



*Winchester Fire & Rescue
Department
1996 Annual Report*





Winchester Fire and Rescue

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Mr. Edwin C. Daley
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Dear Mr. Daley:

Attached for your review, comment and distribution to Council is the 1996 Annual Report for the Fire & Rescue Department. The report will provide highlights of the Department's activities as well as a full statistical report.

The incident history continues to reflect an increase in responses as compared to previous years. During 1996 the Department responded to 4,561 incidents. The statistical summary immediately following depicts comparative data as it relates to incident history.

Statistical Summary

Year	Incidents	+ %<->*	Estimated Property Loss	+ %<->*
1996	4561	+ 8%	3,210,091	+ 48%
1995	4186	+ 1%	1,658,405	+ 253%
1994	4157	+ 1%	469,945	+ 50%
1993	4080	+ 14%	233,201	- 86%
1992	3498	+ 5%	1,691,972	- 48%
1991	3337	+ 31%	3,243,855	+ 261%
1990	2314	+ 48%	898,887	- 46%
1989	1201	+ 6%	1,666,970	+ 53%

Note * Based on previous year

A review of the incident history identifies that 3,616 of the incidents are classified as medical emergencies. This accounts for 79.3% of the incident history of the Department.

Estimated property loss due to fire is \$3,210,091 as compared to \$1,658,405 during 1995 reflecting an increase of 93% from 1995. The community experienced one major loss fire incident during the period. The incident which occurred at the Grand Piano and Furniture resulted in estimated property loss \$2,700,000. This incident accounted for 84% of the total estimated property loss.

The community experienced 2 fire related fatalities involving 17-1/2 month old twins in a single family dwelling. The cause of the incident was determined to be improper positioning of an electric space heater. Adding to the tragedy was the fact that there were no operational smoke detectors present in the home.

The following highlights other activities in which the Department was involved.

- Public Safety messages were drafted and utilized on Channel 29, the public access television channel. This resource provides the Department with the opportunity to provide vital information to the community on a continual basis.
- Specifications were drafted, reviewed, and submitted to fourteen vendors pertaining to the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) to replace the current, outdated system. Proposals were received and a demonstration conducted by the vendor. A purchase order is anticipated to be executed during early 1997.
- Quarterly meetings of the Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee were conducted during the year.
- A replacement roof system was designed and installed on the structural fire training building at the Regional Training Center. The system was installed at a cost of \$37,580. Funding for the project was derived from the Fire Program Funds.
- The Department participated in the School within a School Program in cooperation with the Winchester Public School System.
- The Department continued a comprehensive in-service training program for all department personnel. The program involved training evolutions relating to subject material ranging from entry level firefighter skills to officer level administrative skills. Department personnel participated in 10,162 hours of training exercises. A breakdown of training activities is included in the statistical report.
- The 69th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival was conducted during the year. The Department's responsibility to provide emergency services during this period presents special challenges. Expanded response times, large crowds, special functions and specialized response criteria contribute to the planning and response challenges.

- Lt. Wayne Braithwaite, FF/CT Eddie McClellan, and FF/CT Todd Shiley attended training regarding the proper installation and use of Vehicle Child Restraint Seats as sponsored by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Information gained from this training will be utilized in public safety classes and to train other personnel of the Department.
- Pargo's hosted a recognition breakfast for Fire and Rescue personnel on the morning of June 17. Approximately 50 career and volunteer personnel attended the event.
- A benefit golf tournament was hosted by Pargo's on June 27. Proceeds of the tournament were donated to the Winchester Fire & Rescue Association. An amount in excess of \$1,400 was derived from the tournament.
- Chief Miller and Lt. Moore attended a Mass Fatalities Training Program, August 26-29, in Newport News.
- The Department and South End Fire Company co-hosted a meeting of the Executive Board of State Fire Chiefs' Association on September 11.
- The Department's Annual Family Picnic was conducted Saturday, September 28. The activities surrounding the picnic began with an apparatus rodeo in the morning, followed by a horseshoe tournament and a volley ball tournament, which was rained out. The meal was served between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. followed by the presentation of awards and door prizes. Even with the rainy and cool weather there were 105 individuals in attendance.
- The Department, in cooperation with the Administration Department, conducted entrance testing on September 29. The testing consists of physical tasks and a written aptitude test. There were 43 individuals present for the test and 33 successfully completed the test.
- In cooperation with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Northern Virginia Firefighters' Association, and the County of Frederick the Fall Emergency Responders School was conducted during the weekends of October 19, 20, 26, and 27. One hundred seventy-five (175) individuals participated in the classes. The enrollment was less than previous years as related to the City participants and outside participants.
- National Fire Prevention Week was observed October 6-12. During this period department representatives visited City Schools and conducted various fire prevention programs.
- A new work schedule was implemented for individuals classified as non-exempt per the Fair Labor Standards Act. This schedule is designed to reduce regular overtime expenditures while maintaining service delivery.

- The Annual Mass Casualty Drill was conducted in cooperation with the Winchester Medical Center, Frederick County Fire & Rescue, and various other agencies. The Drill was conducted at the Winchester Medical Center and was geared to a mass casualty scenario involving 65 injured individuals. Injuries ranged from minor, walking wounded, to those which concluded as fatalities.

In addition to the mass casualty scenario, separate fire and hazardous materials evolutions were incorporated into the Drill.

The Drill's critique reflected strong points with regard to the scene organization and prioritization of needs, but reflected weaknesses with regard to sector organization, organized patient treatment and personnel.

The Department plans to prepare a Mass Casualty/Fatalities Plan which may be utilized to train personnel and implemented in the event of such incidents.

- Employment and Qualification criteria for part-time personnel was completed and implemented.
- Two training sessions were conducted with the Department of Consolidated Maintenance Services to finalize a plan relating to snow removal. The plan addresses the five Fire and Rescue Stations and the Public Safety Building.

Even though the preceding items highlight specific undertakings of 1996, they are but a reflection of the Department's philosophies. The philosophies on which the Department is established refers to a service plan which relates to customer service through a comprehensive program.

During the previous fifteen years the applied philosophy of the Department has been to promote customer service. The Department views each individual within our community as a customer and identifies effective service delivery as a critical component of customer service. This philosophy is applied uniformly throughout all areas of the Department whether related to emergency or non-emergency tasks. Coupled with the customer service aspect is the search for excellence in performance through training and professional development.

As I reviewed the previous fifteen years it became evident that the Department implemented the element of customer service before such a philosophy was in vogue for government agencies. The Department incorporated innovative programs such as public education programs, smoke detector installations, and tasks dissemination through station personnel into the overall plan. New programs such as Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Materials based on community need were also initiated even though in conflict with the Department's tradition.

The Department now finds itself at a juncture where key words and phrases such as customer service, innovation, and education must be expanded to meet the obligations and goals of the

future. Terms such as non-emergency, personnel safety, standard of service, and non-traditional must be incorporated into and become prominent elements of service delivery.

Within the future the Department must establish a standard of service in order to provide superior customer service with continuity. This will create the need to evaluate personnel standards for all personnel and a means to recognize and reward individuals for their commitment to the community. This is important to all personnel, but becomes particularly important to the volunteer personnel. The Department must also establish and address the issue of personnel safety in an uniform manner for all personnel, whether volunteer or career the safety of each individual is the responsibility of the Department and must be insured during operational elements of the Department.

The Department is ingrained in tradition and history which must be preserved for future generations. However, to meet future goals, business as usual may not be in a format recognized as traditional. Operational policies, procedures, assignments, and even apparatus must adapt to the needs of today and the future.

The Department recognizes that the ability to provide customer service is impaired due to various regulations and tradition. The Department must rise from the ashes like a Phoenix and mesh these diverse disciplines to achieve and maintain the goal of superior customer service

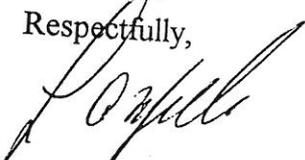
Traditional non-emergency tasks such as education, code enforcement, and overall administration may require alteration to meet the needs of the future and address the welfare of the community.

Many decisions of the past fifteen years have been difficult, but as I reflect on such each have contributed to improving customer service. Future decisions may also be difficult, but only through change will customer service be enhanced while retaining an acceptable level of resource expenditure.

The Department's philosophy of superior customer service through pro-activity and innovation will continue into the future through planning and implementation.

In closing I want to recognize the Department's personnel for their commitment to customer service. Whether career or volunteer there must be a commitment to teamwork and duty if service delivery is to be achieved. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the members of the community, Council, and yourself for the support during the past year.

Respectfully,



L. A. Miller
Fire Chief

WINCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

1996

CHIEF	1
VOLUNTEER BATTALION CHIEFS	4
CAPTAINS	2
LIEUTENANTS	4
FIREFIGHTER/EMT	12
FIREFIGHTER/EMS SPECIALIST	9
PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT	4
SECRETARIES	2
VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL ON ROSTERS.	159

APPARATUS

FRIENDSHIP - COMPANY 1

Wagon	1	1982 Seagrave, 1500 GPM
SERV	1	1991 Ford Centurian
Engine	1	1987 Seagrave, 1500 GPM
Utility	1	1994 Ford Explorer

ROUSS - COMPANY 2

Truck	2	1992 Spartan Gladiator 100' Aerial Ladder
Tower	2	1978 Pierce, 85' Aerial Platform
Reserve Truck	2	1969 Pirsh, 100' Aerial Ladder

WINCHESTER VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD - COMPANY 3

Medic/Rescue/Ambulance	3-1	1991 Ford Van 4 Wheel Drive
Squad/Crash Truck	3-2	1993 International/Marion
Medic/Rescue/Ambulance	3-3	1996 Ford Excellence
Medic/Rescue/Ambulance	3-5	1994 Ford Excellence
Squad/Crash Truck	3-9	1986 Ford E-1

SHAWNEE - COMPANY 4

Engine	4	1989 Pierce, 1750, 1750 GPM
Medic	4-1	1994 Ford Type 3 Ambulance
SERV	4	1984 Chevrolet Suburban

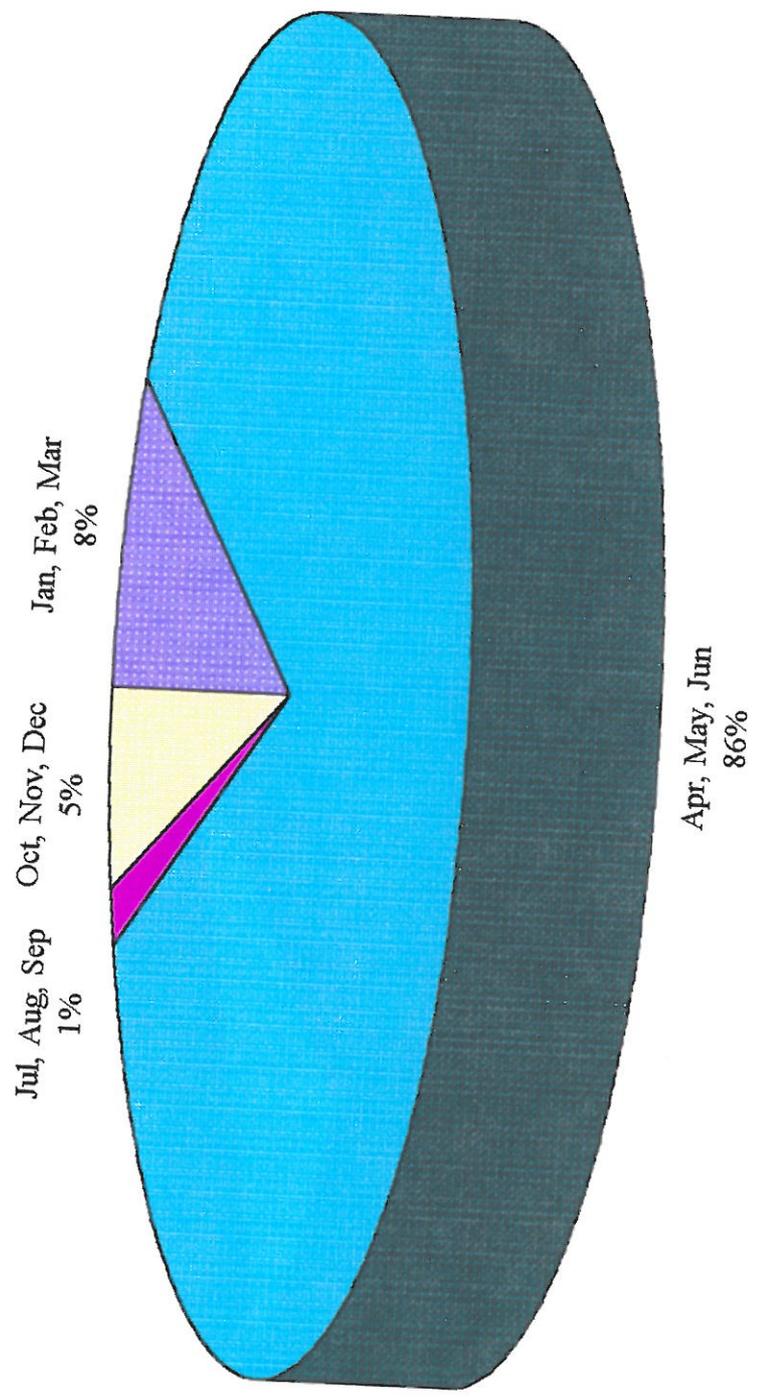
SOUTH END - COMPANY 5

Engine	5	1992 Seagrave, 1500 GPM
Wagon	5	1987 Seagrave, 1500 GPM
SERV	5	1988 Chevrolet Suburban
Ambulance	5-1	1986 Ford Type 3

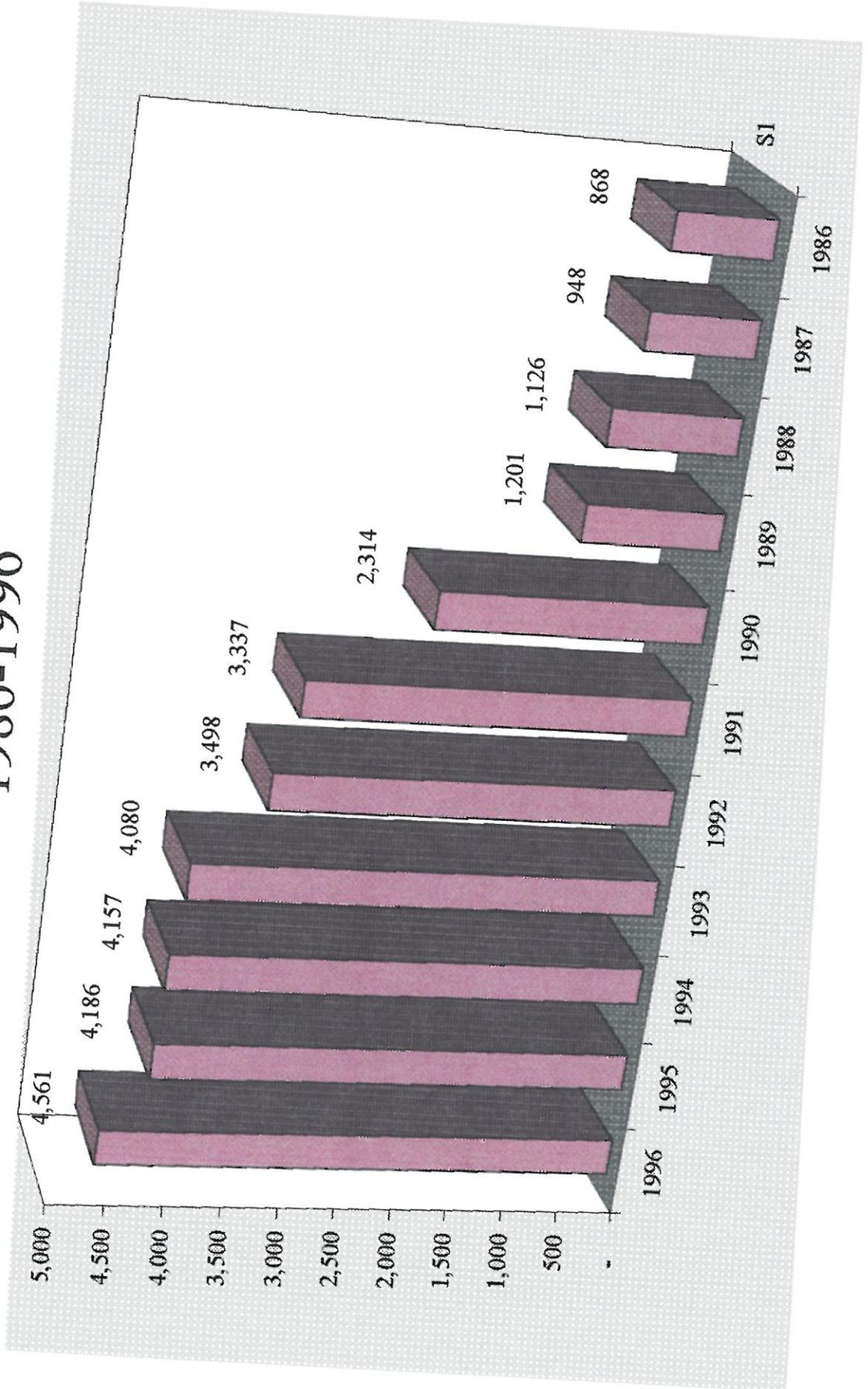
CITY OWNED VEHICLES

Licensed EMS Response	2	Van and Utility Vehicle
Administrative/Response	2	Sedans
Haz Mat Unit	1	1991 International/Hackney

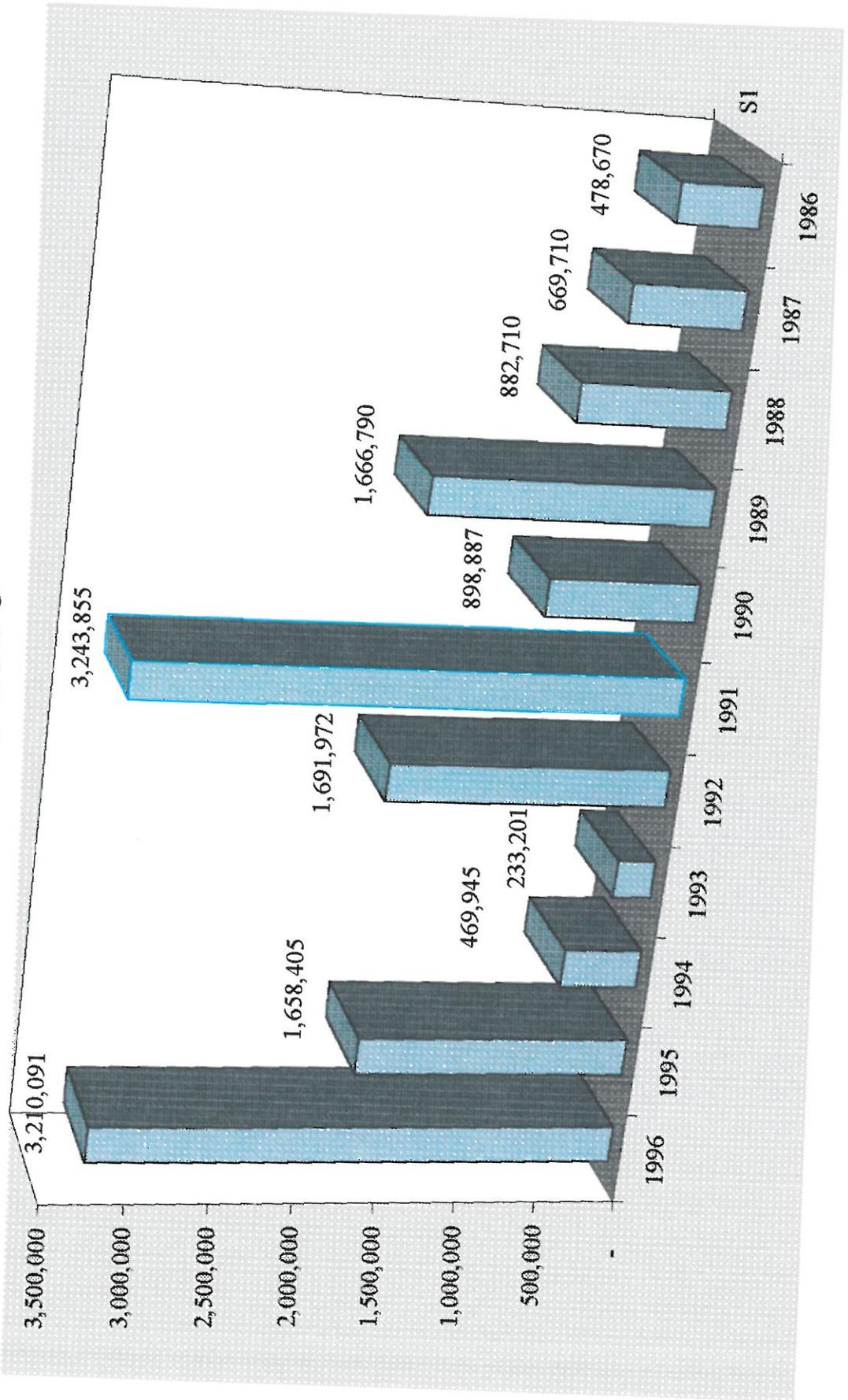
PROPERTY LOSS PER QUARTER 1996



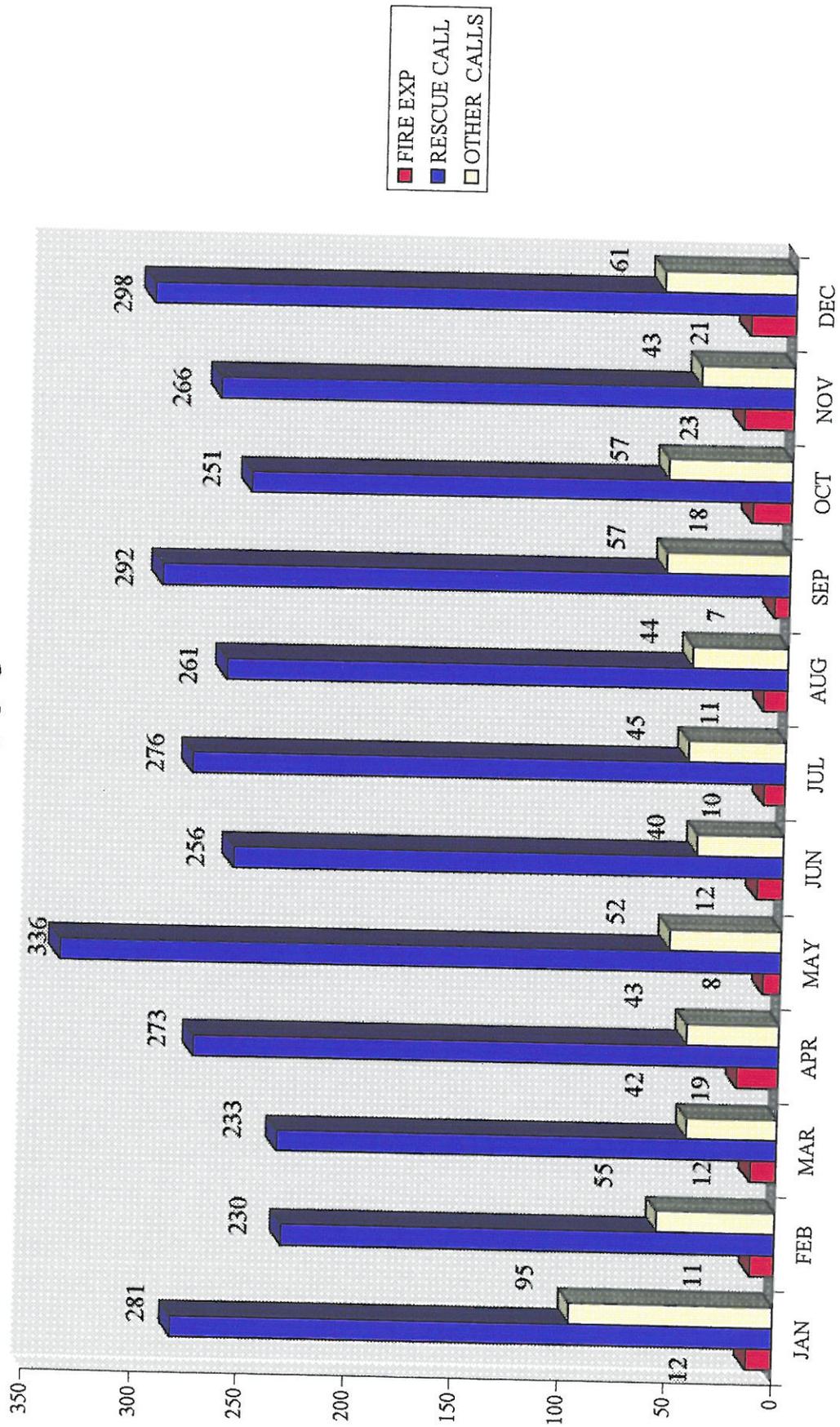
EMERGENCY RESPONSES 1986-1996



PROPERTY LOSS SUMMARY 1986-1996



FIRE AND RESCUE INCIDENTS 1996



AVERAGE TIME PER INCIDENT 1996

	TOTAL INCIDENTS PER MONTH	PIECES OF APPARATUS	TOTAL MINUTES ON INCIDENTS	AVERAGE PIECES ON SCENE	AVERAGE TIME APPARATUS ON SCENE
JAN	417	766	22086	1.84	52.96
FEB	337	628	19372	1.86	57.48
MAR	337	612	18743	1.82	55.62
APR	384	665	19345	1.73	50.38
MAY	440	745	22135	1.69	50.31
JUN	360	614	17860	1.71	49.61
JUL	382	662	18946	1.73	49.60
AUG	367	649	18774	1.77	51.16
SEP	395	700	21939	1.77	55.54
OCT	378	665	19078	1.76	50.47
NOV	360	692	17648	1.92	49.02
DEC	404	793	20220	1.96	50.05
TOTAL	4561	8191	236146	1.80	51.78

AVERAGE TIME PER INCIDENT 1995

	TOTAL INCIDENTS PER MONTH	PIECES OF APPARATUS	TOTAL MINUTES ON INCIDENTS	AVERAGE PIECES ON SCENE	AVERAGE TIME APPARATUS ON SCENE
JAN	327	640	16041	1.96	49.06
FEB	301	604	14957	2.01	49.69
MAR	341	684	16529	2.01	48.47
APR	347	662	17141	1.91	49.40
MAY	436	790	21306	1.81	48.87
JUN	333	678	16210	2.04	48.68
JUL	420	780	21032	1.86	50.08
AUG	339	633	16459	1.87	48.55
SEP	311	547	15615	1.76	50.21
OCT	347	612	16922	1.76	48.77
NOV	344	634	17598	1.84	51.16
DEC	340	640	16441	1.88	48.36
TOTAL	4186	7904	206251	1.89	49.27

1996 TRAINING SUMMARY

	TOTAL LOCAL	TOTAL STATE	TOTAL OVERALL
CO. 1	283	1,932	2,215
CO. 2	243	731	974
CO. 3	14	558	572
CO. 4	101	1,027	1,127
CO. 5	97	1,106	1,203
CAREER PERSONNEL	1,374	2,698	4,072
GRAND TOTALS	2,112	8,051	10,162

1996 PROPERTY LOSS AND SMOKE DETECTOR PERFORMANCE

INCIDENT NUMBER	ADDRESS	SITUATION	PROPERTY LOSS	SMOKE DET PERFORMANCE
960030	376 East Piccadilly Street	Structure	0	1
960049	523 North Loudoun Street #1	Structure	1,500	1
960099	128-1/2 Peyton Street	Structure	10,000	0
960106	1819 Henry Avenue	Structure	30,000	0
960122	27 Raleigh Court	Structure	200	4
960219	1840 Amherst Street	Structure	1000	8
960247	23 Morningside Drive	Structure	50,000	3
960412	151 South Purcell Avenue	Structure	5,000	0
960420	546 North Kent Street	Structure	0	0
960429	252 Fox Drive	Structure	100	4
960457	829 Berryville Avenue	Structure	50,000	0
960506	1010 Berryville Avenue	Structure	0	0
960571	550 Fairmont Avenue	Structure	15,000	8
960585	327 East Piccadilly Street	Structure	7,000	2
960620	513 Spruce Street	Structure	100	2
960687	910 North Braddock Street	Structure	10,000	0
960797	2441 Valley Avenue	Structure	2,000	8
970802	48 South Purcell Avenue	Structure	1,000	8
960977	208 Beau Street	Structure	50,000	0
961043	1944 Valley Avenue	Structure	0	8
961058	422 West Clifford Street	Structure	1,000	0
961084	915 Berryville Avenue Apt 2	Structure	0	0
961153	2602 Valley Avenue	Structure	0	5
961191	812 Berryville Avenue	Structure	2,000	0
961219	598 North Kent Street	Structure	50	1
961275	138 Baker Street	Structure	50,000	8
961282	208 Sheridan Avenue	Structure	2,500	2
961319	120 East Gerrard Street	Structure	0	0
961341	1944 Valley Avenue	Structure	500	0
961699	29 Wolfe Street	Structure	2,700,000	8
961975	103 South East Lane	Structure	7,000	0
962089	1006 Franklin Street	Structure	200	2
962098	2832 Valley Avenue	Structure	0	8
962115	447 North Braddock Street	Structure	0	4
962127	1840 Amherst Street	Structure	50	0
962224	501 Fox Drive	Structure	100	2
962251	924 North Braddock Street	Structure	500	0
962400	413 Fox Drive	Structure	100	2
962431	432 Hollingsworth Place	Structure	5,000	4
962525	306 Smithfield Avenue #1	Structure	200	0
962658	702 National Avenue	Structure	5,000	0
962777	311 South Kent Street	Structure	0	0
962845	616 Watson Avenue	Structure	0	2
962944	444 Chase Street	Structure	2,500	2
963136	17 Clark Street	Structure	10,000	8
963275	841 Thomas Court	Structure	2,000	1
963277	179 North Loudoun	Structure	10,000	1
963290	9 West Hart Street	Structure	0	8
963399	930 Frederick Avenue	Structure	0	8
963442	2951 Valley Avenue	Structure	0	8

1996 PROPERTY LOSS AND SMOKE DETECTOR PERFORMANCE

INCIDENT NUMBER	ADDRESS	SITUATION	PROPERTY LOSS	SMOKE DET PERFORMANCE
963486	218 Baker Street	Structure	1,000	8
963541	22 Jackson Avenue #3	Structure	0	0
963597	548 North Loudoun Street Apt A	Structure	1,500	1
963620	1840 Amherst Street	Structure	0	1
963664	308 Virginia Avenue	Structure	10,000	4
963748	320 Highland Avenue	Structure	10	8
963764	801 South Cameron Street	Structure	200	8
963776	1839 Henry Avenue	Structure	0	3
963852	325 East Piccadilly Street	Structure	10,700	2
963921	956 Westminster Canterbury Drive	Structure	400	1
963982	1840 Amherst Street	Structure	500	1
964000	514 North Loudoun Street	Structure	500	8
964045	601 Berryville Avenue	Structure	50,000	8
964090	2552 Wilson Boulevard #301	Structure	750	5
964184	429 Treetop Lane	Structure	500	2
964202	317 Weems Lane	Structure	0	8
964217	806 South Braddock Street Apt 5	Structure	0	2
964313	410 Wentworth Drive	Structure	100	1
964317	2600 Valley Avenue	Structure	350	1
964331	406 North Loudoun Street	Structure	50	2
964339	911 Woodland Avenue	Structure	40000	8
964370	311 North Pleasant Valley Road	Structure	20	4
964373	336 Opequon Avenue	Structure	20000	0
964476	712 Smithfield Avenue	Structure	500	2
964479	121 Peyton Street #B	Structure	0	8
964480	734 Van Fossen Street	Structure	500	2
964506	2606 Valley Avenue	Structure	500	8
964553	319 East Piccadilly Street	Structure	100	8
TOTALS			3,169,680	

LEGEND FOR SMOKE DETECTOR CODE

1. Detector in room or space of fire origin – operated
2. Detector not in room or space of fire origin – operated
3. Detector in room or space of origin – not operating
4. Detector not in room or space of origin – not operating
5. Detector in room or space of fire origin but fire too small to operate
8. No detectors present (N/A)
9. Not classified above
0. Undetermined

1996 SUSPICIOUS & INCIDENTAL FIRES

DATE MMDDYY	INC #	ADDRESS	SUSP	INCN	CLERD	PEND	EST LOSS	INV	DAY	TIME	REMARKS
010396	960018	536 Gray Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	110	WED	0500	Refuse fire
010896	960099	128-1/2 Peyton Street		XXXX	XXXX		10000	120	MON	1213	Structure
010896	960114	536 Gray Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	110	MON	1213	Structure
010996	960130	311 North Braddock Street		XXXX		XXXX	0	110	TUE	2315	Gasoline in Roadway
022496	960687	910 North Braddock Street		XXXX	XXXX		10000	110	SAT	0719	Structure
030296	960772	1118 Franklin Street		XXXX		XXXX	0	170	SAT	1143	Tree/Grass/Brush
030496	960802	48 South Purcell Avenue		XXXX	XXXX		1000	120	MON	1435	Structure
032196	960977	308 Beau Street		XXXX	XXXX		50000	101	THU	1809	Structure
040696	961162	1001 East Cork Street		XXXX		XXXX	0	180	SAT	1726	Tree/Grass/Brush
040696	961164	743 Woodland Avenue	XXXX			XXXX	0	180	SAT	2119	Refuse
041496	961275	138 Baker Street	XXXX			XXXX	50000	110	SUN	1111	Structure
041896	961317	1107 Berryville Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	180	THU	2038	Refuse
042696	042696	1001 East Cork Street		XXXX		XXXX	50	120	FRI	?	Structure
042996	961458	309 South Cameron		XXXX	XXXX		0	120	MON	1922	Trash
052296	961803	1911 Valley Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	101	WED	0714	Refuse
052796	961859	320 South Kent Street	XXXX			XXXX	0	180	MON	2324	Refuse
060796	961975	103 South East Lane		XXXX		XXXX	7000	160	FRI	0504	Structure
060996	961996	1214 South Loudoun Street		XXXX		XXXX	0	150	SUN	1245	Structure
062996	962251	924 North Braddock Street		XXXX		XXXX	500	170	SAT	0632	Structure
080196	962658	702 National Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	5000	110	THU	0129	Structure
080196	080196	699 National Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	110	THU	?	Trash
080796	962726	339 National Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	1000	110	WED	0314	Vehicle
082396	962927	333 Virginia Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	110	FRI	1430	Structure
082596	962944	444 Chase Street	XXXX			XXXX	2500	110	SUN	0006	Structure
090396	963049	321 National Avenue		XXXX	XXXX		1500	110	TUE	0032	Vehicle
090796	963136	17 Clark Street		XXXX		XXXX	10000	110	SAT	1413	Structure
091896	963275	841 Thomas Court		XXXX	XXXX		2000	110	WED	1644	Structure

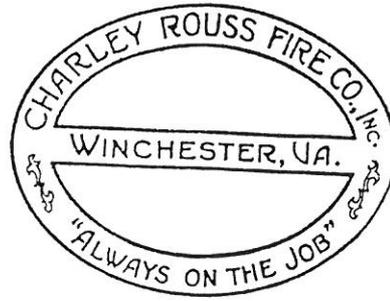
1996 SUSPICIOUS & INCENDIARY FIRES

DATE MMDDYY	INC #	ADDRESS	SUSP	INCN	CLERD	PEND	EST LOSS	INV	DAY	TIME	REMARKS
092996	963399	930 Frederick Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	0	110	SUN	1752	Structure
101596	963603	112 South Kent Street	XXXX			XXXX	50	110	TUE	2304	Trash Cans
101596	101596	24 East North Avenue	XXXX			XXXX	0	110	TUE	?	Structure
102896	963748	320 Highland Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	10	120	MON	1236	Structure
111796	964000	514 North Loudoun Street		XXXX		XXXX	500	110	SUN	1110	Structure
112596	112596	1956 South Pleasant Valley Road		XXXX		XXXX	100	110	MON	?	Storage Trailer
121496	964339	911 Woodland Avenue		XXXX		XXXX	40000	110	SAT	2258	Structure
123196	964551	346 Woodstock Lane		XXXX		XXXX	1	110	TUE	0057	Refuse
123196	964553	319 East Piccadilly Street		XXXX		XXXX	100	110	TUE	0151	Structure
TOTAL			6	30	7	29	191311				

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SUN	5	101 =	2
MON	7	110 =	21
TUE	6	120 =	5
WED	4	150 =	1
THU	4	160 =	1
FRI	3	170 =	2
SAT	7	180 =	4
	36		36

ORGANIZED PRIOR TO
MAY 20, 1789



MOTORIZED
MAY 3, 1907

3 SOUTH BRADDOCK STREET

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22601

703 662 5529

March 27, 1997

Lynn Miller, Chief
Winchester Fire & Rescue Department
126 North Cameron Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601

I am pleased to submit the 1996 annual report for the Charley Rouss Fire Company. During 1996 there was many obstacles for the membership to overcome, both Administrative & Operational. I am glad to say that we have overcome some of them, but we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us. 1996 was a year for us to "Get Back to the Basics" this attitude has been positive one. The Rouss Fire Company responded to a total of 883 incidents.

For the most part of 1996 we put forth our best effort to upgrade the maintenance & reliability of the apparatus and equipment. The membership decided to attempt to sell Truck 2 (Tiller), and replace it with a more practical aerial device (contract pending at this time). We have also purchased a 1987 Ford F-250 / Utility Body Truck (Serv-2) to replace the 1985 Chevy Sedan. I feel this vehicle will be more useful in our overall operations and especially for response on E.M.S. incidents. All three aerial units (Tower, Truck, Res-Truck) and all ground ladders were tested in December. During this testing process, only minor problems were found (other than Tower's frame cracked, due to the station ramp and its weight) and we did purchase two ground ladders. These findings told us that our efforts was well worth it.

In November, Station 2 was placed out of service for a period of 12 hours. This due to a lack of driver coverage. This was very hard period for Station 2 because this is not the type of history we like to be part of. After this incident, I personally feel that it brought the membership together to work a lot closer as team.

I am very **Proud** to say that the overall morale of the membership has made great strides over the past year. Our manpower / membership has increased, Everyone involved with-in the station has showed great interest in the success of the company.

The Rouss Fire Company has Great Expectations for 1997 . We are looking forward to purchasing a new aerial unit to replace Truck-2 that will be more practical for the Preservation of Life & Property for the citizens of Winchester and surrounding areas . We are also hoping to perform upgrades and needed repairs on our real estate . We hope to continue increasing our membership and to increase our training in both Fire & E.M.S.

I would like to thank the members of the Charley Rouss Fire Company and the Winchester Fire & Rescue Department for being able to serve as the Battalion Chief of Station 2 in 1996 . On behalf of the Charley Rouss Fire Company , I would like to inform the Members of the Winchester Fire & Rescue Department , Members of City Council , and *especially* the Citizens of the Winchester (and surrounding areas) that we are **very Proud to be part of this Great Community in which we Live .**

Please feel free to call upon us at any time , if we may be of any assistance ...

Respectfully Submitted ,



Tim Clark
Battalion Chief
Charley Rouss Fire Company

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SHAWNEE VOLUNTEER



FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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TO: LYNN A. MILLER FIRE CHIEF WF&R
FROM: RUSSELL KERNS BATTALION CHIEF
SHAWNEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: YEAR END CHIEF'S REPORT
DATE: MARCH 18, 1997

Chief Miller,

I am pleased to submit the Annual Chief's Report of Shawnee Volunteer Fire Department for the year of 1996. Included in this report are the following: Responses, Manpower, Training and Goals for 1997.

The year of 1996 brought forth many challenges throughout the year. Being 1995 was one of the most productive years for Shawnee, we had many challenges. Our biggest challenge was putting inservice our new 1995 Horton Medic Unit. This Unit was received in April and put into service at then of that month. With the assistance of the Career Staff at Station 4 this project was quite a success. This Unit is one of the best equipped and practical Advanced Life Support Units in the area. The other challenge that the company faced was the specking out of a new Engine to replace the 1977 American LaFrance. This was accomplished with the delivery of a 1996 Seagrave Maurader in January of 1997. This Unit was placed inservice at the end of February. The dedication of the Volunteers and the Career Staff have made both of these projects a success.

The Company is faced with many goals this upcoming year. We have dedicated ourselves to provide the highest level of care towards Emergency Medical responses and to pursue the highest level of training towards fire suppression. We are presently setting a standard that the minimum EMS provider will be at the level of EMT-D. Firefighter I will be the minimum for Fire Suppression.

As for equipment, this up coming year we are looking to outfit both Engines with 4 inch hose.

In conclusion I would like to thank South End Volunteer Fire Company and also the Winchester Volunteer Rescue Squad for their assistance during our time of need. Also I would like to thank the Career Staff that was Station and are presently assigned to Company 4, for their outstanding work and dedication to the upkeep and response of the Station.

Respectfully Submitted

SHAWNEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT

MONTH End of Year 1996

I. EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES

Fire Calls	<u>256</u>	First Due	<u>126</u>	2nd & 3rd Due	<u>99</u>
EMS Calls	<u>779</u>	Transports	<u>372</u>	First Responder	<u>396</u>
Haz-Mat	<u>7</u>	Mutual Aid	<u>15</u>		
Total	<u>1042</u>				

II. APPARATUS DATA

Responses	Total	Fire	EMS	Transport
Engine	627	253	374	0
Wagon	0	0	0	0
Ambulance	394	22	372	295
SERV	68	8	60	0
HAZMAT	7	7	0	0

III. PERSONNEL

Responses	Stand-bys
<u>2231</u>	<u>1136</u>
Avg. <u>2.1</u>	Avg. <u>1.1</u>

IV. TRAINING

Total Hours	State <u>918</u>	In-Station <u>222.5</u>
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South End Fire Company

COMPANY 5

17 W. MONMOUTH ST.

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22601

VOLUNTEERS SERVING YOU

ORGANIZED 1895

MOTORIZED 1922

SOUTH END FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

1996 WAS ANOTHER CHALLENGING YEAR FOR SOUTH END. STATION TRANSFERS OF THE CAREER STAFF AS WELL AS LOSING VOLUNTEER'S TO THE CAREER LEVEL, MADE THE SOP'S OF SOUTH END FIRE COMPANY DIFFICULT.

FIREFIGHTER VOST WAS TRANSFERED TO TRUCK COMPANY 2, FIREFIGHTER DUCKWALL WAS TRANSFERED TO ENGINE COMPANY'S 1 AND 4, AND WE RECEIVED FIREFIGHTERS RITENOUR AND NEWLIN TO FILL THE SLOTS.

BATTALION CHIEF LARRY BAKER WAS HIRED BY WINCHESTER AS A FIREFIGHTER CAUSING HIS RESIGNATION AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER. EMS SEARGENT, BILLY MORELAND, WAS HIRED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY AS A FIREFIGHTER CAUSING HIM TO GO IN-ACTIVE WHILE IN ROOKIE SCHOOL. FIREFIGHTER PHILIP JENKINS WAS HIRED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY AS A FIREFIGHTER AND HAD TO GO IN-ACTIVE WHILE IN SCHOOL.

DEPUTY CHIEF CRAIG SCHELLHAMMER AND FIRE SEARGANT THOMAS ZIRKLE WERE LEFT WITH A CHALLENGE TO KEEP SOUTH END OPERATIONAL. WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS THE CAREER STAFF, SOUTH END SURVIVED ANOTHER YEAR.

SOUTH END RESPONDED TO 1359 OF THE CITY'S 4561 CALLS. SOUTH END PROVIDED 4243.40 MAN HOURS BOTH VOLUNTEER AND CAREER. THE AVERAGE MANHOURS PER CALL WAS 3.12.

THESE ARE NOT THE MOST IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS SUPPLIED BY SOUTH END, THEY ARE STABLE FOR THE CHANGES THE MEMBERSHIP SAW THIS YEAR. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO 1997.

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S. CRAIG SCHELLHAMMER B/C 5