



Waverly Volunteer Fire
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YEAR END
REPORT

Your Waverly Volunteer Fire Dept. enjoyed a quiet year in 2010.

Your Fire Dept. responded to 120 calls with an average response time of 4 to 7 minutes, consuming in excess of 1,500 volunteer hours. We also held 12 business and 11 monthly training meetings and several additional training meetings for a total of approx. 3,200 volunteer hours.

Other activities through the year include:

Participated in 4H safety fair.

Assisted with Heritage Days and the fire works.

Assisted with the Bremer Co Fair tractor and truck pulls.

Conducted fire prevention training for 800+ grade school children.

Hosted a weekend training session with the fire simulator trailer from the Iowa Firefighters Training Bureau.

Conducted fire extinguisher training for 5 outside groups.

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?

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 2012/13. This will place the truck at 30 yrs old which is the recommended replacement cycle per NFPA.

We also have a 1973 tanker that we are running until it gives up. Its useful life has expired a few years ago, but due to the fact that is a low usage truck we

have been able to use it. It could run another 4 or 5 years, or it could give up tomorrow. Given the age and the fact that the water tank has been rebuilt already. I would be hard pressed to try and save that old of truck.

As equipment gets more expensive and budgets get tighter, it will be a challenge to make all things work.

Another challenge for the fire service is getting the 24 hours of training as mandated by the State. We are very fortunate to have four State certified training officers on our department. The hours of training made available to our firefighters by these individuals has allowed us to meet the requirement without much issue. To date we are on track, however, I can see in the not to distant future where this is going to become an issue, especially in the smaller departments. Time demands and the ability to give training from a liability aspect are going to greatly impact the volunteer fire service in the near future. This is going to drive training costs up, and impact not only budgets, but how departments operate or decide not to operate and outsource this part of their public safety. No answers, just a lot of questions.

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