



MELBOURNE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011 ANNUAL REPORT



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CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

The Code Compliance Division is a Division of the Fire Department. The division is overseen by the Code Compliance Director who serves as the City's Building Official and Fire Marshal, and includes Fire Prevention, Building Code and Code Enforcement. This Division is charged with the administration and enforcement of all City of Melbourne Codes and Ordinances, Florida State Fire Prevention Codes, Building and Housing Codes along with Community Educational Programs on Fire/Life Safety.

The **Administrative Section**, under the supervision of Code Compliance Services Supervisor, provides all Clerical Support for the division and is the front line of communication for our customers.



The **Building Code Section**, under the direction of the Deputy Building Official, is responsible for performing plan reviews and issuing permits and for performing specific progress inspections on all construction projects to insure compliance with the State building code. The goal of this section is to insure that all construction is performed in a manner that complies with the life safety and structural integrity requirements of the building code. Upon successful completion of construction, a certificate of occupancy is issued allowing the structure to be occupied. This section also determines if contractors are properly licensed and insured to perform the work they have contracted for.

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The **Code Enforcement Section**, under direction of the Code Compliance Administrator, is responsible for investigating requests for service and complaint inquiries from the citizens and business owners of Melbourne. A majority of the concerns deal with inoperable vehicles, overgrown properties, abandoned properties and other infractions to the City of Melbourne standards. This Section also reviews all sign permits, educates the public on sign requirements and removes non-permitted signs within the city.



The **Fire Prevention Section**, under the direction of the Deputy Fire Official, is responsible for Periodic Fire Inspections of all public buildings; Public Education, Special Activity Inspections and Fire Investigations. The majority of this sections time is spent doing periodic inspections which assist in reducing Fire Dollar Loss each year. The Fire Prevention Section philosophy is “By working with our business owners, we are working towards a Fire Safe Community”.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT /FIRE PREVENTION SECTION

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITY INSPECTIONS/PERMITS/PLANS					
INSPECTION	1 ST Qtr.	2 ND Qtr.	3 RD Qtr.	4 TH Qtr.	TOTAL
Business Tax Receipt	86	52	61	45	244
Special Activity	8	10	9	17	44
Periodic Inspections	664	898	865	709	3,136
Fire Protection	1	4	1	0	6
Miscellaneous	573	705	820	789	2,887
Plan Review	90	91	105	120	406
Total	1,422	1,760	1,861	1,680	6,723

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY INSPECTIONS/PERMITS/PLANS					
INSPECTION	1 ST Qtr.	2 ND Qtr.	3 RD Qtr.	4 TH Qtr.	TOTAL
City Ordinance	2,806	2,879	3,616	2,358	11,659
Housing Code	635	460	541	458	2,094
Zoning Ordinance	63	105	68	52	288
Miscellaneous	313	222	202	156	893
Plan Review	86	58	55	58	257
Total	3,903	3,724	4,482	3,082	15,191
Non-Permitted Signs	2,704	3,629	2,537	1,353	10,223

CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE: Violations such as junked, abandoned and wrecked vehicles; garbage and refuse; delinquent occupational licenses; landscape; signs.

HOUSING CODE: Violations regarding sanitary facilities; light and ventilation; interior and external care requirements.

CITY ZONING ORDINANCE: Violations regarding Use Districts regulations and environmental standards.

MISCELLANEOUS: Violations of the Standard Building Code and other codes and standards.

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CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

CASES SUBMITTED TO CITY BOARDS					
BOARD	1 ST Qtr.	2 ND Qtr.	3 RD Qtr.	4 TH Qtr.	TOTAL
Code Enforcement Board	13	20	27	25	85
Building/Fire Prev. Board of Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL BOARD CASES: 85

COMMUNITY EDUCATION and FIRE INVESTIGATION				
QUARTER	PUBLIC EDUCATION	FIRE DRILLS	STATE/SCHOOL INSPECTIONS	FIRE INVESTIGATIONS
1 ST QTR	8	2	13	4
2 ND QTR	5	1	0	4
3 RD QTR	4	6	13	3
4 TH QTR	21	7	0	5
TOTAL	38	16	26	16

PUBLIC EDUCATION - Given by Fire Inspectors to the public in the interest of Fire and Life Safety. Example: Use of a portable fire extinguisher.

FIRE DRILLS - Exting drills conducted by members of the Fire Prevention Section in Schools, Public Buildings, Hospitals, Day Care/Nursery's and Commercial buildings.

STATE/SCHOOL INSPECTIONS – Annual inspections of Public/Private Schools as required by Florida State Statutes.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS - The investigation of fires by Fire Inspectors to determine their cause and origin where the cause cannot be readily determined by the Operations Division personnel. Assisting in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals in all fires where Arson has been determined.

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BUILDING SECTION

BUILDING SECTION PERMITS/PLANS					
PERMITS/PLANS	1ST Qtr.	2ND Qtr.	3RD Qtr.	4TH Qtr.	TOTAL
SITE	15	28	27	20	90
COMMERCIAL	66	65	69	71	271
RESIDENTIAL	50	29	26	29	134
MISCELLANEOUS	627	621	575	496	2,319
TOTAL	758	743	697	616	2,814

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED (NEW CONSTRUCTION)					
TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS.		CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY		
COMMERCIAL	9		76		
RESIDENTIAL	99		88		
2011 TOTAL	108		164		
2010 TOTAL	128		216		
OTHER PERMITS ISSUED					
DEMOLITION	28	MOBILE HOMES	12	POOLS	39
ADDITIONS and ALTERATIONS	1,589	FIRE PROTECTION	95	TREE	8
MISCELLANEOUS	1,793	ROOFING	402	FENCES	342
2011 OTHER PERMITS TOTAL: 4,308					
2010 OTHER PERMITS TOTAL: 4,550					

BUILDING SECTION CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS					
	1ST Qtr.	2ND Qtr.	3RD Qtr.	4TH Qtr.	TOTAL
INSPECTIONS	3,149	3,382	3,432	3,114	13,077

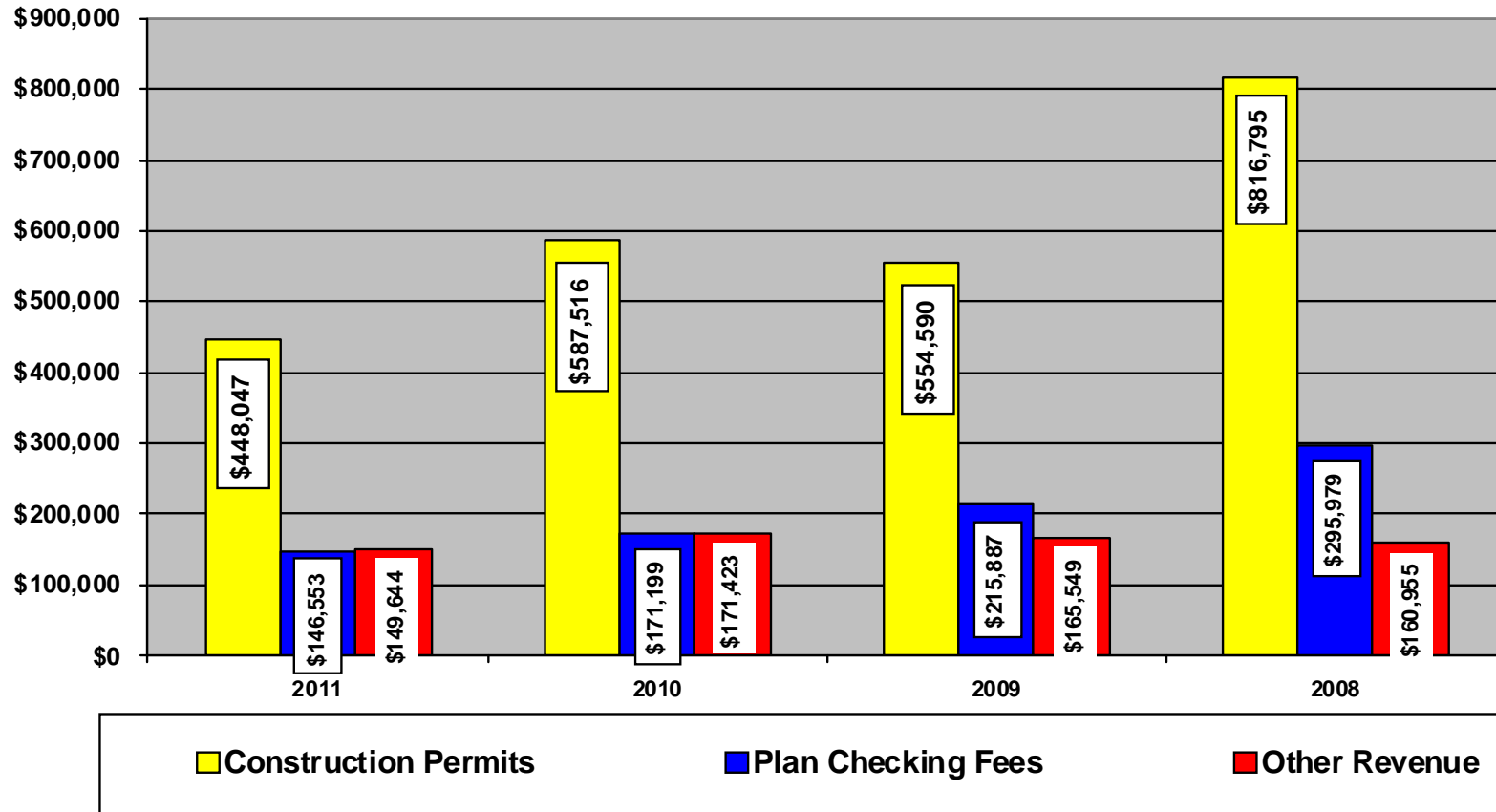
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BUILDING SECTION

BUILDING SECTION REVENUE REPORT				
	*Revenue Comparison by Calendar Year			
	2011	2010	2009	2008
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES				
1st Quarter	117,974	164,684	139,988	163,145
2nd Quarter	144,494	147,090	102,594	260,677
3rd Quarter	89,050	150,240	161,057	256,835
4th Quarter	96,529	125,502	150,951	136,138
Construction Fee Total	448,047	587,516	554,590	816,795
PLAN CHECKING FEE				
1st Quarter	37,905	49,484	39,046	51,618
2nd Quarter	47,930	36,356	39,506	122,062
3rd Quarter	30,770	56,427	65,598	87,698
4th Quarter	29,948	28,932	71,737	34,601
Plan Checking Fee Total	146,553	171,199	215,887	295,979
OTHER REVENUES				
1st Quarter	26,096	40,557	37,729	45,551
2nd Quarter	42,644	46,487	45,394	50,872
3rd Quarter	41,937	52,986	45,834	42,784
4th Quarter	38,967	31,393	36,592	21,748
OTHER REVENUE TOTAL	149,644	171,423	165,549	160,955
TOTAL OF ALL REVENUE				
	744,244	930,138	936,026	1,273,729

*Other Revenue includes reinspection fees, board application fees, sign permit fees, tree permit fees, notary and copy charges, Fire Inspection Fees, and trash hauling permit fees.

Building Section Revenue Source Comparison



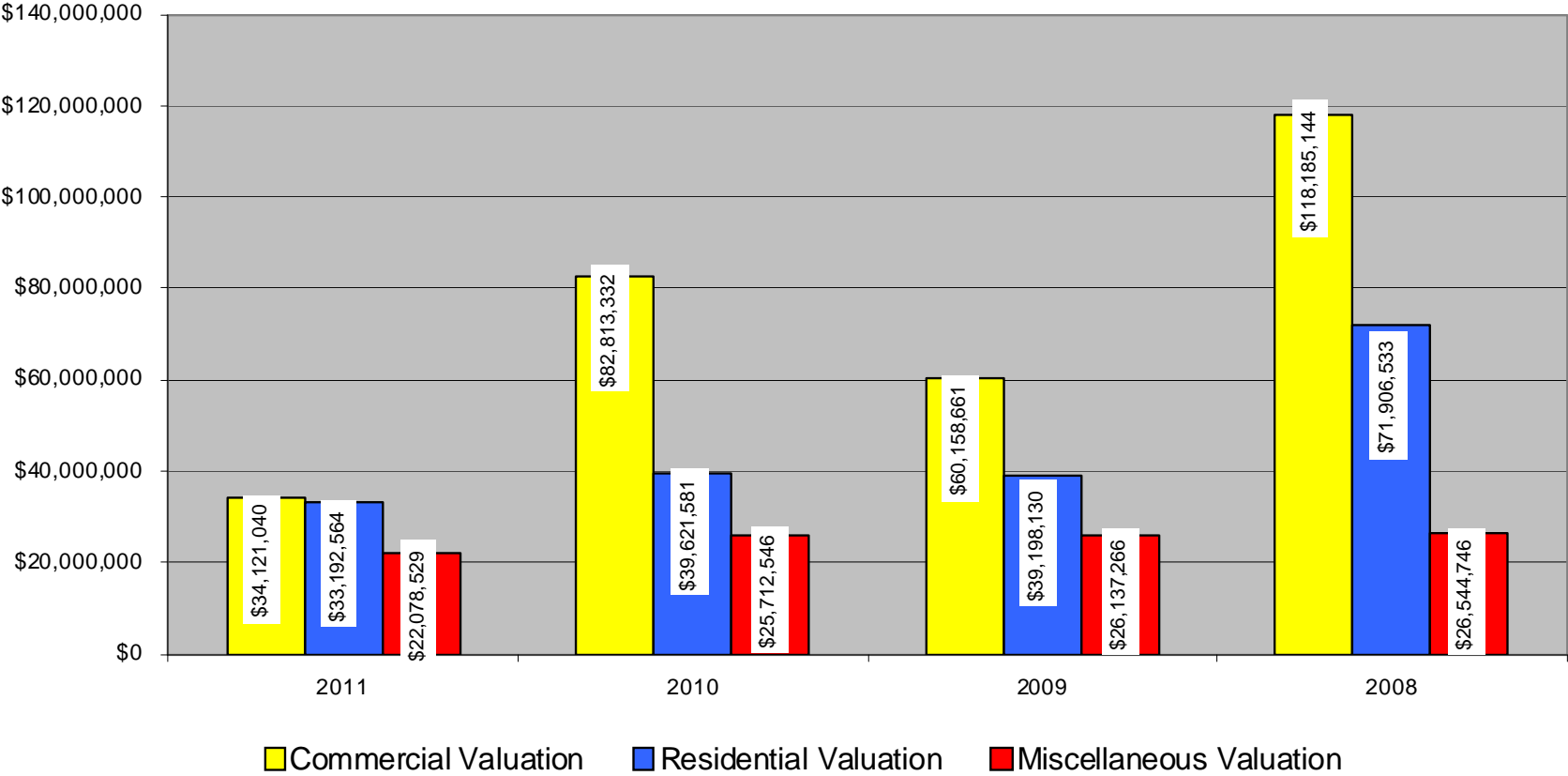
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BUILDING SECTION VALUATION REPORT				
	*Value Comparison by Calendar Year			
	2011	2010	2009	2008
COMMERCIAL				
1st Quarter	5,511,673	23,876,782	23,384,264	23,640,833
2nd Quarter	15,431,096	17,158,598	6,687,753	40,458,738
3rd Quarter	3,156,265	16,905,166	20,018,625	41,926,246
4th Quarter	10,022,006	24,872,786	10,068,019	12,159,327
Total Commercial Value	34,121,040	82,813,332	60,158,661	118,185,144
RESIDENTIAL				
1st Quarter	11,744,160	11,010,833	6,581,478	17,671,840
2nd Quarter	9,737,031	7,015,088	4,560,712	23,587,709
3rd Quarter	7,176,667	19,397,428	12,969,163	22,280,804
4th Quarter	4,534,706	2,198,232	15,086,777	8,366,180
Total Residential Value	33,192,564	39,621,581	39,198,130	71,906,533
MISCELLANEOUS				
1st Quarter	3,837,483	4,319,161	3,497,666	5,761,091
2nd Quarter	6,073,192	5,853,692	6,054,677	7,072,567
3rd Quarter	3,696,532	8,186,742	9,791,640	7,173,366
4th Quarter	8,471,322	7,352,951	6,793,283	6,537,722
Total Misc. Value	22,078,529	25,712,546	26,137,266	26,544,746
TOTAL OF ALL VALUE				
TOTAL OF ALL VALUE	89,392,133	148,147,459	125,494,057	216,636,423

*Valuation is compiled using square footage/construction type per SBCCI Valuation Data for new construction & contractor/owner supplied valuation for all other construction. Misc. value is compiled from all permits not classified as new building construction.

Building Section Valuation Comparison in millions



Valuation is compiled using square footage/construction type per International Code Council (ICC) Valuation Data for new construction & contractor/owner supplied valuation for all other construction. Misc. value is compiled from all permits not classified as new building construction.

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FIREFIGHTING

Fire Administrative and Training Division under the management of Assistant Chief Apel and Acting Assistant Chief Rethwisch addressed several capital improvement projects during 2011. These projects included the construction of Station 71, installing solar panel water heaters at six stations, and painting the exterior of Stations 72, 76, and 77. Station 75 received new kitchen cabinets, countertops and flooring.

The department continued with its upgrade program of Personal Protective Equipment replacing 25 sets of turn out gear, and 50 structural fire helmets. The department also began phasing in new portable and hand held radios. Additionally, the department replaced an older engine with the purchase of a new Pierce engine.

The department was also awarded a grant to purchase 100 sets of wildland gear.

Fire department members participated in a variety of training throughout the year, of which included EVOC, Extrication, Live Fire Drills, Search & Rescue, SCBA, Online Training, PPV Training, and various medical related training. The department also held its first in-house Airport Rescue Fire Fighting class and conducted the annual new hire testing.

In July 2011, the Insurance Service Office (ISO) conducted an inspection of the department and City services. The results of the inspection earned the City an improved ISO rating of 2.



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Assistant Chief Apel supervises the **Operations Division**, which saw a slight increase in responses. Firefighters of the Division responded to 14,501 incidents in 2011 compared to 13,887 incidents in 2010. This is an average of 55 requests for service each day. As in previous reports Emergency Medical, or rescue calls, were again the dominant request for service with 12,331 calls for a total of 85% of the responses in 2011. With the increase of responses in 2011, there was a minimal decrease in fire incidents. The Division responded to 225 fire incidents or 2% of the total responses in 2011. Firefighters also responded to 195 incidents involving hazardous conditions, service, and/or good intent calls for 1% of the 2011 total. False Alarms decreased in 2011 and accounted for 634 incidents or 4% of the total. Mutual Aid incidents accounted for 263 incidents or 2% of the total service provided by the Operations Division.

The 225 fire incidents accounted for an estimated property loss of \$1,884,576. The value of the property placed in jeopardy in 2011 amounted to \$37,665,460. Thirty-seven vehicle fires accounted for \$573,092 or 30% of the total fire loss.

Based upon a population figure of approximately 78,427 as provided by the Public Information Officer, the fire loss per capita was \$24. This was a 73% increase from 2010. In comparison, the per capita fire loss nationwide was ¹\$37.50 as provided by the National Fire Protection Association and ²\$17.24 per capita in the State of Florida as provided by the State Fire Marshal's office. Property loss per capita can dramatically change each year as a result of a large loss fire.



¹ Figure based upon 2010 data provided by the National Fire Protection Association.

² Figure based upon data submitted by the 549 fire departments that chose to report to FFIRS in 2010.

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The **EMS Division**, under the supervision of Assistant Chief William Sunday, continues to advance the EMS services provided to the community. Each year the EMS division provides medical coverage for various special activities – Runaway Country Space Coast Country Music Festival, Melbourne Main Street "Fall Festival", Southern Sprints Rowing Competition at F.I.T., Meg O' Malley;'s " St. Patrick's Day Festival", Melbourne Art Festival, and the Melbourne Main Street "Concert Series" New Years Eve. In addition, our paramedic and emergency medical technicians provided blood pressures for the "Seniors at Lunch Program" at various locations throughout the city.

In 2011, the department had contact with 13,104 medical patients. Of these patients, 536 were adults with chest pain, 387 adults with cardiac events and 64 adults with sudden cardiac arrests. The department treated 118 adult patients who suffered a possible stroke, 727 adult respiratory incidents, 205 adults poisoning/OD incidents, and 2,461 adult traumas representing a wide range of trauma severity. These figures do not include pediatric incidents.

Fire Department paramedics and emergency medical technicians are provided classroom and practical training throughout the year. In the month of May, personnel attended Advanced Airway Training instructed by the department's medical director, John McPherson, and staff from the Emergency & Medicine Learning Resource Center.

The EMS division received, in 2011, an Emergency Medical Services Grant to purchase special event vehicles to provide transportation of medical equipment in large crowds.



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OPERATIONS DIVISION

GENERAL FIRE INCIDENT SUMMARY BY FIXED PROPERTY USE					
PROPERTY USE	1 ST Qtr.	2 ND Qtr.	3 RD Qtr.	4 TH Qtr.	TOTAL
Assembly	8	2	3	0	13
Educational	0	2	1	0	3
Institutional	0	2	0	0	2
Residential	21	26	19	26	92
Store/Office	2	3	5	1	11
Industrial	3	3	1	0	7
Manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Storage	1	0	6	0	7
Special Properties	22	26	27	15	90
TOTAL	57	64	62	42	225

TOTAL OF ALL FIRE RESPONSE: 225

ASSEMBLY - Places for the congregation or gathering together of people for amusement, social, religious, civic and similar purposes.

EDUCATIONAL - Those properties used for the gathering of groups of persons for the purpose of instruction such as schools, colleges, etc.

INSTITUTIONAL - Properties used for purposes such as medical or other treatment, day care, convalescents or correctional purposes.

RESIDENTIAL - Properties providing sleeping accommodations for normal living purposes; 1 and 2 family dwellings, hotels/motels and apartment buildings.

STORE/OFFICE - Properties including markets & other buildings used for display, sale, etc. or building used for transaction of business.

BASIC INDUSTRIAL - Properties used for agriculture, forestry, mining labs, nuclear plants, defense sites and communication facilities.

MANUFACTURING - Properties where there is mechanical or chemical transformation of inorganic/organic substances into new products.

STORAGE - Properties utilized primarily for the storage or sheltering of goods, merchandise, products, etc; incidental servicing, etc.

SPECIAL PROPERTIES - Properties not readily classified above. This group includes vehicles and outdoor properties.

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ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS REPORT					
PROPERTY USE	1ST Qtr.	2ND Qtr.	3RD Qtr.	4TH Qtr.	TOTAL
Residential	228,520	333,965	280,050	85,370	927,913
Commercial	5,000	250,500	381,460	0	636,960
Special Properties	32,721	10,161	265,630	11,199	319,711
2011 TOTALS	266,241	594,626	927,140	96,569	1,884,576
2010 TOTALS	\$257,275	\$195,872	\$221,570	\$412,490	\$1,087,207

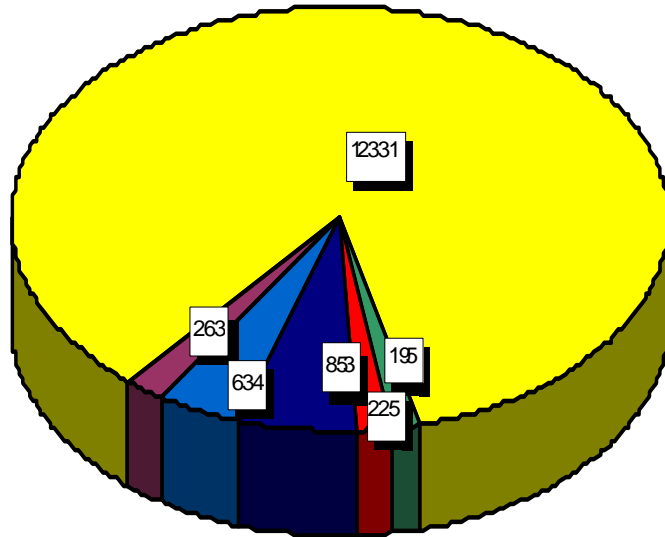
ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY PROTECTED			
1ST Qtr.	2ND Qtr.	3RD Qtr.	4TH Qtr.
5,892,465	2,110,790	22,896,035	6,766,170
2011 Total Estimated Value of Property Protected:			37,665,460
2010 Total Estimated Value of Property Protected:			\$153,981,850

MUTUAL AID RESPONSE REPORT					
	1ST Qtr.	2ND Qtr.	3RD Qtr.	4TH Qtr.	TOTAL **
Given	75	67	72	49	263
Received	120	116	104	119	

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Response by Type of Call



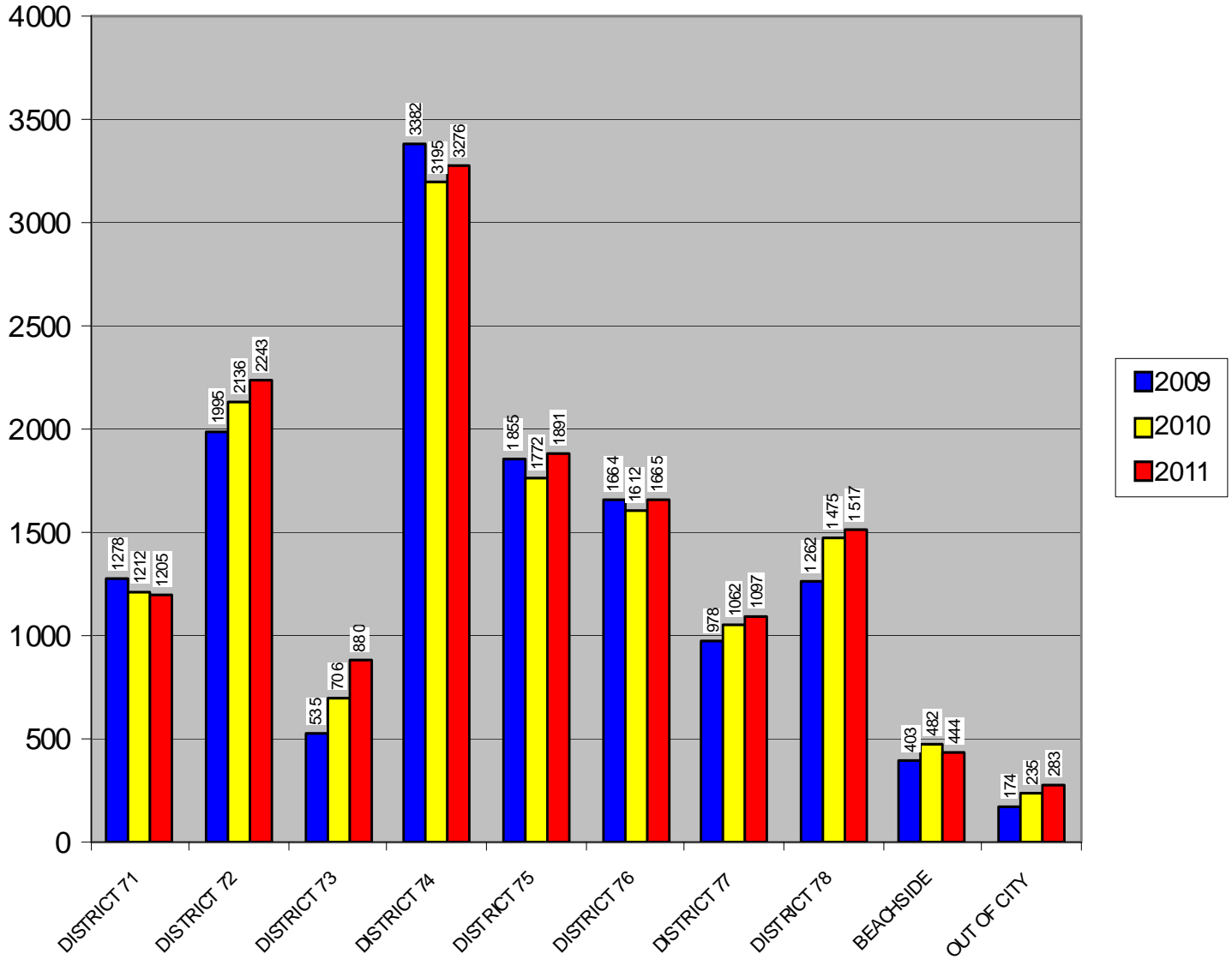
- Rescue 85%
- Hazardous Conditions 1%
- Fire 2%
- Public Assist 6%
- False Alarms 4%
- Mutual Aid 2%

Mutual Aid given may be any type of call outside the City.

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CALL DISTRIBUTION BY DISTRICT



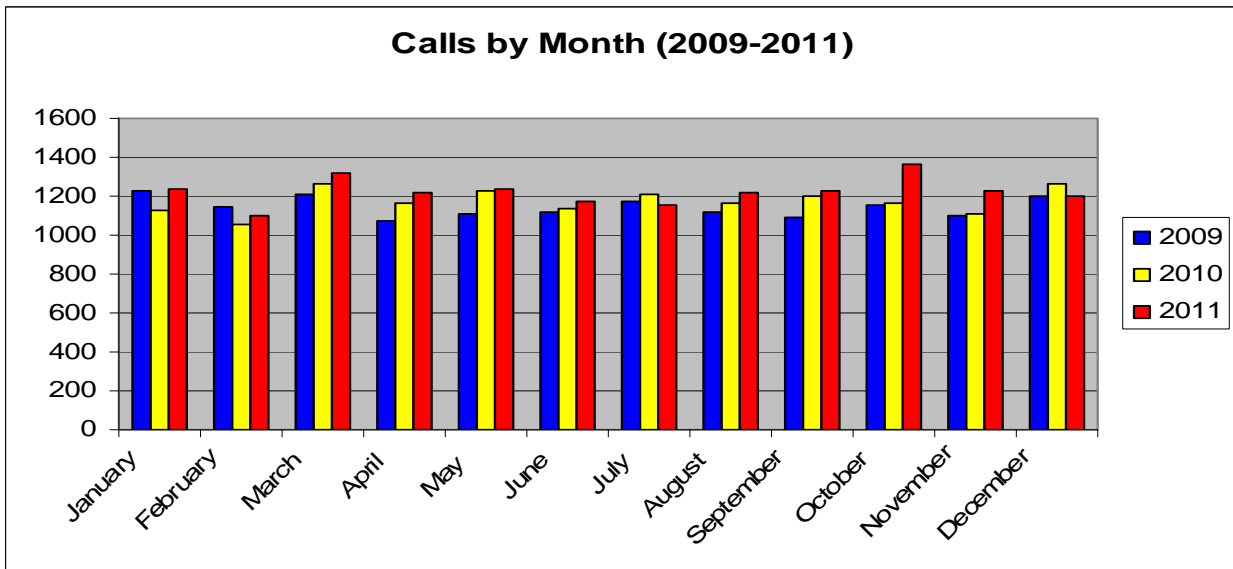
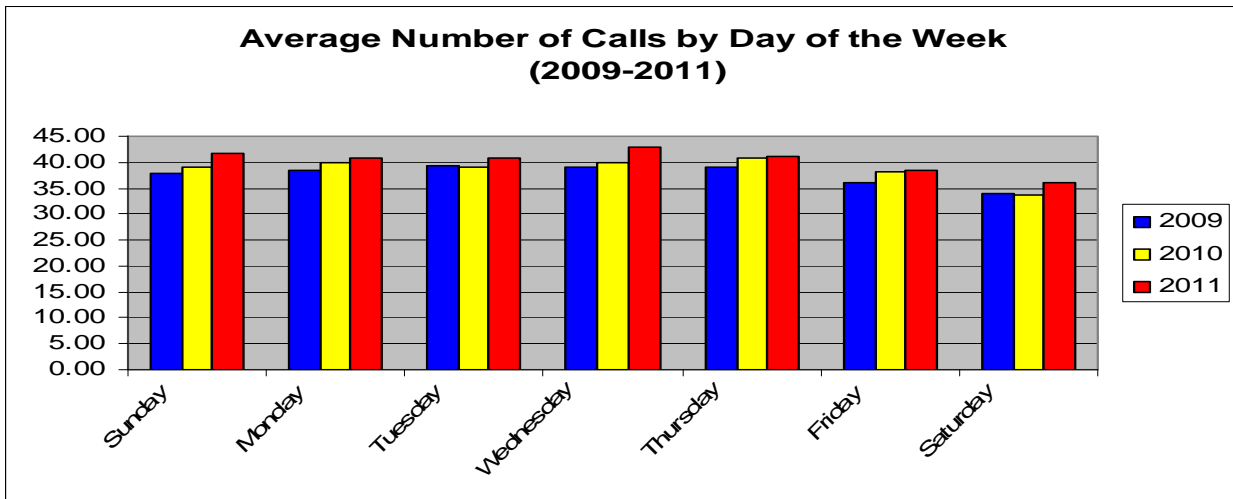
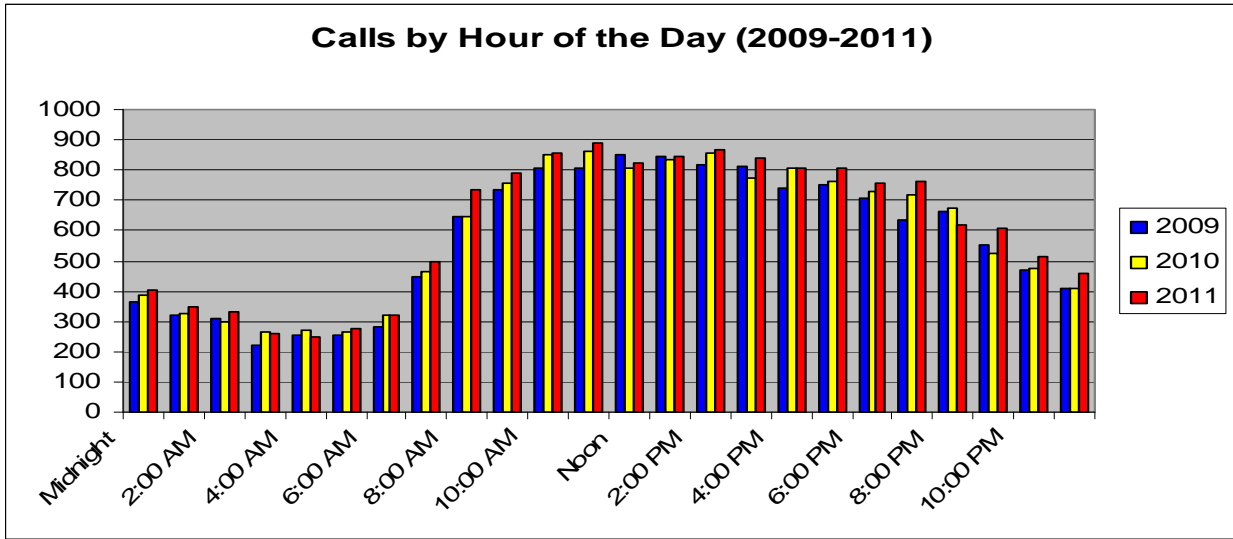
Note: District 74 is serviced by Engine Company 74 and Truck Company 74. All other Districts are serviced by one Engine Company each.

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UNIT RESPONSE COMPARISION

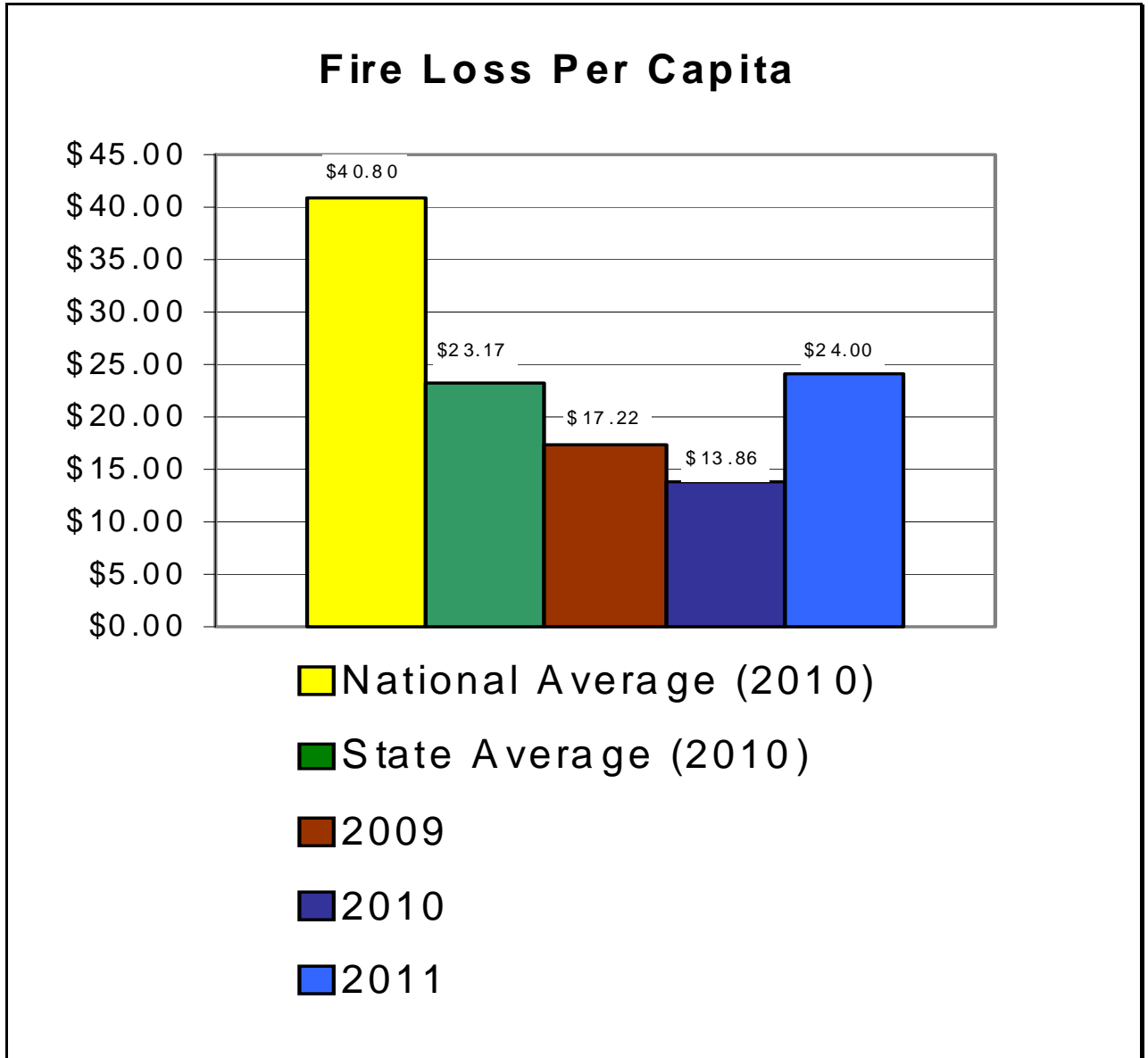
	2009	2010	2011
BR72	19	29	38
BR73	2	0	0
BR75	9	17	10
BR76	24	28	34
BR77	0	0	0
BR78	7	19	9
E71	791	830	1644
E72	1,052	1,051	1002
E73	773	1,010	1196
E74	1,627	1,437	1449
E75	810	829	874
E76	837	871	929
E77	550	561	597
E78	635	758	839
S71	1,322	1,279	119
S72	1,891	2,012	2150
S74	2,805	2,606	2694
S75	1,854	1,784	1902
S76	1,646	1,657	1684
S77	1,015	1,098	1103
S78	1,239	1,429	1496
TK74	1,019	975	980

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State Average based upon data submitted by the 549 fire departments that chose to report to FFIRS in 2010.

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OPERATION DIVISION

APPARATUS/BUILDING MAINTENANCE					
INSPECTION	1 ST Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	TOTAL
Apparatus/Truck Maintenance	3,608	3,643	1,194(July)	N/A	8,445
Building Maintenance	3,472	3,618	3,485	3,624	14,199

IN-SERVICE MAINTENANCE: This is maintenance accomplished by other than Equipment Maintenance.

TRUCK CHECKS: This is maintenance accomplished during Daily or Weekly routine checks.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: This is the general maintenance of grounds and buildings that includes cleaning of offices and living quarters; painting as needed; upkeep of lawns and shrubbery; and safety inspections.

TRAINING DIVISION

PERSONNEL TRAINING					
	1 ST Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	TOTAL
Personnel	132	132	132	132	132
Hours per Person	42.4	37.4	66.9	74.4	221.1
Total Personnel-Hours	5,592	4,939	8,826	9,823	29,180

* August 2011, the department implemented the Target Safety program to track personnel training hours. Apparatus/truck maintenance are now included in these training hours.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

JANUARY

FIREFIGHTER ORIENTATION WAS COMPLETED FOR NEW EMPLOYEES FF SHANNON SPEYER AND FF RYAN YOUNG.

CHIEF APEL, CAPTAIN ERIKSEN, AND LO DALTON ATTENDED FIRE RESCUE EAST.

CHIEF SUNDAY ATTENDED THE STATE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IN DAYTONA.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION AND CODE COMPLIANCE PERSONNEL ATTENDED A PLANNING MEETING FOR THE RUN AWAY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN APRIL.

DEMOLITION OF STATION 71 BEGAN.



FEBRUARY

STREET TESTS WERE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE PERSONNEL.

FIRE PERSONNEL RECEIVED TRAINING ON WILDLAND FIRE UPDATES.

FF CHRIS COOPER EARNED HIS PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION.

AN EMS STATE INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED. NO DISCREPANCIES WERE FOUND.

PROMOTIONAL TESTS FOR DRIVER ENGINEER, LIEUTENANT, AND BATTALION CHIEF WERE ADMINISTERED.

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MARCH

FF JOSH ARNOLD EARNED HIS SOLO PARAMEDIC STATUS.

LT. JAY GELD WAS SELECTED AS THE FOURTH QUARTER "FIREFIGHTER OF THE QUARTER."

BATTALION CHIEF DAVE WAITE WAS SELECTED AS THE 2011 "FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR".

FF RYAN WHITE BEGAN HIS EMPLOYMENT.

DE ED CLEMONS RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

APRIL

PROMOTED TO FIRE INSPECTOR WAS KEVIN DAUGHTRIDGE AND HE IS NOW ASSIGNED TO THE FIRE PREVENTION SECTION.

CAPTAIN ERIKSEN EARNED HIS NFPA 1521 HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER CERTIFICATION.

THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TWO SEGWAYS THROUGH AN EMS GRANT AND PERSONNEL RECEIVED OPERATIONAL TRAINING.

PERSONNEL PROVIDED MEDICAL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE FOR THE RUNAWAY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL AND THE MELBOURNE ART FESTIVAL.



STATION 73 PERSONNEL COMPLETED NUMEROUS TIME AND DISTANCE RESPONSE DRILLS.

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MAY

FF MICHAEL PANNUCCI AND FF MATTHEW MADEIRA BEGAN THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

PUMP TESTING BEGAN.

FIRE PERSONNEL RECEIVED EMLRC TRAINING FROM DR. MCPHERSON.

NIGHT DRILLS WERE CONDUCTED WITH FIRE PERSONNEL.

SCBA FIT TESTING BEGAN.

STATION 73 PERSONNEL COMPLETED AND PASSED THEIR ANNUAL FAA INSPECTION.

JUNE

LIEUTENANT TERRY VINUP RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE.

CHIEF APEL, CAPTAIN ERIKSEN, AND AMY AMBROSE ATTENDED A TARGET SAFETY TRAINING CLASS HOSTED BY THE PALM BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DE JEFF DARBY ATTENDED ARFF RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE COLLEGE.

CAPTAIN ERIKSEN ATTENDED A TRAIN THE TRAINER CLASS HOSTED BY DAYTONA FIRE RESCUE.

SCBA FIT TESTING WAS COMPLETED.



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JULY

FIRE PREVENTION SECTION AND STATION 74 PERSONNEL COMPLETED A PUBLIC EDUCATION TRAINING AT TRINITY TOWERS SOUTH, TRINITY TOWERS EAST, AND TRINITY TOWERS WEST ON THE IMPACTS OF FASE ALARMS.

STREET TESTS WERE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

A DEPARTMENTAL INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED BY THE INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO). AS A RESULT OF THE INSPECTION, THE CITY EARNED AN IMPROVED ISO RATING OF 2.

AUGUST

FIRE PERSONNEL ATTENDED AIRWAY TRAINING INSTRUCTED BY DR. MCPHERSON.

FIRE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN NFPA 1410 DRILLS – SINGLE COMPANY EVOLUTIONS.

SEPTEMBER

ASSISTANT CHIEF TOM FLAMM RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

FIRE PERSONNEL RECEIVED TRAINING ON BARIATRICS AND LIFTING TECHNIQUES.

FIRE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN NFPA 1410 DRILLS.

FIRE PERSONNEL AND FIRE PREVENTION PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN A FIRE DRILL AT TRINITY TOWERS SOUTH.

FF BRIAN AMERSON AND FF JOE BIANCO WERE MEDICAL SEPARATED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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OCTOBER

CHIEF ROBERT APEL WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF OPERATIONS.

CHIEF MARTY RETHWISCH WAS APPOINTED INTERIM ASSISTANT CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION.

FIREFIGHTER CHRIS FLAMM BEGAN HIS EMPLOYMENT AND COMPLETED HIS FIREFIGHTER ORIENTATION.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES DURING FIRE PREVENTION MONTH.

NOVEMBER

CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 71 CREW QUARTERS WAS COMPLETED AND IS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE CREWS.

FIRE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN NFPA 1410 DRILLS. DRILLS CONSISTED OF SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING AND NIGHT DRILL SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING.

DECEMBER

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL EARNED THEIR SOLO PARAMEDIC STATUS: FM CHRIS COOPER, FM DUSTIN HOYLE, DM KURT COLEMAN, FM JASON GELD.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL RECEIVED IN-HOUSE ARFF TRAINING INSTRUCTED BY CHIEF DAVE WAITE.

CODE ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND STATION 74 PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN A FIRE DRILL AT TRINITY TOWERS EAST.

FIRE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN NFPA-1410 DRILLS.

THREE PUMPER TESTS WERE PERFORMED.