

Garden City Fire Department

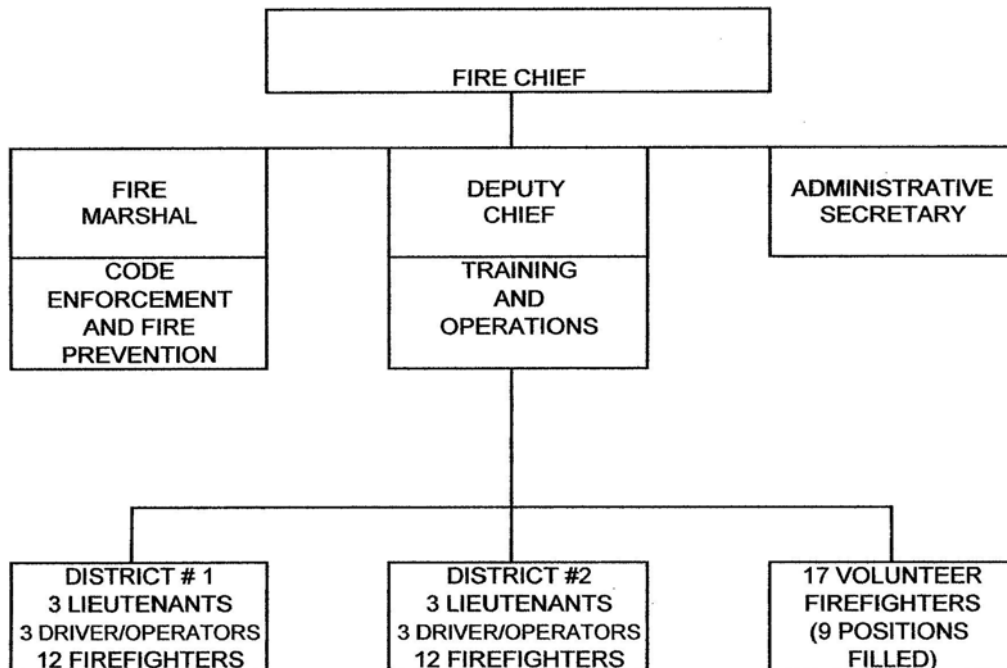
2007 Annual Report

The Garden City Fire Department operates and oversees the Administrative, Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, Fire Suppression, Equipment Maintenance, Training and Investigative Divisions. The Fire Chief directs all activities designed to fulfill the Department's mission. The Department's mission statement is "to assist the public in the protection of life and property by minimizing the impact of fire and potential disasters or events that affect the community and environment".

The Department's staff consists of forty-two firefighting personnel and one Administrative Secretary. The Department has a combination of full-time and on-call/paid (volunteer) Firefighters including one career Chief, one Deputy Chief, one Fire Marshal, four career Lieutenants, two volunteer Lieutenants, six Driver/Operators, and Firefighters who fill the remaining positions.

The Department's two stations are the Central Fire Station at 302 North 9th Street, and the Labrador Fire Station at 1605 East Mary Street. Administrative offices are located at the Central Fire Station. Office hours are 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



OPERATIONS

The Garden City Fire Department purchased four cardiovascular treadmills, which were funded by a grant from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter Grant program. The \$19,580.00 dollar grant was used to purchase cardiovascular equipment in order to promote a balanced fitness program and to assist our firefighters in the prevention and reduction of health problems.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles made its annual \$1,000 donation to the Department for its CPR training program. These funds help finance training aides and various disposable supplies expended during presentation of CPR classes. The Department offers CPR and First Aid classes to city employees and other community members who request this training.

The City of Garden City continued to provide incident response services for the Holcomb Fire Department during 2007. In 2006, the Holcomb City Council employed a Volunteer Fire Chief to handle administrative aspects of the Holcomb Fire Department

Firefighters volunteered their efforts at the end of August to collect donations for the Department's annual MDA Boot Block. Total donations of \$4,405.94 were collected in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Department provides fire protection for all incoming and outgoing commercial flights at the Garden City Regional Airport.

Two additional staff members completed Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) certification this year. They attended the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter Basic Certification Course at Denver International Airport, Denver, Colorado in October 2007. The remaining certified personnel traveled to Salina in May to attend the Mobile ARFF Trainer continuing education course offered by the Salina Airport Authority. All Department personnel who have obtained initial certification and fulfilled annual refresher training are qualified to provide fire protection for the incoming and outgoing airline flights at Garden City Regional Airport.

The Department provides an additional staff member and fire apparatus as coverage for the occasional charter "casino" flights that generally have higher passenger counts.

This year, the Garden City Fire Department began working on specifications for the new ARFF Truck to be stationed at the Garden City Airport.



TRAINING

In September of 2007, Fire Chief Allen Shelton hired Jeff Deal to become the Garden City Fire Department's Deputy Fire Chief of Training and Operations.

Deputy Chief Deal moved to Garden City from Hutchinson, Kansas, where he served as the Training Captain with the Hutchinson Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Deal is in charge of training for the Department and works in operations.

In response to President George W. Bush's Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-5, all Garden City Fire Department Firefighters continue to receive their certification in FEMA's Emergency Management Institute's National Incident Management System Training. Certificates continue to be earned upon completion of intensive coursework and training through the Institute.

Fire Department personnel participate in general firefighting training and certifications, fire investigator training, federal and state mandated training, emergency medical training and re-certifications, specialized training and officer development training.

Following is a sample of specialized training classes completed by personnel of the fire Department in 2007:

- Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter Basic Certification Course, DIA-Denver FD ARFF
- Chemistry for Hazardous Materials Training, Garden City Community College
- Emergency Medical Technician, Garden City Community College
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, Garden City Community College
- Firefighter II, Garden City Community College
- Firefighter Basic Skills, Garden City Community College
- Fire Inspector I, Garden city Community College
- Fire Instructor I, Garden City Community College
- Fire Rescue International Conference, International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Hazardous Materials Technician, Garden City Community College
- Incident Command System for First Responders, KS Emergency Management
- Kansas Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators seminar
- Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Trainer, Salina Airport Authority
- Pipeline Safety & Incident Response Training, Garden City Community College
- KU Mass Casualty Disaster Simulation, Wichita, Kansas
- Technical Rescue II, Garden City Community College
- State Urban Search and Rescue Seminars (SUSAR) Kansas Emergency Management

Training Tower

Through a joint effort between the City and the Garden City Community College, 2007 brought completion of the Training Tower, which both entities will use for a training facility.



The Training Tower consists of a two-story building with an attached four-story tower that can be used for rappelling or to mimic situations found in a high-rise fire.

Trainers can use smoke, flames, or both to create real-life situations, which will be invaluable to the Garden City Fire Department's Firefighters.

On the outside, specialized heat sensors allow trainers to constantly monitor the building's temperature in order to ensure the safety of Firefighters training within.

This Training Tower is the only one of its kind in Western Kansas and will be an asset to the community as a regional training facility.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Garden City Fire Department continues to maintain six prevention districts within the city for the purpose of fire safety inspections. The Department's goal is to promote fire safety with business owners in the City by insuring compliance with fire and life safety codes. The City utilizes the 2000 edition of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and the 2003 edition of the International Fire Code for compliance guidelines. Personnel also complete and maintain diagrams of inspected buildings for pre-fire planning information. Pre-plans include locations of: water, electric and gas shutoffs; sprinkler systems; alarm systems; fire hydrants; hazardous chemicals storage and overall building layout. Shift personnel performed preplans for businesses in the three-mile radius of Garden City in 2006.

The Department's Fire Marshal, Dan Wimmer, is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist. Fire Marshal Wimmer approves and inspects installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarms in new and remodeled buildings. He works closely with the City of Garden City Inspection Department on new construction projects, plans reviews, system testing and final inspection of completed projects. The Fire Marshal completes all fire safety inspections for licensed daycare homes, daycare centers and public schools. He also provides consultation with business owners regarding non-compliance issues referred to him by shift personnel after they have performed business inspections.

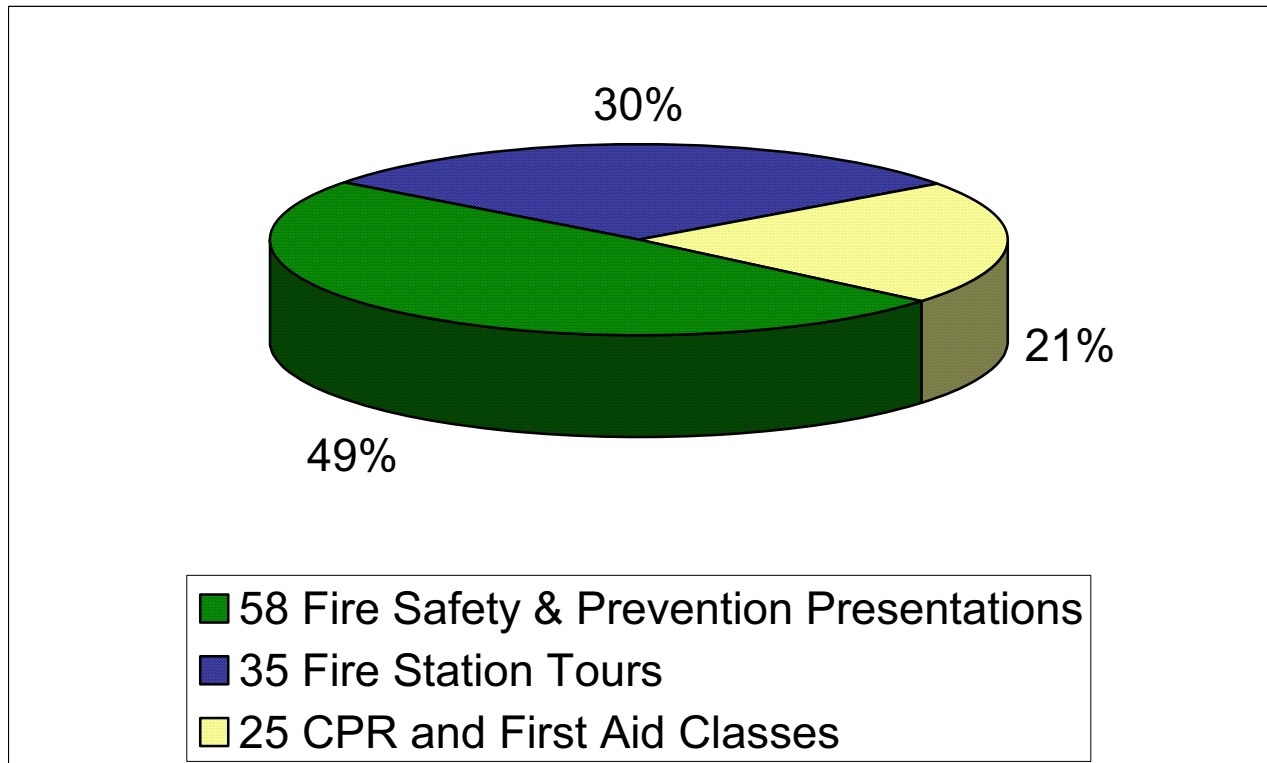


COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

The Firehouse software program continues to be utilized by the Department for documenting fire and rescue incidents. This software enables transfer of incident data based on the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). The NFIRS data is reported monthly to the Kansas State Fire Marshal's office. The Fire Marshal's office sends information for all Kansas fire departments to the United States Fire Administration (USFA). This information is gathered from all states throughout the country for use in compiling statistical reports and producing educational materials for the general public and fire department personnel.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

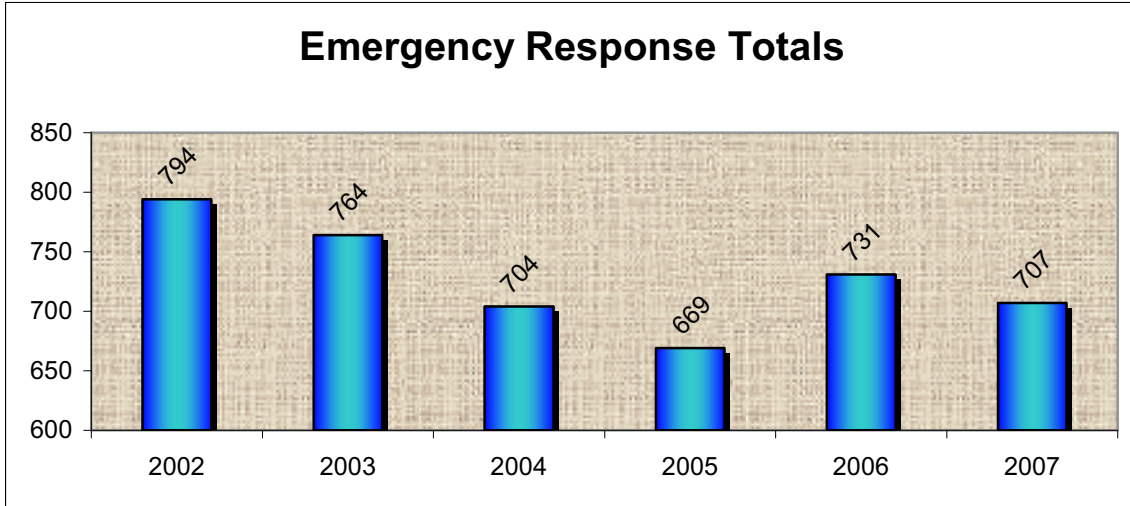
Several Department staff members are certified to deliver CPR and First Aid instruction. Classes were presented to city employees and many area organizations and companies in 2007. Staff also provided fire safety presentations and tours of the fire stations for school children and various organizations. The Fire Safety House was utilized at sixteen of the year's events. The chart below illustrates the Department's public education activities for 2007.



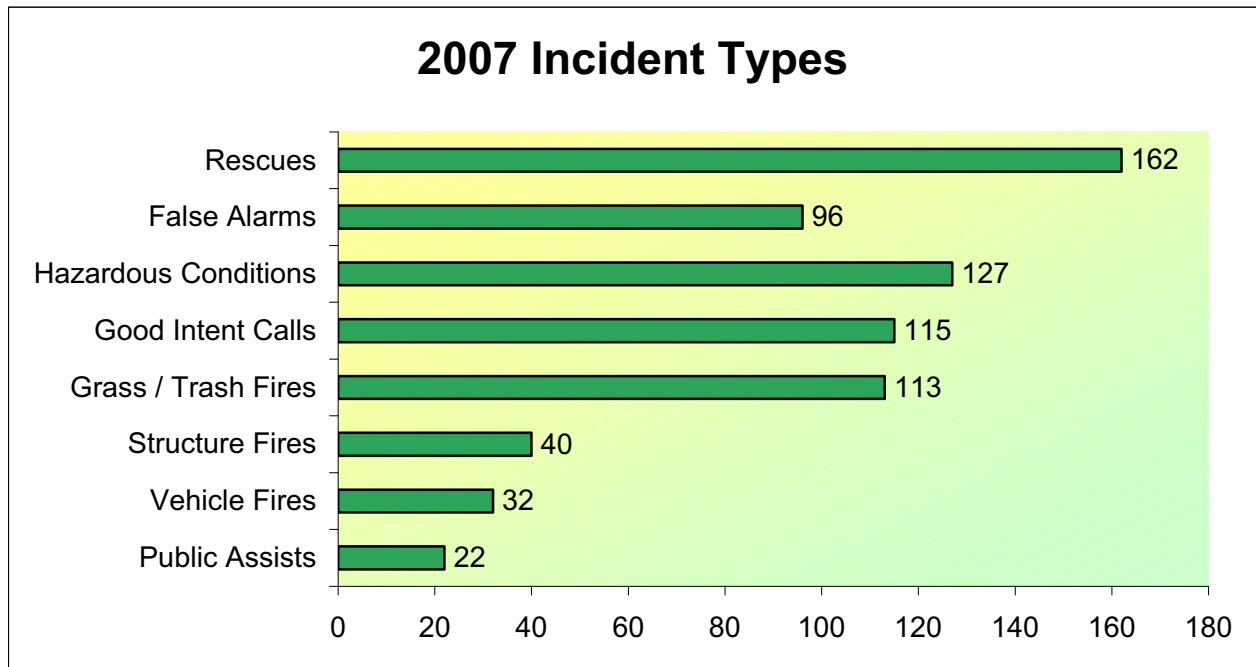
The Department also provided assistance at many community activities throughout the year including: fire protection at a demolition derby, a homecoming bonfire, the Hot Air Balloon Classic, and lighting luminaries at the Relay for Life event. Garden City Fire Department participated in five community parades and provided career information at the GCHS Career Fair, Finney County Job Fair, GCCC Career Fair and Holcomb Middle School's Career Scavenger Hunt Day. GCFD filled two dunk tanks for Girl Scouts events and provided appearances by Sparky at an award ceremony at Florence Wilson Elementary, for Halloween at Station Two, and for the KCSL Childrens' Safety Event at Steven's Park.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE DATA

The Garden City Fire Department responded to a total of 707 fire and rescue incidents in 2007. This total is down by 24 from the prior year. The following chart gives incident totals for the past six years.

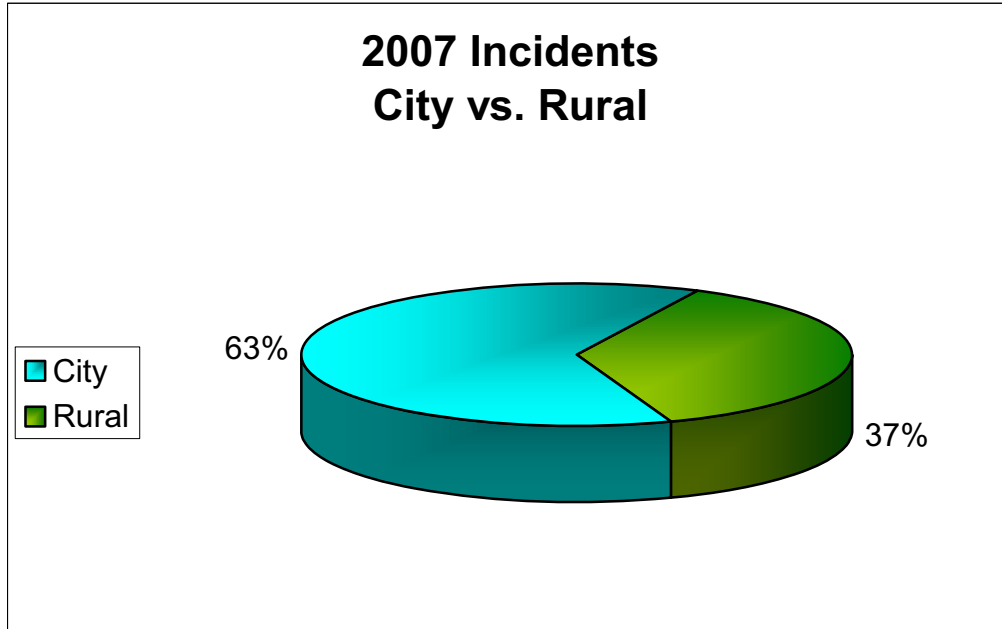


As in previous years, rescue responses were the most frequent type of incident for the Department in 2007. The Department responded to seventeen more rescue responses and thirteen more structure fires in 2007 than in 2006. There were twenty-five fewer false alarms, sixteen fewer vehicle fires and eleven fewer grass/trash fires in 2007 than the prior year.

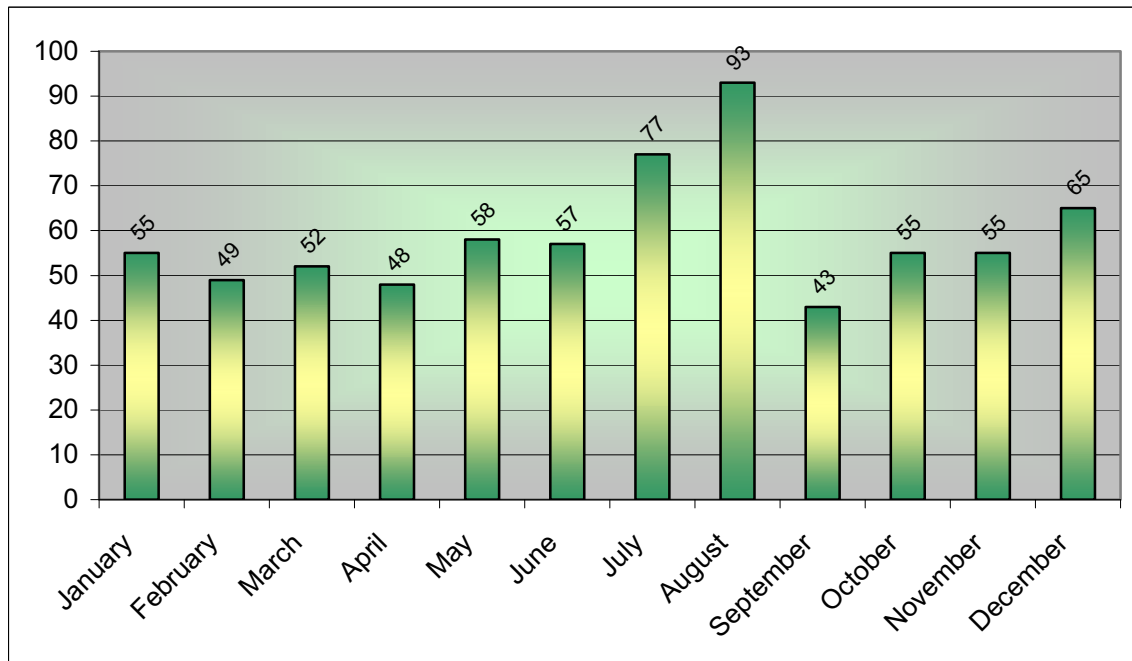


EMERGENCY RESPONSE DATA

Of the 2007 incidents, 444 were within the city limits and 263 incidents occurred outside city limits. The corresponding 2006 percentages were 61% city and 39% county.

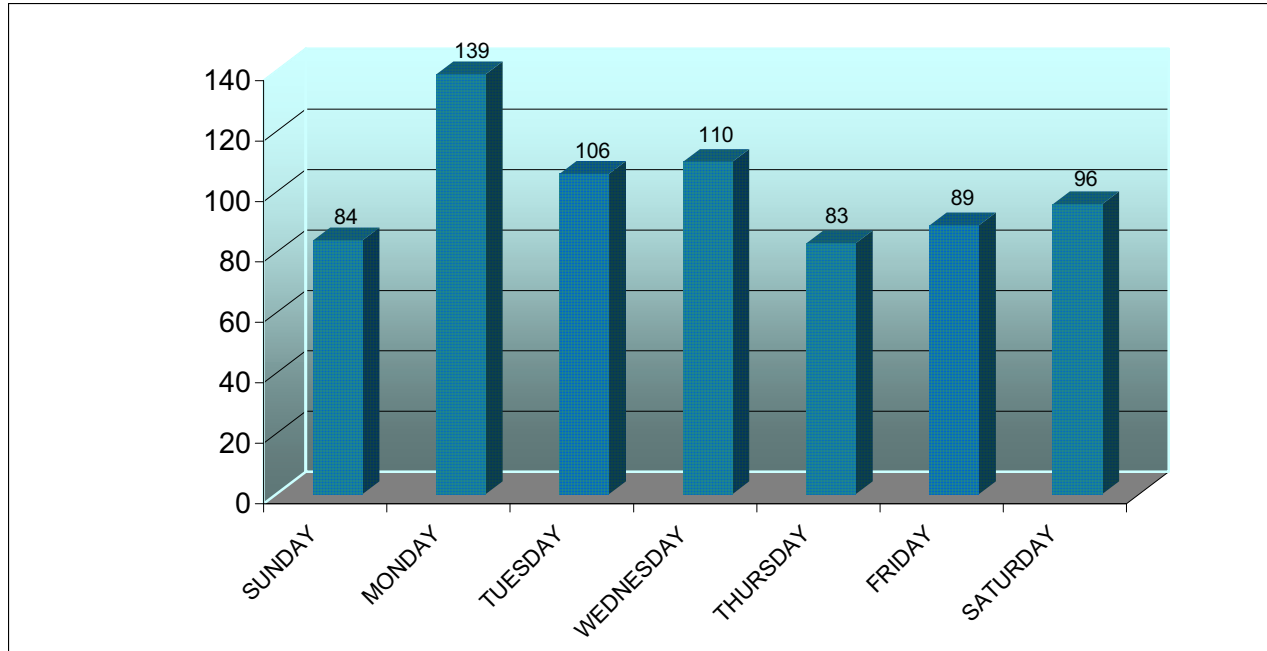


In 2007, the highest number of incidents occurred in the months of July and August. The most active months in 2006 were June and December.

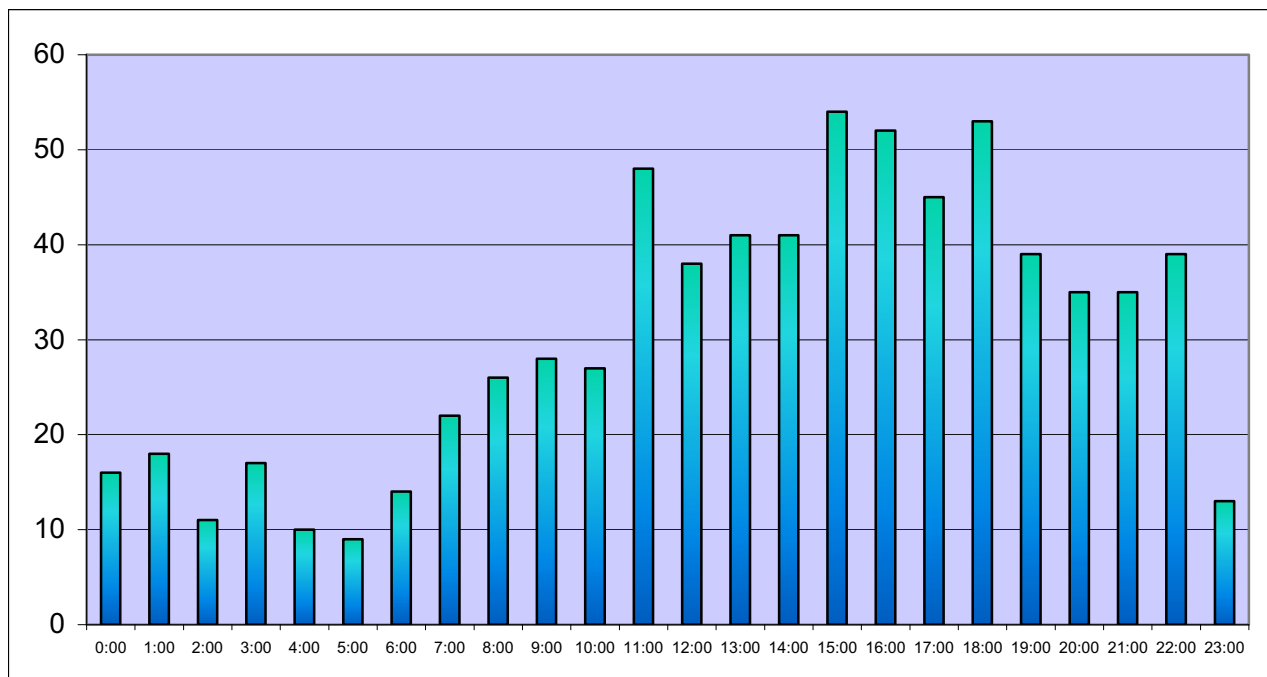


EMERGENCY RESPONSE DATA

Monday and Wednesday were the most active days of the week for emergency incidents in 2007. In 2006 the most active days were Thursday and Friday.

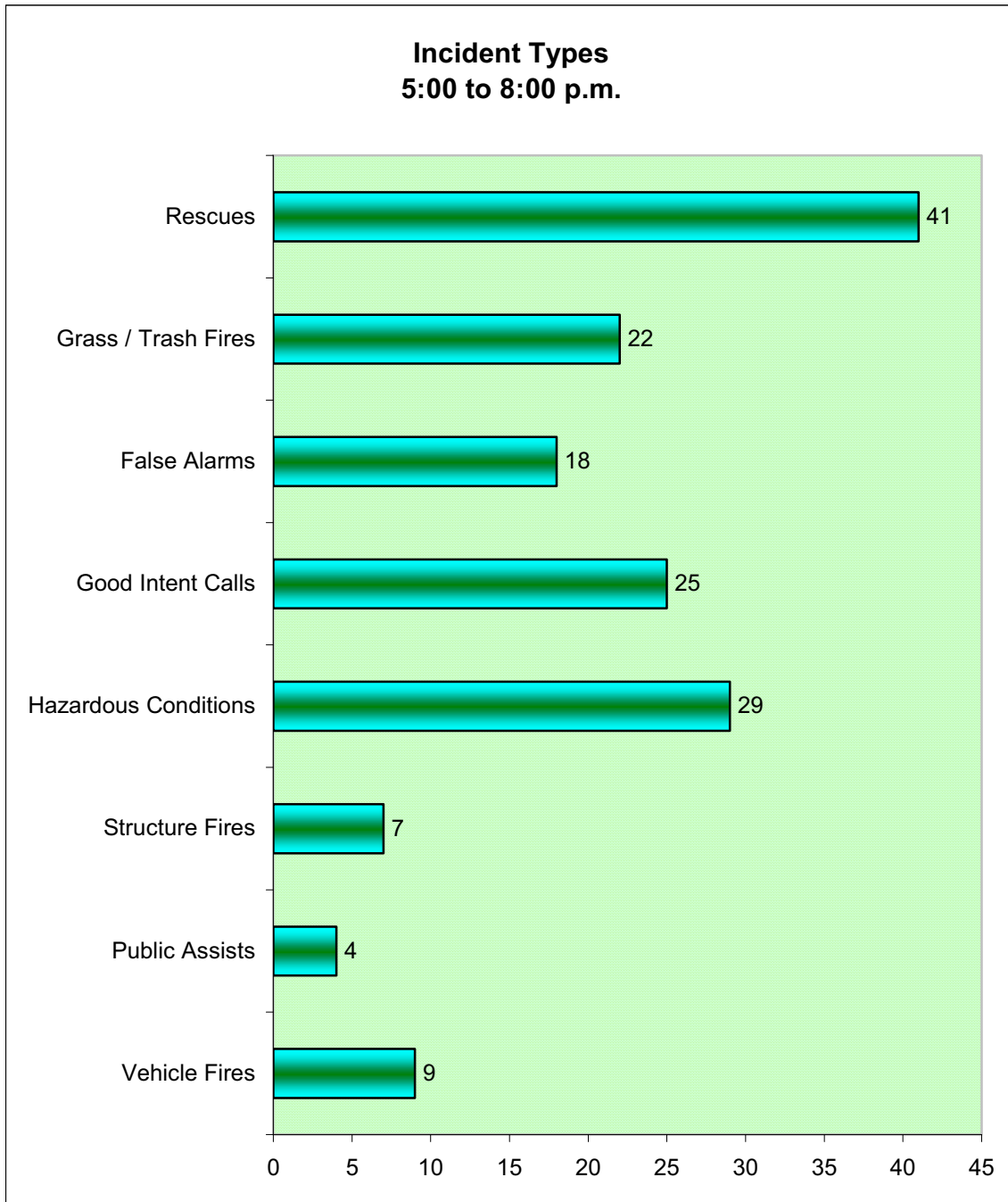


As was similarly reflected in the prior year, incidents in 2007 occurred with the most frequency between the hours of 5:00P.M. and 8:00P.M. During these hours, the Department responded to 155 (or 22%) of the year's 707 incidents.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE DATA

Rescues accounted for 26% of the responses during these hours, which was nearly 26% of the rescue response total for the year. Twenty-two grass/trash fires occurred during these hours, accounting for nearly 19% of the grass/trash fires for 2007.



2006 Structure Fire Response Times

Alarm Date	Address	Alarm Time	Arrival Time	Response	Incident Number	Zone
06/02/06	1606 E. Spruce	13:07	13:11	0:04:00	06-0000302	A-1
07/16/06	4101 E Hwy 50 Lot 449	1:20	1:27	0:07:00	06-0000398	A-1
12/16/06	2880 E Schulman Ave	19:27	19:28	0:01:00	06-0000671	A-1
				0:04:00	<i>Average Response Time for Zone A-1</i>	
05/14/06	505 Meeker Dr	16:36	16:40	0:04:00	06-0000265	A-2
06/02/06	1901 N 8th	8:44	8:47	0:03:00	06-0000301	A-2
06/26/06	505 W Emerson	18:43	18:48	0:05:00	06-0000351	A-2
07/23/06	509 W Campbell Apt D	15:45	15:49	0:04:00	06-0000412	A-2
				0:04:00	<i>Average Response Time for Zone A-2</i>	
02/09/06	1002 N 4th	19:51	19:53	0:02:00	06-0000066	B-1
03/10/06	1006 N 7th	23:25	23:29	0:04:00	06-0000119	B-1
03/21/06	302 1/2 N 5th	14:30	14:35	0:05:00	06-0000156	B-1
04/10/06	807 N 6th	11:01	11:04	0:03:00	06-0000190	B-1
11/08/06	407 Magnolia	3:39	3:45	0:06:00	06-0000608	B-1
11/23/06	1410 E Hackberry	11:14	11:18	0:04:00	06-0000634	B-1
12/21/06	304 N 1st	10:57	11:00	0:03:00	06-0000682	B-1
12/30/06	304 Davis	12:28	12:33	0:05:00	06-0000707	B-1
				0:04:00	<i>Average Response Time for Zone B-1</i>	
06/01/06	1203 N 3rd	2:10	2:15	0:05:00	06-0000298	B-2
09/01/06	2204 N 3rd	14:09	14:15	0:06:00	06-0000483	B-2
09/17/06	1412 N Main	12:32	12:35	0:03:00	06-0000510	B-2
09/27/06	606 Pershing Ave Apt 306	1:36	1:42	0:06:00	06-0000528	B-2
10/04/06	1716 Pinecrest Ave	15:52	15:56	0:04:00	06-0000547	B-2
10/13/06	1207 Old Manor Rd	8:34	8:38	0:04:00	06-0000568	B-2
11/06/06	109 Mendenhall	9:13	9:16	0:03:00	06-0000606	B-2
				0:04:26	<i>Average Response Time for Zone B-2</i>	

2006 Structure Fire Response Times

Alarm Date	Address	Alarm Time	Arrival Time	Response	Incident Number	Zone
02/05/06	506 N 9th Apt 1	16:30	16:32	0:02:00	06-0000063	C-1
04/02/06	105 S 10th	20:38	20:42	0:04:00	06-0000175	C-1
06/29/06	411 W Buffalo Jones Ave	20:05	20:06	0:01:00	06-0000361	C-1
07/28/06	1411 Walker	21:29	21:34	0:05:00	06-0000423	C-1
				0:03:00	<i>Average Response Time for Zone C-1</i>	
01/11/06	3501 N Campus Dr Apt	21:33	21:36	0:03:00	06-0000025	C-2
06/07/06	2904 Fleming #6B	19:08	19:10	0:02:00	06-0000317	C-2
11/16/06	2106 Campus Dr Apt 4	3:19	3:24	0:05:00	06-0000621	C-2
				0:03:20	<i>Average Response Time for Zone C-2</i>	
01/03/06	3015 Crane Rd Lot 13	11:58	12:05	0:07:00	06-0000003	Rural
03/08/06	506 Telegram Ave	0:11	0:19	0:08:00	06-0000113	Rural
03/17/06	4300 Nancy Ave Apt 1306	7:17	7:26	0:09:00	06-0000142	Rural
03/18/06	510 Burnside Dr #17B	10:54	10:59	0:05:00	06-0000148	Rural
04/15/06	5730 N 3rd	11:27	11:35	0:08:00	06-0000207	Rural
05/07/06	207 Jeremy Ln Holcomb	18:09	18:18	0:09:00	06-0000249	Rural
05/11/06	HWY 156 & HWY 23	15:07	15:31	0:24:00	06-0000260	Rural
05/12/06	13000 W River Rd Holcomb	19:40	19:55	0:15:00	06-0000261	Rural
05/23/06	1406 E HWY 50 Ingalls	3:05	3:23	0:18:00	06-0000280	Rural
07/06/06	510 Burnside Dr 21A	16:23	16:29	0:06:00	06-0000386	Rural
07/21/06	3445 W Jones Ave	0:06	0:19	0:13:00	06-0000403	Rural
07/21/06	3445 W Buffalo Jones Ave	21:19	21:30	0:11:00	06-0000407	Rural
08/06/06	340 S Farmland Rd Lot 57	13:20	13:28	0:08:00	06-0000436	Rural
08/06/06	340 S Farmland Rd Lot 58	13:20	13:28	0:08:00	06-0000436-3	Rural
08/13/06	510 Burnside Dr #38 B	21:22	21:31	0:09:00	06-0000448	Rural
09/03/06	340 S Farmland Rd Lot 2	4:31	4:40	0:09:00	06-0000488	Rural
09/27/06	2790 W Gano Rd	0:08	0:26	0:18:00	06-0000527	Rural
09/27/06	300 Oak Ave Holcomb	17:28	17:38	0:10:00	06-0000532	Rural
10/27/06	600 N Jones Ave Holcomb	3:06	3:16	0:10:00	06-0000595	Rural
10/30/06	7200 S HWY 83	21:21	21:32	0:11:00	06-0000600	Rural
12/30/06	11670 Yucca Dr	1:09	1:27	0:18:00	06-0000703	Rural
12/30/06	6575 West Ford Rd	10:01	10:17	0:16:00	06-0000706	Rural
				0:11:22	<i>Average Response Time for Rural Fires</i>	

The above charts reflect response times to all structure fires that occurred in 2007. The map below defines the zones in which the above fires occurred. In comparison to the averages shown for each zone's structure fires, the 2007 overall response time to all types of incidents within City limits was 3 minutes 44 seconds. The 2006 overall response time to all types of incidents within City limits was 3 minutes 48 seconds.

