

# *Township of Brock Fire Department*



## *2015 Annual Report*



## *Message from Fire Chief Rick Harrison*

Your Worship Mayor John Grant and Members of Council, I am very pleased to provide you with the first ever, Brock Township Fire Department Annual Report. As I look back on our accomplishments in 2015, I am extremely proud of the commitment to the citizens of this Township that is demonstrated every day by the women and men of our fire department. Their dedication and commitment is so evident when we are called upon to perform the multitude of emergency and non-emergency services that we deliver to the citizens of our great Township.



The statistical information contained in this report is a summary of the activities of the Township of Brock Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 2015.

In 2015 the women and men of this Fire Department responded to 295 incidents, an increase of approximately 14% from 2014. Fire responses in 2015 totaled 19, approximately 6.4% of the Department's total calls, with an estimated fire loss of \$ 2.3 million.

Motor vehicle accidents/collisions responses totaled 97, approximately 33% of the Department's total calls, with approximately 16% occurring on major highways.

In 2015, we bid a fond farewell to retirees, District Chief Stan Wilson, Firefighter Trevor Baker,

Firefighter Jesse Beaudrow, Firefighter Jeremy Brown, Firefighter Chris Hermann, Firefighter Philip Lloyd, Firefighter Mike Quinn, Firefighter Tim Rosenfield and Firefighter Jordan Thompson. On behalf of the women and men that make up our department, I sincerely thank them for their dedication to our goals and offer my personal "well done" and best wishes for all future endeavors.

The continued support of Council and the CAO/Clerk is appreciated and acknowledged as we continue our quest to provide the very best emergency response and public fire prevention/education programs to the residents we serve.

In closing, I say "Thank You" and ask that the Mayor and Members of Council join our team and together be proactive in delivering all aspects of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act with Pride, Professionalism and Prevention.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Brock Township Fire Department is a team of highly trained and dedicated firefighters, it is our mission to provide the highest standard of service to all those who may seek our help. Through public fire safety education, fire safety standards, enforcement and emergency response, the department is committed to safely protecting the lives, property and environment of Brock Township.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

To provide the citizens of Brock Township with a safe, progressive, innovative and proactive Fire Department. Through a unified forward thinking organization we will create a commitment to excellence through professionalism, honesty, integrity and respect for our customers and each other.

## **SLOGAN**

Caring for the Community with Pride, Professionalism and Prevention

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Contact numbers for Township of Brock Fire Department

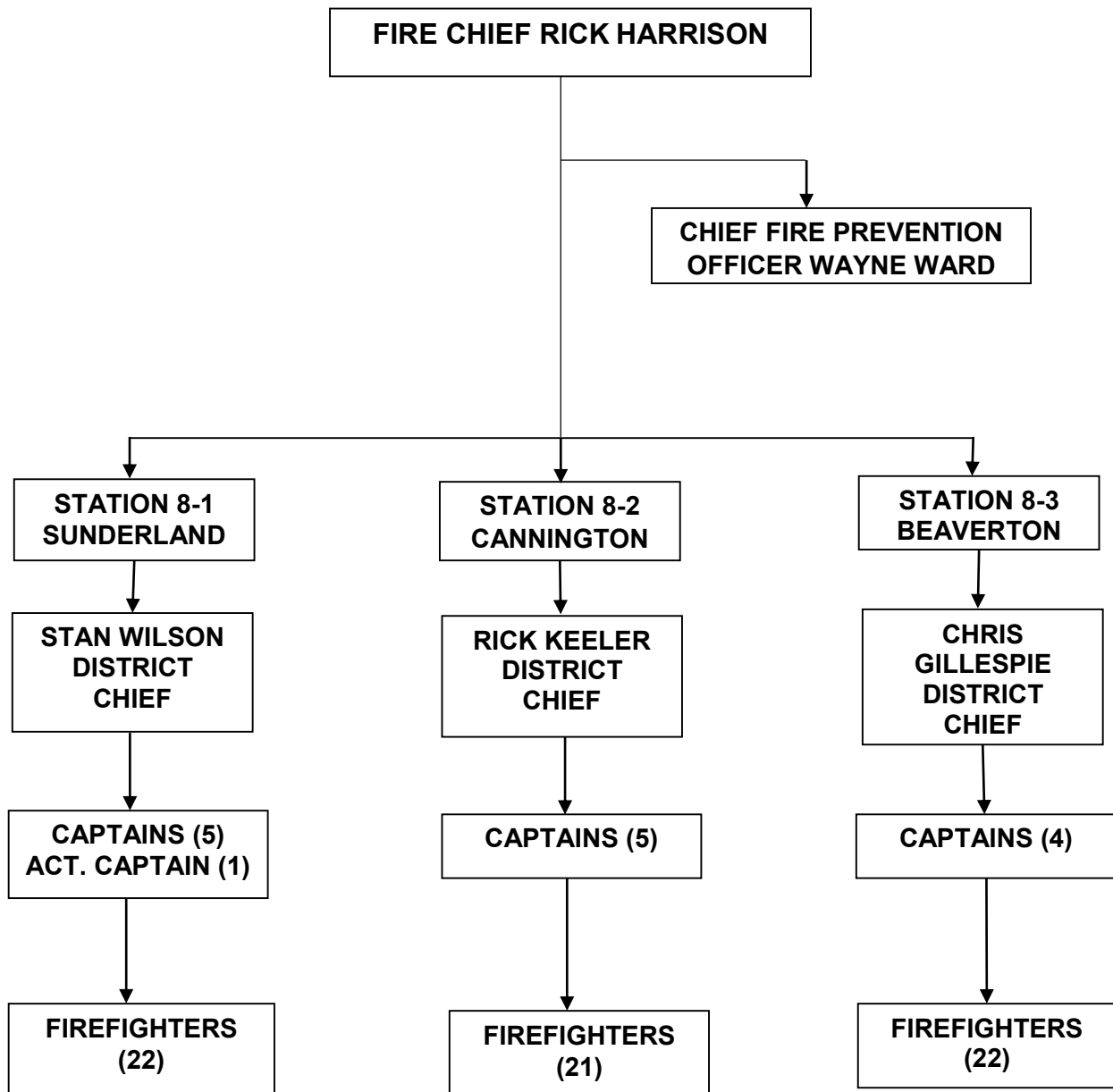
Fire Chief, Administration & Training Division  
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Please contact the Clerk's at 705-432-2355

## *Fire Department Organizational Chart*



# RESPONSE TYPES

Suppression personnel respond to a variety of calls, the calls are reported to Council on a quarterly basis, under the following Response Type headings:

**FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS:** Instance of destructive and uncontrolled burning involving structures, vehicles and open area fires, including explosion of combustible solids, liquids or gases which may or may not have resulted in a dollar loss.

**PRE FIRE CONDITIONS:** Incidents with no fire that involve heat or potential pre fire conditions e.g. pot on stove, cooking – smoke or steam, lightning, fireworks.

**BURNING (CONTROLLED):** Complaint call related to outdoor controlled burning, authorized or unauthorized.

**FALSE FIRE CALLS:** Alarm activation or fire call that when investigated, is determined to be as a result of equipment failure, malicious/prank, perceived emergency, accidental activation of alarm by person.

## **CO (CARBON MONOXIDE)**

**FALSE ALARM:** A call where it is determined that the detection equipment malfunctioned or there was a perceived emergency – no CO leak.

**PUBLIC HAZARD CALLS:** Includes a response for spills and leaks of a hazardous product such as Natural Gas, Propane, Refrigerant, Miscellaneous/Unknown, Gasoline or Fuel, Toxic Chemical, Radio-Active Material, Power Lines Down.

**RESCUE CALLS:** A call for a person in danger due to their proximity to the occurrence and who is unable to self-evacuate and is assisted by Fire Department personnel i.e. Vehicle Accident, Building Collapse, Commercial/Industrial Accident, Home/Residential Accident, Person's Trapped in Elevator, Water Rescue or Water/Ice Rescue.

**MEDICAL CALL:** Includes a response to assist and/or administered CPR, Defibrillation.

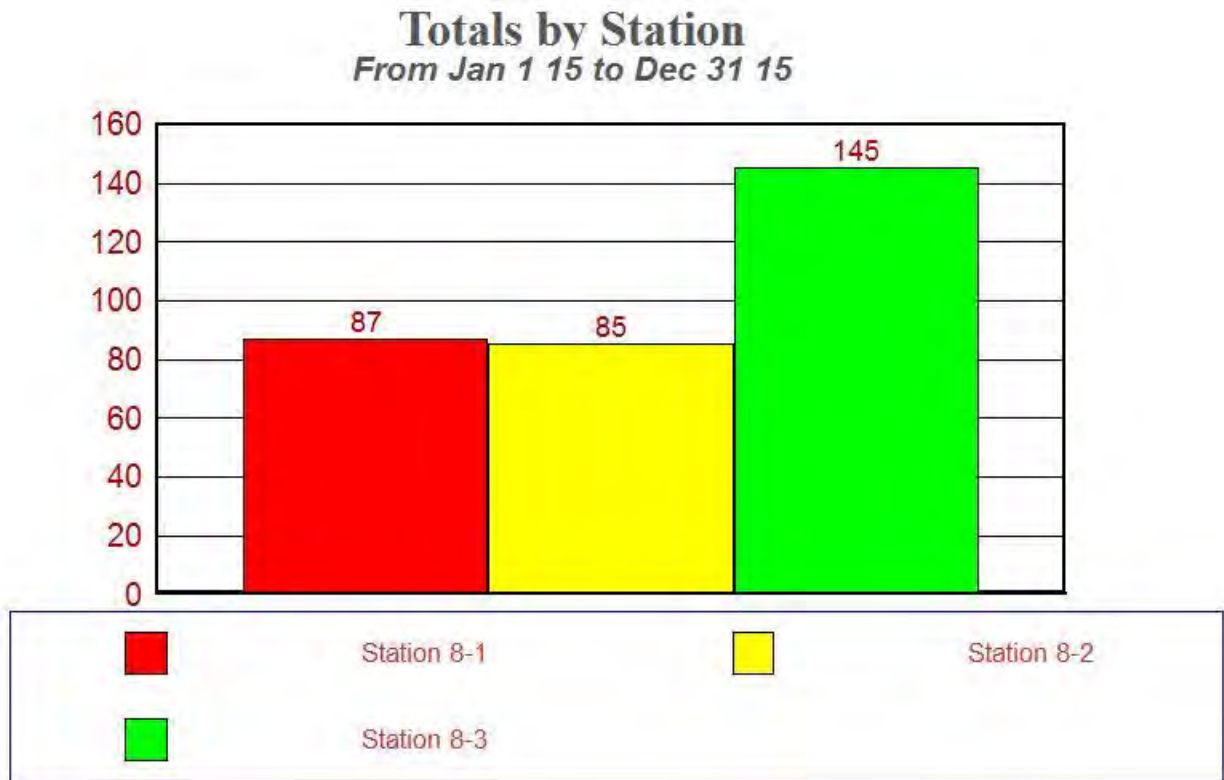
**OTHER RESPONSES:** Assistance to other Fire Departments, call cancelled on route, non-fire incidents where an illegal grow operation or drug operation was discovered.

## **RESPONSE STATISTICS**

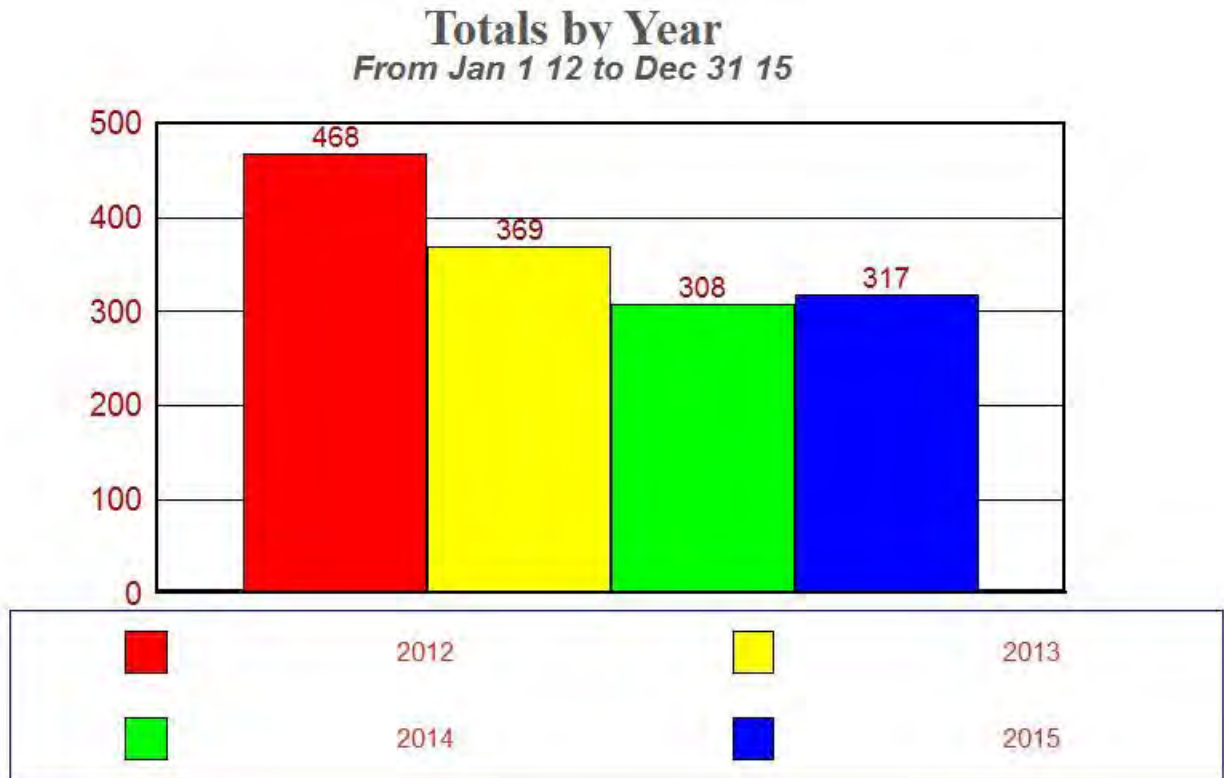
The following chart illustrates the four (4)-year trend in Call Types and of Unit Responses:

<b>Call Type</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>PROPERTY FIRES/EXPLOSIONS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PRE FIRE CONDITIONS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>BURNING COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>FALSE FIRE CALLS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>CO FALSE CALLS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>PUBLIC HAZARD CALLS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>RESCUE CALLS</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>MEDICAL CALLS</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>OTHER RESPONSES</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>295</b>

The 2015 audit of responses reveals the following statistical graph.

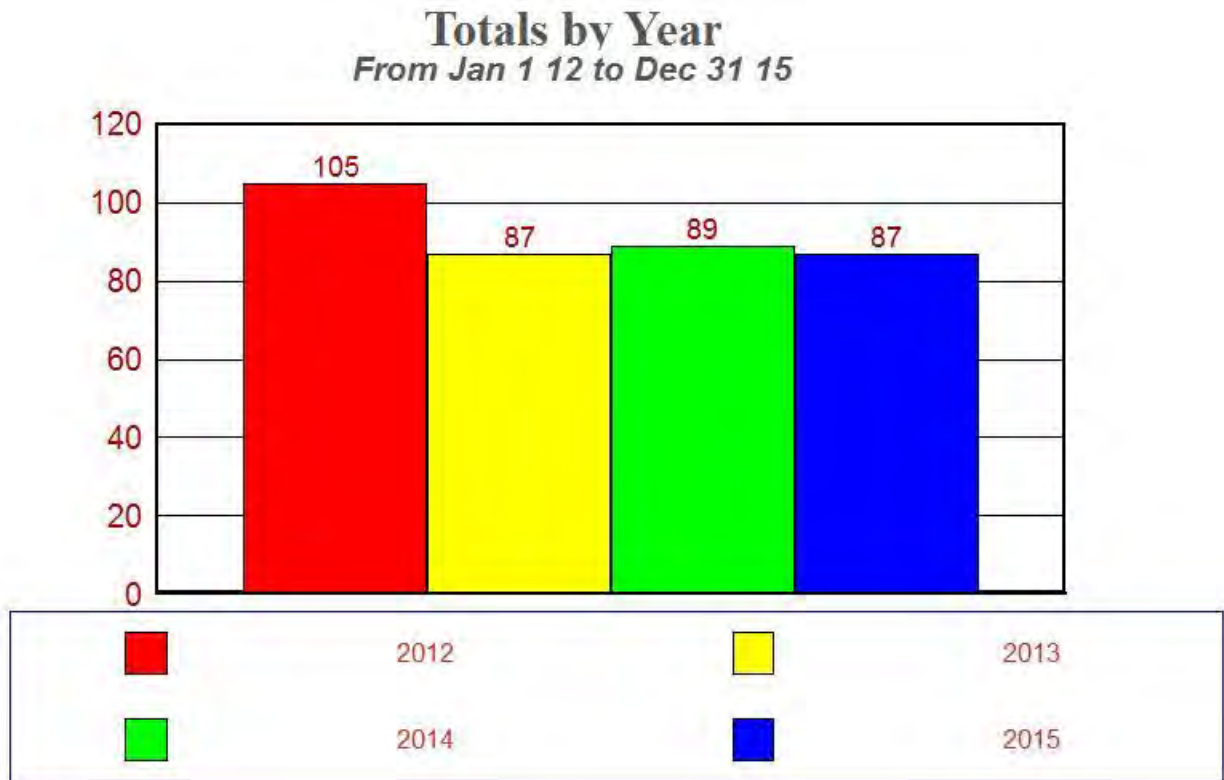


The following statistical graph illustrates the 4-year trends in responses.

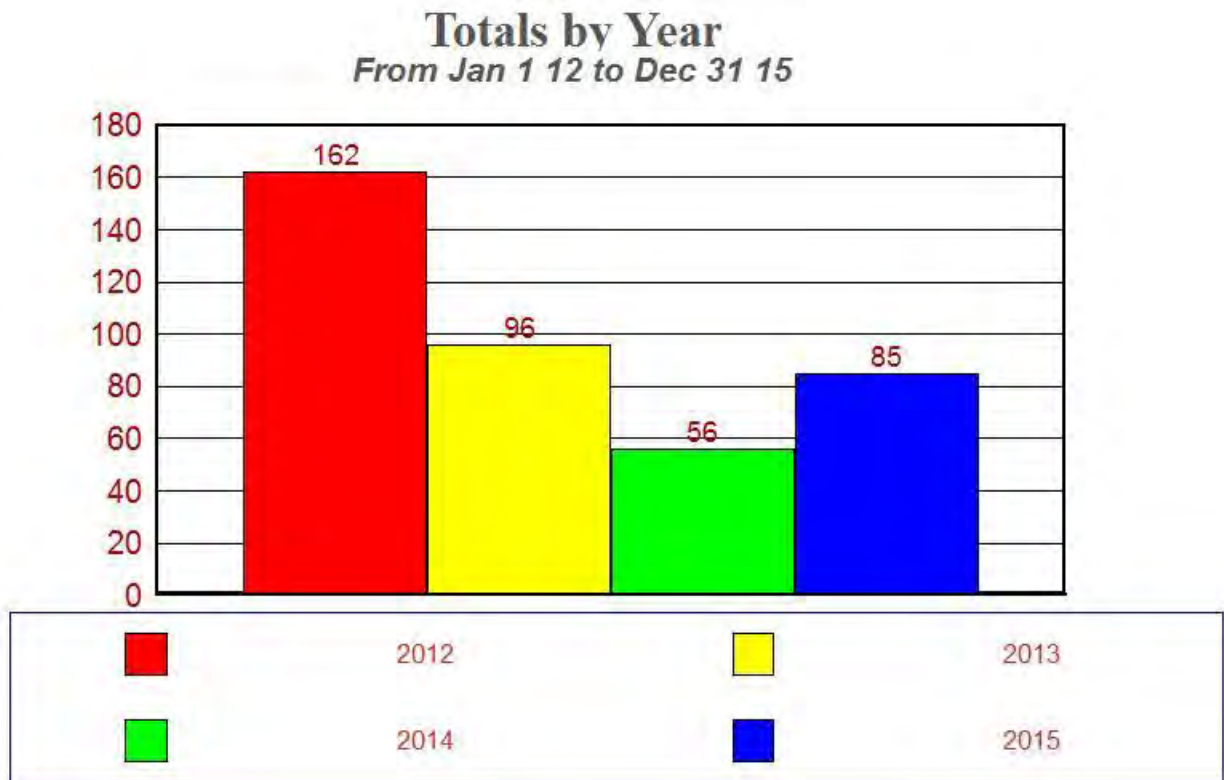




The following statistical graph illustrates the 4-year trend in responses for STATION 8-1.

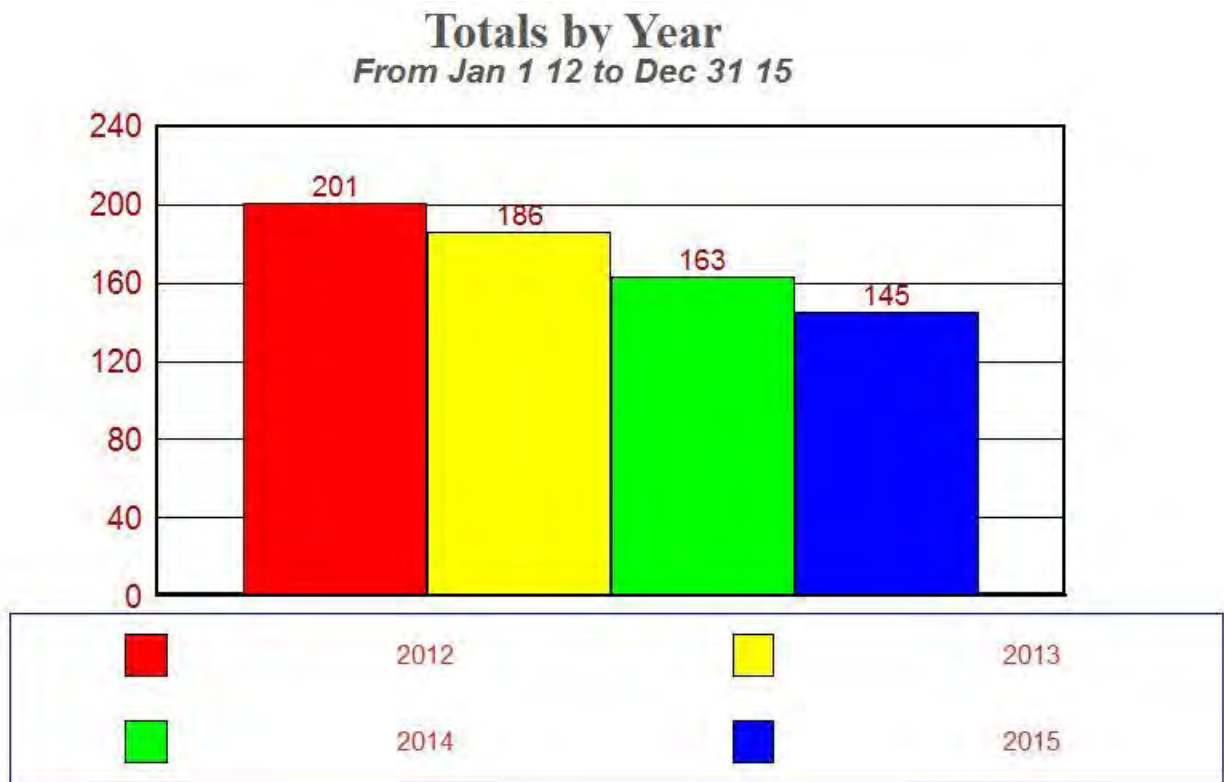


The following statistical graph illustrates the 4-year trend in responses for STATION 8-2.





The following statistical graph illustrates the 4-year trend in responses for STATION 8-3.



*Station 8-2 Barn Fire*

*Duty Calls-----Serving the Public*









## *Fire Prevention ---Public Safety & Public Education*

The goal of the Fire Prevention Division is to provide two lines of defense to our citizens: Fire Safety through Public Education and Fire Prevention through inspections and code enforcement. The Fire Prevention Division is responsible for inspections arising from complaints, requests, retrofits, or self-initiated in accordance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act and Fire Department policies.

The Fire Prevention Division is also responsible for fire scene investigations, fire cause determination and assisting with the training of firefighters and Municipal staff.

The Fire Prevention Division has been working towards completing primary inspections of all commercial, mercantile and assembly occupancies within the Township. The Division has completed 95% of these types of inspections and we will begin this process again in 2016.

As Chief Fire Prevention Officer for the Township of Brock Fire Department I am very proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved, not only in 2015, but throughout the previous 7-8 years.

Chief Fire Prevention Officer Wayne Ward



**PRIDE    PROFESSIONALISM**  
**PREVENTION**



## Public Education

Public Fire Safety education is an important component of the Fire Department to increase awareness of the need for smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and home escape planning, thus reducing the risk and impact of fires in our municipality.

## Smoke Alarm Program

The purpose of our smoke alarm program is to distribute fire safety and emergency planning literature to the residents of our municipality.

Ontario Fire Marshal requires that each municipal fire department conducts a smoke alarm program, including home fire escape planning and distributes fire safety education materials.

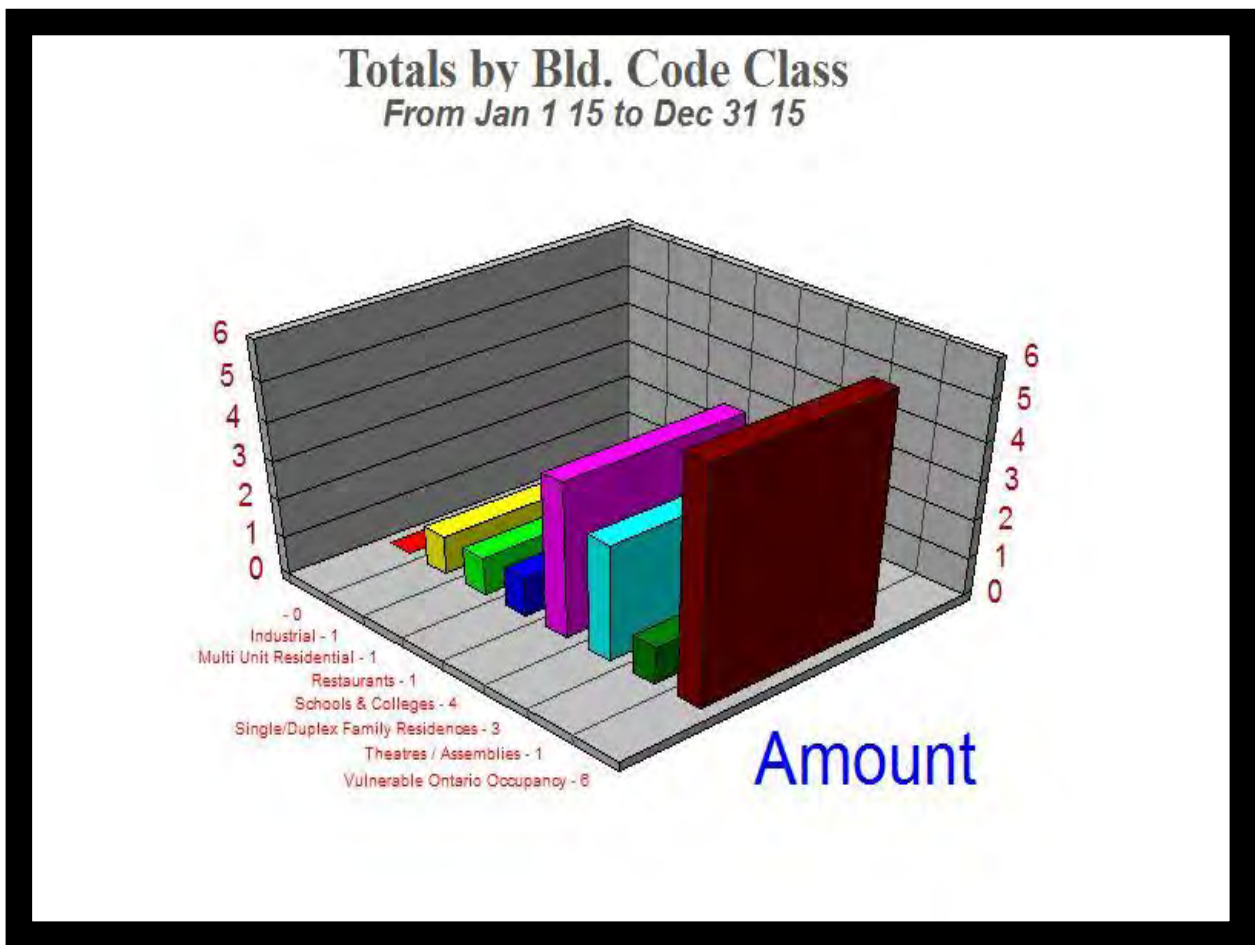
## Get Real Durham Program

Get Real Durham Program was established in 2015 through the Public Educators Committee of the Durham Regional Fire Prevention Officers Association. The program provides basic fire safety information for placement of Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Home Escape Planning.

Through direct mail to 2000 residences within selected communities in each municipality along postings on social media, Facebook, Twitter and Municipal website, consistent messaging was provided throughout the Region during the months of April and September.



The following statistical graph illustrates the 2015 inspection totals as per the class of building.



### *The Process of Fire Prevention Inspection Duties*

The Fire Prevention Division inspects properties as per the following requirements:

- Regularly scheduled inspections of properties
- Regularly scheduled inspection of “At Risk” properties
- Complaint request
- As a follow up to a Fire Department response to a location
- Changes to property occupancy, ownership and/or designation
- Required inspections of “Vulnerable Occupancy” properties
- Request by an owner, operator, tenant and/or an outside entity



The inspection of a property consist of eight (8) steps

- Contact the owner/tenant;
- File search for previous inspections and/or fire code violations;
- Review applicable fire safety plan;
- Inspection of the specific building;
- Note-taking of all findings;
- Research/review of any contraventions;
- Creating inspection orders, when necessary;
- Subsequent re-inspections.

### *At Risk/Vulnerable Occupancy Properties*

As per the requirements of The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management regular inspections are required of properties that involve:

- Large combustible/chemical/hazardous storage capacities;
- Major employer in the municipality;
- Large occupant load

In addition, the Ontario Fire Code requires annual inspections and annual fire drills to be observed by the Fire Prevention Division at all “Vulnerable Occupancy” properties, specifically:

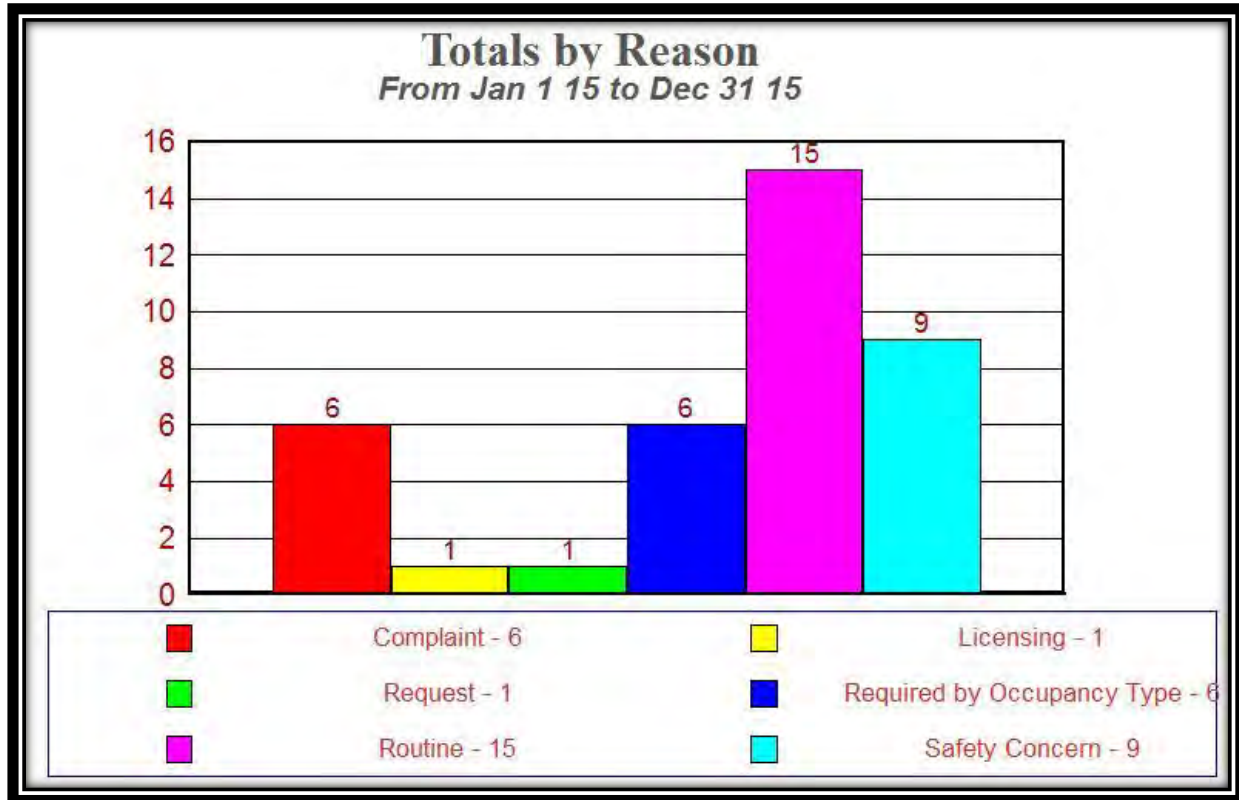
- Care Facilities
- Care and Treatment Facilities
- Retirement Homes

In 2015 five (5) “Vulnerable Occupancies” within Brock Township completed all requirements.

In 2015 the Fire Prevention Division completed 51 inspections and/or re-inspections, 104 Fire Safety Plans were updated and reviewed 6 building plans.



The following statistical graph illustrates the 2015 inspection totals as per the reason for inspection.





  
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Carbon Monoxide  
Alarm Law**

**What Every Homeowner  
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Alarm Law”*

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## In the Community....

*Terry Fox Annual Run, Beaverton*







## *Canada Day Celebrations*







*Station 8-1  
Sunderland*



*Station 8-2  
Cannington*



*Station 8-3  
Beaverton*

## *Station 8-1 Firefighters*



*District Chief Stan Wilson*

*Captain Ed Johnson  
Captain Blain Thompson*

*Captain Glenn Lindensmith  
Captain Chad Wilson*

*Captain Dennis Teefy  
Acting Captain Ian Graydon*

*Firefighter Brent Abell  
Firefighter Kris Flindall*

*Firefighter James Dolamore  
Firefighter Shawn Hargreaves*

*Firefighter Randy Dunford  
Firefighter Jeff Hayward*

*Firefighter Tony Laudrie  
Firefighter George Pilgrim*

*Firefighter Clark Lowe  
Firefighter Ian Robertson*

*Firefighter Lewis Parker  
Firefighter Les Smith*

*Firefighter David Snooks*

*Firefighter Jim St. John*

*Firefighter Ryan Symes*

*Firefighter Gord Weatherup*

## *Fire Station Apparatus*

*Station 8-1 – 217 River Street, Sunderland*





## Station 8-2 Firefighters



*District Chief Rick Keeler*

*Captain Chris George  
Captain Ray Milton*

*Captain Gene Richard*

*Captain Andy Keeler  
Captain Derrick O'Grady*

*Firefighter Mike Bassett  
Firefighter Garth Casselman*

*Firefighter Al Bouwmeester  
Firefighter Rodney DeGeer*

*Firefighter Warren Campbell  
Firefighter Kevin Fasolino*

*Firefighter David Flood  
Firefighter Ron Mason*

*Firefighter Ron Gamble  
Firefighter Brian Nicholson*

*Firefighter Darrell Heise  
Firefighter Chris Payne*

*Firefighter Donald Smith*

*Firefighter Ben Welsh*

*Firefighter Daryl Yeomanson*

Station 8-2 – 30 Laidlaw Street South, Cannington



## Station 8-3 Firefighters



*District Chief Chris Gillespie*

*Captain David Brown  
Captain Mike Gillespie*

*Captain Rick Clark  
Captain Scott Granahan*

*Firefighter Brad Chennie  
Firefighter Ryan Dane*

*Firefighter Scott Creighton  
Firefighter Mike Davidson*

*Firefighter Meagan Collins  
Firefighter Travis Doble*

*Firefighter Russ Fisher  
Firefighter Dan Hanson*

*Firefighter Brad Gregson  
Firefighter Ryan Hutchinson*

*Firefighter Ben Hanson  
Firefighter Mike Jubli*

*Firefighter Justin Kouba*

*Firefighter Jackie Mussel*

*Firefighter Eric Schafraneck*

*Firefighter Rob Wesley*



*Station 8-3 – 360 Bay Street, Beaverton*





## *Training and Professional Development*

Annual training ensures that firefighters and officers operate effectively and as safely as possible. The women and men of Brock Township Fire Department participate in approximately 110 hours of training, annually, to ensure their readiness to serve the public when called upon.

Developing fire department personnel to fire service standards, best practice, Occupational Health & Safety Regulations, and the expectations of Council requires a great amount of dedication and commitment.

Training consist of:

- Auto Extrication Skills
- Driver Obstacle Course
- Emergency Medical Responder Training
- Fire Fighting Skills
- Pumper Operations
- Rapid Intervention
- Radio Communications
- Water/Ice Rescue
- Ropes & Knots
- Firefighter Survival
- Search & Rescue
- Fire Attack
- Ventilation
- Command
- Accountability & Entry Control





*Ice/Water Rescue Training on Lake Simcoe, right equipment, training, attitude and dedication make a difference.*





*Station 8-1 --Portable Pump Training*



*Station 8-3 --Pump Training*





*Station 8-2 --Ventilation & Fire Fighter Survival  
Training*



*Marine 8-3 --Water Ready*





*Have a Home Fire Safety Plan & Practice that Plan*

