



# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue

Combination Fire Department (Career/Volunteer)

## **Career Division:**

- Headquarters, 4400 New Jersey Avenue

## **Volunteer Division:**

- Holly Beach Fire Company, 4310 Washington Avenue
- Wildwood Fire Company, 111 East Pine Avenue



# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue

- 18 Full-time Firefighters (currently 16)
  - 1 - Chief of Department
  - 1 - Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Official
  - 4 – 4 person platoons
    - (1 – Captain, 3 – Firefighters)
  - 42 hour work week
  - Supplemented by part-time Firefighter/EMT's in summer (1-Capt, 3-F/F, 2 PT)





# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue

- Career Firefighters

## Minimum Certifications

- NJ Department of Personnel Civil Service Examination
- NJ Division of Fire Safety – Firefighter 1
- NJ Department of Health – EMT-B
- NJ Department of Community Affairs – Fire Inspector

## Additional Certifications

- Rescue Technicians  
(Rope / Water / Confined Space / Hazardous Materials)
- Fire Official
- Fire Instructor

# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue



## Primary Response:

- All Fire/EMS incidents within the City of Wildwood and all EMS incidents in the Borough of West Wildwood.



## Second Due:

- City of North Wildwood and the Borough of West Wildwood For Fire Responses.



# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue



## Volunteer Firefighters:

- NJ Division of Fire Safety – Firefighter 1
- Currently approximately 20 firefighters (50 members)
- Respond to approximately 25 incidents annually.



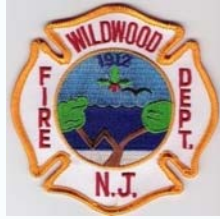
4310 Washington Ave



111 E Pine Avenue



# 2010 Emergency Incidents



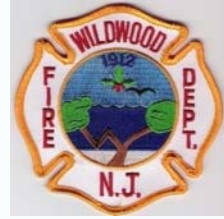
## Fire Responses

Building Fires -	71
Trash/Rubbish/Grass Fires -	35
Vehicle Fires -	3
Explosions/bomb scares -	3
Haz Mat/Chemical releases -	57
Arcing/short wiring/electrical-	181
MVC's/extrications -	57
Medical Asst/lock-ins/distress-	190
Service calls/good intent -	227
Alarm systems/false calls -	342
Water rescues/special type -	26
Other (Animal rescue/no emerg) -	<u>9</u>
<b>Total Fire Responses =</b>	<b>1201</b>





# 2010 Emergency Incidents



## Emergency Medical Incidents

Cardiac –	108
Respiratory –	78
Unconscious/Syncope –	67
Seizures/postictal –	81
Diabetic symptoms –	31
Altered Mental Status/LOC –	167
Bleeding –	282
Trauma/Injuries/Falls –	257
Abdominal/OB –	91
Illnesses/Weakness/Pain	516
Drowning/Near Drowning	8
DOA's	13
Burns/Bites/Stings	10
Stroke/CVA	16
Other (intox/poisoning/unknown)	<u>309</u>
<b>Total Medical Responses:</b>	<b>2034</b>
<i>Mutual Aid Received (WC, NW, MT)</i>	183





# Ambulance Billing



## 2006 – Revenue

- \$ 94,872
- Issues with changing of billing company
- Total call volume - 3051

## 2010 – Revenue

- **\$ 325,283**
- Continued up-grades in billing process
- Total call volume – 3422





# 2010 Fire Inspections



- Over 4000 Fire Safety Inspections Annually
- Over 200 Life Hazard Occupancies (gas stations, restaurants, night clubs, rooming houses & hotels)
- Over 2800 Non-life Hazard Occupancies (rentals, motels, commercial buildings, condos, etc)





# 2010 Fire Inspections

- Periodic - 2198
- Re-Inspections - 1475
- Complaints - 85
- Follow-ups - 151
- Other - 151

**Total Inspections - 4060**





# Fire Prevention Bureau



## 2006 – Revenue

- Permits - \$ 8,746
- NLHU - \$ 87,820
- LHU - \$ 65,429
- Smoke - \$ 20,835
- Penalties - \$ 30,011
- Other - \$ 1,378
- **Total - \$ 214,219**

## 2010 – Revenue

- Permits - \$ 11,641
- NLHU - \$ 172,175
- LHU - \$ 44,676
- Smoke - \$ 11,770
- Penalties - \$ 87,765
- Other - \$ 590
- **Total - \$ 328,617**



# Fire Prevention Bureau



- Only Career fire department in Cape May County enforcing the NJ Uniform Fire Safety Code
- Enables inspections/complaints to be handled 24 hours a day / 7 days a week
- Establishes 18 working Fire inspectors (currently only 16) within the City



# Fire Prevention Bureau



- Local Enforcing Agency (LEA) revenue covers:
  - All operating expenses (OE) for Fire Inspections
  - Computer software, servers, etc.
  - 18 (16) Fire Inspectors @ \$ 1500 each
  - Deputy Fire Chief/FO and Secretaries entire salary
  - Fire Department's secretary (22.5%)
  - Penalty money goes directly to Firefighter training and equipment
  - Previously covered Code Enforcement Inspector (33%), Zoning, Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance Offices



# Technical Rescue Responses



- **Confined Space Rescue**

- Rescues in confined spaces, man holes, MUA plants, etc).

*All equipment was donated through American Legion*

- **Water Rescue**

- Open water rescue (beach emergencies). NJSP trained. All members minimum awareness level





# Technical Rescue Responses

- **Structural Collapse**

- (NJ-TF 1 (6) and RUST team members (4)



- **MVC's / Jaws of Life**

- Motor Vehicle Accidents and Industrial machinery entrapment.

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# Technical Rescue Responses



- **High Angle Rope Rescue**
  - Amusement rides, construction sites, rock piles, etc.

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- **Hazardous Materials**
  - Spills, leaks. ID kit available. NJSP trained in all levels (awareness, operations, technician, specialists and on-scene incident commander)







# Public Relations



- Lieutenant Ronald C. Allison Memorial Scholarship
- Support local baseball and basketball leagues





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- Annual “Fish Bowl” memorial football classic
- Santa Clause to local schools and daycares





# Public Relations



- Fire Prevention week
  - Educate children in fire safety
- Sparkey the “Fire Dog”
  - Special appearances for city functions





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- Special Olympics – Polar Plunge
- National Night Out





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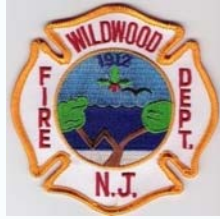


- Pizza Hut Night
  - Supports Make a Wish Foundation
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday Dinners
  - Helps needy families during holiday season





# Public Relations



- Vietnam Wall at Fox Park
  - Donated hundreds of man hours laying sod, planting trees, mulching.
- National Bone Marrow Registry
  - All career firefighters registered together





# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue

## Career Division

- 1979 – 18 Firefighters
  - EMS coverage – 700% call volume increase
- 1999 – 18 Firefighters
  - Fire Inspections – 200% increase in work load
- 2010 – 16 Firefighters
  - Down 2 Firefighters
- 2001 – OE = \$ 65,650
- 2010 – OE = \$ 72,200
  - An approximate 1% increase annually

## Volunteer Division

- 1979 – 70 members
  - Waiting list to enter
- 2010 – 20 “Firefighters”
  - 85% reduction in firefighting membership
  - Stricter training requirements
  - Social Impacts
- 2001 - \$ 21,750
- 2010 - \$ 11,500
  - 48% reduction over 10 years



# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue

- 2010 Year in Review
  - 1201 Fire Responses
  - 2221 Emergency Medical Responses
  - 183 Mutual Aid Received Responses
  - Over 4060 Fire Safety Inspections conducted
  - 192 Fire Training Courses attended
  - Over \$ 546,006 in revenue generated





# Line of Duty Deaths (LODD)



Lieutenant Joseph Walto  
December 25, 1943

Wildwood Fire Company

Ocean Pier Fire  
Juniper & Boardwalk





# Line of Duty Deaths (LODD)



Firefighter Charles Bonner  
September 23, 1953

Municipal Fire Division

Kens Bowldrome Fire  
Rio Grande & Pacific Ave.



*Fire at Ken's Bowldrome and Locke's Cigar store - Monday, September 22, 1952  
Southeast Corner, Rio Grande and Pacific Avenues, Wildwood, NJ*

*A fire started with a large explosion that forced out the front of the bowling alley.  
A loss was set at \$80,000. Local fireman, Charles Bonner suffered a stroke  
at the fire scene, and died the next day at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital .*

*Photo courtesy of Sandy and Obie Fowler  
WHS Catalog #2007-241*



# WFD By the Numbers

- For 2010 for 17 Members
- Pensions- 29% \$420,500.00
- Healthcare for 17 members \$329,472.00
- Workers Compensation- 26% \$364,000.00
- Salary \$1,479,549.00
- Operational Expenses \$67,800.00
- Part-Time Salaries \$91,352.00
- **Total** **\$2,752,673.00**



# WFD By the Numbers

- \$2,752,773.00-\$653,900.00 (Ambulance Revenue and Fire Prevention Fees)= **\$2,098,773.00**
- \$2,098.773.00 divided by the number of properties in Wildwood (5,500)=  
**\$381.60 per household**
  - Divided by 365 Days per Year=

**\$1.05 per day per household**

Filling the two vacant firefighter positions would cost \$1.10 per day per household



# WFD By the Numbers

- Retirements

	<u>Old (Retiring)</u>	<u>New Hire</u>
Salary	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00
Pension	\$29,000.00	\$7,250.00
Work Comp	\$26,000.00	\$6,500.00
Health Care	<u>\$22,344.00</u>	<u>\$8,800.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$177,344.00</b>	<b>\$47,550.00</b>

WILLOWOOD

FIRE

DEPT



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# City of Wildwood Fire/Rescue

- Contact Us:
  - Fire HQ: 609-522-1110
  - Web Site: [www.Wildwoodfirerescue.com](http://www.Wildwoodfirerescue.com)
  - Address: 4400 New Jersey Avenue
  
- Public Services:
  - Smoke detector installation
  - Battery replacement (smoke and CO detectors)
  - Blood Pressure screening