



Waverly Volunteer Fire  
Department

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2009  
YEAR END  
REPORT

Your Waverly Volunteer Fire Dept. enjoyed a much less active year than in 2008.

We have all settled in to our current responsibilities. The enactment of the four person training crew in-lieu-of the single training officer has gone well. Jim McKenzie is the head of the training team, and has done an outstanding job in this leadership role. Bryce McKenzie (Jim's son), Rob Edgar and Dan McKenzie are the rest of the training team and have all contributed to its success.

The new Aerial Truck is still the focal point of the department. Training is conducted monthly to keep all informed and comfortable with this high-tech piece of equipment. We spent in excess of 300 man hours for training on this truck alone this year.

The new Rescue Truck was received on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The items were switched from the old rescue to the new rescue on Nov. 14 with the help of 10 of the firefighters and 8 hours of work each. This truck is now in service and working well. Thank you for allowing us to acquire this truck.

I would have to say the highlight of this year was the opening of the new Waverly Volunteer Firefighters Museum. After a lot of hard work and hours, the Volunteers have a wonderful facility that they are very proud of.

Your Fire Dept. responded to 135 calls with an average response time of 4 to 6 minutes, consuming in excess of 2000 volunteer hours. We also held 12 business and 11 monthly training meetings and several additional training meetings for a total of 3942 volunteer hours.

Other activities through the year include:

Assisted with Heritage Days and the fire works.

Assisted with the Bremer Co Fair tractor and truck pulls.

Finished construction of our new Firefighters Museum.

Attended the Sullivan Brothers Award for Valor ceremony in Des Moines for Jim McKenzie and Sean Hartman.

Conducted fire prevention training for 800+ grade school children.

Worked our regular jobs and spent time with our families.

Your Volunteer Fire Dept. spends a great deal of time and energy helping our community each year.

What's ahead?

In 07' we received our new PPE gear and SCBA's through the Homeland Security Grant. We will now start to budget for repairs and replacement on these items.

The 1983 Pumper we refer to 802 is causing concern. We are having more service related issues with this truck and are finding it increasingly harder to find replacement parts. It is my desire to look at a replacement of this truck in 2011/12.

In the next two years it is my desire to advance all of our firefighters to Firefighter II status. This will bring a level of additional professionalism to the department. As we are volunteers and have other obligations, we need to find the balance of time commitment as to not take too much away from the family time.

December 15, 2009

Summary:

It was a busy yet enjoyable year at the Fire Station. We are getting familiar with the new trucks and equipment, and training to achieving the degree of readiness our community deserves.

Life is all about challenges and opportunities.

From all of the Volunteers, we would like to thank each of you for your support. May we continue to work hard in a unified spirit to make Waverly the safest and most progressive community in these great United States.

Respectfully,



Dennis H. Happel  
Fire Chief