



SOUTH END FIRE COMPANY

Company 5
17 W. Monmouth St.
Winchester, VA. 22601

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Volunteers Serving You

We are proud to announce that during the year of 2008, officers and general members alike completed many tasks:

- Purchase of new fire apparatus with an approximate cost of \$380,000, with most of the funds coming from bingo.
- Our call volume is as stated: 1,703 calls were completed by the two ALS equipped ambulances, 945 calls were completed by our fire apparatus, and 20 calls ran by our Serve unit.
- We have updated our SOP's so that we can keep personnel up to the best possible standards.
- We have accepted eight new sets of G3 extreme gear and three sets of globe EMS gear with the assistance of a FEMA grant.
- We have many new members attending the fire academy and EMS classes.
- We have started with the tasks of reforming the look of the station to be more up-to-date and easier on the eyes. All of which has come by the hard work of various volunteers.
- A new member program has been installed to assist with the induction of new members.

We are always on the lookout of more volunteers so that we may better serve the citizens of Winchester. The overall teamwork within the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department (both volunteer and career) has continued to make great strides during 2008. The officers and general membership have showed great interest in the success, of not only the company, but also the overall department.

We are currently looking into renovating the station, with it being 50 years plus, it is in serious need.

We are still committed to service the citizens with best possible fire and EMS that we can provide. We are looking forward to working closely with you in the upcoming years as we all continue to grow.

Respectively Submitted,

Jeff Martin, Deputy Chief
South End Fire Company



FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY

627 North Pleasant Valley Road, Winchester, VA 22601

February 1, 2009

Frank Wright, Chief
Winchester Fire and Rescue Department
231 East Piccadilly Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Chief Wright,

Friendship Fire Company currently has 44 operational and administrative members, 15 of which were new recruits who joined in 2008.

- 34 Operational Members
- 10 Administrative Members

Our focus for 2009 will be on retention of volunteer staffing and continuing training efforts with Winchester Fire and Rescue Department.

Friendship Fire Company continues a preventative maintenance program for all apparatus, totaling approximately \$38,000 annually.

In spite of the current economic situation, Bingo attendance at Friendship Fire Company has maintained an average attendance of 160 players per night.

- 98 Total Bingo Sessions
- 15,500 Players
- 1,375 Volunteer Workers
- 4,000+ Man Hours

Bingo income continues to be the main source of funding for our company.

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Shawnee Vol. Fire and Rescue Company
2210 Valor Drive Winchester, Virginia 22601

February 5, 2009

Frank Wright, Chief
Winchester Fire & Rescue Department
231 East Piccadilly Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Chief Wright,

I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Charley Rouss Fire Company. During 2008, many tasks were successfully completed by the officers and membership:

During 2008:

- 763 calls for service were answered by the company.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is continuing to be updated, five new sets of Janesville V-Force PPE were ordered; five pair of Haix boots; and five Cairns 1010 Defender helmets were purchased.
- A new cleaning and maintenance schedule for our Personal Protective Equipment was implemented in accordance with new NFPA standards.
- Annual Aerial Tests were performed on our apparatus, with all apparatus certified by a third party testing agency.
- The best possible Fire Prevention Training was provided to the public.
- Our members continued their training through the Basic Fire Academy.
- We have continued exploring the possibility of building a new fire station. We have retained LeMay Erickson Willcox Architects as an architecture firm. We have worked closely with them to determine our needs as well as the future needs of the City of Winchester and have also come up with a conceptual drawing of the new building.
- We have worked with WFRD in reference to obtaining land for the possible future relocation of the Charley Rouss Fire Company.
- We have received great publicity through the media over our weather vane, Old Jake. We contracted Sotheby's to auction Old Jake and have continued to work closely with Ms. Martha Bartlett, great granddaughter of our benefactor Charley Rouss. With this, we hope to secure a great future for the Charley Rouss Fire Company, Inc.

I am very proud to say the overall teamwork within the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department (both volunteer and career) has continued to make great strides in 2008. The Officers and General Membership have showed great interest in the success of not only the company, but also the overall department.

As always, we are looking forward to working with you and the department in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dusty Bowers, Chief
Charley Rouss Fire Company, INC.

To: Frank Wright, Chief Winchester Fire & Rescue Department
From: Russell Kerns, Chief Shawnee Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.
Subject: 2008 Yearly Chief's Report
Date: February 9, 2009

Chief Wright,

I am very proud to submit a yearly report for your review on the accomplishments and the goals for Shawnee Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. The year brought many challenges for the Station as we have maintained a very progressive and aggressive approach in providing a courteous and professional level of customer service to the citizens of Winchester and the surrounding communities.

In 2008, Shawnee responded to 1,704 emergency incidents, 1,357 emergency medical calls and 347 fire incidents. Mutual aid response remained consistent with 191 incidents including both fire and emergency medical services. We did not experience any reported injuries for 2008 that were caused by incident response.

Training totaled 1,368 hours. We had two volunteers complete the Winchester Fire and Rescue Academy and one volunteer completed the State EMT program. We initiated a monthly training night and established a weekend duty crew to conduct in-house training programs and promote staffing opportunities.

Shawnee again supported numerous civic functions during 2008. We staffed EMS support stations, promoted the recruitment and retention program, assisted with health fairs, and provided apparatus during many of these events. Again, the station was vital in providing additional volunteer staffing during the Apple Blossom Festival, Doo-Dah day, and First Night Winchester. Our open house was a tremendous success, with over 200 people visiting our station.

In 2009, Shawnee will face many challenges. Again, we will ask our operational members to participate at a high level of standards while providing the citizens of Winchester with the standard of customer service they have become accustomed to. Our administrative members will tackle the financial issues associated with maintaining and operating the station during harsh financial times. The Fee for Service program will play a vital role in the purchase of a new medic unit, which is replacing our 1995 Horton. We are looking forward to the challenge of documenting and participating in the new operational/administrative incentive program for volunteers.

We will provide an aggressive training program for 2009. In meeting the operational standards set for the members, we will provide five monthly training opportunities for volunteers. Training will consist of, emergency medical training, firefighting and operational skills, driver operator and hazardous materials. We will focus on meeting the operational testing for 2010 and EMS optional skills testing that will be conducted at the end of the year.

Again, we will promote the duty crew program. We will staff an additional transport unit and engine at least once a month. This will be a scheduled day in which the volunteers will staff apparatus for a period of at least eight hours. This will provide additional staffing or coverage when needed by the career staff.

As always, we are looking forward to working with you and your staff. The career staff at Shawnee has always been an asset to Shawnee, they are instrumental in meeting the goals and objectives of our department. The staff continues to support our department by assisting in training our new members and maintaining the apparatus and our facility.

Again, 2008 has been a very satisfying year, however we will continue to strive as a department and as a member of the community to provide the highest level of customer service as the station can provide. As always, Shawnee Volunteer Fire and Rescue will be prepared to meet these tasks.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Russell Kerns