



# HENRY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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*The men and women of the Henry County Fire Department are pleased to offer the 2017 Annual Report of the Henry County Fire Department.*

*Throughout the following pages, you will find information and data which summarizes the general activities of our department. Included in this document are important facts and statistics related to the activities of all our divisions within the Fire Department.*

*As you will see, calls for assistance continue to increase from year to year. Our citizens have come to expect the highest quality of service from their Fire Department, and we continue to strive to deliver the finest emergency services possible. Our personnel are “Committed to Community” and have performed numerous activities related to fire and life safety prevention.*

*Henry County Fire Department stands dedicated to being the best community-focused fire and emergency medical service and to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all residents and visitors.*

# HENRY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Mission statement

The mission of the Henry County Fire Department is to provide safe, professional service through education, prevention, emergency services, and community relations.

## Philosophy of Operations

### Values

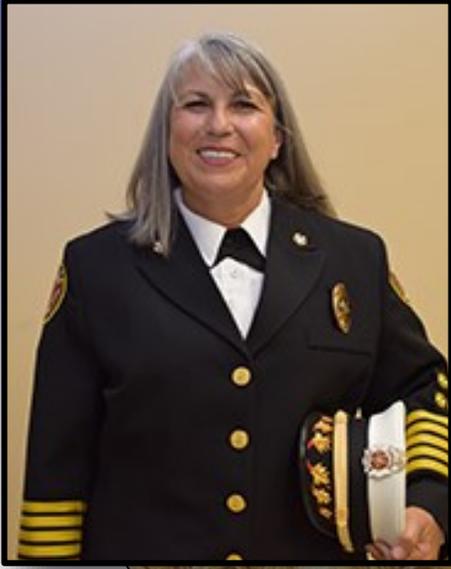
The Henry County Fire Department recognizes that its primary function is to provide for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Henry County. The most precious and valued resource of the Henry County Fire Department is its members. The Department values the contributions of these members and their families to the organization, the community, and the fire service profession.

### Service

The Henry County Fire Department recognizes that the measurement of its actions is determined by the service its members deliver to the community. The department strives to provide the best fire protection and EMS service to our community. The department believes that the citizens of our community are safest when they receive preventive fire and life safety education programs. The department also believes that both our members and our citizens are safest when our personnel constantly improve their knowledge, skills, and professional abilities by actively participating in training and education programs.

### Accountability

The Henry County Fire Department recognizes that fire service professionals are accountable in the government they represent, and to the communities and personnel that they serve. Accountability applies not only to the professional manner in which the department meets its primary goals, but also to the efficiency, effectiveness, and fiscal responsibility which guides all departmental actions.



**Fire Chief  
Brenda Nishiyama Willis**

The role of the fire service in our community has evolved from providing emergency response services to include a risk reduction and management focus.

The Henry County Fire Department provides the citizens of Henry County with a combination of emergency response services with a primary focus on being a community risk reduction team. This allows for a safer community and better quality of life for our residents.

Preventing incidents from occurring significantly reduces cost, improves the quality of life and increase the potential for economic stability.

Our staff will continue to guide critical thinking in all aspects of safety throughout our community. The Henry County Fire Department has a strong influence in our communities as a result of becoming active community partners and neighbors. Our actions translate into visibility, compassion, and service and send a clear message that the fire department cares and is involved in the community.

“Going forward we will not be complacent, and we will continue to make risk-reduction initiatives our top priority.”

**Deputy Fire Chief  
Chris Sherwood**





**Joe Kelley**  
Assistant Chief of Prevention

**The Fire Prevention Division is led by the Fire Marshal and Assistant Chief of Prevention. The Prevention Division is charged with enforcing "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards" as adopted by the State Fire Commissioner**



**Luther Phillips**  
Assistant Chief of Training

**The Training Division plays a major role in the expansion and development of the department through the recruitment, training, and sustainment of department personnel in both Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Service Training.**





Shift Commander  
Tom Gardner  
A Shift



Shift Commander  
Steve Copeland  
B Shift



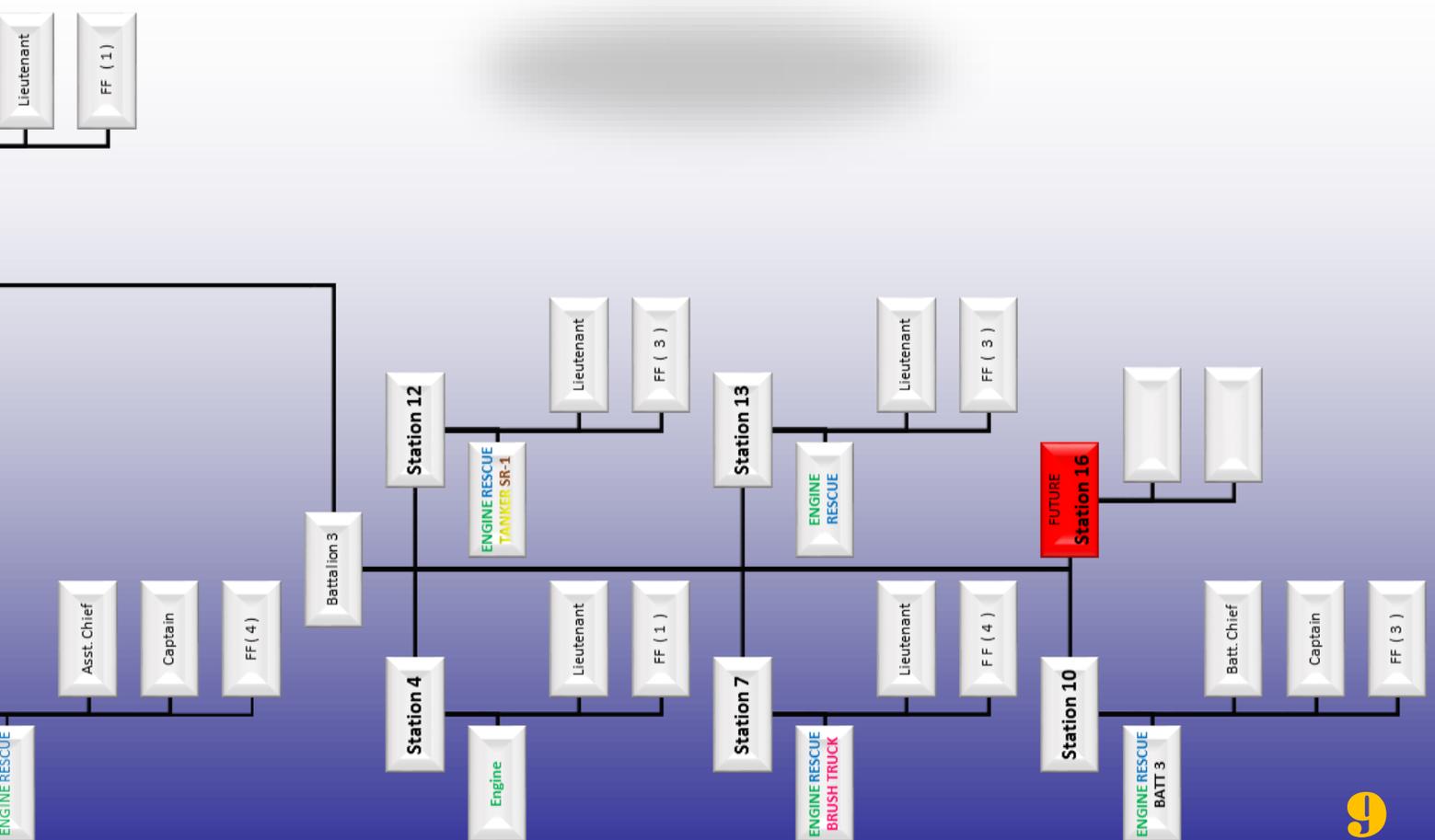
Shift Commander  
Thomas McClain  
C Shift

**A shift commander supervises and coordinates the activities of their battalions including responding to emergencies, providing proper training, managing firefighters, conducting training and ensuring that department policies and procedures are followed. Shift commanders assist the fire chief and deputy chief in setting goals for the department, establishing policies and procedures, handling grievances, disciplining subordinates, preparing the budget, and periodically reviewing equipment for safety.**





# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

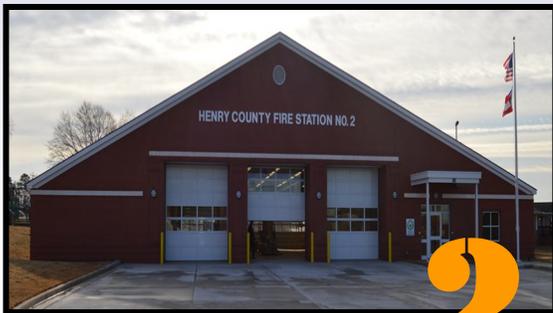


# FIRE STATION



1

- Located at 664 Industrial Boulevard, McDonough
- Opened in 1987
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 14 firefighters
- Houses, Engine 1, Squad 1, Rescue 1, Rescue 21, and Hazardous Materials Resource Unit



2

- Located at 35 Frances Ward Drive, Locust Grove
- Opened in 2016
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 2, Ladder 2, and Rescue 2



3

- Located at 3030 Highway 42, Stockbridge
- Opened in 1996
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 3, Ladder 3, and Rescue 3
- Home of the Roy M. Morris KNOW FEAR Theater



4

- Located at 1092 Keys Ferry Road, McDonough
- Opened in 2005
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 3 firefighters
- Houses Engine 4 and the 911 Mobile Communications Unit

# LOCATIONS



5

- Located at 10 Elm Street, Hampton
- Opened in 1993
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 7 firefighters
- Houses Engine 5, Rescue 5 and MED 5



6

- Located at 680 Fairview Road, Ellenwood
- Opened in 1989
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Quint 6 and Rescue 6



7

- Located at 1800 Highway 155 North, McDonough
- Opened in 2006
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 7, Rescue 7, Brush Truck 7, Air & Light 7, and the Mobile Command Vehicle



8

- Located at 1672 Flippen Road, Stockbridge
- Opened in 1985
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 8 and Rescue 8
- TEMPORARY LOCATION

# FIRE STATION



9

- Located at 122 Rock Quarry Rd., Stockbridge
- Opened in 2012
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 9 firefighters
- Houses Office of Battalion 2, as well as, Engine 9, Squad 9, and Rescue 9



10

- Located at 1059 Upchurch Road, McDonough
- Opened in 1995
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 6 firefighters
- Houses Engine 10 and Rescue 10
- Houses office of Battalion 3



11

- Located at 792 Flat Rock Road, Stockbridge
- Opened in 1999
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 6 firefighters
- Houses Engine 11, Brush 11, and Trench 11



12

- Located at 1123 Old Jackson Road, Locust Grove
- Opened in 2001
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 12, Tanker 12, Dive Truck 12 and 2 Rescue Boats

# LOCATIONS



13

- Located at 2815 Highway 20 East, McDonough
- Opened in 2006
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 13 and Rescue 13



14

- Located at 1875 Hampton Locust Grove Road
- Opened in 2017
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 14 and Rescue 14
- Houses office of Battalion 1



15

- Located at 325 North Mount Carmel Road
- Opened in 2017
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 15 and Rescue 15
- Houses office of Shift Commander



HQ

- Fire Department Headquarters
- Located at 110 S. Zack Hinton Pkwy
- Administration
- Prevention Division HQ
- Logistics

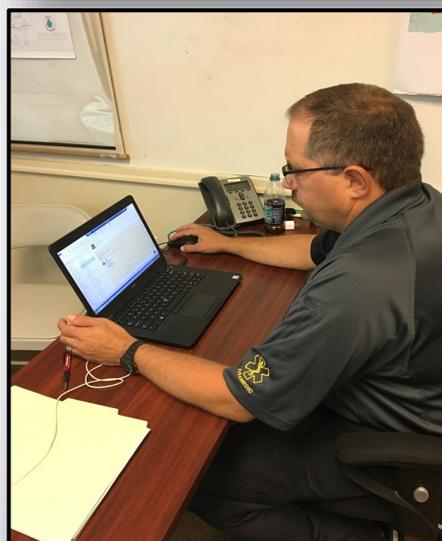
# ADMINISTRATION

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

The Fire Chief is responsible for the overall management of the department. These responsibilities include the establishment of personnel standards and policies, work schedules, public relations, and the continuous review of operations and performance. Fiscal management of administrative processes, including the Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets and personnel, also fall under the Chief's duties.

The Fire Administration maintains and controls the operations of the Fire Department. The Office of the Chief, Executive Assistant to the Chief, Fire Department Receptionist, Accounts Administrator, and Quarter Master fall within Fire Administration, as well as, Fire Equipment Maintenance Staff.

All administrative functions ultimately are conducted to support the Operations, Prevention and Training divisions of the department.



## OPERATIONS

The Operations Division is supervised by the Deputy Chief and oversees suppression operations, medical emergencies and ambulance transports, and all other special operations. This division contains field personnel working in fire stations and responding to the constant requests for assistance from the citizenry. All field personnel work a 24/48—hour schedule. They report to their assigned fire station by 7 a.m. and are in-service working for the citizens for 24 hours. The following morning at 7 a.m. their shift ends and they are relieved by the oncoming shift. After 48 hours off, they return for their next 24-hour shift.

## TRAINING

The Training Division trains all personnel in all disciplines of the fire department functions. This division maintains training records and ensures appropriate personnel are recertified in all certifications obtained and that they are receiving the required number of training hours for their certification/level of expertise.

## PREVENTION

This Prevention Division contains the Fire Marshal, personnel for building plans review, fire code inspectors, fire investigators, and fire and life safety educators. This division plays a role in the construction of new buildings ensuring that the structures are built to meet or exceed today's life safety codes as well as inspecting existing structures to ensure occupants are remaining within the life safety code. This division also investigates the origin and cause of any fires that appear suspicious or criminal in nature and/or unlawfully set, or of which the immediate cause cannot be determined. Community fire and life safety education is scheduled and coordinated by educators through the Prevention Division.

## 2017 SUPPORT STAFF

### ADMINISTRATION

- 2 Command Officers
- 3 Administrative Staff
- 2 EMS Billing Clerks
- 1 EMS Captain
- 1 Fire Captain
- 2 Fire Equipment Maintenance Staff
- 1 Supply Logistics Lead
- 1 Supply Logistics Tech

### TRAINING

- 1 Command Officer
- 2 Fire/EMS Instructors
- 1 EMT Instructor
- 1 Paramedic Instructor
- 1 Administrative Staff

### PREVENTION

- 1 Command Officer
- 5 Inspector/Investigators
- 1 Plans Reviewer
- 1 Public Information Officer
- 1 Fire Safety Educator
- 1 Administrative Staff

## OPERATIONS STAFF

- 310 Shift Personnel / Line Personnel
- 3 Shift Commanders
- 9 Battalion Chiefs
- 1 Administrative Staff

# OPERATIONS DIVISION

## OPERATIONS

The Operations Division includes all of the apparatus, firefighters and paramedics who respond to emergencies when citizens call “911.” Fifteen stations are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, prepared to respond at a moment’s notice.

The HCFD Operations Section responds to emergency requests from the public for fires, medical calls, motor vehicle crashes, rescues from entrapment, hazardous materials incidents, and many other emergency situations. As first responders, our firefighters are also Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who can begin administering treatment before an ambulance arrives on scene. The cross-training is an important component of how the HCFD Operations Division works together to provide the most efficient and effective medical care for the citizens of Henry County. 2017 statistics consist of 27,347 incidents; 589 were fires, 21,494 were Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 441 were hazardous conditions. 87 were mutual aid responses, 959 were false responses and 4,222 consist of other types of incidents. In total, emergency vehicles travel the roads 40,045 times in 2017

### Fire Section

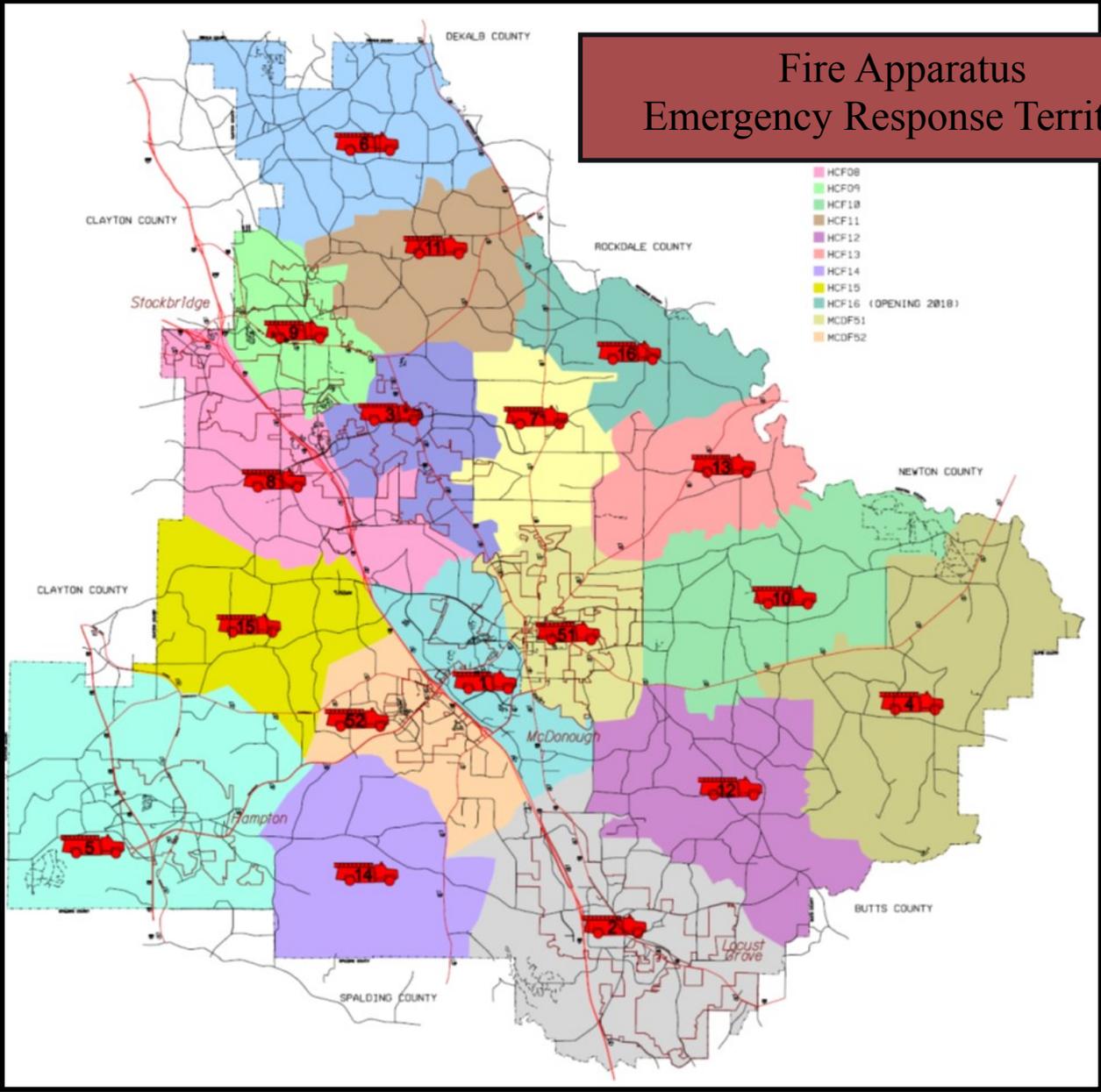
The Fire Section serves unincorporated Henry County and cities of Stockbridge, Hampton, and Locust Grove, with 15 Engine Apparatus, 1 Quint Apparatus, 2 Ladders, and 2 Squads for fire fighting and rescue operations, supplemented with 13 full-time ALS ambulances and 1 part-time ambulance. Fire Section responds to all Fires, Rescues (extrications), Hazmat, Confined Space, Trench Rescue and Dive Rescues. Fire Section promotes and disseminates progressive equipment and tactics for Henry County’s rural communities, suburban housing, and commercial landscape.

The Fire Section in conjunction with EMS, have implemented and maintained 13 Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Engine apparatus to supplement the ever increasing call volume and demand for EMS.



# FIRE EMERGENCIES

## Fire Apparatus Emergency Response Territory



# OPERATIONS

## EMS Section

The Henry County Fire Department EMS Section is responsible for providing emergency medical care and transport to all of the citizens and visitors of Henry County, including the cities of McDonough, Stockbridge, Hampton, and Locust Grove, responding to 21,494 medical calls in 2017. Of those we cared for 21,119 patients, transporting 14,994 to various hospitals. During 2017 Henry County Fire Department opened two new stations. With these stations we added two ALS Ambulances to our department. Our mission is now accomplished utilizing 14 advanced life support (ALS) ambulances, 13 ALS fire apparatus and 2 BLS (basic life support) fire apparatus, as well as multiple first responding capable vehicles. All of the departments 343 uniformed personnel are trained as Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate at minimum. Of those personnel, 120 are Paramedics.

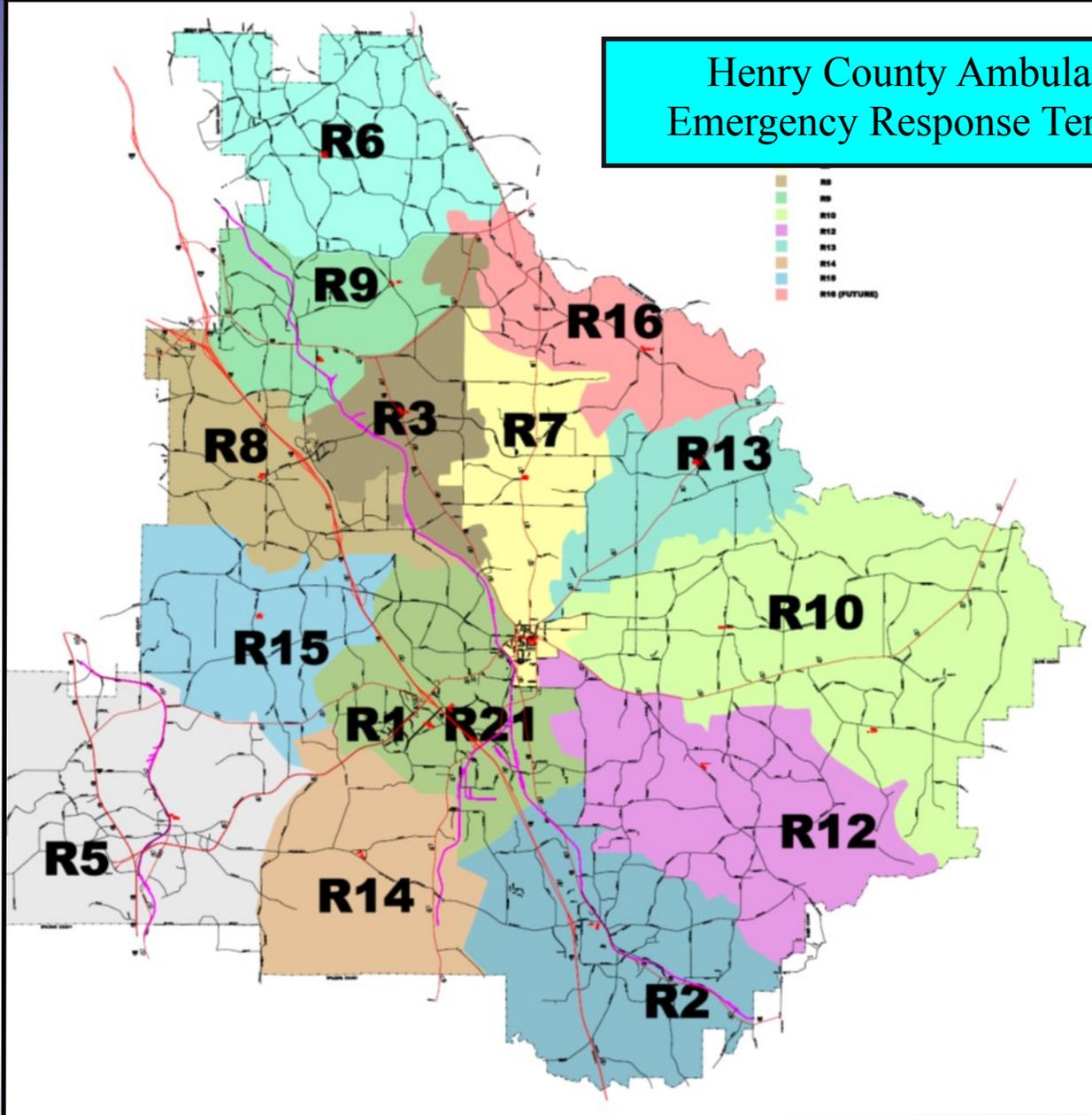
Henry County Fire ambulances are equipped well beyond the minimum state requirements and are capable of caring for and transporting any type of emergency patient to the appropriate emergency department. Under the direction of our Medical Director, Dr. Charles Evans, the emergency medical personnel care for patients utilizing the most current, evidence-based standards and practices in the EMS field. All ambulances have GPS and vehicle locating capability and have easy contact with receiving emergency rooms. Along with this capability, we are able to transmit 12 Lead EKGs to the receiving hospital, activate cardiac care teams, and dramatically reduce the amount of time it takes for a patient suffering from a myocardial infarction (heart attack) to receive lifesaving treatment in the cardiac catheterization unit. During 2017 we increased the number of available AutoPulse units to nine (9). With these changes we saw an increase in cardiac arrest survival from 9% in 2015 to 16% in 2016 and 14% in 2017.

The department works closely with local hospitals, including Piedmont Henry Hospital, to insure the highest level of care and smooth continuity of care from pre-hospital to in-hospital treatment. Working closely with Piedmont Henry, other hospitals, regional and state organizations and committees on chest pain, heart attack, heart failure, stroke care, and other healthcare concerns, we constantly seek ways to improve the overall health and wellness of the public we serve.



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## Henry County Ambulance Emergency Response Territory



# TRAINING DIVISION

## TRAINING

The mission of the Henry County Fire Department (HCFD) Training Division is to promote excellence in training through competent and consistent instruction, communication, and oversight, ensuring our personnel provide outstanding emergency services to the citizens of Henry County. The Training Division plays a major role in the expansion and development of the department through the recruitment, training, and sustainment of department personnel in both **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** and **Fire Service Training**. Main functional areas include, but are not limited to:

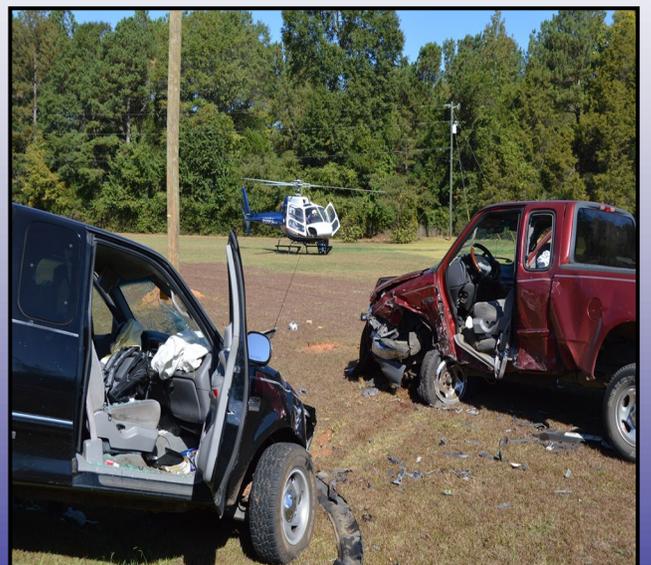
- *Fire Service Training (FF1, FF2, Hazmat Ops & Awareness)*
- *EMS Training (Basic EMT, Advanced EMT, Paramedic)*
- *Records management*
- *Professional development of firefighters and officers*
- *Annual/Bi-annual certification and re-certification requirements for fire and EMS*
- *Training and testing based on accepted industry standards and best practices of EMS and the fire service*
- *External training opportunities*
- *Providing adjunct instructors for programs and conferences through the state*
- *Fire equipment and gear research, development and testing*
- *C.E.R.T, Citizen's Fire Academy, and other community outreach programs*



## EMS Training Opportunities

- National Registry Refresher Training
- In house Paramedic program
- In house AEMT program
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course
- AHA Instructor Updates
- Paramedic and EMT Preceptor
- ACLS Recertification
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support
- BLS recertification

The Training Division has a goal to provide a safe, realistic, and relevant training environment that is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Henry County Fire Department.



**Total Number of Training Hours**  
**2017 — 95,796**



# PREVENTION DIVISION

## PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Division is led by the Fire Marshal and Division Chief of Prevention, Joe Kelley. The Prevention Division is charged with enforcing "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards" as adopted by the State Fire Commissioner. The Prevention Division is the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in these matters for all of unincorporated Henry County and the cities of Hampton, Stockbridge and Locust Grove.

The Fire Marshal's Office has six major responsibilities:

- ◆ Conduct fire and life safety inspections
- ◆ Plan reviews
- ◆ Issuance of permits and certificates
- ◆ Conduct cause and origin investigations
- ◆ Code enforcement
- ◆ Educational programs for the purpose of informing and protecting the public.

Inspectors are tasked with performing inspections for all businesses and restaurants in the county, including all other high hazard targets such as:

- ◆ Schools (Public and Private)
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Apartments
- ◆ Daycares
- ◆ Hotels

The Fire Prevention Division is divided into 3 sections; New Construction Inspections, Existing Inspections / Investigations, and Fire and Life Safety Education. The division is currently staffed with 3 Captains, 5 Lieutenants and 1 Administrative Assistant.



## New Construction & Plans Review

New Construction Inspections and plan reviews ensure the life safety code compliance in all new buildings in the county. The inspection section is staffed with 1 Inspector, and 1 Plans Reviewer. This Section is actively involved with development efforts in the county. Personnel regularly participate in due-diligence meetings, on-site consultations and pre-construction meetings. They also work hand-in-hand with other county development agencies such as the building department, tax commissioner, planning & zoning, and the county's water authority. All certified Fire Inspectors are members of the Georgia Fire Inspectors Association and the International Building Code Council. This section reviewed 709 building and site plans, inspected 714 new buildings, and attended 155 Pre-construction meetings in 2017.

## Existing Inspections & Investigations

Fires which may be suspicious in nature, involve criminal activity, or property loss are routinely investigated. Personnel work closely with law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, insurance companies and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

This unit is staffed with 6 personnel who are certified as State Fire Inspectors and Fire Investigators. In 2017, they conducted 6,590 inspections and 106 origin and cause investigations.

In addition to their regular assignments prevention personnel are cross-trained in multiple disciplines such as inspections, investigations, law enforcement, and plans review.

The Fire Marshal and 6 of his personnel are cross-trained, and certified as Fire Investigators. The Fire Marshal and three investigators are also certified police officers, which allows them to apply for search and arrest warrants.



# PREVENTION DIVISION

## Fire and Life Safety Education

The Fire and Life Safety Education branch is composed of two certified educators, and their goal is to reduce the threat of fire and associated deaths and injury through public education programs.

### Fire and Life Safety Programs

- ◆ Get Alarmed Henry
- ◆ Fire House Tours
- ◆ Fire Safety Theater
- ◆ Fire Safety House
- ◆ Juvenile Firesetter Intervention
- ◆ Senior Fire and Fall Prevention
- ◆ S.A.F.E Lessons For K thru 12

In 2017, the department reached over 45,000 members of the community through its various fire and life safety education programs and events including:

- ◆ Community Outreach Events
- ◆ Smoke Alarm Installs
- ◆ Station Tours
- ◆ Preschool Visits
- ◆ Career Days
- ◆ School Visits
- ◆ Senior Fire Safety Events



# EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Fire Department personnel participate in a variety of community activities and perform numerous public relations details throughout the year. Highlights from 2017 include the following events:

- ◆ Commissioner Holmes Public Safety Night
- ◆ City and local Christmas parades
- ◆ Health and Safety Fairs
- ◆ Locust Grove Days
- ◆ National Fire Prevention Week
- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ School Career and Truck Days
- ◆ Southern Belle Farms Hero Day



# PREVENTION



## **“Get Alarmed Henry” Smoke Alarm Program**

It is our goal to ensure that no one lays their head on their pillow another night without the protection of an early detection device, a smoke alarm. One hundred thirty six smoke alarms were provided and/or installed for citizens free of charge. Our smoke alarms are obtained through the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and the citizens of Henry County.



## **Henry County Youthful Firesetter Intervention Program**

The Youthful Firesetter Intervention Program is a multi-agency collaboration dedicated to the intake, treatment, education, and care of youthful firesetters in our community. This group represents a collective effort to provide a safe and caring community for Henry County.



## ***Remembering When, Fire and Fall Prevention***

Remembering When helps older adults evaluate their safety needs while making fire and fall prevention messages fun and easy to remember. The program content is centered on 16 key messages and is presented through group discussion, trivia games, and handouts. By focusing attention on these two serious issues, we can make a measurable improvement in the health and well-being of older adults, who are a rapidly growing segment of our community.



## **Firehouse Tours**

This program is intended to establish consistency in conducting Firehouse tours, and in the delivery of the appropriate safety. This program identifies the targeted age groups as pre-schools thru 5th grade. Key safety messages for all tours have been established as: Get Out...and Stay Out; Play it Safe; Seat belts save lives; Firefighters are our friends; EDITH.

# EDUCATION & OUTREACH

## **S.A.F.E** **Lessons**

The Henry County *Fire and Life Safety Curriculum Guide Book* provides educators with lesson plans for all age groups. K thru 12 lesson plans provide for a link across state approved education curriculums, and custom lesson plans span the needs of the entire community. An educators goal is to provide consistency in the delivery of all fire and life safety messages and to ensure students of all ages are **Safe And Fire Educated**.



The **Fire Safety House** is an excellent opportunity to make a positive impression on young minds and to teach students important fire and life safety lessons. This unique program uses a travel trailer specially designed as a kid-sized home complete with a kitchen, living room and bedroom. The Fire Safety Trailer is taken to elementary schools and set up for a 45 minute fire and life safety program. This program is taught by an engine company and a Fire and Life Safety Educator.



## **Roy M. Morris Memorial** *Know FEAR* Theater

The Know FEAR Theater is where we educate future generations on Fire and Life Safety Fundamentals. Audience members learn through audio, visual, and hands on interaction with educators. The focus of this outreach program is in reducing the number of fires, fire deaths, and associated injuries.

# CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY

## Citizen Fire Academy

The Citizens' Fire Academy is an eight week program designed to educate and inform citizens about fire and emergency services. Participants gain a greater understanding of the inner workings of the Henry County Fire Department. Classes are held one night per week.

### The goals of the Citizens' Fire Academy are to:

- ◆ Provide residents a basic understanding of the tactics and strategies of firefighting and rescue operations.
- ◆ Provide a greater understanding of the services the Henry County Fire Department is able to provide to the community.
- ◆ Encourage academy participants to return to their families and neighborhoods and share their experiences. Thus providing more safety conscious and informed citizens.
- ◆ Provide an enjoyable, interactive atmosphere in which fire department members and citizens can share information and concerns.



# EXPLORERS PROGRAM

The Henry County Fire Explorer Program is a platform to provide young men and women the opportunity to learn and experience the fire service. This is accomplished through weekly training meetings in which participants learn about the many facets of the fire service. While attending these training meetings, post members participate in exercises and receive training much like a recruit firefighters receive while in "Rookie School". Most of the training is hands-on; however, there is some time spent in the classroom learning from presentations, videos and books. The goal of the members of Post 190 is to earn the privilege of a ride-along where they can experience the "Day in the Life of a Firefighter."

## Events/Training:

- ◆ Due to higher than average interest than in the past, we instituted an interview process for those desiring to become a member of Post 190.
- ◆ Annual Henry County Explorer Expo
- ◆ Winterfest
- ◆ CPR certification
- ◆ Gear inspections & SCBA Respirator Fit Test
- ◆ Car Fire and Live fire settee/behavior training
- ◆ Repelling training
- ◆ Competitions in Texas, Alabama and Tennessee
- ◆ Extrication Training
- ◆ Member ride-along



# HONORS GUARD

The Henry County Honor Guard honors fallen public safety professionals and military veterans. Training and services are provided on a voluntary basis by members of the Fire Department. The Honor Guard responds to many service requests for funerals, parades, and other various venues for flag presentations each year.

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Henry County Fire Department Honor Guard to honor fire service members, both past and present, and the United States of America with the highest degree of professionalism, dedication, loyalty, and dignity possible.

## Membership

Currently, we have 24 personnel that are on the Guard. Membership to the Honor Guard is open to any member of Henry County Fire Department. The three most important characteristics looked for in a member of the Guard are: *Participation*, *Dedication*, and *Dependability*.

## Details

Throughout the year, the Guard is available for several types of events.

- ◆ Flag Presentations
- ◆ Funerals and Memorial Services:
  - Henry Fire Personnel (Current and Retired)
  - Public Safety Personnel
  - County and Local Dignitaries
  - Veterans
- ◆ Weddings of HCFD Personnel
- ◆ Retirement Ceremonies
- ◆ Any other activity that requires the formality of a flag or guard presentation.

An annual event that the honor guard participates in is the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 2017, six of our members served as part of the National Honor Guard. At the conclusion of the Memorial Weekend, the Guard traveled to Arlington National Cemetery. There a wreath was laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in recognition and memory of the Veterans of Henry County.



# VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN

Henry County Fire Department announces the formation of the new HCFD Volunteer Chaplain Program in 2017.

This new program consists of three Chaplains with varied backgrounds and denominations from across the community. Numerous factors have made it desirable to establish a formal program with a primary role to serve those who serve. With the pressures present today, there is a need for this position in the fire service.

As the world becomes more complex, facing the problems of life becomes dramatically more difficult. People under stress tend to look to public safety for answers. The pressures of living in a complicated world affect us all.

Chaplains offer spiritual support during crisis without letting one's own religious doctrine or beliefs interfere. And stability during chaos by stepping outside of the emergency and offering unbiased and objective advisement.

## THE FIREFIGHTERS PRAYER

*When I'm Called to duty God  
Wherever Flames may rage  
Give me strength to save a life  
Whatever be its age  
Help me to embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate  
Enable me to be alert  
To hear the weakest shout  
And quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out  
I want to fill my calling and  
To give the best in me  
To guard my neighbor and  
Protect his property  
And if according to your will  
I have to lose my life  
Bless with your protecting hand  
My children and my wife.*



Lee Longe



Kenyatta Bush



Leonard Himes

# 2017 RETIREES



**Firefighter/EMT**  
David Ritchie  
04-06-1987 / 11-19-2017  
30 years of service



**Lieutenant/EMT**  
Bobby Wilkerson  
09-20-1984 / 05-08-2017  
33 years of service

*I have no ambition in this world but one, and that is to be a fireman. The position may, in the eyes of some, appear to be a lowly one; but we who know the work which the fireman has to do believe that his is a noble calling.*

*-Chief Crocker*

*FDNY*

# FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL



In 2017, our Fire Department Family lost one of its brothers.

## **Captain Chuck Carter**

May 13, 1968—July 24, 2017

Chuck was a member of the Henry County Fire Department for 24 years. At the age of 49, he passed away after a brave battle against cancer. On Thursday, July 27, 2017, he was escorted to his final resting place in a procession lined by friends, firefighters, and common citizens he served so faithfully. He was a beloved friend, loyal husband, and loving father. He enjoyed the outdoors, helping others and above all spending time with his family.

# SQUAD 82

Rehabilitation is an imperative part of operations on incidents requiring personnel to work extended hours and under various climatic conditions. On January 1, 2009, Squad 82 was placed in service.

The unit is positioned where personnel can check in to rehab, remove some of their gear, rehydrate and take a seat while medical personnel check out their vital signs and any signs and symptoms that could lead to injury. All personnel remain under the incident command and accountability systems while in rehab.

Squad 82 is staffed by a host of volunteers with deep roots in the fire service. Dedicated to serving both firefighters and the citizens of Henry County, they often self-dispatch to reported structure fires providing relief for firefighters and peace of mind for command staff.

The volunteers keep the unit stocked with supplies and appliances themselves. The stock consist of Gatorade, water, coffee, hot chocolate, ice, candy bars, microwave meals and snacks.

## Squad 82 members:

Charlie Rice	Sherry Rice
Gloria Rice	Don Baldwin
Dale Rice	Jerry Neal
David Richie	

## Out of Pocket Expenses for Squad 82

Bags of ice: \$206.11  
Crackers & Candy: \$446.55

## County Supplied

Gatorades: 20 cases  
Bottled water: 20 cases  
Gallon water jugs: 48  
Fuel for Squad: 139.5 gal  
New battery & Charger

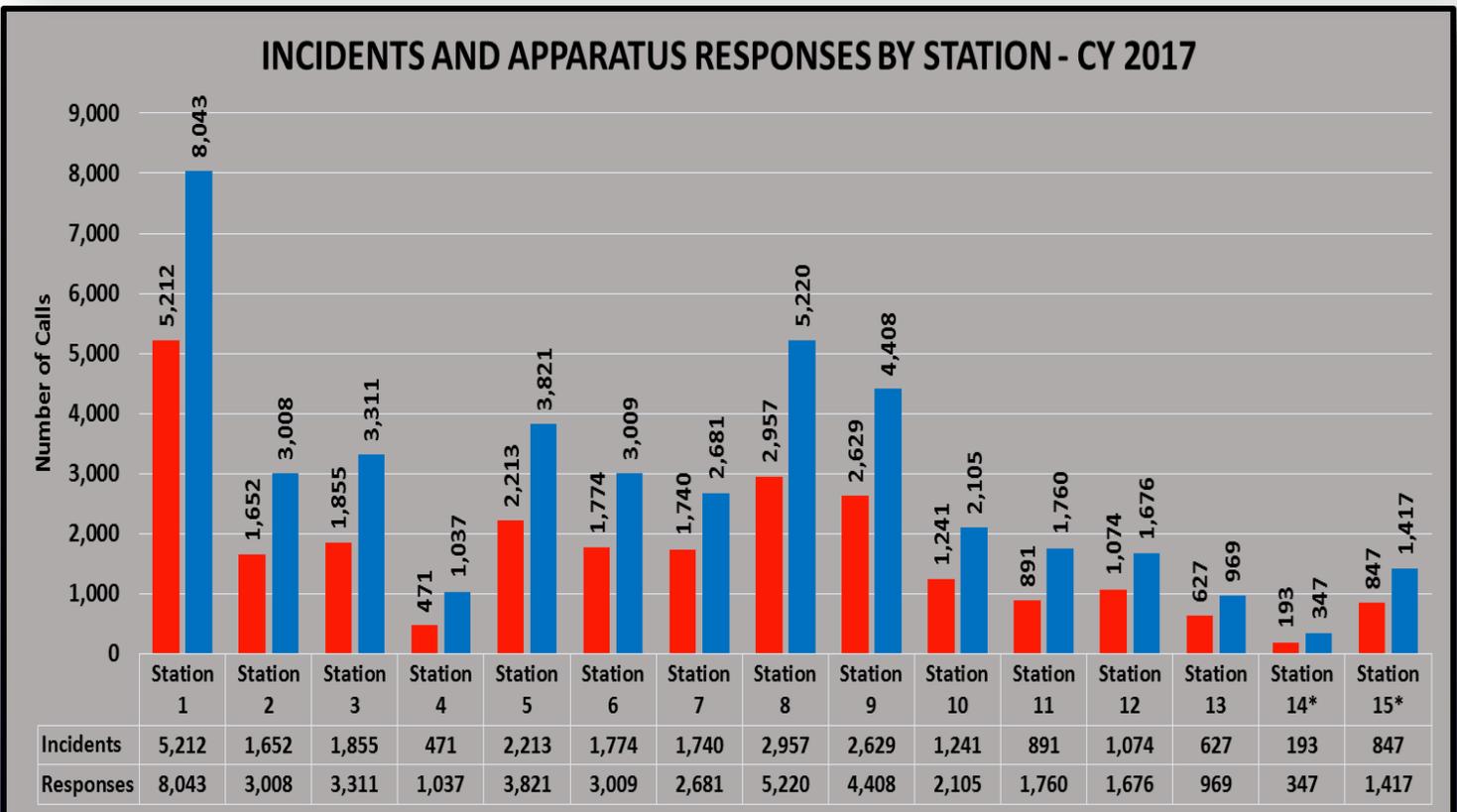
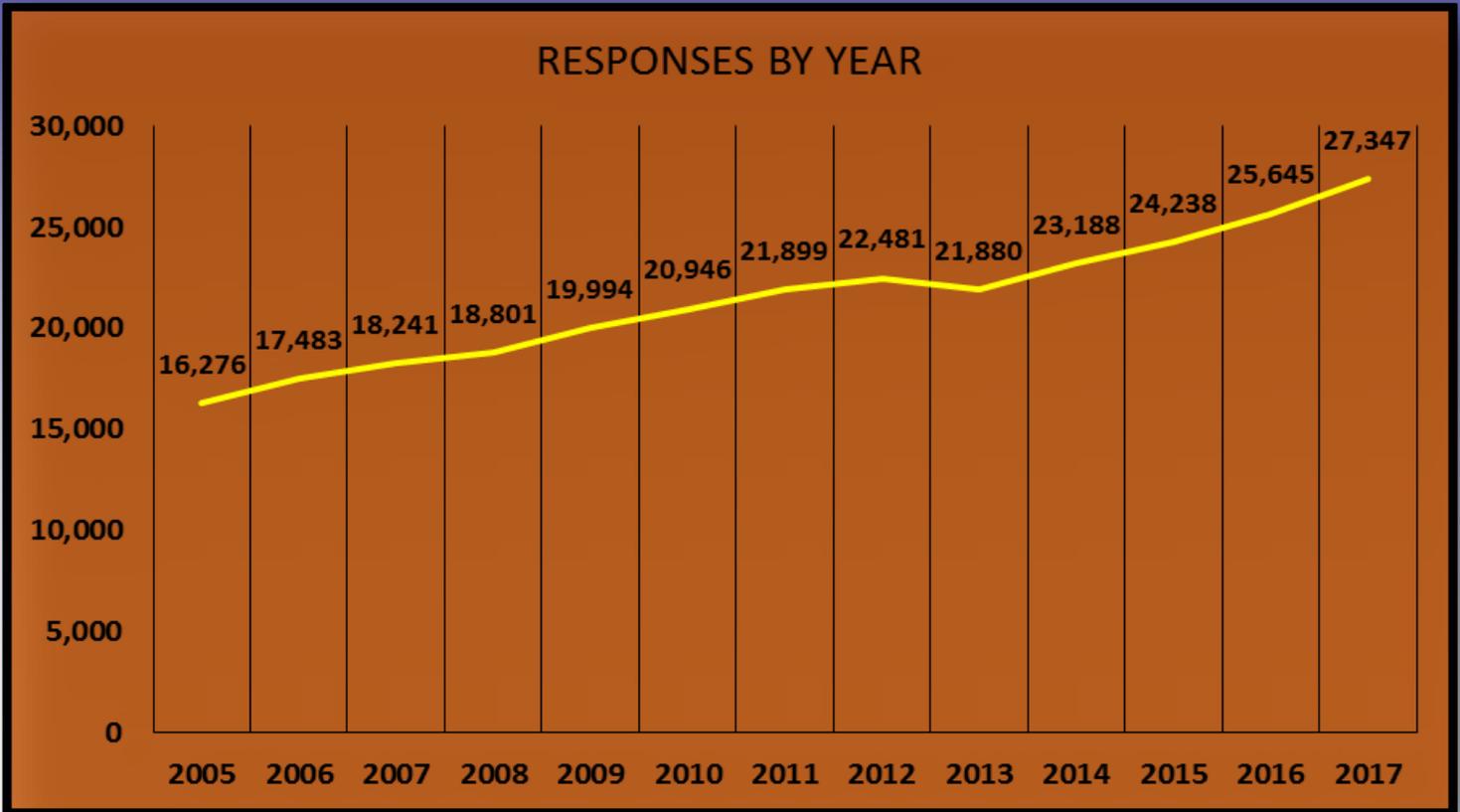


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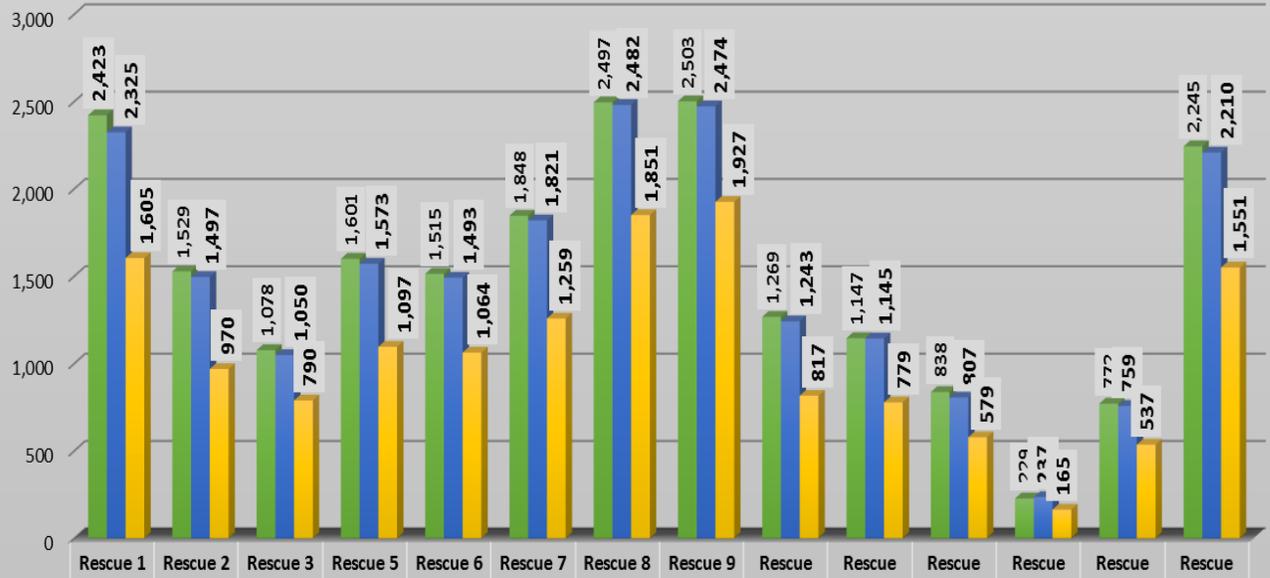
**Number of Runs: 47**  
**Gallons of Fuel Consumed: 139.5**  
**Cases of Gatorade: 54**  
**Cases of Water: 48**  
**Bags of Ice: 81**  
**Pots of Coffee: 13**  
**Packs of Hot Cocoa: 8**  
**Packs of Crackers and Candy Bars: 22**  
**Total Man Hours: 195.5**



# RESPONSE DATA

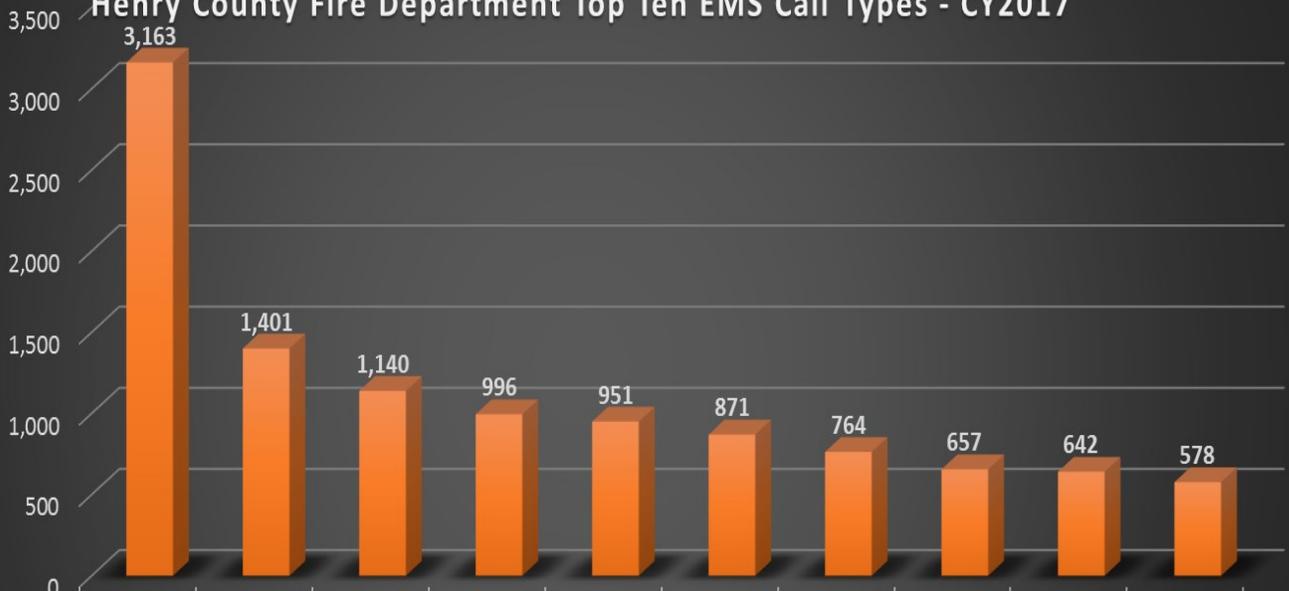


## Henry County Fire Department Medical Responses by Ambulance - CY2017



Total EMS Calls	2,423	1,529	1,078	1,601	1,515	1,848	2,497	2,503	1,269	1,147	838	229	772	2,245
Total Patients	2,325	1,497	1,050	1,573	1,493	1,821	2,482	2,474	1,243	1,145	807	237	759	2,210
Patient Transports	1,605	970	790	1,097	1,064	1,259	1,851	1,927	817	779	579	165	537	1,551

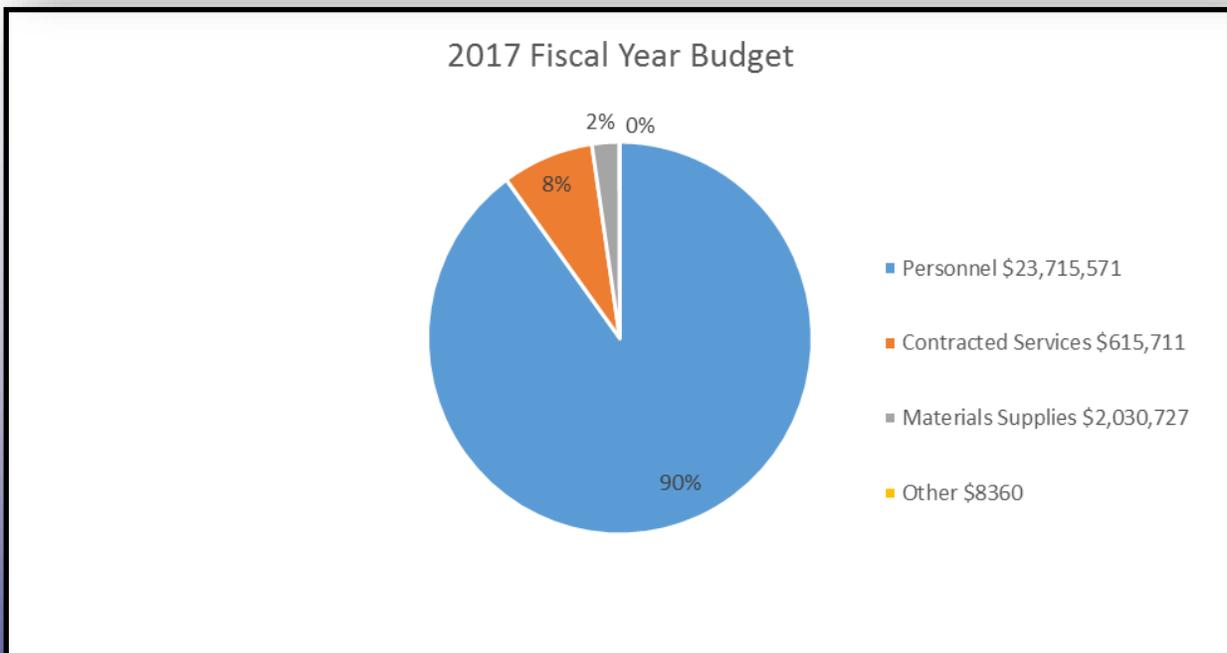
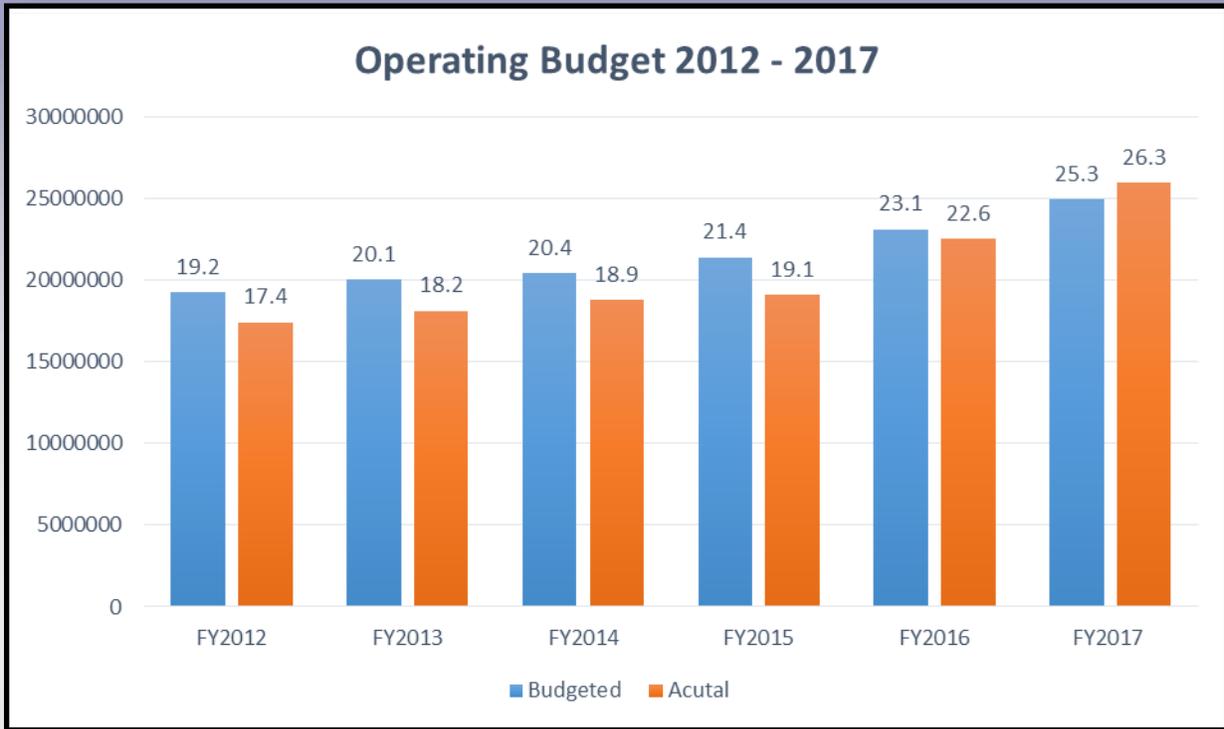
## Henry County Fire Department Top Ten EMS Call Types - CY2017



Top Ten Call Types	3,163	1,401	1,140	996	951	871	764	657	642	578
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# 2017 BUDGET

The Henry County Fire Department's operating budget runs on a fiscal year from July 1-June 30th each year. The Fiscal Year 2017 totaled \$26,370,368. In 2018, the fire department will remain on the forefront of initiating both operational and fiscal efficiencies, with continuous efforts made to save Henry County dollars. To ensure the highest quality of service to the community and the most economical means of delivery, the fire department is constantly reviewing the latest technology and strategies for fire protection and life safety.



# 2017 DATA SUMMARY

## General

### Positions

Uniformed _____	340
Civilian _____	12

### Territories

Stations _____	15
Battalions _____	03
Shift Commander _____	01

### Staffed Functions

Engines _____	14
(ALS Engines) _____	13
Quint _____	01
Aerial Apparatus _____	02
Heavy Rescue _____	02

## Response Data

### Incidents/Alarms

Structure Fires _____	198
Other Fires and Incidents _____	284
<b>Total Fires</b> _____	<b>589</b>
Medical _____	19,643
False Alarms _____	959
Mutual Aid Given _____	87
Hazmat Incidents _____	217
Other Hazardous Incidents _____	224
All Other Incidents _____	4,222
<b>Total Emergency Incidents</b> _____	<b>27,347</b>
Total Emergency Responses (units on the road) _____	46,045
Average Response Times for Fire Calls _____	8.63min
Average Response Times for EMS Calls _____	8:58min

### Fires

Total Residential _____	149
Total Commercial _____	49
Vehicle _____	107
Fatalities _____	0

### False Alarms

Malicious _____	24
Malfunction _____	243
Unintentional _____	541
Other _____	372

## Property Value

Total Property Affected By Fire _____	\$29,048,910.00
Property Saved _____	\$26,232,310.00 (90%)
Property Loss _____	\$2,816,600.00

## Emergency Medical Services

Total EMS incidents _____	21,494
Patient Contacts _____	21,119
Patient Transports _____	14,994
Amount Billed _____	\$8,497,504.00
Amount Collected _____	\$5,089,271.00

## Inspections

New Construction _____	714
Existing Construction _____	6590
Pre-Construction Meetings _____	155
Plan Reviews _____	709

## Investigations

Fire Investigations _____	106
Fire Investigations Closed _____	74
Fire Investigations Open _____	32

## Life Safety Education

Preschool Visits _____	36
School Visits _____	37
Station Tours _____	30
Career Days _____	18
Smoke Alarm Installs _____	400
Community Outreach Events _____	232

GFBB Boot Drive Collections _____	\$63,378.00
GFBB 10% Return _____	\$6,337.80
Gold Shield Foundation Boot Drive _____	\$41,398.54

Total Pop. Receiving Fire & Life Safety Education \_\_ 45,972

## Training

Training Hours Completed ————— 95,796

**Squad 82 Rehab Responses** \_\_\_\_\_47  
(volunteer)



Emmitsburg, MD

*The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial is dedicated to the memory of all career and volunteer firefighters who have died in the line of duty and is a tribute to the current and future firefighters who carry on the noble tradition of unselfish service to their communities.*

