

# **Washington Township / Avon Fire Department**

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## **Fire Chief's Report**

July 2014

Run Totals:		June	July
Monthly		2014	345 380
		2013	308 284
	YTD	2014	2126 2506
		2013	1783 2067

Public Education:	Events	Monthly	38
		YTD Events	254
		Contacts YTD	7252

EMS Division:	Monthly Training	196.5 man hours
	YTD	2364 man hours

Fire Training Division:	Monthly Training	497.0 man hours
	YTD	3707.5 man hours

Prevention/Investigation Division:	Service Calls	42
	Fire Investigations	4

In the past, I started the practice of highlighting some of the great acts of service and compassion that are performed by our personnel on a daily basis. It seems that sometimes, things are either really good, or they are really bad, and sometimes I cannot figure out why some questions are asked. As a case in point, today I had a voicemail when I got to the office from last evening around 7:00 p.m. In the voicemail, a gentleman expressed concern that the fire trucks were, for some reason, waiting until they got in front of his house to lay on the sirens. I spoke with the gentleman and first found out that it was not our fire trucks there he had experienced issues with, but another fire department. I explained to the man how we usually use our sirens to the maximum when we were approaching dangerous intersections or if traffic would not pull over. In addition, I reassured the gentleman that I doubted if fire personnel know where he lived and I doubted if they waited until they specifically got to his house to use the sirens. He seemed at ease after some conversation and thanked me for following up with him.

In a departure to most months, I would like to begin my report with an excerpt from a

Guardian Tracking entry that was made by Chief George this week.

***Entered by Division Chief Gerald George (4354) on 8/5/2014***

***This recognition is for Lt. Whicker and his crew at station 142 "A" shift. Lt. Whicker and his crew responded on a child burnt on July 29th in Avon Village. Lt. Whicker and his crew, in discussion with the grandmother on the run, found out that the young child loved to watch DVD's, but their DVD player had quit working. Lt. Whicker and his crew took it upon themselves to take up a collection and purchase a DVD player and some DVD's and delivered them to the child yesterday. This is the spirit that embodies the emergency response community. Individuals that continue to go above and beyond to help a patient not only through the tragic experience of that day, but find out a little more about their patient and continue to help even after the run is over. Lt. Whicker, you and your crew went above and beyond and we thank you for your thoughtfulness and compassion.***

It is needless to say that I was pleased and proud of our personnel for this great act of giving and service that was displayed by this crew. I was so excited that I could not wait to pass along their story to you. It again shows the great work and dedication that our personnel display on a daily basis. Along with Chief George, I have passes along my thanks to them for this great act of service.

This month I will bring information to you about the purchase of our second new engine. We hope to have it ordered soon and I have been in contact with our legal council to determine how to proceed with the financing of both the new engine and ambulance.

We are continuing to work on repairs to our stations. Yesterday, the new entry doors were installed at Station 142. The new doors were installed in the porch areas and included three new doors, glass and a code entry door for the entry door off of the parking lot. Prior to this door installation, personnel had to go to other doors in the station to gain entry to the station, and were required to check the door each time that they left on runs to make sure that it was locked. The drywall repairs that need to be completed at Station 143 should begin this week or the beginning of next week. As the repairs move forward, we will decide if we will need to displace personnel for a short period of time while the repairs of completed. We may station personnel there during the day and move them in the evenings and during the night so that we will have personnel close to their districts.

Last month, our main extrication pump that powers our hydraulic equipment failed and we were required to replace the unit. We are still awaiting word to see if we were successful in obtaining a grant for new extrication equipment. Unfortunately, we had to purchase the new pump for around \$6,000.

Our personnel have been taking advantage of two different training opportunities. The first is training that was conducted in some abandoned apartments in Wayne Township. These buildings were offered for our personnel to use and they were also used to train the new recruits that are currently in the Wayne Township Academy. In addition, the Avon United Methodist Church offered two houses just west of the church that they purchased, for training before they were scheduled to be demolished. Last week we also received word from our partners at CSX that they have training opportunities open for 8 of our firefighter to travel to Colorado to be trained in crude oil rail transport emergencies. One class takes place this month for 4 personnel and the other takes place in September for 4 personnel. This is great training for our personnel and our only investment in the training is providing the personnel. Their travel and meals are covered by CSX. These training

opportunities only bolster our commitment to improve the frequency and availability of training for our personnel. This is a commitment that we hope to follow through on in the coming years.

Our newest recruit, Joe Coffman will graduate from the Wayne Township academy later this month. The trustee, Chief George and I will be attending his graduation ceremony, and he will then be given his shift assignment. We are excited to finally have him ready to hit the street, and I know that he is just as excited to finally be "doing it".

Karen Hendershot will be departing on Sunday to travel to Florida for the Project Lifesaver conference. We spoke this week and she is really excited to be receiving the training that she will be exposed to next week. She also spoke with me about some safety trainings that she hopes to soon do via YouTube. She is hopeful that this may provide her with an additional way for her to gain time and exposure in the schools. She hopes to produce videos that teachers can utilize at their leisure on their own schedule, while providing us with a platform to present safety topics that we feel are important to elementary age classes. She also hopes to utilize Avon school video and drama students to produce the videos.

Chief George and I will be attending professional development trainings over the next month. Chief George will be traveling to Dallas, Texas for the International Fire Chief's Conference this month. I had also hoped to attend this conference, but it was decided that one of us needed to stay in close proximity for needed emergencies. Chief George and I will be attending the Indiana Emergency Response Conference here in Indy at the end of August. At the beginning of September, I will be traveling to the National Fire Academy for the annual EFO Symposium. This year's main presentation deals with community paramedicine and the effects of Obamacare on local fire departments.

In closing, I wanted to give the board a quick update on our process to fill our EMS Division Chief job. As I told the board last month, Chief Bessler has decided to return to shift work for personal reasons. We will miss Jerry's light hearted personality and hard work when he departs. Last month, we publicized his position opening in the Star, Flyer as well as a fire department daily newsletter. As of the deadline last Friday, we had 11 applicants for the position. We had 4 personnel from within our department express interest as well as 7 personnel from outside the department from places like Florida, Pennsylvania and points in between. Chief George and I have solicited the assistance of Dr. Jim Nossett, our medical director from Hendricks Regional Health, to assist us with the selection process. Dr. Nossett is on vacation for two weeks, but by the middle of this month, we hope to schedule interviews to be completed by the end of the month. We then hope to make a job offer pending pre-employment workups and background checks. We hope to have our new Division Chief on board by the middle of September.

**Emergency Operations Monthly Report  
July 2014**

**Emergency Responses:**

**July 2014 Total - 380**

C1401 – 3	EG142 – 122	LD141 – 99	MD142 – 124
C1402 – 8	EG143 – 94	RE141 – 44	MD143 – 113
C1420 – 5		SUP142 – 0	SQ141 – 1
C1430 – 7		PLS1 – 0	
C1440 – 21			
C1450 – 4			
BC14 – 41			

**Overall average response time of all apparatus for the month of July: 5:41**

**Mutual Aid Given & Received**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Given (EMS/Fire)</b>	<b>Received (EMS/Fire)</b>	<b>Total (Given/Rec)</b>
AFD	0/0	0/1	0/1
BFT	0/4	7/4	4/11
DFD	8/5	7/3	13/10
LIB	2/0	0/0	2/0
MCFD	1/0	0/0	1/0
PFT	16/8	17/5	24/22
PITT	0/0	0/1	0/1
WTFD	4/5	4/6	9/10

**Staffing:**

- Number of days SQ141 in-service: 1
- Number of overtime positions filled:
  - For minimum staffing: 18
  - To keep SQ141 in-service: 1

**Incidents Year to Date 2014 – 2506**

C1401 – 11	EG142 – 700	LD141 – 510	MD142 – 841
C1402 – 26	EG143 – 498	RE141 – 339	MD143 – 733
C1420 – 20		SUP142 – 4	SQ141 – 392
C1430 – 15		PLS1 – 1	
C1440 – 127			
C1450 – 17			
BC14 – 258			



Division of Public Education  
July 2014  
Report by: Karen Hendershot



Director of Public Education	June	July	YTD.
Public Education	8	15	132
Public Relation	0	1	3
Fundraising	0	0	3
EMS coverage	0	0	0
Fitness and Wellness	6	11	47
<b>Monthly Total</b>	14	27	185

Crews/ HQ Staff	June	July	YTD
Public Education	4	6	30
Public Relation	1	2	19
Fundraising	0	0	1
EMS coverage	0	3	19
Fitness and Wellness	0	0	0
<b>Monthly Total</b>	7	11	69

	June	July	YTD
Cancelled	1	0	1
Rescheduled	1	0	1
Refer/Deny	0	0	4
<b>Total Events</b>			254
<b>Total Contacts</b>			7252

### Director of Public Education Events:

- **Car Seats** – 5 installed and checked by Karen Hendershot – 1 installed by Jenny Zeunik
- **Preschool Risk Watch Program**
  - Scheduled with them for next school year
- **Fitness Classes**
  - 8 - Insanity/PiYo Group fitness classes at Pavilion Center
  - 3 – PiYo in the Park outdoor classes taught
- **Youth Firesetting Program**
  - 1 inquiry from a parent, child scored as curiosity. Completed homework and returned to office.

### Training:

- CPR Instructor Certified - July 21<sup>st</sup>
- Attending Youth Firesetting Conference – Effects of Social Media – August 7th
- Attending the PLS Annual Conference – August 11-15th

### Crew/HQ Staff Events

- 1– station tour
- Fitness Week at the Washington Township Park's Summer Camp
- YMCA Day Camp and Preschool Camp – Hero's Week – educated kids on gear/trucks/fire safety
- Replaced 2 smoke detector batteries for the general public – per public phone call
- 3 CPR classes offered

## **Grants/Fundraisers:**

- Submitted grant to Wal-Mart for the Community Grant Program – asking for Fire Prevention Week supplies
- Submitted Sponsorship request to Dick's Sporting Goods – requesting help with providing water bottles to participants in the YMCA Gobble Gallop

## **Current Projects in the Works:**

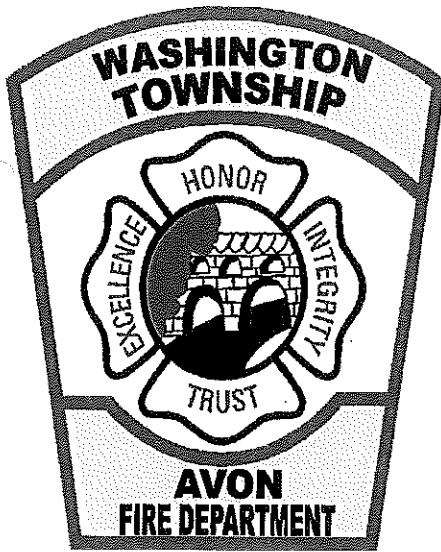
- Ordered new Public Education materials – still waiting on bracelets and activity books
- Project Lifesaver – Added 2 new clients
- Scheduled fitness classes with AMS-South gym teachers for Insanity and PiYo
- Added PiYo at the Park – Thursday evenings - started July 10th @ 6:00
- AHS Band Community Day Car Show/Event – crews will be doing an Car Extrication Demo from 5:15-6:15. (August 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Beginning stages of planning Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 5-10)
  - Convocations with the ACSC elementary principals.
  - Pizza/Smoke detector Blitz – Wednesday, October 8th
  - Crew at AHS game – PSA about smoke detectors/advertise about Open House
  - Open House – Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00-1:00
- Discussions started and meeting scheduled with Athletic Director at AHS for Fire Prevention Week activities.
- Member of planning Task Force for the YMCA Gobble Gallop 5K on Thanksgiving Day.

## **Ideas for Future:**

- Meeting with PFT's to discuss options for joining gym classes for workouts at AIS-E, AIS-W, in the fall of 2014-2015 school year.
- Partner with the Park to host a 5K run/walk– fundraiser for Project Lifesaver

## **Items in need of purchase:**

- Foam noodles for car seat installations
- Banners to advertise Open House at FPW



August 2014

# Education

## Back-to-School

It's August! In Avon that means schools are opening their doors for the start of another school year. Drivers need to be focused on their driving to ensure that our youngest citizens are safe in their neighborhoods and near their schools.

Here are some tips that we can all follow.

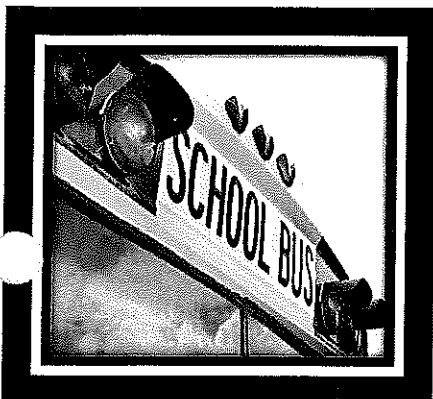
- **Slow down.** Make sure you observe the 25-mph speed limit in residential neighborhoods.
- **Talk with your neighbors** about watching out for all the kids in the neighborhood.
- **Set ground rules** with your child/ children about safe places to play in your neighborhood.



## Did You Know...

- Most drivers speeding on your street live in your neighborhood.
- Speeding in neighborhoods is a primary concern of citizens throughout the United States.
- It is not unusual for speeders to be clocked in excess of 40 mph (and even 50) in a 25 mph zone.

**The Washington Township Avon Fire Department would like to remind motorists of the following:**



- When driving 500-1,000 feet from a school while children are outside or crossing the street, the speed limit is **25 mph unless otherwise posted.**
- If the school grounds have no fence and children are outside, **never drive faster than 25 mph.** Some school zones may have speed limits as low as 15 mph.
- Look for stopped school buses and children crossing the street.
- Some school buses flash yellow lights when preparing to stop to let children off the bus. When the **bus flashes red lights, you must stop from either direction** until the children are safely across the street and the lights stop flashing.

Did you  
know?

Every year, there are 6,600 garage fires in homes that result in an average of:

- 30 deaths.
- 400 injuries.
- \$457 million in property loss.



Of these fires, 93 percent occurred in one- and two-family homes.

The leading cause of garage fires is electrical malfunction. This can be due to shorts in wires, damaged wires, and overloading electrical outlets.

Keep your home safe by following a few easy tips.

- Store oil, gasoline, paints, propane and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
- Keep items that can burn on shelves away from appliances.
- Plug only one charging appliance into an outlet.
- Don't use an extension cord when charging an appliance.

Garage safety through construction — install:

- A 20-minute fire-rated door that is self-closing and self-latching from the garage into the house.
- A ceiling made with ½-inch Type X gypsum board (or the equivalent) if you have living space above the garage.
- A wall with ½-inch gypsum board (or the equivalent) if the wall attaches the garage to your home.
- An attic hatch cover if you have attic access from the garage.
- A heat alarm — not a smoke alarm — in your garage. The heat alarm will sound if the temperature rises too high. Learn more about what type of heat alarm is best for garage installation at [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

U.S. Fire Administration  
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FEMA



**Carseat Installed Correctly?**  
Call 317-272-2155 for an appointment  
Tuesday Afternoons and Friday Mornings

**FREE WORKOUT!**  
TUESDAYS  
INSANITY @ 6:00  
PiYo @ 6:45

Where:  
Washington Township Park Pavilion Center

Who:  
All fitness levels. Modified moves for everyone to enjoy.

Sponsored by:  
Washington Township Park and Avon Fire Department

**Washington Township Park**

Yes, you can!

**PiYo** ALL AGES WELCOME!

**FREE!!** Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.



Washington Township/ Avon Fire  
Monthly EMS report  
**JULY 2014 EMS REPORT**

1402	4
1430	2
1450	2
Battalion 14	25
Ladder 141	34
Rescue 141	39
Engine 142	85
Engine 143	57
Medic 142	112
Medic 143	100
Squad 141	0
Support 142	0

**EMS TRAINING - Department Level**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Type*</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hours</b>
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**EMS TRAINING - Company Level**

King Airway Device	L&P	14-Jul-14	4
King Airway Device	L&P	17-Jul-14	3

**EMS TRAINING - Outside**

Advanced Life Support Audit and Review	L	16-Jul-14	4
Paramedic Class		July	154.5
Primary Instructor		July	31

Monthly Total	196.5
Year to Date Total	2364

\* L = Lecture P = Practical L&P = Combination

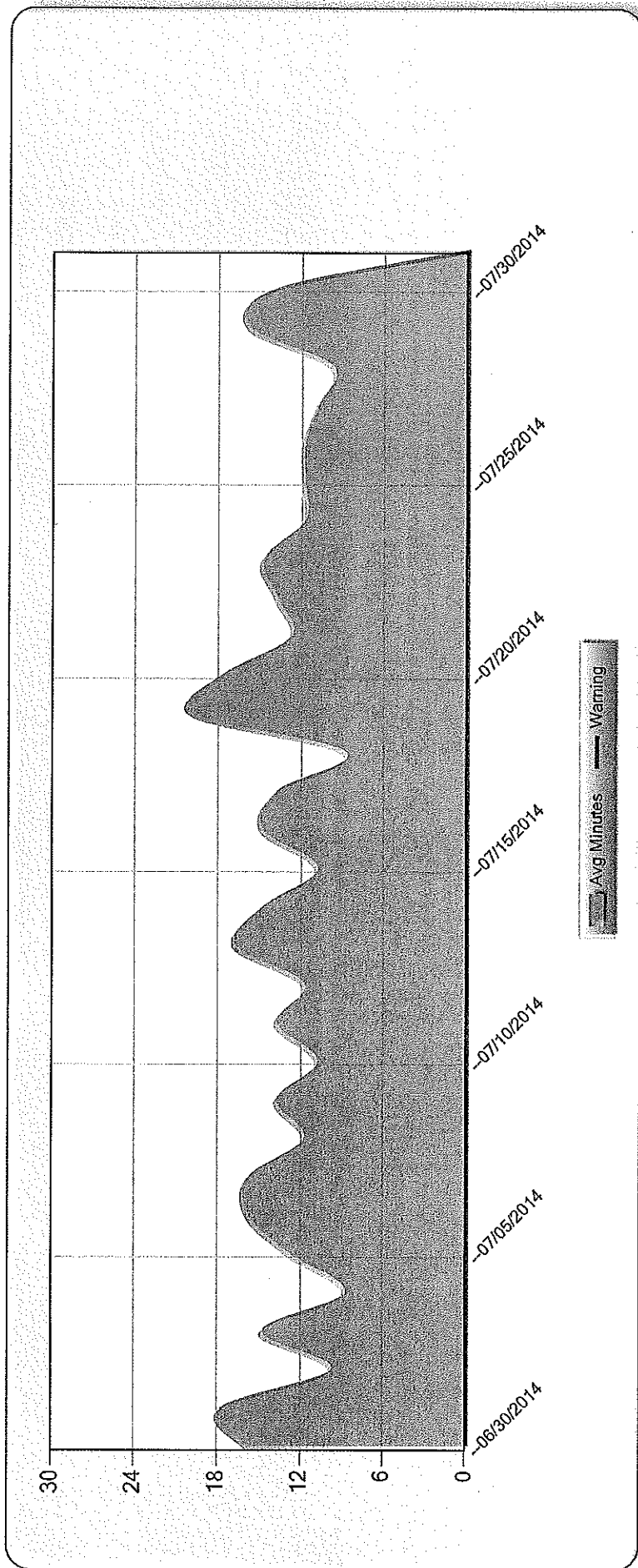
\* I = Interactive Video training

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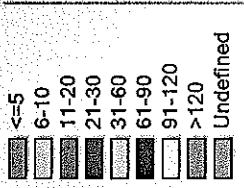
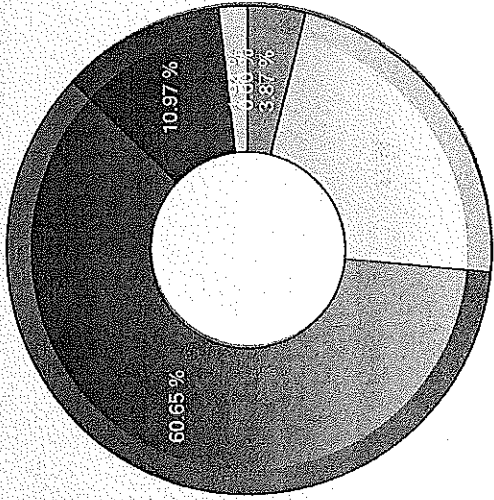
## Average Scene Time

14 minutes 19 seconds

6/30/2014 to 7/31/2014



Minutes	Number	Pct
<=5	6	4 %
6-10	35	23 %
11-20	94	61 %
21-30	17	11 %
31-60	3	2 %
61-90	0	0 %
91-120	0	0 %
>120	0	0 %
Undefined	0	0 %

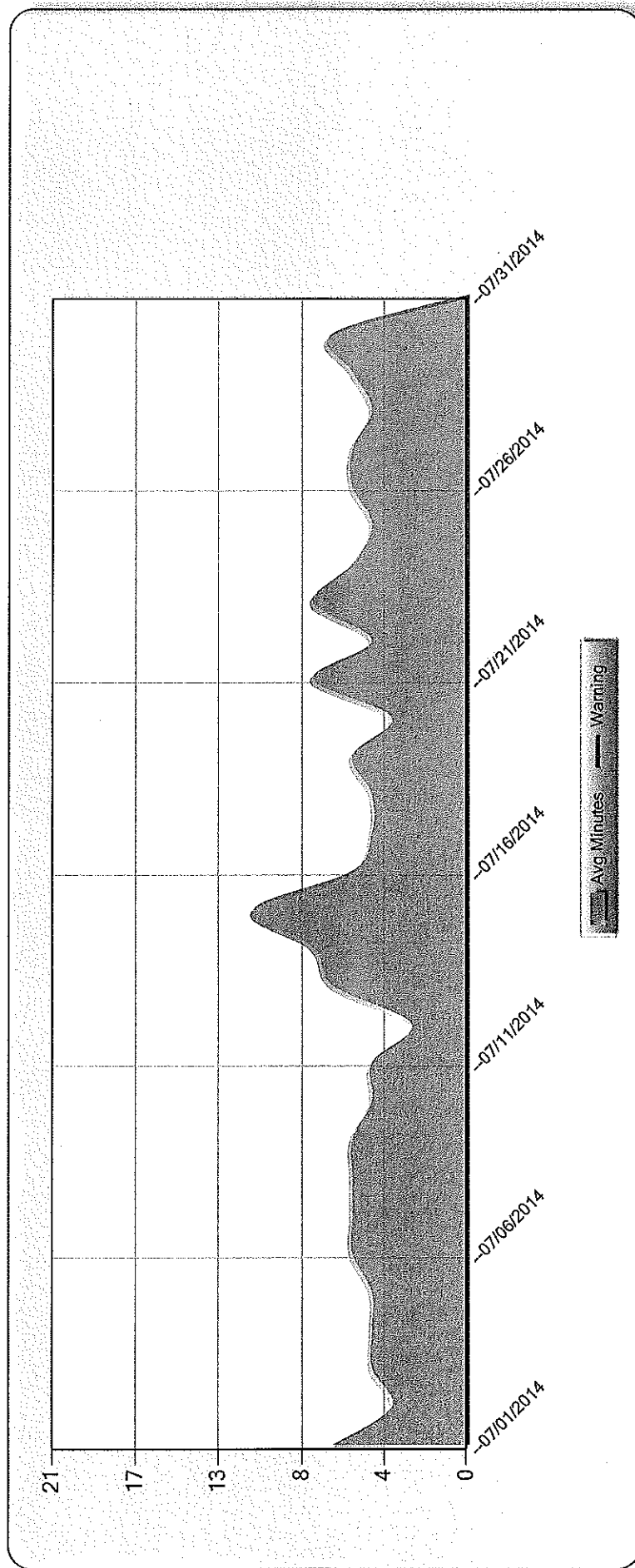


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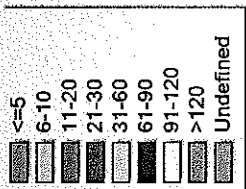
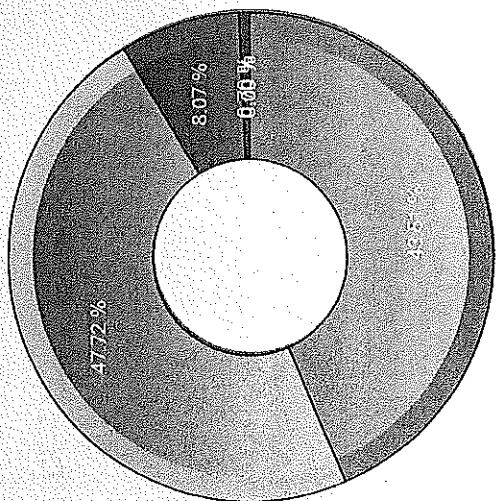
## Average Response Time

6 minutes 1 seconds

7/1/2014 to 7/31/2014



Minutes	Number	Pct
<=5	124	44 %
6-10	136	48 %
11-20	23	8 %
21-30	2	1 %
31-60	0	0 %
61-90	0	0 %
91-120	0	0 %
>120	0	0 %
Undefined	0	0 %



## **Washington Township/Avon Fire Department**

### **July 2014 Monthly Fire Training Report**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>July 9, 10, 24, 28,</b>	
<b>Firehouse/Veba</b>	<b>and 30, 2014</b>	<b>150.0</b>
<b>Fire Suppression</b>	<b>July 1, 3, 7, 9, 2014</b>	<b>144.0</b>
<b>Recruit Live Burns</b>	<b>July 14, 15, and 116, 2014</b>	<b>60.0</b>
<b>HazMat</b>	<b>July 21, 22, 2014</b>	<b>75.0</b>
<b>Driver Education</b>	<b>July 6, and 24, 2014</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Pumping</b>	<b>July 15, 2014</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Search/Rescue</b>	<b>July 17, 2014</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Buildings</b>	<b>July 19, 2014</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Safety Officer</b>	<b>July 21 – 25, 2014</b>	<b>40.0</b>
	<b>Total Man-hours</b>	<b>497.0</b>
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>3707.5</b>



**Fire Inspection/Investigation Division**  
*July 2014 Monthly Report*

	July
Fire Inspections/Consultations	34
Plan Review	6
Site Review	2
Inspector Call Outs	0
<i>Total Number</i>	42
Fire Investigation Cases	
Undetermined	1
Accidental	1
Natural	2
Incendiary	0
<i>Total Fire Investigation Cases</i>	4

**Division Notes:**

- The Division brought in \$636.58 in building plan review, and fire protection permit fees last month.
- The Division conducted one youth firesetter assessment in July.

## Credit Summary

Summary By Credit Code  
payments rec'd

July 2014

<u>ID</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>QTY %</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount %</u>
CCP	Credit Card Payment	20	8.13	3242.75	5.97
PAIN	Payment-Insurance-Auto	6	2.44	3688.03	6.79
PMCB	Payment-Medicare-Part B	62	25.20	19996.44	36.82
PMCD	Payment-Medicaid	19	7.72	3170.16	5.84
PPCH	Payment-Private-Check	47	19.11	6822.01	12.56
PPIN	Payment-Insurance-Primary	35	14.23	13102.12	24.12
PSIN	Payment-Insurance-Secondary	29	11.79	2358.53	4.34
PSPE	Payment-Special Source	28	11.38	1932.74	3.56
Totals For All		246		54312.78	



EMS Revenue						
	2012 Month to year	2013 Revenue	2013 Month to year	2014 Revenue	2014 Month to year	2014 Goal
January	\$23,500.10	\$47,004.72	\$47,004.72	54,584.17	54,584.17	\$50,000.00
February	\$73,110.92	\$51,723.73	\$98,728.45	58,164.62	112,748.79	\$100,000.00
March	\$115,269.38	\$34,094.68	\$132,823.13	61,251.10	173999.89	\$150,000.00
April	\$155,782.80	\$77,463.02	\$210,286.15	54,551.95	228551.84	\$200,000.00
May	\$240,485.46	\$50,991.04	\$261,277.19	52,678.64	281230.48	\$250,000.00
June	\$294,977.53	\$51,369.93	\$312,647.12	44,349.28	325579.76	\$300,000.00
July	\$360,621.54	\$66,153.90	\$378,801.02	54,312.78	379892.54	\$350,000.00
August	\$428,521.80	\$60,770.50	\$439,571.52		379892.54	\$400,000.00
September	\$481,316.26	\$35,985.38	\$475,556.90		379892.54	\$450,000.00
October	\$545,132.70	\$76,518.21	\$552,075.11		379892.54	\$500,000.00
November	\$594,018.75	\$56,717.42	\$608,792.53		379892.54	\$550,000.00
December	\$645,524.35	\$52,988.81	\$661,781.34		379892..54	\$600,000.00

