



OAK HARBOR
FIRE DEPARTMENT
2012
ANNUAL
REPORT

Oak Harbor Fire Department Directory



Headquarters, Station 81	(360) 279-4700	
Administrative Staff		
Fire Chief Ray Merrill	279-4701	
Deputy Chief Mike Buxton	279-4702	
Administrative Assistant Angela Braunstein	279-4703	
Maintenance Division		
Lieutenant Mike Engle	279-4705	
Training Division		
Lieutenant Don Baer	279-4706	
Suppression Division		279-4707
Lieutenant Craig Anderson, E Shift		
Lieutenant Corky Bridgeford, F Shift		
Lieutenant Mike Engle, G Shift		

*Cover Photo: Personal Protection
Equipment ready for service at
Station 81. Photo by A. Braunstein,
2011.*



Organizational Overview

Oak Harbor Fire Department (OHFD) provides emergency services to the City of Oak Harbor, an area of 9.714 square miles, with a population of 22, 200 (significantly more during business hours). OHFD operates on an annual budget of approximately \$1.8 million, and protects the \$1.6 billion in property value.

The Department operates from one fire station staffed by 36 firefighters (10 full-time and 26 paid-on-call) and responds to an average of 1,245 incidents each year ranging from house fires and medical calls to vehicle accidents and hazardous conditions. Oak Harbor Fire carries an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 4 which enables residents and businesses to enjoy low property insurance premiums.

Oak Harbor firefighters are certified to at least IFSAC Firefighter I and EMT/First Responder medical certification. Oak Harbor Fire operates a fire training facility adjacent to Station 81, from which the Island County Fire Recruit Academy operates. Oak Harbor personnel are well trained and dedicated. Providing high quality emergency services to the Oak Harbor community.

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RCW 35.103.040 Annual evaluations — Annual report.

(1) Every city and town shall evaluate its level of service and deployment delivery and response time objectives on an annual basis. The evaluations shall be based on data relating to level of service, deployment, and the achievement of each response time objective in each geographic area within the jurisdiction of the city or town.

(2) Beginning in 2007, every city and town shall issue an annual written report which shall be based on the annual evaluations required by subsection (1) of this section.

(a) The annual report shall define the geographic areas and circumstances in which the requirements of this standard are not being met.

(b) The annual report shall explain the predictable consequences of any deficiencies and address the steps that are necessary to achieve compliance. [2005 c 376 § 104.]





MAYOR

Scott Dudley

MAYOR PRO TEM

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City of Oak Harbor Vision Statement

Oak Harbor... Whidbey Island's Premier Waterfront Community

City Mission Statement

The staff of the City of Oak Harbor is committed to delivering the highest possible level of service to its citizens, improving economic opportunity, quality of life and fostering community partnerships

City Goals

Goal 1: Promote a healthy and growing business community

Goal 2: Improve the appearance and livability of the community

Goal 3: Encourage a safe community

Goal 4: Build and enhance community partnerships

Goal 5: Deliver superior quality service to our customers

Goal 6: Protect and enhance capital investment in the City

Goal 7: Promote a healthy work environment and employee excellence

Goal 8: Annual review of the City's overall performance



The **VISION** of *your* Oak Harbor Fire Department is:

to continue to be recognized as consistently providing quality services in an efficient manner to our growing community.

Our **MISSION STATEMENT** is:

to provide professional and cost effective services by maintaining highly trained and highly motivated career and paid-on-call staff, combined with sufficient apparatus, equipment and facilities.



Our **OBJECTIVES**:

- To respond to fire, rescue, medical and hazardous incidents on land or water;
- To conduct fire and life safety inspections of existing businesses, multi-family dwellings, and public assembly facilities;
- To review plans and conduct on-site inspections of new developments and buildings to ensure fire and life safety code compliance;
- To provide public education in the areas of fire prevention, CPR, first aid, life safety, accident prevention, and disaster planning preparedness;
- To provide disaster equipment such as generators, lighting, mobile command units, and multiple casualty units during natural and manmade disasters;
- To provide training and technical support to fire and city personnel;
- To provide classroom facilities and assist with the instruction of the Juvenile Fire-Setter Intervention Program;
- To provide career opportunities with a Firefighter Pilot Program for high school students;
- To provide training facilities and assist at the Island County Recruit Academy;
- To conduct investigations of all fires to determine their cause and origin;
- To maintain the mutual aid agreement with all emergency service providers on Whidbey Island;
- To maintain and operate an Emergency Operations Center for the city;
- To conduct and participate in county-wide training at the department's training facility;
- To provide a back-up facility for I-COM E911, Island County Emergency Dispatch Center; and
- To provide meeting facilities for non-profit organizations.

Photo on next page: Command 800 and Whidbey 1 respond to an emergency incident on Regatta Drive. Photo by Sara Nagel (OHPD), January 2013



Duty

The **Administration Division** is primarily responsible for the management of department operations, budgeting, personnel relations, and community relations.

2012 Statistics

General

Area Served in Square Miles
9.714

Miles of city streets
68.74

Population (as of 4/2012)
22,200

Assessed Valuation
\$1,640,900,593

Emergency Incident Responses

Fire Insurance Rating
4

Average Response Time
4 minutes, 43 seconds

Incident Responses
All Types
1,106

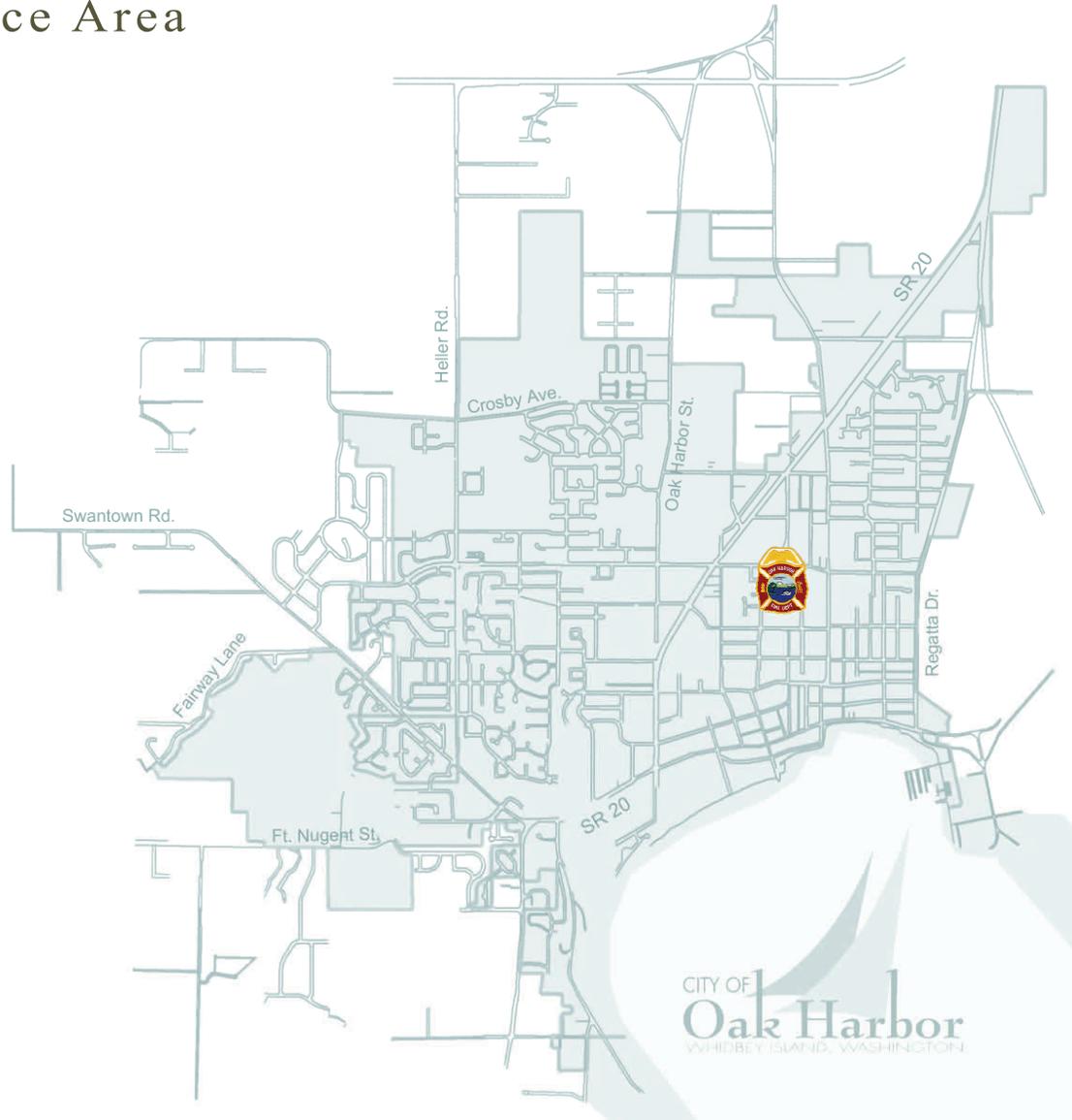
Fire Incidents
72 (6%)

Medical Incidents
570 (52%)

Fire Loss
\$300,300

Injuries
None

Oak Harbor Fire Department Service Area



Message from the Chief...

Welcome to your fire department's 2012 annual report. To say that 2012 was a year of change is an understatement. As many of you are aware there was change at senior leadership positions; a new fire chief, new fire marshal and new training lieutenant as well as a new administrative assistant. While these are not new positions they were filled by existing staff or former employees of the department. The department also hired six (6) new paid on call firefighters.

The attached report will detail the activities of the department to include emergency responses, training, personnel, and daily operations of the men and women of this great department.

I, as the fire chief, truly believe we are blessed to have the caliber and dedication of individuals employed with our fire department. It matters not if a person is career or paid on call, they are all dedicated to protecting the citizens of Oak Harbor and the visitors that come to Oak Harbor.

Our fire department was originally created in 1929 as a fully volunteer fire service organization. Over the ensuing 84 years many job functions have been added, while the basic function is one to save lives and property. We are now involved with emergency medical incidents, rope and confined space rescue, hazardous materials, annual fire and life safety inspections, public education, and training to name but a few of our missions.

Since 1987 the department has created 10 uniformed career staff positions, which is well below the ratio for many of our surrounding cities. Currently Oak Harbor has a 0.4 career firefighters per 1,000 population. Most of our neighboring career departments have a 1.0 – 3.0 career positions per 1,000 population. Our career staff consists of three shift lieutenants

and four shift firefighters, the remaining three positions are training lieutenant, deputy chief and fire chief. Their areas of expertise range from technical rescue technicians to certified driver operators. All maintain, as minimum, Washington State Emergency Medical Technician certifications. They are all highly energetic, motivated, skilled, and dedicated.

To say that 2012 was a year of change is an understatement.

I would be remiss in not praising our paid on call firefighters. These dedicate men and women are an integral part of the department. In days gone by these would have been the volunteers. As time moved forward the volunteers began receiving pay for their efforts and time and became paid on call firefighters. Some of these members work shifts along side of the career firefighters or work the night shift as the duty crew. They are a

valuable asset both to the department and the Citizen's of Oak Harbor.

This department is fortunate to maintain a successful career / paid on call working environment. Each group provides needed talents and skills and complements each other very well. I am extremely proud of each and every member of this fire department. I can think of no better group of people to call Firefighters for the City of Oak Harbor.

I must also thank Angela Braunstein for her dedication, hard work, and being able to answer all my questions. Angela brings a positive attitude and comprehensive knowledge base which allows the remaining members to excel at their jobs.

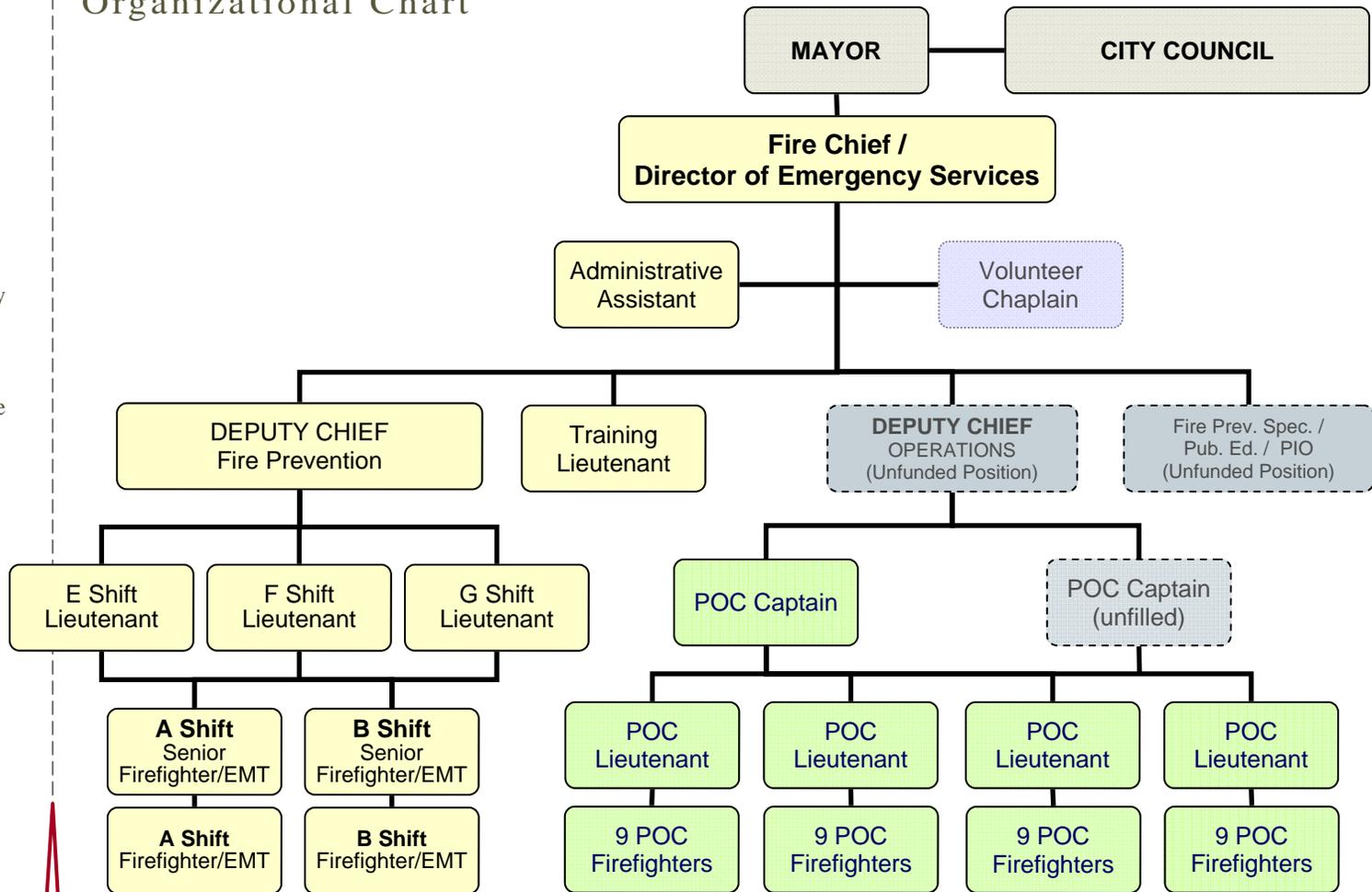
Ray Merrill
Ray Merrill, Chief



Ray Merrill
Fire Chief
Dir. of Emergency Services
23 years of service
Member Since 1989

City Council approved a reorganization of Oak Harbor Fire Department late in 2009. Implementation of the reorganizational continued in 2012. The full-time Battalion Chief position became Deputy Chief—Fire Prevention and POC lieutenant positions were established (early 2013). There are currently 26 POC firefighters and 6 POC Recruits (not yet qualified to respond to emergency incidents).

Oak Harbor Fire Organizational Chart



2012 Fire Department Personnel	
Career Positions (including administrative support)	11 Funded 2 Unfunded
Paid-On-Call (POC) Positions	42 Funded (32 Filled)
Volunteer Position	1

Oak Harbor Fire Department is a combination department. Department personnel are a combination of full-time, career firefighters and Paid-On-Call (POC) firefighters. Career and POC firefighters work together to provide continuous coverage to the City of Oak Harbor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Command 8: 24 hours a day.

A/B Career FF Shift: Twelve-hour shifts Tuesday through Sunday, 0700-1900 hours (14 hour shifts on Mondays—0700-2100). Shifts work a rotating schedule: four consecutive days on shift and four consecutive days off. Two full time firefighters work on each shift.

E/F/G Officer Shift: Twenty-four (24) hour shift (0700 to 0700) - 24 hours on duty, 24 hours off duty, 24 hours on duty, 24 hours off duty, 24 hours on duty, and 96 hours off duty with this cycle repeated. Officer in 4-person crew from 0700-1900; Command 8 from 1900-0700.

Paid-On-Call Firefighters (POCFFs) are equipped with pagers and respond from home or work when additional manpower is required. POCFFs work 10 or 12 hour D shifts (not to exceed 53 hours per week).

POC D Shift DAY: Twelve-hour shifts, 7 days a week, 0700-1900 hours. Completes a daytime four member crew: 1 POCFF DAY shift, 2 FT FFs (A/B shift), and 1 Lieutenant (E/G/F shift).

POC D-Shift NIGHT: Twelve-hour shifts (1900-0700) 6 nights per week, and ten-hour shifts (2100-0700) on Mondays. Four POC FFs comprise the NIGHT shift perform various duties and respond to emergency incidents. Personnel occupy sleeping quarters at station 81 while on shift.

2012 Accomplishments:

- Successfully transitioned department through change in leadership and administration.
- Battalion Chief title changed to Deputy Chief per 2009 reorganization.
- Renegotiated Inter-local Agreement for EMS Services with Whidbey General Hospital.
- Celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Station 81, Oak Harbor Fire Department's fire house built in 1992.

Department Structure

Oak Harbor Fire Department is comprised of five divisions—**Administration, Suppression, Prevention, Training, and Maintenance.**

The **Administration Division** is primarily responsible for the management of department operations, budgeting, personnel relations, and community relations. There are three full time positions in the division and one volunteer position.

- Fire Chief
- Deputy Chief
- Administrative Assistant
- Volunteer Chaplain

The **Suppression Division** is our largest division and consists of six full-time positions and 42 Paid-On-Call firefighter positions. Suppression is primarily responsible for the mitigation of emergency incidents. Other functions include fire and life safety inspections and assistance with public education activities.

- 3 Shift Lieutenants
- 4 Firefighters
- 42 Paid On Call Firefighters positions
(16 POCFF positions were vacant in 2012)

The **Fire Prevention Division** is the code enforcement arm of the department. Primary duties include the management of fire and life safety inspections, new construction and development plan review, and inspections. There is one position the division:

- Deputy Chief

The **Training Division** is tasked with managing the training of department personnel. These duties include the scheduling of all training to meet federal, state, and local requirements. The coordination of Public Education is also included in the responsibilities of the training division. There is one position in this division:

- 1 Training Lieutenant

The **Maintenance Division** is tasked with managing inventories

and the care and maintenance of the station and training facilities, apparatus and equipment, and works closely with the Public Work's maintenance personnel to assure the readiness of all apparatus and equipment. There are no full/part-time positions in this division. Maintenance division duties are shared among shift lieutenants and full-time firefighters as collateral duties.

Breakdown by Employee Classification

Fire Department	
Fire Chief (exempt)	0.90
Deputy Chief (exempt)	1.00
Administrative Assistant	1.00
Career Lieutenants—E/F/G Shifts	3.00
Career Lieutenant—Training Division	1.00
Career Firefighters—A/B Shifts	4.00
Paid-On-Call Firefighters	42.00
Chaplain (volunteer)	1.00
Total	53.90

Department of Emergency Services	
Director of Emergency Services	0.10
Total	0.10



Revenue

Line	Type	Bars Account Code	YEAR 2012		YEAR 2011	
			Subtotals	Totals	Subtotals	Totals
1	Donations & Contributions	001.00.367.011.2000		\$0.00		\$0.00
2	Fire Control Services	001.00.338.22.0000		\$163,506.75		\$0.00
	Prehospital Medical Alarms		\$163,506.75		\$0.00	
	Restitution		\$0.00		\$0.00	
3	Fire Facility Rental: Station 81			\$560.00		\$3,701.00
	Island County Recruit Training	001.00.362.040.0000	\$560.00		\$965.00	
	ICOM Back-Up Dispatch Center	001.00.362.050.0000	\$0.00		\$2,736.00	
4	Fire Labor, and Vehicle Reimbursement - Taxable	001.00.362.011.0000		\$826.44		\$0.00
5	Fire Protection Services: Permit Fees	001.00.338.022.1000		\$2,883.00		\$2,797.00
6	Fire Recruit Training	001.00.338.022.1000		\$0.00		\$4,200.00
7	Incident Report Fees	001.00.342.090.0000		\$30.00		\$50.00
8	Other Miscellaneous Revenue			\$206.85		\$2,264.89
	Taxable	001.00.369.091.1000	43.40		\$119.57	
	Non-Taxable	001.00.369.090.0000	\$163.45		\$2,132.82	
	Xerox/Fax - Taxable	001.00.341.069.1000	\$0.00		\$12.50	
9	Sale of Surplus Item			\$0.00		\$0.00
		502.00.395.040.0000		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Revenue				\$168,013.24		\$13,012.89

Grants

Line	Type	Bars Account Code	YEAR 2012	YEAR 2011
			Totals	Totals
1	State Homeland Security Grant	001.00.333.097.6700	\$0.00	\$26,934.61
2	WA DOH Prehospital Participation	001.00.334.004.9000	\$1,534.00	\$1,738.00
Total Grants			\$1,534.00	\$28,672.61



Angela Braunstein
Administration Assistant
7 years of service
Member Since 2005

Cost per capita to provide fire service to the community:

- Oak Harbor: **\$83.53**
- Comparables (AVG): **\$223.00**



Number of stations operated by City/District:

- **1** - Oak Harbor
- **3** - Comparables
- *Comparables: Cities/Districts used for comparison include Moses Lake, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Camas, Whatcom 7, and Vashon Island. Value is average of these comparables.*

2012 FIRE CONTROL EXPENDITURES

SUPPRESSION (includes ICOM)	\$ 1,070,075.56	58.233%
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 301,035.91	16.382%
PREVENTION/INVESTIGATION	\$ 117,248.02	6.381%
TRAINING	\$ 180,305.38	9.812%
INTRFUND REPAIRS/MAINT (apparatus)	\$ 51,624.00	2.809%
FACILITIES	\$ 63,778.56	3.471%
INTRFUND TECHNOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 27,648.00	1.505%
* ENGINE BOND 230	\$ 25,855.39	1.407%
INTRFUND EQUIP REPLACEMENT CONTRIBUTIONS (vehicle fund)	\$ -	
CAPITAL OUTLAY/IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	
TOTAL SPENT	\$1,837,570.82	100.000%

* Final Payment 2012

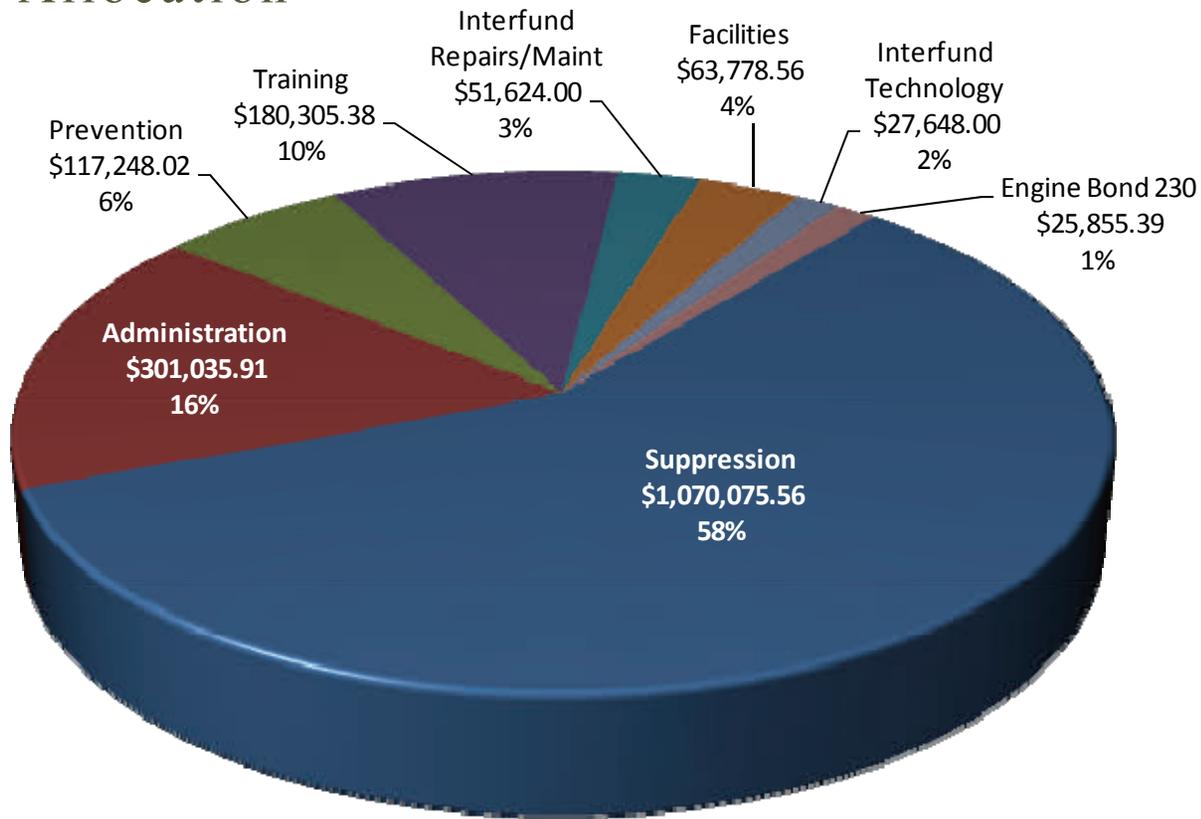
Fire Department Summary of Financial Information

Use of Funds	Actual 2009	Amended 2010	Adopted 2011	Adopted 2012
Expenditures				
Personnel	\$ 1,449,483	\$ 1,531,462	\$ 1,656,546	\$ 1,701,593
Operating & Maintenance	197,315	231,105	233,340	236,340
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,646,798	1,762,567	1,889,886	1,937,933
Other Uses				
Interfund Transactions	135,871	123,260	98,403	100,986
Operating Transfers Out	230,641	235,890	51,711	25,856
Total Uses	\$ 2,013,310	\$ 2,121,717	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 2,064,775

From the 2011-2012 City of Oak Harbor Biennial Budget Report, page 63



Fund Allocation



A technical rescue mission from the roof of a building on Pioneer Way. Firefighters used Ladder 81 to raise and lower a basket to the roof to safely bring an injured roofer down for transport to the hospital. Photos by Ron Hancock, August 2012.

Photo on next page: POC FF R. Rodgers pulls hose from E81 on scene at Oak Harbor Marina. Photo by Command 8, January 2013.

2012 Financial Break-Down

Operating budget for 2012:	\$2,064,775.00	General Funds allocated for the fire department.
Total Expenditures in 2012:	\$1,837,570.82	Funds actually spent by the department (under budget).
Amount returned to the General Fund:	\$227,204.18	Funds returned to the General Fund.
Department Revenue in 2012:	\$168,013.24	Funds earned by the department.
Grants received in 2012:	\$1,534.00	Funds given to the department.



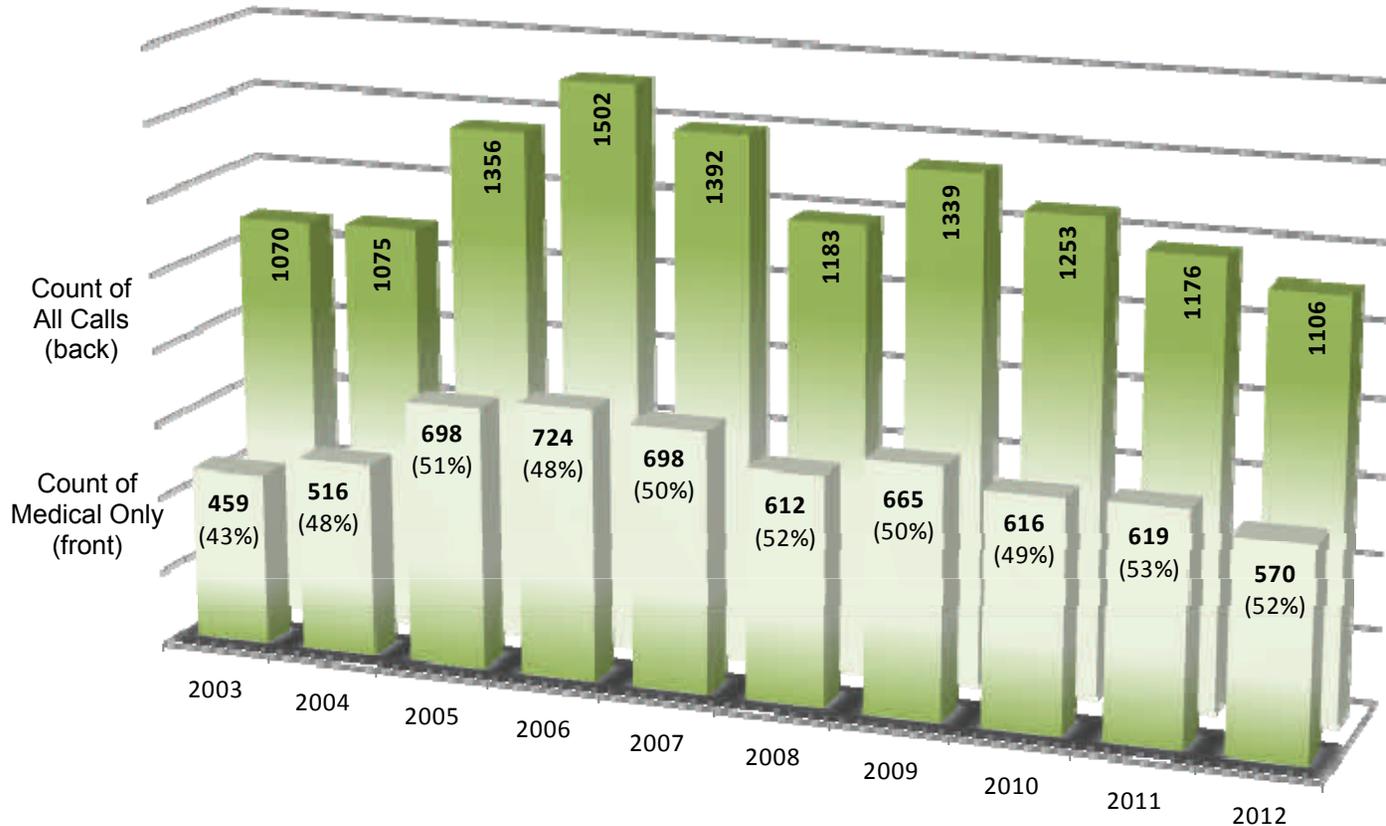


Honor

The **Suppression Division** is primarily responsible for the mitigation of emergency incidents. Other functions include fire and life safety inspections and assist with public education activities.

Medical Incident Count — 10 Year Review

OHFD medical incident responses consistently accounts for nearly half of total incident response within the City of Oak Harbor. The figure below shows the number of medical incidents (front) and the number of total Incidents (back) per year for the past ten years, 2003 through 2012.



Mike Engle

Lieutenant
G Shift -- Suppression
15 years of service
Member Since 1997



Bob Wallin

Captain
Paid On Call
26 years of service
Member Since 1986

INCIDENT RESPONSE AT A GLANCE

Total Incident Response:
1,106 Incidents

Number of EMS Calls:
570 (52%)

Busiest Month:
January (113 calls)

Busiest Day of the Week:
Wednesday (190 Calls)

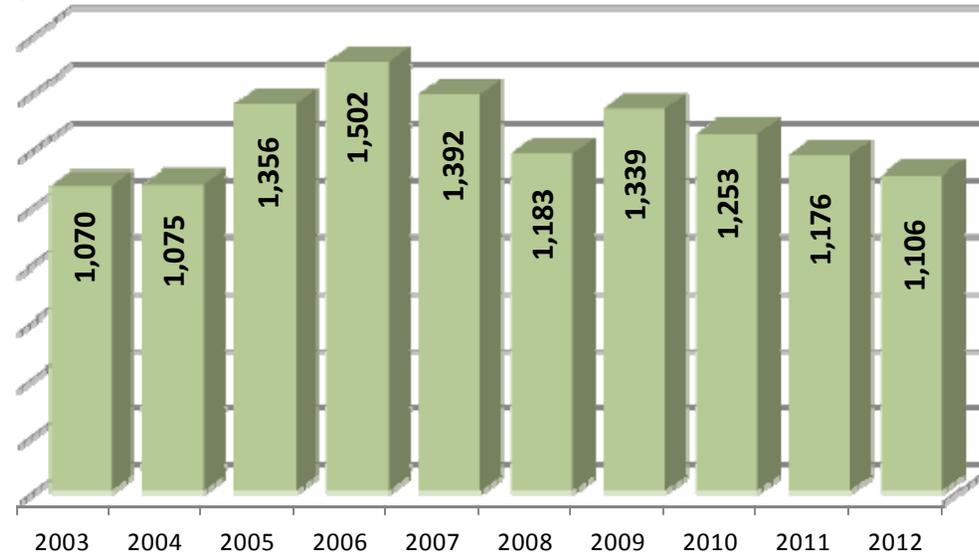
Busiest Hour of the Day:
4pm-5pm (79 calls)

Slowest Day of the Week:
Sunday (135 calls)

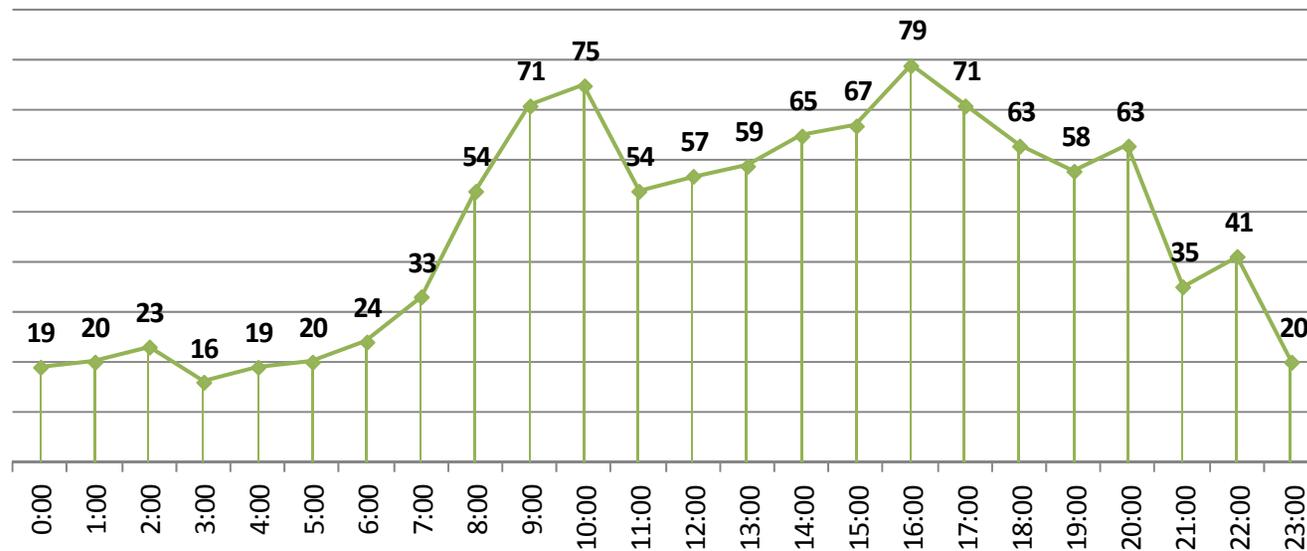
Slowest Hour of the Day:
3am-4am (16 calls)

Ten Year Trend:
3.37% Increase over calls
in 2003; however the past
three years show a 6% per
year decline in call volume.

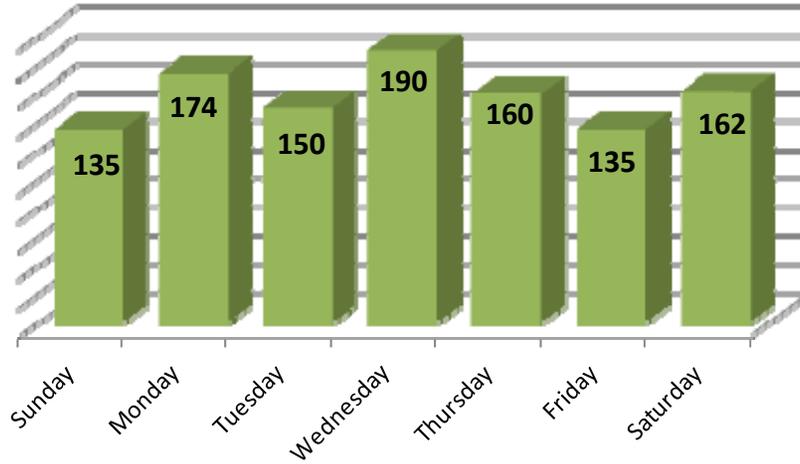
Incidents by Year - 10 Year Review (2003 - 2012)



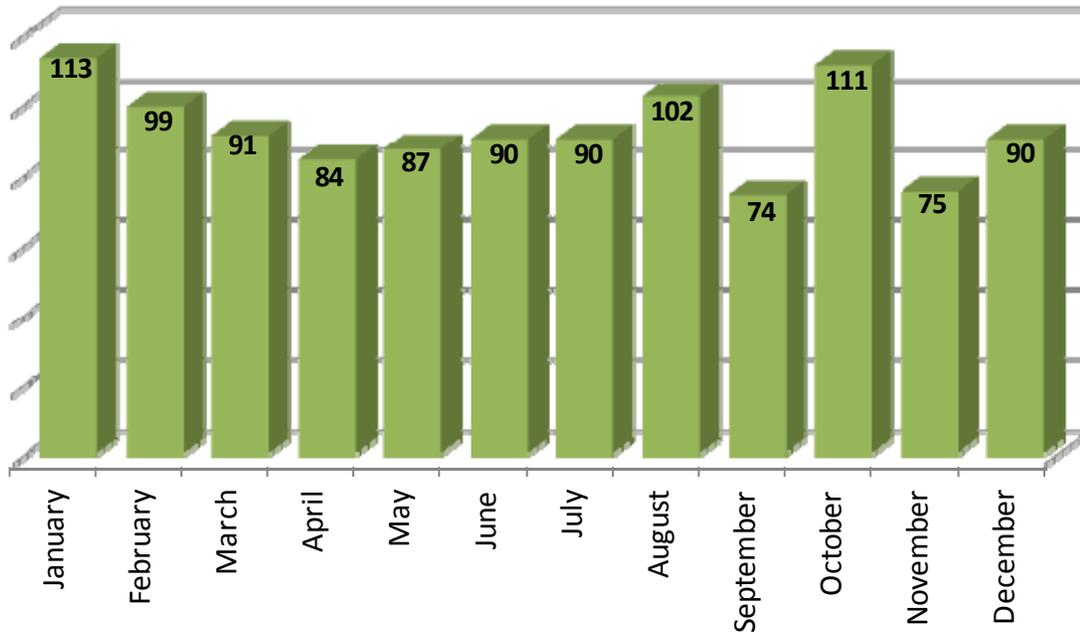
Incidents by Hour of Day (1,106 total)



Incidents by Day of Week (1,106 total)



Incidents by Month (1,106 total)



Calls per 1,000 people:

- Oak Harbor: **54**
- Comparables (AVG): **143**

Number of calls per full-time firefighter:

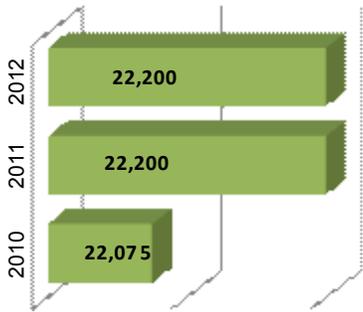
- **111** - Oak Harbor
- **104** - Comparables

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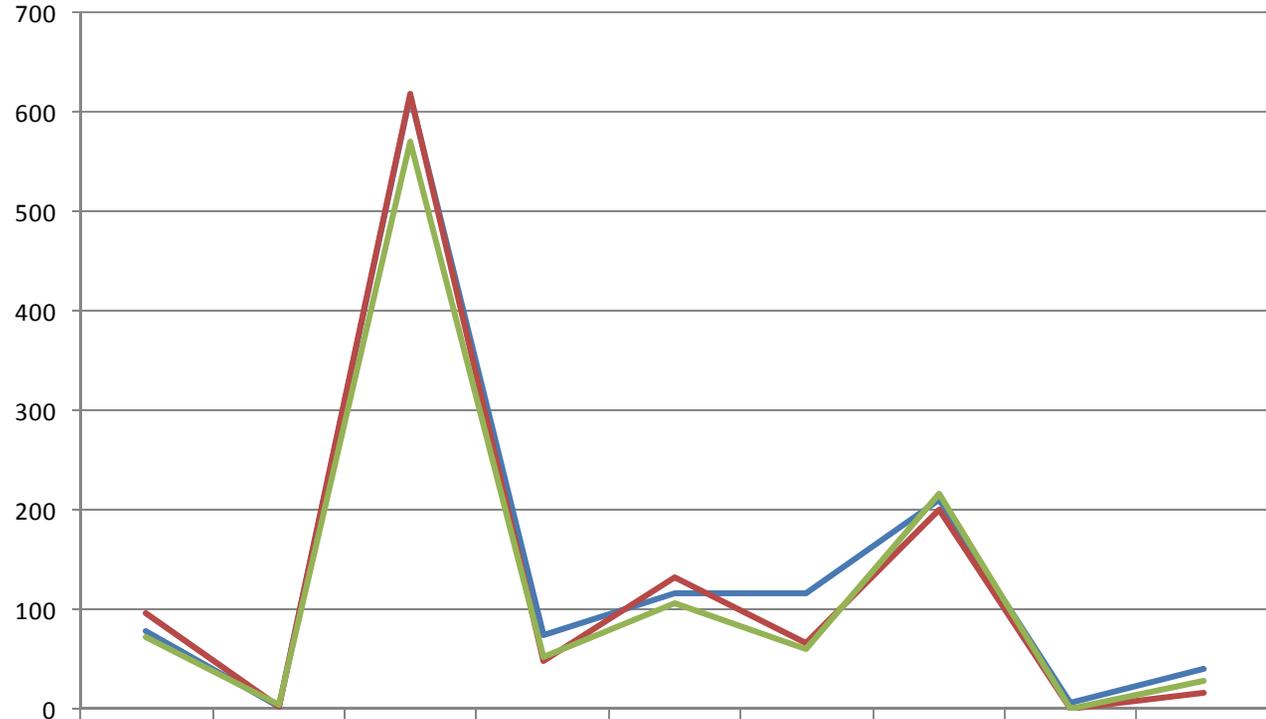
Incident Type Count

3-YEAR REVIEW | 2010—2012

City of Oak Harbor Population 3- Year Review



Source: April 1, 2012, Population of Cities, Towns and Counties. Used for Allocation of Selected State Revenues State of WA Office of Financial Management (OFM), Forecasting Division, 6/25/2012



	Fire	Rupture/Explosion	EMS/Rescue	Hazardous Condition	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Severe Weather	Other
2010	77	1	616	73	115	116	210	5	40
2011	96	2	619	47	131	66	200	0	15
2012	72	3	570	52	106	60	216	0	27



Incident Type Count

3-YEAR REVIEW | 2010—2012

	2012	%	2011	%	2010	%
Fire	77	7	96	8	77	6
Rupture/Explosion	3	>1	2	>1	1	>0
EMS/Rescue	570	52	619	49	616	49
Hazardous Condition	52	5	47	4	73	6
Service Call	106	10	115	9	115	9
Good Intent	60	5	66	6	116	9
False Call	216	20	200	17	210	17
Severe Weather	0	0	0	0	5	>1
Other	27	2	15	1	40	3
Total	1,106		1,176		1,253	

“...Thank you for participating in our 8th Annual Safety Event on October 6th, 2012. Thanks for helping make it such a success.

We have received many positive comments from attending families and individuals about the fun and exciting learning experience the event was for everyone, especially the kids. We appreciate your involvement in making this happen.

Thank you for the time and dedication you give to our community. We look forward to working with you again next year!”

*- J. Croft & the staff at
The Home Depot*



Images of a vehicle fire on NW Heller Road (no injuries). This pick up truck was improperly carrying pressurized, flammable liquid-gas bottles filled with acetylene and helium liquid gases. The photo to the right shows the truck interior after the fire was extinguished. Photos by R. Wallin, June 2011.



2012 Response Time

4 minutes, 43 seconds

The overall average response time for Oak Harbor Fire Department in 2012 (dispatch time not included): **4:43**

In emergency situations, the difference between life and death can largely depend on response time—the time it takes first responders to arrive on scene. To the person reporting an emergency, and to those needing assistance, five minutes can feel like an eternity.

With the City’s population rising, the fire department is constantly looking for ways to improve its response time. It takes, on average, one and a half minutes (90 seconds) for the Island County 911 dispatch center, ICOM, to answer an emergency call and dispatch the appropriate agency, apparatus and personnel. The remaining time is consumed by personnel getting into their gear, into

apparatus and driving to the scene. Variables such as location, weather, traffic volume, and other drivers play a large part in response. Technology is helping shorten response time by pin-pointing addresses and relaying information needed to apparatus computers and maps.

“Your cooperation and support is a shining, positive example to our community and our country.”

- T. Lacey, Veterans of Foreign Wars and it’s Ladies Auxiliary. In a citation received for participating in the first annual Veterans Day Parade in Oak Harbor.

Response Time: 5-Year Review | 2008-2012

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Fire	00:04:19	00:04:26	00:04:01	00:04:24	00:04:55
Rupture/Explosion	00:05:26	00:03:23	00:02:12	00:04:37	00:03:30
EMS/Rescue	00:04:10	00:04:18	00:06:55	00:04:44	00:04:38
Hazardous Condition	00:05:32	00:05:05	00:04:11	00:03:46	00:04:31
Service Call	00:05:55	00:05:49	00:05:43	00:06:03	00:04:40
Good Intent	00:05:02	00:04:16	00:05:04	00:04:48	00:04:52
False Call	00:04:19	00:04:07	00:03:51	00:04:12	00:03:51
Severe Weather	none	none	00:06:06	00:12:07	00:04:54
Other	00:03:01	00:02:41	00:03:31	00:06:32	00:04:14
Average for Year	00:04:43	00:04:16	00:04:37	00:05:41	00:04:27

Image on next page: Navy Ladder truck and OHFD L81 hanging American and Canadian flags over Oak Harbor’s first annual Veterans Day Parade route. Photo by OHFD Staff, November 2011.





Trust

The **Prevention Division** is the code enforcement arm of the department. Primary duties include the management of fire and life safety inspections, new construction and development plan review and inspections.



Mike Buxton
Deputy Chief
Fire Prevention / Code
20 years of service
Member Since 1992

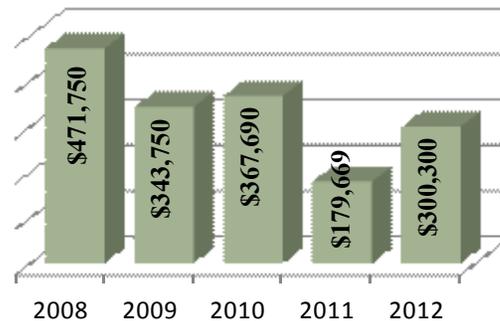
Fire Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division investigates all fires that occur in the City. Fires are investigated in order to determine the origin and cause of the fire. Finding the origin and cause of a fire can help investigators determine whether or not a crime has occurred, the investigation may enable the Department to prevent a similar occurrence through prevention and public education efforts. If a fire is determined to be suspicious in nature, the Fire Department investigators work with the Police Department in order to process the scene and follow-up with necessary investigative work. The Oak Harbor Fire Department also works closely with the Region 3 Arson Task force.



*Fire cause determined to be smoking in bed while using medical oxygen, patient taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns.
Photo by M. Buxton, 2012*

FIRE LOSS IN OAK HARBOR 5-YEAR REVIEW 2008-2012



Unattended cooking fire destroyed this apartment. Occupant fell asleep while cooking. Photo by M. Buxton, 2012



Fire & Life Safety Inspections

10-Year Review	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fire Inspections	709	780	1268	892	910	921	1039	1018	1002	639

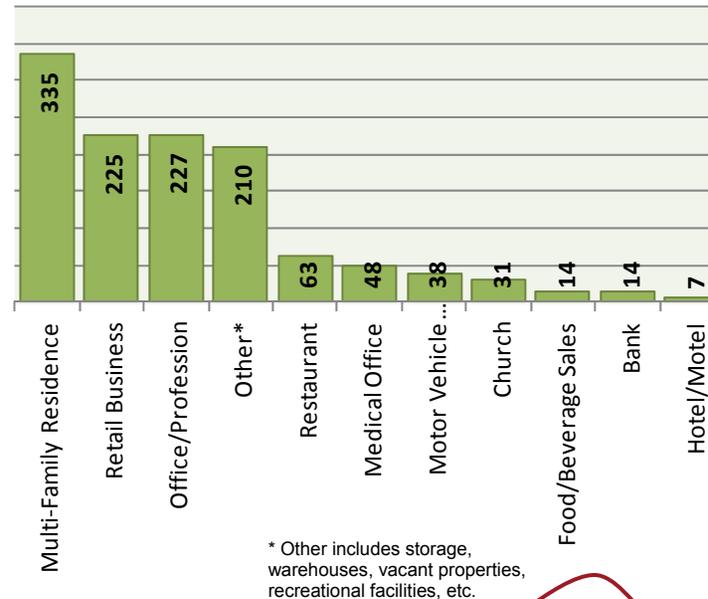
Recognizing fire hazards and learning how to correct them can help prevent fires and save lives. Oak Harbor Fire Department strives to inspect all occupied commercial buildings each year. At the end of 2012 there were 1,212 commercial occupancies, 60 vacant buildings or portions of buildings, and 335 residential structures (3-plex or larger) within the within the city limits of Oak Harbor. During an inspection, firefighters look for safety hazards; something everyone can do in their workplace and homes:

- Are areas kept clean and free of debris?
- Is equipment clean and in good operating condition?
- Are electrical circuits not overloaded?
- Are flammable and combustible materials stored in appropriate containers away from heat sources?
- Are open flames attended at all times?
- Are fire exit routes clear and well marked?
- Do you know where alarm boxes are located?
- Have you learned how to use fire extinguishers and know where they are?

Most common inspection violations found during annual fire and life safety inspections:

- The improper use of extension cords,
- The improper use of electrical power taps / power cubes,
- Non-working exit sign lights or emergency exit lighting,
- Fire extinguishers due for annual servicing.

2012 Types of Commercial Occupancies in Oak Harbor



City of Oak Harbor Occupancy Data 2012

New Occupancy Inspections	39
Semi Annual Inspections	39
Annual Inspections	639
Re-inspection of Annual Inspection	2
Annual Confidence Test - Fire Alarm	183
Annual Confidence Test - Dry Sprinklers	32
Annual Confidence Test - Wet Sprinklers	100
Other Miscellaneous Inspections	3
Total Inspections	1,037

2012 City of Oak Harbor Fire Investigations and Loss



Unattended cooking fires, contained to kitchen. Photos by fire investigator, May 2011

Date	Type	Fire Cause
Jan 11 th	Residential structure fire	Electrical dryer outlet arcing scorched wall and outlet.
Jan 29 th	Residential structure fire	Smoking in bed while on medical oxygen, room and content fire, 1 elderly female transported for burns.
Feb 04 th	Residential deck fire	Plastic coffee can ignited by cigarette butts, deck and deck rails damaged by fire.
March 11 th	Commercial, laundry fire	Equipment overload, equipment damaged.
March 25 th	Residential structure fire	Spontaneous ignition, mixing solvents with epoxy ignited siding of exterior wall.
March 26 th	Boat fire	Electrical short, mechanic accidentally pushed battery post against steel member causing smoking battery and wiring.
March 27 th	OH High School, fire	Science experiment/demonstration igniting flammables activated the sprinkler system.
March 30 th	Apartment fire	Unattended cooking, occupant fell asleep while cooking, igniting apartment.
April 03 rd	Residential oven fire	Inattention.
April 07 th	Residential kitchen fire	Unattended cooking, kitchen cabinet's burnt and smoke damage.
April 28 th	Residential kitchen fire	Unattended cooking, cabinet and smoke damage.
May 6 th	Commercial fire	Overheated furnace motor, motor seized, building filled with smoke.
May 14 th	Vehicle fire	Radiant heat from the sun, magnified by Plexiglas, ignited the interior.
May 15 th	Residential shed fire	Suspicious, two sheds caught fire no ignition source found.
May 25 th	Commercial fire	Overheated furnace motor, motor seized, building filled with smoke.
May 29 th	Portal Restroom fire	Suspicious, believed to be caused by glycol hand sanitizer being ignited.



2012 City of Oak Harbor Fire Investigations and Loss, continued...

Date	Type	Fire Cause
May 30 th	Apartment fire	Accidentally turned stove burner on igniting combustibles' on stove.
May 31 st	Apartment fire	Worn out electrical outlet ignited bed and surrounding combustibles.
June 4 th	Residential oven fire	Inattention.
June 6 th	Commercial fire	HVAC unit overheated, smoke filled the building.
June 6 th	Residential fire	Bedroom fire, smoking in bed.
June 10 th	Wildland fire	Fire in the woods extinguished, rekindled unattended campfire. Smoke spotted from the road by vehicle passing by.
July 19 th	Vehicle fire	Electrical wiring shorted out causing small fire.
July 26 th	Storage building/shop fire	Fully involved shop fire, multiple vehicles around the shop on fire. OHFD responded to assist the district fire department.
July 29 th	Residential deck fire	Planter soil ignited from cigarette butt, causing the pot and loam to burn igniting the deck.
July 30 th	Vehicle fire	Electrical system shorted out.
Aug 8 th	Residential structure fire	Residents used a plastic container for a cigarette butt can; butt can caught fire causing the house exterior to ignite.
Aug 13 th	Residential structure fire	Ash tray emptied into plastic garbage can ignited.
Sept 18 th	Dumpster fire	Charcoal briquettes emptied into dumpster.
Sept 18 th	Residential kitchen fire	Unattended cooking ignited kitchen & smoke damage.
Oct 5 th	Vehicle fire	Electrical short.
Oct 17 th	Residential oven fire	Inattention.
Oct 23 rd	Vehicle fire	Arson / vandalism.
Oct 31 st	Shed fire	Homeless man burning out rats.
Nov 27 th	Apartment fire	Stove element accidentally left on, causing kitchen to catch on fire.
Dec 22 rd	Commercial restaurant fire	Arson to cover up a burglary.

Fire Loss by Month

Month	2012	2011
JAN	\$81,000	\$23,199
FEB	\$1,000	\$17,100
MAR	\$95,200	\$3,650
APR	\$5,500	\$5,500
MAY	\$38,100	\$2,500
JUN	\$1,200	\$20,500
JUL	\$6,000	\$2,750
AUG	\$8,800	\$470
SEP	\$4,000	\$500
OCT	\$8,300	\$3,000
NOV	\$41,000	\$102,000
DEC	\$10,200	\$4,000
Total	\$300,300	\$179,669



Public Education

Station 81 Tour — Firefighters are engaged in the business of saving lives, whether it involves a response to a house fire or, more importantly, responding before a fire has ever happened by teaching children how to prevent fires. The simple truth is that we are far more likely to save a child's life through fire safety education — providing knowledge to prevent a fire or the proper action to take during a fire — than by the actual rescue of a child during a fire incident. Fire station tours provide an excellent opportunity for public fire education and public relations for Oak Harbor Fire Department. A station tour is a great opportunity to teach important life safety skills to both children and adults and for visitors to learn that firefighters do so much more than fight fires.

Count of Oak Harbor Citizens Educated in Fire Safety

	2011	2012
Total Event Hours	77	65
Total Citizens Educated	5,456	3,209
Students (2-18 yrs)	3,472	2,135
Adults	1,983	1,704



Top: Lt. C. Anderson sharing fire drill info to children at National Night Out. Above: Firefighters and observers during an extrication demonstration at National Night Out. Photos by A. Braunstein, August 2012





Photos from National Night Out 2012. Top middle - H. Buxton and FF Holcomb prepare to distribute bicycle helmets, top right - children pose with Sparky the fire dog. Bottom left - Ladder trucks from Navy Fire and OHFD fly the flag. Bottom right - FF Carroll and Smokey Bear greet children. Photos by A. Braunstein, August 2012



Image on next page: Scene of shed fire. Photo by Justin Burnett, Whidbey News Times, May 16, 2012



Integrity

The **Training Division** is tasked with managing the training of department personnel. These duties include the scheduling of all training to meet federal, state, and local requirements.



Don Baer
Lieutenant, Training
Command 8
10 years of service
Member Since 2003

Training Division

Training in 2012 continued to focus on improving our emergency scene performance through sweat equity in training. This type of approach to training requires a great deal of commitment, professionalism and attention to detail in all areas of the fire service. The true test of our proficiency is not simply having knowledge of a subject, but in putting that knowledge to use in our performance. The way we engrain that into our performance is through repetitive, full speed, real world training to the point that personnel are able to perform under any and all conditions at any time.

Not only is the Training Division responsible for preparing each firefighter for any emergency situation they may encounter; it is essential that

the Division keep current and accurate records showing that mandatory requirements of Labor and Industries, WAC regulations, Washington State and Island County Departments of Health, and other regulatory agencies are being met.

The Training Division provides orientation and initial training to new career and paid-on-call firefighters. Six entry-level paid-on-call firefighters began their firefighter training with OHFD in 2012. The Training Division will follow their training and testing during and after the recruit firefighter academy, ensuring that each firefighter is familiar with department policies, procedures, and equipment and prepared to face all emergency situations.

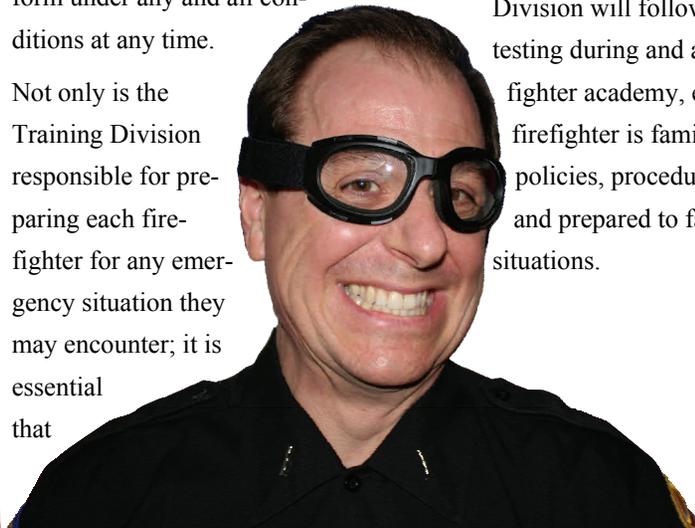


*Above Photo: Multi-agency demonstration of a mock DUI Scene at Oak Harbor High School, May 2011.
Photo by A. Braunstein*

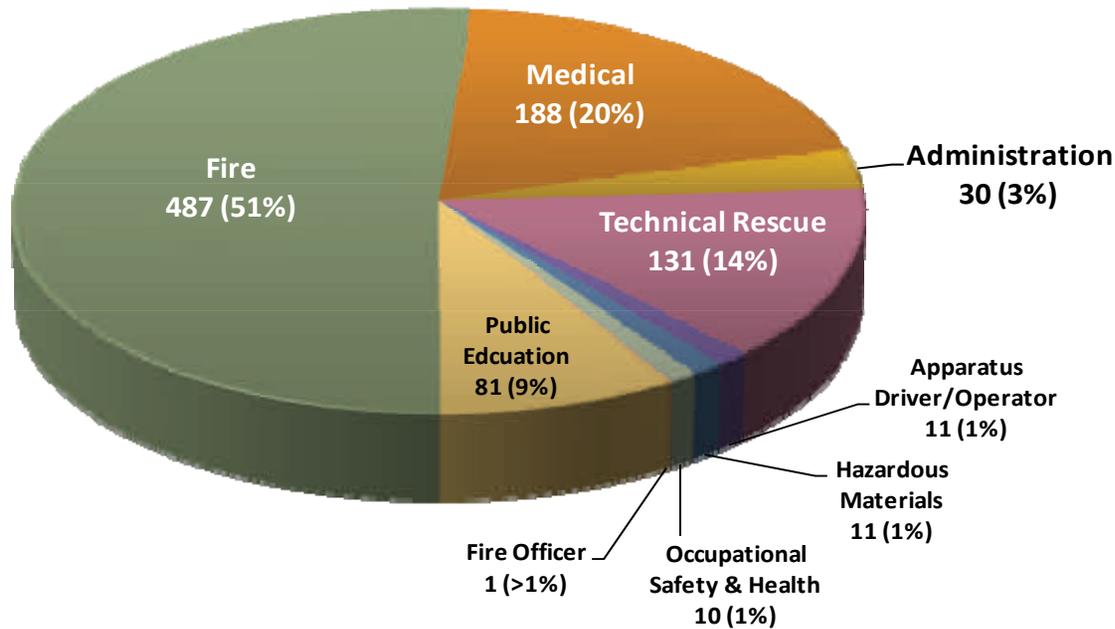


Training and practicing in the training tower. Photos by OHFD Staff, May 2011.

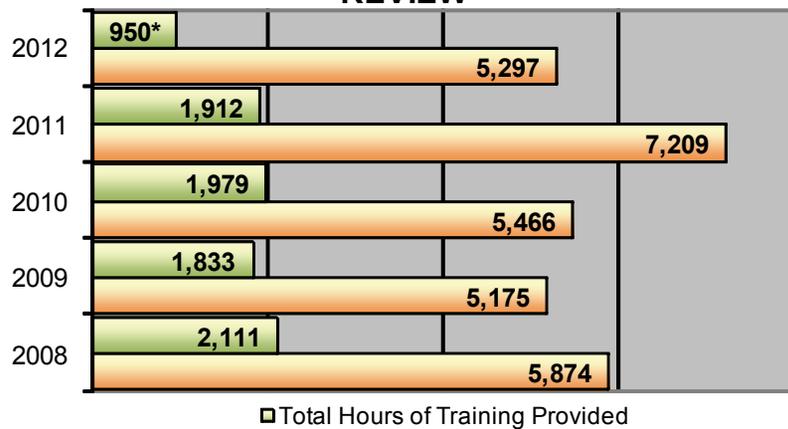
*Right: Lieutenant Baer wearing the department's new safety goggles.
Photo by R. Merrill, January 2013.*



2012 Training Hours Provided, by Activity (950 total hours*)



OHFD TRAINING HOURS | 5-YEAR REVIEW



* A change in reporting and record keeping procedures shows a more accurate accounting of the number of training hours provided by the department. The actual amount of training hours provided is consistent with previous years; however the numbers recorded for 2012 more accurately represent the count of hours provided.

OHFD Training Hours By Month, 3-Year Review

	2012	2011	2010
JAN	88	154	173
FEB	119	156	238
MAR	106	448	264
APR	88	173	190
MAY	225	267	289
JUN	40	157	114
JUL	33	103	86
AUG	50	225	191
SEP	68	75	78
OCT	37	71	126
NOV	38	71	152
DEC	59	42	78
	950	1,912	2,111



*Training while the sun shines.
Lt. Anderson and FFs Jansen, Mattson,
Klaszky, and Hammond. Photos by
A. Braunstein, June 2011*

2012 Certifications

OHFD members who received certification (or re-certifications) in 2012:

Emergency Medical Technician Certification:

Otto Haffner, POC FF
Jacob Hammond, POC FF
Jacob Jansen, POC FF
Lucas Mattson, POC FF
Jason Russell, POC FF
Dennis Wright, POC FF

Emergency Medical Technician Re-Certification:

Emory Bridgeford, Lieutenant
Grant Bull, POC FF
Andrew Carroll, POC FF
Ricardo Cuevas, FF
Dean Faris, POC FF
Christopher Garden, POC FF
Jeff Heiserman, POC FF
Ryan Lange, POC FF
James Pauley, POC FF
Paul Schroer, POC FF
Pedro Velasquez, POC FF

IFSAC Fire Inspector 1 Re-Certification:

Don Baer, Lieutenant

IFSAC Fire Inspector 2 Re-Certification:

Ray Merrill, Chief

IFSAC Officer 1 Certification:

Ed Klaszky, FF

Graduated from IFSAC Accredited Island Recruit Academy,

IFSAC Hazardous Materials Operations Level Certification,
and IFSAC Firefighter 1 Certification:

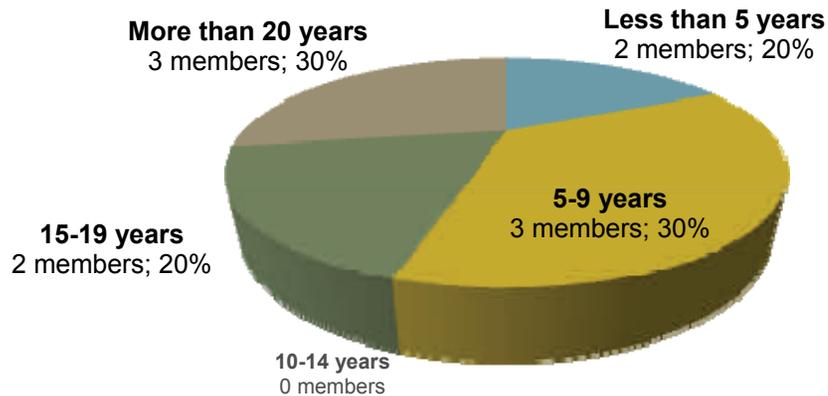
Adrian Alvarado, POC FF



Years of Service

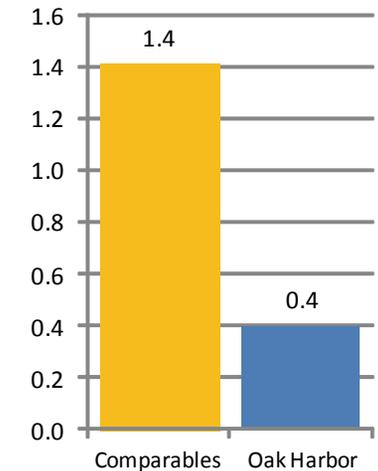
These graphs reflect the number of service years with Oak Harbor Fire Department. Included are 10 career / full-time positions (upper graph) and 34 paid-on-call firefighters (lower graph)
 * may not reflect total firefighting experience (such as years served with other agencies).
 Administrative support years of service not included.

CAREER / FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS Years of Service w/OHFD (10 Full-Time Firefighters)



FF R. Mirabal keeping a watchful eye during a training drill. May 2012.

Career Firefighters



Oak Harbor Fire Department:

- 10 career firefighters.
- 0.4 career firefighters per 1,000 of the City's population.

Comparables:

- 29 career firefighters.
- 1.4 career firefighters per 1,000 of the City's population.
- Cities/districts used for comparison include Moses Lake, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Port Angeles, Camas, Whatcom 7, and Vashon Island. Value is average of these comparables.

PAID-ON-CALL (POC) FIREFIGHTERS Years of Service w/OHFD

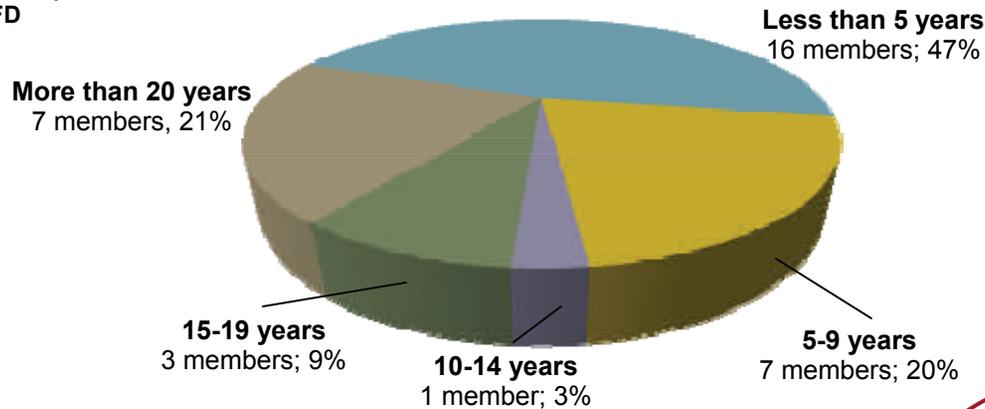


Photo next page: Firefighters placing hose in Engine 812 after responding to a fire call at the Roller Barn. Photo by R. Velasquez, March 2011.



Prepared

The **Maintenance Division** is tasked with managing inventories and the care and maintenance of the Station, training buildings, apparatus, and equipment. Working closely with Public Works maintenance personnel to assure the readiness of all apparatus and equipment.

Facilities & Fleet Maintenance Division



OHFD apparatus lining up for the 2012 Holland Happening Parade. Photo by R. Velasquez, April 2012

It isn't the most exciting topic, but it is extremely essential. As our front line responders' mission is to provide the best service possible to our city and citizens, it is my mission to provide the best possible equipment for them.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) puts forth guidelines through committees to constantly make responding to emergencies as safe for firefighters as possible. Unfortunately these guidelines are created because someone either got hurt or killed trying to do their job. As a result all of our essential equipment is tested at least annually. This includes; all supply and discharge hose, all self contained breathing apparatus, all ground ladders, and all fire engine pumps. The ladder truck receives an annual third party inspection relative to safety and purpose. There are quarterly air samples tested from our breathing air compressor to ensure safe breathing air. Firefighting bunker gear is inspected and sent for cleaning and repair as needed.

Everyone is responsible for inspecting apparatus and equipment and reporting inoperative or inadequate equipment. We have a good program in place and always look for ways to increase our

knowledge and improve the standard of readiness.

We work closely with the public works mechanics who attend fire mechanic conferences and have a thorough understanding of our efforts to stay prepared to respond. They are meticulous and professional in what they do.

It isn't a frontline glamorous job, but there is pride and satisfaction in supplying our firefighters and officers with well maintained equipment so they can provide the best service possible to our city and citizens.

The following items were tested in 2012:

- Fire Hose
 - 1.75" attack hose—75 pieces at 50 ft each. This includes the Marina hose.
 - 2.5" attack hose: 105 pieces of 50 ft each.
 - 5" supply hose: 67 pieces
- Ground Ladders
 - Extension ladders: 2 at 35', 5 at 30',
 - Roof ladders: 5 at 14', 1 at 16', 1 at 20'
 - Captains ladders: 6 at 10'

- Fire Engine Pump Testing:
 - 4 engines

The Following apparatus are scheduled for annual preventive maintenance at City shops and maintained regularly at the Fire Department through daily apparatus checks and inspections:

- 4 Fire engines
- 1 Aerial Ladder truck: received major structural repair to stabilization system. Annual third party inspection and testing.
- 1 Aid unit / rescue
- 2 Command Chevy Tahoe SUVs
- 1 Fire Marshal Truck
- 1 air trailer for filling breathing air bottles
- 1 Fire Investigation Trailer
- 1 Technical Rescue Trailer
- 1 Spill Containment/Hazmat Trailer
- 2 Special Operations Trailers for Mass Casualty Incidents
- 1 utility trailer
- 1 Forklift
- 1 30KW diesel generators
- 1 60KW diesel generator



- 1 5kw diesel generator
- 1 diesel tractor trucks
- 1 diesel flatbed truck
- 1 40' flatbed trailer
- 1 400 gallon potable water trailer
- L81 annual, third party

Fire fighting equipment and personal protective gear:

- 30 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) receive annual flow testing and as needed repairs
- 45 sets of assigned PPE receive semi-annual inspection and as needed cleaning and repairs (repair/cleaning by qualified contractors).
- Approximately 45 SCBA masks are fit tested to assigned personnel annually as per NFPA requirements.
- Boots, gloves, helmets, flash hoods are all replaced as needed.
- Equipment such as flashlights, hand tools... axes, shovels, Halligan bars, EK-hooks, pike poles are cleaned and repaired as needed.
- Portable, mobile and base radios receive annual preventive maintenance from Day Wireless and any additional needed repairs.
- Fire fighting nozzles, appliances and large GPM nozzles are inspected regularly and repaired as needed.

- Approximately 55 fire pagers are programmed and repaired as needed.
- All medical equipment is checked daily and replaced as necessary to include Oxygen, Pharmaceuticals, suction units and AED's.
- Each emergency response unit is equipped with laptop computers for address, prefire planning, hazmat reference, and dispatch information. Each computer requires updates and repairs as necessary.
- Air monitoring equipment receives calibration and repairs as needed.
- 5 Thermal Imaging Cameras are maintained in ready status.
- Technical rescue equipment (ropes, stokes baskets, and hardware) are inspected and maintained.
- Various power tools including corded and cordless are inspected regularly.
- Hazmat absorbent materials.
- Salvage tarp repairs.

Gas powered equipment is essential to our mission and is inspected and annually serviced, these include:

- 10 Stihl chain saws,
- 4 positive pressure fans,
- 4 electric fans,
- 4 Stihl circular saws,

- 6 portable Honda gas generators,
- 2 power heads for Jaws,
- And various air-powered extrication tools.

Buildings and equipment within:

- Hush breathing air compressor requires annual filter changes, quarterly air samples and necessary repairs.
- Sprinkler confidence tests.
- Alarm confidence tests.
- HVAC quarterly maintenance.
- Irrigation maintenance.
- Annual truck bay door preventive maintenance.
- Required annual fire extinguisher preventive maintenance.
- Annual calibration of test gauges.
- Load testing on back up generator, and high wattage generators trailers.
- Monthly generator checks on station 81 and ICOM.
- Inventory and purchase of medical supplies.
- Relocate fire fighting foam semi annually.

Building maintenance ranges from changing light bulbs, L&I hot water tank inspections, painting, cleaning gutters, grounds maintenance to shower door repairs.

2012 Maintenance At a Glance:

Annual Inspection and Testing on—

- 24 different apparatus / vehicles
- 30 small engine tools
- 386 feet of ladders
- Over 9000 feet of Fire Hose
- 4 engine pumps
- 30 SCBA flow test
- 45 sets of personal protection equipment (PPEs, aka Bunker Gear) - semi-annual
- 45 SCBA masks, fit to assigned personnel

Purchases—

- Five sets of bunker gear.
- 24 Helmets.
- Bunker gear cleaning and repairs: \$1,079.
- Gas detector.
- Various small items for Station 81.

Apparatus

2012 OHFD APPARATUS REPOSE

Unit	Incident Count	Percentage of Total
800	739	67.9%
801	49	4.5%
E81	254	23.35%
E812	337	30.97%
E813	154	14.15%
E814	62	5.70%
AID81	299	27.48%
L81	42	3.86%
U81	2	0.18%
STBY1*	470	43.20%

**STBY1 represents Station 81—FFs on stand-by. It is used for incidents in which POC Firefighters report to Station 81 in response to an incident page; but do not respond to the incident scene. The firefighters remain at the station, ready to respond if additional apparatus are required on the scene, at another, concurrent incident, or until the on-duty crew is cleared from the incident and manpower is released.*

Command 8: Two 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs. Driven by the Fire Chief and Command 8, usually first on scene and carries supplies necessary for incident command as well as medical supplies, thermal imaging and photographic equipment.

Four Engines: Two 2007 E-Ones (E81 & E812) and two 1998 Seagraves (E813 & E814) each equipped with 1500 gallon per minute pumps, hose, ladders, fans, tarps,

air bottles, tools and enough medical and other equipment to operate alone for a limited period of time.

NFPA 1911 requires an annual pump test on each fire engine that responds as a pumper. The test averages three hours. If the pump fails it must be repaired and retested. All of our engines passed with no problems in 2010.

Ladder 81 is a 1992 Seagraves aerial and carries volumes of equipment ranging from mass casualty medical supplies to ladders, ventilation fans, saws, lighting, salvage and rescue gear. The truck has a 100-foot aerial ladder and is useful in reaching rooftops with limited access. It is required by NFPA 1914 to be inspected

annually. The inspection takes an average of five hours and is conducted by third party inspectors who send a field inspector to complete the testing.



AID81 / S81 is a 1986 Chevrolet one ton and is acting as both an aid and support vehi-

cle; equipped with medical supplies, generator, lights and water vacuums. AID81 responds to medical aid calls, supports other apparatus as needed and pulls special ops trailers when required. In 2012, Council approved going for bid to replace AID81 with a Rescue Vehicle; at the end of 2012, the vehicle had not yet been purchased.





Spec Ops Trailers: These trailers are designed to respond to specific circumstances.

Spill Containment trailer—equipped for hazardous material response both in the sound and on the ground.

Confined Space Rescue trailer—

equipped for rescue from tight quarters or precarious perches where rope rescue is necessary.

Air/Rehab trailer—houses an air compressor to refill SCBA bottles and equipment to rehab working firefighters.

Mass Casualty Incident trailer (OHFD has two)—contains supplies and equipment for assisting in large scale incidents.

Crime Scene and Fire Investigation trailer—a shared trailer with Oak Harbor Police Department and is a mobile unit to assist in fire and crime scene investigation.



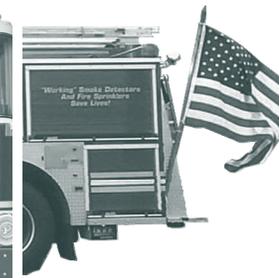
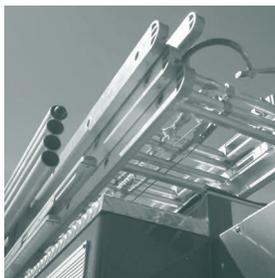
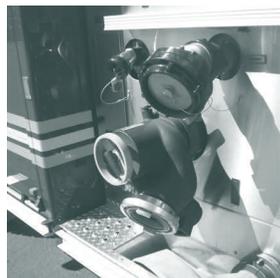
Support and Disaster Vehicles: fire marshal pick-up, training offi-

cer van, utility 81 (pick-up), utility trailer, two tractor trucks, 40' flatbed trailer, diesel flatbed truck, fork lift, bus, four mobile generators, 400gal potable water trailer, and a light unit ready for response. Generators supply power to City Hall and OH Senior Center when needed.

Annual preventive maintenance and repair work is done on each vehicle and piece of disaster equipment. Much of the minor



repairs are done here at OHFD while the annual servicing and major repair work is scheduled at City Shops. NFPA 1915 and 1071 stipulate accurate record keeping and high quality assurance when emergency vehicles need repair.



OHFD Apparatus Name / Year	2012 Mileage Reading
E81 2007	16,023
E812 2007	14,725
E813 1998	40,607
E814 1998	40,002
L81 1992	14,925
Bus 81 1985	72,155
Truck 2 1980	32,339
Truck 3 1986	53,966
AID81 / S81 1986	29,666
Command 8 2004	67,754
801 FC 2004	48,058
Forklift 1979	6,247 hrs

Year In Review



Vehicle off roadway at Crosby Ave. and Oak Harbor Rd.. Photo by Command 8. May 2011

January

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 113**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 88**
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) course** (5-month) began for six (6) POCFFS: J.Goff, O.Haffner, J.Hammond, Ja.Jansen, L.Mattson, J.Russell, and T.Walstad.
- **ISLAND CO RECRUIT ACADEMY**, 5-months; began for 1 POCFF Recruit: A. Alvarado
- **OHFD SAFETY COMMITTEE**
- **YEARS OF SERVICE**
POCFF R.Rodgers - 37 yrs
Admin Asst R.Velasquez - 22 yrs
POCFF R.Gonzales - 5 yrs
POCFFs C.Ching - 3yr

February

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 99**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 119**
- **LUNCH WITH A FIREFIGHTER**, monthly through May, public education / mentoring program at OHSD elementary schools.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE**
Lt E.Bridgeford - 16 yrs
POCFF D.Martin - 10 yrs
POCFFs S.Holcomb and J.Heiserman - 7 yrs

March

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 91**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 106**
- **R.Velasquez** resigned after 22 years as administrative assistant.
- **BC M.Buxton** assigned to acting fire chief.
- **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN**, reminder to change smoke detector batteries
- OHFD also participated in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade**.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE**
POCFF D. Wright - 20 yrs
POCFFs A.Carroll, T.Cross, P.Velasquez, R.Villaflor - 9 yrs
FF Cuevas - 4 yrs

April

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 84**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 88**
- **WA STATE DEPT OF HEALTH (DOH) PREHOSPITAL PARTICIPATION GRANT \$1,534** awarded OHFD to help meet DOH requirements to provide prehospital services to the public.
- Provided support for **Whidbey Island Marathon & Half Marathon**.

- Bowling team participated in **Big Brother & Big Sisters** Fundraising bowling at Oak Bowl.
- In addition, OHFD participated in the **Holland Happening Parade**.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
FF S.McCalmont - 12 yrs

May

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 87**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 225**
- **R.Merrill** hired as fire chief and returns to OHFD after a 14 month sabbatical.
- S.A.D.D. DUI Presentation at Oak Harbor High School
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
POCFF D. Faris - 27 yrs
POCFF R. Mirabal - 6 yrs

June

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 90**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 40**
- **ISLAND CO RECRUIT ACADEMY GRADUATION. FIREFIGHTER I CERTIFICATION**, 1 POC FF recruit: A. Alvarado.
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) CERTIFICATION:**
O.Haffner, J.Hammond, Ja.Jansen, L.Mattson, and J.Russell,

- **ANNUAL PUMP TESTING AT OHFD TRAINING TOWER:** Navy Region NW Fire & Emergency Services (NASWI), Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue, North Whidbey Fire & Rescue, and OHFD.
- OHFD also provided generators and lighting towers for Relay for Life.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
FF D.Baer - 9 yrs

July

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 90**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 33**
- **CELEBRATED THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATION 81** with a public open house.
- OHFD personnel participated in the **Fourth of July Parade**, crews were positioned by the fireworks display site and additional crews covered the City during July 4th festivities.
- Utilized new **INCIDENT COMMAND TRAILER** during 4th of July Firework display.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
Lt C.Anderson - 17 yrs



August

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 102**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 50**
- **FF D.Baer** promoted to LT and assigned to Training Division.
- **A.Braunstein** hired as administrative assistant.
- Vacant full-time firefighter position filled with temporary FT FF.
- **National Night Out**, children fitted for bicycle helmets, public education props provided for children, an emergency scenario played out, literature provided on Emergency Resources and an appearance by Smokey Bear.
- In addition, OHFD provided an EMS station at the **ROTARY ANNUAL CHALLENGE SERIES RACE** and provided generators at the **NORTH WHIDBEY LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CAR SHOW**.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
POC Capt R.Wallin - 26 yrs
POCFF C.Garden -26 yrs
Lt M.Engle - 15 yrs

September

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 74**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 68**

- **9/11 Memorial at OHFD**
- **CITY OF OAK HARBOR MILITARY APPRECIATION PICNIC** at Windjammer Park. Distributed children's bike helmets and public safety information.
- **ENTRY LEVEL POC FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT** began.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
POCFF D.Jansen - 32 yrs
Chief R. Merrill - 22 yrs
POCFF P.Schroer - 18 yrs
FF E.Klaszky - 3 yrs

October

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 111**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 37**
- **ANNUAL WELLNESS REQUIREMENT** for full time suppression personnel.
- **NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:** Have Two Ways Out.
- **LATERAL AND ENTRY LEVEL PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTER** Oct-November testing began.
- OHFD also participated in **HOME DEPOT'S ANNUAL SAFETY FAIR**.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:** Deputy Chief M.Buxton - 20 yrs

November

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 75**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 38**
- **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN**, reminder to change smoke detector batteries.
- In addition, OHFD personnel participated in the **ANNUAL NORTH WHIDBEY COMMUNITY HARVEST THANKSGIVING DINNER** at the Elk's lodge.

December

- **INCIDENT RESPONSE: 90**
- **TRAINING HOURS: 59**
- **ENTRY LEVEL POC FIREFIGHTER HIRED: 23RD ANNUAL OHFD FAMILY PARTY AND BANQUET** held at Station 81, honored firefighters and their families.
- Assisted with
- POCFF C.Hopkins hired to fill vacant full-time firefighter position, assigned to A Shift.
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
POC FF J.Roberts - 16 yrs
POCFF Jo.Jansen - 3 yrs
POCFF G.Bull - 3 yrs
POCFFs O.Haffner, J.Hammond, Ja.Jansen, L.Mattson, J.Russell, and T.Walstad. -- 2 yrs



"Wally" Fire engine during 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. Photo by A. Braunstein, September 2012



"Wally" in Holland Happening Parade. Photo by R. Velasquez, April 2011.



Ready

Preparing for all types of hazards our City can encounter is the prime concern of the **Department of Emergency Services**. They include all events from civil disorder to earthquakes. A top priority is the training of City employees and to promote and provide public education to prepare our citizens.



Steve McCalmont
Senior Firefighter, B Shift
Association President
22 years of service
Member Since 1990



Oak Harbor Firefighters Association

The Oak Harbor Firefighters Association is a service organization providing assistance to firefighters, their families, and the Oak Harbor community. They work with the Oak Harbor Fire Department and support public education and public service through funding provided by member dues and community donations.

The Association is a non profit 501(A) organization whose members are fire department employees. *Full-time firefighters and lieutenants are also member of (and represented by) Oak Harbor Firefighters LOCAL 4504 IAFF, which is a separate organization from the Oak Harbor Firefighters Association.*

2012 was a productive year for the Association, some activities were fun and some were not-so-fun.

Some of the fun things accomplished:

- Challenge series race,
- Home Depot Safety fair,
- National Night Out with over 200 bike helmets distributed,
- Fourth of July open house,
- First Family Safety Fair at Station 81,
- Christmas "Shop with a Firefighter" at both Wal-Mart and K-Mart,

And a few not-so-fun moments:

- Christmas presents and Teddy Bear delivery with Santa,
- Association Members' Christmas party.
- One member went overseas for military duty,
- 9/11 memorial held at Station 81,
- Retirement plaques were made for Mark Soptich and Romy Velasquez,
- Flowers were purchased for funerals of past members.
- Several members left the department for different careers or firefighting careers in new departments,



FF S. Holcomb and FF O. Hajfner. Photo by A. Braunstein, August 2012





FF Klaszky, FF Holcomb, and LT M. Engle test fire hose at Station 81. In 2012, nine thousand feet of fire hose were tested to be sure that it will withstand the pressure of water coming from a fire hydrant. We want to know that all equipment is ready when it will be needed in an emergency. If hose is good, it is then dried, rolled and remains in service. If it fails testing, it is removed from service and replaced with good hose. Photo by A. Braunstein, June 2011.



Above: 2011 Holland Happening Parade. Photos by R. Velasquez, April 2011.

Photo on next page: Vehicle Fire (additional photos on page 24). Photo by R. Wallin, June 2011.



Motor vehicle accident on SW Rock Rose Dr. (non-injury). Photo by Command 8, March 2011

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The mission of **Emergency Services** is to plan and prepare for hazards that threaten the lives, property, and environment of our citizens. This includes the maintenance of a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) which provides the direction for City departments to mitigate the hazards and emergency preparedness training for our citizens.

2012 Accomplishments:

- City Emergency Operations Center utilized by Island Count Department of Emergency Management.

2013-2014 Goals:

- **Goal: Review and update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)**
Objective: Maintain a current and effective plan for emergency management within the City of Oak Harbor .
- **Goal: Conduct an annual training exercise**
Objective: Conduct an annual exercise to practice and evaluate the effectiveness of the CEMP and the readiness of City departments.

EXPENDITURES (Emergency Services Only)

	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	% Used
2012 EXPENDITURES	7,450.00	3,541.49	3,908.51	47.54%
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2011 EXPENDITURES	7,350.00	General Budget		
	25,000.00	Capital Outlay*		
	32,350.00	29,879.43*	2470.57	92.36%

* 2011 Capital Outlay funded through a \$26,934.61 State Homeland Security Grant.



Unified Command Trailer



Photo and text by C. Anderson, 2012.

In May of 2012, Oak Harbor Fire began working with Island County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to purchase and outfit a mobile unified command center that can be used jointly by Island County emergency response agencies. The trailer was secured through FEMA grants received by Island County DEM. The communication, computer and internal hardware was purchased through FEMA grants received by Oak Harbor Fire Department.

The trailer is housed at Station 81 and will be utilized "as needed" during planned (parades, fireworks displays, festivals) and unplanned large scale events. The trailer will provide an on site location for multiple response agencies to work closely together in planning and response to any needs during these events.

During the coming year, interior and exterior alterations will be completed.

Looking forward to 2013

2013 – 2014 Goals:

Goal: Re-rate the City's insurance rating from a class 4 to a class 3, per the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau's standard rating scale.

Objective: A lower rating reflects the abilities and preparedness of the department to respond to emergency incidents.

Objective: Lower rating reduces property insurance premiums.

Objective: Insurance rates for businesses and some residences may be decreased when the City has earned a lower insurance rating.

Goal: Certify all career firefighters to a Fire Inspector 1 certification through the International Code Council.

Objective: Provide additional certified fire inspectors, thus assisting in the insurance rating.

Goal: Sponsor six (6) Paid-On-Call Recruit Firefighters through the Island County Recruit Firefighting Academy and certify to an IFSACC Firefighter 1 standard.

Objective: Increase the number of available Paid-On-Call Firefighters.

Goal: Complete burn cell testing for Certified Fire Investigator.

Objective: Provide the required hands-on testing in order to become certified as a fire investigator.

Goal: Continued effort in Public Education on fire safety and disaster preparedness.

Objective: Reduce loss and prepare for disasters that are likely to occur in the Oak Harbor area.

Goal: Continue certification process for Firefighter 2, Fire Officer 1 and Fire Officer 2.

Objective: Maintain highly trained and qualified personnel



Training and practicing in the training tower. Photos by OHFD Staff, May 2011.



Historic Fire



These photos of the Olstrom Barn Fire were donated to Oak Harbor Fire in 2012 by Jim Hadden (pictured in the center photo). The original photos were taken by Fire-fighter Donald Stephenson. According to Fire Chaplain Ron Hancock this barn, which stood off of Swantown Road, was one of the few remaining old Dutch style barns on Whidbey Island. The trusses in the roofing system were made of cedar planks, glued together and bent to the round shape. The flooring was made with stone boulders used as ballast in the transport ships of early island settlers. A reminder of why firefighters train and strive to prevent fires.

Back Cover Photo: Cracked windshield of vehicle in mock DUI demonstration at OHHS. May 2011. Photo by A. Braunstein

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