



Kochville Township
Fire Department
2018 Annual
Report



Chief's Message

For the last 45 years, the Kochville Township Fire Department has been protecting the citizens and visitors without fail. We continue to do our best to serve with honor, courage, compassion, and dedication and I am very proud of the men and women of the Kochville Township Fire Department. Our most valuable asset is our personal who have committed to respond when others are in need. This is a very difficult mission that requires highly trained, dedicated, and skilled professionals who are paid on call; except for one full time member and new this year ,one part time firefighter. They are pushed to their physical and emotional limits each and every time that they respond to an emergency. This is what our community expects and it is also why we have earned the trust and respect of those we continue to serve.

The Kochville Township Fire Department and its personnel are extremely proud of our resources and the capabilities that we have. These would not be possible without the continued support from our citizens and Township Board. We are very dedicated and committed to the citizens, businesses, and transient population of Kochville Township. We have excellent working relationships with our surrounding Fire Departments and will continue to do so in the future. We will continue to respond to other department request more often as there is a national problem with obtaining more volunteers in the fire service. Giving all the hazards that we face today, such as the opioid epidemic, chemical suicide, rolling meth labs, hostile emergency incidents and etc., our work is not easy.

Our 2018 annual report is a reflection of that commitment to the community we serve. We continue to successfully meet our mission and improve your fire department for the future. Below are some highlights for 2018.

We hired our first part time firefighter, Edgar Wolcott,. He works at the most busiest 4 hour time period of the day performing many different duties.

We purchased AED Automatic External Defibrillators for all of the emergency responders to have in their personal vehicles. This is another way we can reduce our response time to those suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest.

We purchased 4 sets for body armor for hostile emergencies



Current Members

Fire Chief/EMR Alan Malesky- 24 Years

Assistant Chief/EMT Paul Behmlander- 34 Years

Assistant Chief/EMS Matthew Uptmor- 24 Years

Captain/EMR Michael Comstock- 20 Years

Captain/EMR Kevin Srnek- 30 Years

Lieutenant/EMR Matthew Koczenasz- 10 Years

Fire Inspector/EMT Brandon Rossi- 7 Years

Firefighter Jerry Davis- 45 Years

Firefighter Richard Deshone- 42 Years

Firefighter/EMR Richard Wasney- 13 Years



Firefighter/EMR Kevin Machata- 10 Years

Firefighter/EMR Scott Dashkovitz- 8 Years

Firefighter/EMT Kevin Little Jr.- 6 Years

Part Time Firefighter Edgar Wolcott- 6 Years

Firefighter/EMT Chad Leach- 6 Years

Firefighter/EMR Benjamin Petit- 1 Year

EMT Kayla VanDerveen- 1 Year

Trial Firefighter/EMT-P Shana Glazier

Trial Firefighter/EMT Yolanda Newsom

Trial Firefighter Marcos Perez

Deceased Members

Edward H. Allington

Gene Carl Bauer Sr.

Al Behmlander

Warren Collisi

Corwin V. Cowles

Michael Davenport

Roy Heriter

Roy Hutter

Roy Zoellner

Department Operations

The members of the Kochville Township Fire Department are extremely dedicated to those that they serve. In 2018 our members dedicated approximately 3,637 hours of their time to respond to emergency calls, participate in trainings, participate in public education events, and departmental meeting. Each member averaged approximately 181.5 hours of their time this year for the fire department. This is time in addition to their normal work schedules and family obligations.

In 2018 we responded to 453 calls for service, provided patient care to 217 people, and saved \$802,275.00 in property and contents from fire. We received assistance from our mutual aid partners 27 times and provided mutual aid to those partners 28 times. During 2018, our department had 36 calls for service that occurred while we were on another emergency call. Our average response time from dispatch to arrival for 2018 was 8 minutes and 23 seconds.

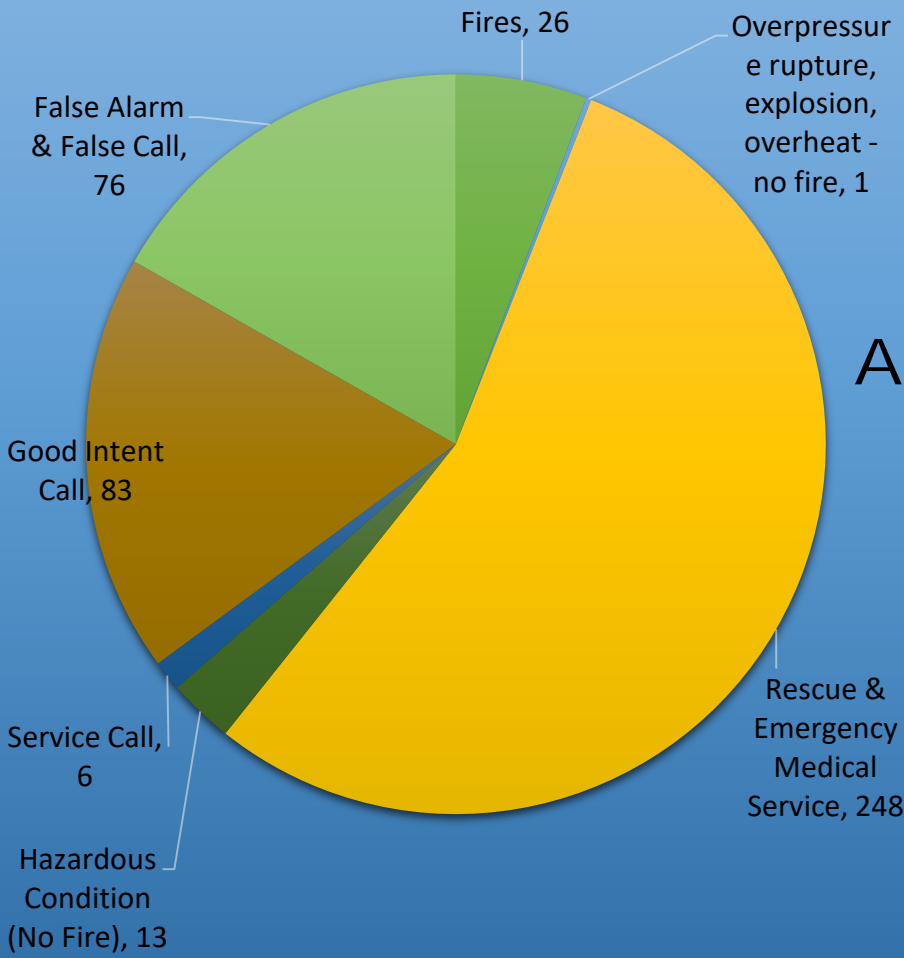


Mission Statement

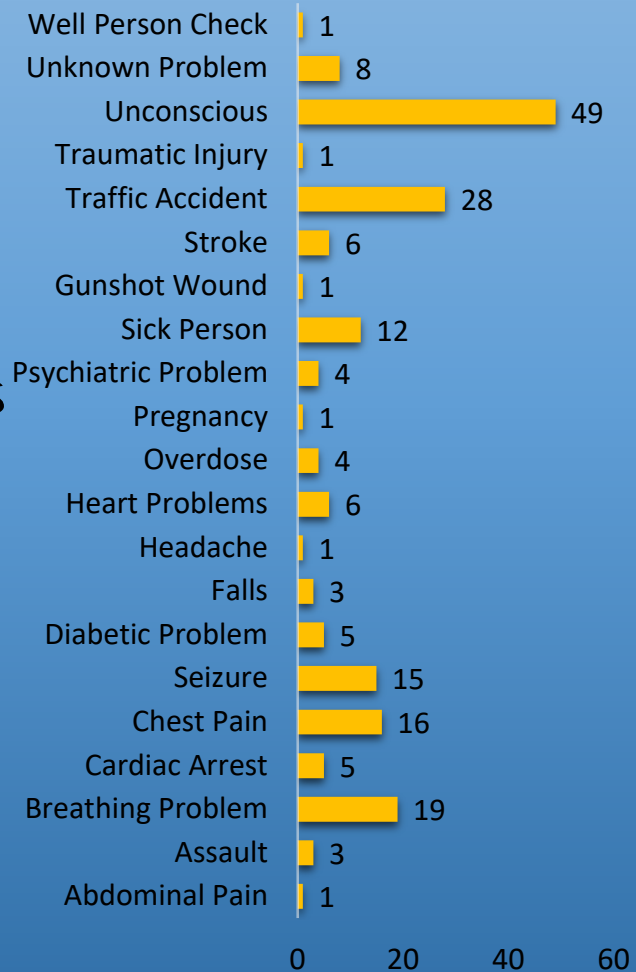
To enhance the quality of living in our community; by preventing or minimizing injury and loss of human life or property resulting from fire or other emergencies, (natural or man-made) that may occur within the jurisdictional boundaries of the township we serve and other communities through our mutual aid agreements.



2018 Statistics



459
Total
Activations



Community Risk Reduction



Accidental Fire

Besides responding to emergencies or participating in trainings; our department also spends a significant amount of time trying to reduce the risks to our residents, businesses, and victors. In 2018, our department participated in 19 public events, contributed over 267 man hours, and reached just over 1,900 people. Some of the events you can see us at annually are at the Kochville Township DDA Open House and Christmas in Kochville.

Reducing risks to our businesses is the primary responsibility of our fire inspector. Currently we have employed one full time Fire Inspector that performs a variety of tasks that include fire inspections, re-inspection, plan reviews, and is also responsible for permitting on all life safety systems. In 2018, our Fire Inspector performed 188 fire inspections, 291 re-inspections, and 73 plan reviews.



2018 Christmas in Kochville



Pulse 3 AED Donation on May 30, 2018



2018 Shop With A Hero at Wal-Mart



2018 Prom In the City
Special Needs Prom

2018 Awards



Firefighter of The Year
FF/EMR Scott Dashkovitz



Big Nozzle Award
Captain Mike Comstock



Big Nozzle Award
Lieutenant Matt Koczenasz

2018 Highlights



All members have been provided with Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for their personal vehicles



Purchased 4 bullet proof vests to respond to hostile situations



Firefighter Ed Wolcott was hired as our first part time firefighter



We received a donation from The Invisible Fence Company & The Tri Cities Dog Training Club for Per Resuscitation Equipment



We upgraded all of our Thermal Imaging Cameras and now each engine is provided with a Thermal Imaging Camera