

2014 Annual Report

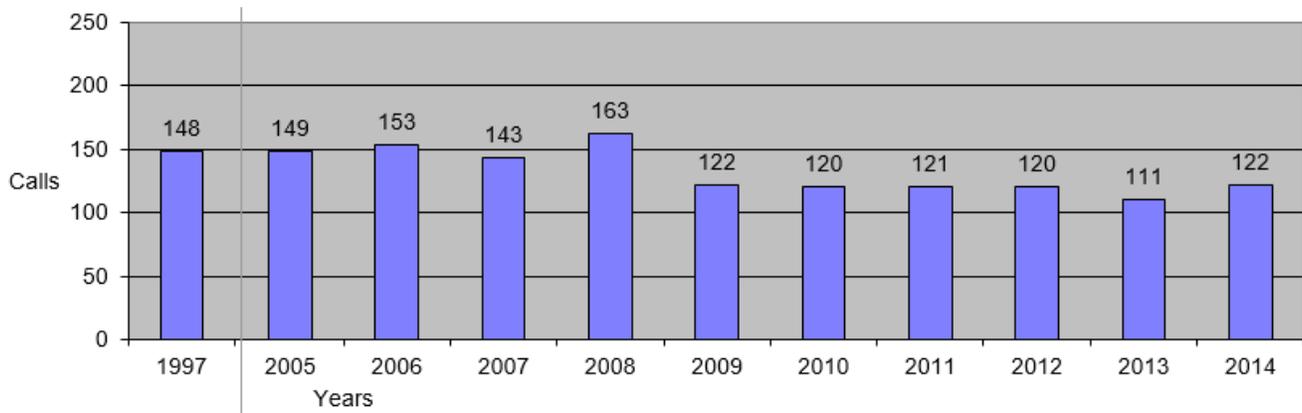
Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department

The Village of Elm Grove has been served and protected by the Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department since 1956. The department is comprised of a dedicated and highly-trained group of individuals who live or work within our member response boundaries. The department averages approximately 119 calls for service per year, which include structure and other fires, vehicle accidents, water/ice rescues, mutual aid to other communities, and various service calls. We participate in a joint Elm Grove/Brookfield Survive Alive Program, Fire Prevention Programs, and other public relations events and activities. Providing the village residents and business owners with a high quality service, gives the membership great pride and satisfaction while performing their duties.

William L. Selzer, Fire Chief

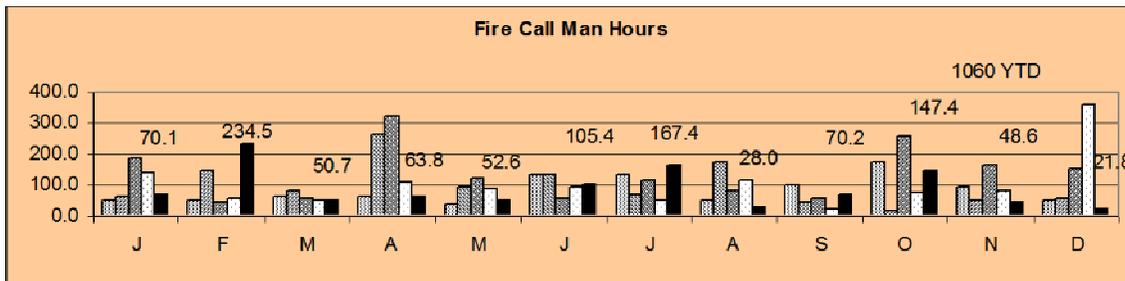
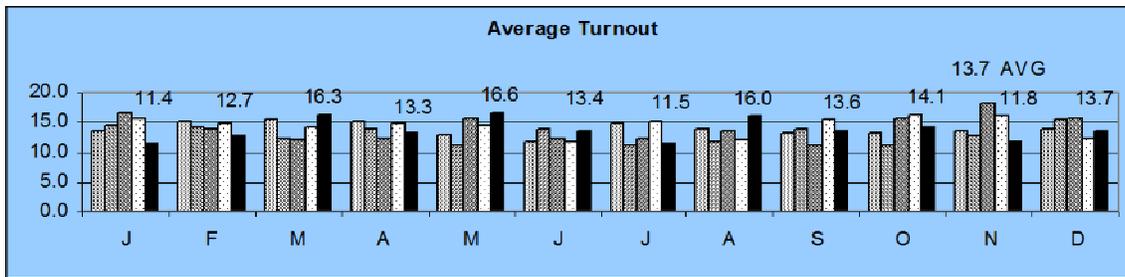
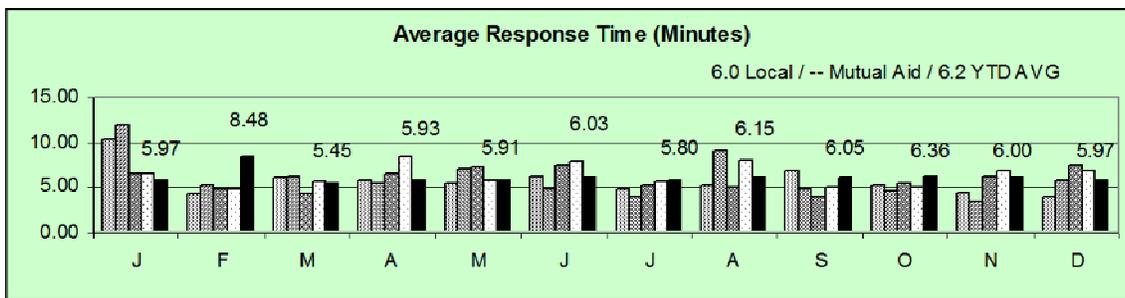
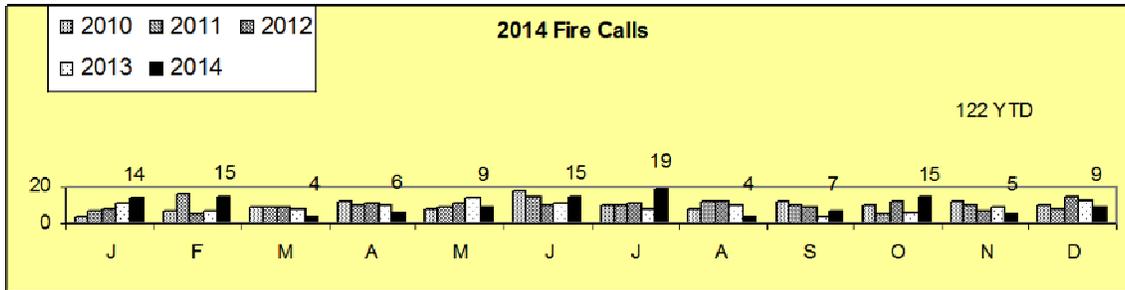
Calls for Service

Type of Incident	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	13/14 Change
Structure Fires	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	-1
Vehicle Accidents/Rescues	17	19	9	17	10	12	13	17	17	16	-1
Vehicle Fires	2	3	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	1
Power Lines /Arcing Equip.	8	18	6	7	9	9	7	8	9	10	1
Propane/Gas Leak or Fire	4	2	4	7	5	5	5	6	3	7	4
Oil/Fuel Spills		1	1	3	5	3	0	1	1	0	-1
Other Fires/Elect. Problems	4	7	8	5	8	10	9	4	5	1	-4
False Alarms	49	39	38	51	40	30	36	40	22	34	12
Mutual Aid Responses	43	41	37	38	25	22	28	19	27	21	-6
Miscellaneous/Service Calls	3	13	19	15	4	6	3	8	12	13	1
Total Calls =	149	153	143	163	122	120	121	120	111	122	9.1% up from 2013



Over the past five years the department has averaged 119 calls per year. The types of calls have remained relatively the same with the largest increase over 2013 in false alarms. Many of the false alarms are due to cooking or contractors creating dust or smoke. Nationally the number one cause of home structure fires start in the kitchen with cooking equipment.

2014 Statistics



Department Fleet

Engine 2461 - 2010 Pierce Engine with 1000 gallons of water

- 6 seated positions with self-contained breathing apparatus
- 1500 gallons per minute pump
- 1300ft. of 5" high volume hose
- Auto extrication equipment, thermal imaging, gas and CO meters

Engine 2462 - 1992 Pierce Engine with 1000 gallons

- 6 seated position with self-contained breathing apparatus
- 1250 gallons per minute pump
- 1500ft. of 5" high volume hose
- Rapid Intervention equipment, thermal imaging, gas and CO meters

Truck 2471 - 1998 Pierce 100 ft. Platform Truck with 300 gallons

- 6 seated positions with self-contained breathing apparatus
- 2000 gallons per minute pump
- 300ft. of high volume hose
- Ventilation equipment, thermal imaging, gas and CO meters

Tender 2491 - 2008 Freightliner Tender 2000 gallons

- 3 seated positions
- 1000 gallons per minute pump
- 2000 gallon portable tank, hydrant assist valve and fittings

Tender 2492 - 1986 Freightliner Tender 3600 gallons

- 2 seated positions

Mutual Aid Given

In 2014 the department responded to 21 mutual aid requests to our neighboring departments and MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) partners. The EGVFD responded to the following requests:

- 10 City Of Brookfield
- 6 Town of Brookfield
- 2 Village of Butler
- 2 City of New Berlin
- 1 Village of Menomonee Falls
- 1 City of Pewaukee



The department is an active member within the fire service in Waukesha County. Members serve on the Waukesha County Training Committee, Southeastern Interoperability Communications Committee and attend the Monthly County Chiefs Meetings.

As part of preplan training, the department utilizes a fire simulation software package that allows the trainer to add animated fire and smoke to a picture of a village building. This type of scenario based training is of great value in planning for rescue, suppression, ladder operations and other fireground operations.





Firefighter/Driver Jen Morris and Woman's Club President-Elect demonstrates the new Smart Board donated by the Woman's Club. The smart board provides an interactive medium for students to engage in fire prevention activities. It also is used for department training and incident preplan exercises.

Community Support

From the Junior Guild, Woman's Club, residents and business owners

Jenny Austino, President of the Junior Guild poses with Lt. Joe Coffey, his daughters and AC/ Lt. Tom Michalski with the TURK Rescue System donated by the Junior Guild. This two-wheeled system assists firefighters in transporting equipment to an incident with the use of a stokes basket or ladder



The department is very fortunate to have the support of our service organizations, residents and business owners. Through their donations over the years the EGVFD has been able to acquire various pieces of equipment and fire prevention items that improve our safety and service to our customers.

Officials and Staff Support

The membership would like to thank the Village Staff for their support, the EMS and Police Departments for the close working relationships, and the Village residents who volunteer on the various committees, and the Village Board who have supported the department and provided the funding and guidance that has assisted in shaping the organization into the service provider it is today.

Recruitment and Retention

The Village is served by 29 nighttime and weekend volunteers along with 9 DPW and Village employee daytime members. The department is a volunteer paid-on-call organization, which means, members are part-time village employees who do not staff the station. In order to provide service to the residents on a 24 hour, 365 day basis, the department is divided into 4 Duty Companies. One that is served by the DPW and other Village employees during the week-day hours along with available volunteers, and at night/weekends by 3 Duty Companies who are on duty every third day from 6:00pm-7:00am, and on the weekends for a 24 hour shift.

Over the years the membership has fluctuated due to members moving out of the response area or obtaining positions on career fire departments. As a result we are always looking for new members. As a member of the EGVFD you will learn life saving skills you can share with your family and community.

We are currently looking for new members who live or work within our response area. For more information, please email Chief Selzer at: wselzer@elmgrovewi.org.



2014 Activities

Department and Joint Services Training:

The department trains 2-3 times per month and trains with the other Joint Services Department, Police and EMS. 2014 training consisted of following:

- Railway incidents: passenger and freight trains
- Tornado touchdown table top exercise that included the Village Staff
- Search and rescue, fire suppression, water supply, ladder operations, firefighter survival and rescue, communications, ice and water rescue, auto extrication and building preplanning

2014 Activities



As part of the departments annual training, members practice using their self-rescue bailout kits to simulate bailing out of a second story or higher window. The department has constructed training props that can be configured for various self-rescue scenarios.

Public Relations and Education:

The EGVFD partners with the City of Brookfield Fire Department in providing Elmbrook and private school 3rd and 5th grade students the Survive Alive curriculum at the City of Brookfield Fire Station #1 on Calhoun Rd. This program teaches the students fire safety and prevention and the opportunity to practice Escape Drills in the home. Approx. 180 Elm Grove students participate annually.



The department also attends various events, such as the 4th of July festivities in the Village Park, Memorial Day Parade, Block Parties, and other similar happenings within the community offering information on fire safety.

Training:

A firefighter prepares to enter a culvert at our training facility by removing his self-contained breathing apparatus which he will push ahead as he crawls through this obstacle in the firefighter fit-for-duty annual testing.

The Training Tower and grounds are located at the Department of Public Works Facility, was constructed in the early 70's, and is used for search and rescue, ladder, and fire suppression operations. Auto extrication training is also conducted at the training grounds.



Fire Prevention

During the year, members provide Fire Station Tours, visit the Elm Grove schools to observe fire drills during Fire Prevention week and conduct the Annual Fire Prevention Open House at the Fire House.



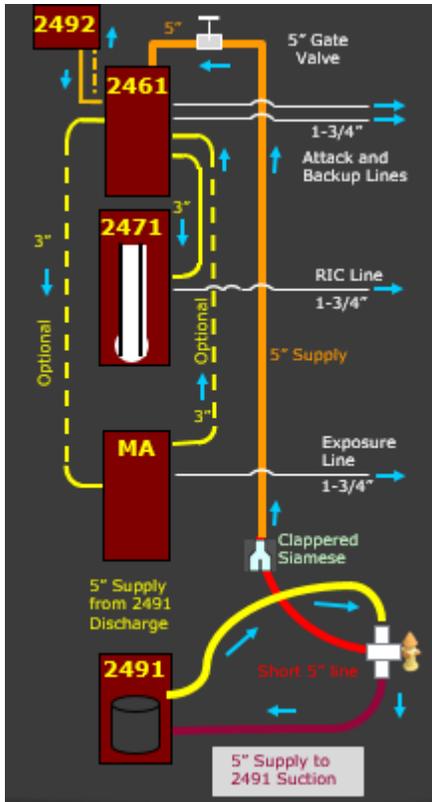
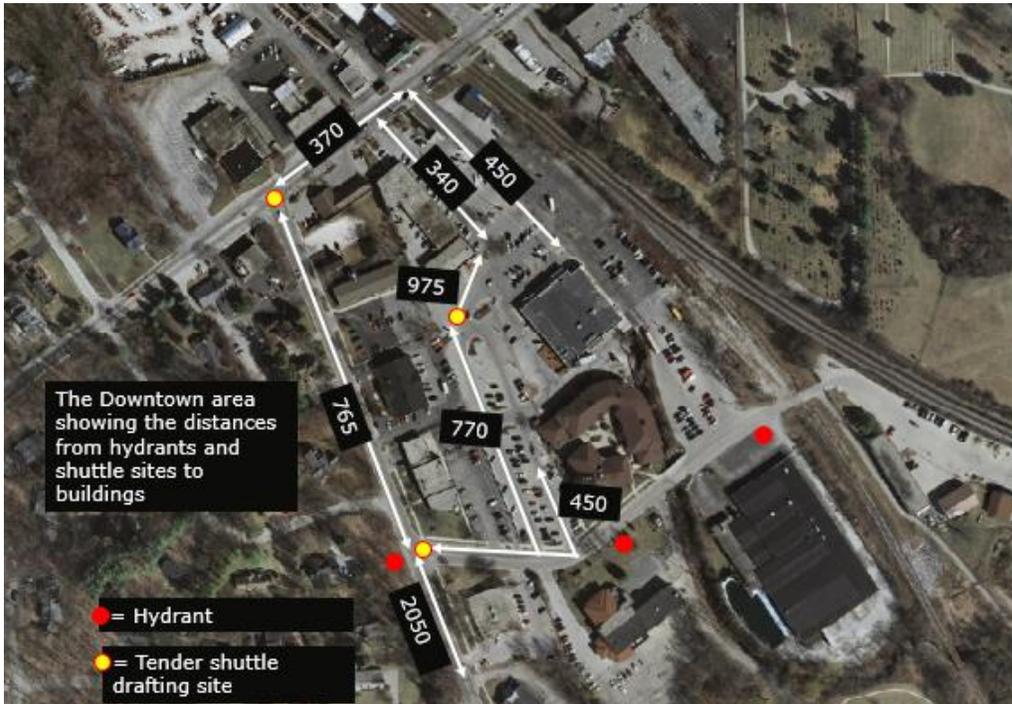
A young firefighter, under close supervision, operates a training extinguisher at the Annual Fire Prevention Open House.



Other Activities:

- Provided fire extinguisher training for the staff at the Heritage facility
- Attended the UPS Annual Safety Fair
- Attended and provided support for the Waukesha County Officials Day at WCTC where Village Officials had an opportunity to partake in firefighting evolutions and learn more about fire service operations within Waukesha County

Preplanning the Village



As part of training, the Officer Corps develops, reviews and revises our Standard Operating Procedures. These are placed in the department members section on the Village website for easy access by the membership.

