



2018

ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT



# FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



## CITY OF ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mayor Larson and members of the Aberdeen City Council,

I respectfully submit the 2018 Annual Report for the Aberdeen Fire Department. This report provides an overview of our operations and delivery of fire prevention, suppression and emergency medical care.

The fire department provides fire protection and emergency medical care within the city servicing 16,780 residents over 10.5 square miles. In addition, we provide EMS transport service to Fire Districts 10 and 15, the City of Cosmopolis, Bigelow Drive, and Stafford Creek Correctional Center.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Aberdeen Fire Department for their professionalism and dedication to providing for the safety and welfare of the citizens we serve. Your value to the city does not go unnoticed.

A special thank you to Battalion Chief Dave Golding who took on the task of redesigning the format and content of our Annual Report to more accurately reflect department operations. BC Golding has included a section dedicated to the June 9, 2018 fire that destroyed the Aberdeen Museum to include event timeline and photographs. This section begins on page 13.

Finally, the Aberdeen Fire Department wishes to express our appreciation to Mayor Larson, the Aberdeen City Council, and the Public Safety Committee for the support they have given the department throughout 2018.

Tom Hubbard, EFO  
Fire Chief  
City of Aberdeen

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# DEPARTMENT VALUES



## ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To prevent harm to the public and to protect property and the environment through fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency medical services 24 hours a day

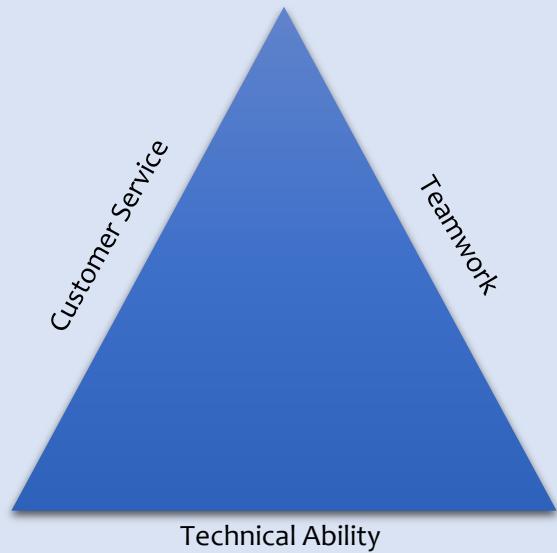
### Fire Chief's Performance Triangle

#### **Customer Service:** Serving our community is a privilege.

Whether it's a true emergency or a situation where a citizen has simply exhausted their personal resources, we will exceed the expectations of our community. We will treat our coworkers, members of the community, and members of other emergency response organizations with dignity and respect. When diverse opinions emerge, we are consensus builders who do what is best for our organization and the community we serve.

**Teamwork:** Recognizing that teamwork is critical to safe and efficient fire ground and emergency medical operations, we will constantly strive to improve our communication, coordination, and operational practices both internally and externally.

**Technical Ability:** Recognizing that the provision of emergency medical and fire prevention/suppression are highly technical disciplines, we will strive to maintain the highest degree of competence. Further, we will actively improve our delivery of service through training and investigation of new products and industry best practices.

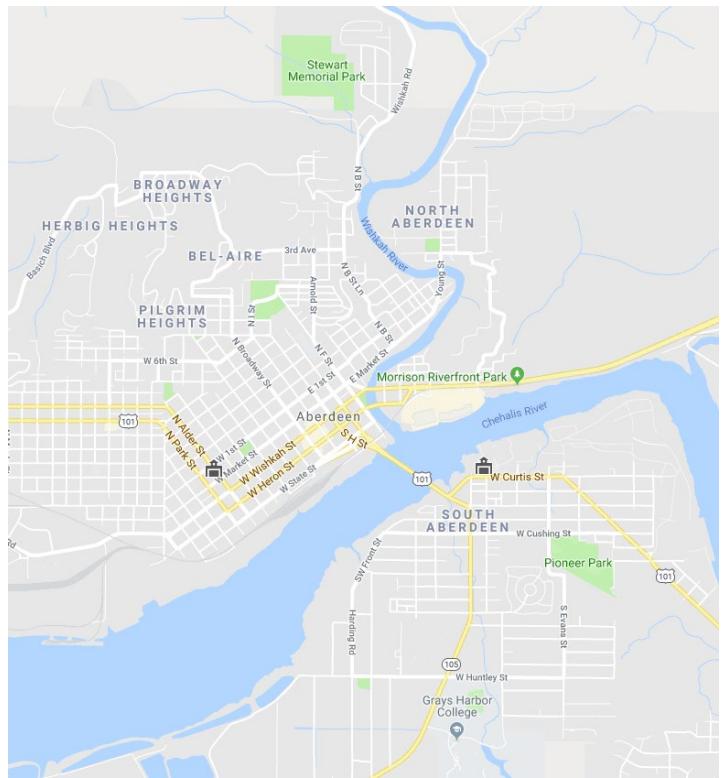


# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

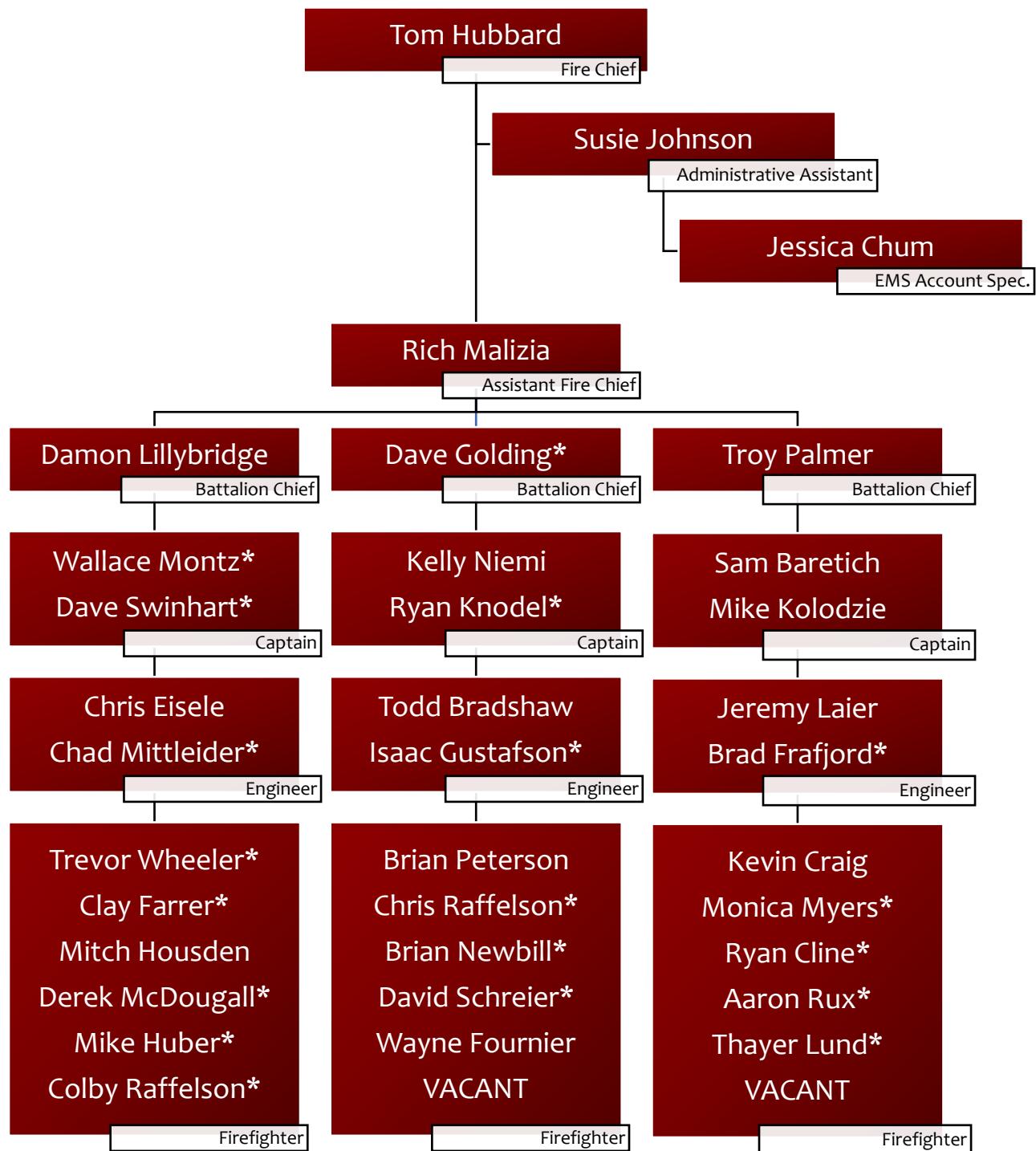
The Aberdeen Fire Department is a career response agency providing a full complement of fire suppression, emergency medical services and fire and life safety education. Comprised of 35 uniformed men and women and 2 full-time civilians, the Aberdeen Fire Department is the largest fire department in Grays Harbor County. The department operates out of 2 strategically located fire stations to meet the emergency service needs of the residents, businesses, and visitors to Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen Fire Department works collaboratively with an array of other agencies to provide services to our customers. Some of these agencies being...

- Grays Harbor Emergency Medical Services
- Grays Harbor Community Hospital
- Aberdeen Professional Firefighters (IAFF, Local 2639)
- Hoquiam Fire Department
- Cosmopolis Fire Department
- Grays Harbor Fire District 2
- Grays Harbor Fire District 10
- Grays Harbor Fire District 15
- Aberdeen Police Department
- Hoquiam Police Department
- Grays Harbor County Sheriff
- Grays Harbor Emergency Management
- Grays Harbor County Health Department
- Washington State Emergency Management
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 10



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



\*Denotes Paramedic

Department Fire Marshal: Assistant Chief Rich Malizia

Department Safety Officer: Battalion Chief Damon Lillybridge

Department Training Officer: Battalion Chief Dave Golding

Department Emergency Medical Coordinator: Captain Ryan Knodel

## Personnel Changes

### RETIREMENTS

#### Engineer Steve Pratt

June 30, 2018: Hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic on September 22, 1989, retired after 28 years of service.

### RESIGNATIONS

#### Firefighter Adam Catterlin

December 31, 2018: Resigned to accept a position as a Firefighter/Paramedic with West Pierce Fire & Rescue.

#### Firefighter Scott Cihak

December 31, 2018: Resigned to accept a position as a Firefighter/Paramedic with West Pierce Fire & Rescue.

### PROMOTIONS

#### Engineer Brad Frafjord

July 1, 2018: Promoted from Firefighter/Paramedic to the position of Engineer as a result of the retirement of Steve Pratt.

### NEW HIRES

#### Firefighter Thayer Lund

July 9, 2018: Hired as a result of the retirement of Steve Pratt.

#### Jessica Chum

November 1, 2018: Hired as EMS Accounts Specialist due to the pending retirement of Bonita Greninger in early 2019.

### Team/Committee List

#### Safety Committee - Department

Battalion Chief Damon Lillybridge (Department Safety Officer), Assistant Fire Chief Rich Malizia, Firefighter Trevor Wheeler, Firefighter Brian Newbill

#### City Safety Committee Representatives

Engineer Jeremy Laier, Firefighter Brian Newbill, Firefighter Mitch Housden

#### City Wellness Committee Representatives

Firefighter Monica Myers, Firefighter Derek McDougall

#### Training

Battalion Chief Dave Golding (Department Training Officer), Captain Kelly Niemi, Captain Dave Swinhart

#### Public Education

Captain Kelly Niemi

#### Apparatus

Fire: Captain Sam Baretich

EMS: Captain Mike Kolodzie

Inventories: Firefighter Brian Peterson

#### Personnel Protective Equipment

Firefighter Brian Newbill

#### EMS Quality Assurance

Engineer Isaac Gustafson, Firefighter Ryan Cline

#### Radios

Firefighter Mike Huber

#### Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Captain Kelly Niemi, Engineer Chad Mittleider (Air System), Firefighter Clay Farrer

#### Ladders

Engineer Todd Bradshaw

#### Water Supply – Hose/Nozzles

Engineer Chris Eisele, Engineer Chad Mittleider, Engineer Jeremy Laier

# FACILITIES & APPARATUS

**Headquarters Fire Station & Administrative Annex – 700 W. Curtis Street – Constructed 1966**



## HEADQUARTERS APPARATUS



**Aberdeen Chief 101**

Fire Chief – Staff Vehicle  
2018 Ford Explorer



**Aberdeen Chief 102**

Asst. Fire Chief – Staff Vehicle  
2007 Ford F-150 (93)



**Battalion Chief 10**

Command Vehicle  
2013 Dodge 4x4 (162)



**Engine 10**

50 Foot Telesquirt - 1,500 GPM Pump  
1994 Pierce Dash (7205)



**Engine 14**

1,500 GPM Pump  
1994 Peirce Dash (7204)



**Ladder 10**

100 Foot Aerial - 1,500 GPM Pump  
2001 Pierce Dash (7221)



**Medic 10**

2013 Dodge 4x4 (162)



**Medic 14**

2009 Ford/Horton (151)



**Medic 16**

2011 Ford/Horton/Braun Remount (152)



**Support 10**

2007 Ford Horton (142)  
Reserve Unit

## Fire Station 2 – 700 W. Curtis Street – Constructed 1966



### STATION 2 APPARATUS

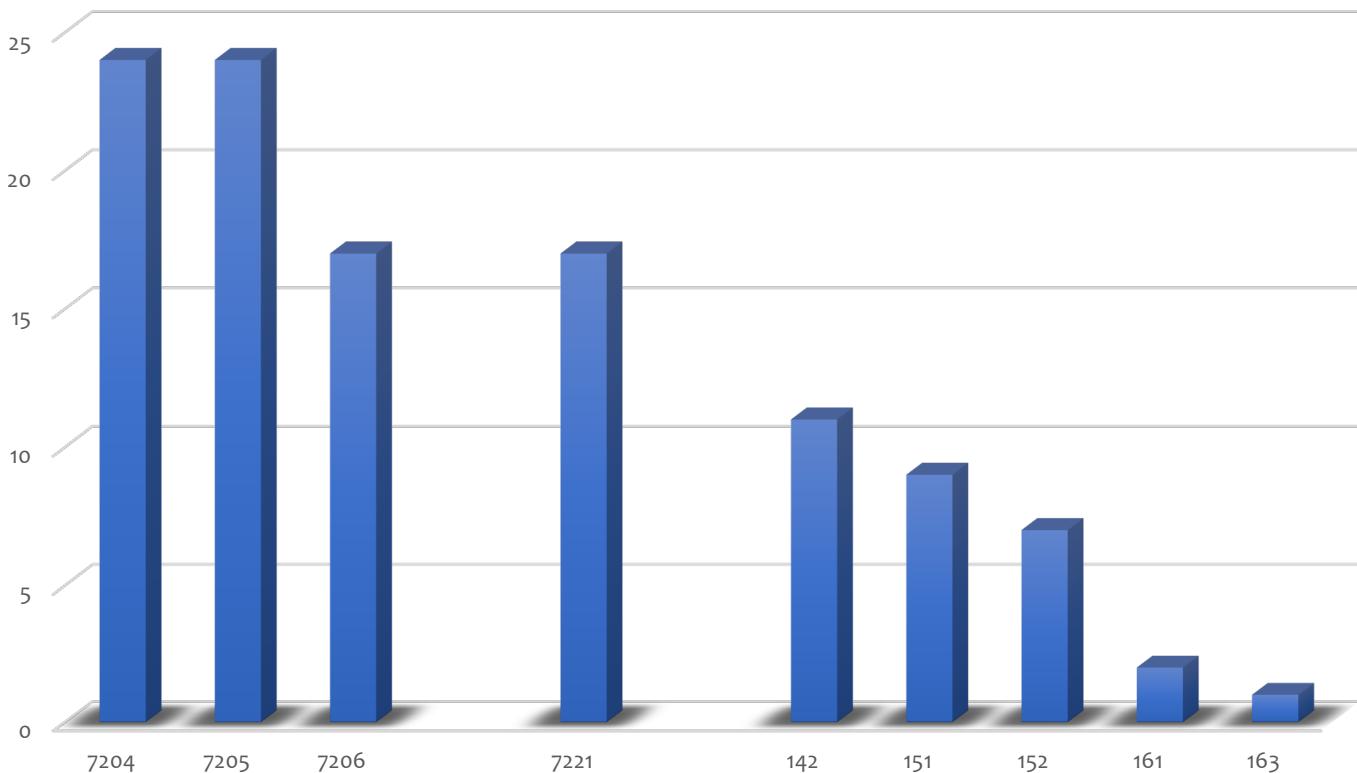


**Engine 12**  
1,500 GPM CAFS Pumper  
2001 Peirce Dash (7206)

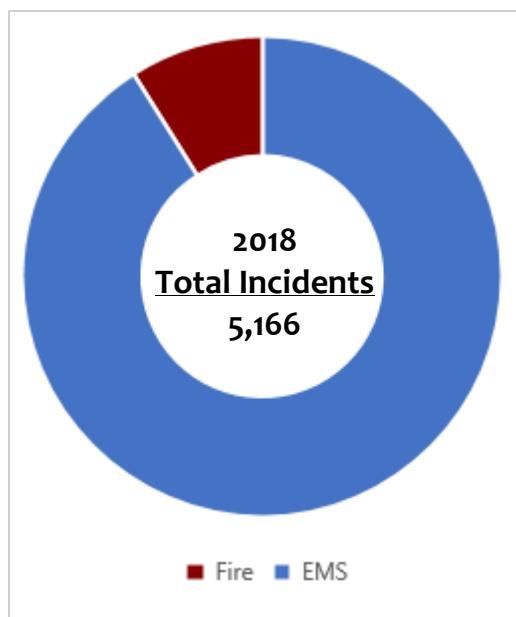


**Medic 12**  
2017 Dodge/Braun (163)

### APPARATUS AGE

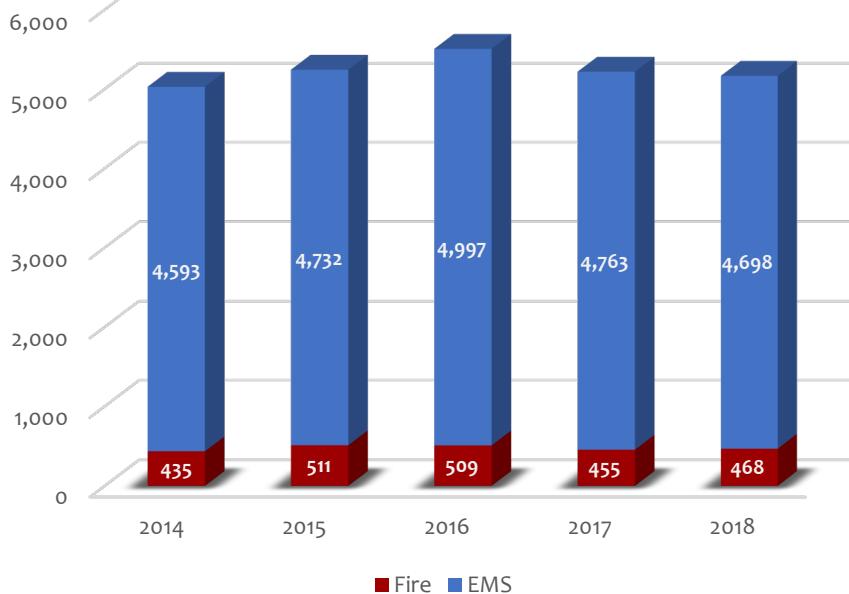


# DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS



**5,166 incidents resulting in 6,987 unit responses**

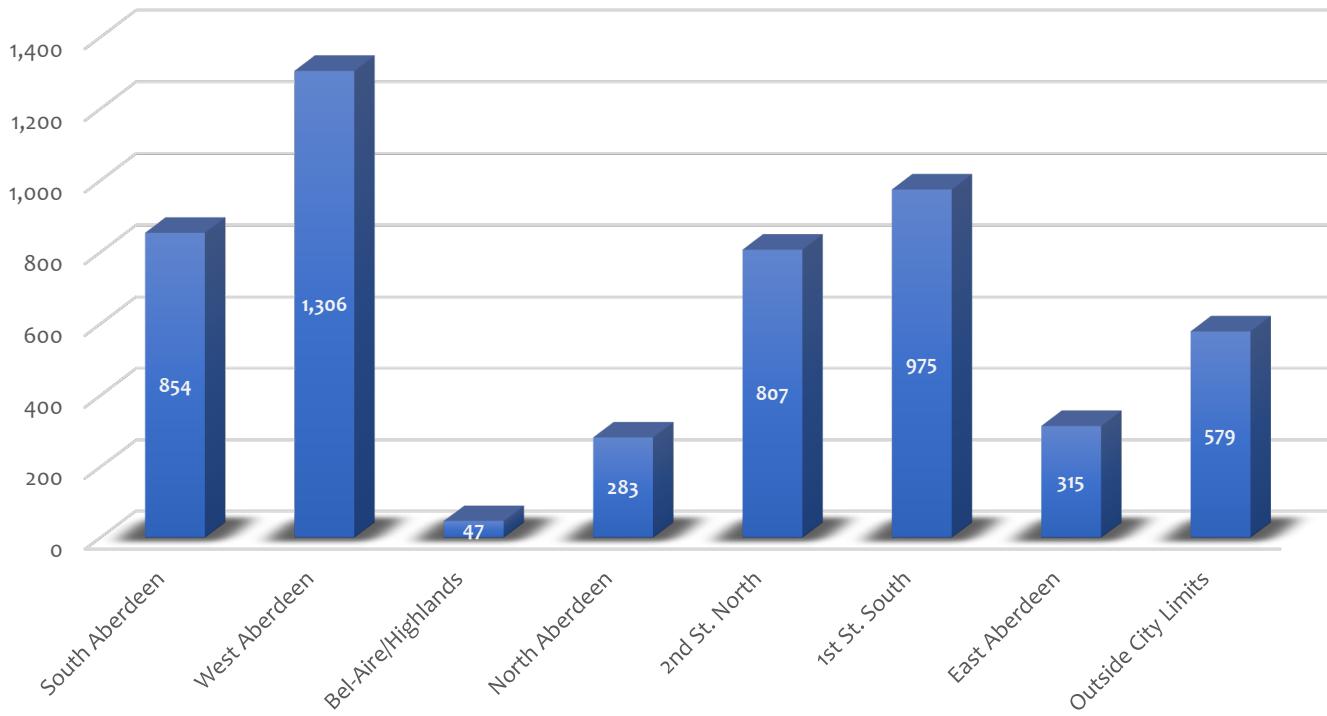
## TOTAL INCIDENTS: 2014-2018



**Average Dispatches per day: 14**

**Average Unit Responses per day: 19**

## TOTAL INCIDENTS BY ZONE: 2018

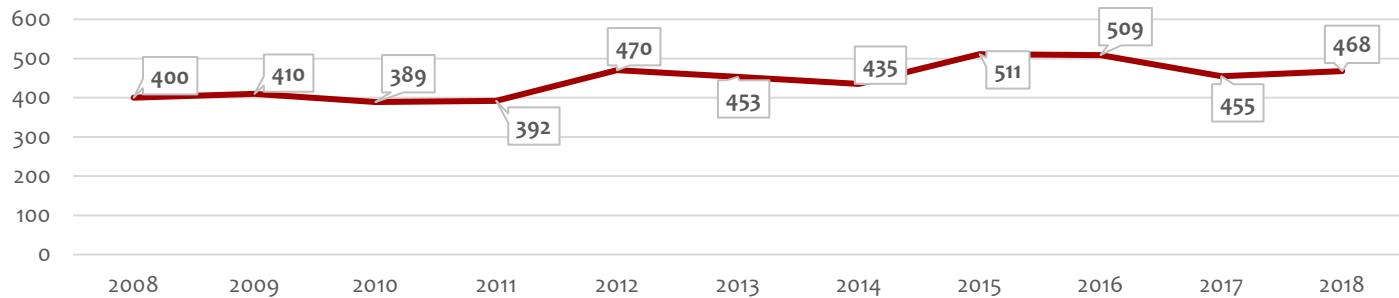


# FIRE OPERATIONS



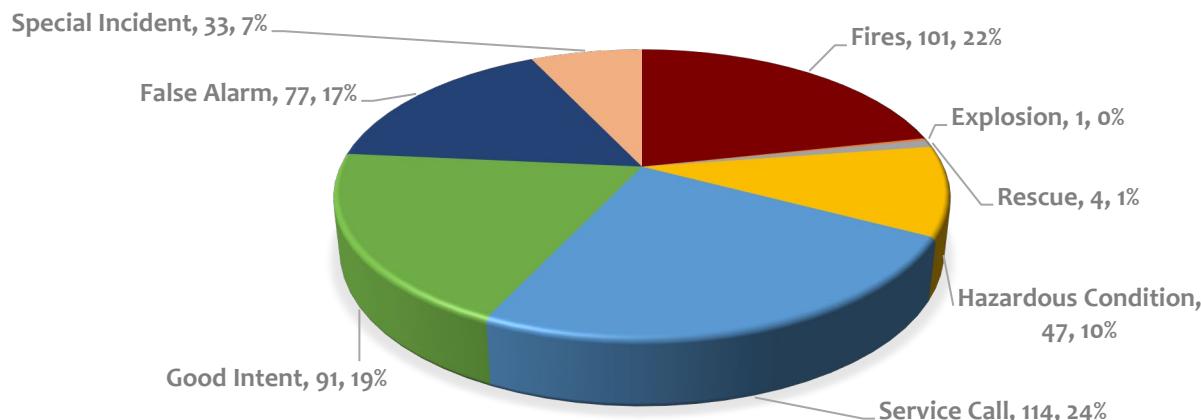
The Aberdeen Fire Department is responsible for providing fire suppression services to the citizens of the City of Aberdeen. We also provide these services to contracted areas of Grays Harbor Fire District 10, Stafford Creek Corrections Center and the Bigelow Drive area. The Department also provides Automatic response for structure fires with the Hoquiam Fire Department as well as responses for requests for mutual aid. In 2018, the Aberdeen Fire Department responded to 468 calls for service related to fire suppression. The graph below illustrates the fire response call volume over the past ten years.

**FIRE CALL VOLUME: 2008-2018**

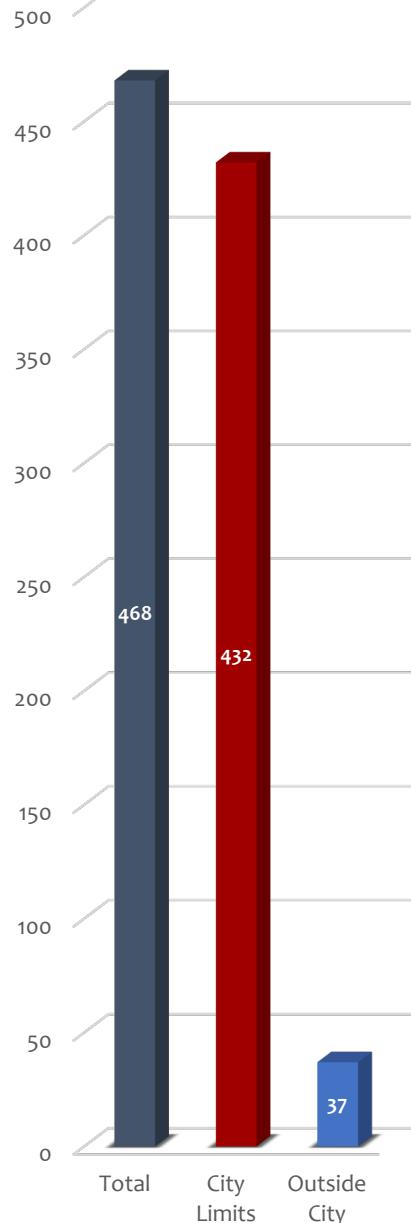


The overall EMS call volume has increased 17% over the past 10 years. There was an increase in the fire call volume from 2017 by 13 incidents. This results in an increase of 2.9% over last year.

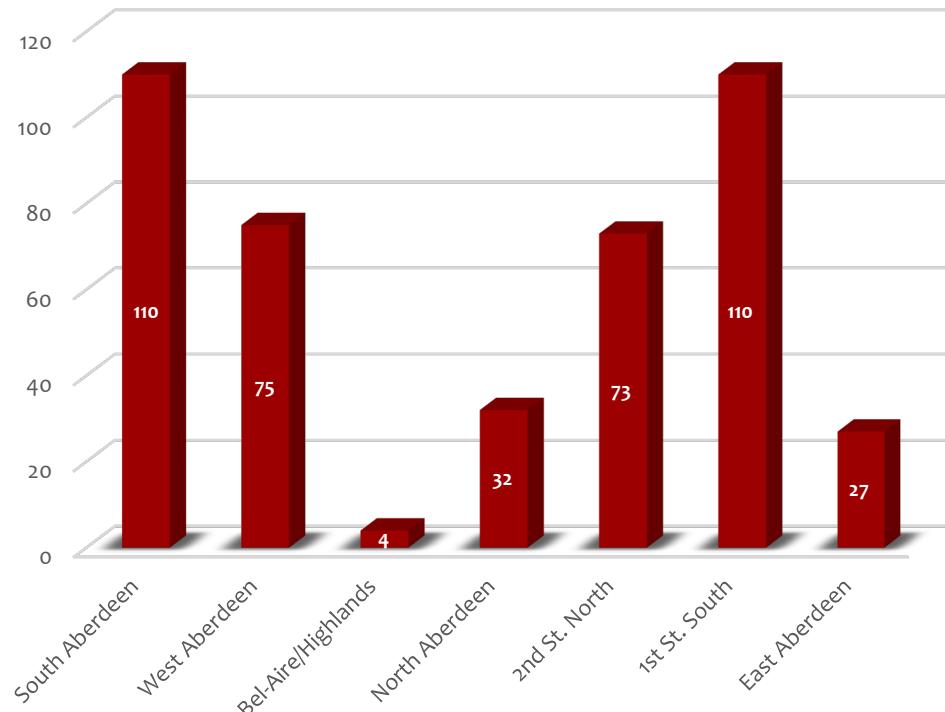
**FIRE RESPONSE BY TYPE: 2018**



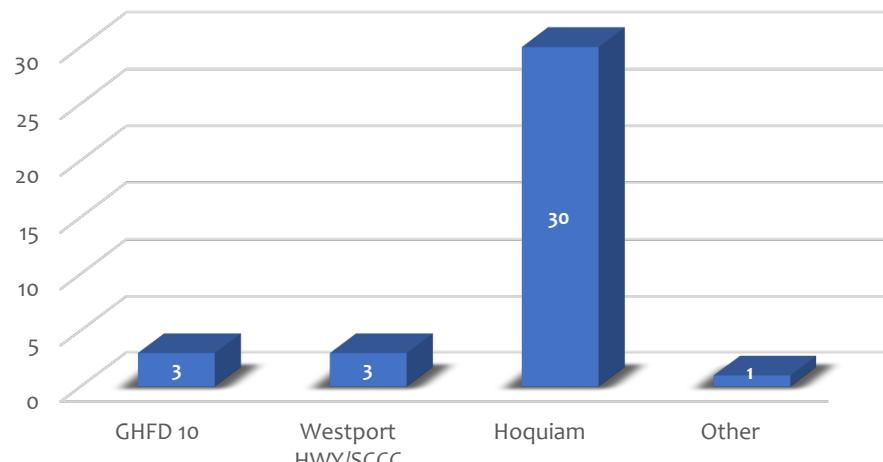
## 2018 FIRE RESPONSES



## FIRE RESPONSE BY ZONE - CITY LIMITS



## FIRE RESPONSE BY ZONE - OUTSIDE CITY



## AUTOMATIC & MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSES - 2018

**30**  
Automatic Fire Responses to Hoquiam

**36**  
Automatic Fire Responses from Hoquiam

**1**  
Mutual Aid Fire Responses Given

**12**  
Mutual Aid Fire Responses Received

# FIRE RESPONSE BREAKDOWN

## FIRES, 101

Chimney, 4



Cooking, 9



Vehicle, 9



Other, 14



Outside, 15

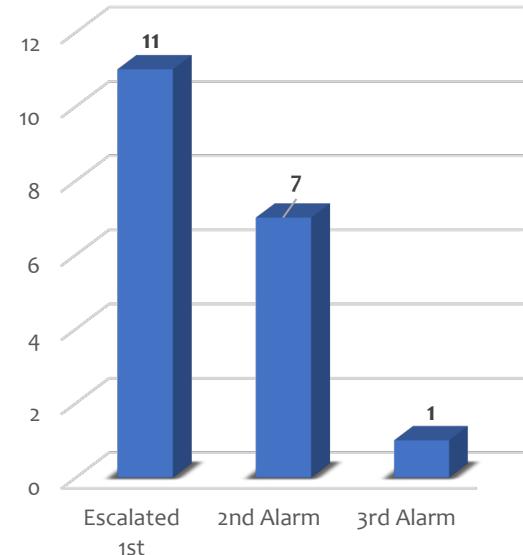


Rubbish,  
23



Building,  
27

## ESCALATED ALARMS



## FIRE RELATED INJURIES

4

Firefighter Injuries

0

Firefighter Fatalities

1

Civilian injury

2

Civilian Fatalities

# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS



April 2, 2018

## Structure Fire, 304 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

A second alarm structure fire with an automatic response from the Hoquiam Fire Department, with the addition of mutual aid from Grays Harbor Fire District 2 and the Cosmopolis Fire Department resulting in \$250,000.00 in losses to the structure and its contents.

May 16, 2018

## Pedestrian verses Train Accident, 400 S. Michigan St.

A patient was struck by a moving train while attempting to cross the tracks resulting in a double amputation of both legs. Quick action by officers of the Aberdeen Police Department helped to control bleeding prior to fire department arrival. The patient was transported to Grays Harbor Community Hospital and then flown to Harborview for advanced trauma care



June 9, 2018

## Commercial Structure Fire, 117 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

A multi-agency response for a commercial structure fire at the Aberdeen Museum of History. The building was a total loss, although many of the artifacts have been able to be restored.

July 6, 2018

## Fatality Structure Fire, 410 N. Alder St.

A second alarm fire with an automatic response from Hoquiam Fire Department as well as mutual aid from Grays Harbor Fire District 2. Upon arrival of initial units, the structure was fully engulfed. The occupant of this structure was found to be deceased inside.



August 20, 2018

## Commercial Structure Fire, 3012 Simpson Ave., Hoquiam

Automatic aid with the Hoquiam Fire Department to Harbor Saw and Supply. The Aberdeen Fire Department provided apparatus and manpower to this escalated alarm commercial structure fire.

October 18, 2018

## Fatality Structure Fire, 617 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

A second alarm fire with an automatic response provided by the Hoquiam Fire Department. During suppression efforts crews located an occupant who was unable to escape and who died in this fire.



# ABERDEEN MUSEUM OF HISTORY FIRE



## Assisting Agencies

### Automatic & Mutual Aid

- Hoquiam Fire
- Grays Harbor Fire District 2
- Cosmopolis Fire
- Montesano Fire
- South Beach Regional Fire Authority

### Special Requests

- Olympia Fire
- Thurston County Fire District 3
- Thurston County Fire District 9

### Supporting Agencies/Businesses

- Grays Harbor Communications
- Aberdeen Police Department
- City of Aberdeen Public Works
- Hoquiam Police Department
- Grays Harbor Fire District 10
- Grays Harbor PUD
- Cascade Natural Gas
- Masco Petroleum
- Safeway

On the morning of Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 9:28 AM the Aberdeen Fire Department was dispatched to a commercial fire alarm at the Aberdeen Museum of History located at 117 East Third Street. While responding, the on-duty Battalion Chief noted a large column of smoke and called for a second alarm. Upon arrival on-scene the alarm was quickly escalated to a third alarm with the addition of requests for aerials from neighboring fire agencies.

Crews initially gained entry into the structure and attempted an offensive fire attack. Due to the amount of fire, this attempt was not sustainable and crews were forced to withdraw from the building. The incident was managed from a defensive operational mode. It took crews approximately 6 hours to bring the fire under control.

The building, which was constructed in 1922 as an Armory, housed the Aberdeen Museum of History, Coastal Community Action Program and the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society was a total loss. Although, many of the artifacts that were located in the lower level of the building have been able to be preserved.

## RESOURCES ON-SCENE

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Fire Agencies

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Fire Apparatus

66

Firefighters

## Incident Timeline

- 09:26: Alarm Company Notification to GHCC 911
- 09:27: AFD Dispatched
- 09:32: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm requested
- 09:33: BC-10 On-Scene, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Command Established
- 09:35: 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm requested
- 09:38: Operational Mode – Preparing for Offensive from Side Alpha
- 09:41: Mutual Aid Request: Ladders from Hoquiam, Montesano, South Beach
- 09:41: Operational Mode: E-12 Offensive side Alpha – Standby in place
- 09:46: Safety Officer Established
- 09:53: PUD requested
- 10:00: Cascade Natural Gas Requested
- 10:03: Division Charlie/Delta Established (AFC-105)
- 10:03: Staging Established – Broadway and 2<sup>nd</sup> St
- 10:04: Operational Mode: Defensive
- 10:05: AFC-101 Assuming Command, OPERATIONS Established
- 10:30: REHAB Established
- 10:32: Command to Ops 3, Tactical Fire 5, Fire 4 Tactical, Fire 3 Staging
- 11:03: PIO Established (AFC-104)
- 14:42: Staging and Rehab Terminated
- 15:55: All communication returning to Fire 5
- 17:45: Command Terminated



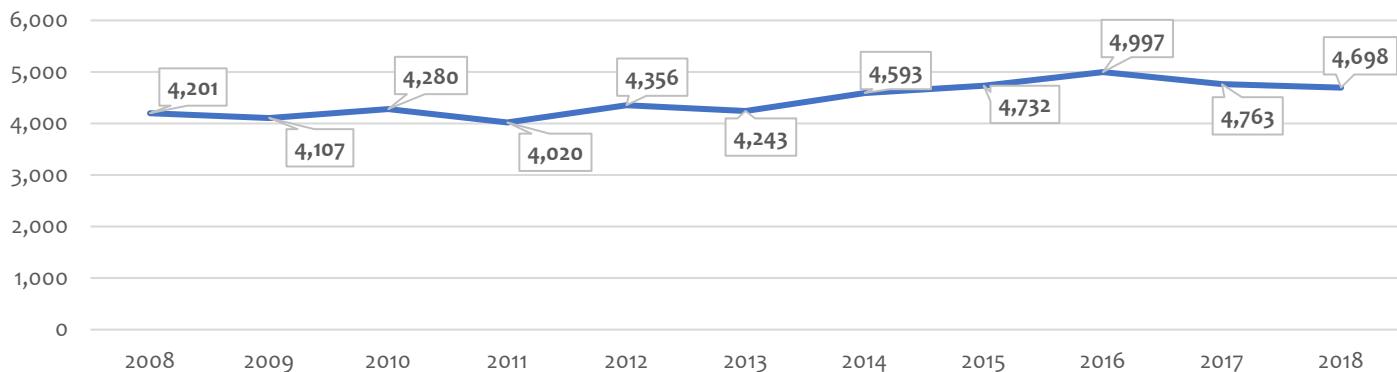
# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Captain Ryan Knodel, Emergency Medical Coordinator



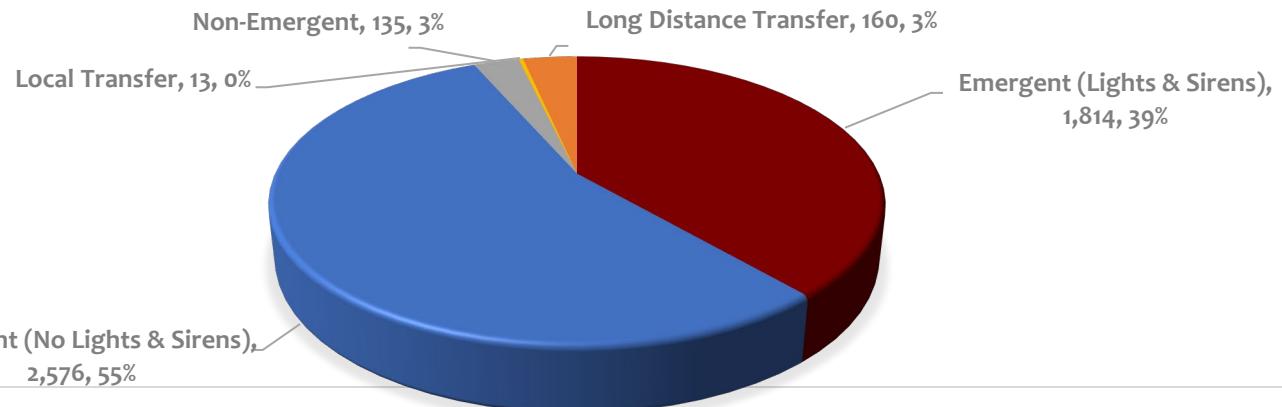
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EMS CALL VOLUME: 2008-2018

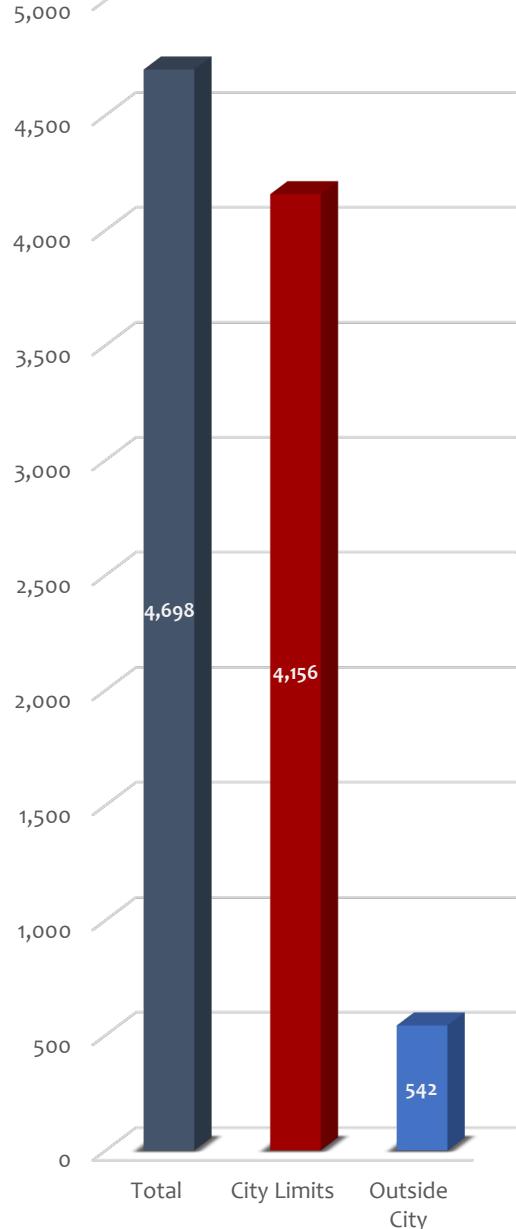


The overall EMS call volume has increased 11.8% over the past 10 years. There was a decrease in the EMS call volume from 2017 by 80 incidents. This results in a decrease of 1.7% from last year.

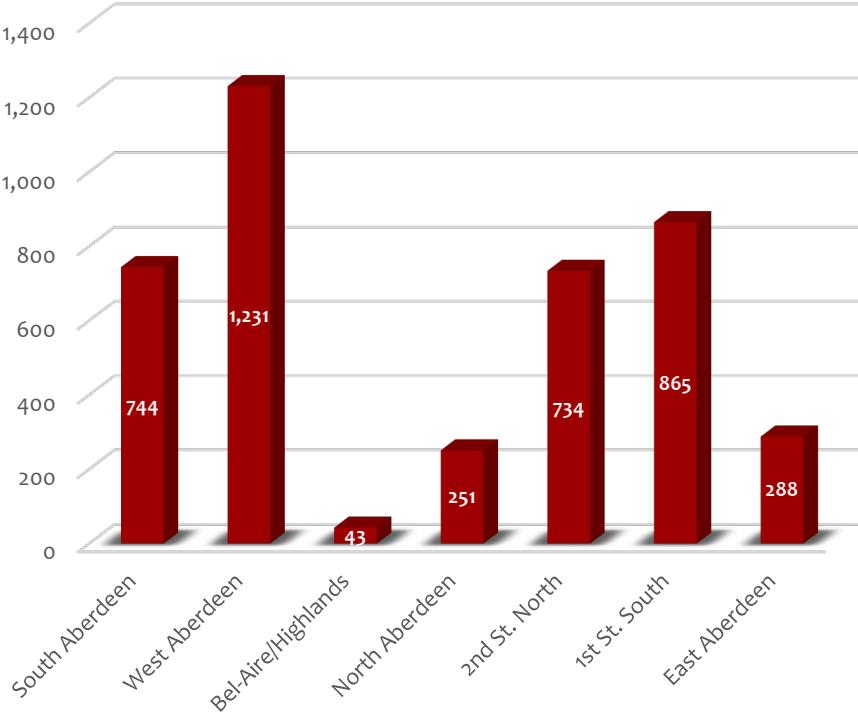
EMS RESPONSE BY TYPE: 2018



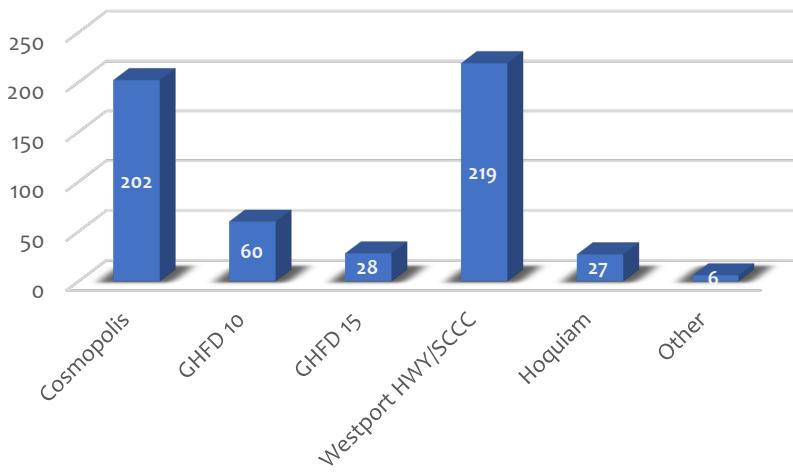
## 2018 EMS RESPONSES



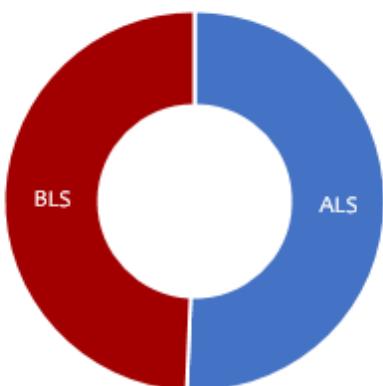
## EMS RESPONSE BY ZONE - CITY LIMITS



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## EMS LEVEL OF CARE



## LEVEL OF CARE EXAMPLES

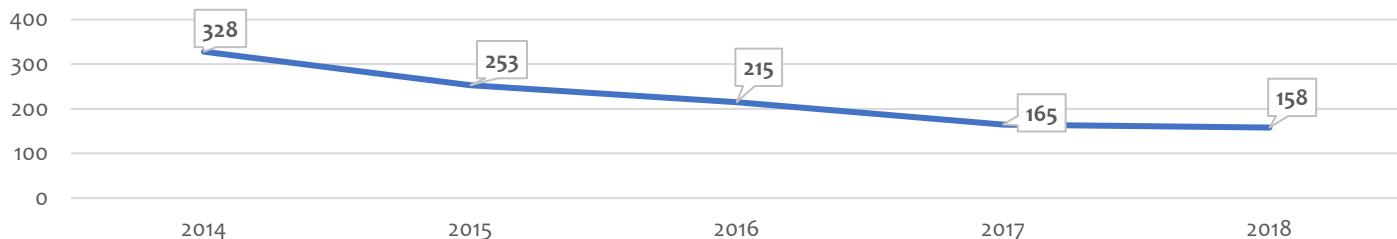
ALS: Chest Pain, Shortness of Breath, Cardiac Arrest, Unconsciousness, Blood Sugar Conditions, and severe trauma calls.

BLS: Falls, Cuts, Stomach Pain, Fever, Fainting, Swelling, and Bone Fractures.

## INTERFACILITY TRANSPORTS

The Aberdeen Fire Department will transport patients from local hospitals to other facilities out of the area for advanced care not available locally. In 2018 the Department received 554 requests for interfacility transports. The Department was able to accommodate 158 of these requests.

### INTERFACILITY TRANSPORTS: 2014-2018

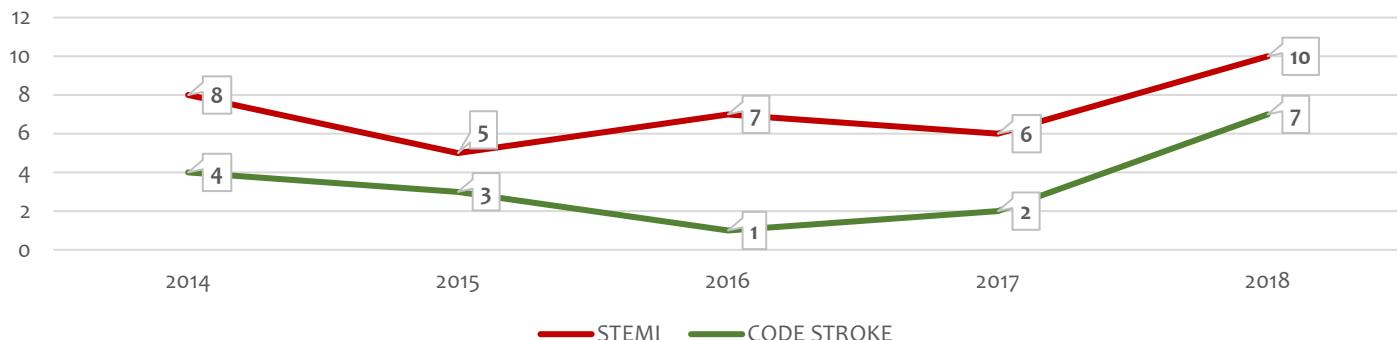


## STEMI/CODE STROKE TRANSPORTS

The Emergency Cardiac and Stroke (ECS) System was created in 2010 by the State of Washington. This system is intended to save lives and reduce disability for heart attack (STEMI), cardiac arrest and stroke patients. The Aberdeen Fire Department participates in this system by transporting patients who are in need of emergent cardiac catheterization and stroke care to out of town hospitals who specialize in these treatments.

The department utilizes on-duty staff to facilitate these transports and back-fill their positions with mandatory recall off-duty personnel. This system provides these patients with the immediate advanced medical care they need which greatly improves their chance of survival.

### STEMI/CODE STROKE Transports: 2014-2015



## MEDICAL SAVES

During the past year the Aberdeen Fire Department documented 44 medical saves. We qualify a patient as a medical save if the patient arrives alive at Grays Harbor Community Hospital and the patient's condition most likely would have resulted in their death in the field had our crews not intervened. 2018 numbers are lower due to a change in reporting software mid-year impacting data collection. This gap has been remedied for 2019.

### MEDICAL SAVES: 2014-2018



# FIRE PREVENTION

Assistant Chief Rich Malizia, Fire Marshal



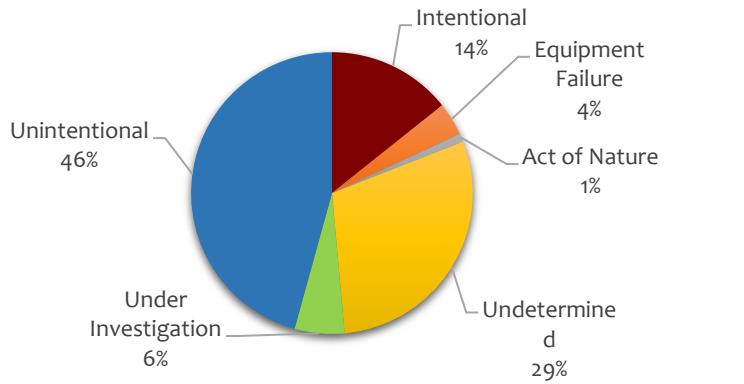
## FIRE LOSS

2018 was a year with an undetermined fire loss. The complete and total loss to the Armory Building which held the offices for Coastal Community Action Program, the Senior Center and the Aberdeen Museum of History is yet to be determined. The estimated dollar loss is several million for the structure and contents.

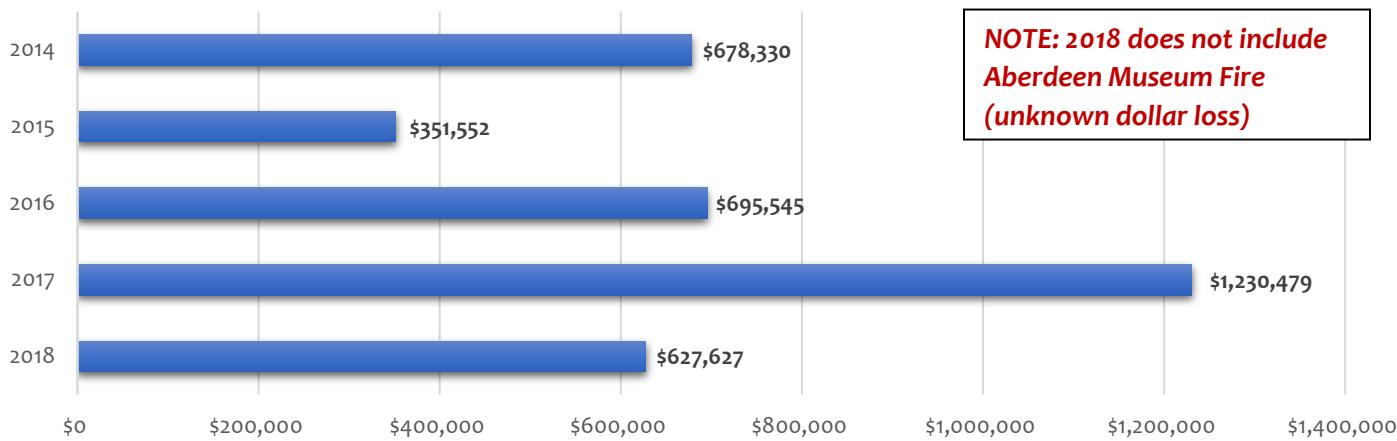
Fire Loss without the Armory Building is represented as \$627,627. This represents a decrease when compared to \$1,230,479 in 2017. The value of property saved in these events represents \$1,980,769. This fire loss represents 101 fires with significant damage to residential/ commercial property, motor vehicles, recreation vehicles, dumpsters or uncontrolled outdoor burning.

All fires in our community are investigated by the fire department. Many causes of fires are determined by a simple interview or an obvious situation caused the fire. Formal investigations are implemented when the cause or origin is not readily apparent. Last year we documented 105 investigations for cause and origin of the fires.

## FIRE CAUSE OF IGNITION: 2018

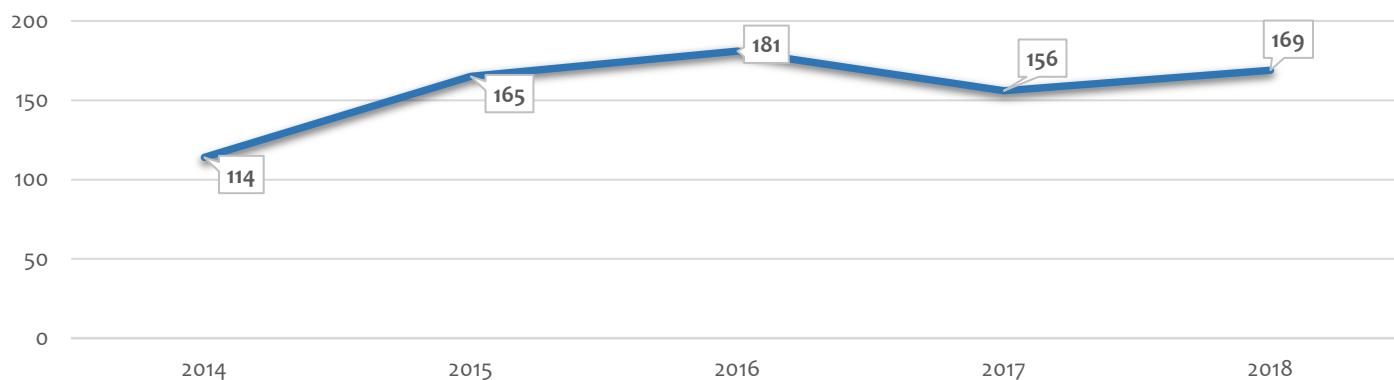


## FIRE LOSS (In Dollars): 2014-2018



Commercial business inspections are done throughout the community in compliance with the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau and requirements of the International Fire Code. Each shift at the Fire Department is assigned approximately 60 business inspections to complete during the year. Approximately 166 inspections were completed in 2018.

### BUSINESS INSPECTIONS: 2014-2018



#### PLAN REVIEW

The Fire Marshal works with the Planning and Building Departments of the City of Aberdeen. Plan Review comments on new developments and submitted building permits. Requirements for compliance with the International Fire Code are identified in this process. Plan review is followed with final inspections, which is done during and near completion of a project. The final inspections confirm that public safety components are installed and working as the plans intended.

A Certificate of Occupancy may be issued after the permit process is completed and the permits are signed, meeting the compliance of the International Fire Code, NFPA and other building code requirements.

#### SMARTGOV

The SmartGov portal opened to the public in 2018. It is an online permit program and also can be used to report a concern to departments within the City. It may be accessed from the City of Aberdeen Website: [www.aberdeenwa.gov](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov).



# TRAINING

Battalion Chief Dave Golding, Training Officer



## TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

### WAC 305-296

- Ongoing Officer Development
- Quarterly Safety Training
- Quarterly Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Training
- Hazardous Materials Operations and Decontamination
- Fire Apparatus/Driver Training
- Live Fire Evolutions
- Training to avoid skills degradation
- Technical Rescue
- Overhaul Operations

### WRSB

- Firefighter Training
- Driver Training
- Officer Training
- Recruit Training
- Multi-Company Drills
- Night Drills
- Automatic Aid Training (HFD)
- Hazardous Materials

### Department of Health

- Ongoing Basic & Advanced Life Support Medical Training.

The Aberdeen Fire Department training program is designed to meet the mandated training requirements set forth by the State of Washington Administrative Code (WSRB), Washington State Insurance Rating Bureau, and Washington State Department of Health.

Department training is classified into several different categories:

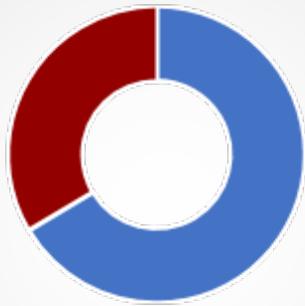
1. Administrative – This training focuses on department organization, policies, procedures, and executive management.
2. Apparatus – Training specific to operating firefighting vehicles.
3. Driver – Training related to driving emergency response vehicles.
4. EMS – Training related to Emergency Medical Services.
5. Fire – Training focused on fire ground operations.
6. Haz-Mat – Training that covers responding to incidents that involve Hazardous Materials.
7. Leadership – Training focused on leadership development.
8. PPE – This includes training related to firefighter Personal Protective Equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
9. Rescue – Topics related to rescue situations, such as auto extrication, elevator rescue, water rescue.
10. Safety – General safety related training.

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**2018**  
**Training at**  
**a Glance**

**2,834**

Training Hours



**1,882**

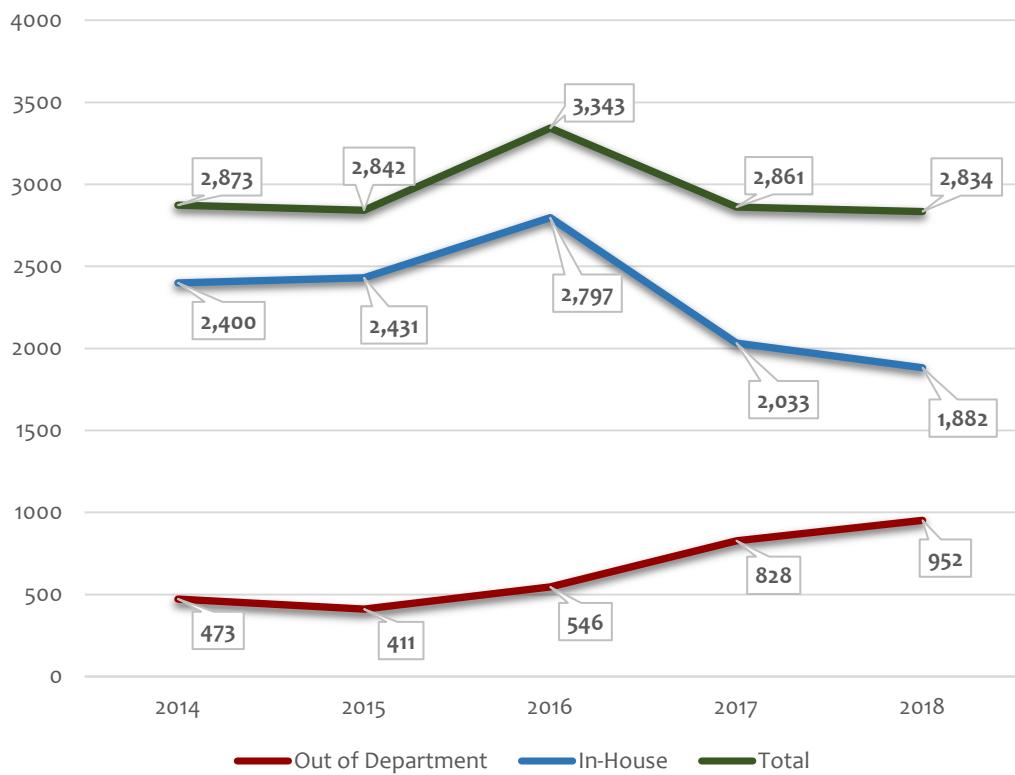
In-House  
Training Hours

**952**

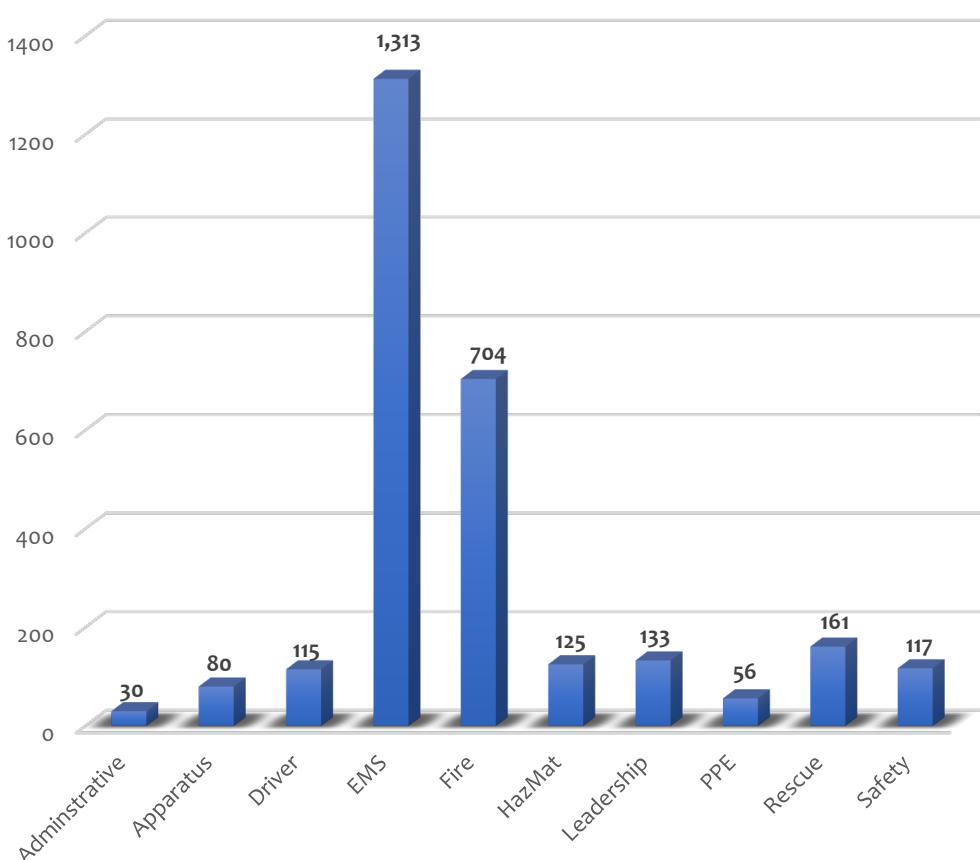
Out of Department  
Training Hours



**TRAINING HOURS: 2014-2018**



**TRAINING HOURS BY CATEGORY: 2018**



# SAFETY & HEALTH PROGRAM

Battalion Chief Damon Lillybridge, Safety Officer

The Aberdeen Fire Department Safety Committee uses continuous improvement processes to work towards eliminating the number and severity of injuries and illnesses to fire personnel during routine operations, training and emergency response. The Safety Committee utilizes safety and situational awareness, training, standard operating procedures, and implementing procedures and lessons learned through accident investigation.

Members of the Safety Committee include Battalion Chief Damon Lillybridge (Department Health and Safety Officer), Firefighter Trevor Wheeler, Firefighter Brian Newbill and Assistant Fire Chief Rich Malizia.

In 2018, the Department Safety Officer processed 14 injury reports involving department personnel. Both the injuries and exposures resulted in 2 shifts of missed work. Examples of injuries include back sprain/strain from lifting and moving patients, ankle injuries during fire overhaul, knee injuries during fire scene operations, and bloodborne exposures on EMS scenes.

Firefighters respond to incidents in all types of environmental conditions at any time of the day or night. Personal protective clothing and continuous training minimizes the risks of a firefighter being injured on the job; however, firefighting and EMS duties are often high hazard tasks with the potential for injury or exposure.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all personnel for their efforts and participation in helping to maintain an effective and progressive safety program throughout 2018. It goes without saying that training and safety are considered two of the most important aspects of our profession. It takes the cooperation and participation of all individuals involved to make the goals and objectives, established through training and safety, relevant to our Department needs, as well as the needs of our community.

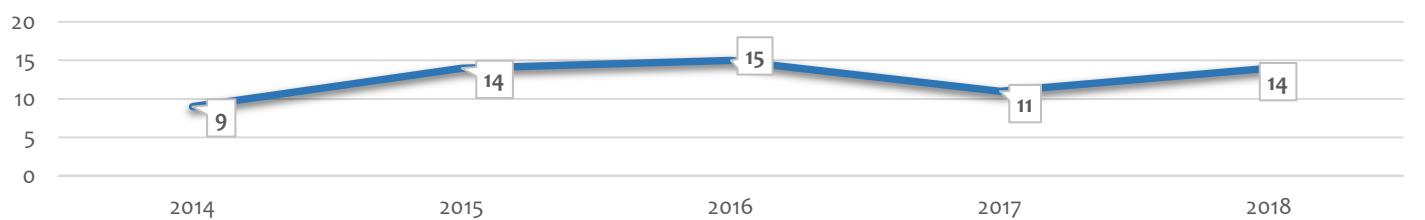
## Safety Program Involvement

- Continued review, updating, and modification of the department's existing safety forms
- Continued NIOSH case study reviews
- Annual Hearing Tests for all personnel
- Placement of Eyewash Stations at both Headquarters and Southside Stations.
- Continued efforts to review and update department operations to comply with newly implemented L&I 305 Standards

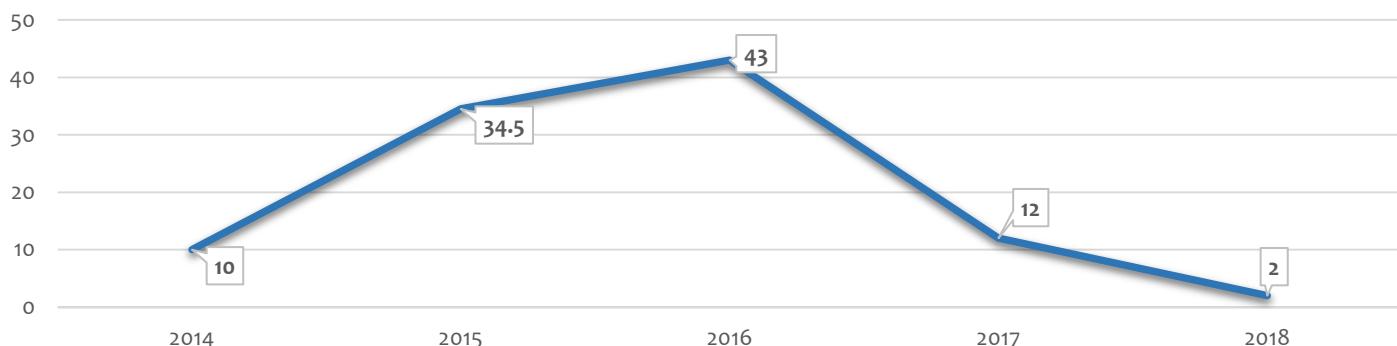
## Safety Program Goals

- Consider alternative options for hose testing and drying to eliminate the use of the existing hose tower at the headquarters Station.
- Continued Safety Training.
- Building repair and modification to promote healthy work environment.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT INJURIES: 2014-2018



## WORK SHIFTS MISSED: 2014-2018



In conclusion, the goal of the Aberdeen Fire Department Safety Program is to provide a safe and healthy workplace environment by meeting, and, in many cases, exceeding the recognized standards set forth by various government and private organizations to include OSHA, Labor & Industries, and the National Fire Protection Agency. To accomplish this goal, the Aberdeen Fire Department recognizes the need to utilize and apply risk analysis to day-to-day activities and emergency incident operations. Training also plays a vital role in an individual's ability to understand and perform his/her duties with safety as a priority. Effective management and consistency contribute to the continued development of individual safety awareness. The success of a Safety and Health Program can be measured through the attitudes and actions portrayed at both an individual level and a department as a whole. The Aberdeen Fire Department takes safety and health very seriously. We are committed to providing all individuals the mental and physical tools necessary to safely and effectively perform their duties and still walk away after each shift to enjoy the benefits of a normal and healthy quality of life.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

Captain Kelly Niemi, Public Education Coordinator

### Public Education Programs

- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Pre-School visits
- Smoke Detector Installations
- Bicycle Helmet Fitting
- Aberdeen School District Career Days
- Station Tours
- Blood Pressure checks
- Safety Fairs
- Public Presentations

In 2018 the City of Aberdeen Fire Department Public Education Division continued to provide fire and injury prevention programs for our residents and those who attend both public and private schools in Aberdeen. The education of the citizens of Aberdeen about potential fire and life safety hazards and how to take action to avoid such hazards is extremely important. Our education efforts are intended to target all ages from early childhood to adults.

During National Fire Prevention Week firefighters visit all of the grade schools in Aberdeen. While at the elementary schools, children from kindergarten through third grade are taught about fire safety, home escape plans, smoke detectors, disaster awareness, injury prevention, just to name a few. This year the Public Education team was able to promote fire and life safety to approximately 1,300 grade school students in Aberdeen.