Responses 2014
By percent

Breakdown by Incident Type:

City of Mason 2014:

Structure fires	8
Vehicle fires	1
PI accidents and extrications	5
False alarms: Systems, detectors, etc.	31
False alarms: Canceled, unable to locate etc.	5
Carbon Monoxide alarms	4
Miscellaneous: Power lines etc.	11
Miscellaneous: Odors, gas leaks etc.	14
Fires other: Minor fires, rubbish, unauthorized and authorized burning, fires out upon arrival, etc.	14
Severe weather	2
Wild land, grass fires	0
Missing persons	0
Medical assistance / rescue	7
Hazardous materials, fuel spills	0
Total	102

An average of 19.1 firefighters responded to structure fires.
An average of 11.6 firefighters responded to all other incidents.
Another 20 calls were “Command car only” to scene.

The average response time from dispatch to on-the-scene was 3.95 minutes.
Average time includes all calls, 20 emergency and 82 non-emergency responses.

There were 44.7 hours spent at runs in the City with an average “on scene” time of 26.3 minutes and a manpower total of 1136 hours.

There was a 6% increase of calls from 2013 to 2014.

Alaiedon Township 2014:

Structure fires	0
Vehicle fires	0
PI accidents and extrications	5
False alarms: Systems, detectors, etc.	4
False alarms: Canceled, unable to locate etc.	2
Carbon Monoxide alarms	0
Miscellaneous: Power lines etc.	2
Miscellaneous: Odors, gas leaks etc.	0
Fires other: Minor fires, rubbish, unauthorized and authorized burning, fires out upon arrival, etc.	3
Severe weather	0
Wild land, grass fires	1
Missing persons	0
Medical assistance / rescue	0
Hazardous materials, fuel spills	0
Total	17

An average of 0 firefighters responded to structure fires.
 An average of 13.53 firefighters responded to all others.
 Another 4 calls were “Command car only” calls to scene.

The average response time from dispatch to on-the-scene was 5.47 minutes.
 Average time includes all calls, 4 emergency and 13 non-emergency responses.

There were 10.03 hours spent at runs in Alaiedon Township with an average “on scene” time of 35.4 minutes and a manpower total of 229 hours.

This partial township was added in 2014.

Aurelius Township 2014:

Structure fires	4
Vehicle fires	1
PI accidents and extrications	4
False alarms: Systems, detectors, etc.	2
False alarms: Canceled, unable to locate etc.	3
Carbon Monoxide alarms	1
Miscellaneous: Power lines etc.	5
Miscellaneous: Odors, gas leaks etc.	1
Fires other: Minor fires, rubbish, unauthorized and authorized burning, fires out upon arrival, etc.	7
Severe weather	0
Wild land, grass fires	4
Missing persons	0
Medical assistance / rescue	2
Hazardous materials, fuel spills	3
Total	37

An average of 19 firefighters responded to structure fires.
An average of 14.5 firefighters responded to all others.
Another 7 calls were “Command car only” calls to scene.

The average response time from dispatch to on-the-scene was 10.7 minutes.
Average time includes all calls, 12 emergency and 25 non-emergency responses.

There were 18.3 hours spent at runs in Aurelius Township with an average “on scene” time of 29.7 minutes and a manpower total of 552 hours.

There was a 13% decrease of calls from 2013 to 2014.

Vevay Township 2014:

Structure fires	6
Vehicle fires	6
PI accidents and extrications	9
False alarms: Systems, detectors, etc.	7
False alarms: Canceled, unable to locate etc.	3
Carbon Monoxide alarms	5
Miscellaneous: Power lines etc.	3
Miscellaneous: Odors, gas leaks etc.	6
Fires other: Minor fires, rubbish, unauthorized and authorized burning, fires out upon arrival, etc.	9
Severe weather	0
Wild land, grass fires	8
Missing persons	0
Medical assistance / rescue	2
Hazardous materials, fuel leaks	0
Total	64

An average of 21 firefighters responded to structure fires.
An average of 13.4 firefighters responded to all others.
Another 10 calls were “Command car only” calls to scene.

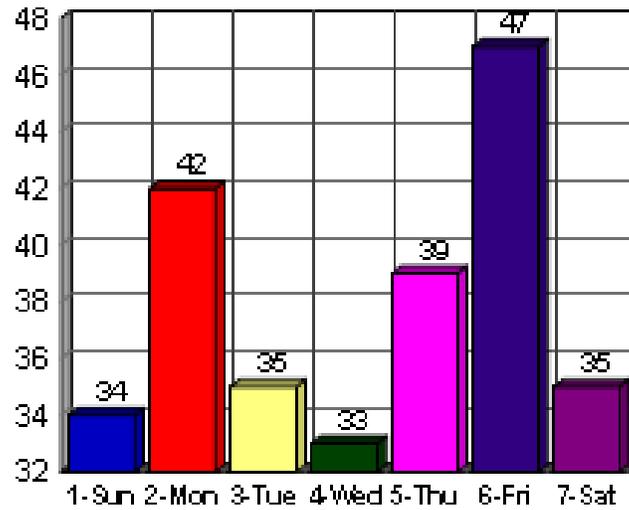
The average response time from dispatch to on-the-scene was 6.8 minutes.
Average time includes all calls, 28 emergency and 36 non-emergency responses.

There were 33.8 hours spent at runs in Vevay Township with an average “on scene” time of 31.6 minutes and a manpower total of 951.5 hours.

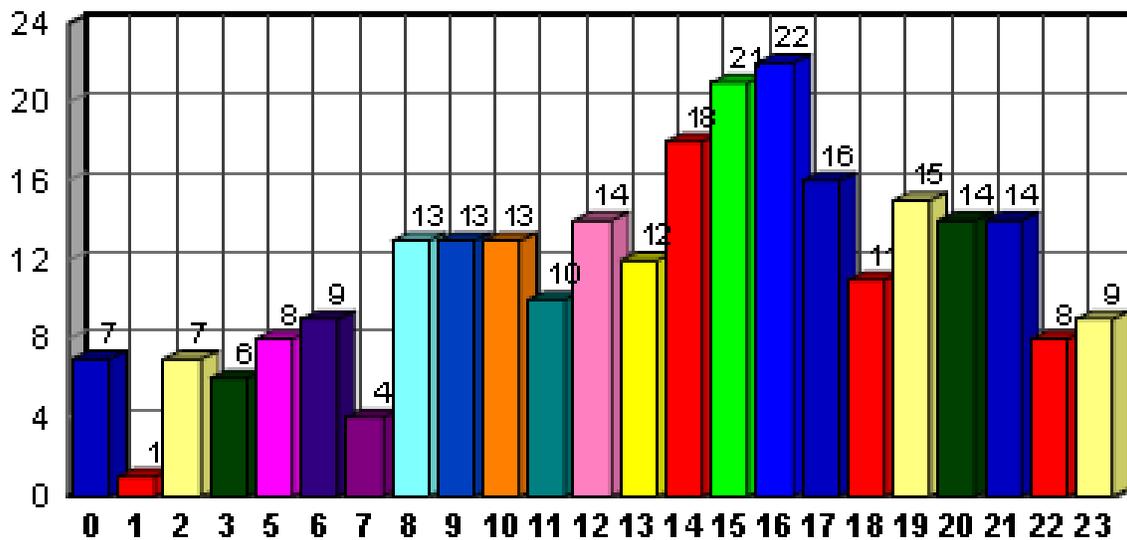
There was an 8% increase of calls from 2013 to 2014.

Number of Calls Report by Day of Week - Hour of Day

Calls By Day Of Week



Calls By Hour Of Day



The above graphs were provided by the Ingham County Dispatch Center

Estimated Losses
For Structure Fires and Fires in Structures

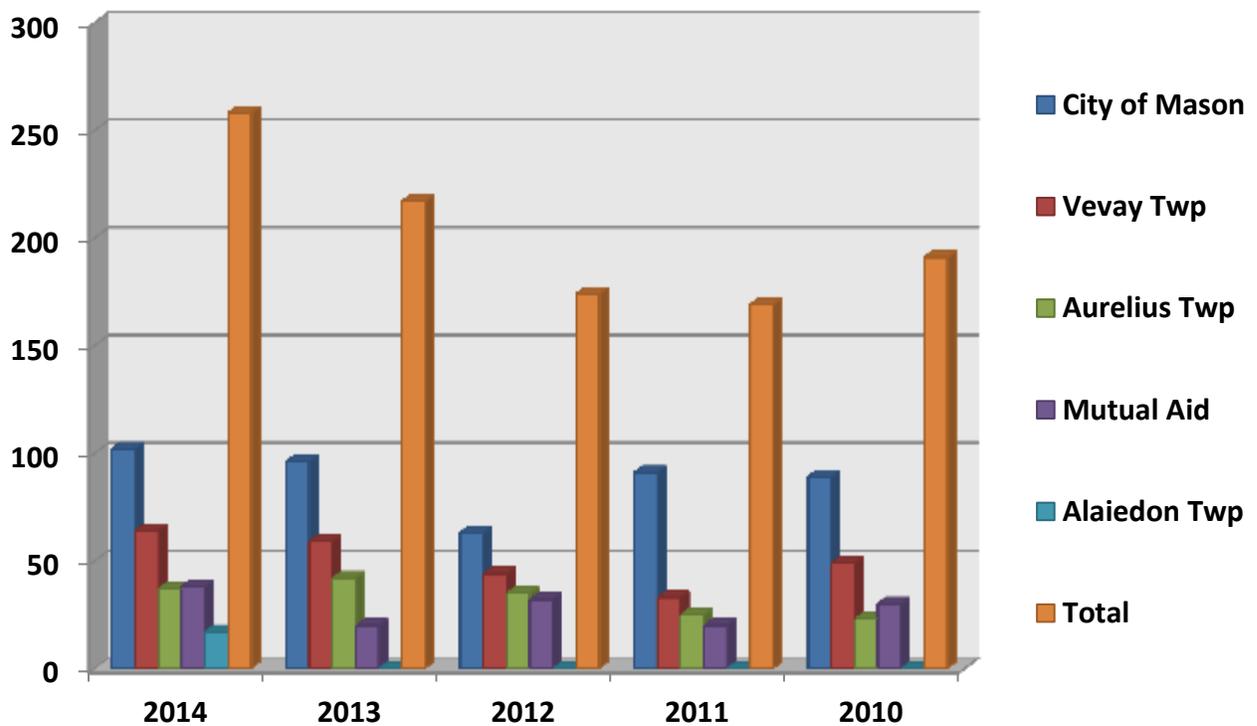
Service Area	Address	Type	Losses Property/Contents	Pre-Fire Value Property/Contents
City	200 Kipp Road	Structure fire Penthouse	Unreported	Unreported
City	219 Kiwanis Drive	Cooking Fire Apartment	\$0 / \$100	\$252,000 / \$80,000
City	154 N Jefferson Street	Structure fire Garage	\$500 / \$100	\$5,000 / \$5,000
City	865 S Cedar Street	Electrical fire Business	\$100 / \$500	\$373,144 / \$50,000
City	703 E Columbia Street	Electrical fire House	\$0 / \$50	\$90,000 / \$5,000
City	244 Kiwanis Drive	Structure fire Apartment	\$100 / \$0	\$252,000 / \$80,000
City	202 W Sycamore Street	Structure fire Duplex	\$50,000 / \$5,000	\$83,400 / \$10,000
City	617 Peachtree Place	Structure fire Apartment	\$10,000 / \$1,000	\$208,520 / \$20,000
Aurelius	5256 Curtice Road	Structure fire House	\$10,000 / \$500	\$97,200 / \$5,000
Aurelius	240 Primrose Lane	Air Conditioning	\$0 / \$0	\$142,945 / \$10,000
Aurelius	5523 W Columbia Road	Structure fire House	\$40,000 / \$5,000	\$80,000 / \$10,000
Aurelius	5151 W Barnes Road	Barn fire	\$0 / \$0	\$0 / \$0
Vevay	520 Rolfe Road	Dryer fire	\$0 / \$500	\$95,000 / \$5,000
Vevay	2185 Barnes Road	Structure fire House	\$10,000 / \$1,000	\$107,500 / \$20,000
Vevay	249 Vevay Drive E	Porch fire	\$400 / \$0	\$41,000 / \$5,000
Vevay	1057 Bobolink Way	Candle fire	\$100 / \$100	\$128,809 / \$10,000
Vevay	267 Vevay Drive E	Structure fire Mobile home	\$1,000 / \$500	\$40,000 / \$5,000
Vevay	160 Pine Drive S	Structure fire Mobile Home	\$10,000 / \$1,000	\$40,000 / \$5,000
Vevay	1350 W Columbia Road	Structure fire House	\$20,000 / \$10,000	\$80,000 / \$30,000

Losses are estimated at the time of the incident report by the information currently available.

Five Years of Incidents

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Average
City of Mason	102	96	63	91	89	88.2
Vevay Twp	64	59	44	33	49	49.8
Aurelius Twp	37	42	35	25	23	32.4
Mutual Aid	38	20	32	20	30	28.0
Alaiedon Twp	17					17.0
Total	258	217	174	169	191	201.8

The following chart represents responses by area over a five-year period.



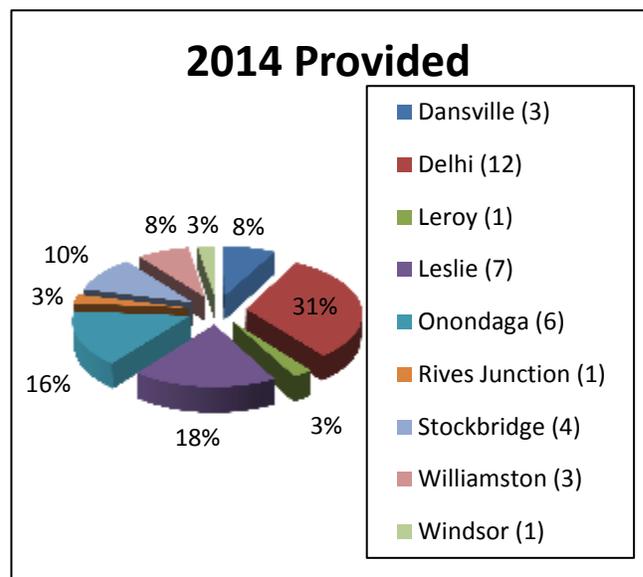
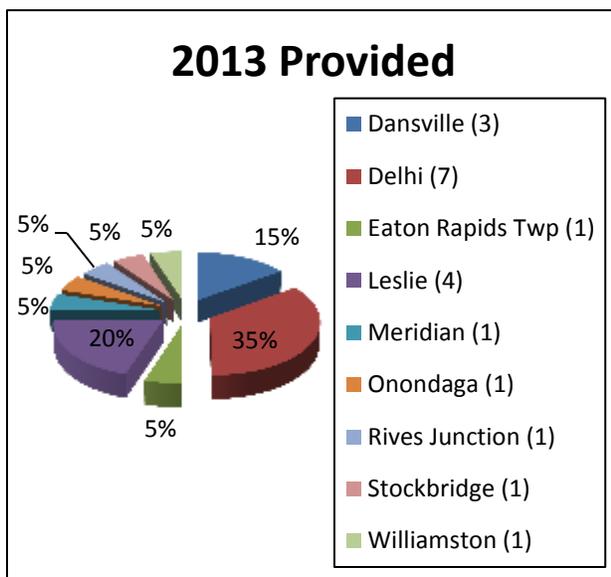
Mutual Aid

Through our Mutual Aid and MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) agreements we give and receive assistance for Incident Command support, manpower, equipment, water tankers and Rapid Intervention Teams or almost any other service requested. By collaborating and sharing our resources with other area departments, we are able to greatly enhance the services that we provide and receive.

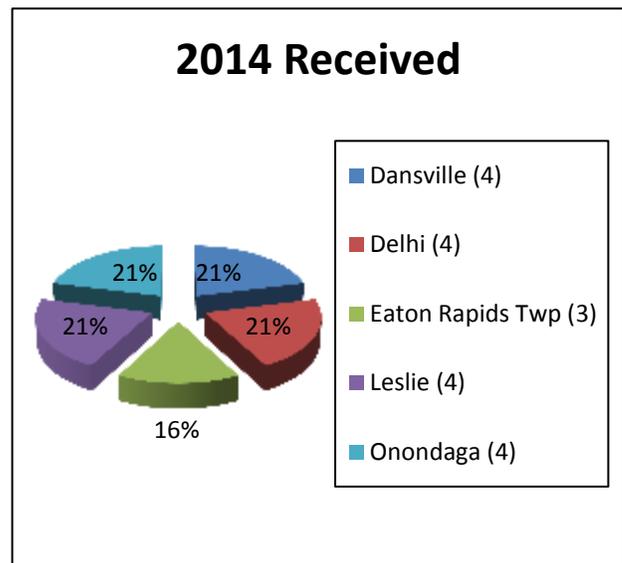
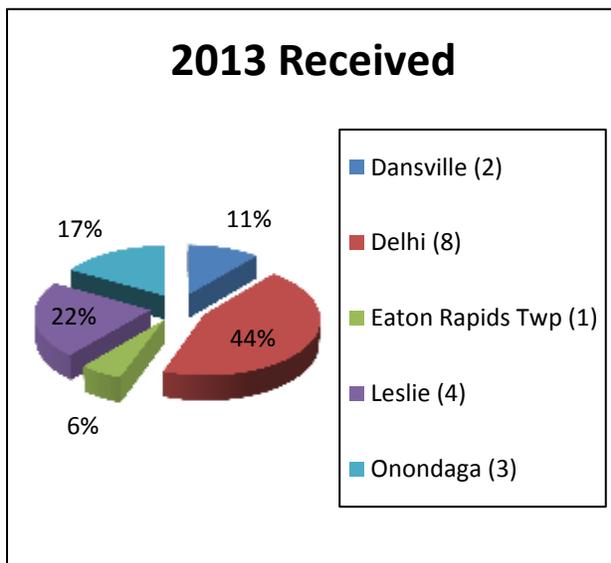
Mason Fire Department continues to participate with the Ingham County Tanker Task Force. For a major event, a call for the Tanker Task Force will bring tankers from all of Ingham County, part of Eaton County, and part of Livingston County.

In 2014, Mutual Aid was given 38 times and was received 19 times.

Mutual Aid Given 2014:



Mutual Aid Received 2014:



Mutual Aid Given 2014:

Structure Fires	29
False alarms: Systems, detectors, etc.	2
False alarms: Cancelled, unable to locate, etc.	3
Miscellaneous: Power lines, etc.	1
Medical assistance / rescue, ice, etc.	3
Total	38

An average of 14.5 firefighters responded to structure fires.

An average of 12.4 firefighters responded to all others.

Another 1 call was a “Command car only” call to scene.

The average response time from dispatch to on-the-scene was 13.6 minutes.

Average time includes all calls, 30 emergency and 8 non-emergency responses.

There were 11.37 hours spent at Mutual Aid runs with an average “on scene” time of 17.9 minutes and a manpower total of 682 hours.

There was a 90% increase in calls from 2013 to 2014.

Mutual Aid Received 2014:

	Dansville	Delhi	Eaton Rapids Twp	Leslie	Onondaga	Total
Structure Fires	3	3	3	1	2	12
Vehicle Fires (camper)						
PI accidents & extrications						
Miscellaneous: Power lines, etc.	1	1		3	2	7
Total	4	4	3	4	4	19

We received assistance from Ingham County Heavy Rescue at 10 structure fires, 6 PI accidents & extrications, and 2 miscellaneous calls.

We received assistance by Honorary Firefighters, Retirees and or Fire Corp at 54 incidents.

Training & Education

By Dennis Howe
Captain



The members of the Mason Fire Department are asked to leave their spouses, family, friends, and even their place of employment at a moment's notice to serve this community. In addition, these same members are required to take part in various training opportunities throughout the year. This training allows us to enhance our knowledge, sharpen our skills, and develops the teamwork necessary to maintain the high level of readiness that the citizens we serve have come to expect and

deserve.

The Mason Fire Department has a regularly scheduled training practice every other Friday, for a total of 26 sessions per year. Fire practice begins with a business meeting at 7:00 PM, then we move to a training activity and concludes anywhere from 9:00-10:00 PM depending on the exercise. MFD members also attend training and specialized classes on their own time. The department furnishes each person with a subscription to *Firehouse* magazine. The magazine is filled with information and articles about the latest firefighting techniques, strategy, lessons learned from fires, and articles on items such as the advances in car making technology that will affect extrication practices.

The Mason Fire Department trains with other departments around the county each year. In 2014, there were approximately 1250 additional hours spent in training with the Tanker Task Force, Ingham County HazMat team, Ice Rescue, Extrication classes, Firefighter I & II classes, Fire Officer I, II, & III classes, teaching at other departments, and NIMS training as required by the Dept. of Homeland Security.

It is obvious that the members of the Mason Fire Department deem training important. The approximately 2700 hours of training is done with very little, and in many cases, no compensation, save the satisfaction of knowing that one is improving his skills as a firefighter. The Mason Fire Department is extremely blessed to have dedicated people who understand the importance of training and the willingness to do so. This department has a very high standing within the fire department and emergency services community for its knowledge, actions, training, expertise, and professional manner with which we serve the citizens of Mason and the townships of Vevay, Aurelius and Alaiedon.

This live training burn at 840 Gale Road in Aurelius Township was a joint exercise with Lansing, Delhi and Michigan State Police for their Fire Investigator class.

(Cover page)



Incidents

Thursday 8/14/2014 at about 10 PM Mason Fire Department was called to respond to West Sycamore Street in the City of Mason for a report of a structure (duplex) fire. Initial report was for just smoke showing with no flames visible. While en-route, updated information was that flames were now visible.

On arrival, Chief Minshall was informed by a neighbor that there was a woman still inside the unit and was led to the rear entrance. Chief radioed to incoming units confirming a victim in the home. A woman could be heard moaning somewhere near the rear interior of the home. The smoke conditions were black and aggressive about 18" off the floor and descending. The victim was called to see if she could move towards a window or door. The victim went silent. We vacated the rear of the unit and went around to the front to meet incoming Rescue 806.

Assistant Chief Howe arrived shortly after and went to the front door and met with Chief Minshall. At this time there were flames coming out of the front and side living room windows.

Rescue 806 led by Captain Howe arrived and was assigned a direct fire attack and primary search for the occupant. Assistant Chief Howe initially attacked the fire through the front window as the crew masked up. Rescue 806's crew entered and did an initial knockdown of the flames as they began their primary search for the occupant.

Engine 809 led by Lieutenant Whipple arrived and was instructed to advance a line into the rear entrance. Firefighters Vandecar and Wood led by Lieutenant Whipple began a search from the rear. Rescue 806 Firefighters Davidson and Meyers led in as the primary search team while Woodland and Chambers began fire suppression.

Meyers said "Upon arrival, flames were showing at the front window and door. Woodland, Davidson and I made entry. Heavy smoke was in the front room. Fire was above and behind us."

Davidson said "Josh made entry with the nozzle with Jake and me behind him. Josh began knocking down the fire but we struggled for a few seconds to get more hose. We quickly made a decision to leave the nozzle for Jake to work on fire suppression. Josh and I started with a right hand search... Within 5 – 7 feet down the wall to my left I found a doorway... I followed a narrow hallway that led to a bathroom. I found a resident unconscious lying in front of the toilet."

Woodland said "After making entry 5-6 feet into the structure, we encountered significant heat and several areas burning to our right and left. After making a direct attack on the visible flames I began to sweep the room with a wider fog stream to cool the area enough to begin our rapid primary search. I could see the glow of flames toward the back of the structure. I crossed over to the west wall... I then heard Davidson call out that he had found the victim."

The victim was quickly removed from the home and placed in the front yard where they were met by Chief Minshall and Firefighter Etzel. The victim was unresponsive but had a pulse and was breathing. Lansing Mason Ambulance crews arrived and the patient was loaded onto the stretcher and into the awaiting ambulance where she was transported to Sparrow Hospital.

I cannot overstate how proud I am of our fire department. This was truly a team effort. From the drivers who get us there and provide the water to the leadership of my officer staff to the firefighters who crawl into the smoke and flames, we definitely had our A game on and a resident is alive today because of their dedication and commitment.



Fire Marshall Kennedy looks for the cause of this fire on Curtice Road.



Car accident on Dansville Road.



Dryer fire on Rolfe Road.



Semi truck and field fire between on Barnes Road.



Car accident on Cedar Street.



Fire at a house under construction

Awards



Mason Fire Department 2014 Fire Fighter of the Year Award

This letter of commendation is hereby awarded to ***Fire Fighter Scott Preadmore*** as the Mason Fire Department's ***Fire Fighter of the Year for 2014***.

With the selection of Scott as the Fire Fighter of the Year, the Mason Fire Department honors a person that epitomizes the very essence of the fire service. Scott represents everything that is right with our department.

Scott began his service with the Mason Fire Department in November of 2003 bringing with him much knowledge and expertise in the area of vehicle extrication. Since Scott has joined the Department he has volunteered to sit on numerous committees for the betterment of the Department, is always involved in our various functions and always performs above and beyond our expectations.

Scott is always willing to accept any assignment given to him and is willing to work hard to succeed and accomplish the task at hand. When on an emergency or otherwise representing the fire department, he is always professional and competent.

Scott is an exemplary role model for the fire service. He is a committed volunteer, is a respected member of the Mason Fire Department, City of Mason and a respected citizen of the community. All of our members, who have had the opportunity and pleasure to work him, have found him to be caring, dedicated and loyal beyond question.

We wish to thank Scott for his loyal and dedicated service to the Mason Fire Department and to congratulate him on this well deserved honor of ***Fire Fighter of the Year for 2014***.

His name will be inscribed on the Fire Fighter of the Year plaque which is displayed at the Chief James M. Pelton Memorial Fire Station. A copy of this commendation will also be displayed at the Fire Station for a period of one year, after which it will be placed in his personnel file as a permanent record of his accomplishment.

Signed on behalf of the membership
of the Mason Fire Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Minshall", is written over a horizontal line.

Kerry Minshall, Chief
December 6, 2014

Life Saving Medal

To receive the Life Saving Medal, the firefighter must be a member of the department who is principally involved in saving the life of another person and whose personal actions were directly responsible for the life saving act.

Due to their heroic actions on the night of August 14, 2014 resulting in the rescue and saving of life, the Firefighter Lifesaving Commendation Bar and Lifesaving Medal was awarded to:

Scott Davidson
Jacob Meyers
Josh Woodland



Meritorious Unit

The Meritorious Unit Commendation bar is awarded to a group of members who have performed service to the department in a highly commendable manner.

Due to their support and actions on the night of August 14, 2014 resulting in the rescue and saving of life, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Bar was awarded to:

Mark Howe
Dennis Howe
Russ Whipple
Mike Buckner
Chad Chambers
Leon Clark
Kirk Crawford
Dan Kennedy
Larry Martin
Jason Sigman
Vaughn Vandecar
Matt Wood



Activities



911 Memorial Service



Mason Cares



Assembly at North Aurelius.



Veteran's Day Parade



Candy Drop

Mason Fire Department Fleet



2013 Ford Expedition Chief's car
Command 801 responded to 152 calls



2001 Ford Expedition officer car
Command 802 responded to 160 calls



Rescue 806 responded to 111 calls



Tower 808 responded to 28 calls



Engine 809 responded to 87 calls



Pumper/Tanker 811 responded to 124 calls



Tanker 807 responded to 19 calls



Brush 810 responded to 47 calls



Squad 815 responded to 23 calls

Conclusion

It is through the help and support of family, friends, community, businesses, City Council and staff, relationships with numerous agencies and entities that Mason Fire Department continues to be successful. I consider our members to be among the very best. In 2014 with your support we were able to save the lives of citizens involved in vehicle accidents needing extrication and trapped in fire. We saved in excess of \$2.5 million in property and contents. We helped many people who were having a really bad day.

For those of you who have helped in any way, we thank you and please know that you have helped to make a difference. You are what make the Mason community a great place to work, live and raise our families.

I am proud and consider it an honor and privilege to continue to serve as Fire Chief for the City of Mason. I look forward to meeting the new challenges ahead as we build on the successes of our past.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Minshall, Fire Chief