

Allegany County Fire Coordinator 2015 Annual Report

During the year 2015 our Allegany County Fire Departments' volunteers responded to 112 structure fires, 308 MVAs with injury, 40 vehicle fires, 59 outside fires and 356 fire alarms. The total number of calls for service was 3,398 fire calls. These were answered by 1,431 dedicated volunteers. Fire and independent ambulances were dispatched from Allegany County 911 center for 7,906 EMS calls.

My six District Deputy Coordinators attended all mutual aid incidents in and out of their Districts and conducted meetings with chief officers on a regular schedule to promote training, safety, and address concerns. I had to replace one Deputy Coordinator this year due to a retirement. I lost another dedicated DC in December due to his unfortunate death.

My thirteen Deputy Fire Investigators responded to 41 incidents to assist the fire chiefs in determining the cause and origin. These fire investigators performed over 355 investigation hours and over 80 hours of continuing education training. Six investigators attended the Arson Seminar at the Academy. We added four people to our FI observer program. In November I added three new fire investigators to the team and two of them came from the Observer program.

My three Deputy Hazmat Coordinators continue to respond and maintain our two hazmat trailers and one tow vehicle. They conduct meetings to keep the HazMat team up-to-date on any changes in policies and protocols.

Our four local State Fire Instructors taught 21 fire classes with 328 students for a total of 11,550 hours of State Training. These numbers do not reflect any department or individual hours outside of the training that was offered through my office. This office with the assistance of my District Deputy Coordinators continued to issue and update County-wide Fire and EMS photo ID card system for identification and accountability.

This office facilitated a Swift Water Rescue Course through New York State OFPC. We had sixteen become certified as Swift Water Rescue Techs. We have a growing interest in forming a Swift Water Rescue Team in the County.

The Fire Service office, along with District Deputies and local Fire/EMS agencies provided the Andover Fire Department assistance with the Tough Mudder event at Kent Farms. We also provided assistance and our Fire/EMS agencies provided coverage for events throughout the year, some of which included: the Allegany County Fair, Wellsville Balloon Rally, Ridge Walk, along with many other activities and gatherings.

I attended all of the WNY Fire Coordinators quarterly meetings. I have also attended numerous conferences, meetings and trainings to keep up with the newest regulations facing our first responders. Some of these conferences included the State Chiefs'; the Regional Fire Administrators' and Fire Coordinators' Annual conferences.

I hired a new Account Clerk for the Fire Service. She has been taking pertinent training and educational courses and is becoming a valuable member in the Fire Service Office.

Respectfully submitted;

Jeff Luckey
Allegany County Fire Coordinator