



EAST BRANDYWINE FIRE COMPANY

2016annualreport

MESSAGE from the chief



It gives me great pleasure to share with you the 2016 Annual Report. As Fire Chief I have the privilege of leading an incredibly talented team of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide high quality emergency service to the Community.

In 2016 our team of volunteer professionals responded to 758 emergencies and logged 2795 hours of time on incidents. These are ordinary people from different backgrounds and walks of life who come together to perform extraordinary life-saving service. At a moments notice these volunteers will drop everything and risk their lives in order to help another.

As we move into 2017, two main issues continue to threaten the volunteer fire service which was born in Pennsylvania in the 1700's. They are sustainable funding and the retention and recruitment of volunteers. Unfortunately the facts are sobering and have impacted many Fire Company's ability to delivery service. These facts include:

- Volunteers save Pennsylvania tax payers 8 billion dollars
- The volunteer base in Pennsylvania has decreased from 300,000 to 50,000
- Minimal training requirements are in excess of 200 hours
- The number one cited reasons volunteers leave the fire service are fundraising requirements.

As an organization, we continue to experience success and proactively address these challenges threatening the volunteer fire service. East Brandywine Fire Company's talented leadership team has been on the forefront of addressing these issues and has worked collaboratively with our Municipalities to identify solutions.

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In 2016, with the commitment of the Township Supervisors in all three Townships we serve, the Company signed a Multi Municipal Agreement. This agreement provides a funding formula, which ensures the municipal contributions are fairly distributed. This agreement can serve as a model for other municipalities who have a shared service.

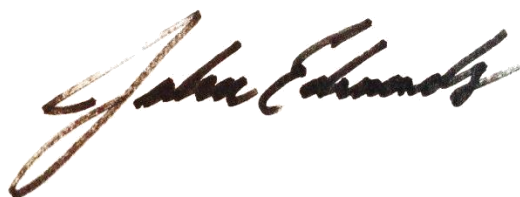
In addition, responding to emergencies and addressing sustainable funding and retention and recruitment concerns our team was also remained busy in other areas.

East Brandywine Fire Company has created a culture built on a foundation of training. Our volunteers train weekly on all aspects of emergency response with one goal in mind. To be at our best when someone's life depends upon it!

Additionally the Company continues to have one of the most robust Fire Prevention Programs in the State of Pennsylvania. Again this year our Fire Prevention Program educated nearly 3,000 kids from 4 Elementary Schools and Preschools. Over 1,000 people attended our Fire Prevention Open House held in October.

Once again, our volunteers participated in over 20 Community events ranging from Township Community Days to HOA block parties. This year East Brandywine Fire Company partnered with East Brandywine Township and the Parks and Recreation Committee and gained approval to host an evening fireworks display in conjunction with Community Day.

In closing, I would like to thank all those we serve for your continued support of our Organization. Additionally we would like to acknowledge our Municipalities Leadership for their commitment to the volunteer fire service and investing in the safety of the Community.

A handwritten signature in brown ink, reading "John Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

2016

operations leadership

John Edwards	<i>Fire Chief</i>
Joe Edwards	<i>Deputy Chief</i>
Vincent D'Amico	<i>Assistant Chief</i>
Joe Monestere	<i>Captain</i>
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Dr. Craig Herring, MD	<i>Medical Director</i>
Cathy Rawlings	<i>EMS Director</i>
Collin Miller	<i>Deputy EMS Director</i>
Kevin Pilotti	<i>EMS Captain</i>
Nick Proko	<i>EMS Lieutenant</i>
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executive leadership

Leslie Edwards	<i>President</i>
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Cathie Rawlings	<i>Secretary</i>
Scott Piersol	<i>Treasurer</i>
Joe Monestere	<i>Membership Sec.</i>
Bill Rees	<i>Trustee</i>
Vince D'Amico	<i>Trustee</i>
Joe Edwards	<i>Trustee</i>

2016 accomplishments

- Worked collaboratively with Supervisors and Leadership from all three townships we service to execute a Multi-Municipal Agreement. This agreement puts into place a financial contribution formula to fairly distribute costs for the shared emergency service.
- The Multi-Municipal Committee in conjunction with the Fire Company Budget Committee reached an agreement which significantly improved the financial contribution to the Fire Company.
- EMS Division placed into service a new QRS unit. This unit has increased functionality allowing personnel to handle multiple tasks to include: EMS response, mass casualty incidents, traffic control, hazard mitigation and gas monitoring.
- EMS Division provided training and added EpiPen's as a life saving medication carried on the QRS unit.
- Worked in conjunction with the Chester County Department of Emergency Services to incorporate a new voice radio system and computer aided dispatch system (CAD), including all new mobile computers in all apparatus.
- Implemented a new Fire & EMS reporting system to improve data collection.
- Established an Apparatus Specifications Committee which will be responsible for the design & build of a new Ladder & Engine due in 2019, as well as a new Command Unit to be placed into service in 2017.
- Enhanced Training Pad capabilities continues to improve the quality of training scenarios.

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review

2016 BY THE NUMBERS
AN OVERVIEW OF THE
EAST BRANDYWINE FIRE COMPANY



758

TOTAL
INCIDENT
RESPONSES

FIRE
INCIDENTS

356



MEDICAL
INCIDENTS

402



calls for service

85

FALSE ALARMS

59

FIRES

25 building fires
11 brush fires
8 vehicle fires
6 chimney fires
4 cooking fires
3 fuel burner fires
2 trash fires

61

ACCIDENTS
SEARCH & RESCUE

106

GOOD INTENT

31

HAZARDOUS
CONDITION - NO FIRE

12

OTHER



responders

65 25

UNIFORMED
FIREFIGHTERS

MEDICAL
PROVIDERS



2,795

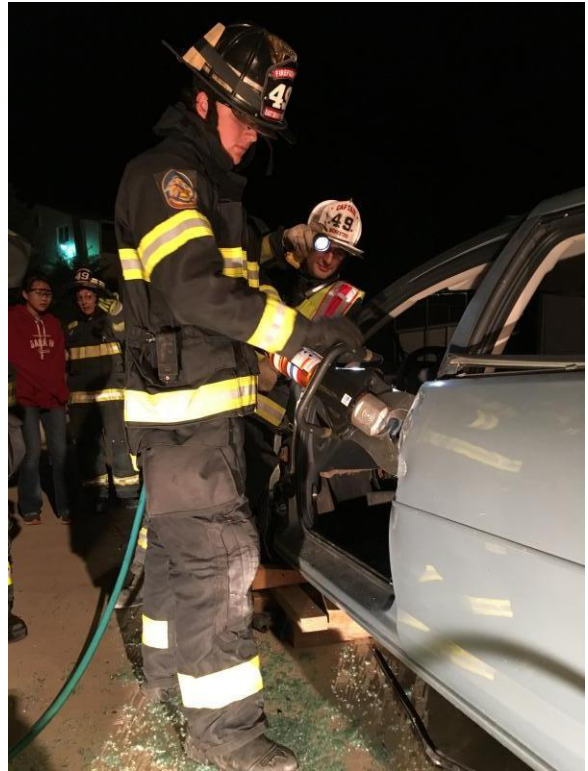
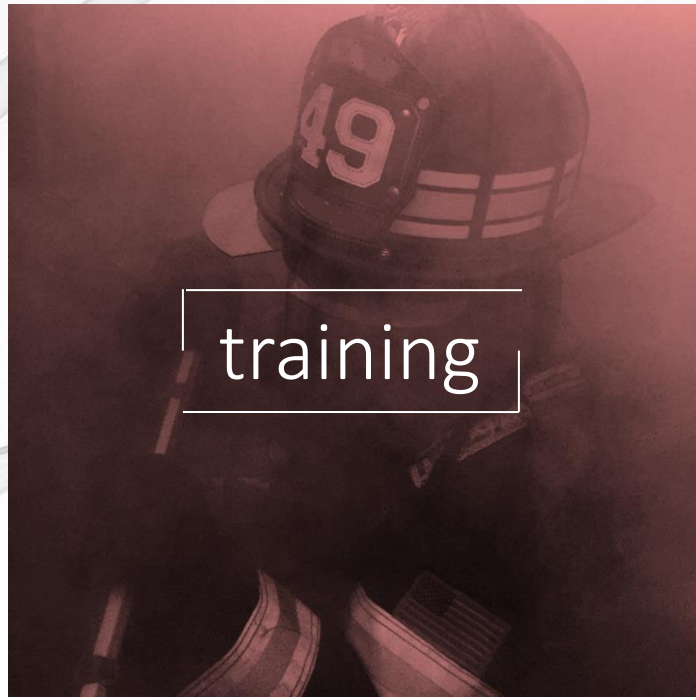
HOURS SERVED BY
EBFC VOLUNTEERS
ON INCIDENTS

TOP RESPONDERS

- OVER 100 CALLS -

NICK PROKO	388
GREG KOHLMAIER	363
JOE EDWARDS	337
JOHN EDWARDS	284
TRISTAN GLEDHILL	282
AIDAN RAYMOND	249
ASA VANLEW	233
KEVIN SHAFFER	231
KEVIN PILOTTI	203
BEN MUCHA	188
TYLER SMITH	182
ROBERT ZYNN	175
JOE MONESTERE	164
VINCE D'AMICO	162
DEB FEAIRHELLER	148
JOHN NEEDLES	130
BRUCE ANDERSON	127
MAX CASTOLDI	111
PJ GROFF	102





AN AVERAGE OF
25 VOLUNTEERS

ROUTINELY ATTEND THE 2 HOUR WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS
OVER **2,500 HOURS** OF IN-HOUSE TRAINING COMPLETED



EBFC Training Curriculum:

Breathing Apparatus & Emergency Operations; CPR & First Aid Certification; Search & Rescue, Large Area Search; Rapid Intervention Team & Firefighter Rescue; Hose Line Advancement; Saw Operations; Roof Operations; Vehicle Rescue Operations – Stabilization, Extrication, Airbags, Hybrid & Electric Cars; HAZMAT Operations & Refresher Certification; Ropes & Riggings; High Angle Rescue; Trailer & ATV Operations; Working Fire Operations & Evolutions; Drafting & Water Supply; Sprinkler & Standpipe Operations; EMS: External Bleeding & Shock, Immobilization, & Patient Interactions; Chimney Fires; Forcible Entry: Commercial & Residential Structures; Basement Fires



Certifications Achieved

National Firefighter I
National Firefighter II
Vehicle Rescue Technician
Emergency Medical Technician
Emergency Medical Responder
Emergency Vehicle Operator
Confined Space Rescue I & II
Pumper Operator
Rope Rescue
Truck I





2,742

CHILDREN EDUCATED

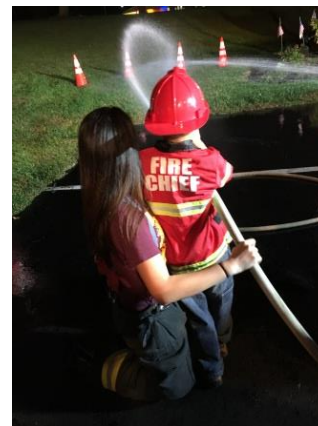
1,141

ATTENDED
OPEN HOUSE

community



community



social media connections



3,365

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

78,600

FACEBOOK ENGAGED USERS

136,897

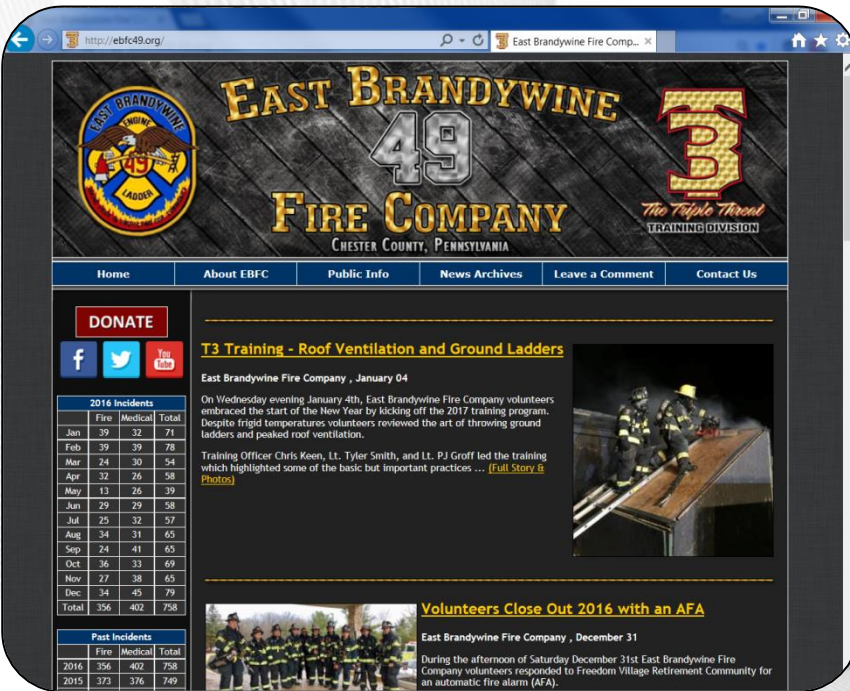
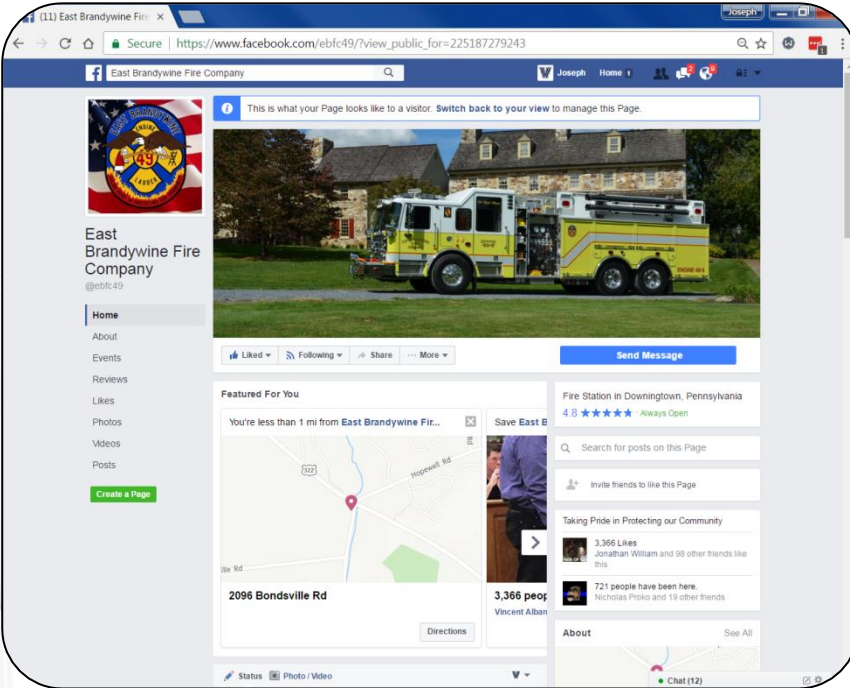
FACEBOOK CLICKS

140,848

WEBSITE VISITORS

397,407

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS



ebfc in action



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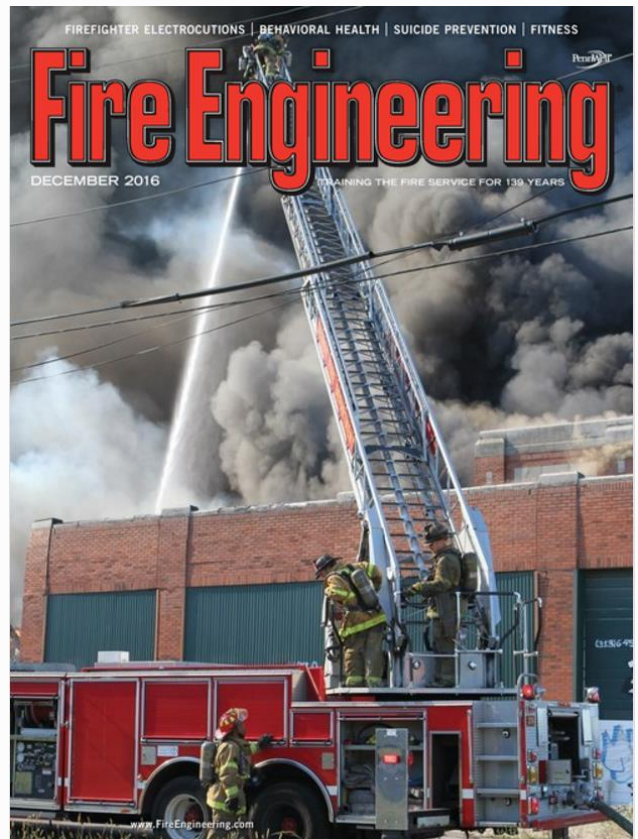


ebfc in action



member achieves national recognition

- ❖ Firefighter Deb Fearheller's 2nd Study was published on firefighter exercise in December 2016's edition of Fire Engineering Magazine
- ❖ FF Fearheller is a PhD and Assistant Professor in Health and Exercise Physiology at Ursinus College
- ❖ Cardiovascular death continues to be the leading cause of death among FF's (2015 – of 71 deaths 46 were stress and overexertion per NIOSH)



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