

## **2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

The mission of the Kochville Township Fire Department is to enhance the quality of living in our community by preventing or minimizing injury and loss of human life or property resulting from fire or other emergencies, (natural or man-made) that may occur within the jurisdictional boundaries of the township we serve and other surrounding communities through our mutual aid agreements.

### **Employees**

January 1, 2004 we had 21 employees with total years of experience at 247 years. January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 we are at 24 employees and total years of experience at 206. We gained 3 new employees this year but had 2 charter members retire with 31 years of service each. We have 7 auxiliary personnel. A total of 6 personnel live outside the township limits.

### **Incidents**

We responded to 323 incidents for the calendar year of 2004. (See graph) KFD experienced an 8.5% decrease in emergency incident responses in 2004 over 2003. The 323 emergency incidents responded to consist of:

- 33% of our responses were medical assists.

- 24% of our responses were fire alarms, (false alarms, smoke detectors, water flow, etc.) 46% of these fire alarms are from SVSU.

- 19% of our responses were to motor vehicle accidents.

- 6% of the incidents were "fires" (structures, grass, vehicles, etc.)

Mobile Medical Response (MMR) responded to Kochville Township 337 times. We were priority dispatched by MMR a total of 107 times. KFD assisted MMR 31% of the time that they responded to Kochville Township. Of the 107 medical responses, 28 of them were to residential addresses.

Of the 323 incidents, 199 (60%) occurred during the time period of 6:00am to 5:59pm. This corresponds to the daily time period where KFD has its minimum number of available on-call personnel. We averaged a 6.19 personal response during this period and a 8.04 personnel response average response for the time period of 6:00pm-5: 59am

Mutual Aid is a vital part of each Fire Department's existence. KFD provided mutual aid 20 times, and received mutual aid 12 times. We have a county wide mutual aid agreement with all Saginaw County Fire Departments and we have a mutual aid agreement with Frankenlust Township.

Fire Department personnel logged a total of 2218:23 hours responding to these 323 incidents.

60% of all our incidents are East of Bay Road.

## **Budget**

Our proposed budget consists of a fire replacement tax at 1 mil, this generates \$134,000. State of Michigan gives us \$5000.00 for fire protection @ SVSU. A projected income of \$30,000.00 for cost recovery and we had a carry over of \$68,800.00 for the previous fiscal year. This is a grand total of \$197,700 for the fiscal year 2004/2005. The carry over is the result of the Township Treasurer tenure and how they were comfortable running the books. (Two different styles for two different people).

The Fire Department has applied for 3 grants in 2004 for a total of \$243,058.00. As of December 31, 2004 we have been turned down for one totaling \$ 6800.00 and have not be contacted with regards to the other 2 grants.

28% percent of the Fire Department's Budget is directly used to support both on-call and career personnel salary.

## **Cost recovery**

We billed out a total of \$43680.46, this includes fire alarms, Hazardous Material Incidents, medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents. As of January 25, 2005 we have received back a total of \$13,244.66. A 30% rate of return.

## **Fire Inspection**

Lieutenant/Fire Inspector Dan Wiltse inspected 48 businesses during a 4-month period.

- 5 were found to have no fire or life safety violations
- 7 required more than 1 follow-up to comply with code
- 29 complied within 1 return visit
- 7 are still pending (initial inspection completed, follow up scheduled)

The top 5 violations are: 1) exit signs not illuminated, 2) storage too close to ceilings, 3) fire extinguisher general maintenance, 4) fire extinguishers obstructed, & 5) working space around electrical panels.

Saginaw Township Senior Fire Inspector Linda Schluchter reviewed a total of 11 site and sprinkler plans.

## **Burn Permits**

266 burn permits were issued for the year 2004.

### **Fire Prevention**

The Fire Department participated in 20 Fire Prevention/Life Safety events through out the year, and made contact with 3098 people. Our theme for the year 2004 was smoke detectors save lives. Our dedicated staff worked over 432 hours promoting fire prevention.

Our biggest event was the SMOKE DETECTOR GIVE AWAY. We gave our residents 790 smoke detectors (free of charge) with the help of the fire department, auxiliary, Zilwaukee Boy Scout troop 122, volunteers and the Kochville Lions Club. This program was 90% funded by FEMA through a fire safety grant.

### **Training update**

We scheduled 18 training sessions and log in a total of 881.8 hrs.

Topics included CPR, bloodborne pathogens, patient assessment, vehicle extrication, water pump certification, search and rescue, firefighter survival Tactics, sprinkler systems, forcible entry, ventilation & SCBA fit testing.

We assisted with a Hazardous Materials & Weapons of Mass Destruction Drill @ SVSU in the summer.

### **ISO Update**

ISO update status: Firefighter Travis McQuinn is our lead person with the ISO.

We have determined we have not documented our trainings, apparatus maintenance, and equipment to gain ISO points. These tasks are being done, but we have learned that with proper documentation, we can gain a substantial amount of points if we have a history of 12 months of documentation.

### **Chiefs Message**

The Kochville Township Fire Department personnel are extremely proud of our resources and our capabilities. We are very dedicated and committed to the citizens and businesses of Kochville. We have an excellent working relationship with our surrounding Fire Departments and will continue to do so in the future. The communication between the Township Board and The Fire Department has never been better. We continue to discuss goals and priorities. We are in the process of determining our short and long terms goals.

Questions over information in this report may be directed to the Administration of the Fire Department.